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Editorial

Congratulations are in order this month, firstly to Harbury Energy Initiative for successfully reaching the last 10 out of 1000 applications. Voting for the £100,000 grant starts on 15th November, so please continue to give your support.

Secondly, Warwickshire County Council has accepted the Harbury proposal and will provide £13,000 towards the cost of taking over the library and starting up the cafe.

In Ladbrooke, the Village Hall is benefitting from central heating which will make it a much more pleasant venue.

Lastly, the Harbury & Ladbrooke News was awarded Best Content and 2nd position overall, out of 620 entries in the National Parish Magazine Awards 2011.

Could readers wishing to send Christmas greetings via this magazine please submit these by the articles' deadline on 24th November.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Charles Field, Gerald Fryer and Jennifer Newman.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

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| Sat | 5 | Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of PTA
Village Bonfire and Fireworks at the Playing Fields. Bonfire lit at 6.00pm, fireworks lets off at 6.30pm. |
| Sun | 6 | III BEFORE ADVENT
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
All Souls Commemoration Service 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall |
| Tues | 8 | Toddlers' Service, 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Youth Club, 6.45pm in Village Hall |
| Wed | 9 | Ballroom Dancing 8.00pm in Village Hall |
| Thurs | 10 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30pm Village Hall
WI General Meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Fri | 11 | Twining AGM with Cheese & Wine in Tom Hauley Room |

- Fri 11 Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome.
Tel: 612498.
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior Citizens
Myton Hospice Support Group Craft Fayre 10.00am – 4.00pm in Village Hall
Moving Pictures present 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' doors open 6.00pm, film starts 6.30pm Call: 01926 613716 / 07967 100153 for tickets
- Sun 13 II BEFORE ADVENT - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Remembrance Service 10.15am
Act of Remembrance 11.00am at War Memorial
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Youth Club 6.45pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room -
Dr. John Hancock talks about 'The Miracle of Nature'
- Weds 16 Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing 8.00pm in Village Hall
Galanos House, Southam Frock Swop – all welcome call 01926 812185 for details
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
Warwickshire Young Voices 6.30pm Village Hall
- Fri 18 PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm at School
Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome.
Tel: 612498.
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance
Table Top Sale 12.00 – 2.00pm at Harbury Club, Crown Street. - bar and light refreshments available. Tel 01926 614766 for details.
Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
Family Social Evening 6.00 - 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 20 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 22 No Youth Club today
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
- Wed 23 Ballroom Dancing 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion 9.45am

- Thurs 24 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY,
HIGH STREET OR BY EMAIL BY 5.30PM
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Theatre Group presents "Toad of Toad Hall", 7.30pm in
Village Hall
- Fri 25 Theatre Group presents "Toad of Toad Hall", 7.30pm in
Village Hall
Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome.
Tel: 612498.
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in
aid of Biblelands
Offchurch Christmas Fayre 11.00am – 2.00pm in Offchurch
Village Hall
Theatre Group presents "Toad of Toad Hall" 2.30pm (Matinee)
and 7.30pm in Village Hall
Open Mic Night 8.00pm at Harbury Club. For more info call
07799 896891
- Sun 27 ADVENT SUNDAY**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Songs of Praise 4.00pm in Church, followed by cup of tea in
Tom Hauley Room
Christmas Market 11.00am – 3.00pm at Harbury Club, Crown
Street
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 28 Guides & Scout Support (GASS) - Christmas Post deliveries
begin
Galanos House, Southam Christmas Bingo – all welcome call
01926 812185 for details
- Tues 29 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm
Street
Youth Club 6.45pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm followed by Advent Course
- Wed 30 Ballroom Dancing 8.00pm in Village Hall
- DECEMBER**
- Thurs 1 Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Art Group - 'Watercolour Christmas', 10.00am to about
3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room, call Pam on 01926 814923 or
Nick on 01295 276465
Warwickshire Young Voices 6.30pm Village Hall
Men's Group Meeting 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club 8.00pm in Dog Inn
- Fri 2 Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome,
Tel: 612498.
Switch on of Southam Christmas lights, 4.30pm onwards

- Sat 3 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary
Christmas Fayre 2.00-4.00pm Village Hall
- Sun 4 **ADVENT II**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands 6.00pm
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall

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

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
November	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	9	10	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	17	18	Grey Bin
	23	24	25	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Dec	30 Nov	1	2	Grey Bin
	7	8	9	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	14	15	16	Grey Bin

	From the Rector	Father Craig Grocock
		The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

Let us never stop remembering.

Every year at Remembrance time we hear those famous, immortal words of Laurence Binyon:

‘They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them’.

The image of time standing still for those lost in war is a powerful one. An image every year we are reminded of as we rightly remember and give thanks to God to those who gave their lives in war for our freedom and liberty.

And what a great loss of life it was. In the Great War of 1914-18 alone the estimated loss of some ten to thirteen million young service men and women is unimaginable.

Unimaginable as it was, we need and must continue to hear the stories. I remember hearing some years ago now, the story of a young man who was present on D-Day, 6th June, 1944. He told me of his fear, the danger and the enormity of the task in which he was involved in that day. The horror he felt as he hit Sword Beach running for his life as he witnessed many of his friends being mowed down by gunfire and then of feeling guilty for being alive. As I heard this story I began to see that Remembrance time is something we must never lose sight of.

Stories are powerful things. They enable us to get in touch with the human and the real; we must listen to them for they change our lives and perspectives and without them we can so easily become anaesthetised to the experiences of others. Without stories life (and war) has the danger of simply becoming an academic exercise where we no longer see the human face or empathise with human pain.

So, as we remember again this November and give thanks to God for the sacrifice of so many for our freedom, let us be open to hear the stories of people's lives and allow them to touch, change and transform us for then we begin to see the human face amidst the suffering.

God bless.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saint's Harbury

25th September Joseph O'Keeffe

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

3rd October Gerald Fryer (75 years)

4th October Charles Field (63 years)

11th October Jennifer Newman (69 years)



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Will

How sweet the sound of the phone is when the call is to say that the floor layer has finished! For a few weeks now the Church has been almost back to normal. The new grilles are laid, most of the pews are back to

their original positions and the children's corner has a fantastic new rainbow carpet. If you were kind enough to house some of the toys during all the upheaval, could we please have them back now?

October saw the long awaited publication of the architect's Quinquennial Report on the fabric of the Church. This highlights repairs and renewals which have to be attended to within prescribed time scales - the most urgent is work on downpipes and gutters.

We thank all the covering clergy who ministered to us while Craig enjoyed a well earned week's holiday. Before he went, during the service on the 9th October he led the congregation in prayers as we welcomed Gemma North. She has been living in the village for a little while and has now transferred her license as reader to Harbury. Gemma brought us the story of Daniel and the Lion (roar!) during the All Age Communion.

Look out on 27th November for 'Songs of Praise', a chance to enjoy singing your favourite hymns - and on 19th November a 'Family Social Evening' when sandwiches, fun and games will be on the agenda.

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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At our afternoon meeting, we were regaled with Marion's collection of modern books for children. What a far cry from the monochrome libraries many of us grew up with; these were brightly coloured, more pictures than words and little details to encourage a child to pick up, touch, peep through and really engage with. And, happily, there are lots of Christian books just as beautifully produced – do look out for them when choosing presents.

The evening talk could have been quite solemn but Chris Rutherford gave a presentation about Asthma UK which showed that living with asthma these days is not all doom and gloom, as she well exemplifies.

When you read this we shall have had our AGM; we are grateful that Sue is willing to continue as Branch Leader.

Members have also helped to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Can we revive the read and share book shelf at our meetings? Stock up with bargains at the Christmas Fayre then pass them on.

Here is an update of our programme – do take note as there are a few changes:

Tues 15th November: 8pm, Dr John Hancock on "The Miracles of Nature".

Mon 28th November – 11am, Diocesan Advent Service at Bilton. Lifts available.

Fri 2nd December – Workshops to make table decorations for Christmas Fayre. N.B – at 4 The Beeches, 10am and 2pm. Gillian needs to know who is coming – phone her on 614809. Bring cutters and small leaved foliage if possible, lifts can be arranged.

Sat 3rd December – 2pm, Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall. Toiletries are needed for our stall – these can be left in Sue's garage.

Wed 7th December – 7pm, a quiet evening at St. Nicholas, Kenilworth led by Bishop John. I think we'll be ready for that!



Toddlers' Service

Lorna Bedford

Mrs Elizabeth Kitchener came to our service in October and told us the story about Noah and how, on God's instructions, he made an ark of wood and took aboard his family and lots of animals so that they would be able to withstand the floods God was about to send on the Earth. Afterwards, once the floods had subsided, God showed Noah a rainbow and said he would never flood all living creatures again.

We sang two songs accompanied by Mr Michael Hare on the accordion. We coloured in a picture of Noah, his ark, the animals and a rainbow, had refreshments and played with toys until home time.

Our next Toddlers' Service is on Tuesday 8th November at 2pm in the Tom Hauley Room. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us.



First Light

Alison Abbott

First Light in October was all about harvest. We gave one of Jesus' parables an agricultural twist and, with the help of some hilarious farm workers, Tom, Dick and (a very lazy) Harry, learnt how our abilities and skills need to be sown and nurtured in order to grow - it is no good leaving them in the packet!

I think that is the end of our "growing" mini theme for a while - this month (November) we are becoming very gentle as we consider, "Will the meek really inherit the earth?" Who are the meek anyway?

First Light is an informal, family friendly opportunity to step out of the normal pressures of living and make a little space for God. We are 'light' in that there are no long sermons, no hymn books or service sheets, and we often use a little humour to get the message over; but there is always time to be still, to be quiet and consider what God is saying to us right now.

You will be very welcome, so come along and give it a go. Sunday 6th November, Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am with coffee from 10.00am.

All Saints' Church Family Social

All Saints' Church invites you to a Family Social on Saturday 19th November from 6pm to 8pm. Refreshments (sandwiches, cakes etc,) will be served PROMPTLY at 6 o'clock and will be followed by music, games and fun for all the family.

There is no charge, but a donation towards costs would be appreciated. Tickets (for catering purposes) are available from Tony Stubbs (612782), 5 South Parade and Beryl Checkley (612519), 9 Church Terrace. All are welcome.

Beryl Checkley

Songs of Praise – Advent Sunday, 27th November

If you enjoy hymn singing, come along to Church at 4pm on Advent Sunday, 27th November, to sing a selection of your favourite hymns. This is not a service, just an occasion for a good old sing. A refreshing cup of tea afterwards will no doubt restore the vocal chords. If you have any favourite requests, please phone me.

David Cooke
614692

All Saints' Harbury Christmas Fayre

Here we are again! We're getting ready for The Christmas Fayre, which will open at 2.00pm on Saturday 3rd December in the Village Hall. We shall have the usual variety of stalls, and a café for you to take the weight off your feet and enjoy a cup of tea.

Father Christmas will be there as always, and we're also looking forward to enjoying Hereburgh Morris. The raffle this year will go towards the Air Ambulance, and tickets will be available as usual.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tony Stubbs

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- Sat 5 Bonfire in Farmyard Field at 6.30pm
- Sun 6 III BEFORE ADVENT**
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Wed 9 Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 10 Millennium Green AGM, 8pm in Village Hall
- Sat 12 Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 13 II BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Remembrance Day Service, 3pm
- Tues 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Wed 16 Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sat 19 Film – “The King’s Speech”, 7.30pm in Village Hall – tickets£10 to include a glass of wine and nibbles
- Sun 20 I BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 9am, Book of Common Prayer
- Wed 23 Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 24 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Women’s Institute, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 26 Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 27 ADVENT SUNDAY**
Holy Communion, 9am (sung)
- Wed 30 Yoga Class, 6.30pm, Village Hall

DECEMBER

- Sat 3 Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning, 10am in Village Hall
Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 4 ADVENT I**
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Tues 6 Photography Club Christmas Social – venue to be confirmed
- Fri 9 Christmas Party in Village Hall – Ladbroke Rockers, ploughman’s and bar Tickets £10 per person



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West & Sue Lord

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service will take place at 3.00pm, Sunday 13th November. Please come and join us as we remember those who have given their lives in past and present wars. Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion Service as usual.

Our Christmas Fayre will be combined with a Coffee Morning from 10.00am to 12.00noon on Saturday 3rd December in Ladbroke Village Hall. This will include a book stall, bric-a-brac, tombola and raffle together with the usual Christmas gifts and cakes. Donations and offers of help will be gratefully received. For arrangements please contact either Betty Winkfield (812234) or Sue Lord (815153).

Ladbroke Flower Rota

6th November – Margaret Clarke

13th November – Sue Moore

20th November – Sue Moore

27th November – Advent (no flowers)



Sue Lord

Ladbroke Harvest Festival and Supper

Harvest was celebrated last month in the customary Ladbroke way. Our harvest festival was a family service and included the presentation of food gifts which were passed on to Castel Froma in Leamington Spa, a care home providing nursing care for people with a severe physical disability deriving from head injury or neurological disease.



Then, on the following Friday we had our Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Thanks to a good team of organisers and many excellent cooks around the village plus a few beyond, 70 people tucked into a delicious meal of lasagne and salad followed by

apple crumble and custard - dessert could hardly have been anything else with such a bountiful harvest of apples this year! Entertainment was provided by the Harbury Ukulele Group introduced by their founder, our very own Rev Craig. We heard how the ukulele is a small four string guitar which can come in four different sizes, including soprano and tenor, and that playing it has become very popular in recent times. Although the Harbury group started just a year ago and only half their members came to play for us, the twelve players overflowed the stage into the audience. They started with *Happy Birthday* which really chuffed the birthday girl who was in her 80s and then they strummed and crooned a wide variety of songs from *An English Country Garden* to *Amarillo* to the delight of the audience who enjoyed singing along too.

Jackie West & Sue Lord



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

For the meeting held on 28th September 2011

Public Participation: Whilst agreeing that the resurfacing of Church Lane was a great improvement, one member of the public asked: “why was nothing done about Radbourne Lane?” There is subsidence in many areas and some bad potholes; the road surface as a whole is very bad.

An update on the “Welcome Pack” was requested; the directory needs updating. The Welcome Pack is on the website, www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk but it was agreed that a personal welcome is more welcoming!

The Chairman had received letters and verbal requests from the public for the newly re-surfaced road to have the white lines painted as soon as possible. Action - District Councillor to investigate.

The first item on the agenda was the caravan and containers in the field behind Ladbroke Farm. The caravan has gone and the containers will be removed soon.

The change of name of the northern end of Windmill Lane is progressing slowly – there is a query about the ownership of the lane.

Emergency Plan: The Plan has been approved; however there was much discussion, mainly about the availability of water in case of fire. There are several ponds in the area plus two or three swimming pools.

Accounts: The accounts for the Parish Council, have been approved by the Auditor for the year 2010 – 2011.

Planning Matters: The installation of 180 photovoltaic panel (33.3kW) to an existing farm building at Starbold Farm, Banbury Road, Southam has been granted, also the felling of a dead walnut tree at Lodge House. There was concern about identifying a dead tree by photograph only as this could be any dead tree. However, it is understood that someone from the District Council did visit the site to confirm approval.

Grit Bin: The Highways Agency has objected to the purchase of a further grit bin on the Ladbroke Road to Bishops Itchington.

Village Hall/ Millennium Green: The merger between the Millennium Green and the Village Hall was given some thought. The Parish Council has a vested interest in the Village Hall. As both Trusts (Millennium Green and Village Hall) were for the benefit of the community, with the backing of the Parish Council, any items bought “for the good of the community” could reclaim VAT.

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee: Where are we going to light our Beacon? To be discussed at the next meeting.

Ladbroke Book Swap: There was a light-hearted suggestion that we could use the old telephone kiosk as the “swop shop”. It was gently side-stepped. The Church has already set up a book swap shop in which case the village didn’t need another one.

Highways: A £3000 grant has been applied for, for further flooding defences.

Village Hall: New radiators are being fitted in the Hall. The AGM is on Wednesday 2nd November. “The King’s Speech” is being shown on Saturday 19th November; the admission price will include refreshments.

Millennium Green: The Millennium Green’s Musical Evening on the Green was successful despite a short cloud burst. The marquee definitely paid for itself. The outcome of a quiz night in October has yet to be determined.

HS2: The anti-HS2 group members went to a meeting to discuss what line (ha ha!) they should take if the government will not change its mind. The resulting congestion of passengers at halfway stations is the problem of British Rail not HS2.

District Councillor’s Report: His main concern was about Parliamentary boundary changes that will reduce the number of MPs. Jeremy Wright will be looking for another seat when our area is aligned with Rugby and not Stratford – it will be an M40 divide.

Fire Service: We have for sometime been part of a Warwickshire and Northamptonshire grouping. Thankfully Warwickshire Fire Service was never involved with the much larger mergers which turned out to be very costly and un-workable.

The Police Force is introducing a 101 telephone service to report crimes and other incidents that are not emergencies. 999 calls are for more serious calls - if you caught a burglar in your home or witnessed a crime taking place, that would be a 999 call. To report a crime that has already happened would be a 101 call. Our councillor recited some of the most ridiculous 999 calls that are received e.g. "what time does Marks and Spencer's open?"

Many places in our area have bad broadband reception. British Telecom and Warwickshire County Council are to share the cost of upgrading this.

The responsibility for coping with flooding will be shared between Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council. We have a new officer – Peter Bones – he is in charge of flooding defences; will be covering a very large area and is difficult to contact.

Housing planning – called "Protect and Provide" - 8000 houses are planned to be built over the next fifteen years in the Stratford Area, which must provide for starter homes. Brownfield sites are the priority but some green areas will be used. There is talk of building 22,000 homes in the Rugby area.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm. The next Parish Council meeting is on **Wednesday 16th November** in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Carol Lane</p>
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This year's AGM was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th October with Sue Moore, president in the chair.

In the business meeting which preceded the AGM, Sue reminded members that any filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child could be left in the Church until 17th November as she will be taking them to the centre on the closing date of the 18th.

Sue will also be driving the minibus to the Christmas shopping event at Hatton Craft Centre on November 22nd collecting people from the car park in Southam at 5 o'clock and by the Village Hall in Ladbroke at 5.10pm.

Dates for your diary:

Remembrance Service: Sunday 13th November in Ladbroke Church at 3pm

Group W.I. Carol Service: Priors Marston on 13th December at 7.30pm

County Federation meeting : Wednesday 28th March 2012

Group W.I. Annual Meeting: Wednesday 2nd May 2012

The Warwickshire Federation have organised the **'Warwickshire 2012 Olympics.'** Competitions in activities to cater for all abilities will be held during the early part of the year with representatives of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge going on to compete against other Women's Institutes at the Grand Final in July.

The meeting then received the annual reports from the secretary and the treasurer which were unanimously adopted. All members of the committee had agreed to stand again and, as there were no other nominations, the committee was elected en bloc. Members were very pleased to elect Sue Moore again as president.

In her report Sue thanked Janet Yeates, secretary and Collette Batty, outgoing treasurer for their excellent work; Kay Constable and Lesley Jeffries for arranging such interesting speakers and trips respectively; Julie Harris and Pam Collins for masterminding the monthly raffles and tea rosters and the members for their involvement in all activities. She was pleased to welcome Rachel Thomson as the new treasurer

In the photograph of the committee: Back row from the left: Julie Harris, Rachel Thomson, Collette Batty, Janet Yeates, Front row from left: Pam Collins, Sue Moore, Kay Constable.

Lesley Jeffries was unable to be present.

After the formal business of the meeting had been completed, Sue picked out items from the minute books of 1972/3, the first years of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.



There were gasps as we realised the effects of inflation, for example the raffle held each month was 1p per ticket and the prize could not exceed the value of 25p.

For many years the W.I. gave much support to patients in Hatton Mental Hospital, visiting, organising parties and bringing them to Ladbroke for the afternoon.

From its inception until 1979 the meetings were held in the School and the renovation of the Village Hall was much talked about. The first meeting there in September 1979 was recorded as 'successful if a little chilly'. Not so much of a change there until very recently, then!

The record I most appreciated was that gifts of sherry and chocolates were taken to the pensioners of the villages. Why did that stop?

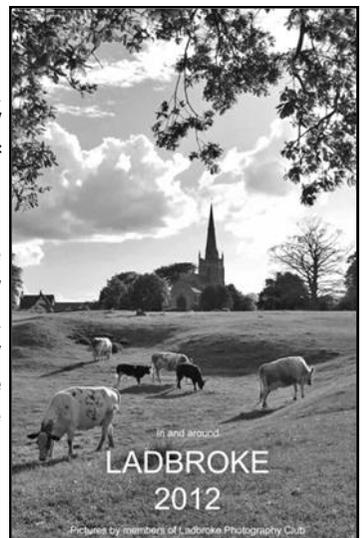
The next meeting will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall on 24th November starting at 7.30pm when Fay Palmer will give a demonstration of 'Dowsing for Health'.



Our October meeting was a practical session so, after a quick recap on camera settings relating to lighting, we took out our cameras and experimented away. The main set up was a still life of ratatouille ingredients where we could reduce shadows using fill-in flash from a couple of small slave units triggered by the on-camera flash and learnt that some separate flash guns operate in slave mode too.

Tony told us about a very useful camera simulator website <http://camerasim.com/camera-simulator.html> which gives a brief explanation of each camera control and has a picture that you can "photograph" with different settings for lighting, zoom, aperture size, shutter speed, ISO etc. and see how this affects the image obtained. I've had a play on this website and can highly recommend it - if you want to learn more about getting the best from your camera give do give it a try.

During the evening we also saw draft pages of our 2012 calendar of pictures in and



around Ladbroke and we spent a little time recapping the basics of computer manipulation. Several members had a go using Picasa, initially to reframe a picture (cropping in on the part of interest and losing distractions near the edge) or sharpen up the image and then getting adventurous with colour changes etc. It was all good preparation for our November meeting which is a competition called "Creative Eye", an open subject competition where the creativity can be in the composition, how the photo was taken or the manipulation afterwards.

To find out more about our monthly meetings or the Photography Club in general please email: jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk.



Ladbroke Millennium Green

Martin Neal

We are having our AGM on the 10th November. We would be pleased to see any members of the public. We are always looking for ideas for future fund raising events or feedback on events we have run this year. We are also interested in ideas on the role of the Green.

Our meeting will be at 8pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. Contact Martin Neal on 812668 for more information.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Quiz 2011



Saturday 15th October was the night 60 villagers and friends pitted their wits against the Quiz Master and fellow competitors. As usually happens at such events, when we arrived there was a sheet of questions on each table to get the brains in gear and keep us thinking during any pauses. The topic for these was *strap lines*, many sounded familiar and for some it was even possible to picture the colours in which they were printed. However, it was hard to remember exactly what they were publicising which would have horrified all those advertising executives who had spend so much money inventing them.

It took our table half the evening to recall that UNITE AND FIGHT was our anti-HS2 motto and you can't get subjects any dearer to the heart of Ladbroke residents than that.

Quiz Master, Steve Morten ran through the rules: no phoning friends, the Quiz Master is always right - even when he's wrong etc. and then it was time to think of a team name and get started. There were eight rounds but it was hard to know when to play your joker for double points as cryptically they were just called L A D B R O K E. Even when announced that L = *Life on This Earth* it took several questions to realise this was a science round. The questions were well pitched: some easy: a few impossible (for us) with perhaps the most frustrating being those when the correct answer had been in our short list but didn't make it to the answer sheet, though to compensate some pure guesses struck lucky.

Midway through the evening we took a break and tucked into piping hot fish and chips and then it was thinking caps on again for the second half and more conundrums. How we wished we had a wider spectrum of knowledge - a three year old on the team would have been useful to know the name of the red Teletubby and a cocktail barman for the four ingredients of "Between the Sheets".

As the final score sheets were collected, points tallied by the "glamorous assistants" and the raffle drawn, the convivial atmosphere which had buzzed throughout the Village Hall all evening grew to a crescendo. Then the final scores were revealed and bottles of Cava were presented to the winners, 'Down Memory Lane'. The winning team were just one point ahead of close rivals, 'Nice but Dim', whose skills far exceeded their modesty.



The whole evening was good fun and well organised but one question remained unanswered as we walked home - what did DDQ (the team name of the proud recipients of the wooden spoons) actually stand for?

Jackie West

Ladbroke Village Hall Events

Film Night: The Kings Speech, 8.00pm - 19th November 2011. Tickets are £10 to include glass of wine and nibbles.

Christmas Party: 9th December in the Village Hall, Ladbroke Rockers, Ploughman's and Bar. Tickets £10 per person.

Village Hall Trust AGM

2nd November 2011 – 7.30pm

Christine Baker

Ladbroke Pantomime



Wednesday evenings have been busy down at the Ladbroke Village Hall for several months as the cast for the forthcoming pantomime, Aladdin, have been getting to grips with their parts and how to make their entrances and exits according to their director's strict requirements. Most of the actors are at the point of needing three hands to grapple with props while holding their scripts, except for Widow Twanky who has already learnt her lines and last week received a round of applause for delivering a word perfect four line tongue twister. Backstage our wardrobe mistress has purchased some great costumes on ebay and the scenery chaps have obtained

the backdrop materials so a painting session by budding Rolf HARRISES is imminent.

Aladdin will be performed from **Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st January 2012** and tickets will go on sale next month, making them ideal for Christmas presents!

Jackie West

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results for September were:

£80	Pat Kennedy	£50	Sue Lord
£25	John and Heather Wright	£10	Richard Walker
£10	Jim and Pauline Laidler	£10	Malcolm Wray
£10	Carole Loftus	£10	Kim Bendzak

Margaret Bosworth



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Official minutes can be viewed in the Library, on the Parish Council website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk Tel: 01926 614646

Tim Lockley prides himself on Chairing a modern Council and likes to finish business by 9.30pm. But it seemed a faint hope when Cllrs got bogged down in the dog muck problem.

Since they removed one of the bins from the top Playing Field there have been capacity problems with the Dog Waste Bin, which overflows, leading to the spread of excrement onto the tarmac by the skate ramp.

It took a long time to reach a decision on a new bin for the area. It would cost £170 with installation but Stratford DC charges £100 a year to empty each new bin, and as the binmen have no plan of where the bins are located Cllrs were of the opinion that they did not always empty them all.

However, the Council was pleased to hear that Stratford has the highest recycling rate in the County, preventing 59% of waste going to landfill. DCllr Hamburger told Cllrs that recyclable waste put in the blue bin in a plastic bag could not be handled by the separating process at Ettington and such bins would not be emptied.

Despite their worries last month over the cost of LED lamps, the Council finally decided to do the sustainable thing and agreed to install up to four replacement lamp standards this year using LED lights and, when other lights failed, to replace them with LEDs too.

Cllr Pat Summers relayed concerns from a Binswood End resident about parking along the side of the Green which meant the bus blocked the highway as passengers got on and off. This provoked much discussion about the perceived problems, mainly caused by impatient motorists hooting their horns after dark (which is illegal).

There was much discussion concerning: double yellow lines, a bus bay, traffic lights (dismissed) and creating parking on the Green (shouted down). Cllrs had sympathy for the residents of Binswood End who had no parking space on their property and so were forced to park on the carriageway. The Council decided to ask for a bus bay and hope this would ease the congestion.

Councillors approved a request for the Tree of Lights project to use the Library Christmas Tree again and agreed a contingency sum in case repairs were needed to the lights. They also agreed a request from the

Village Hall for a grant toward the professional fees associated with the improvement work and they agreed, in principle, to give financial support to the Community Links Minibus scheme. This provides villagers who cannot use a normal bus with transport door to door. They needed more information before they could assess the application for a grant from the Mobile Youth Project.

There was another long discussion about a request from the Junior Football Club to use part of the field for floodlit training. It seems that Harbury Albion would be interested in this facility too. Cllr Summers expressed the fear that more use of the Playing Fields would bring more parking problems to Constance Drive.

Having talked about whether the Junior Football Club could use the Tennis Court lights and fencing and what the impact might be on neighbours and the state of the ground, Cllrs decided they were not opposed in principle, but that they needed more facts; neighbours would have to be consulted and any planning permissions would have to be sought.

Planning Permission was granted by Stratford for an extension of time for erecting the Watersports Building at the Quarries and they confirmed Lawful Existing use for the Cabin there.

They granted permission for tree works at 39 Farm Street and at Pool Yard, Temple End and registered no objection to the Anaerobic Digestion Facility at Kingston Grange Farm.

The Parish Council had no comments to make on the two storey side and rear extension to 33 Manor Road. However they were still concerned about the recent works at Rose Cottage, South Parade. They were in discussion with the developers of the old Dovehouse Auto site and were pleased to hear that the design for the roof to the new Village Hall entrance would be remodelled.

Tim Lockley announced that grants of £13,500 had been secured for the Community running of the Library with the potential of more from Cemex. From 1st April 2012 the village would be responsible for running the Library and he was looking for volunteers.

Volunteers were also sought to be Snow Wardens and report on conditions on village roads to the County as necessary.

Despite all the discussion the meeting finished as expected at 9.30pm!

Next Meeting: 24th November 7.30pm in the **Tom Hauley Room.**

Parish Council Quarterly Report

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Continued to process the results from the Parish Plan update survey.
- Attended meetings aimed at improving the operation of Community Forums.
- Undertaken a complete footpath survey.
- Arranged for repairs to various pieces of play equipment.
- Made grants to the Village Hall and the Royal British Legion.
- Agreed to purchase another dog bin for the field.

Warwickshire County Council is looking for a volunteer Snow Warden who would provide information to the County Highways Team on the local situation in Harbury during periods of severe weather. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk on 614646 or e-mail clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk.

Dr Tim Lockley
Chairman, Harbury Parish Council



Councillor's Corner

Richard Hamburger

Blue Recycling Bins

I have had quite few complaints recently about the blue recycling bins not being removed because the collectors have found plastic bags containing recyclable materials in them.

The bin collectors have instructions not to move bins found in this condition, even with recyclable bags.

The explanation is a simple one. All the blue bin contents are sorted at a recycling facility at Ettington, the loose matter is tipped onto a conveyor belt and there it begins a long journey; at each stage different materials are removed. Even plastics are sorted with blasts of compressed air that measure the differing weights of plastic. Highly sophisticated methods are used and none of the carefully sorted material ever goes to landfill.

Sadly as yet no means has been found to open bags filled with recyclable material, unless a great deal of physical labour is employed; the cost of this labour would make the sorting cost too high.

So for those who have had their bins left on the pavement unemptied, now you have an explanation. Strictly from a District Council viewpoint, Britain is committed to recycling 70% of its household waste by 2015. Stratford District Council currently recycles some 60% of household waste. So thank you, all of you, for the great effort you are making.

District Councillor Richard Hamburger, 07547 679230



I have already stated that it has not been a happy time in Harbury. Now I have to report that June Sharp passed away on 25th October. It was very sudden and so unexpected. June was our minutes secretary and we will miss her very much.

Our stall at the Craft Day on Saturday 12th November will be selling crafts, cakes and preserves and we hope to see you there.

The Group Carol Service is at Priors Marston on Tuesday 13th December.

Our New Year's Party is on Friday 3rd February due to work taking place in the Village Hall in January.

Dirty Dancing has been booked for Wednesday 25th July at Birmingham. Whoop!

December's meeting sounds good as it is Pudding Evening and we trust members will give us a pleasant surprise.

The speaker this month was Gillian Andrews with "A Look Back at Children's Hour" – and for some members what memories came flooding back. The programme was started in 1923 at Broad Street, Birmingham by Percy Edgar who said "Let's put on something for children". Then London copied and in 1932 the programme moved from Savoy Hill to Broadcasting House and was called "Children's Hour". Then came the memories of Uncle Mac and David Davis and when Worzel Gummidge and Toy Town were born. There were so many famous names who were guest speakers and who took part in the plays and Gillian met them all as an actress. Vanessa Redgrave, Billie Whitelaw and Judith Chambers were very young actresses then. In wartime Princess Elizabeth and her sister broadcasted.

In 1963 Children's Hour ceased as T.V. came on the scene but one child's comment was, "I like the radio better than the T.V. because the pictures are better."

It was great listening to recordings her husband had of Larry the Lamb and Dennis the Daschund! Happy memories.

November meeting: Thursday 10th November, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room – General Meeting.



Harbury Theatre Group presents

Toad of Toad Hall

Thursday November 24th, Friday November 25th and Saturday November 26th

The countdown is well and truly on for our winter production – a play for all the family – “The Toad of Toad Hall”. The well loved story of silly Toad, and his loyal chums, Mole, Rat and Badger, will be brought to life by a fabulous cast, and sensational costumes.

Last month Keith gave you an insight into what it is like directing a show such as this, and how much of a team effort it really is, with the actors playing only a small part. This month I’d like to cast a light on the other members of the crew, without whom there really would not be a show.

A play such as “Toad” requires a setting in which the audience can suspend their disbelief. There are several changes of scene throughout the play, each one requiring a set to be created, to help the story along its journey. Designing these sets, and then turning those designs into a physical setting is no mean feat, with much building and painting required. On top of this we then layer lighting for mood, and sound, finished off with a layer of props for detail. To make sure this all runs smoothly there is a whole team of people who not only prepare all of the flats, scenery, sound etc, but then have to be there backstage on the night to ensure everything runs according to plan – or to put us back on track if it doesn’t!

And let us not forget the amazing costumes that give our actors a real sense of the characters they are meant to be portraying, and again add colour and depth to the performances. I have no doubt we shall see some brilliant creations in the woodland this year, turning our actors into delightful animals.

You can come and see this treasured play on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November at 7.30pm, and on Saturday 26th November at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Ticket prices are £6 (£4 for concessions).

Tickets are on sale from 5th November at Country Fayre, Cana at Bank Chambers, and by calling on 613488.

We are always looking for new members, and if anyone is interested then please call the number above, or pop along to our monthly meetings, the next one being held on Tuesday 29th November at 8pm at the Shakespeare Inn.



Folk Club

Ian Hartland

The October meeting of Harbury Folk Club (number 323, if you're counting), took "America" as its theme. The hope had been to inspire performers to search from Alaska to Tierra Del Fuego for their inspiration. Most seemed happy to limit themselves to the fifty states of the USA, and so any hope of a Mariachi Band appearing faded soon after the start.

The evening kicked off with The Harvesters performing "Willie Moore", with my guitar deciding to join Sue's banjo in making do with five strings. The floor was given over to Des, who had no such problems with strings as he sang a *cappella*. Fine renditions of the Bee Gees' "New York Mining Disaster 1942" and a popular shanty got the crowd singing in appreciation. Janny and Maureen were on next and gave us "The Flame" by Beth Nielsen-Chapman and the popular Old Time song "I'll Fly Away" with Sue providing some rhythmic Appalachian Flat footing.

Peter Mason came up next and sang the excellent "Dry Season Land" and "Slip Jigs and Reels". A new partnership of Mike Jerome and me, both on guitars, performed Steve Goodman's "City of New Orleans" and the traditional "House of the Rising Sun". Pete Grassby was persuaded to perform next and gave us Scott Mackenzie's lovely "What's the Difference?" and "The Indian Lass", made famous by Nic Jones. The first half was expertly closed by Ted and Sue with two American tunes, "Turkey in the Straw / Bill Cheatham" on melodeon and ukulele, followed by that great old sing-along "Salty Dog".

After the break, Sue and I completed our interrupted set from the first half with "Someday Soon". Next to take the stage were Sue and I, Ruth Guy and Sue Crum, temporarily known as Part-Of-The-Harbury-Ukulele-Group, or POTHUG for short! The quartet performed "New York Girls" and "Five Feet Two" to enthusiastic acclaim. Newcomer to Harbury Folk Club, John Rowan was next with a fine song about immigrants arriving in America at Ellis Island. He followed this with Woody Guthrie's excellent song about deportees and a plane crash. Richard took to the floor and sang Tom Paxton's "Nothing But Time" and followed this with a Stan Graham song, called "Across The Sea". Pete W., another new face

to Harbury, played and sang “Truck Drivin’ Man” on his banjo, and added “Cripple Creek”. Although normally played as an instrumental, Pete introduced us to the simple and fun lyrics that can be sung to it. Another debut performance followed from Terry with a song called “Caledonia”, this one being about a mine in Nova Scotia and he then sang the delightful “Prairie Lullaby” with expressive gestures. Norman Wheatley, always a popular singer at the club, gave the audience the second Tom Paxton song of the evening, “Can’t Help but Wonder Where I’m Bound”. His version of James Taylor’s “Carolina on my Mind” was accompanied by some skilful guitar playing. To close the second half, Harriet, Tina and David played the instrumental “Violet Tulloch, Queen of Lerwick” and then Harriet sang the lovely “Starting All Over Again”, showcasing her fine voice and the trio’s accompaniment skills.

The third half was kicked off by Des, performing the atmospheric shanty “Shallow Brown”. Peter Mason with the tear-jerking “Kilkelly, Ireland” followed him. John Rowan returned to the front of house with the rousing “This Land Is Your Land”, and was followed by Pete W, playing “Handsome Molly”. Ted gave us the superb Flanders and Swann number, “Misalliance” about two plants falling in love, and the evening was brought to a rousing climax by Pete Grassby playing two instrumentals on the melodeon, and inviting Sue to flat-foot to the second, the lively “Patchwork Polka”.

The memorable evening had effortlessly fulfilled the brief of the ‘America’ theme and the raffle made an impressive £64.00 for the British Heart Foundation. Some nights are truly impressive and the only way to find out which those are is to come along on the first Thursday of any month to the Dog Inn, where you’ll receive a warm welcome and an evening of first-class music and entertainment.



An Evening of Seasonal Entertainment – Friday 9th December

Harbury Folk Club proudly presents an evening of seasonal entertainment in the Village Hall on Friday 9th December from 7.30pm to 10pm, doors open at 7pm.

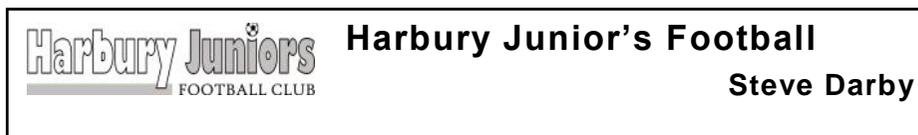
Come and enjoy a performance of Christmas carols by the Harbury Folk Club Choir, along with other seasonal offerings from The Harvesters, Ted and Sue Crum, Peter McDonald, Janny Freeman and Maureen Darby, Pete and Liz Bones, Guy, Morris and Thompson, Danansooz. The MC for the evening will be Debbie Ellis.

Tickets are £7.50 from me and this includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. You can, if you wish, bring your own wine, beer, soft drinks and we will provide glasses. All profits will be donated to the Village Hall.

Doug Freeman (21 Farm St, 612002)



October was a quiet month for the Association with no events taking place. However this month on the 11th we hold our Annual General Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room and we hope to see all members there and for you to stay on for the wine and cheese afterwards. As I have been in the position of chairman for the last three years I will be standing down at the meeting in accordance with our constitution and we will be selecting a new chairman, so if you would like to propose someone for this position, or if you would like to join us as a member of the committee we would like to hear from you. See you all at the AGM.



Chairman's Report: The season is up and running. This year we expect to have over 90 boys and girls from Harbury and the surrounding areas training and playing football, our age range being from 4 -15. I'd like to say a warm 'Welcome Back' to all involved in the club and wish you all the best of luck for a great season ahead.

We've updated our website with contact details for each age group - please take a look if you get a chance, www.harburyjuniorsfc.org.uk. Here are the coaches and officers contact details:

U6s: Steve Darby (01926 613330) Reception and Year 1 combined

U7: Steve Darby (01926 613330) School Year 2

U8: Bob Church (01926 614366)

U9: Steve Burnell (07795 428087)

U11/12: Richard Woodhead (07786 802803)

U15: Malcolm Tanner (01926 612617)

Treasurer/Child Welfare: Nicola Perrett (01926 614564)

Chairman/Secretary: Ian Jones (01926 612201)

Many of the age groups are either full or almost at capacity. If you are interested in your child joining a team, please contact the people above. As always, we are on the look-out for help. We are especially looking for referees to help on match days as well as additional coaches/helpers in some teams. If you'd like to get involved please contact me in the first instance. We don't bite and can help with training if you've got the enthusiasm and commitment.

U6s (Year 1 and Reception): Coach - Steve Darby

This is a newly formed age group which we hope will grow in numbers over the coming months. We commence training at 10.30am each Saturday morning at the school playing field. The group is quite small which enables a lot of attention to be given to each individual child to help them improve their skills but we would like a few more new joiners to help us establish a team capable of playing a few friendlies towards the end of the season and form the basis of a league team in the years ahead. If your child is interested in becoming a better football player, just turn up with your child (with shin pads) and give it a go for a few weeks before making a commitment to registering with the club.

U7s (Year 2): Coach - Steve Darby

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children in this age group which bodes well for future continuity and the establishment of a strong team for next season. Over the coming months we will be challenging the children to increase the pace at which they complete various skills based activities as well as increase the technical complexity of the routines which we practise. The group trains at 9.00am until 10.15am on Saturday mornings at the School playing field. Congratulations go to Jamie, Arthur, Ben G, Ben H, Finn and Daniel for being awarded player of the week during September.

U8s: Coach - Bob Church

The club welcomes Bob Church as the new lead coach for this age group which continues to flourish under his leadership.

Under 9s Match Reports: Coaches - Steve Burnell and Ian Jones

10/09/11: Harbury Juniors 2 v Kenilworth Town 11

Wakey Wakey! Well it was a slow start for the U9s. It took the whole of the first half for the rust to come off the team in their first match of the new season in the mid-Warks league. We won't mention the details of the first half, but concentrate on a much better performance in the second half. Following an extensive half-time team talk and with renewed vigour the U9s made a valiant effort in the second half losing 3-2. The U9s goals were scored by Morgan J and Emmanuel V.

17/09/11: Harbury Juniors 6 v Banbury Irish 1

Much work was done in training to focus on team structure, jobs and tackling. This paid off with a much better performance against Banbury Irish. Lots of good performances all round, with special mention going this week to Oscar B, Sebastian P and Luca W. The team got their tackles in and played some good football. Goals for the U9s from Beau S, Morgan J, Sebastian P and Luca W (3). Congrats to Luca W on his hat-trick.

24/09/11: Harbury Juniors 5 v Whitnash Town 0

A solid home performance with the players working as a team. A really good second half performance by all. A special mention to Jack P in goal for his first clean sheet and nearly scoring from his own goal kick! Goals from Cameron D (3) and Morgan J (2). Well done to Cameron D on his hat-trick.

01/10/11: Harbury Juniors 2 v Banbury Irish 0 (League Cup)

A hard fought battle in the first half with many opportunities going amiss. Excellent work in goal again from Jack P, superb work in midfield from Oscar, Josh and Sebastian P. Goals from Emmanuel V and Morgan J sealing the win.

08/10/11: Harbury Juniors 2 v Lawford United Juniors 2

What a game! Having gone two nil down it looked like there was no way back. So many chances were created and they just weren't going in. Jack P kept the team in it with another great performance in goal. With less than 10 minutes to go a breakthrough: Morgan J drags back in the penalty area and slots a goal in. The team is now full of belief and pushes on... within two minutes a delightful lob of the keeper from Morgan J gets Harbury back on even terms. Lawford are on the ropes! However, time was up and just not enough time to get the win. two more minutes and the game would have been won. Great game, great battling and in the end probably the right result. Well done!

15/10/11: Wellesbourne Wanderers 4 v Harbury Juniors 2

After the heroics of the week before, it was always going to be hard to match the performance for the first away game of the season. A very well drilled and capable Wellesbourne team were three up and Harbury just hadn't got going. It was starting to feel like the first game of the season again. Wakey Wakey! In the second half Harbury started to play - is this a pattern? Must be the half time talk! Anyway, a much better second half display. Harbury were more focused on keeping their shape, pressing the opposition and performing their 'jobs'. We managed to get on top of the

game, but this time, too little, too late. A superb first of the season for Edward L and a lovely goal from a free kick from Morgan J.

U11s/U12s: match reports

9/10/11: Byfield 3 v Harbury Rockets 1

Welcome to the season of the Harbury Rockets. We have been training for a few weeks now and had our first friendly of the season against Byfield. We are playing in the Three Counties League which is a league made up of combined under 11s and 12s, of which the under 12s entertained us today. We have played this particular team in a friendly before and Byfield were three nil up in as many minutes so we were nervous before kick-off.

This time was a different kettle of fish as we have been training hard and talking tactics in which the kids have taken an interest. From this match the coaches can take great heart that it could be a good season. Every player in the match played "out of their skins" which resulted in the most complete match they have ever played. We have to play on a larger pitch and with larger goals this season which is where Byfield scored their goals, from distance. Harbury though stuck to their "Liverpool pass and move play" and regularly carved open the Byfield defence only for their keeper to save the day repeatedly. Harry W was the player to score for the Rockets and it was a magical goal that the watching crowd wished they could have scored, but the coaches know only our special little bunch can produce that kind of magic.

Our squad has swelled this season by two: Evan Lord and Tim Jeeves who did join in at the end of last season. The coaches would also like to thank all the other players for coming back. BRING ON THE SEASON....Rockets rule!



Festival 2011 2nd October

On one of the warmest days of the year Harbury entertained Barkers Butts, Old Leamingtonians and Rugby St Andrews at their annual festival which also kicks off the season for all the minis and midis comprising of the under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s and 12s with nearly 300 children taking part.

Harbury had their most successful festival to date with wins for the under 9s and under 11s and runners up in the under 8s.

Festival Results

	Winners	Runners up
U8s	Barkers Butts	Old Leamingtonians
U9s	Harbury	Old Leamingtonians
U10s	Barkers Butts	Old Leamingtonians
U11s	Harbury	Old Leamingtonians
U12s	Old Leamingtonians	Harbury

Under 9

Harbury, Old Leamingtonians, Rugby St Andrews and Barker Butts teams produced some excellent rugby in a hotly contested U9 tournament. Harbury were victorious, winning all three matches and in their final match coming from behind to defeat a very strong Barker Butts squad. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and parents for participating in the spirit of Rugby.

U10 Report

We had a difficult festival against bigger squads, but we improved as the day went on. It all came good in the first half against Old Leamingtonians with a try from Jack Knowles and a couple from Ben White. Two players stood out over the three games with good tackling and running from both Jack French and William Banfield who were named joint Men of the Match.

Under 11s

First match of the season- solid win

Harbury was one try down at half time in their first of three matches at the Harbury Festival, but with a few substitutions at half time Harbury fought back to secure a 15-5 victory. Alex Green went over the line three times to get the points but it was a great team effort overall. No conversions were taken during the festival as each half was only limited to seven minutes. Congratulations should go to one of the new players Matthew Campbell for a promising first game.

Harbury U11's dug deep against Old Leamingtonian's

Old Leamingtonian's were looking strong in their first match at the festival, but Harbury dug deep against them and defended well to keep them from scoring. The Harbury forwards were strong in the scrums, which resulted in some good balls for the backs, allowing Alex Green and Dominic Priest to score a try each in the first half. This gave the team confidence against a strong side, and Alex continued his good form by adding two more tries

in the second half, resulting in a 20-0 score line at the end. Well done to two more new players this season, Edward and Joe Burch for getting stuck in.

Harbury U11's shone in the sunshine.

With two wins under their belt in the festival, Harbury were determined to make it 3 out of 3 - and they did!

After a good rest Harbury were playing again in the final match of the day against Barkers' Butts. It was another tough match, but with good defensive play and tackling, especially by Finn Brown and some good scrums again, it made a quick ball for the backs, which saw Alex Green going over twice in the first half and once again in the second to secure a 15-0 victory. This win meant Harbury were winners of their own festival for the first time. Well done to all.



Pictured are the victorious Harbury U11s (above) and U9s (below)



October 9th

Under 15s

**Broadstreet 34 v 0
Harbury**

Up against a huge pack Harbury were always on the back foot particularly in the rucks. However all the Harbury players tackled well and, defensively, this was a terrific

performance. Captain Sam Cave led from the front and the Harbury team followed his lead. Broadstreet were restricted to a 12 – 0 lead at half time.

Broadstreet were more dominant in the second half after a number of Harbury players had sustained injuries. Jake Boucher made a difference to the rucks when he came on and new winger Luke Davies had a good first game. Joe Webster was held up on the line and Max Brown made a terrific run to the try line but unfortunately was stopped short.

All the lads can be immensely proud of their performance; their efforts did not reflect the final score.

October 23rd

Under 14s

Rugby St Andrews 7 v 30 Harbury

On a blustery day, which made it tricky to play fast flowing rugby, Harbury under 14s moved the ball around in the backs with mixed results, but to their credit they persevered throughout the match. The three first half tries all came from the dominant forwards, two from Connor Gladwin and one for Harry Turnock-Rogers.

After a slow start to the second half, Rugby St Andrews made a concerted effort to get back into the game with a well earned try of their own. Harbury managed to regain control of the game after a fantastic tackle and turnover ball from Sam Tutt which set up another good field position which ended with Connor Gladwin going over for his third try of the day. Harbury continued to exert the pressure and when Tom Boag (captain) picked up a loose ball and passed it to the direct running Sam Tutt there was only going to be one result. Taking the ball from outside the opposition 22 he broke through three tackles to score under the posts. The game was ended with the last try of the day from Henry Steele who completed his day of foraging and generally making a nuisance of himself by picking up the loose ball near the St Andrews posts and touching down. Well done lads another good team performance.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

Hopefully by the time you read this the tennis and netball courts will have been rejuvenated with a fresh coat of paint and new lines, so no excuse for dodgy line calls! If the weather has been dry and frost free, the work will have been completed at a cost of £4,300 which has been funded through the Sinking Fund. This is a joint fund with annual contributions from the Tennis and Netball Clubs and the Parish Council and is essential for maintaining the excellent facilities enjoyed by so many.

The Club has completed its annual doubles and singles tournaments, as usual superbly organised by Peter Walshe with his seedings for the doubles ensuring there were close matches all round. In the Ladies Doubles Rosemary Harley and Sue Mercer were winners while in the men's Steve Marshall and Robert Stockdale triumphed. The Singles were both based on a round robin format and in the ladies the decisive match was between defending champion Sue Panton and Caroline Morland which needed a long tiebreak to separate them. Caroline emerged the winner and went on to claim the title. In the men's Steve Stark was in top form and had fairly comfortable wins in all matches to win the men's.



Ladies Doubles



**Men's Doubles Winners
Robert Stockdale and
Steve Marshall**



Tennis Singles Finalists

In the league the summer season ended in disappointment when a run of defeats left Harbury needing a whitewash against Brackley in the last match of the season. We got the win but only by 6-3 which meant relegation from Division 4 of the Banbury Summer League.

The winter season has got off to a promising start. In Division 4 of the Weekend League Caroline Morland, Sue Mercer, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer got off to an excellent start against Charlbury with a 7-1 win against Charlbury "C". The next match was at Hook Norton "B" when

Sue and Colin were joined by Sue Panton and Steve Marshall. It looked bleak after the first two rubbers being 3-1 down with Steve and Colin winning Harbury's only set, but things looked up in the second half with Sue M and Colin winning both sets and Sue P and Steve coming back well to halve their rubber. That meant Harbury came home with a good 2-2 draw which was enough to go top of the league.

In the Floodlit league Harbury are in 2nd place after three very close matches. The two Sues also played in the first match (again at Hook Norton!) with Geoff Prince and Colin. Geoff and Colin won both sets but the home ladies came out winners in a close match to leave them all square going into the mixed doubles. Geoff and Sue P halved their rubber but Colin and Sue M lost both sets giving Hook Norton a narrow 5-3 win. It was the same score line in the second match against Byfield with Caroline, Colin, Steve Marshall and Tracey Pettipher taking on their Northamptonshire visitors. It was 5-3 yet again in the third match but this time Harbury came out winners against Brackley with Caroline, Tracey, Keith Thompson and Colin forming the winning combination.



Firstly, a warm welcome to Nicholas and Archie who are our newest recruits and have both settled in very well with their new friends.

Bears Theme – This continued into October, with Goldilocks and the Three Bears role play involving three of everything – plates, cups, chairs, beds and, of course, bears! The children enjoyed porridge at snack

time and oats were investigated in the sand tray, first dry and then after water was added to test the different textures.

Making teddy biscuits to take home proved a very popular activity and we are very grateful to Sandrine and Lisa who came to help support the children with the weighing and mixing of the ingredients.





Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy - Bears also featured highly in sorting, counting and calculating, using our coloured “compare bears”, the travelling bear game and teddy puzzles.

Music – During October, we had the opportunity to listen to and try a variety of musical instruments. Thomas Conway and Adam Jackson kindly loaned their guitars for the children to try and Anne played her violin. We had separate visits from Angela Thompson with her flute and clarinet, David Thompson with his impressive double bass, and Lauren and Martha Stanton playing their flute and recorder. The children were also treated to a

‘rhythm time’ session with Alison Grundy. They sang and played musical instruments and games. We are very grateful to them all for providing the Pre-School children with these wonderful experiences.



Diwali – During the last week of the half term, the Diwali story was introduced. The role play area became an Indian kitchen, with balti bowls, Indian costumes, music and books. The children enjoyed using clay to make Diwa lamps to take home, and at snack time poppadoms and naan bread were served.



Powder paints were put in the builders’ tray and the children again investigated the different textures of dry and wet powder and the visual effects as the water was mixed in. They made patterns with their fingers in the paint to make Rangoli designs, which were then printed and have made a wonderful display.

Annual General Meeting - The AGM was well supported and Jacqui Quinney, the outgoing chair, was pleased to report that, despite the upheaval of the building works, Pre-School had had a good year and continued to grow from strength to strength. She proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to take the building project forward and to its completion and to those committee members who were standing down. She welcomed the new committee, including the new chair, Eugene Murphy and we would like to say one last thank you to Jacqui for her support to Pre-School over the past years.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07939 122087 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk.



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Windmills Nursery is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School and has the benefit of its own Forest School and qualified Forest School Leader. We are open all day between school hours and take children from the age of two years. If you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our web site at www.windmillsnursery.co.uk,



call Tina/Sally on 07906 519148 or Katharine on 01926 613084. We offer places with NEF funding and accept childcare vouchers.

In Nursery

We have been celebrating the autumn and the children have been producing a wonderful display in nursery. They have been discussing the harvest and learning how flour is made and had a go at making their own flour. Chloe – “The seeds are the corn. They feel like stones. It makes the flour. The flour is all tickly and very, very soft. This is a tractor and it’s orange. The farmer has got a field it drives on. We can make bread”.



The children have also been making and decorating cakes. Lily – “This smells like cakes and it has made my hands all sticky”.

During the weekly French club the children have been learning some basic French words which are reinforced with songs, dance and activities. They have made conker snakes which were decorated in the French colours and have had a food tasting experience and have been learning about colours and numbers.

The children were also treated to a special music and movement class with Munchkin Melodies which they all enjoyed and more sessions have been arranged to help prepare for the Windmills Christmas Concert. There has also been the monthly visit to Church to attend the Toddlers’ Service where the children heard the story of Noah and The Ark.

Sporting activities: some of the children have continued with weekly tennis lessons with qualified head coach James Marsh at Harbury Tennis Club. All the children have also been treated to two football sessions with qualified sports coach Danny Reid from Warwickshire County Council which has been a big success.



Forest School

In Forest School the children have been making mud spiders and creating spider web catchers from willow branches.



Max - “I’m making a web for the spiders;

I want spiders to live in it. I will take it home and put it in my garden and Eilidh will look at it and love it.

Madison – “I’m making a chocolate cake; I have to mix it up with the spade”.

Staff News

Mrs Varriale, Mrs Lines, Mrs Wilson and Mr McVeigh have all completed paediatric first aid training courses. Mrs Wilson and

Mr McVeigh have done child protection courses and Mrs Wilson has also done a course in equality and diversity.

Mrs Varriale, Mrs Lines and Mrs Wilson all went to the PLA (Pre-school Learning Alliance) annual conference recently on a Saturday which included 2 training sessions on story-telling and clay modelling. Mrs Varriale, Mrs Lines and Mrs Giblin all attended the Early Years Management meetings with Warwickshire County Council during October.

Windmills Nursery Christmas Concert – Friday 9th December

The Windmills Nursery Christmas Concert will be held in the Tom Hauley Room next to the Church on Friday 9th December starting at 10.15am. Members of the public are welcome and there will be refreshments available to buy, as well as some stalls and a raffle. We would be delighted if you could support our event.

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 3rd Nov – Parent’s evening and Annual Review, 7.30pm at Nursery

Mon 7th Nov – Windmills Fundraising Meeting, 8pm at The Dog

Wed 30th Nov – Nursery closed in the afternoon for teacher training

Wed 7th Dec – Nursery closed in the afternoon for teacher training

Fri 9th Dec – Christmas Concert, 10.15am in the Tom Hauley Room

Fri 16th Dec – Nursery closes for the Christmas break at 12.35pm

Wanted – Toy Tractor

Windmills Nursery is in need of a child’s toy ride-on tractor to use during outside play time. Unfortunately the one we had is now broken so if anyone has an unwanted tractor they would be happy to donate to the nursery we would be delighted to give it a new home. Please ring Tina or Sally on 07906 519148 if you can help. Thank you.



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

This year’s fundraising kicked off with us selling morning teas at Harbury Energy Initiative Day and we’d like to give a big thank you to all those who came and supported us – we raised £100 which is a fantastic result.

We have a few more fundraisers this term to invite you to be involved in:

Saturday 5th November – **Coffee morning** at the Tom Hauley Room.

Friday 18th November – the not to be missed **PTA Quiz Night** – we are still taking bookings for teams but we're filling up fast! £20 for a team of four – please contact Vikki Hall on 614901 or vikkihall@btinternet.com for further details.

Christmas Plum Puddings and Triple Chocolate Puddings – we are taking orders now! Please see the General Section for further details, or contact Katy on 614685, katywork@yahoo.co.uk for further details.



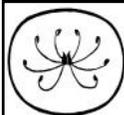
Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

At the end of October, the Village Hall Committee put on an afternoon tea for villagers who came to hear from Geoff Thorpe how the funding provided by the Veolia Landfill Trust had been used to refurbish the roof structure and doors of the rear extension of the Hall. Margaret Cobbold, the Chief Executive of Veolia was present to hand over an engraved plaque, which acknowledged the work carried out by John Ridgley, as a panel member for the Landfill Trust. Ossie Dodds who had worked alongside John for many years, spoke about the impressive contribution John had made in sifting through the mountains of applications for funding. John, he said, was “exceptionally thorough in his analysis and took great care in selecting those which were passed to the Trust for the final decision about which projects should be supported”. During the afternoon, entertainment was provided by Hereburgh Morris and the Warwickshire Young Voices and several of the regular hirers had mounted displays to show their use of the Hall for their clubs/societies.

The next fund-raising events will include a showing of Breakfast at Tiffany's on 12th November (see advert for details); a night of seasonal entertainment offered by the Folk Club Choir and individual singers (see separate article) and also the annual New Year's Dance on 30th December. Tickets for the latter event (still priced at £22.50 for the third year) can be reserved by ringing Chris on 612305 or Geoff on 613801. It has been suggested this year that we should encourage everyone to come in a mask, which represents their alter ego, so if you fancy being Nora Batty (without the wrinkled stockings?) or Brad Pitt (with Angelina as a partner?), see what Masquerade can offer and we might all see each other in a different light! It will be black tie as always and the Likely Lads will be in attendance to make the night go 'with a swing'. There might even be some 'Strictly' faces on hand to show how to perform some dances – you could be Harbury's Nancy or Jason – or maybe even Russell?? It's always an enjoyable night, so if you want to be part of the action, book your tickets as soon as possible.

All reservations are recorded in chronological order and details about payment and ticket collection are provided around Christmas time.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Our first meeting in October was very well attended and it was nice to welcome everyone, including new members.

Adrian James made a return visit; he is a garden photographer who has his work published and his images reflected his skills. The talk was about lesser known gardens.

He started with Jardin Marjorelle in Morocco. This was a typical Moorish courtyard garden with input from a very talented French designer. It took from 1924 to 1942 to be completed and has been open ever since. It was both mystic and mysterious with hidden gems around every corner. The rills are typical of this style and the predominant colours were blue and yellow which was repeated on the tiles and walls. A hidden water feature gave the impression of a floating lake, such clever design and colour. I saw the Moorish garden created for Yves St Laurent at Chelsea a few years ago and this was an extension of that. Bright planting complemented the vivid colours and it was just amazing.

Back to England and Cornwall, my favourite county after Warwickshire! The Headland Garden at Polruan is built into a cliff and defies gravity in some areas. It is totally exposed to the salt winds and the plants all survive. The terraces are lines with succulents and arches are built into the cliffs. There are fabulous views towards Fowey. The lady who once owned it used to swim in the sea every day and she was over ninety when she passed away.

We were also shown another cliff side garden in Cornwall at St Michael's Mount. I have visited several times and it always gives me a thrill. My favourite exotic plants, aeoniums, green and black, agaves, puyas etc. You just have to climb to the top to appreciate the sheer scale of the garden. There is a small train which is used to transport plants etc from the bottom to the top. Again the views are amazing and, when all in flower, a splendid sight. I shall never complain about gardening on a slope again!!!

We then went to the Isle of Man where gardens were created on the beach in front of a row of cottages. If the sea ruined anything the plants were just replaced. Cottage style gardening in these conditions, together

with fruit and vegetables represented a huge challenge. The gardeners were all to be congratulated on such an achievement.

Gardening in a small place was represented by a lovely cottage garden in the heart of Kidderminster. The owners are friends of Adrian's and every usable space was crammed with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Also some lovely features of arbours and fencing.

The last garden featured was mind blowing, East Rushton Old Vicarage in Norfolk. Another blank canvas when purchased and close to the sea so the first task was to have barriers to keep out the winds in this 32 acre garden. There are a series of flamboyant rooms with all sorts of hedging surrounding them. Walls and pergolas abound with climbing plants and pots of every colour overflowing. Not just any old pot - all from Whichford Pottery and made to order. Nepeta just cascades around the huge herbaceous borders. Topiary too is unique. There are also exotic plants in a gravel area complete with a Monet style bridge. Huge agaves abound with also huge tetrapanax, ginger lilies, tree ferns and cacti. Californian poppies represent the desert and a flower meadow rich with oxeye daisies - so colourful. The rills and brickwork reminded me of Hestercombe in Somerset. In spring there are thousands of bulbs and irises that would be a superb sight. Much, much more and such an individual style; I feel a visit coming on next year!!!

Adrian finished with plant profiles throughout the seasons. Superb photography from snowdrops, poinsettias, daffodils, hellebores through to irises, tulips, lilies, echinaceas, dahlias, asters, peonies and many more. Another wonderful talk; I shall invite him back again. His own garden is almost finished and will be open next year under the NGS, I will look out for the date etc and let you all know.

The next talk will have taken place by the time you read this, so I will report back on that in the next article. The December meeting is on 6th and we will be doing something different this year; I will keep you guessing, but do come along for Festive Fun with a buffet and a bumper raffle, it is always an enjoyable and fun packed evening, I look forward to seeing you then.

A quick reminder to pay subs if not already done so - £9 is such good value. Subs paid after the November meeting will mean that we are unable to send to Farnborough for discount cards.

There are some lovely Autumn colours around; Batsford is particularly good this year and very near, always worth a visit. Hill Close Gardens are having a Spirit of Christmas day on Saturday 3rd December and entry is only £5 and is from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. In November at Pershore College there are workshops and lectures. A workshop on Fruit Juicing and Cider

Making is on 5th November, Fruit Tree Pruning is on 19th November, the lecture on 15th November is on Dahlias for your Garden and Colour in the Garden is on 29th November. Look on the website for all details etc.

Hope you visited Stowe Gardens near Brackley; just look in your National Trust book for details. Also Blenheim Palace, the gardens are lovely in Autumn and Winter. The Arboretum at Westonbirt will be having an illuminated trail (Adrian showed us some pictures of this) which will be every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 25th November to 18th December from 5.00pm to 8.30pm with last entry at 7.15pm. Wrap up warm and see the trees lit up; well worth a visit.

As I type this, it is teeming with rain (Tuesday afternoon 25th October) but we do need so much more. My fuchsias are still going strong and pelargoniums, winter clematis already flowering and seeds appearing on the magnolia - isn't nature just brilliant at giving us this bonus? Long may it continue.

Enjoy Autumn whatever and wherever you decide to go. See you at the meetings.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season.

There are a couple of doom-laden prophecies I've heard over the last week or two. The first is 'lots of berries means a bad winter'. The real reason for there being plenty of fruit in the autumn and winter is that there were few late frosts in the spring. This means that the blossom wasn't damaged, resulting in an abundance of hips and haws this year.

And the second gloomy forecast is that we're going to have another bad winter. How can the weathermen know what the weather is going to be like in six or eight weeks time when they get it wrong so often for the next day?

There are two 'twitchers' who visit the café and garden regularly. They frequently 'spot' all kinds of wildlife in the garden including grass snakes, butterflies, moths, damsel flies and dragon flies as well as many different birds. We are so pleased to have created an environment which attracts so many different creatures.

Jobs for the month

- Rake or mow up leaves and add to the compost bin.

- Plant garlic.
- Finish planting tulips etc.
- The time for planting bare-root plants is from now until March
- Dig over vegetable plots.

And when you are driven indoors by the weather you could look up our new blog by going to our website and clicking on blog.

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

Well, I got that seriously wrong. In last month's issue, I said on the 18th September that 'summer seems to have gone'. Then we had over two weeks of hot weather with 'sticky' nights. On 30th September, the temperature rose to 28C and records toppled around the country. Today (23rd October), a warm south east wind is blowing and the temperature reached 19C (66F). There was just one serious frost earlier in the month but you had to be up early to see it.

Sharon and I have just returned from a walk over the fields to Ufton, a loop through Bascote Woods and home via Ufton Fields Nature Reserve. Many of the farm ponds are dry. The pools in the reserve were very low and the fish must be struggling as the water stagnates. Bill Russell told me this morning that virtually all his ponds are dry. It had been pitiful to watch the fish floundering about before they succumbed. We certainly need some rain soon. Whilst walking through the woods, we saw a Muntjac deer up ahead. It appeared to take no notice of us, bounding off at the last moment. Arriving at the spot, it looked as if the animal had been trying to get a drink from a deep hoof print where some water had percolated from the surrounding clay.

On 10th October, I cycled out to Hampton Wood Nature Reserve for a U3A Natural History Group meeting. This reserve (OS sheet 151. SP254600) lies on the west bank of the River Avon and is reached by a delightful minor road linking Sherbourne and Hampton Lucy. We met wildlife expert John Roberts to look at fungi. Despite recent rain, the moisture had not really penetrated to the floor of the wood. Fungal fruiting bodies (the typical mushrooms and toadstools) proliferate in wet warm conditions so we had to search hard to find any and these were rather old shrivelled specimens. John told us that fungi have been around, according to the fossil record, for some 2 billion years. (Compare this with

½ billion years for the trilobite, an animal rather like a modern wood louse). In a spoonful of soil there will be millions of fungal spores invisible to the naked eye. Worldwide, 70,000 fungi have been given names of which 12,000 are in the UK.

The Beefsteak fungus was one of the twenty species we found. Others were the Honey fungus, the tiny Candle Snuff, Jelly Ear and Orange Dot. Fungi contain no chlorophyll unlike flowering plants and so cannot live by photosynthesis. They get their nutrition by breaking down other organisms either living or dead. Their cells possess a true nucleus and they reproduce by spores.

If you would like to hear more from John Roberts, come to the Tom Hauley Room on Monday 5th December. He is a superb photographer and between 10.00am and noon will take us on a wildlife tour of Spain. This is another U3A meeting and a charge of £2 will be made to cover the room hire and the speaker's fee. (John gives his fee to the Wildlife Trust). You will be made most welcome.

Butterflies are still on the wing though not in numbers. I saw a Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) warming up on the garden path yesterday and today we glimpsed a Small Tortoiseshell (*Aglais urticae*) near some nettles alongside the footpath at Northfields. Before becoming active, both sexes must raise their body temperature to well over 30C (86F). This can be quite a challenge at this time of year hence you are quite likely to find an insect basking and absorbing heat. They regulate their body temperatures within a remarkably narrow band by using their wings to absorb or reflect the sun's heat.

Down in West London visiting friends in Teddington on 16th October, I cycled through Bushey Park with visibility restricted by a thick mist. This had gone by mid morning when we walked a similar route. It was in this park that General Eisenhower and the United States army had their headquarters before D-Day. A stone marks the site of the camp. Fallow deer stags blocked a couple of the paths and one in particular was getting a lot of attention from a bevy of photographers on account of his menacing antlers. He bellowed on one occasion - it was the annual rut (a word derived from Old French meaning noise or roar). A large group of hinds stood well away quietly grazing. A noise from the tropics then assailed our ears as a group of birds with long tails launched themselves out of some Lime trees. Yes, they were parrots - Rose-Ringed Parakeets. Their green plumage flashed in the sunshine. They are the offspring of birds which over the years have escaped from their cages. They survive our harsher winters thanks to the bounty of nuts from garden bird feeders.

It's always interesting to hear about your special wildlife experiences so please keep me informed.



General Section

47 Years Living in Harbury

At the end of October we shall be moving from Constance Drive to a smaller bungalow in Leamington and, whilst looking forward to the future, we shall nevertheless be sad to leave this village where we have lived a large part of our lives.

Our first memories of Harbury are of the Wagstaffe School where our daughter, Christine, attended under the Headship of Mrs. Watts. The Rev. Mackley, a very quiet and possibly shy man, was the vicar – but when he was acting in the local drama productions he really excelled himself and surprised many a parishioner. Tom Hauley would push his bike up the hill in Mill Street to perform his daily task of winding the Church clock (he even refused to go on holiday) in order to keep the clock ticking!

We remember Anne Moore and Diana Holt starting this very magazine and, of course Valentine DuBuisson who was instrumental in starting many events in this village. He and David and others were responsible for setting up the playing fields committee, the Carnival etc.

Joyce and Harry Windsor also played many a part in village activities during these years – and it was in conversation with Joyce, that Pam and Joyce came up with the idea of the Garden Walkabout. It was at this time that we lost the life of our five day old baby boy, Tristan, and in his memory his name is engraved on one of the bells in the Church Tower.

When David closed his businesses, we thought we would be facing an easier lifestyle but, no, we then entered the most exciting time of our lives by building schools in India, a refugee camp in Zaire (during the Ruanda crisis), a road in Tanzania, a car park in Israel and then an Isolation Hospital in Albania. These could only have happened because of the wonderful support of our neighbours here in Harbury, who watched our home for us.

In the latter years we have memories of a journey to Samois-sur-Seine with Tim Millington to view the possibility of forming a Twinning Society - well you know the rest because we now have a good relationship with them and long may it last.

There are many other memories which come flooding into our minds, one worth mentioning is of our son, Trevor, sitting on the Church wall and running back to Constance Drive at full haste! It transpired that he had sat on an ant's nest!!

It is said that there is a book to be written in most people's lives, so I shall leave that for sometime later. This is just to say that we both value the years we have resided in Harbury and shall always remember our time here as being very precious, but as one door closes so it allows another to open and we are consoled that through our Faith in Christ; the best is yet to be.

Pam and David Clarke

Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to all the ladies who came to support our lunch on the 13th October in the Tom Hauley Room. We made a profit of £465.60 which is excellent. Janice Montague gave us a very entertaining and informative talk on our legal rights and obligations which was enjoyed by all.

Our next event is on Sunday 4th December – it is our Christmas Quiz, a definite highlight in the Harbury social calendar! It takes place as usual in the Harbury Working Men's Club starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16 per team which includes sandwiches and Christmas pies. Contact Elaine Bruce on 614664 if you would like to reserve a place.

NSPCC Committee

Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Group

Iris Night

On Saturday 22nd of October I held a concert (Iris Night) in aid of the Myton Hospices at the Village Hall. Several local bands and solo artists performed on the night and delivered each set beautifully, creating an atmosphere embraced by the audience and entertaining everyone who attended.

I needed to complete a skill over six months for my silver Duke of Edinburgh award and so I ran with the idea of event organisation. Myton Hospice is a charity very close to my heart as I have done volunteering/work experience there in the past and have seen at first hand the stunning job the charity does. Music is something that is also very important to me, so I put two and two together and came up with a concert night to raise funds for Myton Hospice. After making several enquiries and, with the support of my family and friends, the event was set. The weeks running up to the event were the most stressful of my entire life, attempting to sell the idea to my peers and confirm bookings. Along with school work and other commitments, this was the

most responsibility I think I've ever had but on the night everything pulled together and a total of £762 was raised for Myton Hospice.

I cannot put in to words the pride I have in the people who gave up their time to support me and the enormous amount of help I was given and offered from not only my friends, but several people I did not know. It would take me a good few thousand words to thank each and every person who helped me but I have four people I would like to give a special mention to: Rob and Libby from Cana Wines who donated their profits to the cause and ran the bar on the night free of charge. Not only did they do this but they were amazing in supporting me in several ways and advising me whenever I needed help. Thank you. Peter Thompson for helping me an unbelievably large amount with organising the setting up of the stage etc, and with the musical side of things. Thank you. Ian Donnelly for giving up his time and skill for the whole night and running the sound for the event. Thank you.

I've learnt such a lot from this experience despite the fact that I have had several sleepless nights and worried for a straight 3 or 4 months. Would I do it again? Most definitely.

Ellie White

Local Poppy Collection

Although it seemed at one time as though there might not be a poppy collection in Harbury and Chesterton, an exceptionally committed member of the Royal British Legion in Leamington stepped into the breach and managed to track down some of the existing collectors who were still willing to do the rounds knocking on doors. She also delivered boxes of poppies to all of the village pubs, shops, the Club and the school, so it should be possible for most people to support the local poppy collection, which has generally raised over £1,000 for the Royal British Legion funds. This year several new collectors have been recruited to cover areas close to where they live and the RBL expressed their delight that the possible loss of the Harbury and District poppy collection had been averted. Details about the amount collected will be published in a future magazine. The local organiser who delivered the boxes to Harbury also mentioned that anyone who has been a collector for several years should be recognised with a certificate at an award ceremony organised by the Royal British Legion. If any of the collectors who have pounded the streets for many years would like to receive the much deserved recognition of their services, please ring 612305 and their names will be passed on to the County organisation.

Chris Finch

Harbury Library Update

The proposal for the community to run Harbury Library has been accepted by Warwickshire County Council. This means that from 1st April 2012 the library will be run by villagers, and not staffed by WCC librarians. The details are yet to be worked out, but we hope that that library will be open more often, and that we will run a community café where you can drop in for coffee and cakes. We have also been successful in obtaining c.£13,000 from WCC towards the costs of taking over the library and starting up the café.

Tim Lockley
Chairman, Harbury Library Steering Group

Harbury School PTA

Quiz Night

“An Audio-Visual Extravaganza...” is promised for this year’s PTA Quiz Night. We are delighted to welcome back our Quiz Host Couple Jason and Jane Burrows and they have promised a bit of a show stopper!

Our Quiz Night is on Friday 18th November, 7.30pm for 8pm in the School Hall. Entry is £20 per team of up to four people, the price including light refreshments. CANA will be running a bar.

This is always a great night out and is open to EVERYONE so why not get a team together and come along and join the fun. Please contact Vikki on 614901, vikkihall@btinternet.com to book your team in.

Puddings!!

This year for our Christmas Fundraiser, Harbury School PTA are selling two types of pudding made by the small Cumbrian Company “The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company”. The PTA has run this fundraiser before and we can say from experience that the plum puddings are DELICIOUS – we are looking forward to trying the chocolate ones! We are selling:

Ultimate Plum Puddings (1lb/454g)

“A very special, light and delicious Christmas pudding full of luxury fruits and nuts soaked in plenty of brandy and dry sherry. Winner of a Gold Great Taste Award.”

Triple Chocolate Puddings (290g)

“Rich Belgian chocolate, fine French cocoa powder, fragments of dark chocolate enhanced with brandy and crème de cacao. Serve with ice cream or lashings of cream.”

Both puddings are recommended as feeding four people and cost £5 each – we will raise at least £1.40 from the sale of every pudding.

If we've wetted your appetite and you'd like to make an order please write your name, address, phone no/email address down, along with how many plum and/or chocolate puddings you'd like to order and pop it through the door of Warden's Post, High Street, Harbury CV33 9HW (Tel: 614685) along with your payment – please pay by cash or cheque made payable to "Harbury School PTA". Please let me have your order by Wednesday 16th November, puddings will be delivered to you by Friday 16th December.

The PTA is raising money to buy twelve new computers for school, so please support us if you can.

Katy Spencer Hammon
Harbury School PTA Chair

Christmas Post 2011 - 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** 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 **Monday 28th November** and **finish** on **Saturday 17th December**. You'll find the post box in Muggleston's 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!

Mark Clifton
GASS Chairman



Harbury Art Group

On 6th October our workshop was all about 'Autumn'. Our tutor, Nick Baldwin brought us a selection of still life objects - conkers, mushrooms, medlars, apples, pears, carrots – and also a photograph of colourful Autumn foliage. Our task was to combine the two into one painting, with objects in the foreground and a backdrop of Autumnal colours. After a lot of head-scratching about composition, we started work.

At the end of the day we had some very good paintings – all different. Some of us just concentrated on still life, whilst those with their imaginations in gear created beautiful compositions featuring produce on garden tables, windowsills and even looking outwards from the interior of a church. A very tiring, but very rewarding session.

The next workshop on Thursday November 3rd will be themed around Christmas. Nick has instructed us to bring our favourite medium – watercolours, acrylics, pencils, pastels and he will provide subjects suitable for a Christmas card design. If we wish, we will then have enough time to turn our creations into cards ready to impress friends and family at Christmas. Our December workshop (Thursday 1st) is titled 'Watercolour Christmas', and instead of a packed lunch we will each be bringing along some festive goodies to share.

If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome! The workshops run on the first Thursday of every month in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to about 3pm, and cost just £15 per person. Please telephone Pam on 01926 814923, or the tutor Nick on 01295 276465 or email harburyart@hotmail.com for more information. Happy Painting!

Pam McConnell



Harbury Ukulele Group

It's been a busy month for the HUG. We provided entertainment for the Harbury and Ladbroke Harvest Suppers, playing pieces that have become our standards now: English Country Garden, New York Girls, Five Foot Two -- Eyes Of Blue, You Are My Sunshine, King Of The Road, I Wanna Be Like You, and Sloop John B. After the rapturous reception from the Harbury audience, we also added an encore piece, Amarillo, for the Ladbroke performance.

Our last meeting was very well attended, with about 25 ukuleles playing; thanks once again to Craig for leading the session, and for coming up with some fun vocal arrangements for the singing.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at the Shakespeare Inn, 8pm. Due to popular demand we now also meet "unofficially" on the third Monday as well.

For further information email contact@harburyukulele.me.uk, see our website at www.harburyukulele.me.uk or call Craig on 612377. Next meetings: 7th November, 21st November and 5th December.

Magnus Lewis Smith
contact@harburyukulele.me.uk, www.harburyukulele.me.uk

Come along and try out Morris!



As mentioned last month, we are now into our practice season when we focus on honing our existing dances and perhaps learning some new ones. It is also the perfect time for potential new members to come along and learn to dance or play. We practise in the School Hall every Wednesday from 8pm and would love to see you; no dancing experience required!

Morris dancing, with its accompanying folk tunes, is a dancing tradition from this part of England and something to be proud of. It is also a fantastic way of getting and keeping fit, as the quantity of perspiration at the end of a dancing practice proves! Fortunately, rehydration is normally achieved at The Shakespeare afterwards.



We already have a number of dancers with young children and our summer dance-outs, such as village fetes and festivals are all family-friendly. The older dancers such as myself remember bringing up their own children alongside Morris events and some of our children have even ended up learning and playing folk music themselves.

This month, we will be dancing at the opening of the refurbished Farley Rooms (the Veolia Suite) at the Village hall (Sat 29th Oct, 2pm) and dancing in Warwick with another side called Plum Jerkum at Halloween.

Find us at www.come.to/hereburgh or telephone Peter McDonald on 613730.

Alan Guy

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Wednesday Walkers

“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” – and how we have enjoyed St. Luke’s little summer. I’ve still to test the waterproofing of my boots, new last January. We’ve explored north, south, east and west and realised how little we know of the lovely countryside so close to home. And we are still welcoming new people who join our group so, if you are wondering please give it a try.

9th November Hellidon – Charwelton with optional lunch at the Red Lion – 4 1/2 miles

16th November Wroxton – Drayton – 4 miles

23rd November Priors Hardwick – Upper Boddington – 4 miles

30th November Snitterfield – 4 ½ miles

We leave the car park behind the Village Hall at 9.45am, lifts available; bring coffee (or something stronger!)

Pam Parton, 614188
Gillian Hare, 614809

Warwickshire Young Voices to sing at National Event



Following our action packed month last month with very successful singing events for the Chamber Choir at Chesterton Church and Birmingham Cathedral (see photo), we are looking forward to singing further afield at a national event for Remembrance Day.

Warwickshire Young Voices have been invited to sing at The National Memorial

Arboretum, Staffordshire on Sunday 13th November, both as part of the Remembrance Service and in two mini concert slots of our own. We are incredibly excited to be asked to this event, which is the second most important Remembrance Day event in the country following the Queen's ceremony at the Cenotaph in London.

We will be performing for a crowd of thousands, TV cameras and press photographers. We hope we will add something especially poignant to this already very moving event. All of our young singers will be

performing, from the very newest and smallest members of the choir up to the experienced secondary school members, and we have every confidence that they will shine. We will be singing a range of contemporary music, including three pieces composed for the choir by David Iles, interspersed with famous quotes on peace read by the youngsters.

This event is open to all and the monument itself is well worth visiting. We would appreciate some friendly support, should you wish to attend.

To keep up to date with all Warwickshire Young Voices news, see photos of our events and listen to our latest recordings, please join us on our Facebook group by searching for 'Warwickshire Young Voices'.

Helen Iles
Warwickshire Young Voices
www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org

Perhaps you have never heard of Babushka?



Hers is a sad story told throughout Russia wherever there are children...

This year Warwickshire Young Voices are performing a Christmas production of **Babushka** on **Sunday 4th December (matinee at 3pm, evening performance at 6pm.)**

This promises to be a winter wonderland experience for all the family, as the age old Russian story of Babushka is told through song, mime and film.

Step into an indoor woodland, join the snow fairies as it starts to snow indoors and follow the Christmas star as Babushka journeys through time on a quest to find a special child.

Tickets will be on sale from the 1st November at £4 and £3 concessions - available from Muggleston's and 10 Ivy Lane (614150).

We hope very much that you can join us for this very special performance with mince pies and mulled wine following the show. All proceeds will go back into our rapidly expanding and ever popular children's community choir.

Helen Iles
Warwickshire Young Voices,



Bumps and Bundles

Bumps and bundles have had lots happening. Firstly we would like to say a big Thank you for the John Ridgley trophy for “Best Walking Adult” category.



We have taken a photo of some of the carnival babies around the trophy.

Also we have had one of the mummies, Lesley, volunteering to be our children's centre representative and so far we have had a jam

jar lids session where we put a picture of someone or something familiar in a jam jar lid and the babies can play, chew it and recognise the picture. And we have made family books where we have made little books with pictures of the babies' family that the babies can play with.



ABC musical came to visit us with a range of different nursery rhymes and toys to play with. And we had a lady who does fingerprint jewellery come to show samples of what she can do. We have lots still to come like Halloween messy play, Firework bottles and lots more.

Kelly Jones

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

By the time you read this the clocks will have gone back, the evenings will be drawing in and winter will probably be with us, but we do have the Christmas Party to look forward to. We hope that those who plan to attend have the date in their diaries, but if not, then it is on Saturday

10th December 2011 in the Village Hall at 5.00pm. Invitations will be delivered sometime in early November.

The entertainment this year will be provided by someone from Southam who goes by the name of Elias Gruntfuttock – who will probably be known to some of you. We are looking forward to seeing (and hearing) him.

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 613269 or Mike McBride on 612421. Unless we happen to hear about you on the village grapevine then contacting us is really the only way of getting onto the list. So, if you want to come, it is important that you tell one of the committee.

In addition to the Christmas Party, we also have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on the 12th November.

We look forward to seeing you at the party and/or the coffee morning and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Village with a Vision

Not much to report! There's not been a great deal of progress this past month, due mainly to the holiday season. This meant that Bromford, our Partners, were unable to contact people in connection with viewing and discussing plots of land. However talks are beginning and we hope to have better news in the near future.

Please continue your support, we're not giving up; it will happen!

Tony Stubbs

Harbury Energy Initiative

We're through!! Harbury Energy Initiative's bid for the village to Energysshare has made it to the last ten out of the original 1000 applicants.

News came in just in time that our bid has been selected to go to the final public vote. Voting starts on 15th November and we will need all the support we can get. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER on Energysshare and support us. Please encourage all your friends too. Having come this far we want to go all the way and win £100,000 to save energy costs for our community buildings and reduce our carbon emissions in the process.

‘Green Memories Green Future’ at the school early in October was truly a village affair, as those many of you who came will recall. It was an opportunity for us to celebrate our past together and plan and work for a better future together. It may have been a village affair, domestic, small scale, but all our small individual actions can collectively make the difference that we need. The potential should not be underestimated.



For the Harbury Energy Initiative, despite already having been active for 18 months, it represented something of a launch. We were really delighted that Dennis Daly and the governors allowed us to place it alongside their historical archive display, put together by Nigel Chapman and friends, because that gave us some

context. It referred us to a simpler time before we acquired all the gadgets that now ease our lives but also bring us the environmental problems that we now face.

Our local MP Jeremy Wright was kind enough to open the event and spend time talking to the exhibitors and visitors. I am sure he won't mind me saying, however, that the real stars of the event were the Year 6 children, who wrote a sustainability survey, distributed, collected it and analysed the results, who drew posters for the day, made model solar panels and



provided a lively wall display (see picture). I thanked many people on the day and hope they will forgive me if I omit them from this article to allow pride of place to our young people.

Over 400 people returned the survey forms and, now that the children have analysed the returns, we know that Harbury residents are setting quite a

good example – assuming you were all honest!

Nearly everyone reuses shopping bags, recycles through the fortnightly collections and most of you turn off the tap when cleaning your teeth. The request for information on what else you all do to live a sustainable lifestyle brought out some very interesting replies.

I don't personally own any bras but apparently they can be recycled as containers for potting on seedlings, definitely Wonderbras. Some go to the trouble of catching the first run off of cold water when you turn the hot tap on for watering plants; others recycle cooking oil and many walk or cycle rather than drive relatively short distances. Such things not only save more energy than you can generate through clever technology, they also save money, surely a desirable goal. And there was no shortage of thinking ahead with ideas for the future. As a gardener I was delighted to see how many wanted to grow more of their own food!

Bob Sherman - 612277

BBC Domesday Survey

In 1986, to mark the 900th anniversary of the Norman Domesday Survey, the BBC invited communities to send in articles detailing aspects of life in their villages and towns. Apparently, though I have no recollection of doing it whatsoever, I was part of a team at the school who carried out surveys and submitted them to the BBC. The team also consisted of Tony Crawshaw, Mark Thorburnn, Eleanor Blair, Daphne Wallington, Angela Brady and Betty Barr.

This year the BBC asked for up-dates, as it is the 25th anniversary of their first survey. Hannah King and her Year 6 children carried out surveys of homes and cars, and 1st Harbury Guides delivered hundreds of questionnaires to homes in the village, and collated the information that was returned via the boxes kindly made by Kirsty Cowley in the Co-op and Cana Wines. Thanks to their hard work, we were able to up-date the information for Harbury.

The results can be seen on the website bbc.co.uk/domesday.

Thanks are also due, of course, to those who returned their survey sheets.

Nigel Chapman

Harbury Heritage Project

It was great to see so many people at the school on Saturday 8th October for the Green Past, Green Future exhibition. I must thank those who spent hours putting up displays in the weeks preceding the event, especially Betty and Alan Barr, Mary Thompson and Janet Thornley.

The response has been very encouraging, with several people offering help as the Heritage Project gathers momentum. If you were unable to attend, or didn't get round to putting your name on the helpers list, all you need to do is to send an email to nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk

Now... were you in the village in 1961? If you were, what do you recall of village life? Can you write down something about being at school, or about local shops, playing games, what Sunday was like etc? What was dad's car like? How did you get into town? Where did people meet as the present Village Hall wasn't built then? Have you relevant photos? Drop information into school for the attention of Harbury Heritage, or email to the above address. Please make sure your contact details are attached, especially if you need items returned.

This information will complement the 1986 records on the bbc.co.uk/domesday/harbury website, as it is exactly 25 years before that survey was carried out in the village.

Nigel Chapman

Chesterton Windmill



Regular users of Harbury Lane and Windmill Hill Lane, will have noticed that during the summer, a considerable amount of renovation work has been carried out on Chesterton Windmill. The metal cladding to its roof has been replaced as have some badly eroded masonry blocks.

The metal cladding was a very fiddly job as the sheets of zinc that were used, were flat and had to be cut down into manageable sizes before being

moulded individually to marry up with the domed shape of the roof.

As the design of the windmill is unique, it has not been possible to employ a firm with experience in such a complex process. However the builders, Arden Construction, and their specialist sub-contractors did a good job, and although it took longer than





expected, the end result is excellent. The repairs to the masonry have also been very successful.

The sails have also been repainted and the internal timber work treated to prevent beetle and fungal attack.

The cost of the works has been just over £50,000 and the funding has been provided by Warwickshire County Council.

With these repairs, plus a fresh coat of paint, the windmill is now in better condition than it has been for years. It is hoped that the life of the windmill is now assured for many years to come.

Peter Bones
Warwickshire County Council



John Ridgley Tree of Light

Thanks to your generosity the Tree of Light last year raised over £600, with £300 going to the Harbury Group of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and a further £300 to The Guides and Scouts (GASS).

The scheme will be repeated again this year with all funds donated going to benefit children and young people in Harbury.

Further details will be included in the December issue of the Harbury News, together with an insert, so if you would like to sponsor a light in memory of someone special please do complete the form to enable us to record your entry in the Book of Remembrance which is now in the Church.

Gordon Bennett



Santa's on his way!

Santa will be one of our special guests at the switch on of Southam's Christmas Lights on Friday 2nd December.

The fun gets underway at 4.30pm with the switch on by Santa and the Mayor Cllr Mike Gaffney MBE TD at 6pm.

Local radio station Mercia will be sending along a daytime presenter (TBC) and their Street Stars. Children from Southam Primary School Choir will be getting everyone in the mood for Christmas with a selection of festive songs. There will also be the usual mini funfair and local organisations stalls. Bring the family and get the Christmas season off to a bright start - who knows we may even have snow again!

Don't worry if you miss Santa at the festival because he will be touring round Southam and local villages with his friends the Southam Lions; check <http://southamlions.org.uk> for more details.

Southam Christmas Lights Association is a small dedicated committee and works very hard to provide a display each year in the town, through fund raising, street collections, local business sponsorship and grants. If you are interested in joining us, making a donation, sponsoring or just finding out more about the Christmas Lights Association please contact Val Steele, Secretary on 01926 813577 or Carolyn Akeister 01926 815085.

Carolyn Akeister



Southam & District Lions Club

'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' is just one of so many carols you will hear over the weeks leading up to the great day – Christmas Day 2011! 'Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells' is another one you will hear and this is definitely a sound associated with Southam Lions. It heralds the sound of Santa's Sleigh of course 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 on and be ready to visit him on his sleigh. I think he will have chocolate to hand out and you can tell him what you would like him to bring you on Christmas morning.

Southam Lions will again be visiting the town and surrounding villages in the days leading up to Christmas and once again **all** the money so generously donated will be given to local Children's Charities. Every child, no matter the age, when talking to Santa will get a chocolate bar! Last year a young lady of 85 years came out to see Santa and got her bar of chocolate!

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

Sense for Deaf/Blind People and Teenage Cancer Trust Appeal West Midlands

This year Santa is visiting Harbury a week later than last year but will again 'switch on' the Southam Christmas Lights on **FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER**. The carols and fun begin from 5pm onwards on with the actual 'switch on' taking place at 6pm.

The Lions will be in your area on:

Saturday 10th December Harbury 15.30 – 20.00

**Friday 16th 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 thanks for the wonderful support you have given us in 2011.

Peter Guy

High Speed 2

I have been asked by the editors to write an outline of High Speed 2. I personally am in favour (having been to Avignon by High Speed train recently) but this article summarises the current government position as far as I can ascertain it from reading documents on the Department for Transport website.

The main centres of population in the UK are centred on London, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds with smaller centres based on Sheffield, Tyneside and Glasgow. In the white paper many options were considered including adding additional lines to either the West Coast mainline through Milton Keynes or the Chiltern Line via Harbury. There are huge problems working alongside a live railway and trying to widen an existing line is extremely difficult and expensive. Imagine trying to widen the Harbury cutting to take two more lines. There are already 15 trains an hour going into Marylebone between 8.01 and 9.00 with plans for at least two more when the link from Oxford is completed at Bicester so there is no spare capacity for more trains without widening the line. Similarly the West coast mainline, at least as far as Rugby, is essentially full now.

There is significant pressure to move freight onto rail – this is already happening but it is difficult to mix it with fast (100-125 mph) trains as freight trains flat out only do 75mph so it is better to run freight on separate lines where possible.

High speed rail is never intended to serve local needs but it has to go through areas it will not serve to reach those it will. It was decided that a separate, new, line should be built connecting London to Birmingham and

then onto Leeds and Manchester forming what is known as the “Y” formation. This could, with advantage, be a high speed line similar to HS1 (Eurostar route) or the French TGV.

Finding a route from London to Birmingham faces many challenges not least finding a way past Coventry. There is an almost continuous line of towns from Hinckley to Warwick with only two small gaps: between Kenilworth and Coventry and between Kenilworth and Warwick. At the moment the preferred option is the one on the Coventry side of Kenilworth as that is shorter and points in a better direction for continuing onwards to the North.

The nearest the line gets to Harbury is through a tunnel under Bascote woods and runs this side of Southam.

Construction is scheduled to take some eight years but the line near here will only take two to three. The main time is taken up by the tunnel into London and rebuilding Euston station. If the construction process is similar to HS1 then very little additional traffic will be generated on the road network as all materials for that job were delivered by train with line construction taking place entirely between the fence-lines of the route.

Working on the assumption that the line will be built, effort should be put into reducing its impact particularly from train generated noise.

This is an extremely brief summary of a huge project and much more can be gleaned from the Department for Transport website.

Charles Catt

Hedgehogs

Sadly, hedgehogs are in serious decline – by 50% in parts of the UK over the last two decades. Typically hedgehogs travel about a mile each night in a suburban habitat in order to gather food and find a mate and so they need to move between many gardens. Barriers, such as fences and walls, prevent movement around their home range and loss of habitat means that there is nowhere for them to forage or hibernate. Even if you haven't got a hedgehog in your garden and have never seen one, it may mean that they are close by but can't get in.

In March this year I did a hedgehog first aid and rehabilitation course in order to help them. If you see a hedgehog out in the day it is usually sick or injured, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you think you have a sick hedgehog. It is helpful to put out food and water; special hedgehog food or dog food is good for them as it provides energy, particularly during harsh weather conditions such as very hot, dry or cold. However, ensuring your garden is a good habitat with natural foods such as earthworms, caterpillars and beetles is also very important. Plant flowers and shrubs that will encourage insects and this will benefit a wide range of wildlife.

Finally, with Bonfire Night approaching, please take care if you are having a bonfire. If possible, re-site your bonfire on the day it is to be lit. If this is not possible check carefully and then light from one side only so anything caught isn't surrounded by flames right away and has a chance of escape.

**Christina Sherman,
Tel: 612277**

Neighbourhood Watch get their Man!

Harbury, being a relatively affluent village, is lucky not to be on the receiving end of too much crime, but it does not escape completely. A fantastic summer's day in the last week of September was one such occasion and showed that although most people in the village thought it a glorious day to be alive, the criminal community just thought it was another great opportunity to go out and help themselves to our possessions.

Neighbourhood Watch is one of those things like fresh air – we just take it for granted, perhaps glance at the monthly leaflet or e-mail, and then rapidly move on, thinking someone else will do whatever is necessary and that it's not our responsibility, but taking it seriously can make all the difference.

On this particular morning one village resident was taking his usual 'constitutional' on his bike along Butt Lane when he noticed a car parked in an unusual position. The car was parked completely off the road with all four wheels on the pavement and grass verge. Just to make matters a little more suspicious the driver was alone in the vehicle reading a newspaper. Nothing too unusual you may say, but why park off the road on Butt Lane to read the newspaper at 10am on a gloriously sunny morning? On his next lap our cyclist was intending to make a mental note of the number plate but the car was gone – OK, maybe it wasn't anything suspicious after all? However on the next lap the car was back again in the same position and the driver was flicking through the newspaper again. This time Neighbourhood Watch makes a mental note of the number plate and the car make and continues on his way. By this time our Neighbourhood Watch man has almost had enough exercise for the day and only needs a few more hundred yards to make his daily target so while on the next lap he notices the car has again disappeared and slowly cycles to the bottom of Butt Lane to do a U-turn and return home for a shower.

At this point things start to get interesting. Just as our cyclist makes his U-turn the car re-appears and passes him slowly before making a turn into a cul-de-sac off Butt Lane. Interesting! The car driver now seems to become a bit suspicious of our cyclist slowly riding back up Butt Lane and

immediately executes a 3-point turn and comes back out onto Butt Lane. He stops at the junction, winds down the car window and asks our cyclist for directions to the nearest petrol station! So he's been parked completely off the road reading the newspaper on and off for 15 minutes and then re-appears from the opposite direction to do a turn into a cul-de-sac followed by a 3-point turn and then asks for directions to the nearest petrol station – well maybe everyone does that sort of thing? The car speeds off in the direction of Southam and our cyclist turns into the cul-de-sac because he can hear a burglar alarm but cannot make out exactly where it is coming from. Fifty yards later it is obvious where the noise is coming from as he spots a friend standing in the middle of the road on the phone and frantically waving to him.

It seems the friend has spotted a strange person in the rear of her neighbour's house and on investigating has seen an upstairs window open and heard the burglar alarm going off. She has immediately phoned the Police. Our cyclist tells her about the suspicious car and gives her the description and the number plate details to pass on to the Police before going down the side of the house to see if there is anyone still lurking about in the back. There is no sign of anyone, so leaving his friend on the phone to the Police, he cycles round to Frances Road to see if he can spot anyone matching his friend's description of the intruder. On getting near to the rear of the premises he spots a similar car disappearing down towards Hall Lane and then turning towards Southam / Leamington. Getting back to his friend he reports this and it is passed on to the Police. At this point two Police cars have been despatched and after five minutes or so their sirens are heard as they converge on Harbury from different directions and hurtle into the road with lights flashing and sirens going. Four Police officers get out and one of them pulls out a Taser gun and goes round the back of the house. However, as has already been discovered the intruder has long since departed - he had thrown a safe out of a bedroom window but had not had time to pick it up and load it into the car.

Within five minutes of all of the above, our two Neighbourhood Watchers are told the Police have stopped a car with the reported number plate in Princethorpe and arrested two suspects.

So, you may only pay a cursory glance at the Neighbourhood Watch circulars but please keep your eyes open and, if you do spot anything that looks slightly unusual, make a note of it. On this occasion the neighbour spotted an unusual person in her friend's garden and then called the Police. Completely independently another person noticed a car behaving suspiciously and then tried to discover where the burglar alarm noise was coming from. Putting the two actions together prevented anything from being stolen and allowed the Police to make an arrest within 20 minutes of the offence happening. The Police were absolutely delighted to have

the number plate details – they said they almost never get this information, usually just something like “a red car”. Please don’t ignore burglar alarms – they may be a false alarm, but they might not be. Also if you go round the village regularly look out for anything slightly unusual and make a note of the details – they may be very useful later to the Police. If we all play our part we can bring Neighbourhood watch to life and keep the village a safer place.

Bernard Cadogan

Offchurch Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is to be held in Offchurch Village Hall on Saturday 26th November at 11.00am – 2.00pm. Admission is £1.00 to include coffee and a mince pie. Children under 12 FREE. Santa's grotto, children's corner, raffle, tombola, seasonal plants and wreaths, cards, homemade cakes and preserves, handmade gifts, second-hand books, vintage/nearly new stall and much, much more. Come and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Proceeds to be shared between Offchurch Village Hall, St Gregory's Church & the Diamond Jubilee Fund.

Liz Varnish

Secretary – Offchurch Village Hall Committee



Young and Talented

Show off your skills in the Rotary Competitions.

Rotary International runs a host of competitions aimed at celebrating the talents and achievements of young people. Local competitions lead to national finals.

No matter where your talent lies there is a competition for you.

- Cooking
- Public Speaking
- Music
- Photography
- Writing
- Technology

Three competitions are officially part of the London 2012 Inspire family providing opportunities for young people all over the country to be part of the 2012 Games.

For more information go online at <http://southam2000rotary.org.uk/youth>.

Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Southam and Southam 2000.

Richard Hall



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Doreen Mann

Although we did not live close-by, Doreen was of huge importance in Jennifer's (daughter), James' and Emma's (grandchildren) lives. The times we had together were treasured and bring comfort now she is gone. We have many fond memories, some of which we were able to reminisce about before she died, including the great fun we had at the Old New Inn, visits to Exmouth beach with flasks of soup, her knitting of oversized jumpers and generally spoiling us rotten!

After having moved back to Harbury and in her little bungalow, Doreen became even greater friends with many people within the village. She felt loved and supported by all her friends, loving her regular clubs, meetings and days out. We would like to thank those friends who made her days brighter by visiting her in hospital.

Emma McLean

Dear Editors

Harbury Village Club would like to thank all the people who generously donated towards the Memorial Bench for Graham Freeman. It is now in place within the grounds of the Club.

Harbury Village Club

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone that attended the coffee morning on Saturday 24th September, held in the Tom Hauley Room, and to the organisers for the opportunity to host the event. Despite the coffee machine deciding to break down on the morning, it was a good day raising £176 to support the charity Teams4U!

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Kathy Freeman

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

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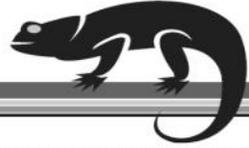
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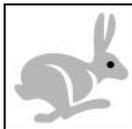
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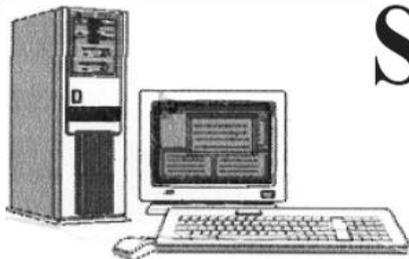
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