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## Editorial

The clocks have recently changed and the dark nights are upon us. We have had timely reminders to park considerately and to be wary of potentially bogus door to door sellers. Articles appear in the Harbury general section.

With Christmas fast approaching there are a number of village festive events in the pipeline. Details are available in the magazine. As in previous years, we will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity than send individual Christmas cards. Please submit these to the magazine by 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Thespians in Ladbroke presented a short Greek Tragedy at the recent Harvest Supper and, later this month Harbury Theatre Group, will be staging the Wizard of Oz, on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## Harbury Diary

### NOVEMBER

- Sat 3 VILLAGE BONFIRE & FIREWORKS AT RECREATION GROUND - Bonfire to be lit at 6.00 and fireworks at 6.30pm  
Bonfire Disco from 7.30pm at Harbury Club. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Sun 4 **IV BEFORE ADVENT**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
All Souls' Service, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00 – 10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 6 Heritage Room open from 6.30pm at Harbury Primary School  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - "Flowers of the Dolomites" - Dr Tony Hughes
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walkers Boddington(4 miles), meet 9.40am behind Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
Mothers' Union A.G.M., 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Ballroom Dancing (beginners 7.30pm), 8.00 - 9.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Movement to Music, 2.00 - 3.00pm, Village Hall  
WI – General Meeting, 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room

- Fri 9 Coffee Morning and packing of Shoe Boxes 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
Friday night Bingo starts at 8.30pm, Harbury Club. All welcome.
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior Citizens  
Craft Fayre, 10.00am – 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Moving Pictures presents 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', doors open 6.30, film starts at 7.00pm in Village Hall (see advert)
- Sun 11 III BEFORE ADVENT**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Remembrance Service, 10.15am  
Act of Remembrance, 11.00am at War Memorial  
Zumba, 9.00 – 10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 13 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walkers Wellesbourne – Walton (3 miles) with optional pub lunch meet 9.40am behind Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing (beginners 7.30pm), 8.00 - 9.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 15 Election of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire Police area 7.00am – 10.00pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
**ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM**
- Fri 16 PTA Quiz Night, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Harbury School Hall  
Friday night Bingo starts at 8.30pm, Harbury Club. All welcome.
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance
- Sun 18 II BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm
- Tues 20 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Harbury Society talk on GWR and Leamington Station improvements at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
- Wed 21 Wednesday Walkers, Hampton on the Hill (4 miles), with coffee stop at the Locks Café. Meet 9.40am behind Village Hall  
Tea, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Ballroom Dancing (beginners 7.30pm), 8.00 - 9.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Coffee Morning in Aid of the RSPCA, 10.30am - 12.30pm at Victorian House, Farm Street  
Thursday Club, 2.00-4.00pm in Village Hall

- Thurs 22 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
5.30PM  
Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The Wizard of Oz' 7.30pm in  
Village Hall (see advert)
- Fri 23 Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The Wizard of Oz' 7.30pm in  
Village Hall  
Friday night Bingo starts at 8.30pm, Harbury Club. All welcome.
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in  
aid of GASS  
Offchurch Christmas Fayre, 11.00am – 3.00pm in Offchurch  
Village Hall  
Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The Wizard of Oz' 2.30pm and  
7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 25 CHRIST THE KING**  
**SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 9.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00 – 10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 27 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 28 Wednesday Walkers probably Frankton area (No more than 4  
miles) - meet 9.40am behind Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing (beginners 7.30pm), 8.00 - 9.30pm in  
Village Hall
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Movement to Music, 2.00 - 3.00pm, Village Hall  
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30 - 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Fri 30 Southam Christmas Lights Switch on, 6.00pm  
Friday night Bingo starts at 8.30pm, Harbury Club. All welcome.

**DECEMBER**

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in  
aid of Ladbroke Church  
Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm at Village Hall  
Southam Lions Santa and Sleigh visits Harbury between 3.30pm  
– 8.15pm
- Sun 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Advent Songs of Praise, 4.00pm
- Tues 4 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Heritage Room open from 6.30pm at Harbury Primary School  
Horticultural Society "Festive Fun", 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 5 Wednesday Walkers, Canals in Warwick (5 miles), meet 9.40am behind Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room: "Craft for Christmas"  
Ballroom Dancing (beginners 7.30pm), 8.00 - 9.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury Art Group, "A Winter Workshop" Watercolour & Colour Pencil plus bring and Share Christmas buffet 1.00 - 12.00pm in Scout Hut  
Music to Movement, 2.00 - 3.00pm, Village Hall  
Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Club, 8.00pm at the Village Club
- Fri 7 Friday night Bingo starts at 8.30pm, Harbury Club. All welcome.
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis  
Senior Citizens Christmas Party, 5.00 for 5.30pm in Village Hall

<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>				
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury</b>	<b>Ladbroke</b>	<b>Collection Week</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	7	8	9	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	14	15	16	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	21	22	23	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	28	29	30	<b>Grey Bin</b>
<b>Dec</b>	5	6	7	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	12	12	14	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	19	20	21	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>

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	<b>All Saints HARBURY</b>	

### **Remembering the lives that were taken**

Remembrance Day is a time to remember not only those who died in the two World Wars, but also more recent conflicts and those who still suffer the effects of war.

For the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, many people will wear a poppy as a sign of remembrance; the money raised from the poppy sales helps those who were wounded in war and their families. In churches and even in places like supermarkets, people will keep silent for two minutes at 11 o'clock on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day as a sign of respect. The poppy reminds us of the poppies that grew in the fields where much of the fighting in the First World War took place.

A Canadian doctor, John McCrae, wrote a poem, when caring for wounded soldiers which begins: "In Flanders' fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row." After the war, in 1921, imitation poppies were first sold in Britain to help children in areas that had suffered from the fighting. Later, poppies were sold by the British Legion to help disabled ex-servicemen and their families.

Nowadays, the poppies are made at the British Legion's Poppy Factory at Richmond, Surrey. A team of more than sixty people, most of them disabled, work all year to make more than 34 million poppies, 750,000 remembrance crosses and nearly 100,000 wreaths, including those laid at the Cenotaph in London.

A young person was once talking to an old soldier. Hoping to please the old man, he said: "I suppose the poppies are to remember the soldiers who gave up their lives in the fighting." The old soldier replied: "No, nobody gave up anything. Their lives were taken in the crudest possible manner. That's what you shouldn't forget."

So, as we remember again this year, we give thanks to God for all that was taken from so many for our freedom and future.

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

14th October

Ruby Jane Foster



### From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Will**

Our family communion service was led by Lesley and Elaine who provided a wonderful visual reminder of who Jesus said He was. White boxes with question marks on them were placed around Church which children were encouraged to find and bring up to the front. Inside each of the boxes was an object, eg a loaf of bread, which was correctly interpreted as "I am the Bread of Life". I particularly liked the road unrolled down the chancel for "I am

the Way". I believe all of us, young and old, found a lot to think, and be reminded of, in this service.

Repairs and refurbishments are continuing apace. The boiler chimney has been repointed. Part of the choir vestry floor has now been repaired which means we can progress with re-jigging this space to provide more much needed storage. The refurbishment of the toilets in the Tom Hauley room continues and we apologise for any inconvenience caused to those using the room.



## Mothers' Union

**Sue Boniface**

At our October meeting, our speaker was Sheila Short. Sheila encouraged us to think about the gifts we used during each day; even quite simple activities such as cooking a meal or walking the dog may be seen in this light. She led us through a typical day, suggesting how it might be punctuated by prayer at home and at work. In God's eyes, everything that we do has a value and we should remember this.

Our November meeting (7<sup>th</sup>) will be our AGM. After the business has been concluded, we look forward to an interesting time of reminiscence. Members are requested to bring 'a captured moment' in the form of a photograph of a significant person or event in their life. As always, Mothers' Union meetings are open to all. We commence with an optional communion service in the Tom Hauley Room at 2.00pm followed by our meeting at 2.30pm.



## First Light

**Alison Abbott**

Last month one of our regular "members" was 80 so we took maturity for our theme and concluded that the best age to be was however old you are. It doesn't matter if you are 8 or 88 there is fun to be had and life to be lived. We **all** had a fun time getting our hands covered in paint and using hand prints to paint a picture of a golden eagle. (We took a photo which should be on the Harbury Church website, so go and take a look.) This reminded us that as the prophet Isaiah wrote:

For even young people tire and drop out,  
 young folk in their prime stumble and fall.  
 But those who wait upon GOD get fresh strength.  
 They spread their wings and soar like eagles,  
 They run and don't get tired,  
 they walk and don't lag behind.

Our theme in November is "Who cares?" Everyone is welcome, whatever their age, as we meet together in the Tom Hauley Room for an informal and fun look at caring for each other. We serve coffee and tea from just after 10.00am and would love to see you, but there are no hand prints this month!

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

John Travis provided great entertainment at the first meeting of our new programme talking about something that started with a birthday present but that has now turned into a real passion – belonging to a Horse Racing Club. Going along to a stud farm, receiving weekly updates of all the horses owned by the club, having an interest in a horse that is running and meeting the trainers and jockeys are all pleasures John has experienced and he had great pleasure in telling us all about!

Andrew Patrick is our speaker on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November and he will be explaining how a lifelong ambition turned into a fulfilling experience – cycling along the roof of France. No doubt there were a few spills and thrills on the way which we will find out more about on the evening.

In December (6<sup>th</sup>) Gail Allison will be talking on the Social Effects of Addiction. Addictions come in many guises but whatever that may be, the impact and effect can be huge to the individual and those around them. Gail will provide an interactive and challenging evening talking about her experiences working in this field.

Our meetings are always on the first Thursday of each month starting at 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley room. All new comers will be made very welcome. Please do come and join us or contact John Guilford (614206) or John Stringer (613214).

**John Guilford (Co-Chair)**

## **Church Lychgate Notice Boards**

As no doubt you'll have noticed(!) these boards have been oversubscribed in recent months with the result that some notices have flapped in the summer breeze and others have flown down Church Street, propelled by the summer gales! In view of this, it would be good now to review the use of this space and also to consider the following points:

- The policy has always been not to display commercial advertisements.
- In the past, it has been the practice to post Church notices on the right as you enter the Lychgate and all others on the left. There will be new reminders to this effect.

- In view of the limited space, we feel we need to give priority to users of the Tom Hauley Room and to events and activities directly related to village organisations.
- Latterly some regular users have posted notices using half A4 paper presented in landscape rather than portrait format. This condensed presentation has in no way detracted from impact and if more people were to adopt it, this would allow at once a more economical and a more generous use of available space.

We do have some requests:

- Please don't fix anything to the oak surrounds as this damages the wood.
- It would be very helpful if you would use your own drawing pins. (Plastic headed pins are unsuitable for outdoor use).
- If you use staples, we'd be very grateful if they were removed when fresh notices are posted. Staples left in do rust and are difficult to remove without snapping.
- Laminating permanent and semi permanent notices really helps.

Please don't see these points as unwelcoming, draconian, or pernickety. We simply want to make this space effective for and attractive to all. Any suggestions, queries, or problems, please contact Floss Harris 612395.

**Felicity Harris**

## **Songs of Praise – Hymns with Passion and Power - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 4pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury**

Make a note in your diary and come and join us to sing your favourite hymns. Enter your choice on the list in Church or phone Sue and Dave Cooke on 01926 614692 by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We will sing the most popular ones chosen and there will be refreshments in the Tom Hauley Room afterwards.

**Dave Cooke**

# Ladbroke News & Diary

## **NOVEMBER**

<b>Sun 4</b>	<b>IV BEFORE ADVENT</b> Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
Tues 6	Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed 7	Pilates, 10am, Village Hall
Thurs 8	Safer Neighbourhood Team (Police) Surgery, 1.30pm, Village Hall Open Meeting about Village Facilities, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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- Sat 10 Traditional Race Night with chicken and chip supper, 7.30pm  
in Village Hall
- Sun 11 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – III BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am  
Remembrance Day Service with laying of wreaths, 3.00pm
- Mon 12 Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Tues 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Wed 14 Pilates, 10.00am, Village Hall
- Thurs 15 Voting for Police Commissioner in Village Hall
- Sat 17 Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 18 II BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am
- Wed 21 Pilates, 10.00am, Village Hall  
Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 22 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY PHARMACY  
OR E-MAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM  
Women's Institute, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 24 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 25 CHRIST THE KING**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am
- Wed 28 Pilates, 10.00am, Village Hall
- Thurs 29 Safer Neighbourhood Team (Police) Surgery, 1.30pm in  
Village Hall  
Millennium Green AGM, 8.00pm, Village Hall

## DECEMBER

- Sat 1 Ladbroke Church Coffee Morning/Christmas Fayre, 10am in  
**Tom Hauley Room, Harbury**  
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Tues 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 5 Pilates, 10am, Village Hall
- Fri 7 Ladbroke Christmas Party, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 8 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

Harvest Festival was a very happy service made special by the attendance of families with small children and the christening service for Ava. The toy chest was well and truly made use of by all ages. The flowers decorating the Church were as always a pleasure to see, a reminder of the beauty around us. The choir and their contribution to the service made it particularly enjoyable. The produce given at the service was donated to Castel Froma.

The Harvest Supper was attended by 56 diners who enjoyed a two course meal consisting of Poulet Bonne Femme followed by trifle. They were entertained by a one act Greek tragedy and an amusing letter on The Perils of the Pulpit. This year also featured a testing quiz relating to the history of harvest time. Many thanks go to all the excellent cooks and suppliers of raffle prizes. £550 was raised for church funds.

Ladbroke Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 11th November at 3.00pm at All Saints' Church. This will be a very moving service with various organisations from the village taking part.

In place of the Christmas Fayre this year, the Church will be holding a Christmas themed coffee morning in Harbury at the Tom Hauley room on Saturday 1st December 10.00am - 12.00pm. Donations and help needed please.

On Wednesday 12th December at 7.00pm Father Craig will be hosting carols at the Bell Inn Ladbroke. A great starter for the Christmas Season. Hope to see you there in fine voice, with lubrication from the bar.

## From the Registers

### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Ladbroke*

7th October      Ava Madison Barker

### *Funeral at All Saints' Ladbroke*

9th October      Beryl Ross

## Ladbroke Annual Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Supper took place in the Village Hall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. About 50 of us came together in the evening to celebrate the bounteous season when crops have once again been safely gathered in.

On our arrival, an array of slow cookers were bubbling merrily away in the kitchen containing *poulet bonne femme* (literally 'chicken good wife') – a tasty casserole of chicken and vegetables in sauce prepared by our local masterchefesses. The resulting aroma foretelling a delicious supper.

Seated at our allotted tables, proceedings commenced with Craig, our vicar, praying a special Farmer's Grace. This was followed by Sue Lord, one of our churchwardens, making us all chuckle by reciting the humorous

monologue 'Perils of Leaving the Pulpit' - after which we tucked into the aforementioned chicken casserole.

Whilst we digested our first course, Alan Lord presented a Harvest Supper quiz. All the questions had a historical harvest theme and proved to be a bit a challenge for some of us. Respect must therefore go to Kevin and his mum Beryl for snatching a narrow victory over Collette and Derek on a tie-break question.



Time came for the pudding which turned out to be some rather yummy trifles with plenty left over for second helpings. Having now been well fed, we came to the main part of the entertainment. This was introduced as a Greek tragedy, and was found to involve 10 villagers whose roles were respectively a waterfall, a tree, the wind, the sun, a wall, a sheep, a shepherd, a princess, a king, and a narrator. The 'play' having a simple plot which included a romantic interest and three deaths – a bit like 'Midsomer Murders' but not as long (and without the adverts).



After coffee and mints, but before the end of the proceedings, our resident Church organist (and sometime keyboard player with the Ladbroke Rockers), Kate Pickin, was presented with a huge floral display in recognition of her faithful service in providing the music for All Saints Church. Well done, Kate!

As we finally tumbled out of the Village Hall into the night we agreed that the evening was once again a resounding success. Thanks must go to all who were involved in organising the event, the entertainment, and providing the delicious food. I'm already looking forward to next year's.

**David Wright**



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Jackie West

Our October meeting was the AGM so we looked back over the last year. We remembered with affection Catherine, Hazel and Beryl, the fun of various celebrations: the Jubilee, Olympics and our own 40th anniversary party and also the wide range of meetings and outings that had happened in the last 12 months. A huge thank you was expressed to the committee for all their hard work in organising meetings, events and fund raising to make it all possible. As the committee members were all prepared to stand again and no other volunteers, there was no need for a vote on this but, to abide with WI rules, we followed a strange procedure to elect one of them our President before we could welcome Sue Moore back for another year in this role.

After cheese and wine and a chat with our friends, Sue told us about a range of forthcoming activities available for members, ranging from a free two hour First Aid course (in Ladbroke Village Hall, date to be arranged), an exclusive WI Christmas Shopping Evening at Hatton on Thursday 29th November, the WI Area Carol Service at St Wulstan's Catholic Church, Southam on Tuesday 11th December and our next two meetings: a talk entitled "Little Known Warwickshire" by Alan Winterborn on 22nd November and a Christmas Social on 6th December.



## Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr



**Bass Player by Mike Todman**

What a lot of interesting faces - from girls to grans and kids to cats! Our October meeting was all about portraits. We had a session back in March when Angela Neale showed us how to take portrait shots and the pictures on show in the competition this month demonstrated that her teaching had born fruit. We had nearly thirty entries and there were plenty of potential winners amongst them. Once the voting was over the people's choices were: large prints by Andy Pittaway and Jennie Daniels and small prints by Edward Daniels and Richard Crompton. When the tension and excitement had died down we projected the images onto the screen so that each photographer could explain how their shot

was taken and everyone could comment. There was a lot of discussion about pose, lighting and apertures - and even what a portrait is.

Jackie West showed us her progress in making a photo book from members' pictures. It is looking good and there was still space for lots more photographs so we were all encouraged to go home and look out more of our favourites. The finished book should be ready later this year.

Finally, last month's article promised a flavour of the action from the club's outing to a polo match. Here is a fine action shot by Tony Mancell.



**Officer and Friend by  
Jennie Daniels**



**Polo Match by Tony Mancell**

Our next meeting will be about Abstracts, on Tuesday 6th November in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you are at all interested in photography, whatever your experience, you are welcome to come along.

More information from  
j a c k i e s z o n e -  
photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



## Ladbroke General Section

### **A Tribute to Beryl Ross 1922 – 2012**

We said a fond farewell to our dear friend at her funeral on 9<sup>th</sup> October at All Saints' Church, Ladbroke. The Church was full; it isn't often that a church is full (150 approximately) of so many people when someone dies aged 90 years. That is in itself a tribute to Beryl Ross.

To everyone who knew her, she was their friend. Everyone was welcomed at Field Farm with tea or coffee and a piece of Beryl's homemade cake (I'm afraid for the last year it's only been a biscuit – we still went anyway).

She was a farmer to the very end, having run Field Farm on her own since husband Jim died in 1971. Her daughter Mary and her husband Peter and

lately their son Ted have been managing the farm for many years now. That does not mean that Beryl “put her feet up”. There was always a lunch ready for “the men” at lunch time; that was after she had been shepherding especially at lambing time and feeding orphaned lambs.

Beryl was a Church member and helped to keep it clean, a founder of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge Women’s Institute and a member of the Women’s Fellowship until it ceased in 2006. There were always Beryl’s cakes at Fetes and coffee mornings and also minced pies at the Carol Service refreshments. She will be much missed whenever someone is needed to run a raffle stall. Her daughter Mary will be donating the basket that Beryl used to fold raffle tickets into to the village so we can remember Beryl when we have any raffles.

This is a very sad year for our community losing three of its most ardent supporters Catherine, Hazel and now Beryl.

We have very fond memories of all three and we now offer comfort and support to Beryl’s family, Mary, Peter, Ted, Jessica and Bjorn, Caroline and Eamon and the grandchildren.

**Betty Winkfield**

## **Meetings for Ladbroke Residents**

There are a number of public meetings this month to which all village residents are invited. All of them take place in the Village Hall. Please support them if you can.

**Public Meeting about Village Facilities** on Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm, which has the following objectives:

- To establish current circumstances and opportunities for the village
- To identify purposes and desired end results
- To identify what has to be done
- To create an Action Plan

**Village Hall AGM** on Monday 12th November at 7.30pm.

**Millennium Green AGM** on Thursday 29th November at 8pm. For more information contact Martin Neal, 01926 812668.

**Jackie West**

## **Ladbroke Chicken Supper and Traditional Race Night - Saturday, 10th November**

Ever seen horses racing through a Village Hall? You will if you come and join in! With more participation than ever, this promises to be a great evening.

Chicken suppers will be served (with vegetarian and kids' options) and there will be a licensed bar. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 for adults, £4 for under 12s. Call 815004 or 812668 for more information and booking.

**Kip Warr**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Christmas Party**

It's Christmas party time again and following last year's very successful event, Ladbroke Village Hall trustees would like to invite you to this year's Christmas Party on Friday 7th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Enjoy an evening of good company, food and music played by the popular Ladbroke Rockers. Tickets will be £10 and available from Village Hall trustees or telephone 01926 817312 or 01926 815196.

**Margaret Bosworth**

## **Ladbroke Christmas Cards**

While you are thinking ahead to Christmas, cards with a picture of Ladbroke Church from a painting by local artist Malcolm Wray are now available, costing £4 for a pack of 10. All profits will go to All Saints' Church, Ladbroke. Please contact me at Church, around the village or phone 810331 if you are interested in buying some.

**Jackie West**

## **Pilates**

The beginners/intermediate Pilates class on a Wednesday morning continues. If you would like to join in the next 5 weekly course (costing £35) which starts on 21st November please contact Kate Taylor by emailing [ktpilates@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ktpilates@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07748 262866.

**Jackie West**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**

£80	Simon and Jackie West	£50	Helen Ballard
£25	Jonathan Ford	£10	John and Heather Wright
£10	Pat Kennedy	£10	Gwyn Badman
£10	Pete Edgar	£10	Peter Loftus

**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](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) or obtained from the Parish Clerk Tel: 01926 614646*

An interesting meeting at which the Parish Council faced up to some dilemmas and side-stepped decisions on others.

### Public Participation

The Windmills Nursery, based at the School petitioned for a grant to increase the size of their Outdoor School Canopy and the ladies were quizzed by Councillors on who owned the facility and how they would cover any funding shortfall. The PC had indicated to previous groups they had funded that they could come back at the end of the year for more money if there was any left in the pot and so did not want to spend all they had - yet. After agonising they agreed to give the Nursery £1K.

Tejay from WCC explained she had the (unenviable) task of trying to “engage” Parish Councils in the Localisation Agenda, but had only until March to make progress. It was not certain that the Councillors really appreciated what was involved but they are kind people and agreed to be party to this initiative. Good luck lass!

**Library** - Following an extra-ordinary meeting, the Parish Council has at last agreed to the Library lease conditions and hopes now to sub-let the premises to the Library Group.

Tim Lockey who is both Parish and Library Chairman reported the Library was doing well, generating £50-70 per session from the Café (enough to more than cover its costs, so the Parish’s funding guarantee should not be needed this year). They intended to refurbish the kitchen and purchase new Café chairs.

The facility was now open six days a week including Saturday. The Café will be closed on Thursday afternoon but open on Saturday morning. This caused some concern as it could be in direct competition with the long-standing fund- raising Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

You can now experience “Coffee and Coppers” on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December as the local police will be in the Library for contact with residents.

**Stratford District** - Cllr Hamburger reported that the District had paid consultants for various reports for the Core Strategy and that the ecological elements were provided by WCC who would soon be digitising the details of the County’s wildlife sites for public viewing.

He was asked whether the recent and pending housing developments in Harbury would count towards the total we would have to provide and was unable to give an answer; claiming, as is true, that Government had opened up the countryside to developers.

**Deppers Bridge** - Parish Councillor Ekins reported that a camera survey of the problem sewer had revealed it to be in such a very poor condition that jetting was not an option. Severn Trent was now deciding whether to adopt the system. Cllr Hamburger claimed that “now everything is moving”.

**Planning** - The Parish Council made “no representation” on applications for extensions at 5 Vicarage Lane and 9 Wagstaffe Close; and a replacement garage and block paving at 13-15 Mill Street.

Stratford granted permission with conditions for conversion work to form four dwellings at Harbury Fields Farm; a timber garage at Orchard House, Hall Lane and alterations to create changing rooms and a stage at the Village Hall.

They refused an application for “mobile security accommodation” at an “equestrian training and horse sanctuary” at the bottom of Bull Ring Lane, which they name Bull Ring Farm Road. The site has a complicated history and the Parish Council found difficulty in determining what was allowed there.

There followed a long debate about the lack of time given by SDC for the PC to consider an application for a bungalow at the Old New Inn. They had but three weeks to determine their response and might therefore have to hold yet another extra meeting.

Alison Biddle, Clerk, carefully put to them the realities faced by SDC Planners who themselves only had eight weeks to determine an application and needed some time to “validate” it – ensure that all the paperwork was correct, and could not change their schedule to fit those of all their 120 Parish Councils.

**Properties - Repairs** After much debate, Cllrs agreed to accept the quote from DT Leisure for work on the BMX Track, once they were assured that it would not begin until the new financial year! Repairs to the multiplay equipment, rocking horse and skatepark were in train.

Goalposts were much more of a dilemma! Those used by the Junior Football Club were reported to be in a poor state and Cllrs were concerned they might be a danger to players. But the Club had applied for a grant to replace them and the PC did not want to spend our money if the Club was going to get its grant.

They discussed a variety of stop-gap measures from temporary repairs to taking the goalposts away. Sharon Hancock advocated raiding the reserves to replace the posts and to temporarily remove them. The Club would be warned of the concerns and asked if they could rearrange their fixtures whilst

the PC tries to determine if their grant application to WCC Cllr Bob Steven's fund will be successful.

**Car Park** - The parking spaces are to be re-marked (bet you didn't realise they were marked at all!). Colin Sheasby has recommended that the Memorial Oak sapling be added to the trees that line the east side of the car park and a plaque will be placed by the tree. The Council approved £2845 for Mr Sheasby to undertake essential tree work this year.

**Key Holders** - A sign is to be erected on the car park listing those who hold keys for the bollards at the top of the car park so that in an emergency they can be removed to allow access by the emergency services. So far so good.

But it was pointed out that those key holders do not have the key to the car park gate which is closed at night and not opened until 9am. Then there is the plate which goes over the dragon's teeth to allow wider vehicles into the fields. That appears to be held by Cllr Pat Summers.

After much debate the Council rejected the suggestion that users should have sets of keys, but did not really resolve the problem of how to make the fields easily accessible in emergency situations. The Chair said the Air Ambulance might have to be called!

**Dog Fouling** - Discussion of a resident's complaints about the amount of dog faeces on the playing fields was realistic about what could be achieved. As Tim Lockey pointed out – to have much impact would require lots of volunteers willing to police the fields, and that was unlikely to happen.

**Allotments** - Some repairs to the access track had been undertaken by the householder who was allegedly responsible for the damage. Cllr Ekins reported that more vehicles seemed to be using the track and the bad weather had exacerbated the problems – it was not so bad in the dry.

The Chairman agreed that the repairs had made the track better but there were still sizeable potholes and he thought the resident might be asked to do some more work, possibly with hardcore or road planings.

In response to a resident's complaints about the track the Chairman said it had never had a good surface and the Council could not expect it to be made perfect. It was agreed to await the outcome of Cllr Summers' discussions.

**Lighting** - Cllr Lewis' suggestions for improving the lighting in Bush Heath Lane were accepted by her fellow Councillors who also approved the siting of lights on the Hereburgh Way extension. The Council also endorsed her recommendation for the replacement over the next two years of the six remaining concrete lampposts.

**Improvements** - Harbury won't get a tourist sign for the Library Café as it does not meet the criteria but the PC might consider putting their own direction sign on the playing fields' car park where many walkers and visitors would see it.

A request for a litter bin on South Parade was discussed but the Cllrs favoured finding bigger, possibly recycling, bins for outside the Supermarket.

**Surface Flooding** - The County reported that extra gullies in Penelope Close would only increase the pressure on the sewer further down the estate and that no blockage had been found in the system in Margaret Close.

**Traffic Calming** - The County had agreed to paint "Crocodile Teeth" on the road surface in Bush Heath Lane to warn motorists of the 30mph limit. Cllrs agreed to spend £200 hiring the Speed Aware Sign for Butt Lane to try to cut speeds there.

**Other items - One Way System** - Cllrs reported that lorries were going the wrong way up Hall Lane. The Clerk pointed out the sign and road markings at the Crown Street/Hall Lane junction had faded.

**Biffa** - Cllr Patrick reported households were being urged **NOT** to wrap food placed in their green bins. Her colleagues protested that they had been previously told this must be done. But things have changed so don't do it now!

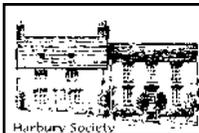
**Next Meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.30pm, Venue to be arranged, but not in the Village Hall!

## Harbury Parish Council - Quarterly Report

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Discussed with Linfoot Homes about an additional street light on Bush Heath Lane
- Agreed alterations and repairs to the BMX track
- Authorised repairs in the play area
- Completed the lease negotiations for the Library
- Made a grant to Windmills Nursery

**Tim Lockley**  
Chairman, Harbury Parish Council



**Harbury Society**

**Linda Ridgley**

The Society had a fascinating evening at the Archive Room at the School where Nigel Chapman and his volunteers had provided an extensive display on the Great Western Railway as a taster for our talk on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November about the refurbishment of Leamington Station.

I can thoroughly recommend a visit to the Archive Room, which is open on the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. There is a wealth of information, photos and records about village life and everyone is being



encouraged to lend or donate items of their own. At present, Nigel is seeking copies of School class photos, particularly for the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

Coincidentally I received today a wonderful letter from Brenda Gibbons (aged 84) who was evacuated here during the Second World War and whose Grandmother (a Watts who married Howard Bustin) and other family members (including Jane Bustin, the School Headmistress) were born here. Her letter has fascinating information about the village and villagers and I shall be passing it on to Nigel for inclusion in the Archives.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Another month has shot by but there have been some interesting things to keep us going.

The W.I Harvest Supper was most enjoyable and Dorothy Travis and her committee must be thanked for their hard work. Needless to say, the food was delicious.

Then Dorothy Groves asked Vince Williams to come and speak on Mountain Search and Rescue and it was absolutely fantastic. He spoke of all the different services that they take part in, even in suburbia. Their equipment is first class and the whole service excellent. Their group is stationed in South Wales and they have recently helped in a search. Vince does not do so much now but works on training and raising funds for Mountain Rescue which they thoroughly deserve.

Our guest speaker in October was Simon Read telling us about chocolate. Being a chocolate maker, he told us about the history of chocolate whilst making the chocolate that he uses to cover chocolate fillings etc.

As he said, good brands are so good for you and chocolate is even used in the medical field, but when he said in suppositories we did not continue! When he had made the chocolate he then broke it into pieces and the samples soon disappeared. Some members also purchased chocolates he had brought.

Just a reminder to members to put your names on the list for the Pantomime on Wednesday 2nd January.

The Group Carol Service is on Tuesday 11th December at the Catholic Church, Southam.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 8th November, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room – General Meeting.



As I sat down to write this article a worrying thought sprang into my mind. I have only another seven rehearsals to run for “**Wizard of Oz**” before we move into the Village Hall! This time next month we will be doing it for real!

Should I be panicking? No I don't think so. All appears to be going to plan at present. As director I can never get over confident, there are too many details to take into account for that, but I have a superb team working away behind me.

All over Harbury people are “beavering” away to make this a success. Our carpentry team are making revolving bridges, and ground flats, the wardrobe ladies are producing Munchkin costumes by the dozen. (Not forgetting Lion costumes, Scarecrows etc.). Our sound man is constructing weird noises on his computer. The lighting plot is being worked out. The Art department are planning the creation of backdrops and scenery. Tickets, posters and programmes are being printed. It's incredible the amount of work that has to be done just to support a few actors on stage!

The actors are going to make me a proud man. They are a first class bunch with not a weak link among the lot of them. (And that includes the new faces on stage.) Scripts are down in most cases and we have reached the point where they need very little direction. They just need the confidence of knowing it backwards.

Then, of course, there is the music. We have only done a full musical once before. It has never been our line of expertise. You can never take on something like this without a very confident Musical Director. Now we have found one. Joy Russell is working wonders. With the help of Simon on the piano all the principals have been put through their paces and all songs are

being learnt. Listening to Jo sing “Over the Rainbow” can send shivers down my spine, I love it.

However, wait until you hear the children. They are going to bring tears to your eyes. The way rehearsals are going at the moment I am confident that they are going to be that good. I may be biased but I think that this is a show that you can't afford to miss.

And that brings me to my final point. Due to the number of children we have in the cast we suspect that tickets are going to be in short supply. They are going to go on general release at “Country Fayre” and “Cana Wines” on 3<sup>rd</sup> November (or phone 613488). So please, if you are planning to come, don't leave it too late to place your order. You may be disappointed.



The theme for the 335<sup>th</sup> Folk Club was “The Garden” and it seemed to be a popular choice with lots of flowers and vegetables mentioned! This was the first meeting of the club in our new venue and we were made very welcome.

Sue and Ian began with “The Rose of Allandale” and “Down by the Willow Garden” Rick followed up with “John Riley” and “Secret Gardens”. Maureen and Janny continued with “Bushes and Briars” and “Cupid's Garden”. Pete and Liz sang “Crazy Man Michael” and “Just Like the Ivy”. Peter Mason followed with “Peppers and Tomatoes” and “A Place Called England”. Terry, Anne and Ray were next - it was Anne and Ray's first performance - Anne sang “Down by the Sally Gardens” with Ray playing guitar and Terry playing Pan Pipes. Des closed the first half with a poem he had written called “The Witch” and then we all joined in with “Hopping Down in Kent” and “The Cherry Tree Carol”.

The Choir opened the second half with the very moving song “Weeping” and then the very challenging “Whose Pigs are These?” Peter McDonald stayed in the limelight for “Garden Valley” and “Red is the Rose”. Sue and Ted continued and had us all counting potatoes with “One Potatoe” followed by “The Farmer's Toast”. It was good to see Mick Bisiker visit the club again and he sang “The Downhills of Life” and “The Way on the Aran Canal”. Terry, on his own this time, sang “Georgie Buck” and “The Last thing on my Mind”. Pete Grassby was next with “There are Bad Times Just Around the Corner” and “The Green Mantle”. Keith closed the second half with “In the Dreamtime” and “Seasons Flow Just Like the Tide”.

The third half saw the return of Des singing “Down Below” followed by Pete Grassby playing the melodeon and then Peter McDonald closed the evening with “Another Train”.

The raffle raised £51.00 for Myton Hospice. Thank you to everyone who performed and to the audience for joining us in our new venue. We hope to see you all again next month when the theme will be "The Weather".

## Harbury Folk Club Autumn Concert

The Village Hall was again filled to capacity for the latest Harbury Folk Club event "an evening of music hall and traditional music" held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. All the tickets had been snapped up two weeks before the event, and the decorated hall was ready for an evening of "melodic exuberance".

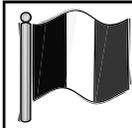


A number of the performers dressed in Victorian costumes, not least of all our resplendent MC Debbie Ellis who introduced "a plethora of talent, proficiency and adroitness for the commonality to enjoy". The "vocal capacity and multitudinous musicality" of the 21 local performers showcased an "engaging congenial enormity" of material and tasteful props. The Harbury Folk Club Choir "with indomitable and mesmerising theatricality" closed the evening

with the audience in full voice joining in the medley of musical hall songs.

I would like to thank the many people who so freely gave their time to make the evening such a success. The performers would like to say a big thank you to our very appreciative audience. We made a profit of £702.16 which has been donated to the Harbury Village Hall.

**Doug Freeman**



**Harbury Twinning Association**

**Tony Thomas**

In November we mark the end of our season with our Annual General Meeting and immediately start our new season with a cheese and wine supper which follows the meeting.

This has again been a prosperous and harmonious year for the Association with the usual celebrations and fund raising events. The highlight was our bi-annual visit to Samoio-sur-Seine to meet up with our many friends from across the channel and we are now busily making plans for the return visit in May.

All current members, past members and anyone else interested in joining or finding out what we are about are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting in the Tom Hauley Rooms on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.00 pm.



**Harbury Juniors Football**

**Steve Darby**

### **Under 7's: Steve Darby**

During this last month, the team numbers have grown and we now have 15 boys on the register as we welcome Alfie, Jack, Euan, Harrison and Jethro to the team. We continue to focus on improving individual decision making with most of the boys now understanding the concept of, "dribble when you can, pass when you have to". In addition, many of them also grasp the importance of being in space on the pitch so that they have time to think when they receive the ball.

We soon hope to be playing friendly small sided games against Tysoe, Kineton and Byfield as part of the Three Counties League.

Congratulations go to Joe, Euan, Matthew and Sam for winning Player of the week over the last month where each one of them has made some very good decisions during training.

### **Under 10's Colts Match Reports: Steve Burnell**

#### **Lawford Utd Colts 4 v 2 Harbury (League Cup 29th September 2012)**

This game saw Harbury Colts as the early leaders of their division, albeit that we knew that our first real test may come today in the form of Lawford who had finished strongly last year. Harbury started brightly and dominated play throughout. Millie T and Joe D kept things firm in the rear quarters while a big midfield battle was taking place. Lawford had some very big guys in their team and Beau S, Josh B and Oscar B had their work cut out. As time progressed, Harbury had the best of the running, with a good passing game and had several attempts on goal through Beau S, Josh B and Luca W, however had not made the most of their chances. While the Lawford side were dominant at times, they did not really threaten, albeit it was end to end stuff for much of the first half. After some good play through the midfield, Oscar B broke through and stuck home convincingly to take Harbury into an early lead. From the KO, Lawford came back again and both teams battled well but panic in the rear quarters saw Harbury concede a soft goal to level proceedings just before half time. As the second half progressed both teams battled well. Morgan F was tackling well and chasing the loose ball as did Jack D, Beau S, Oscar B and Josh B were putting in some big tackles in the mid field, a place where the game could be won or lost. As time passed Harbury broke again when the ball went from the defence to Oscar B to Beau S then back again, onto Luca W back to Beau S to Luca W again who struck

the ball convincingly into the net to shock the home team into being 2 - 1 down against their lower league visitors. After the KO, both teams battled again and some good football was played but it could be seen that Lawford were beginning to turn the screw. The opposition advanced on a few more occasions and again did not really threaten but again, panic between players led to them getting back on level terms once again and one more to make it 3 - 2 to the home team. Whilst Harbury continued to battle they seemed to tire after making most of the early running and within minutes to spare a gifted midfielder cut in side and struck the ball with speed and accuracy that broke the net to which Jack P could do nothing about having not had much to do for most of the game. As the whistle blew, Harbury looked disappointed, however this was by far their best performance of the season. Harbury battled and matched a very strong and highly rated Lawford side, however panic in the rear quarters had really cost us dearly. The result was in no way a reflection on how we played and Harbury were unlucky not to get anything out of this game. Once again, several players had contributed to a great performance. Particularly Millie T and Oscar B, however Joe D deserved the man of the match today for his constant performance over the past four games at left back. He has played so well for Harbury so far and we have found a little Wayne Bridge in Joe who played mostly in midfield in previous seasons.

### **Baginton Lions 0 v 2 Harbury Colts (League 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012)**

This week saw a return to league action with a visit to Baginton Lions who were new to the Mid Warwickshire League. While Harbury Colts had played very well the week before, they looked forward to putting the disappointment of a cup loss behind them to return to winning ways. Again, the Colts entered the game as league leaders keen to distance themselves from the chasing pack. From the kick off, the Colts started well, making much of the early running although neither team really seemed to get going. Both were strangely lethargic, possibly due to the early start, however both teams battled well, albeit Harbury seemed to have the edge. While Harbury did the job, on a few occasions their opponents made hay for short periods, but this was dealt with easily by Ollie K and Millie T at the back. As play continued, Harbury started to string some passes together and got off one or two shots but again, progress was limited. As time passed, Baginton got a corner which bounced into the box, was un-cleared by the Harbury defence and collided with our post which seemed to be the wake up call Harbury needed. From this point onwards, Harbury started to play football getting the ball down and passing in triangles. Harbury had further attempts on goal, but Lady Luck evaded them in the short term. Then, with minutes to go before half time Oscar B went on one of his trademark runs and with some inter-passing with his team mates struck the ball calmly into the opposition's net to make in 0 - 1 Harbury to come in ahead before the break. As the whistle blew for the second half, Harbury knew that they were in control. Further play between the midfielders was promising with Beau, Josh, Luca and Jack D all linking well on occasion. Millie and the refreshing Joe D again counteracting any potential

oncoming threat and Jack P kept guard of his goal in regimental fashion. Morgan F was introduced at the break and also did well making a nuisance of himself. He got some great tackles in and positively contributed to the passing game, as Harbury continued to grind out the result they required. As time progressed Beau and Luca linked well and Josh helped on the through ball which allowed Beau to strike home convincingly to make it 0 - 2 to Harbury, making the most of this tiresome fixture. Glamorous it was not, likened to watching fireworks from a distance maybe but passionate at times, as Harbury came to Baginton, did the job and went home. Positively we were back to winning ways, we still had maximum league points and Ollie K had excelled himself today. He won every tackle, provided cover for his wing lady Millie T and when winning the ball put it into the midfielders or played line for which he was rightly rewarded with his Man of the Match award. Well done Ollie and well done Harbury Colts.

### **Kenilworth Town Colts 1 v 1 Harbury Colts (League 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012)**

This was anticipated as one of the bigger tests that the colts would face this season away against the highly rated Kenilworth side who did very well last season. From the off, Harbury started the brighter and dominated the play albeit Harbury didn't really seem to get going. With Millie away and Luca injured, Harbury knew they had their work cut out to make an impression today, despite the rain and blustery condition, Harbury dominated the first half they created chances and went close early on through Jack D with only the woodwork to deny him. Beau continued to run the midfield with Morgan F chasing down the ball well and putting in some very influential tackles. Despite our endeavours and Joe and Oscar doing well in the back line letting nothing pass, Harbury went into the break having controlled the game with little to show for their good work. As the second half kicked off again, Harbury started brightly and had much of the play with Beau and Jack D going close again. On one occasion, Josh turned neatly on the half way line and chipped a beautiful ball which curled into the feet of Jack D but again he unfortunately shot wide as it looked as if it just was not going to be Harbury's day. The situation worsened 10 minutes in when Kenilworth had a rare break and blasted the ball at a Harbury defender who could do nothing but to protect himself for which the referee harshly award a penalty. Whilst Jack P got his fingers to the ball, the force of the shot was just too strong, allowing the home team to take the lead. Again, Harbury battled well again from the restart and increased the pressure, Beau, Josh and Oscar all went close on further occasions but Lady Luck was playing away today. Harbury had all of the play, continued to break well and forced many corners coming from Oscar's many breaking runs but Harbury seemed to be making very hard work of this outing. As time passed, Harbury pushed again and were awarded yet another corner. Josh B stepped up to take it and hit the ball with the outside of his foot with power and swerved forcing the ball across the goal line which then took a cruel deflection whereupon the ball found its way into the Kenilworth goal, recompensing them for the harsh penalty earlier maybe, but Lady Luck

returned briefly and provided Harbury with a get out of jail card. Jack D went close once more, again the post denying him again and Harbury knew today was the day that they must settle for a draw. Despite the weather conditions, Harbury maintained their unbeaten league record albeit they had dropped points against a side against which they should have really done better. Lack lustre in their performance, however Joe D was inspirational today, he filled Millie T boots aptly today, on the occasions Kenilworth did break through mob-handed but Joe was on hand to clear up all potential threats keeping Harbury in the game, for which he was rightly awarded the Man of the Match award for his outstanding performance.

### **Under 10's Harbury Hawks Match Reports: Ian Jones**

#### **29th September 2012: Hillmorton 7 v Harbury Juniors Hawks 2 (League cup)**

Yet another fine morning over in Rugby for this cup match with opposition from the league above. The early exchanges were even before Hillmorton found some rhythm at the same time as the Hawks lost theirs. Several ping-pong battles in the Hawks box led to two easy goals for Hillmorton. Harbury were struggling to get into the game and at 3-0 down it took some serious encouragement from the sidelines to wake the Hawks up. Wake up they did, starting to battle harder and get their tackles in. A much better effort with a great goal from Daniel and a powerful run and strike from Liam meant that at half time it was 3-2. Game on!

Or so we thought, the next goal was going to be vital to the outcome of the game and it went to Hillmorton. Alas, the lads battled but the shape and organisation that we saw the week before wasn't there. The Hawks struggled to get the ball clear in defence and ended up being pegged back in our own half for long periods. A number of avoidable goals slipped in as well as a couple of great strikes from the Hillmorton youngsters. It wasn't to be the Hawks' day as the game slipped away. Special mentions to Seb, Dan and Morgan who worked their socks off. Everyone kept on going to the end, but today, it wasn't to be.

#### **13th October 2012: Harbury Juniors Hawks 3 v St Peters Celtic Knights 0 (league)**

An important game against the team who were just below the Hawks in the table. The Hawks started the game really well, missing several early opportunities with a long range screamer from Morgan glancing the cross bar in the first few minutes. A slight change in formation saw Seb dropping into defence for part of the game and Edward getting some time in midfield. The Hawks dominated the first half missing several opportunities, St Peters Celtic keeper was a good 'un and just as well as he was busy. In the end, it was a flick from Morgan at the near post from a corner that saw the deadlock broken. At half time, it was 1-0 to the Hawks.

The second half started the same way as the first with the Hawks in charge with the Knights having an occasional charge into the Hawks half. Cam B in goal needed to be alert having had long periods as a spectator. The second goal came from some sublime passing, ending in a pinpoint cross for Liam (right place, right time) to tap in. The third was a great solo effort from Morgan, carrying the ball from half way and slotting a low, firm strike at the near post. Game over.

The team really picked themselves up following the previous defeat with a strong all round performance. This was a physical game and the team stepped up well, getting their tackles in. Shout outs to Cam D (MR D) for hard running and getting into good positions and to Seb for a determined game. A tough call for Man of the Match this week, Morgan delivered an excellent box-to-box display with two goals However, Man of the Match went to Edward for his excellent work in defence and midfield.

### **Under 12's Match Report's: Woody and Marcus**

#### **30/9/12 Home v Hillmorton Juniors (League Cup) Harbury Rockets 1 - 5 Hillmorton Juniors**

Harbury were drawn against a very strong, very capable team who were top of Division 1. They proved just too strong for us and they ran out 5 : 1 winners. Harbury battled heroically and Harry W scored our consolation goal. We also hit the post and the bar in the closing stages of the game.

#### **7/10/12 Away v Balsall & Berkswell Hornets Juniors. Balsall Juniors 0 - 12 Harbury Rockets**

This week we came up against an under-strength team who battled hard against us but eventually ran out of steam. Our goal scorers were Riley B 4, Tim B 4, Jack K 2, Ben H 1 and Harry W 1.

#### **14/10/12 Home v Snitterfield Colts Harbury Rockets 4 - 3 Snitterfield Colts**

We came up against a very physical team this week and we only had a bare 11 players so no substitutions for a rest! This was probably our best performance of the season so far, when our passing game frustrated the opposition players and coaches. Tim B scored two and Dominic P got on the scoresheet and the result was hanging in the balance before Harry W came out of defence in the last 10 minutes to crack home the winner.

#### **21/10/12 Away v Lawford United Lawford Utd 0 - 10 Harbury Rockets**

We all travelled over to Rugby where we managed to secure a fairly easy victory. Another good passing performance was just too much for the opposition to cope with. Tim B opened the scoring and looked dangerous all day. Ethan P scored a couple in the first half, as did Riley B. In the second half Dominic P and Jack K both scored before first Ethan and then Riley completed their hat-tricks and Ben H finished off the scoring for the day.



## Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

### Claverdon 20 - Harbury 7

#### *Midlands 4 West (South)*

Claverdon were hugely motivated for this match between two local rivals as they sought their first win of the season. Harbury, on the back of two relatively straightforward victories were confident but expected a tight game.

At the outset and playing into the sun, Harbury took the game to Claverdon and two thrusts down the blind side by in form wing Sam Reeves were stopped just short of the line. At this stage Harbury were in command and enjoying territorial advantage. However, a deep kick into the Harbury half initially looked fairly innocuous but fatally the ball, rather than being caught on the full was allowed to bounce. Claverdon's right wing, using his pace took full advantage of a timely bounce to score beneath the posts. The straightforward conversion left the visitors stunned.

Harbury's lock Lloyd Storey suffered the vagaries of the pitch when his foot went into a hole and he had to leave with what turned out to be a ruptured Achilles tendon. Claverdon added a penalty to extend their lead to 10 points as the match entered the second quarter as Harbury entered a maul from the side.

At this stage, Harbury were very much on the back foot and their attacking opportunities were well defended. It summed up their day when a reasonably straightforward penalty was pulled wide. The first half was punctuated by a series of injuries on both sides and a further eight minutes of play was added. Claverdon winning a scrum just outside the visitors 22 moved the ball wide along their backline. This key play at the end of the half included three forward passes and enabled the hosts to seal a 17-0 half time lead.

Harbury lacked the aggression of the opposition and let decisions outside their control affect some of their players. Claverdon took the chance to extend their lead with an early penalty. Gradually Harbury pulled themselves together and some excellent attacking play should have resulted in a score but it was not to be. Finally, in the last few minutes of play a great break through the backs was spearheaded by Steve Alford who passed to brother Ricky who finished off in style. The conversion was added. From the subsequent kick off the forwards drove deep into the home 22 and Matt Knight looked certain to score only for the final pass not to go to hand.

A disappointing outcome for Harbury but Claverdon deserved their win and, on the day, were the better side. Harbury defended well with Chris Milburn, Matt Timlin and Ricky Alford all catching the eye, but they lacked the edge in

a hard fought match. Harbury entertain St Neots, current unbeaten leaders in Midlands 4 East (South), on Saturday in the second round of the Junior Vase.

### **Harbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 7 – Kenilworth 3<sup>rd</sup> XV 15**

An uncharacteristic first half performance and unforced errors cost Harbury the game against a strong Kenilworth side as knock-ons and errors at the lineout constantly broke their phases of play. After a shaky start to the season in terms of availabilities, Harbury aimed to get their season off the ground as they lined up against Kenilworth with a full fifteen and plenty of substitutes, with a number of new players pulling on the red and white.

The opening exchanges went Kenilworth's way as they dominated possession and territory. But their efforts were held at bay as strong tackling on the home side's line, and solid work at the breakdown by the entire pack allowed Adam Morris to clear to provide his side with a brief rest. Kenilworth came straight back and worked the ball around the backs as Harbury allowed the visitors to run into space with very few chasing tacklers. Kenilworth managed two scores before the 20 minute mark and Harbury heads began to drop and arguments and bickering soon followed.

The trend continued during the first half as Kenilworth's full back and scrum half were finding space and gaps in the middle of the park. But, as soon as play was brought within the Harbury 22, the D line clicked in and Kenilworth were unable to make ground as they had further out. When eventually their forwards burrowed their way to the try line Harbury held the potential scorer up as first Ian Kimberley, aided by his back row Matt Holloway, Bradley Sheasby and Ben Shinkwin, and then Rich Sandford sprawled their way over to save the try.

Kenilworth scored one further try as Harbury's efforts to make ground were thwarted by a succession of knock-ons and poor line-outs, providing the away side with extra possessions.

Half Time score 0 – 15.

Harbury started the second half on the front foot as the support play and defensive lines were infinitely better than in the first half, but the unforced errors seemed to remain. Harbury got the better of both territory and possession, with the pressure eventually telling as a penalty try was awarded for what the referee deemed to be a professional foul. No yellow card was branded but he issued his final warning to the Kenilworth side for killing the ball at the breakdown.

Harbury looked to get within a score as good running from new men Alex Ashington and Scott Bradley, and a succession of penalties at the breakdown saw the home side move ever closer to the Kenilworth line. But with the referee failing to penalise foul play with a sin binning, Kenilworth were more than happy to kill ball at the ruck to prevent Harbury getting the ball out with men over out wide.

When the opportunities did come, handling the ball proved a problem after a number of good miss passes from both Morris and centre Julien Desetable cut the defence to pieces. A first half to forget for Harbury saw Kenilworth take a deserved victory from Middle Road, but with a much improved second half boasting a score and defensive clean sheet Harbury aim to take the second 40 minutes into next week's game.

Man of the Match: Kev Comerford.

## **Harbury 62 - Keresley 12**

### ***Midlands 4 West (South)***

An excellent match in which Harbury produced a near flawless display of running rugby in the first half, taking the opportunity to add a score whenever they entered the opposition 22. This was not a high risk strategy but an example of how they used the ball quickly and effectively and saw some great linking between forwards and backs. Playing down the slope the forwards won good possession in set play and used the rolling maul to telling effect. The key was moving the ball away from the breakdown at speed with scrum half Rob Shuttleworth and centre Andy Sandford working effectively whilst and back row forward Tom Kittendorf excelled and flankers Matt Timlin and Chris Milburn were in support of their three quarters with devastating effect. A fine break by Ricky Alford resulted in a well judged pass to brother Steve who touched down beneath the posts. In form goal kicker Mark Finch adding the conversion. From the subsequent kick off Kittendorf fielded the kick and moved it wide to Sam Reeves who used his pace and cut through the opposition cover to add to the score immediately. Tries from Steve Alford following a fine break by Milburn added another try. Timlin added a fourth whilst brothers Alford added one apiece. Finch kicking a total of 5 conversions and a penalty for a 43-0 half time lead.

Harbury made changes at the break and this to some degree upset their rhythm. Though good work in the forwards with Lloyd Storey and skipper Gaz Evans in commanding form the ball was worked out wide and George Bostock touched down for a try in the corner. Harbury eased off and some slack play gave Keresley to snap up a simple try.

The forwards with the front row of Dave Hayden, Daz Nicholls and Ed Lines in commanding form upped the tempo and quick ball enabled Ricky Alford to add another try which Finch converted. Following a fine break break by Matt Knight from the base of the scrum supported by Josh Eborall the space was created for Ricky Alford and Finch to add another seven points but Keresley hit back as they took advantage of some complacent play by Harbury in their own 22 to cross for a simple converted try.

It was good to see both Jeff Foster and Sam Bushell enjoying their opening games of the season. However, the man of the match was Steve Alford back from a long term injury.



**Louis Moody  
with the Harbury  
U13 Squad**



## **Harbury Tennis Club**

**Colin and Sue Mercer**  
[www.tennis-today.net/harbury](http://www.tennis-today.net/harbury)

We have just completed the Autumn coaching programme which included a Monday Evening “Rusty Rackets” session. This has been very successful and a couple of participants have already shed enough rust to join the Club! In view of the success we’re repeating the session in the Winter programme starting on Monday 5th November for six weeks. If you’re interested and would like more information, please contact Sarah Bunting at [s.bunting@tennisolutions.co.uk](mailto:s.bunting@tennisolutions.co.uk).

The Winter match fixtures have started with Harbury playing in Division 4 of both the Banbury Floodlit and Weekend leagues. After winning the Division 5 title in the summer, league visitors Middleton Cheney “B” brought us down to earth very quickly inflicting an 8-0 defeat in the first weekend fixture. Eira Owen, Sue Mercer, Malcolm Tanner and Colin Mercer were the team who, despite best efforts, and borrowing a cricket phrase, failed to trouble the scorer!

We returned to winning ways in the first floodlit fixture when Towcester were the visitors. Sue and Colin were joined by Tracey Pettipher and Adam Crossling in a very close match and just came out on top with a 5-3 win. This was followed up with a Friday night trip to play Deddington “D” in the drizzle! Eira Owen, Caroline Morland, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer adapted better to the inclement weather to secure a 6-2 win. That puts us into second place in the league but it’s early days!

A new initiative for the Junior section is the LTA Mini Tennis Rally Awards. This is designed to help mini players learn in stages and take part in exciting exercises which encourage them to develop their skills at a pace that suits them.

Finally, a number of our children recently took part in a tournament at Shipston. Sarah Bunting, Tennisolutions programme manager reports that Harbury juniors Sam Groom, Gethan Butler, Jamie Smith and Tana Taikato recently participated in the first Mini Masters Tournament at Shipston High School on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. In a field of 38 players in two age groups (8 and Under and 9 and Under), all boys did a great job of putting their coaching into practice in some really hard fought games.

Congratulations to all players, especially Sam and Gethan who were participating in their first ever tournament. Plus a special mention to Jamie (8 and Under) and Tana (9 and Under) who both made the semi-final of their respective divisions.

Also, a special thank you to Isla Gibb, one of our teenage Harbury Juniors, who gave up her time voluntarily to assist at the event. Her help was very much appreciated.

The tournament was organized by Tennisolutions and the next Mini Masters will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Kinton High School. If you are interested in participating in this tournament or in tennis coaching in general (children or adults) please contact Sarah Bunting on 07757 538325 or [s.bunting@tennisolutions.co.uk](mailto:s.bunting@tennisolutions.co.uk).



## Harbury Toddler Group

**Rosemary Scott**

October has been a busy month and we've welcomed some new faces from within and outside the village. We've been getting messy with some painting and gluing and of course the usual play-doh.

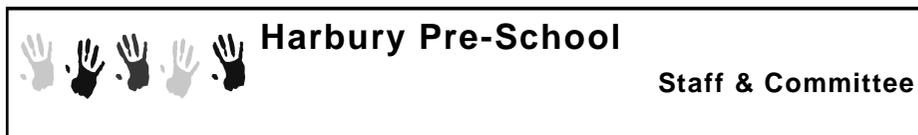
The Southam Children's centre is once again supporting us this year and have organised a music and dance session to be included in our Toddler Group once a month. This will be provided by Secret Garden, and will be free of charge. It will run from 10.45am until 11.15am on Monday 5th November, 3rd December, 14th January, 11th February and 11th March.

Dragon Ceramics will also be coming to Toddler Group on Monday 12th November so do come along and get your personalised gifts in time for Christmas.

The Toddler Group Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 5th December in the Village Hall from 11am until 1pm, tickets are £4, available from me. These will need to be purchased in advance so that we know how many children to cater for and also to make sure that Santa has enough presents for everyone. There will be soft play provided by Softplay

Takeaway, a party lunch for the children and also a visit from Santa. This is open to any pre-school children so keep the date free.

If you are interested in joining us at Toddler Group we are always pleased to see newcomers. We run every Monday from 9.30am to 11.15am at the Wight School (behind the library), and cater for children from birth to school age. We are open throughout the school holidays, except Bank Holidays, when older siblings are welcome to come along too!!



**New Starter** – We wish a warm welcome to Anna, who joined us early in October and immediately settled in very well with her new friends at Pre-School.



**Sandwich Café** – During October, the Pre-School role play area was transformed into a sandwich café, with menus, shelving for stock, ingredients for sandwiches, telephone, cash register and table and chairs. A variety of fruit and vegetables was served at snack time and books about healthy eating were read in the book area. The café

enabled the children to use their writing skills, using notebooks and clipboards for taking orders and writing prices. They also enjoyed “calculating” how much to charge/pay for the items purchased in the café and use of the till and telephone encouraged the development of IT skills. They later acted out the story of ‘The Tiger Who Came to Tea’ in their café!



**“People Who Help Us”** – During the month, the children have been learning about all sorts of people who help us in our daily lives. Following the visit by



Louise Lambe the nurse in September, the children were delighted to see first Angus the AA man (aka Samuel's daddy) and then PCSO Matt Hodgetts. The children were thrilled to be shown the big AA van and all the tools which were kept inside. They also had a good look all round the police van, climbed inside and listened to the siren. Many thanks to Angus and Matt for giving up their time to visit us.

**Farm Visit** – On the same theme, we are very grateful to Louise Trice for allowing us to visit her at the farm to see how she cares for the cows that produce our milk. The children were thrilled to be able to feed the young calves with “calf cake”. After learning about what cows have to eat, the children enjoyed climbing on one of Louise's fantastic tractors.



**Photographic Studio** - For the last two weeks of the half term, the role play area changed again, this time becoming a photographic studio, where the children could dress up as one of the “People Who Help Us” and have their photograph taken by one of the other children, using the dedicated children's digital camera. All the children became very adept at taking excellent portraits of each other, further enhancing their IT skills as they did so.

We are now looking forward to returning to Pre-School after the half-term break, to work on our autumnal theme and, of course, the build up to Christmas.

*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](http://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](mailto:info@windmillsnursery.co.uk), visit our website at [www.windmillsnursery.co.uk](http://www.windmillsnursery.co.uk), call Tina/Sally on 07906 519148 (nursery mobile) or Katharine on 01926 613084 (admin). We have free Nursery Education Funded (NEF) places during mornings and afternoons and we accept childcare vouchers and offer an Assisted Places Scheme.

## In Nursery

Welcome to Amber who started at Windmills this month. After kittens and puppies at the start of September, the children were delighted this month to be visited by Liquorice the pony. He came into the outside classroom and the children were able to stroke him and brush his coat. Thank you to Jackie for bringing him in and giving the children such a wonderful experience.



To celebrate the Harvest, the children have been grinding grain to make flour. They have been talking about all the things that grow and have made fruit kebabs.



There have been a series of outside woodland classes and some nature trails for the children around the village. The children have collected conkers, leaves and branches and have been making autumn displays including leaf paintings.

They have created 3D caterpillars and ladybirds to improve and develop their skills in maths and threading. Mrs Wilson has produced a

fabulous 3D autumn tree for the outside classroom which the children are decorating with leaves and hanging on conkers. Mrs Lines and her husband have provided a canvas which will be the backdrop for the tree. Thank you to Donna, Sally and Steve for all the extra time and resources they provide for the Nursery to enhance the environment.



Mia – “Autumn leaves fall off the trees. This one is very spikey; the conker goes in it. How does it fit? How does it go in there? This one is slimey. Why are those little conkers in there?”

The children have also helped to scoop out the inside of a pumpkin ready



for Halloween. Once it was carved they went outside to view it and see how it glows with a candle inside.

### Fundraising Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported our nearly new sale by selling, coming along or donating toys and thanks to our sponsors Mr Plumb, Softplay Takeaway and Katharine Giblin (Phoenix Cards) who

provided things for our goody bags.

We also had a successful coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room. Thank you to everyone who came along, to the parents and staff who baked cakes and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. A special thanks for donations from Sally at The Flower Shop, Sharron from Drop Dead Gorgeous, Dayle from Flip in Hair and Fiona Cook.

The next fundraisers are our Halloween Disco and our Ladies evening on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please ring Reena on 07966 767213 if you would like tickets.



## Harbury Primary School

David Cousens

It has been a very busy first half term and I cannot believe how quickly it has gone. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of the children and seeing so much of the wonderful work they have done. I look forward to next half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday the 5th November.

### Sponsored Walk and Infant Circuits:

After the disappointment of the postponement due to the rain, the sponsored events finally took place last week. The infants took part in a sponsored circuit training session in which they had a go at activities such as egg and spoon walking, hoop balancing and jumping. The Junior walk was amended to avoid the most boggy places but everyone still thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we shall let



you know how much was raised as soon as we have the grand total. Many thanks to the PTA and Mrs Kluth and Mrs Nalci for organizing the events and to everyone else who supported on the day and through the sponsorship that was given.

**Gold Award for the Kitchen:** The School kitchen was recently awarded its third consecutive Gold Award by the Environmental Health Department. This is the highest standard given and shows that the staff are producing meals in the cleanest, safest environment possible. We, as a school, are very proud of the kitchen staff and their achievement.

**Earthworms:** As many of you may be aware the Earthworms Club is run by Mr Chapman and this eco-friendly club helps to maintain our grounds and provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their horticultural skills. Mr Chapman also has an adult Earthworms club which meets when required to help with other jobs that need doing. At the moment he is looking to enlist new members and so if you are willing to support the school with this please could you contact us. Your help, as always, is very much appreciated.

**The Shoebox Appeal:** We are currently collecting presents to send abroad to children who will really benefit from gifts at Christmas time. If you would like further information about this or an empty shoebox, please visit the school office.

### **Football Report by Riley (Year 6)**

All of the football team were looking for a good win after the disappointment of being knocked out of the cup competition. The game kicked off and we played well, passing the ball around. The final score was 13 v 0 against St Peters with Riley scoring 5, Ben 2, Connor 1, Beau 2, Morgan 1, an own goal and Daniel scoring one. We all played well and congratulated the other team. Everyone at the match had fun.

### **Cross Country Report by Gina (Year 6)**

After a month of training and running around the village, Year 6 were all fired up for the race at Newbold Comyn. In the girls race Esther came 62nd, Madeleine came 65th, Charlotte came 105th, Harriet came 87th and I came 26th. In the boys race Ben came 81st, Jack came 61st, Jack F came 148th and Matthew came 84th whilst Riley came 20th. We all had great fun and many of us improved from last time.

Well done Harbury, it was a fantastic team performance and you represented the school brilliantly.



**Harbury Primary School P.T.A.**

**PTA Committee**

### **PTA AGM**

What a fantastic turnout to our AGM this year. It was the busiest for many years and such a lot of interest! We have a new committee consisting of 18, yes 18, members being led by our new Chair Ruth Coulter, who has taken over from Claire Panek. A full list of Committee members can be found on the PTA page of the school's website [www.harburyschool.com](http://www.harburyschool.com).

To enhance the children's learning experience, the PTA raise funds to buy large items each year. This year we have already funded a new interactive whiteboard for reception, as well as other smaller items that the teachers have requested. It has now been agreed with the teaching staff that this year's big fundraising effort will be for a projector and speakers for the main school hall, along with re-designing the junior playground and outdoor spaces. The exact details for the outside redesigning are in the early stages and this will be an on-going project due to its size, so please continue to support the fundraising events for the school.

### **PTA Quiz Night**

There are just a few places left for this year's PTA quiz on Friday 16th November 7.30pm for 8pm start held at the School Hall. It costs £20 per team - maximum of 4 people per team. Cana Wines will be running the bar and there will be a light supper served during the interval. If you wish to enter a team please email Jacqui McElfrick ASAP at [mcelfrickj@aol.com](mailto:mcelfrickj@aol.com) or tel 612474. Alternatively, if you are available and would like to help during the evening or if you have any raffle prize donations (food/drink items for a hamper) we would really appreciate your support, please see a member of the Committee.



### **Village Hall Update**

**Chris Finch**

Last month, an eagle-eyed villager enquired about the whereabouts of the wooden plaque, which used to be displayed in the main Hall immediately to the left of the internal double doors. The plaque was presented on the occasion of the official opening of the premises by John Profumo (Minister of War) and was taken down for safe-keeping during the development of the new toilet area. Since then it has been taken care of by Geoff, who is intent on getting it cleaned and fitted with new shatter-proof glass, as the original mount had been damaged at some time prior to commencement of the building work. There is also a framed photograph of Mr Profumo and his wife, actress Valerie Hobson, in the Fosse room, which is also in need of attention and hopefully it can be restored and placed in a more prominent place, so that more visitors can appreciate the history linked to the origins of the building.

Two other plaques are housed in the entrance hall and it is doubtful whether many people stop to read about the 'chestnut trees planted in the grounds in memory of Francis Dashwood Farley' or the 'activities of the Harbury Village Produce Association 1943-1956 in growing food for the village during the war years and its donation to the building fund of this Hall on its disbandment'.

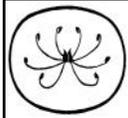
As the Hall was opened officially 50 years ago, it has been decided that the theme for this year's New Year's Dance on Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup> will be

the Golden Ball, so all revellers will be encouraged to find something that does more than glitter (all that glitters----!?) e.g. dress, top, bow tie, socks, shirt,-- and of course, jewels, including cuff links and maybe even make-up?? Once a theme has been decided there is no end to the imaginative ways in which it is interpreted, so there may be some surprises this year. The price of each ticket will be £25, which will include a glass of 'something lively' on entry, a light meal and the opportunity of dancing the night away to the ever popular Likely Lads. As previously, it will be 'first come, first served' for the tickets and a waiting list will be made in case anyone is unable to attend for unforeseen reasons after they have been reserved – call Chris on 612305 or Geoff on 613801 to book a place.

Another milestone, which will be reached in November is the fifth anniversary of the Rural Cinema organised by Lana and her helpers and it was agreed to offer an extremely popular film as a special event, even though it has meant that Harbury is 'going it alone' by hiring The Best Most Exotic Marigold Hotel, at an increased cost. The film follows several retirees who are seeking to 'find themselves' as they leave for a holiday break with a difference in India. The cast includes many of the UK's most celebrated actors/actresses, including Bill Nighy, Ronald Pickup, Judi Dench, Celia Imrie and Maggie Smith and the action takes place in the hotel, as well as in the fascinating locality, which shows all the vibrancy of typical life in India. The film played to packed houses when it was shown in local cinemas and this evening will offer the chance for a viewing for anyone who missed it first time round. It will be possible to book a £10.00 ticket in advance from CANA, which will include bubbly on arrival and a fish and chip supper with optional curry sauce during the interval – see the advert elsewhere in the magazine, whilst anyone wishing to see the just the film can turn up on the night for £3.30 for a ticket. As always, CANA wines will be on hand to dispense alcoholic and soft drinks for all to purchase throughout the evening.

At the end of November, the Folk Club repeated the highly successful evening of traditional songs with members dressed in typical Old Tyme musical hall style led by the ever effervescent Debbie Ellis as the M.C. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, which raised £702.16 for the Village Hall's development funds.

In the past two weeks, it will not have been too difficult to spot the activities of a roofer removing the noticeably poor materials which covered the flat surface above the toilet block and kitchen – (no eagle eyes needed!). The straw strammit boards and tar covered 'wood wall' materials are being replaced by the more efficient 'three quarter inch ply' and felt, which should ensure that there are no leaks in the original extension of the building for several years. More recently, the architect charged with developing plans for the proposed new extension has been in discussion with members of the Theatre Group so the requirements for the longed-for stage are known, as well as improved shower facilities.



Our first meeting in October was very well attended and it was so nice to see everyone again. We welcomed back John and Kate Page, his topic this visit being "Tulips in the Wild and in Cultivation". We were transported to places where I wouldn't have considered tulips would grow. We were shown amazing scenery, colours and such an assortment of shapes and sizes.

John started his talk with a painting by Abel Grimmer dated 1600 which showed a Spring scene with tulip bulbs being unloaded from a boat. We have four Abel Grimmer paintings at Upton so this for me was an excellent start!!! If you remember, tulip mania in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century saw tulip bulbs selling for the equivalent in today's value of thousands of pounds. Fortunes were made and lost. Anna Pavord has written an excellent book on the subject.

Today we still have the Spalding Festival with floats made from tulips and some very clever designs. Lincolnshire is excellent for growing tulips as it replicates the conditions in Holland, with cool summers and warm winters (in theory anyway). At the Eden project in Cornwall where thousands of bulbs are planted each Autumn for a superb display, all of them are removed every year.

We were then transported to - wait for it..... Kazakhstan..... yes tulips do really grow here in the wild. The conditions too were quite hostile, slopes at the base of huge mountain ranges with lots of scree. The tulip leaves had crinkly edges almost like a cactus. The colours varied from reds, yellows and oranges as did the size and shapes. The centres of the flowers had wonderful blotches with huge corollas. Some were even star shaped. They have active growth due to the water from the snow melt and good drainage which is the key to success. John mentioned at this point that there are two and a half thousand cultivars - can you imagine that?

We then went to the foothills and the steppes which again were covered in brightly coloured tulips. This is a fantastic sight and the areas are just carpeted with vibrant displays. Again they have excellent drainage. We saw similar sights in Turkey and Greece. In Cyprus the tulips grow in meadows and in vineyards. In Crete too they survive very well in meadows. The slides were quite breathtaking.

John went on to say that there are 15 cultivars of tulips as listed in the RHS plant finder. I will not mention all of them. There are early ones, singles, doubles, lates, lily flowered and many more. The best advice for growing tulips in pots is, as mentioned before, good drainage. Place either crocks or similar in the base of the pots. To fill the pot you will need 50% coarse grit and 50% John Innes number 3 compost, mix well and add slow release fertiliser. Plant to a depth of about 6 inches. Make sure the pot is on pot feet

and off the ground. You can still plant tulips right up to the end of November. I was late one year and did not manage to plant until December and they were just as good the following year. If planting in the garden, again plant to a depth of 6 inches and space them about 10 to 15 inches apart. Sorry I am still in feet and inches!! Water well in active growth and use a high potash fertiliser such as Phostrogen. You can also grow tulips under cover as in an alpine house.

We were shown some lovely plantings of tulips starting off at Upton House and Gardens. Then to Hidcote, Waddesdon Manor, the Shakespeare Gardens, Bodnant gardens, Botanic gardens Oxford, Coughton Court and, one I had not heard of but will now visit, Ceney House near Cirencester. They were grown here in knot gardens. Also seen was the home of the "naked gardeners" Ian and Barbara Pollard at Abbey House in Malmesbury. Here they lift the bulbs every year but you can leave them in situ. If you do dig them up in Summer store them in cool conditions so that they do not rot. A paper bag is as good as anything to store them in. Repot in fresh soil in late Autumn. They can be affected by tulip fire Botrytis, as were Derek Walkers last year; the only solution is to dig them all up and cleanse the ground.

John is currently writing a book for the RHS on tulips and daffodils and we wish him great success.

With autumn now upon us it is a good time to visit Arboretums. Westonbirt is always a spectacular sight as is Arley which we visited a few years ago and saw the Severn Valley railway in the distance. Closer to home is Batsford which has a great tea room with great views over the surrounding area. If you have never visited Barnsdale Gardens started by the late great Geoff Hamilton and now run by his son and wife do try to go; it is quite near and at this time of the year the foliage, berries and seedheads make for a super display, plus there are home grown plants for sale and again an excellent tea room. The leaves are spectacular at present so our rotten Summer has redeemed itself.

Our next meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> November when a new speaker Dr Tony Hughes, who is a keen amateur photographer with an interest in European native orchids, will talk to us about Flowers of the Dolomites. Promises to be another excellent evening. The December meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> and we will again enjoy an evening of fun put together once more by Jean Clews. New members are very welcome and I look forward to seeing everyone.

## **Horticultural Society Open Gardens and Scarecrow Hunt - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013**

After a three year break, we are planning to hold Open Gardens again next year. With improved publicity, the addition of a scarecrow hunt and, as the Sunday date coincides with the Carnival Games' Wheelbarrow Race, we are

hoping to make this a great weekend and fundraising event. The Pre-School Fundraising Team will be providing refreshments in the Village Hall.

We will need lots of gardens open - old and new, large and small. So we will be on a mission of persuasion in the new year.

Please contact me if you would like to enquire about opening your garden or the scarecrow hunt.

**Margaret Commons – Tel. 613963**



**Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

Perhaps this month is one of the least likely to inspire the average gardener. It gets darker earlier, there can be frosts and grey skies and thoughts are geared up towards Christmas not gardening.

Having said negative things about this month it can sometimes be a good time to look more critically at the garden and begin to make plans for the coming year. When there are fewer flowers and leaves it is easier to see what needs changing. Don't be afraid to change things; there is no point keeping straggly plants or things that you simply don't really like. I believe that as time goes on one's opinion alters which gives an opportunity to remove some 'old' plants and add in some new ones. Gardens and plants are a bit like fashions in that there are new styles from time to time. Remember when everyone had conifers and heathers?

We had a query the other day regarding 'bitter pit', a disease in apples. Mind you, not many people had any fruit this year because of the weather. Anyway, this problem results in spotty brown bits all through the apple. It is caused by a lack of calcium in the soil and, believe or not, dryness. The ground was still dry at the time of the blossom stage so that would be why the apples got the disease.

Every autumn I try to bang home the idea that this is a good time for planting. Bare root trees and hedging can only be planted through the winter. Other pot grown plants will get their roots established before the spring. So get rid of second rate plants and replace with new and better ones this autumn.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

Tel: 01926 812737

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

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## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Cool moist conditions predominate with regular low pressure weather systems trundling in from the Atlantic bringing heavy rain at times. Today, (18<sup>th</sup> October), the River Itchen as it passes under the Welsh Road was full and brown with its load of suspended soil. Later, cycling along the bridleway which leads from the Fosseyway to Whitnash, I noted the ditch was brimming. Conditions must have been a lot drier on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1642 when the Battle of Edgehill took place, the first major engagement of the English Civil War. Surely no commander would have risked his cavalry in a charge across the waterlogged countryside we have now.

I received an interesting e-mail from a reader in Ladbroke. Her lawn has suddenly produced a 'crop' of impressive Shaggy Inkcap fungi. The photograph shows how a single specimen 7 inches high changed over 4 days! In the 2½ years they have lived there, they have never seen the like. Could the spores have been lying dormant for that length of time or has the ground been 'seeded' more recently. It's likely the fungus, as an underground network of fibres known as the mycelium, akin to a rooting system, has been present all the time. It's only during this moist, relatively warm late summer that the fruiting bodies have been produced.



Looking at last November's edition of Harbury and Ladbroke News, I see that drought conditions prevailed. Bill Russell reported all his ponds had virtually dried up and fish had died as a result. A fungal foray to Hampton Wood with John and Val Roberts had yielded only a few shrivelled specimens. We hope for a greater variety on 29<sup>th</sup> October when they are taking the U3A Natural History Group on a similar walk through Crackley Woods. John is an excellent wildlife photographer and on 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Tom Hauley Room,

between 10.00am and noon, he is giving an illustrated talk on the flowers of South Africa. You are welcome to come along. There will be a charge of £2.

Visiting our brothers in the North East recently, Sharon and I were struck by the fact that the autumn colours were further advanced than in the Midlands. With the sun shining on the foliage picking out the red and yellow tints of the leaves on the trees in the deep cleft of the Ouseburn, it was difficult to believe we were only a mile from the centre of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I had a walk round Gosforth as dusk closed in to find a bit of industrial archaeology. A robin gave its tic tic alarm call from a hawthorn as I arrived close to the spot. A simple sandstone pillar recorded the fact that beneath was a geological fault. Miners in 1828, hacking coal out of a productive seam, had come to solid rock. They cut through 349 yards of it before reaching coal again. The owners were so pleased at their efforts, they threw a party for them below ground. In such a way has the geology of our country been documented. The mine has long gone.

Back in Harbury on 14<sup>th</sup> October, the sharp eyes of our grandchildren found two intriguing specimens. One was a chrysalis of the Large White butterfly fixed to the brickwork of the 3-arched bridge. Then, in our front garden, on a leaf of the Copper Beech, they found a beautiful white hairy caterpillar with a tuft of red close to its head. It was the larva of the Pale Tussock Moth (*Calliteara pudibunda*), sometimes known as a 'hop-dog' by country people because it was common in hop yards.

On a walk in the Cotswolds recently, Sharon and I had our picnic lunch in a small public garden in Chipping Campden. Approached through a low arch from the main street, it is a memorial to 'China' Wilson, a 19<sup>th</sup> century botanist who discovered 'new' plants in the Orient and brought specimens back home. The garden contains many of these and is well worth a visit. Later, walking through Mickleton, we met Jean Rowe (widow of Tony, our Rector before Father Roy). She invited us into her home for a cup of tea and a chat, a lovely ending to our ramble.



## General Section

### Harbury and District Poppy Collection 2012

This year, 43 collecting boxes have been distributed for the Poppy Collection in Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Ufton and it is hoped that the majority of houses will be covered by a local collector living in the immediate area. 28 collectors will be pounding the streets to ask householders for their support for this very worthwhile charity, whilst all the local pubs, Harbury Club and the shops have been supplied with a box in case a house call is made at an inconvenient time. As with many charitable collections, it is only when you are

involved in the 'grass roots' of the initiative that you appreciate the commitment needed by the volunteers to get the activity off the ground. For many years, (more than he cares to remember probably?), Mick Bishop and his Royal British Legion colleagues were responsible for arranging the District Collection and they did a superb job in raising an impressive sum for the national organisation. Not surprisingly, now that the RBL group in the village has 'laid down its flag', it was time for others in the village to ensure that our District is still covered by a local collection, which last year raised over £3,500. As a result, Bridget, Jackie and Thelma spent an afternoon constructing the poppy boxes, sorting the various items which need to be included and ensuring that the right box would go to the correct venue – lots of new children's wristbands, for example, in the boxes for the School and Windmills Nursery. Thanks to everyone who is helping with this year's collection and more importantly thanks to the village RBL members, who have done such a stirring job for so many years to raise the funds needed to support ex-servicemen in many ways – as vital now, as ever before.

**Chris Finch**

## **Harbury Craft Fair 2012**

Just a reminder that the Craft Fair is on Saturday 10th November 2012.

Lots of new stalls again this year, so come and have a browse and pick up some interesting handmade gifts for Christmas presents, then make the most of the reasonably priced refreshments - tea and cakes or even a hot meal at lunch time.

Anyone wishing to have a stall, help on the day or donate a bottle for the 'Bottle Tombola' please get in touch with either Fiona on [ficadwallader@btinternet.com](mailto:ficadwallader@btinternet.com) or Shirley on 01926 612798.

Please remember all proceeds from this event, as always, go to Myton Hospice so please come and support us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Fiona Cadwallader & Shirley Crossan  
Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group**

## **Harbury NSPCC Committee**

Many thanks to all those who attended our "Any Questions" evening on 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Tom Hauley Room. We raised £640 which is an excellent result.

We would also like to thank our panel of Kath Ellis, Sharon Hancock, Geoff Thorpe and Philip Bruce for answering some quite difficult questions in such an intelligent and entertaining manner. Lastly, our thanks to Philip Bushill-Matthews for being such an excellent chairman.

Our next event is a Ladies' Lunch on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the Tom Hauley Room. Tickets cost £12.50 which includes a two course lunch plus coffee. Suzanne Evett, the florist from Southam is coming along to give us a flower demonstration based on a Christmas theme. Starting time is 12.30pm. Please ring Elaine Bruce on 614664 to book your ticket.

**Elaine Bruce**



## **Harbury Art Group**

Our October workshop was a watercolour session with the theme 'Autumn'. Nick brought along a lovely photograph taken in the Lake District by Patrick Lichfield, no less. It was a view of Buttermere with mountains behind and a line of trees along the shore of the glassy lake, back-lit by early morning sunshine. So not only did we have reflections to deal with, but shadows as well – quite a challenge. This month Nick pronounced that we had all produced some really fine paintings, and he judged Alma's as the best.

These tutor-led workshops cost £15 for the day for tuition, tea, coffee and biscuits. The group is very friendly and there is a wide range of experience. We meet on the first Thursday of every month in the Tom Hauley Room behind Harbury Church, between 10am and 3.30pm. Contact Nick on 01295 276465 or Pam on 01926 814923 to book a place.

Our next event is 'social' painting day in the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 22nd November with the theme 'Weather'. Anyone who would like to spend a relaxing day devoted to painting or drawing a subject of their choice is welcome to join this social painting group - there is no tuition, so the cost is just £5 per person to cover the room hire. Contact Pam on 01926 814923 for more details.

Our final meeting of 2012 will be on Thursday 6th December when Nick will be tutoring 'A Wintery Workshop' using watercolour and colour pencil. At this 6th December meeting we will also have our annual 'bring and share' Christmas buffet, so if you are passing the Tom Hauley room at about lunchtime on Thursday 6th December, why not pop in and have a mince pie with us!

**Pam McConnell**



## **Blood Donors**

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent sessions, especially the four new volunteers. A total of 105 went along from whom 94 units were collected. The next session in Harbury will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

**Gillian Hare**



## Operation Christmas Child

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November we shall be packing the shoeboxes which this year go to Belarus (between Lithuania and Ukraine). If you would like to help, come to the Tom Hauley Room at 10am, drink coffee and sign a card and, if possible, bring a covered shoebox and good things to put in it. Leaflets with suggestions are at the back of Church or phone me on 614809. Please check as there are various items which cannot be included as well as lots which can.

Thank you.

**Gillian Hare**

## Movement 2 Music

The M2M activity session, which aims to ensure that every joint in the body is exercised, is proceeding in 'fits and starts', as external bookings nearly always take place in the Village Hall on a Thursday. Last month, it was the Blood Transfusion Service and this month, the Hall will be used for the election of the local Police Commissioner on 15<sup>th</sup> November. However, we are managing to work round the erratic schedule by letting everyone who turns up know the date of the next session and advising future dates for anyone wishing to join us through the Harbury & Ladbroke News. In November there will be 3 sessions – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, as the Thursday Club will be meeting as usual on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sessions are open to anyone who would like to join at any time, as there is no membership fee and each session is paid for on arrival (£2.50 – to cover the cost of the trainer and the hire of the Hall). If ever anyone needs to check whether there will be a session organised, please ring Chris on 612305 or Jackie on 612750.

**Chris Finch**

## The Story of All Saints' Church, Harbury

Did you know that our Church tower was probably built before the Church itself as a refuge in turbulent times? That you can still follow the path used around 1270 to bring in the Church building materials? That we once had a minister who planned to turn Harbury into a non-smoking, teetotal 'Model Village' for the country? Or how to tell the time using our beautifully refurbished sundial?

I've just passed the final text of the story of our Church to Mike Abbott for his professional design, aiming for publication on 1st December. So if you are looking for a stocking-filler for a friend or relative interested in local history, or the Middle Ages, or Victorian times, or the histories of some of the characters who have served our village in the past, this illustrated book should do

very nicely. I've written it for the general reader, and while I've strived for historical accuracy, I've not let that get in the way of a good story.

The book will first be on sale at the Christmas Fayre in Harbury Village Hall on 1st December.

Thanks to all who have helped me with information, anecdotes and pictures, and especially Neville Ellis, who started me on this quest.

**John Stringer**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

By the time you read this the clocks will have gone back and winter will 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in the Village Hall at 17:00. Invitations will be delivered sometime in early November. Look for the green leaflet delivered through your letterbox.

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 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along to support us.

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**

## **Tunes and Tales**

Every Thursday at 10am term time the library is enjoyed by babies up to children just about to start school and their carers singing, dancing, playing instruments and listening to stories. It's been lovely to see so many faces become regulars and new people are also joining all the time so it's been great to see the little ones enjoying themselves and getting to know each other. Themes recently have been numbers, crocodiles and cats! Some of the links to songs have been tenuous to say the least (if you're happy and you know it snap your teeth for the crocodile one was fun!) We enjoy songs from the more modern to traditional and make lots of noise with the musical instruments.

If your children are grown now and you have some musical instruments (shakers, drums, etc.) that you would like to donate then please give them to the desk at the library. They need to be in good working order and able to be cleaned (wiped over). They would make a welcome addition to our collection.

We are developing motor skills: Playing instruments, dancing and doing action songs all help your child's physical development. It helps children increase their body awareness and balance, and as they become older you can encourage them to listen to the rhythm of the songs more closely and move in time. These gross motor (big movement) skills are essential to building muscle control and confidence walking, running and climbing, and control of these big movements is needed to lead onto controlling finer movements. Action songs help develop more fine motor (small movement) skills and will help your child develop the control needed for holding pencils properly and controlling them for drawing and writing. Dancing around at home to music you like with your child can be great exercise for you as well. It doesn't have to be children's songs - put on the radio and have a party at home with your little one; it is good for distracting from tantrums (who could resist watching Mummy/Daddy/Nanny/Grandma's crazy dance?) and can make you feel fitter and improve your mood. All this and it's fun, too!

If you haven't been before come and give us a try. If you and your little ones enjoy it, we ask for a £1 donation which goes directly to the library, and many stay on afterwards for a sociable chat with tea and cakes in the cafe.

**Carolyn Murray**

## **Hereburgh Morris Winter Update**

It has been a great year for Morris Dancing. With the surge in national pride inspired by the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Olympics and the Paralympics we have experienced a tangible sense of 'warmth' towards our performances this year, which has not always been the case! How many people spotted a brief interlude of Morris Dancing in the Olympic Closing Ceremony?

If you have ever had the even the slightest inclination to try out Morris Dancing, now is the time! We have reached the end of our main 'summer' dancing season so attention returns to practising and recruitment. During the quieter months from October to April, we concentrate on learning new dances, polishing old dances and bringing everybody up (and in some cases down) to a common standard. This makes it an ideal time for new starters (or even people who 'have a friend who might be interested') to drop-in and see what it is all about.

We practice every Wednesday during term time in the school hall from 8pm until 10pm. All are welcome to come along to any practice during the winter months to have a go or just to see what we do. Watching from the side lines is fine, but joining in (with tuition) is really the best way to find out whether

Morris Dancing might be for you. For further information on what we do and who we are, visit our website at [www.come.to/hereburghor](http://www.come.to/hereburghor) contact Douglas (on 01926 832598) or Rosie (on 01926 512893).



**This 1970s form of Morris Dancing never took off.**

**David Thompson**



## **Biblio's**

**The weekend starts here!**

As of **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** the cafe will be open from **9.15am - Noon** – the same hours as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This will give all of you who are working away from the village during the week, the chance to come in and try our delicious coffee, tea and cakes. Thanks for all your encouraging 'likes' about this news on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Join our team**

If you would like to build your confidence, meet new people, develop your skills (or stop them going rusty!) – please do join our wonderful team. Contact us via Facebook or on 614707.

**Lynn Macwhinnie**

## **Library**

### **Books! Books! Books!**

We are currently in the process of setting up a 'Harbury Library Stock'. These books will belong to Harbury Village Library and therefore, will be taken out from and returned to Harbury.

From mid November the library will be accepting good quality, as-new books for our 'Harbury' shelves. We'd be glad to receive donations of books, preferably no more than two years old that are in a good condition. We reserve the right to select items for this purpose.

There will be more information about this new service in the library in the next few weeks. We also still expect to use the free book exchange, located in the foyer.

### **After school story time**

For 6-8 year old children after school on **Thursday's at 3.30pm** on the first and third Thursday of the month. The next session is during half term on **1<sup>st</sup> November**. Come along and enjoy a Halloween story and games.

**Reminder:** Library hours are Mondays from 9am - 7pm Tuesday - Friday 9am-5pm and on Saturday 10am-noon.

**Sarah Sherman**

## **Calling Artists and Art Lovers!**

I have recently taken over responsibility for the Harbury Library Art Gallery from Bill Davies. I'm keen to spread the word about the Gallery to artists who may like to exhibit their work and also to people who appreciate art and may find a picture to their liking or just enjoy viewing.

### ***Local Artists***

If you haven't yet visited Harbury's revitalised library, I should tell you that it makes a very attractive setting for exhibiting pictures and many local artists are already enthusiastic about its suitability as a gallery. The lighting is very good (with a generous window area) and it is frequently visited, not only for its books but also for Biblio's Café. Staffed by a large team of volunteers, the Library is open six days a week and the Café, four days.

There is a small fee for exhibiting a picture and the Library receives a commission on every sale. Since the Gallery was established in June this year, 95 pictures by 24 artists have adorned the Library walls and some artists have sold their work. If you're interested in exhibiting your work, I'd be pleased to meet you at the Library at a mutually convenient time or, of course, you can visit the Library at any time during opening hours to see for yourself. You can contact me by phone or e-mail – see below.

### ***Art Lovers***

Are you looking for that special picture to fill a gap in your home? The Harbury and Ladbroke area is blessed with many talented local artists and several of them have already exhibited in our Library. The displays change regularly and you will find a variety of styles, media and prices. Why not drop into the Library and see for yourself, perhaps enjoying a drink in Biblio's at the same time?

**Peter McDonald - Tel: 613730**  
**Curator - Harbury Library Art Gallery**  
**HarburyLibraryArt@gmail.com**

## **Harbury Christmas Fayre 2012**

Father Christmas is booked to open the Fayre in the Village Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. As well as Father Christmas in his Grotto there will be stalls selling a range of useful items for Christmas. Come along to see the prizes for the Raffle, and see it drawn later in the afternoon. You could even buy some more tickets! We have tombola, toys, cakes, books, jewellery, a photo quiz and a café with drinks and nibbles, where you can rest your feet.

Needless to say we have a Christmas fancy dress theme to the whole Fayre and the stalls will be decorated too. Come along and enjoy a traditional village Christmas atmosphere in the Village Hall. Get into the real Christmas mood. Hope to see you there.

If you would like to donate prizes for the raffle or tombola please contact Peter Ball on 612783 or put them in the box inside the door at Church before Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

We are looking for people to help sell some raffle tickets. If you would like an excuse to get out and have a natter with your neighbours please contact Michael Vincent on 614806 for a 'no obligation' chat to see what is involved.

### **Feel the urge to declutter before Christmas?**

Fliss Harris and Jane Giddings would love your unwanted items for a high quality Bric-a-Brac stall. Please leave any offerings in Fliss's porch at 1 Dovehouse Lane or with Jane at 11 South Parade. Alternatively, if you would like any items to be collected, please do give Jane a call on 614266.

**Peter Ball**



### **Bumps and Bundles, Tots too!!**

Bumps is going well, we have had lots of new toys donated to play with which is lovely and lots of parents and babies attending too. Come along to Bumps for tea, coffee and biscuits with your bump to 3 year old.

**Kelly and Henry**



### **Windmills Nursery Fundraising Group**

Our target this term is to raise £1500 for Windmills Nursery. Thanks to the support of Windmills' parents, staff and the local community so far we have raised almost £400 from our nearly new sale and coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room. Our Halloween disco in the Village Club scheduled during half term is a sell-out so we will schedule this in as a regular event for local families and report back on the event next month.

We have two more events this term if anyone would like to support our nursery and help us reach our target.

## **Ladies' evening – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

As something different for the ladies, there will be an entertainment show in Harbury Village Club by artist 'Miss Andre' followed by a disco. This is shaping up to be a great evening for any ladies present who would enjoy a night out with the girls (over 18s only). Tickets can be purchased from Reena on 07966 767213. Doors open 8pm, show starts 9pm and the disco will finish at midnight. Proceeds will be donated to the nursery.

## **Bag2School Collection – w/c 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Our next textile collection will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any unwanted clothes (adult or kids), bedding, handbags, belts, shoes (paired) or soft toys please bring them to 10 Constance Drive (by the Village Hall) or ring Katharine on 01926 613084. We will earn money on the weight of the bags and it doesn't matter if items are broken or have holes in them as it is the textiles that are recycled. Normal bin bags can be used. Thank you.

Hot off the press, two dates for next term. There will be a **Charity Casino Night** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** in the Village Hall and back by popular demand our **Ladies Indulgence Evening** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** in the Village Club.

**Windmills Fundraising Group**

## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

**Warning: it is definitely in your interest to act on the information in this article**

In the last year we have made much noise about the Green Deal. This may have some shortcomings but is a real deal and not some complex government scam. Its purpose is to encourage house owners to look at ways to lower their energy bills by making their houses more efficient and installing new technology to generate heat and electricity. Since this is expensive, the Green Deal aims to make it possible by getting someone else, the energy company, to pay for the installation through the Green Investment Bank. The energy company is allowed to recover the investment through normal billing but can't charge more than you would have been paying and you still make the energy saving. To try to get early active interest the government is running a competition for local authorities to bid for three pots of money totalling £40 million to distribute to their local residents to beat the price rises in energy by making their houses more efficient.

The Green Deal process starts with an energy assessment by an approved assessor. This may be free but you need to check before you begin. Assessments can be done now. The assessor will advise you what improvements could be made, what you should expect to save and what qualifies for the Green Deal. Advice is available from the Energy Savings

Advice Service line on 0300 123 1234. With information from the assessor, from January, you will be able to go to a registered provider to arrange to have work done and agree terms for repayment through your energy billing. Approved assessors can be found on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures/green-deal>. Some grant funding may be available for replacing old inefficient boilers but not everyone will be eligible. There are also cashback deals available from government to kick things off.

HEI would really like to know from you what you would like us to do next. We have some ideas but would love an opportunity to talk to more of you. We will be holding a meeting at 7.30pm on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> December, which will include our AGM. That won't take more than a few minutes, so don't let that put you off and we will be providing wine and nibbles. What happens next on energy in Harbury is up to you (well, okay, not entirely). Please join the discussion; energy bills will keep going up, you can be sure of that. We will announce the venue for this meeting in the December issue.

**Please note that the current scheme for free home insulation will end before the new year and Warm Front only runs till the end of March.**

We must have a fairly complete picture of PV installations in the village judging by the number of returned forms I have received. A few more have come in since September and I am very grateful to those people who have responded. It is not surprising, I suppose, to find that Harbury residents are happy to get involved and share the benefits of their experience. If you have by some slip of concentration, however, missed my requests for information about PV and have installed panels on your roof, please do let me know and we can get a form to you. The form is very short and does not require any personal information, if you don't want to give it.

We are also keen to extend our data to record any other low carbon energy generating measures people have commissioned. Not all houses are suitable for photovoltaic cells. Has anyone installed a solar hot water panel, ground or air source heat pump, biomass boiler or other technology? Would you be prepared to share this information with HEI? I haven't seen any 3MW wind turbines puncturing the skyline, so I am assuming that there is no wind-powered energy generation in Harbury.

We have had some donations into our LocalGiving.com account for which we are very grateful. This does not go into our steering group beer fund, however thirsty we get. The money allows us to work up more plans for the village, gives us the opportunity to investigate new benefits for the village, share knowledge from other communities who have greater experience and, if we raise enough, commission studies into whole village solutions. There is no doubt that along with food prices energy prices will continue to rise uncomfortably. We want to find ways for everyone to offset that by exploring opportunities to cut energy use and generate heat and electricity cheaply or at no cost.

Many of you have benefited from photovoltaic electricity production and may feel happy to share a tiny proportion of this good fortune with the village through HEI. If for this - or any other reason - you would like to make a small contribution to our fund, please go to [www.localgiving.com/charity/hei](http://www.localgiving.com/charity/hei) and donate to Harbury Energy Initiative. At the moment every £10 donated attracts an automatic match contribution from the fund and is gift aided. There is still about £300,000 in the pot to allocate, so please do consider helping us grab some of that for the village.

**Bob Sherman**  
**[bob@churchterrace8.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:bob@churchterrace8.freeseve.co.uk)**



## News from BIFFA

At the regular meeting that the Parish Council have with the manager at the Ufton Landfill site we have been asked to pass on the following information. Some residents in some areas are putting unwelcome things into the GREEN recycling bins. If this happens then a whole 20 ton of recycling may become unusable or the workmen have a lot to do to make it acceptable. Recently the site has been granted the Pass 100 accreditation which means from the New Year they will be able to sell their compost on the open market and anything wrong put into the green waste bins could mean that this standard could be withdrawn.

### Please

- **garden waste must be green** (organic) - no lumps of concrete, bricks, large stones or other non-green rubbish from the garden.
- **DO NOT wrap food waste.** Just put it in the bin with all the green stuff.
- **DO NOT put newspaper** into the green bin. This should go in the blue topped bin.
- **NO plastic bags** unless they are the biodegradable sort with the ISO logo made from starch which their process decomposes but which your composter may not do so well

The manager at Ufton would like to reward local residents by offering Mulox bags of compost FREE. If a group would like to make use of this offer now that Ufton have their accreditation, they should contact the manager Russ Parrett on 01926 614248 or mob. 07764 289532 to arrange this. Some local farmers are already using their compost and it is completely free of any dangerous bacteria. It is checked regularly and is completely safe. 700 tons have already gone out locally!

**Jenny Patrick**



## Harbury Heritage Room

These are the heads of each household in Church Terrace in 1881. Unfortunately we don't know which buildings they lived in. Can you match any of these people to present-day houses? If we could locate just one of them, the others would probably fall into place! Any information to [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk).

Also - do you have any Harbury School class or group photos from the 1950s, 1960s or 1970s? We would be delighted to add them to the collection or borrow them to make copies. Please contact me at [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help.

**Reminder:** The Heritage Room is located at Harbury Primary School. It contains hundreds of historical documents and photographs and is open on the first Tuesday of every month from 6.30pm. We hope to see you there!

First Name	Surname	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Born
William	Dale	Married	22	Farm Labourer	Lidford. Oxon
Samuel	Owen	M	50	Labourer	Harbury
Solomon	Gaskins	Widower	69	General Labr.	Hatton
Charles	Gaskins	M	43	Gen. Lab.	Harbury
John	Townsend	M	39	Co-op Baker's Ass.	Oddington, Glos.
John	Wilkins	M	28	Blacksmith	Harbury
Henry	Collett	M	30	Police Constable	Oxon
William	Pratt	Widower	60	Cattle Dealer	Bishops Itchington
Ann	Horley	Widow	67		Warwick
Henry	Tidmarsh	M	38	Joiner	Adderbury, Oxon
Henry	Wells	M	54	Grocers Ass.	Harbury
George	Askew	M	25	Tailor	Northend

## That Green Thing

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to an older woman that she should bring her own shopping bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days". The cashier responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every shop and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300 horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the county of Yorkshire. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right. We didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank water from a fountain or a tap when we were thirsty instead of demanding a plastic bottle flown in from another country. We accepted that a lot of food was seasonal and didn't expect that to be bucked by flying it thousands of air miles around the world. We actually cooked food that didn't come out of a packet, tin or plastic wrap and we could even wash our own vegetables and chop our own salad.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus, and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

**Patrick Clarke**

## **Both sides of 'The Barrier'**

Back in February a small group from Harbury joined an Embrace the Middle East Educational Tour of Israel and the West Bank. On their return to the village they arranged a presentation of their photographs and stories in the Tom Hauley Room. The evening was attended by Israeli citizen Mr Noru Tsalic who felt that the experience had been rather one sided and wanted the opportunity to put forward the views of a 'moderate Israeli'. So on December the 13<sup>th</sup> Noru will be joining Mr Jeremy Moody CEO of Embrace the Middle East in a discussion entitled 'Both sides of 'The Barrier''. The evening will be chaired by Dr Peter Byrd from Warwick University's politics department. The Palestinian/Israeli conflict evokes strong, sometimes extreme feelings in many people and this evening is not designed to be another aggressive debate. Rather, its intention is to honour a promise to Mr Tsalic and give people the opportunity to listen to two differing perspectives on the 700 km barrier.

Entrance will be by free ticket only and these are available from me by calling 01926 772824 or e-mailing [su.mcclellan@embraceme.org](mailto:su.mcclellan@embraceme.org). Refreshments will be provided after the discussion.

Both sides of 'The Barrier' - Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm, All Saints Church, Harbury

**Su McClellan**

**Regional Manager for Embrace the Middle East in Central England**

## **John Home's Book Benefits Kenyan Beekeepers**

With a great deal of encouragement and assistance I find myself surprised to be the author of a book. This came about because firstly it would be of interest to know about someone who has been involved with beekeeping for some 50 years, with over 30 of them being the owner of Fosse Way Honey before selling on and "retiring"! The second driving force in producing the book was the desire to raise funds for the work of Bees Abroad in Kenya which now takes a great deal of my retirement time. It won't come as any

surprise that the book is called **Home & Away Adventures in Bee keeping in the UK and Africa.**

The entire profit from this venture will go towards the project work in Kenya. My family and I lived in Harbury for many years and now in Deppers Bridge, so much in the book has involved people and things around this locality. Country Fayre and Harbury Honey in Mill Street both have kindly offered to have the books available with the entire book price coming direct to Bees Abroad.

You may recall Marian Millington writing in the March Harbury News, about the work of Bees Abroad in Kenya and how, as local folk, we were able to use our skills to assist subsistence village groups often in remote areas. These groups would not normally receive help from larger charities and yet by encouragement and improving their beekeeping knowledge, they are also able to add value to raw hive products. They have been marketing these products and in doing so relieve poverty, which is the aim of the charity.

Marian mentioned in her article about Caroline, who in a recent email had told of how Bees Abroad had made a difference to their community.

**Caroline wrote:** *"We have been able to gain skills on the sustainable and easy to manage beekeeping. This has empowered us as women since we can now own property in this manner. We have also been able to venture into "manufacturing" of body cream. This is a historic and big milestone achievement for rural pastoralist women. The proceeds we have collected from the sales of honey and body cream has enabled us to support our children in the payment of school fees. We also use it to support an early childhood centre which Sinyati established in 2002 to support the community's early childhood education.*

*We have also used portions of it to weed our bean project farm which we planted and then shared the crop harvest among the group members and other needy women. So that we all had bean seeds for the 2012 planting season. We did not have to buy seeds, which are expensive!"*

**John Home**



## **The Rotary Club of Southam**

The Rotary Club of Southam invites you to share in our "2012 Rotary Tree of Light".

All over the world 1000's of beautiful trees of light will be illuminated with millions of lights to remember loved ones during Christmas and the New Year.

The money raised in Southam will be donated to Acorns Children's Hospice Charity which serves Southam and the Warwickshire community.

The “Rotary Tree of Light” will stand on Coventry Street (by Southam Carpets) and will be switched on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 6.15pm.

We extend an invitation to you to own a light over Christmas and the New Year on this tree in memory of a person or cause that is dear to you. These names will be recorded in a Book of Memory displayed in Southam Library during the Tree of Light display period.

Please complete the donation form for the light(s) you wish to shine on, Rotary Club of Southam’s “2012 Rotary Tree of Light”. Donation forms are available from Southam Library, Southam businesses, Napton and Stockton Post Offices or telephone Peter Jackson 01926 864234 / Mike Gaffney 01926 811028.

Completed forms, cash and/or cheques may be sent to Acorns Hospice, c/o 9 Orchard Way, Southam, CV47 1EG or sealed envelopes marked “Rotary Tree of Light” may be handed in at Jacqueline’s Florist, Southam Carpets and Southam Library.

This project has raised over £13,000 since we began it; I can’t say how many children with terminal illnesses and their families have benefited but I can say that the love and care shown to them is beyond price. (As is the love and care of all carers everywhere). I also believe that the opportunity our Tree gives to us all to remember our own loved ones, whom we miss especially at this time of the year, is something very special.

So amidst all the other worthy causes and appeals which you will hear and receive at this Season please consider this one and, if you can, support it.

Love and prayers.

**Peter Jackson**



## **Southam & District Lions - 41<sup>st</sup> Ken Graham Annual Senior Citizens’ Party**

It was the case of the ‘wow’ factor this year! Talk about ‘Britain’s Got Talent’ – we saw fantastic examples of ‘Southam’s Got Talent’!

The occasion was the 41st Annual Lions Senior Citizens’ Party – named now for Ken Graham since he was the organiser for some 38 years! Blessed this year with lovely sunshine, some 140 Senior Citizens from Southam and surrounding villages were treated last weekend to an afternoon of fun at Southam College.

It was great to see the hall packed with guests and it was clear that they all enjoyed themselves joining in with the songs of yesteryear. Lions President, Roger Lane, opened proceedings with a short address following which, guests, fuelled with sherry, enjoyed a packed programme of entertainment, starting with The Conchordians, the fabulous children from Secret Garden

who sang and danced so well and the ever popular Paul Gunton who sang a medley of songs old and new, with enthusiastic participation from the audience.

A lavish tea, provided courtesy of the Lions' Ladies, was enthusiastically consumed, every last crumb, and then more entertainment from the Conchordians and Paul Gunton led to rousing applause from our lovely guests. The Lions were left in little doubt that there MUST be another party next year and so there shall be!



## Southam & District Lions Poetry Competition 2012

Southam Lions are pleased to announce the following winners in various categories for their Poetry Competition 2012. Competition was fierce with some 150 entries received and all poems will be catalogued and collated into a book which will be available for sale at a low price. We are hopeful that the book will be available for purchase at the Awards Evening detailed below:

### Adult Category:

First Prize:	Mary Storrie	'The Web'
Second Prize:	Craig Lambert	'Injury Time'
Third Prize:	Bernard Pollard	'Going Fishing'

### Teenage Category:

First Prize:	Howard Weyman (13)	'Afghanistan'
Second Prize:	Lucy Hague (>16)	'Lazy Summer Days'
Third Prize:	Charlotte O'Growney (16)	'A Sonnet for my Horse'

### Junior Category:

First Prize:	Abbey Parkin (10)	'The White Horse'
Second Prize:	Will Eadon (10)	'What a Holiday – Not a Holiday'
Third Prize:	Pagan Pearce (11)	'I Wonder Why?'

Hear these wonderful poems and others being read by the winners at the Awards Evening at the Graham Adams Centre, **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** 7.30 - 9.30pm. Prizes will be distributed by Southam Town Mayor Mr Mike Gaffney MBE TD. Come along for free cheese and wine!



## Santa and his Sleigh Visits

Once again the Lions are painting the float, oiling the wheels and generally gearing themselves up for the Christmas Santa Sleigh visits to Southam and the surrounding villages. The Activity Schedule is shown below so watch out for the cheery bells, those ever popular Christmas Carols and the cheeky chatter of the Lions when they hit where you live in December!

In fact Father Christmas will be here in Southam for the Christmas Lights Switch-On and that will be **FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**. Once again there will be lots of fun things happening with a mini fair and stalls, all to herald the switching on of those fantastic lights at 6pm. Children can come and see Father Christmas outside The Mint and, if they are very good, rumour has it that chocolate goodies will be handed out by the Great Man!!

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 more chocolate goodies to hand out and you can tell him what you would like him to bring you on Christmas Morning. Maybe you can make a Christmas card for him – he loves to get these!

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 over £4,500 for Children’s Charities. Please give generously again when we knock on your door. Our chosen charities this year are: **Helen and Douglas House and Zoe’s Place**. Below is the list of dates when you can expect to see Santa!

We open this year’s schedule with a visit to **HARBURY on SATURDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**. Don’t forget the **Southam Lights Switch-On – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Harbury	15.30 – 20.15
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Bishops itchington	17.30 – 20.15
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge & Ufton	17.30 – 20.15

Children can email Father Christmas if they wish on: [fatherchristmas@southamlions.org.uk](mailto:fatherchristmas@southamlions.org.uk)

Happy Christmas everyone from Southam Lions Club and thanks for the wonderful support you have given us in 2012.

**Peter Guy**

## Christmas Fayre at Offchurch Village Hall

The Fayre will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 11.00am – 3.00pm. Admission is £1 (Children under 12 - free). This includes a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie. Why don't you stay for lunch as well? Freshly made soups and hot dogs will be available to purchase, with vegetarian options too.

\* Santa's Grotto \* Christmas Tombola \* \* Handmade Gifts \* Vintage & Nearly New \* \* Homemade Cakes & Preserves \* Water to Wine \* \* Books \* Grand Raffle \* Traidcraft \* \* Children's Corner: Face Painting \*\* Unwanted / Unused Gifts \* and more...

Proceeds are to be shared between St Gregory's Church and Offchurch Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

**Catherine Kaye – Offchurch Village Hall Committee**



### Door knockers

We have had problems locally with two groups of people knocking on doors.

The first group are known as the “Nottingham door knockers” (as they come from Nottingham.) They knock at doors selling over priced and low quality housewares (dusters, ironing board covers etc) and more recently Christmas cards. They may claim to be reformed criminals, they are far from reformed and are used as scouts for house breaking accomplices. They often carry bogus pedlars’ certificates. While it is not illegal to sell goods door to door police want to remind householders that anyone doing so must have a police issued Pedlars’ Certificate which will indicate that the person has had some background checks made on them and that they are of good character. The certificate clearly shows the crest of the police force where it was issued, the name of the police officer who approved it and includes the name and address of the certificate holder and their photograph. Don't be afraid to ask for and check this. These people often carry bogus pedlars’ certificates. If you are visited by one of this group, please inform the Police by ringing 101. If you are harassed or verbally abused by them then call 999 if you feel you need to.

The other group are charity collectors. Recent reports have been of people claiming to be collecting for the British Red Cross and for a breast cancer charity. They have been knocking on doors asking people to sign standing orders. This involves giving your bank details and your address giving the opportunity for fraud if the information falls into the wrong hands. The best thing to do is decline, close the door and give to charity through well recognised channels.

If you want any more information Trading Standards can help you. I do have a supply of stickers that you can put near your front door which inform callers that you do not buy from door-to-door callers, and has security advice on the back. Let me know if you would like one or get in touch with your street NHW co-ordinator.

**Alison Abbott**



## **A Message from Southam Police**

Inconsiderate parking on pavements can stop disabled people from gaining access to services and can also put them at great risk if having to resort to using roads. Parking on the pavement can be dangerous, putting pedestrians – especially those with disabilities or using pushchairs in danger. If a vehicle is blocking the pavement then people often have no choice but to walk in the road where they are at much greater risk of being involved in an accident.

You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any obstruction of the road (Laws: RTA 1988, Section 22 & CUR Reg. 103) **YOU MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement; unless signs permit it.

- Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians particularly people in wheel chairs or with visual impairment and people with prams and pushchairs. (Law: GL(GP)A Sec 15)
- Near a school entrance.
- Anywhere you would prevent emergency services from accessing.
- At or near a bus stop.
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction.
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- Where the kerb has been lowered.
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**PCSO Katrina Taylor**

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## Don't Let Leaves go to Waste

Many of us are missing a trick if we don't compost falling leaves this autumn, according to the Warwickshire Waste Partnership.

'Leafmould' is a good soil improver, lawn conditioner and mulch. It can be used in seed and potting mixes too – and it is free.

All you need is a secluded corner of the garden and a simple container, to stop the leaves blowing away. Black plastic bags are ideal. Fill a black plastic bag with moist fallen leaves and make a few holes in the bag with a fork. Loosely tie the top and leave in a secluded corner of the garden. After about 12 months the leaves will have partially rotten down and can be used as a mulch around borders and the vegetable patch, they can also be dug in as a soil improver for sowing and planting or used as an autumn top dressing for lawns.

Well rotten leaf mould, two years old in most cases will be dark brown and crumbly with no real trace of the original leaves. It can be used as a seed sowing mix either on its own or mixed with equal parts sharp sand and garden compost. Alternatively, use as a potting compost by mixing equal parts of well rotted leafmould, sharp sand, loam and garden compost. One word of caution - do not disturb drifts of autumn leaves under hedges and other out of the way areas. They may be used as hibernating sites by hedgehogs and other creatures.

**Caroline Faulkner**

**Waste Project Officer at Warwickshire County Council**



### **Dear Editors**

*I would just like to thank everyone who sponsored me to do the "Coast to Coast" cycle ride back in September. We thoroughly enjoyed the ride, made all the sweeter by raising money for a great local cause. These funds will now enable the Harbury Pre-School to install the much longed for canopy in the children's play area. Thanks go also to the Horticultural Society for their donation, which brought the total raised up to £730! This way exceeded our expectations - we have been touched by people's generosity.*

Regards

**Mike Banbury**

**Dear Editors**

*Thank you very much to all who supported the Farm Street and Farm Close street collection for Myton Hospice in September. The collection raised £57.47.*

**John White**

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**Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Tom Hauley Room. We raised the wonderful amount of £372.00*

**Mary and Friends**

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## All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Communion
	10.30am	First Light contemporary style service in the Tom Hauley Room
	6.00pm	Evening Worship - a different style of service each month
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> (and 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion Service
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Every Sunday: (except 1 <sup>st</sup> )	10.30am	Funday Club (in term time)
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion

Times of weekday services and any variations are displayed on the notice in the lychgate.

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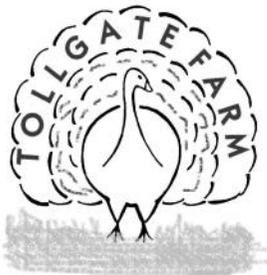
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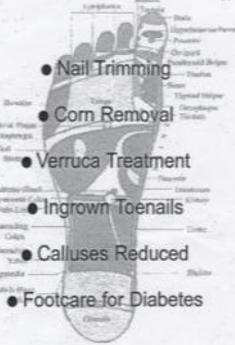
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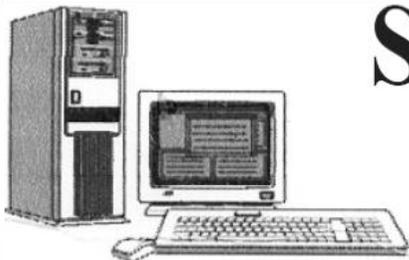


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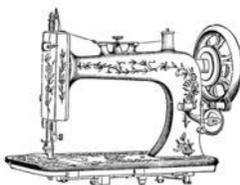


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