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Editorial

The school holidays are coming to an end and autumn is fast approaching. Many young people will be starting school for the first time, moving on to secondary school or further and higher education and we wish them well.

Many clubs and societies are gearing up for the new season and looking for new members. There are many and varied opportunities including the theatre group's requirements for children to play weasels and stoats; Warwickshire Young Voices; Hereburgh Morris Dancers and ballroom dancing. There is also a request for help with the Heritage Centre which is being set up in the school.

The Harbury Energy Initiative is looking for as many villagers as possible to register their support for their Energy Share bid – see article on page 37 for how to do this.

Our thoughts are with the family of Flight Lt. Jon Egging, the Red Arrows pilot who was tragically killed recently, who grew up in Ufton and attended Harbury School.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 3 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of the Tom Hauley Room
Fete 2.00pm at Galanos House, Southam
Tel: 01926 812185
- Sun 4 **TRINITY 11**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Evening Taizé-style Service 6.00pm
Harbury Hash 1.30 for 2.00pm from Lodge Farm, Chesterton
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 6 School starts
Harbury W.I. trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens 9.00am
from the Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Closing date for Village Show entries by 6.00pm
Holy Communion with Talk on Calcutta 2.00pm, followed by
Tea and Cakes in Tom Hauley Room (Mothers' Union)

- Thurs 8 NB No 9.45am Service today
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Grand Canal of China by
Liam D’Arcy Brown
- Fri 9 Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
Bingo at Harbury Club starting at 8.30pm. Non-members
welcome. Tel: 612498
- Sat 10 Flu Clinic 9.00 – 10.30am at Harbury Surgery
Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of Netball Club
Village Show at the Club, Crown Street 2.00pm
Tel: Patrick Clarke 612066
Bellringers Barn Dance in Village Hall
- Sun 11 TRINITY 12**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 12 Village Hall Committee 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 13 Toddlers Service 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Ballroom Dancing starts again 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 15 NB No 9.45am Service today
Harbury Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
**ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
HARBURY BY 5.30PM**
- Fri 16 Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
Bingo at Harbury Club starting at 8.30pm. Non-members
welcome. Tel: 612498
- Sat 17 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of the Grange Players
- Sun 18 TRINITY 13**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Harvest Festival Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 20 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Friends of the Cardall Collection social event 7.30 – 9.30pm
Congregational Church, Wood Street, Southam
Mothers’ Union meeting 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room –
Valerie Benskin “Walking in the Steps of Moses and Luke
in the Holy Land”
- Wed 21 Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Flu Clinic 5.00 - 7.00pm at Harbury Surgery
Community Forum at Southam Primary School –
Police Surgery at 6.30pm, Community Form starts at 7.00pm
Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall

- Thurs 22 NB No 9.45am Service today
Thursday Club 2.00pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Harbury Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm Farley Room Village Hall
- Fri 23 Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
WI Harvest Supper 7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
Bingo at Harbury Club starting at 8.30pm. Non-members
welcome. Tel: 612498
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of Cinnamon
The Consortium Big Jazz and Swing Band in Village Hall
Open Mic Night 8.00pm Harbury Club (not Village Hall) and
every last Saturday in the month. Non-members welcome.
Just turn up and play or just enjoy the live music. Free
admission. For more info 07799 896891
- Sun 25 TRINITY 14**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 27 Julian Meeting Quiet Day at Redhill Centre
Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30-4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Harbury Society 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room - Talk on War
Graves Commission by Keith Chalmers
- Wed 28 Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 29 NB No 9.45am Service today
Harbury Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 30 Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.00am -12 noon in THR
(NB is Friday not Saturday)
Bingo at Harbury Club starting at 8.30pm. Non-members
welcome. Tel: 612498

OCTOBER

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of Riding for the Disabled
Harvest Supper 7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
Grand Dance and Auction at Galanos House, Southam
Tel: 01926 812185 for details and tickets
- Sun 2 TRINITY 15**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Service of Benediction 6.00pm
- Tues 4 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Holy Communion 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room

- M.U. meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room –
 “The Miracle of Nature”
 Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall
 Thurs 6 Harbury Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
 Folk Club 8.00pm at Dog Inn
 NB No 9.45am Service today
 Fri 7 Men’s Group meeting 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room
 Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
 Bingo at Harbury Club starting at 8.30pm. Non-members
 welcome. Tel: 612498

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

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

	<p>From the Rector</p> <p>All Saints HARBURY</p>	<p>Father Craig Grocock The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377</p>
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Something is floored here!

Many of you will have noticed that All Saint’s in Harbury has been undergoing extensive work over the last few months. We have for some time now wanted to put a new floor in the building but have not had the funds to be able to do so. Well, thanks to a very kind and generous donation we have been able to proceed with the work this summer and what a job it’s turning out to be!

Having been granted permission from the Coventry Diocese (planning permission in effect) the first job has been to dig out trenches along the aisles and sink the heating pipes into the floor to prevent any potential burning and tripping hazards. That has been completed and the system seems to be operating OK. The next phase has been to make good any damaged floor tiles in the aisles and to replace the block flooring underneath the pews. We are hoping to have the project completed by the autumn (says the Rector optimistically!)

It has been a considerable challenge in putting the church back together each week for Sunday worship and weddings, but thanks to Fliss, our verger, and our brilliant team of cleaners, furniture removers and pew polishers, who have done everything with such grace, we have been able to do that. I am particularly indebted to Jeff Bedford who has been living in church it seems over recent month as he oversees the whole venture (and still keeps smiling!)

Thank you to the village community for your patience too. The church has been closed during the day as the work has continued which has been disappointing to some I know. We keep telling ourselves that 'it'll be worth it in the end' as we shake tile dust out of our hair once again! And yes it will and I'm sure we will all be chuffed with the final result.

In the meantime church is very much open for Sunday worship as usual. So if you can put up with a bit of mess or be prepared to overlook a little dust, then come along and join us but be ready you might be handed a duster!!

God bless.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

29 th July	Peter Evans to Kelly Green
6 th August	Robert Oliver to Rachael Bruce
13 th August	Craig Lenton to Alice Bristow
27 th August	Graham Warburton to Alice Szolnoki

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

14 th August	Millie May Nealson
21 st August	Charlotte Green
	Sophie Green

Burial of Ashes, All Saints' Harbury

18 th August	Graham Freeman
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From the Churchwardens

Liz & Will

You would have thought that August, being the summer holiday season, would have been a quiet month. Not so for the Church, which has had weddings and baptisms every weekend. This makes it rather tricky keeping the building clean, tidy and full of flowers when you factor in the ongoing major work on the floor project. All credit should be given to those working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the show on the road so to speak.

This month has seen a tiler working to make good the broken and dislodged tiles and if you can breath through the dust you might smell the wonderful aroma of seasoned Caesar of Lebanon wood blocks cut from trees felled at Coventry Hospital 5 years ago and delivered to the Church to acclimatise. Even if you don't have a duster in you cupboard, we need your help to keep our Church clean during this period. Come along and join the fun every Saturday morning.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

After our summer break, our programme resumes on September 7th with a communion service, probably in the Tom Hauley Room at 2.00pm. During this, Gillian's granddaughter Lizzie will be describing some of her experiences whilst working for the Baptist Missionary Society in Calcutta. Anyone interested is very welcome to join us and for tea afterwards.

On Tuesday September 20th, after the 7.30 communion service, Valerie Benskin will be speaking about her visit to the Holy Land in the steps of Moses and Luke.

Funday Club (Harbury's Sunday school)

Funday Club at Harbury All Saints' church is for children from school age. We have two to three sessions a month (only three when there's a fifth Sunday) in the Tom Hauley room during the service or if it's a family service we sit in church. There's lots of variation in the lessons; we normally have craft, possibly a play, baking, and storytelling to help illustrate the bible stories to the children. We are currently short of leaders. We lead the session in teams of two adults and you would only normally lead sessions around two to three times a term. If this is something you would be interested in helping with contact Kelly Jones on 611914.

Kelly Jones

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SEPTEMBER

- Sun 4 TRINITY 11**
Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Tue 6 Photography Club 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 7 Yoga Class 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 10 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 11 TRINITY 12**
Holy Communion 9.00am
- Mon 12 Start of Road Closure - Church Road up School Lane due to resurfacing
- Wed 14 Yoga Class 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 17 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 18 TRINITY 13**
Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am
- Wed 21 Yoga Classes 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 22 Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sat 24 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 25 TRINITY 14**
Holy Communion 9.00am
- Wed 28 Yoga classes 6.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall

OCTOBER

- Sat 1 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Tue 4 Photography Club 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 2 TRINITY 15**
Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Wed 5 Yoga Classes 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 7 Harvest Supper 7.00pm in Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

The church was broken into one night in late July. Fortunately damage was mainly limited to a window and very little was taken. However church security is now clearly an issue and we are taking advice on this subject. Should our church be locked during the day as sadly has to be the case for many parish churches?

Your thoughts and comments on this subject would be welcome by e-mail to sue.lord4@btinternet.com.

The Ride and Stride will be taking place again this year on September 10th. Further information and application forms are available from Betty Winkfield (812234) or from church. There are churches in our district that need support especially Long Itchington, Radford Semele and Bishops Itchington.

Our Harvest Supper is planned for Friday 7th October at 7.00pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. Entertainment will be provided by the Harbury Ukulele Band. Tickets available from Sue Moore and Margaret Bosworth.

On the theme of fresh fruit and vegetables, we are encouraging people to share their garden produce by donating surplus items. Please leave items in church on the table provided. Donations raised will go towards church funds.

If you have any books that you have read and would be happy to swap or donate please leave them in church as we are hoping to create a book swap shelf.

Ladbroke Flower Rota

September 4th - Carol Lane / Carolyn Taylor

September 11th - Carol Lane / Carolyn Taylor

September 18th - Pam Barnett

September 25th - Carol Clarke

October 2nd - Elizabeth Evans

October 9th - Elizabeth Evans



	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Betty Winkfield</p>
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Our summer outing this year took us all the way to Warwick! We went to the Hill Close Gardens which is the town side of Warwick Race Course. What a treat it was too. One of those visits you say afterwards, "I wouldn't have missed that for the world."

Our guide for the afternoon was Harbury's W.I. President Janice Siddle, who is a volunteer guide at the gardens. She explained to us the origins of the gardens. They covered a much larger area than they do now, much of the ground has been built on. The site they now have was saved for Warwick by people who have now formed the Hill Close Gardens Trust.

Most of the people working in the gardens are volunteers; as was the group of people who first cleared the overgrown derelict site which is what it was some 20 years ago.

The gardens are divided into plots with their own summer houses in some cases. This is how it developed originally. They were owned or rented by tradesmen in Warwick, so they had somewhere to escape to from the noise and bustle of the town, as they usually lived above their work properties.

The gardens, divided into plots, were little havens of quietness, the more affluent tradesmen having the best plots at the top of the hill, which also had the grandest summer houses. They are/were nothing like the allotments of today, they had lawns, fruit trees and flower borders, they did grow some vegetables and fruit bushes, but mainly they were gardens as we know them.

A visit is a must and there are many special events taking place there all year round. For example the weekend 9th to 11th September is a Heritage Weekend. Free admission on the Saturday with a short talk on the history of the gardens. On the Sunday there is "Wayfarers Folk Dancing." Opening times 11.00am to 5.00pm Saturdays, Sundays 2.00 to 5.00pm. The gardens are just before the racecourse going from Warwick Town.

The next W.I. meeting in Ladbroke is on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

Many photography clubs take a break over the summer, but not us – we were out and about not once but twice, at club events during August. The first Tuesday evening of the month found us strolling, cameras in hand, along the canal between "The Boat" and "The Blue Lias" pubs. It was a lovely summer evening and very tranquil, especially as they had closed the locks at 4pm due to low water levels and a leak further down the canal! Although we did not see any boats on the move there were some moored up, lovely reflections in the water and a very convivial atmosphere when we all met up at The Blue Lias. Our second outing was a Sunday spent in the Cotswolds. We started at the Falconry Centre at Batsford with an hour up close and personal with various birds of prey before being put in prime position to take pictures of them on the wing at one of their regular flying displays. After a delicious lunch at The Fleece at Bretforton we wandered around Chipping Camden trying to take pictures of the mellow cotswold stone buildings without too many tourists in shot, which was nearly as hard as getting a good picture of a bird in flight.



Picture by Linda Doyle

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at Ladbroke Village Hall when we shall be reviewing pictures of Ladbroke and the local area through the seasons to select the best to be made into a calendar for 2012. No doubt members will also bring along pictures taken at our August outings too, to share with each other. For more information please email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk.



Ladbroke General Section

Stop Press! Village News

For those of you who haven't received a notification of resurfacing of the road from Church Road up School Lane, it will all start on Monday 12th September. THE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED!! HELP!

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results for the draw for July were:

£80	Nicky Lewis	£10	Margaret Bosworth
£50	S and S Roberson	£10	Susan Moore
£25	Alan Lockhead	£10	Trish Teverson
£10	Helen Ballard	£10	Mary Coley

Margaret Bosworth

Yoga Class



Back in February this year weekly yoga classes restarted in Ladbroke and I went along with my brand new yoga mat (£10 from Argos) and good intentions. Six months on I still can't reach my toes without bending my knees but I get my morale boost when we come to balancing on one leg, especially last week when I was even better than our teacher!

We do "Freestyle Fitness Yoga" so it's all about flexibility, core stability and strength, with no meditation involved.

We start the hour long session with gentle warm up exercises and then go into controlled postures and moves designed to strengthen the core body, legs and arms, including the well known Sun Salutation sequence, which is definitely harder the slower you take it. In the final 15 minutes or so we do a series of stretching exercises and finish so relaxed that it comes as a bit of a disappointment that we have to get up and go home. Rachel our teacher has a bubbly personality and is very good at encouraging and motivating us all. She not only talks us through the various moves but does them with us, demonstrating how they can be made easier or harder depending on each person's ability, confidence or inclination. As she frequently reminds us, everyone is different and we should just move as far as we can while remaining in control.



So, if you've been scrunched up over a computer, steering wheel or doing chores and want to have a good stretch or are in need of a bit of "me time" and gentle exercise to background music, come and join us on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 to 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information email rachelcollins265@btinternet.com

Jackie West

Party on the Green

Take one summer evening, 2 handfuls of generous sponsors, 5 bands, stir well and what do you get - Party on the Green! Saturday 20th August saw the Millennium Green transformed into a micro festival site with a large trailer providing the stage, a popular BBQ courtesy of The Bell Inn, a bar and a marquee, just in case of rain.

The music started with a blend of traditional and original folk songs by Kev and Cal whose musical accompaniment was in a similar vein, acoustic guitar and cajon drum. Then Ella Kendrick, a local lass with a big voice, entertained the growing crowd with her first set, followed by The Swaps who I believe are so called because their line up is pretty changeable, rather like the weather which decided a light shower was in order at this point in the proceedings. Luckily the organisers were well prepared so there was space for everyone in the marquee.



The shower over, Ella took the stage again followed by a 2nd set of blues songs performed by The Swaps. Perhaps they should be employed as rain bringers to drought ridden areas for the heavens opened again as they finished, cleared their gear from the stage and handed over to And More a.k.a. Alan and Kip from the Ladbroke Rockers. As they played 3 brave ladies decided that toe tapping in the shelter of the First Aid tent was too restrictive so came and danced in front of the stage under a large umbrella. The rain stopped as Rocky Road, the final act, got underway, the revellers sang along to "Come up and see me... make me smile", Andy Pittaway made a guest appearance with his harmonica for Mustang Sally and the young and not so young plus at least one dog danced away the rest of the evening.

A good time was had by all and the event raised a healthy amount for the Millennium Green and Parkinsons.

Jackie West



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

Notes from the July 2011 meeting.

Saving the Library - Cllr Tony Mancell reminded colleagues that they ought to put any future proposal to take over the Wight School to residents as this would be a major expense for the Parish.

Chairman Tim Lockley reported that the County had given more time for less go-ahead councils to improve their Library business plans – Harbury having polished theirs and got it in before the deadline. He will be meeting officials to discuss Harbury's case and a member of the Steering Group will attend the County Workshop.

County Councillor Bob Stevens said Harbury's was one of the best bids and that the Parish might be able to apply for some of the County's £125,000 Big Society Fund and also a grant from the SDC Community Development Fund.

Hereburgh Way - Councillors were pleased with the new homes, but considered the lighting too bright and asked for LED lamps instead. They wanted the verge reinstated and the broken bench repaired.

Housing Enabler Phil Ward was present to show Councillors Housing Needs Survey forms and explained that a new survey (probably undertaken after the holiday period) would identify the current need for affordable and open market homes. He reminded the Council that there was already outline permission for up to 27 more houses adjacent to Hereburgh Way, if a need were proven.

It was suggested Phil should include questions about the desire for sheltered accommodation but Tony Mancell thought this could only be done once a site for this had been decided upon and that, Pat Summers said, could take years.

Planning

Stratford granted a single storey side extension at 14 Constance Drive; erection of workshops and office building at Churchlands Farm; alterations and extension to the Village Hall and treeworks at Dennys Close, Temple End.

The Parish Council had no comments on plans for a two storey rear extension at Westbury House, Mill Street; the revised design for a Manager's Dwelling at the Quarries, (*which was massive*) or the drive widening and solar panel installation at Dennys Close.

They did comment on the Extension Plans for the Village Hall, expressing concern about a part of the design but reiterating their support for the improvements planned; and they stressed that the Gardener's Cottage replacement at Harbury Heath should be energy efficient (following their decision to look into the sustainability of all planned buildings).

Jenny Patrick reported that Richard Wright had asked his architect to amend plans for the proposed development of the Dovehouse Autos site to take on board PC concerns about parking and housing density.

Our Parish Plan results are still not published although the Council did state that it would eventually produce a report and would forward parts to certain other groups, such as the Village Hall and Village with a Vision.

Despite acknowledging that there was “some bias in the data” towards older people, the retired and women, they did not believe this invalidated the results.

District Councillor Hamburger reported that he had met Stratford’s MP who talked at length about Localism but admitted that he still did not know where it was all going (*understandable perhaps as government’s intentions seem to change daily!*)

County Councillor Stevens warned that there would be a consultation on WCC’s relationship with schools because it was likely that up to 90% would opt for academy status. The County would still need to service the needs of the rest. The survey of the County’s “estate” which was being undertaken did not include schools or farms.

There was a consultation on Care Homes. The County was closing those of its homes which were under-occupied but increasing “extra-care” housing (*such as that which Village with a Vision wishes to facilitate.*)

Our Fire and Police services were looking into collaboration with Northants and West Mercia respectively to reduce overheads. This could mean that Southam Police Station would shut (at present it houses the forensic centre). The PCSO posts were not being cut for the moment.

He warned the High Speed2 Consultation was ending and that “Boris” had come out against it. Tim Lockley noted that a recent study had described HS2 as “Just a Vanity Project.”

Playing Field Repairs - Cllr Hancock thought there was “a reasonable prospect” that the BMX Track could be improved without the PC having to spend a great deal of money on it and Cllr Summers believed she could find volunteers to box in the bottom of the Skateboard ramps where debris collects.

There was long discussion over the merits of various types of repair to the safety surface under the swings before a synthetic grass surface was agreed upon. Repairs would be made to the Multi-play unit as a matter of urgency but the burnt picnic bench was not a priority. New base plates have been ordered for the “Crocodile Teeth” which are used to prevent entrance to the Fields at night.

Cllr Hancock reported that she had cleaned the guano from Deppers Bridge swing seats but that the Council should consider measures to prevent birds perching on the swings or the problem would re-occur.

LED Lamp has been installed at Sutcliffe Pastures. The Hereburgh Way ones are supposed to have LED lights too as these save energy and are longer lasting.

Harbury Energy Group's bid had progressed to the next round for the Energy Share Grant.

Vegetation - We have both too much of it and too little it seems as Cllr Thornley reported a resident had complained that a large bush was obscuring sight lines in Binswood End and the Council learned that some miserable person had stolen the plants from the planter at Treens Hill!

Next Meeting: 22nd September 7.30pm in the Farley Room of the Village Hall.

Southam/Feldon Community Forum - including surrounding villages

Wednesday 21st September 2011 at Southam Primary School, St James Road, Southam, CV47 0QB

Police surgery 6.30pm, Community Forum starts at 7.00pm

Community Forums give YOU the opportunity to raise issues of local concern and keep up to date with what is happening in YOUR community.

If you have a specific concern or problem then come along to the drop in surgery at 6.30pm where you can speak informally to officers from your local Fire and Rescue and Police Teams, Councillors and Officers from Warwickshire County and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils.

Main Topics for discussion at the next forum are:

- Renewable Energy – find out how you can save money by being energy efficient
- State of the District Debate – Have YOUR say
- Identify YOUR priorities for local policing
- and lots more.....

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or find out more, please contact Ali Mainey on 01789 260134. Or email stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk

The website is: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/southamforum

Free Community Transport to this forum provided by Back & 4th Transport - to book please call Ali Mainey on 01789 260134 by Wednesday 14th September.

Bev Mann – District Councillor



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

After the summer break we are now planning autumn events.

The Harbury Village Show on Saturday 10th September at 2.00pm is at the Village Club. Now this has been taking place for many years and is a traditional event which needs village support.

There are entries that anyone can enter. Just keep to the entry details and there is at least one item that one can enter. Do not forget to cover all cooking entries. We look forward to the children's section. This is a fun day so come along at 2.00pm to view and have refreshments.

The Tombola stall would welcome gifts please and any cakes would be appreciated for the refreshments. See you there.

The trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens is on Tuesday 6th September and will leave the Village Hall at 9.00am.

The W.I. Harvest Supper is on Friday 23rd September 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Dorothy Travis and her committee are organising the meal and there will be entertainment.

September meeting: Thursday 8th September at 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room. **Speaker:** Grand Canal of China – Liam D'Arcy Brown



Harbury Theatre Group

Chris Beaton

August tends to be a busy period full of holidays and family time and as such the Theatre Group tends to be very quiet over the summer holidays and this year it's no exception.

With most of our members away it's very much the calm before the storm, as we'll soon be starting the rehearsals process in the run up to our November production of Toad of Toad Hall.

Keith is still looking for volunteers who'd like to be in the chorus of children playing stoats and weasels, so please email him on keith.hayes@which.net or phone him on 613488 if your children are interested.

Otherwise, all the parts have been cast and scripts ordered, and an initial rehearsal date has been set for the end of the month. From that point onwards it's all systems go!

As mentioned in last month's article, we are still looking for some storage for our props and backdrops etc as the new owners of our current storage may require the space that David and Pam Clarke have kindly lent us. If anybody is able to offer us some room about the size of a single garage then we would certainly be most grateful.

Traditionally we don't have a meeting in August as so many are away, so our next meeting will be in the Shakespeare at 8pm on Tuesday 27th September

Please feel free to contact me on any point on 611930.



With it being the height of the holiday season, and with it clashing with Sidmouth Folk Festival, it was not surprising that the meeting of the August Folk Club was a bit thin on the ground. In fact there were only twenty people present and included only 6 regular performers. This is less than half the number we often have.

However, an advantage of having a small number of artists to fit in is that we can take our time and relax. On reflection, I think this must have been one of the most stress free folk clubs I have ever hosted.

The theme for the evening was "The Famous and Infamous", and we started with a scratch band playing the well know morris tune "Princess Royal". This was followed by Liz and me, Keith Donnelly, Debbie Ellis, Peter McDonald, Ian and Sue Hartland and Des Patalong all doing one or two songs to make it a rather longer than usual first half. As that was the full complement of artists present, in the second half, all six did another one or two songs, augmented by Mike doing his humorous account of an insurance claim following an unfortunate accident on a building site.

After the second break, the not-so-usual combination of Janny, Peter and Margaret McDonald, and Ian Hartland played the tune "The Wounded Hussar". This was followed by an informal music session by all those wishing to take part.

What was lacking in quantity, was more than made up for with quality, as the standard of music and general entertainment was excellent. I particularly enjoyed the items provided by our two megastars of Warwick Folk Festival, ie Keith Donnelly and his singing of his own song "I saw Jesus at the Airport", and Debbie Ellis with her self penned poetry, some of which was very much of an adult nature (but hilariously funny!) For a full list of who sang what, please visit www//Welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub.

The raffle raised £40 for the East African Famine Appeal, which considering the small number of those present, was a good result. Many thanks to those who bought tickets. Thanks also to all those who took part and helped make the evening such a pleasant experience, and also to Wayne and the staff of the Dog Inn for again making us so welcome.

The meeting in September would have taken place by the time you read this, so the next meeting will be on October 6th. As usual, it will be in the restaurant of the Dog Inn and start at 8:00pm.



Tuilagi Brothers promote successful skills course at Harbury RFC

55 young rugby players between the ages of 10 -14 enjoyed a thoroughly riveting four day rugby skills course at Harbury Rugby Club at the end of July.

The courses are prepared and run by Freddie Tuilagi, the former Leicester and Samoan international. He was joined by brother Henry and the current Samoan Rugby League seven's captain and two other Samoan and New Zealand players.



During the course the former England Coach Phil Larder spent a day with the lads focussing on discipline and organisation and on the last day England 7's Captain Ben Gollings provide another inspirational contribution.

Tuilagi Rugby Skills' aim is to inspire children to lead a healthier lifestyle by becoming more active and to give young

rugby players the chance to learn the skills and techniques to play the game and become future rugby stars.

The reception by the players participating was immense and the brothers will be back next year at Harbury RFC during the last week of July 2012.



We are looking forward to starting the new school year on Tuesday 6th September. In addition to the learning taking place at Pre-School, much goes on when we go out for visits. Here are a few photographs which illustrate the six areas of learning covered whilst the Pre-School children are out and about.

Creative Development



Bark rubbing on an autumn walk

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Searching for mini beasts in Janine's garden.



Communication, Language and

Literacy



Using Makaton signing at our Nativity Songtime at Bud's stable.

Physical Development



Learning to climb and balance using equipment at Harbury Park.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Taking part on our Celebrations float for

Harbury Carnival.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy



Counting eggs whilst on a shopping trip in the village.

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 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. There are still places available for 2012, so please contact Nursery if you would like to reserve a space for your child.

Windmills Nursery is closed over the summer holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 6th September at 9.05am.

While the nursery is closed we reflect on what has been achieved by the children at Windmills Nursery in the last academic year and hear from the children starting school in September about what they liked about being at Windmills Nursery.



Evie – “I like playing outside and making play doh; I like sticking. I like watering the flowers and smelling the flowers. I like singing too and dancing.”

Phoebe – “I like the same as Evie; I like drawing. I like building with the blocks.”

Reuben – “I like everything at Windmills. I like snack time as well because we have biscuits sometimes and juice and bananas and grapes.”



Sophie – “I like playing with the rice and making play doh; I like dancing. I like the



teachers because they are kind and all the children. I like helping other people. I like playing with Evie. I like the caterpillar games. I like playing with Amanda in Forest School; I like being outside on the school field because I see the big children.”

Freya – “I like playing with the musical instruments. I like dressing up with Evelyn. I dress up as a princess in the white dress and Evelyn is a fairy. I like playing.”

Joseph – “I like playing with my friends. I like reading books on the sofa.”



Molly – “I like playing games with Megan – baby games and princess games and playing catch with Megan.”

Megan – “I like playing with babies with Molly. I always like babies. I love them.”

Niamhaina – “I like everything. I like singing and painting and drawing pictures for my mummy and daddy. I like playing games.”

Giorgio – “I like playing with my friends. I

like running and I like it when we do races on the field. I like going on the computer.”

Sam – “I like going to Forest School with Amanda. I like playing with the cards. I like to build outside.”



We say goodbye to



Phoebe, Sophie, Evie, Joseph, Sam, Freya, Giorgio, Megan, Evie, Molly, Reuben and Niamhaina and wish them well in their new school.



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

August, always the Hall's quietest month but it is surprising what goes on. As I write the Arundel and Brighton Walking Pilgrimage are packing up, sixty of their members having spent the night in the hall and apparently joining in a very lively musical evening in the Dog!

Whilst August may be quiet there is a lot coming up shortly. The Beer Festival is on Friday September 2nd and Saturday 3rd and as usual the committee is joining forces with GASS to provide the food and "non-alcoholic" refreshment. On September 24th we have a concert where The Consortium Big Jazz and Swing Band will be playing. Ticket prices will include light refreshments and a bar will be open. The Rural Cinema returns on October 8th, probably with one of the Pirates of the Caribbean films. These events are all part of the ongoing fundraising to improve the hall.

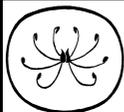
The "Olympics" were a great success and our grateful thanks to Gael Conway whose photographs of the "athletes" raised an additional £95. The King's Speech following the royal wedding was another good fundraiser and as usual our thanks to Lana Long and her family for all their hard work. The Tom Hauley Room coffee morning on Saturday 20th August raised £171; again thanks to Janet Thornley and her many helpers and of course our thanks go to all those who continue to support the committee in their efforts to improve the Village Hall.

What next? The work on the roof is complete and was an essential if unfortunate use of our hard won funds, from the outside of course we have little to show for our efforts. In the near future Photo Voltaic panels will be installed on the roof. The rationale behind this is that at present annual electricity costs in the Hall are in the region of £4,000 and, at worst, taking advantage of the government's support scheme we would expect to reduce these costs by in excess of 50%. The payment scheme is guaranteed for 25 years and is index linked. This hopefully will be followed shortly by a complete refurbishment of the kitchen and replacement of the serving hatches.

OCTOBER EDITION – HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

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by 22nd September



Another month has gone by so very quickly, not a lot to report on this month so a much shorter article than usual. Do I hear a huge sigh of relief?! The outings were both a great success and looking forward to more of the same next year. Speakers all organised, and Patrick and Jane have everything under control for the Village Show on 10th September; please give them all your support, I know how difficult it can be preparing things. Good luck to you both.

Our seasons are so strange this year, my magnolia has flowered twice and doing so again, my hardy clematis ditto and my miniature acer is already changing into its Autumn colours. Plus loads of produce from the allotments, we shall soon look like a runner bean!!!! Although it has been a difficult time it's amazing how plants react and produce such an abundance. Mind you when I was picking the last of my Victoria plums and a wasp stung me my language was slightly colourful. What with ratatouille, chutneys of all descriptions and various jams we will not starve!! The butternut squash is going for gold, it grows at least a foot a day but it does now have some squashes growing, so more things for the freezer. I hope that you have had more successes than failures this year.

Just a few suggestions for place of interest and gardens to visit these next few lovely weeks of high Summer. If you have never been to Waddesdon Manor near Bicester (a super National Trust property) do go. The bedding plants are always spectacular and this year the theme is to celebrate the Royal Wedding, plus three dimensional sculptures. The inside of the chateau too is very "over the top" but I can recommend the restaurant. Also we at Upton House and Gardens have an open day for the NGS on Sunday 18th September when the asters will be at their best, but the gardens are looking pretty amazing now so no excuse, it is only 12 miles away! A bit nearer are Hill Close Gardens and on Saturday 17th September there is judging for the photographic competition which was launched in April plus much more. Open between 11.00am and 5.00pm, do go and see the newly restored summerhouses.

On Sunday 11th September the garden at Epwell Mill near Banbury between Shutford and Epwell will be open from 2.00pm to 6.00pm and admission is only £2.50. A lovely peaceful garden with terraced pools and loads of colour. Also on the same day a little further away, East Hannay Gardens are also open between 2.00pm and 5.00pm, admission £3.50 to see two gardens. They can be found near Wantage so only about an hour away. Again these are all open for the NGS.

We visited Grimsthorpe Castle near Grantham in Lincolnshire a few years ago and I can recommend a return visit as there is so much to see in the gardens at this time of the year, plus again great tea rooms. Also nearby are the gardens at Doddington Hall where you can see a great display of Colchicums with dozens of different varieties; if you are an RHS member you can get free admission to both of these.

Don't forget that I have tickets for Ryton Organic Gardens; if I am not in John knows where the tickets are, please let's make full use of them.

Whatever you do I hope that you can make the most of September which is such a colourful month. Just enjoy the Season of fruits and mists etc. - have a good month.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season.

A favourite plant for many gardeners is the hardy geranium. This is not to be confused with the brightly coloured summer bedding plants which will die in winter and are strictly speaking called pelargoniums.

Hardy geraniums will come up year after year and need very little in the way of care and attention. They are extremely versatile and can be grown on different soils, some will grow quite happily in shade but they are equally happy in full sun. There is a wide range of colours from deep magenta pink, to mid pink and also pale pink; some are blue or purple and there are white ones too. Many will flower from May right through till October while others flower for shorter periods of time. One of the main bonuses though is that they are very reliable and easy to grow and so are ideal for 'difficult' areas of the garden. Here are a few of the best:-

Geranium 'Biokovo' - an excellent ground cover plant with pink buds and white flowers, this has good autumn colouring in the leaves. Height 10cms

Geranium renardii - this has felty, grey leaves and very pale lilac flowers with darker veins. It is clump forming and makes a good edging plant.

Geranium himalayense 'Plenum' - slowly spreading and looking very showy all summer, this one has double purple flowers.

There are hundreds of different varieties to choose from so there should be one to suit everyone.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today, Tuesday 23rd August, we have had a welcome morning of rain. Farmers, after getting in the corn, have been busy harrowing the stubble fields and preparing a seed bed. The rain will have percolated through the hard surface crust which had built up over many weeks of near drought conditions. Fields of spring sown oil seed rape and linseed remain to be combined in their turn.

In early August, Sharon and I spent a few days with Peter and Margaret McDonald in their caravan near Minehead in Somerset. On August 8th we walked up Dunkery Beacon, the high point of Exmoor. Wall butterflies were plentiful. This attractive insect is a member of the Satyridae family known familiarly as the Browns. These medium sized butterflies have small gleaming eye-spots towards the outer margins of their wings. Predators are often fooled by this cryptic marking and peck at the wing allowing the insect to escape. The Wall's favourite habitat is dry unfertilised grassland with broken terrain and an abundance of dry patches where it can warm up in the sun. As well as the Wall we saw Meadow Brown, Common Blue, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood, Gatekeeper and Peacock - quite a haul. Later, as we came down to the woods, we were gratified to see a perfectly fresh Silver Washed Fritillary. Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) commonly called Ling was in bloom as was the larger flowered Bell heather (*Erica cimera*). We found some Bilberries with their subtle flavours but not as many as in past years when Margaret has turned them into jam.

The Lake District lured us back recently when we were visited by our friends Gay and Graham McLean from Australia. They were in Europe to see their son and his family living and working in Amsterdam. Gay and Graham have shown us some of the remote areas of their country and we wanted to repay their hospitality. The Youth Hostel in Patterdale at the south end of Ullswater was our base to walk the hills. We did some popular routes like Helvellyn along Striding Edge, but my favourite was in less frequented country on the eastern side of the lake. To get there, we took the Victorian steamer 'Lady of the Lake' to Howtown Pier and on a beautiful mid-August day walked over into Martindale with its small ancient church of St Peter. Then we trekked up Place Fell which from its trig point gave us views back along Ullswater and to the east the long flat ridge of High Street. This latter gets its name from the Roman Road running between forts at Penrith (Roman Brocavum) and Ambleside (Galava) which uses that route and climbs to a height of 800 metres.

Earlier, I'd enjoyed eating a young fresh Puffball. These fungi are to be recommended only when young and firm. Later, they are full of ripe spores which are released like dust when the ball ruptures.

Our natural sighting of the trip was a large dragonfly hanging from a fern and drying out preparatory to flying. I thought from a distance it was a discarded bootlace but closer inspection revealed its true identity. Its massive green compound eyes could see us well I'm sure, but its very immobility was its camouflage. It proved to be one of our largest, the Golden Ringed dragonfly. As its name suggests, the thorax and abdomen are black with yellow bands hence my first impression that it was a modern colourful bootlace has some credence. It is said to be common in moorland and heathland areas of southern, western and northern Britain but is not a species found in Warwickshire. At the time, we were climbing Harrison Stickle above Langdale. Later, we gazed across to the neighbouring peak known as Pike of Stickle. On its southern flank in 1947, a number of roughly shaped stone axes were found. Further investigation determined the site was a Neolithic axe factory. The distinctive axes made from the Borrowdale Volcanic Group tuff have turned up as far away as Bournemouth, Gloucester, Yorkshire, Scotland and the Isle of Man telling us how well established trading was even 10,000 years ago. I can recommend a course in geology and earth science starting on Monday 17th October with tutor Martyn Bradley. Ring 024 7657 3739 or visit www.warwick.ac.uk/cll for more details.



Yesterday, (22nd August), before the rain, I went over to one of our more unusual local nature reserves near Loxley. It was a deep, abandoned railway cutting going down through the lower lias limestone. Steps lead down to the wet cool depths. Before descending, I saw a fallow deer standing amongst the young elm. When I looked down to check the path, it sensed its moment and was gone. Giant horsetails, willowherb and water figwort provided an interesting flora on the cutting floor - a lost world waiting to be discovered. Goldicote Cutting is at GR SP247505. OS sheet 151.

Now our summer migrants are leaving. The swifts have already gone. Some leaves, particularly those of horse chestnut and poplar have autumn tints. There are berries in profusion but we will have to wait several months for the north European thrushes to arrive and devour them.



General Section

Harbury & Ladbroke News

Over the last couple of years the News has seen a significant increase in the amount of advertising carried in the magazine. This has generated additional income and has strengthened the magazine's finances. The Harbury and Ladbroke News Committee has decided to share this good fortune with our readers and the annual subscription that would have been due in October will be held over until next April. This will give subscribers six free issues of the magazine.

It is encouraging that local businesses value the News for advertising and that we continue to attract new advertisers. We hope to be able to do a similar gesture for our annual advertisers upon next April's renewal. Thank you also to all our contributors and readers and the support you give the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

John Holden – Chairman

Holiday at Home

14 people 'signed up' for the Staycation at the beginning of August and all enjoyed two days of games, activities and entertainment in the Tom Hauley Room and an outing to Evesham Country Park. Some comments received from our 'customers' –

"A lovely enjoyable three days. Thank you so much to all the helpers"



"Wonderful Community feeling, happy feeling, food marvellous"

"I had a thoroughly enjoyable time. I knew everybody there, but got to know them all better"

"Gorgeous holiday at home enjoyed, small number just right"

"To the team - with many thanks for a wonderful three days."

"I enjoyed it very much thank you all so much for a wonderful three

days"

"The first of many I hope"

"It was fab!"

So in view of the success of this year's experiment, it is probable we shall be organising another holiday at home next year. Thank you to all those who helped to make it so enjoyable.

Tony Stubbs, Gill Guilford and Sue Boniface



Harbury Art Group

Well, our subject for August caused us a bit of head scratching! The theme for the workshop was 'The Sea' and Nick supplied us with a photograph of the sun going down over the sea: a bright white disc of sun, oranges, reds and yellows in the sky, and foamy waves in the foreground to reflect the colours of the sky. We did produce some very pleasing results, most of us using watercolour, and some of us using acrylics. One of the biggest challenges was to keep the horizon straight (and with a little help from a ruler most of us achieved that!) Another very enjoyable painting day with lots of tea, coffee and chat to keep us going.

On Thursday 1st September our workshop is titled 'Fur or Feather' and we will be using coloured pencils, watercolours or our own choice of medium. There was some discussion on what type of furry, feathery creature we would like to draw and paint, with suggestions ranging from donkeys to cockatiels. Nick is always happy to hear our suggestions before deciding what subject he will bring. On 6th October we are having a watercolour workshop with the theme "Autumn". In previous Autumn sessions we have painted leafy landscapes or still life pictures of harvested vegetables and fruit, but we never quite know what Nick will have in store for us. In November we will be turning our attention to Christmas card subjects – which all seems a long way off at the time of writing (August).

If you are interested in painting and drawing, and would like develop your skills with professional guidance and spend a day in like-minded company, Harbury Art Group may be just what you're looking for. We are a small friendly group with a wide range of abilities from beginner to more experienced, and we always welcome new members. We meet on the first Thursday of the month throughout the year in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury Church. The session starts at 10.00am and usually finishes around 3.00pm and the cost is just £15 per person for the day. To find out more, please telephone Pam on 01926 814923, or the tutor Nick on 01295 276465.

Happy painting!

Pam McConnell

Harbury Post Office

Residents might be concerned to hear that, due to proposals from Post Office Ltd, it may no longer be possible in the near future for the postmen and women in Harbury to sort the mail at the Harbury Post Office as they have always done in the past. Instead they will need to travel to the Leamington sorting office to collect and sort the mail, then return to Harbury to deliver. The main consequence of this is that mail which cannot be delivered e.g parcels, recorded delivery letters etc will **NOT** be able to be kept at the Harbury Post Office for collection but will need to be collected from Leamington involving an eight mile round trip for any residents wishing to do this. Guv Sahl and his staff at the Post Office are very opposed to this change and the Parish Council will be working with them and Post Office Ltd to clarify the details of these plans and find out what the alternatives are over the next few weeks.

Harbury Parish Council

Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests from Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests **FREE OF CHARGE**, for people aged 50 or over, between Monday 3rd October and Friday October 7th 2011.

Don't miss this opportunity. Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked.

Testing, by appointment only, will take place at the following venues around Warwickshire:

- Leamington Town Hall, Monday 3rd October
- Rugby Library, Tuesday 4th October
- Nuneaton Fire Station, Wednesday 5th October
- Kenilworth Library, Thursday 6th October
- Stratford Fire Station, Friday 7th October

To book an appointment, call the Trading Standards Service on:

01926 414004 (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm) or email ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

Pat Whorton - WCC

Flu Clinics at Harbury & Bishops Itchington Surgeries

This year the flu clinics will be held in September.

Saturday 10th September - 9.00 - 11.30am - Harbury

Wednesday 21st September - 5.00 -7.00pm - Harbury

Wednesday 14th September - 5.00 – 7.00pm- Bishops Itchington

Saturday 17th September – 9.00 - 11.30am – Bishops Itchington

Linda Hussey – Assistant Practice Manager

Autumn Term Art Classes

If you have been considering learning to draw and paint, I have a total beginner class starting on September 13th.

You will learn to draw with line and tone using pencil and charcoal. Then you will learn to translate your knowledge into colour, using pastels. Then you will choose a wet medium out of oil, acrylic or water colour.

I also have a 'Starting from scratch" water colour course starting on September 13th. This course is also helpful to people who have got 'stuck' with their painting and don't feel that they are making any progress.

On Monday September 12th, I have a course for acrylics starting which will help you to experiment with the medium and explore its versatility.

Also on Mondays, I have a group of painters who are continuing to build on their skills in a variety of mediums.

If you feel that you would like to bite the bullet and have a go this year, please phone Jan on 01926 614251 / 07746 871134 for further information.

Jan Freeman



Did you see us at the Beer Festival?

I won't ask "Are you interested in Morris?" because I know you have a burning desire to spring up off the floor in the liveliest double-step Hereburgh has seen, an unquenchable thirst to squeeze that box or bow that fiddle till it steams. So why don't you fulfil the dream of a lifetime this month and show us you're keen. On Wednesday evenings during September (with the exception of the 7th September) and October we will be hosting a series of open evenings in the School Hall between 8.00 and 10.00pm, with a break at 9.00pm. Come and see just how simple it is to swing your arms or do a side-step.

We're here to enjoy ourselves and get some exercise to boot. If we get to dress up to dance and play in other towns and villages, at folk festivals or outside pubs, with other sides or as a solitary dancer on top of a boat then what a bonus I say!

William Jones, Keeper of the Sticks

Green Memories - Green Future

Linking the story of our village with a sustainable future.

As mentioned in the Harbury Energy Initiative article, the above event will take place at the school on Saturday October 8th between 10am and 3pm. If you have lived in the village for some time, or went to school here, this is for you! Part of the display will be interactive in the sense that you might be able to give information about pictures and documents on display. For example, there are loads of class and group photos which need dating and the names of children identified. The school archive, which we are hoping will become part of a Heritage Centre soon, contains literally hundreds of documents relating to the village (many written by local people), over 150 ancient photos of people and places, hundreds of photos from the 1980s of almost every building in the village, special projects undertaken by children over many years, DVDs of school concerts, and so on. What we're hoping, of course, is that you will be inspired by this to dig out more items to add to the collection, or even offer to help with cataloguing, digitalising or even eventually helping to run the Centre.

Nigel Chapman

The Cardall Collection - a museum for Southam?

All local history enthusiasts are invited to drop in to a social event organised by the Friends of the Cardall Collection at the Congregational Church, Wood Street, Southam on Tuesday 20th September from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The Cardall Collection contains many artefacts, documents and photographs relating to the social history of Southam and its surrounding villages. The Friends group aims to establish a permanent museum in Southam town, so that the collection can be preserved, expanded and made accessible to the local community. Everyone with an interest in local history is welcome to attend this event which takes place immediately after the Friends' AGM. No entry fee, refreshments will be available. Enquiries to: cardallcollection@hotmail.co.uk or telephone Bernard on 01926 613503.

Pam McConnell

Harbury Carnival raises money for local organisations

The Carnival was again a great success with over £1,700 distributed to various organisations across the community.

A HUGE thank you to the sponsors: Avonvale Veterinary Centre, Braeside Bed & Breakfast, Cana Import, Mr Brooks The Chimney Sweep, communication & me (Bev Walshe), The Crown Inn, The Door Store, Fosse Garage, The Gamecock, Green Chameleon, TM & JM Grey, Harbury Pharmacy, Harbury Supermarket and Post Office, Jasmine Spice at the Dog Inn, The Kitchen Company, Miles of Tiles, Mugleston's, Nifty Needle, The Old New Inn, Rollason Fencing, Rollason's Solicitors, Samaritans, The Salon, The Shakespeare and the Village Club.

Please could those who won trophies for the Wheelbarrow Race return them to Danny Killian so we can get them etched with the winners' names.

And.... the Games Trophy has gone walkabout – can it please be returned to Danny!

Finally congratulations to the winners of the John Ridgley Trophy – Bumps and Bundles were first in the Walking Adults Group.

Less than 10 months to go until 2012 Carnival. Hope to see you there.

Peter Walshe
on behalf of the Carnival Committee

Wednesday Walkers



We have enjoyed yet another month of cool dry weather – ideal for walking if not for other holiday activities. Our substitute

leaders have again done us proud – thank you to all – and we have all discovered lovely new walks quite close to home.



The photograph was taken of the Wednesday Walkers after their Ufton walk - in late July.

September 7 th	Newbold Comyn	4.5 miles
September 14 th	Hidcote – carrying a picnic	6 miles
September 21 st	Stoneleigh	2½ or 3½ miles
September 28 th	Hampton Lucy/Wasperton	4 miles
October 5 th	Bishops Itchington–Ascot Hill	4 miles

Anyone who would like to join the group, speak to Gillian on 614809 or Pam on 614188 or turn up at the Village Hall at 9.40am.

Gillian Hare



Bumps and Bundles

We have continued Bumps and Bundles throughout the summer with good numbers every week.



Before the holidays began we had the children's centre from Southam visit us with taster sessions of Chatter Matters and Messy play - see the before picture of all the mess the babies enjoyed. The trays had jelly, custard, shredded paper, green water and much more.

We have had a session with a representative from the pampered chef who shared some lovely tasty treats for the mummies! We have much more coming soon at Bumps and Bundles and also the normal tea coffee, biscuits and chat.



Kelly Jones

New Year begins for Warwickshire Young Voices

The new term for Warwickshire Young Voices will start on **Thursday September 15th** from 6.30pm at Harbury Village Hall. We have an action packed term planned, with several performances already lined up.

We offer places to all children aged 7 to 16 and do not hold auditions. We are committed to providing high quality music and vocal teaching in a creative, supportive and fun way. Youth music is about expanding young experience; giving young minds variety.

Your child will work with a published composer on a weekly basis, learning music theory and singing new works written especially for the choir. They will be supported by experienced singing tutors, learning how to read printed music to sing in harmony whilst having fun.

We sing all types of music from current chart pop songs to ancient sacred works. This challenging variety means there is something for everyone.

We treat our young singers as young professionals. They will work with state of the art sound, lighting and recording equipment to add an extra dimension to their slick stagecraft in performances.

We are now recruiting across Warwickshire and have a limited number of places only. If you wish to reserve your place please visit <http://warwickshireyoungvoices.org/membership-form/>

If you wish to talk to us about your child joining, please do not hesitate to contact us via our website or on the phone number below.

Helen Iles – Tel: 614150
Warwickshire Young Voices
www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org

Ballroom Dancing



The next sessions of ballroom dancing are due to begin on Wednesday, 14th September, in Harbury Village Hall. Those of us who have been doing it for some time know what good fun it is and keep coming back for more - mainly due to our wonderful and patient teacher, Anni. It is quite amazing how she manages to teach us to waltz, foxtrot, quickstep, jive, tango, rumba and more ... even those with two left feet!

If you don't feel confident enough to join the main group straight away, we are hoping to run a half hour beginners' class from 8.00 to 8.30pm before the main session. This will depend on numbers to make it viable so if you are interested please could you contact Mike and Ann Vincent on 614806. There will be two 5 week sessions from 14th September to 12th October and from 2nd November to 30th November, so if you are interested in either or both of these please let Mike and Ann or myself know. People who go to the 8.00 o'clock session are more than welcome to stay on for as long as they like in the main group.

The time for the main session remains at 8.30 to 10.00. See you then.

Joan Smith – 613680

Harbury Energy Initiative

Don't look away. **We need you to do just one simple thing.**

The Harbury Energy Initiative Energysshare bid must be submitted by the end of this month and we have a lot of work to do in preparing our application. We must prove as part of this that the village is behind us, as we attempt to raise the funds to upgrade our community buildings and reduce their running costs. The price of energy is rising rapidly; it is highly unlikely that it will come down again. We need to use less energy and find better ways to produce it and that is one of the main aims of the Harbury Energy Initiative group. To help us succeed we need you to sign up as a supporter of our bid. If you are already one of the 211 supporters on line, then thank you. You need do no more till we reach the next round. If not, then please do take just a couple of minutes to register as a supporter. The procedure is simple:

Go to www.energysshare.com and register, for which you need to invent a username and a password. Then find the Harbury Energy Initiative page and click on 'support this group'.

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About this group

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We are bidding to Energysshare to improve our community buildings. We are asking for:

- Solar PV on the village hall
- Biomass boiler for the church
- Air source heat pump, solar water heating and solar PV for the new swimming pool at the school

Other ideas welcome - but our bid has to be in by 30 June!

YOU CAN IMPROVE OUR CHANCES

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It will also be really helpful to have letters of support from as many village societies as possible, so, if you play a part in running one of those, please get in touch with me.

Just about a month to go now before '*Green Memories, Green Future*' in the school on October 8th. Don't miss Nigel Chapman's fascinating photographic record of the village through many generations and our display of new energy solutions for the future.

Bob Sherman
bob@churchterrace8.freeseve. Tel – 612277

Renewable gardening

Warwickshire has experienced losses of many commonly planted exotic trees and shrubs such as Hebe, Bay Laurel and Eucalyptus. Not only have gardeners suffered losses from the effects of the last winter, the high temperatures earlier this year combined with lower than normal rainfall is resulting in the loss of established native trees and shrubs. Apple, Birch and Maple trees have been reported to have died through drought stress and many other trees are going into an early autumn due to the weather experienced this summer.

For gardeners who wish to be 'green', Warwickshire County Council's Home Woodchipping Service can provide a solution for disposing of dead and dying woody shrubs and trees. The service will come to your door and process any woody material up to 5 inches (125mm) in diameter, leaving chippings that can be used as a mulch or compost.

This service costs £20 per hour, and bookings can be made by calling 01926 738827 Monday to Friday mornings.

Householders are advised to book in advance of doing any work.

Christopher Cresswell - WCC

Stamping down on junk mail

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is encouraging residents to help reduce junk mail by signing up to the mailing preference service.

According to latest figures, 33 per cent of Warwickshire households have signed up to the free service, which helps stop unsolicited direct mailings to homes.

It is quick and easy to register for the service online at www.mpsonline.org.uk, by phone on 0845 703 4599, or in writing to: Mailing Preference Service, FREEPOST 29 (LON20771), London, W1E 0ZT.

Other tips from the county's waste partnership to further reduce the amount of junk mail include:

- Ticking the opt out box when filling in product warranties, competitions and catalogue forms to ensure their details are not passed to other companies
- Choosing not to have their name shown on the public copy of the electoral role as it is sold to mailing firms
- Asking the Royal Mail not to deliver unaddressed mail by writing to: Door-to-Door Opt-Out, Royal Mail, Room 130, Wheatstone House, Wheatstone Road, Swindon, SN3 5JW.
- Place a "no junk mail" sticker on their letter box to discourage delivered junk mail.
- Request to be taken off the Yellow Pages mailing list by calling Yell on 0800 6714444.

Christopher Cresswell - WCC

Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens



We provided 81 lunches at our summer fundraising event at the beginning of August. We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us and we hope that you enjoyed the lunch and the company. Thank you also for your generous support for the raffle and tombola; it was greatly appreciated.

Thanks must also go to the "extended committee" – to those who helped with serving and tidying up on the day, a real team effort. On an occasion like this, many hands really do make light work.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas party on the 10th December – more details will appear later in the year.



Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Scarecrow Workshop

We have cancelled this event because of lack of interest. Another year perhaps.

John Hancock
Chairman Village Hall Fundraising Committee

Update: Walking the UK for Cancer Research

Benedict Walshe of Harbury and Tolga Nekar of Leamington set out on July 18th to walk from John O'Groats to Land's End – a small hike of around 1,200 miles avoiding busy roads!

As of the end of August they are just over halfway at the bottom of the Pennine Way (see photograph).



Benedict says “People are amazed when we say what we are doing, but then incredibly supportive. We have had free camping, donations from passers-by and a farmer in Scotland even gave us a huge steak to help us on our way!”

Benedict has just completed his degree at Bristol (proud to get a 2.1 in Philosophy) and wanted to have a challenge and to do some good for others at the same time. Tolga will be going straight back to York University for his final year the moment the walk is completed, regardless of how sore his feet might be – scheduled to be the last week of September.

If you or someone you know has been affected by this terrible disease you might want to contribute. You can find out details at www.justgiving.co.uk/walktheuk

Last week they passed a group of cadets from Oxford who were on a map reading course in the Pennines. Their leader turned out to be a research scientist supported by Cancer Research UK. He said "It's wonderful what you lads are doing. Thank you. I hope as many people as possible support you as it really does make a difference."

Peter Walshe

Chesterton Church

Thank you to the Ramblers who joined us for coffee - it was great seeing you.

There are four wonderful fit young men who have volunteered to bike ride 110 miles and run 26 miles on Saturday 10th September, starting at the Old New Inn Harbury at 7am and finishing at the same place. The event will end in the evening with a barbecue, band and pub fun which will include a tug of war. We need teams to compete for this challenge. Individual and corporate sponsorship is desperately needed for this gallant effort to raise funds for our 'hole in the wall' rebuild. Please contact Lynne Smith on 07759 454195 if you can help in any way or wish to enter for the tug of war challenge.

A clay pigeon shoot is also being organized, if anyone is interested in participating please phone me as a date will be advised shortly.

Our candlelit Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 2nd October at 5pm not the usual 6pm. Come along and hear the harmonies of the Harbury Children's Choir.

The Church will be open as usual over Heritage weekend and welcomes the Ride and Stride riders.

Jo Spurr – 614431

Chesterton Church Open Weekend

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 10am – 4pm

As some of you may already be aware, due to over running repair work, the planned annual opening of Chesterton Windmill has had to be cancelled but a warm welcome still awaits you at St Giles Church when we open our doors to visitors from near and far as part of the 2011 Heritage Open Weekend.

Come and learn something of the history of this beautiful building or just soak up the atmosphere of its unique setting whilst sampling the home made delights of the tea tent. Villagers and local community groups will be manning their own stalls with donations from the proceeds going to the "Hole in the Wall" fund as we continue to raise money for the repair of a section of dilapidated boundary wall.

On the Saturday evening you're invited to come and join us at the Old New Inn for live music, BBQ and tug of war. All welcome! If anyone would like to have a stall or further details of the weekend please contact Jo Spurr, Church Warden on 01926 614431 or Helen Manley 613907.

Helen Manley



Southam & District Lions

Southam and District Lions present their 40th Annual party for Senior Citizens at Southam College on Saturday 17th September 2011, starting at 2.15pm. All senior citizens are very welcome to join us at this party. Please contact Roger Lane 01926 813075 or Malcolm Jakeway 01926 814294 for details.

Peter Guy

The next Ten Thousand Pounds

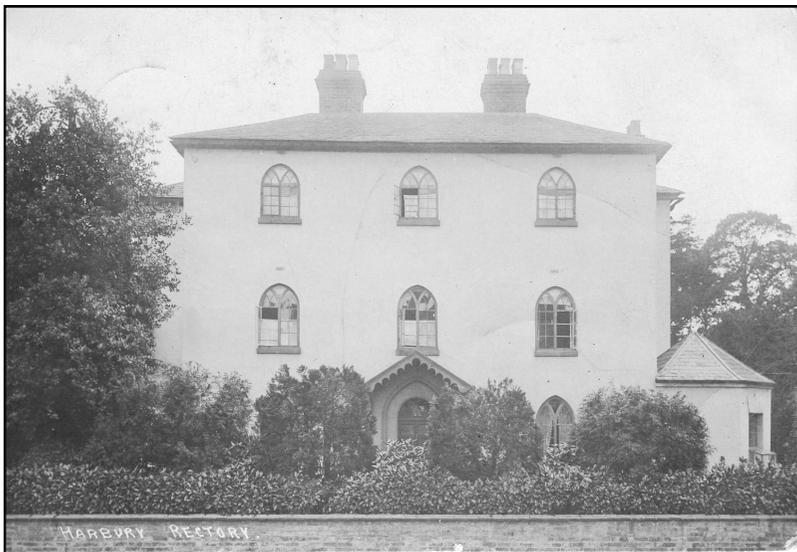
The Tree of Lights isn't just about money, it is mostly about people: the young people in the Acorns Children's Hospice who are helped to have a more comfortable and happier time in their short life; their family, who are supported by Acorns through all the traumas and emotions before and after; the staff and specialists, who make everything better for both.

It is also about the people who are commemorated by the lights which shine on the tree throughout the Season of Christmas and in the Book of Memory in the Library. The Rotary Club of Southam wishes to thank everyone who has made it possible to raise the first ten thousand pounds, but the work must go on. Please support us again this year.

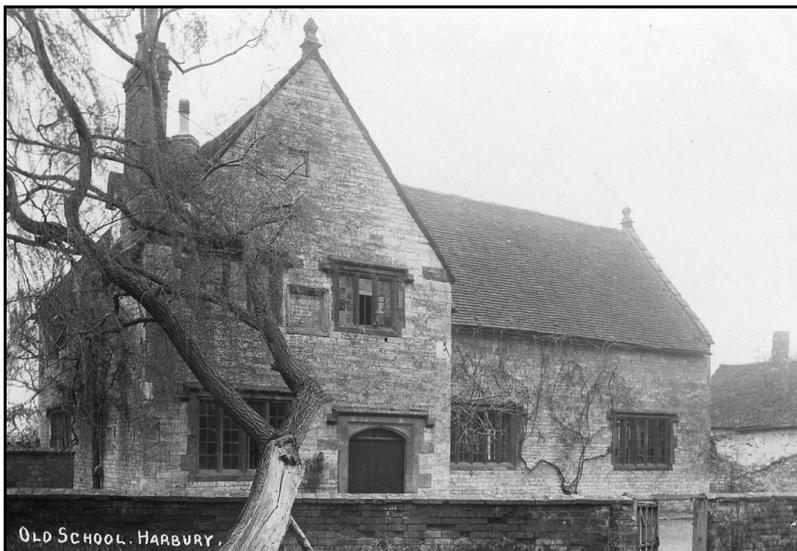
Leaflets giving full details of the Tree, and how to commemorate your loved ones this Christmas, will be available in some local shops and the Southam Library but if any difficulty arises please contact Mike or myself.

Peter. L. Jackson (864234) Mike Gaffney (811028)

The old Harbury Rectory - The current rectory and the two adjacent modern houses in Church Street were built on the site of the former Rectory.



The Wagstaffe School - founded by Thomas Wagstaffe in 1611 and used continuously for educational purposes until 1967.



Pictures submitted by Ken Stephenson



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

The Ellis-Greenway Clan would like to welcome Isabella to our family, born 16th August 2011 weighing 8lbs 12oz.



We would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards and welcome to our new little girl to the lovely village of Harbury.

Love

Karena, Thomas, Claudia, Clarice, Carmen & Isabella

Dear Editors

May I, through this magazine, say a very big thank you to all my Harbury friends for their wonderful gifts, cards and good wishes. They have all made this birthday, a very happy and memorable occasion.

Again many, many thanks.

Pam Parton

Dear Editors

Mary Lou Milner thanks all those generous people who contributed to the success of the Coffee Morning held at Beryl Checkley's house on 10th August. The sum of £302 was raised and has been sent to the Disasters' Emergency Committee to benefit the suffering people of East Africa.

Beryl Checkley

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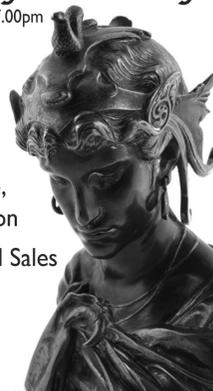
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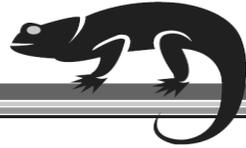


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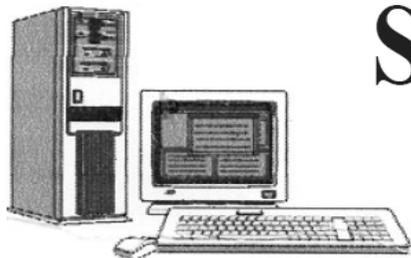
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