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## Editorial



**Carnival Queen and King -  
Evie and Ben**

Warwickshire Open Studios is running until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, so there is still an opportunity to visit participating venues in the village including the Library. Another Warwickshire artistic organisation, the Warwickshire Young Voices goes from strength to strength and is expanding the community choir and using an additional venue in Leamington Spa for rehearsals. There will also be workshops over the summer holidays at the Graham Adams Centre in Southam.

With the summer upon us, there are a number of events coming up, one being a re-enactment of the Battle of Southam taking place over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August. Looking further ahead, the Village Show will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and entry forms are now available. Then in October there will be the return of the Victorian Street Fayre.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Mary Morgan and William Stringer.

## Harbury Diary

### JULY

- Sat 6** Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice  
Harbury Society guided tour, 10.00am at Smith's Quarry, Bubbenhall  
Harbury Primary School Summer Fayre, 12.00 noon-3.00pm  
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Oz the Great & Powerful'.  
Doors open 3.30pm, film starts at 4.00pm. Tickets £3.50 each, family ticket £10.
- Sun 7** **TRINITY VI**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Taizé Service, 6.00pm

- Sun 7 Zumba, 9.00-10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 9 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Horticultural Society outing to Herefordshire, 9.00am from Village Hall  
No Wednesday Walk today
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Movement to Music, 2.00-3.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12.00 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Mothers' Union
- Sun 14 TRINITY VII**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00-10.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Tues 16 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walkers, Cropredy with optional Pub Lunch  
(3 or 5 miles), meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park  
Tea, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Movement to Music, 2.00-3.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of the Tom Hauley Room  
Southam in Bloom – Open Gardens, 11.00am-5.00pm,  
programmes from Jacqueline the Florist, St James Church or  
from gardens on the day
- Sun 21 TRINITY VIII**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Southam in Bloom – Open Gardens, 11.00am-5.00pm,  
programmes from Jacqueline the Florist, St James Church or  
from gardens on the day
- Tues 23 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting AGM, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walkers, probably Hunningham (4 miles),  
meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Southam Children's Centre (use Hall if wet), 11.00am-12.30pm  
Last Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall  
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5.30PM  
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall

- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Riding for the Disabled  
Senior Citizens Benefit Summer Lunch, 12.00 noon-2.30pm in  
Village Hall
- Sun 28 TRINITY IX**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 9.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
- Mon 29 Village Hall Management Committee, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 30 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 31 Wednesday Walkers, Ufton-Bascote (4.5 miles), meet at 9.40am  
at Village Hall Car Park

**AUGUST**

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Folk Club, 8.00pm at Village Club  
N.B. No Men's Group meeting today
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Shoebox Appeal
- Sun 4 TRINITY X**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Evening Service, 6.00pm
- Tues 6 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Harbury Heritage Room open, 6.30-8.30pm at the School
- Wed 7 NB No Mothers' Union meeting today  
Wednesday Walkers, Fenny Compton – Oxford Canal with  
optional Pub Lunch (5 miles), meet 9.40am from Village Hall  
Car Park
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tennis Club BBQ Tournament, 6.30pm

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
July	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	10	11	12	Grey Bin
	17	18	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	24	25	26	Grey Bin
	31			Green & Blue Lid Bins
Aug		1	2	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	7	8	9	Grey Bin
	14	15	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins



## From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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### 'Why would God be bothered with me?'

I often hear this said by people as I go around. 'I'm not perfect. I have all kinds of problems. I have no ability. I have no gifts. I'm just not worthy. Why would God want me? 'Well, if you're someone who feels like this did you know that:-

Moses stuttered.

David's armour didn't fit.

John Mark deserted Paul.

Hosea's wife was a prostitute.

Amos' only training was in fig-tree pruning.

Jacob was a liar.

David had an affair.

Solomon was too rich.

Abraham was too old.

David was too young.

Peter was afraid of death.

Lazarus was dead.

John was self-righteous.

Naomi was a widow.

Paul was a persecutor of the Church.

Moses was a murderer.

Jonah ran from God's will.

Miriam was a gossip.

Gideon and Thomas both doubted.

Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.

Elijah was burned out.

John the Baptist was a loudmouth.

Martha was a worry-wart.

Noah got drunk.

Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse? So did Peter, Paul - well, lots of folks did.

**But**, God doesn't require a job interview. He's our Heavenly Father and he loves us. He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudiced or partial, not judging, grudging, not deaf to our cry, not blind to our needs. He knows who we are and what we are and loves us in spite of ourselves. And if there's hope for those lot above then there's hope for you! (and me).

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Service of Thanksgiving:*

6<sup>th</sup> June William Stringer (37 years)

### *Funerals at All Saints' Harbury*

25<sup>th</sup> June Mary Morgan (100 years)

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

23<sup>rd</sup> June Bobby Scott

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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In June, we heard about another project which extends a helping hand to people who are struggling to cope in the modern world. Audrey, Patrick and Matt told us about the "Way Ahead" run by the Salvation Army in Leamington. This offers a drop in centre, which is open on five weekday mornings, offering food and bedding, help to find accommodation, various activities and guidance to make decisions for their futures. As with the food banks which we heard about last month, the need seems to be ever increasing. Their mission statement "always there for you" very much reflects our Lord's teaching of loving care for everyone.

The Lunch made £148 for church funds – thank you to everyone who helped. Also to those who provide cake for the "drop in" teas on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, to which everyone is welcome.

At the time of publication, we shall have enjoyed our visit to Hunningham Church. Our next activity is the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on 13<sup>th</sup> July – please try to support this. Proceeds will be used to set up a parenting course here, in Harbury, starting in September. Watch out for details.

As usual, we do not meet in August; enjoy the summer until we start again on 4<sup>th</sup> September with a Communion and tea.



## Church Men's Group

John Guilford (Co-Chair)

We had high expectations as we headed off on our annual outing, which this year was a trip to the Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford and a "Behind the Scenes" tour.

We weren't disappointed as we explored the control room overlooking the stage, from where the Stage and Lighting Directors manage every live performance, behind the set, past the quick change areas and props cupboards before finally sitting down next to the stage for a Q&A session with our excellent tour guides. The effort and commitment that goes into each production is truly amazing and it is no wonder the theatre has a reputation second to none. Where else could an actor come off stage dressed as a woman and 19 seconds later reappear on stage as a man!!

A cream tea was then enjoyed before visiting the costume museums where you could witness at close hand the beautiful hand crafted gowns worn by famous actors in different plays over the years. To finish the tour we went to the top of the theatre tower, where Stratford looks a very different place with its small back yards and rows of terraces that sit behind the impressive shop and house frontages.

The day ended with an enjoyable meal at the White Hart, Upton, where a few of us stood outside the pub looking across Warwickshire as the sun dropped below the horizon before we headed home. A great way to end a thoroughly enjoyable day.

We can't promise the same level of excitement for our next meeting as it is our AGM on the 4<sup>th</sup> July - American Independence Day - but we will do our best to eject some fun and laughter into proceedings by asking members to give a five minute talk on their own American experiences. Who knows what we have to come....

For more information please contact John Guilford (614206) or John Stringer (613214).

## Ladbroke News & Diary

[www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk)

### JULY

Sat 6 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 7 Trinity VI**

Family Communion, 10.30am

Fri 12 Moving Pictures: *The Great Gatsby*, time TBA, Village Hall

**Sun 14 Trinity VII**

- Sun 14 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Mon 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
 HARBURY BY 5.30PM  
 Wed 17 Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 18 Home Group, 8.00pm at Cherry Trees  
 Sat 20 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 21 Trinity VIII**  
 Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am  
 Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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 5.30PM  
 Women's Institute, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Sat 27 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 28 Trinity IX**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Wed 31 Home Group, 8.00pm at Cherry Trees  
**AUGUST**  
 Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 3 Trinity X**  
 Family Communion, 10.30am  
 Tue 6 Photography Club Walkabout, details TBA



## Ladbroke Church News

**Jackie West**

The scaffolding throughout the Nave has led to a very different feel to our services as, rather than having our regular congregation of 25 or so dispersed across the pews, we have been sitting close together in the choir stalls and on additional chairs in the Chancel. We are much more conscious of each other, feel nearer to events as Craig or Annie have reminded us of Jesus' Last Supper at the altar and the sound as we sing is great. The redecorating work will continue through July and is a little more extensive than originally planned as some of the plaster was found to be loose and is having to be replaced. Once that is done, the repainting complete and the scaffolding removed, we will be looking for help from as many people as possible to spring clean the building and move things back ready for use.

The Home Group which started this month has met several times and agreed that it will continue fortnightly, sometimes on a Wednesday and sometimes on a Thursday to allow those who can only make one of these evenings to participate. The usual venue will be Cherry Trees, School Lane and each meeting will include a bible study on a theme and a time for prayer. All are welcome.

If anyone is considering buying a bible, there is a wide selection available from The Bible Society which also sells Christian books, DVDs etc. For purchases made on-line from their website they will donate 10% of the value of the order (excluding p&p) to nominated churches. All Saints' Ladbroke is now on their list; all you have to do is select this church during the checkout process. Luckily once you have chosen Warwickshire the churches are listed alphabetically so we are easy to find.

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Jenny Barrett
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Jean Clews
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Jean Clews
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Laura Taylor
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Laura Taylor



Sue Lord

	<p><b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Carol Lane</b></p>
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At the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June the members heard that the Resolution for the year was to highlight the rebuilding needed to reverse the decline in High Street shops. This motion had been discussed and supported unanimously by our May meeting and was carried at the National AGM.

On the subject of National matters, our treasurer, Rachel Thomson, who has been busy lately planting geraniums in the large pot outside the Village Hall, had won the 'Midwives Deliver' competition run by the National Federation for W.Is, with the photograph of her baby grandson being tended in an incubator.

Also pictured on Page 3 of the Warwickshire W.I. News publication was Sue Moore modelling in a characteristic pose!

A successful coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room and the W.I. contribution of teas for the Ladbroke Fete has enhanced our funds.

### Dates for the diary:

16<sup>th</sup> August - Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. outing to the Guide Dog training centre.

28<sup>th</sup> August - Southam Group W.I. visit to Burghley House.

We were honoured to receive as our speaker Lady Marie Stubbs who, following a career in teaching, had been asked to go into St George's Roman Catholic Secondary School in Maida Vale which had been put under special measures by Ofsted and was in danger of being closed down. The previous head, Philip Lawrence, had been stabbed at the school gate, there were severe behavioural difficulties and low staff morale.

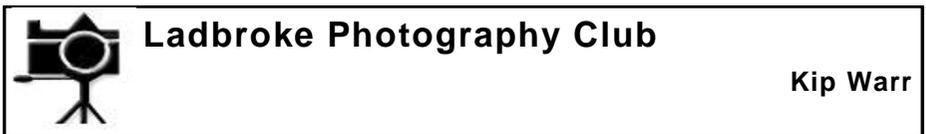
The underlying belief used was that the vast majority of children want to learn and it is the teacher's job to work with each individual child to get underneath the persona which the child has developed often as a result of other difficulties in their lives. She saw the school as an alternative experience of life and worked to make it a joyful community.

We were all asked to remember our best teacher and using the perceived qualities of those, Lady Marie illustrated how she set about changing the mind set of staff and pupils. Truancy rates were high and she urged teachers not to harangue returning pupils but to welcome them back, for example.

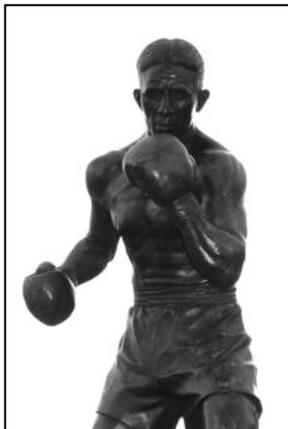
She began what she called a 'heroes programme' so that pupils could have evidence of people they could look up to and aspire to emulate. She invited to the school an amazing range of top people from many spheres: Lord Hailsham; Sir Paul Condon; Kevin Keegan; Frank Bruno (who only used one word - 'wicked' - when presenting the prizes); Ralph Fiennes; Colin Dexter and P.D.James to mention a few!

Lady Marie took the School out of special measures in 17 months and wrote a book 'Ahead of the Class', subsequently made into a film starring Julie Walters as Lady Marie Stubbs, a copy of which she left for us to watch at a later date. She finished the talk with a quotation from Winston Churchill which he used when things were stacking against him - 'Bugger the lot of them and go to sleep'.

Our July meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Julie Williams will give a Jaycee Craft demonstration with Polymer Clay.



Our main event was a Warwick Walkabout on a fine sunny evening. Warwick is full of fine, photogenic landmarks: St Mary's Church, the Castle, the river, Lord Leycester Hospital and many more, and they were looking at their best in the low, slanting sunlight. But when you walk slowly around the town with a camera in your hand you begin to notice lots of other interesting sights: quiet public gardens, a carved lintel, moored boats, gravestones at an angle and evening light through the archway under the Church tower. For those not familiar with the town centre there is a trail, marked by plaques set in the pavement, with a corresponding guide published by the tourist



**Randolph Turpin by  
Tony Mancell**

information office. Yes, of course we felt like a bunch of tourists, but sometimes it is worth casting aside your inhibitions, especially when it gives you a chance to find some new spots and take some unusual photos.

Also in June some of our best pictures from the past year were printed and expertly mounted by Jackie and put on display at the Ladbroke Village Fete. For once the rain did us a favour; with people sheltering in our gazebo we had even more visitors than usual!

We meet  
m o n t h l y ,  
usually on the  
first Tuesday,  
and are happy  
to welcome

both visitor and new members, not just from Ladbroke but also from the surrounding area. During July and August we shall be out and about again in Southam and Stratford, and in September we shall be back in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information contact Jackie West at [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk).



**Warwick Bridge by  
Mike Todman**



## Ladbroke General Section

### Ladbroke Annual Village Meeting

The Parish Council is required to hold an Annual Village Meeting; this year it was on 19<sup>th</sup> June and about 25 people attended.

**Healthwatch Warwickshire:** Donna Ranchod introduced this new independent organisation set up to help people get the best out of local health and social care services, including those provided by hospitals, GP surgeries, dentists and care homes. Having only started in April 2013, things are still in the early stages, but already they have helped provide information e.g. how to contact an emergency dentist and also identified some things that need to be discussed at a strategic level e.g. GP surgeries are no longer funded to do blood tests but it is more expensive for the NHS to do these at a hospital and more difficult for patients to get there. HWW wants to get the views of patients

and the public, both good and bad experiences, to identify trends and trigger conversations between relevant parties, hopefully leading to the small changes that will make big differences. HWW can be contacted on 01926 422823 or by emailing [info@healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk)

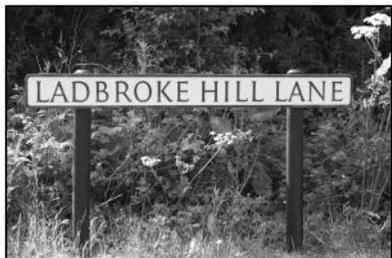
**Neighbourhood Watch:** Local co-ordinator, David Halsall reminded us about the scheme, that you can sign up for Rogue Trader and Scam alerts and obtain Police crime reports via the Safer Neighbourhood and Warwickshire Police websites and that the quarterly Community Forum was an opportunity to influence local police priorities.

**HS2:** Ladbroke Action Group leader, Graham Long provided two handouts linked to the current consultation on the Draft Environmental Statement. It is very important that we respond in our own words to this consultation before the 11<sup>th</sup> July deadline raising our points of concern including:

- The need to use locally excavated soil to create bunds to shield us from sight and sound of the trains; moving proposed balancing pond at Harp Farm so there is no gap in earthworks/bund shield.
- There is no mention of requested path/cycleway from Ladbroke to Southam and concern that what was a country path between the two that can be used safely by children, dog walkers etc is being partially rerouted alongside the A423; complete omission of other rights of way e.g. at end of Radbourne Lane.
- The unacceptability of averaging to define the acceptable noise level.
- The need to minimise noise from rerouted and elevated A423.
- There is no mention of the graders to be used 24/7 on the materials site at Harp Farm/Greenleaf nursery, the impact of these need to be shielded from us.
- What is being done to ensure flooding in village is not made worse?
- There is no assessment of effects of traffic avoiding A423/425 during construction using Ladbroke as a rat-run.

Further information to support local responses is being developed and will be circulated by email. You should also let Ladbroke Parish Council know your views and any ideas on preventing the village becoming a rat-run during construction, to help our councillors in discussions with WCC.

Other HS2 activities at present include the Environmental Appeal by opposition groups that went to court last week with the judgement expected in mid-July; a Paving Bill going before the House of Commons on 26<sup>th</sup> June (claims that this is needed for Compensation are not true) and STOP HS2's event at the Staffordshire showground on 29<sup>th</sup> June designed to bring those on the northern arms of the Y up to speed.



**Parish Council:** Derek Batty summarised the year from the Council's perspective, thanking all those who support it. There had been a hard look at all **expenditure**, allowing the precept this year to be unchanged at £5000. **HS2 activities** were now focused on mitigation of effects on the village via the Ladbroke and Southam HS2 Community Forum and bilateral meetings

with HS2 Ltd. **Windmill Lane** east of the bypass had finally been renamed and the new sign is now up (*perhaps this will confuse HS2 construction lorries!*). A £2000 grant had been obtained for **flood prevention** in the village and, as no further dredging of the brook was required, this could be for other measures. Promising discussions on the balancing pond have been held and the person responsible within WCC should be coming to the July Parish Council meeting to give further details. Note, it is not expected to be a permanent area of water, just a part of the valley whose exit is controlled by weir gates. **Planning applications** considered had included trees, extensions, regularisations, wind turbines and a solar farm.

**Repair to roads** damaged by the bad weather should be forthcoming but in the meantime, be careful, as two people have had burst tyres and fractured alloys on the way to Deppers Bridge. The **website** has been changed to a Google site which looks slightly different and will be much cheaper to run. A meeting was held in November 2012 regarding **village facilities**, i.e. options for replacing the Village Hall. The team considering purchase and use of The Bell Inn concluded we should "hold fire" and indeed it is understood that the pub has been sold to new owners and will reopen in late July. All Saints' Parochial Church Council considered the option to make the Parish Church a community facility and are happy to explore it further with the relevant parties.

It was confirmed by those present that the best way of communicating Parish Council info was via the e-news (if you do not receive this send your email address to [martincneal@hotmail.com](mailto:martincneal@hotmail.com)). Those outside the village centre said they appreciated receiving e-leaflets and e-flyers for events as they often missed out on those hand delivered round the village.

**WCC:** Bob Stevens thanked people for their support in the election and confirmed that there is no overall control of WCC. Bob's special responsibilities are public health and HS2. WCC had saved £60M with a 25% reduction in staff, but they were expecting to be asked to save a further £60-80M. Some can be done by reducing duplication of effort and joint working with other authorities but with the demographic shift, people getting older there was pressure on services. It is preferable to support people in the community in their own homes, hence the new development at Southam on the library site. Southam College remains under local authority control but in many towns such as Rugby and Stratford the good schools are becoming Academies and increasing their pupil intake.

Our district councillor could not be present so Bob Stevens also mentioned some **SDC points**. The Core Strategy will not be approved until July 2014 and developers are making use of the loophole this creates, e.g. example plans had been submitted in May for 81 new homes at Bishops Itchington. SDC have to find 50 pitches for travellers and plan to consult on this; as Warwick DC have done, this is likely to be a number of small sites. The Core Strategy, police matters and travellers are topics for the next Community Forum to be held at Wormleighton in September.

The perennial comments about speeding bikes were made and it was suggested that displaying the number of deaths and serious incidents might be more useful than THINK BIKE signs.

**Alibone Trust:** The contract for the land held in trust (off Radbourne Lane) had been renewed with the existing tenant for a further six years. Half of the money generated goes to the Church, the rest to the non-ecclesiastical trustees who in 2012 had given £300 to the Village Hall for kitchen items and £150 to the Photography Club towards the screen permanently positioned in the Village Hall. There is a healthy balance in the non-ecclesiastical fund so if any organisation thinks they have a reasonable claim for funds from it they should let Geoff Lane know.

**Church:** Rev Craig reminded us that although we have a legal responsibility to maintain the Church and its activities there is no funding from the C of E; each parish has to find its own money, therefore we are very grateful to everyone, not just church members, who support All Saints' Ladbroke. Jackie West joined Sue Lord as the second church warden when Steve Copley stood down from this role, he continues to be our treasurer. Sue Wright has joined the PCC assisting in pastoral work (visiting people etc). A Home Group has just started for people to have time together in a relaxed setting to talk about things of faith, all are welcome to this – you do not have to come to Church to join in.

Maintaining such an old building is a challenge but thanks to a legacy we are redecorating the Nave; while this is full of scaffolding services are being held in the Chancel.

**Village Hall:** The central heating is a great success with users but it has not been possible to progress insulation of the roof because although it no longer leaks during rain, there are still slow leaks from frost and snow. The proposed glass washer is also on hold but other improvements to the kitchen had gone ahead, thanks to grants from the Alibone Trust and Parish Council and fitting by Kip Warr. Events in the past year included a Christmas party with the Ladbroke Rockers and Treasure Hunt with the Millennium Green. Since joining SDC's Moving Pictures scheme there have been two film nights and **The Great Gatsby** will be shown on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. The WI was thanked for maintaining the planters and Sue Moore for organising clearing of the patio area.

**Millennium Green:** The costs for maintaining and insuring the green have been raised by a number of events: safari supper, race night, quiz night plus the fete, of which there have been two since the last village meeting, 2012's inside the Village Hall and 2013's braving the elements on the green. In May the Millennium Green hosted a wedding reception. This year the lower part of the green has had six fruit trees planted but the plums have not survived and will be replaced in the autumn. The **Ladbroke Labyrinth** has been cut through the wildflower meadow; this is not a maze but a twisting path, approx 100 yards long leading to the centre, retrace your steps to come out.

The merger with the Village Hall is proving much more difficult than expected; Natural England is on side but now the Charity Commissioners, who were originally positive, say that the governing documents of both organisations will need to change. It is still hoped to merge eventually but it is now proposed that both AGMs are on the same night, elect the same people as trustees (minimum of 3) and, though legally separate entities, have a one management committee and sub-committees for maintenance, catering, fund raising etc for both facilities. A snappy title for the combined group is sought and of course volunteers for all the committees.

**WI:** The meetings and activities of the local WI group have ranged from talks and parties to learning resuscitation techniques and creating two knitted blankets for Galanos House. Members of the committee were thanked for all they do.

**Photography Club:** The activities over the year have included talks, outings and two exhibitions. Village Hall users can see some of competition entries on the notice board. Some of the profit from the calendar had been given to charity (£50 each to Ladbroke Church, Myton Hospice and the Air Ambulance) and some put towards the screen. It is planned to produce a calendar for 2014. Visitors are welcome to the club's meetings.

**Harbury & Ladbroke News:** contributors and distributors were thanked for their support. Anyone with local news or information or who has done something which might interest others is encouraged to share it via the magazine, see the Ladbroke Diary for details.

**Bell Ringers:** Our campanologists who practice at 7.30pm on Mondays are struggling for numbers and it would be a shame to lose this village tradition which started in 1659. They are looking for 1 or 2 new members, can provide training, good camaraderie and there is **no** obligation to come to church.

**Jackie West**

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# Ladbroke Fete



## **Annual Ladbroke Village Fete**

Last year, we held the fete in the Village Hall due to the threat of rain. This year we braved the elements and held it on the Millennium Green, but we ensured the stalls were under shelter in the shape of gazebos begged or borrowed (but I hope not stolen!) from around the village. Despite this, an annoying chill wind still managed to cause havoc, especially on the tombola and raffle stalls, repeatedly blowing tickets into the grass.

However, in true Ladbroke spirit, we remained cheerful and welcomed 150 or so visitors through the gate. They were rewarded by being able to participate in various amusements such as knocking the cans off the shelf; creating a picture of Ladbroke Church using loose change; guessing the number of pasta pieces in a bag; rolling coins down a chute; finding the fruit; croquet; finding the ring; hooking a duck; and the aforementioned tombola and raffle. They could also purchase delicious home-baked items from the produce stall, munch succulent burgers and rolls from the barbecue, cool off with a Mr Whippy cornet, sup drinks in the beer tent, enjoy tea and cakes courtesy of the local WI, stock their gardens from the plant stall, or make themselves more beautiful at the aloe vera products stall. Once they were tired of all that there were the photography and local history exhibitions.

During the afternoon there was an obedience display by dogs trained by LA-Nor Gun Dogs; a very wet Tae Kwon-Do display by the Southam group which took place during a downpour; and novelty races for adults and children. We even had our very own Great Ladbroke Bake-off! This was judged in three sections. For the under 8s the winners received a certificate and prize and the runners up a wooden spoon each to encourage future baking. There was only one entry in the 8-14 category – and a worthy winner it was too! Three prizes, rather than the intended one, were awarded to the over 14 and adult category based upon taste and presentation of the cakes.

A big thank you to all who helped with the afternoon, but especially the Millennium Green committee for tirelessly organising the proceedings, Alan Ballard for the loan of his PA system, Kip Warr for his impeccable MC skills, Andy Pittaway for keeping the athletes in order, and Steve Morten and Sue Wright - our impartial bake-off judges. Our aims were to provide an entertaining afternoon for all, and to raise money for our two local amenities: the Millennium Green and the Village Hall. At the time of writing we are still counting the income. It's not easy to measure enjoyment, but I did count many smiling faces.

**David Wright**

## **Thanks from the Committee**

As organisers of this year's fete we would like to thank everyone who supported us. Special thanks to Jez Case of LA-Nor Gundogs and Bill and Nicky Line and the students at Southam Tae Kwon-Do for their impressive

displays, Pete Healey of Greenleaf Nursery who kindly donated all the profit from the plant stall, Marilyn Farmanfarmai, local distributor of Forever products, for the Aloe Vera stall and Sue Collins for the Hook-a-Duck game which was so popular with all ages. Thanks also to everyone else who helped on and off the green and those who came along and joined in the spirit of the occasion. We raised £800 for the Millennium Green plus a good sum for the Village Hall, all thanks to you.

## Bake-Off Results

Under 8 years	Joint winners	Frankie & Daisy Richards
	Runners up	Raff & Eden Kermodé
8 to 14 years	Winner	Elena Baldry
Over 14 and adults	Winner	Erica Kemp
	Runner up	Kate Liverton
	Best decorated	Rachel Coggins

**Jackie West & Gray Lewis**

## Fifi's Family

Last month I told you a little about my visit to see a litter of Guide Dog puppies. During June I saw them several more times and learnt the full story of their life in Ladbroke.

Their mother, Fifi, is a brood bitch for Guide Dogs for the Blind and their father, Mariner came over from the USA to do his stuff! Fifi was pregnant for nine weeks and just like a human mother-to-be her pre-natal checks included an ultrasound test. This had indicated she was carrying seven puppies so it was a bit of a surprise when **nine** fit and healthy puppies were born. Although both parents are themselves black Labradors, one of the pups was blond, just like her maternal grandmother.

Obviously it is easy to identify a puppy of a different colour from its siblings but how do you tell five black females or three black males apart? The answer, which must have been devised by a magician used to handling marked playing cards, is to put a spot of red nail varnish in a particular position: female back of neck = Pepper, male rear right leg = Perry etc. My next question was about their names as Pebbles, Paris, Poppy, Penny and Peter, like Pepper and Perry, all started with the letter P while Bella (the blond one) and Jimmy did not. For each litter Guide Dogs provide a short-list of names, all beginning with the same letter, with the final choice made by the person looking after the brood bitch. However, puppies which are sponsored

for a considerable sum have their names chosen by the sponsor, as was the case for Bella and Jimmy.

These puppies were Fifi's third litter, so she and Joan who looks after her, were well prepared for 7 weeks of puppy-centred life which in addition to the obvious pleasures involved an awful lot of newspaper! At first the puppies were tiny milk-drinking and sleeping balls of fur. When their eyes opened and they started walking, they became very interested in exploring their surroundings, and tugging and tasting everything within reach, each others' tails and ears included. I soon discovered how skilled they were at undoing shoe laces with double knots only seeming to add to the fun.



Guide Dogs' staff visited the puppies each week, weighing them and cutting their toenails so they did not hurt Fifi as they clung on to feed. As they got older, their appetites insatiable and their teeth sharper, the puppies were weaned on to feed pellets, soaked in water until

it looked like mushy Weetabix and feeding time meant a long line of bowls with a puppy at each one. As with all youngsters, sleep still filled a lot of their day; it was very noticeable that before they drifted into sleep they liked to be packed closed together, pressed against something or hanging over an object – animate or inanimate it didn't seem to matter.

By six weeks the puppies start to need more individual attention and it's time for them to leave their mother and the place where they were born. So in mid-June this litter left Ladbroke to spend a week or so at the Guide Dog centre at Bishop's Tachbrook for their injections before going, via satellite centres in Manchester and Scotland, to the homes of puppy walkers, who will look after them for the next year. After that the plan is that all nine will become breeding dogs and bitches, just like their parents. It's more common that after puppy walking they would receive a year's training to become a Guide Dog for a blind person. Fifi's first litter are just graduating from this training and starting life "in harness".

Ladbroke WI will be visiting the centre at Bishop's Tachbrook in August and we hope to report on what happens there in the September edition of Harbury & Ladbroke News.

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£80	John Lowman
£50	Keith Archer
£25	Avril Court
£10	Peter Baker
£10	Cyril Spence
£10	Carole and Peter Loftus
£10	Gwynne Badman
£10	Mike Cannon

**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**

### **May 2013**

This was the meeting where the Councillors shared out the jobs, but there was little change: Tim Lockley stayed as Chairman with Vice-Chair being Keith Thompson. The only change on the Working Parties was that Pat Summers became Chair of Planning.

Tim was pleased that the Library and Café had won the Spirit of Harbury Award and also that £1,000 had been donated to the Buy a Book Scheme.

### **Public Participation**

Bonfire - Councillors had been concerned that preparations for the Bonfire had caused rutting on the playing field. John Kirk and Jim Ward for GASS explained the bonfire was their major fundraising event attended by over 900 people. They collected garden debris for the fire on Bonfire day, to prevent "premature ignition". Last autumn had been very wet and the re-alignment of the football pitches gave less room for their trailers.

There were complaints that metal debris had been left on the field despite GASS having swept up and that the remains of the fire were dumped in the ditch. There followed long discussion on how the ruts could be reduced, but as it had been a "one-off year" the ultimate solution depended on the weather.

Councillors agreed that when the football pitches were re-marked next season a larger gap would be left for the trailers. They agreed that the Bonfire was a very valuable village event.

### **Stratford District**

Councillor Bev Mann reported that the “Re-Warding” exercise could lead to Harbury being linked to Chesterton and Kingston, Lighthorne Village and Lighthorne Heath rather than as at present being linked to Bishops Itchington.

The Core Strategy now had a requirement of 9,500 houses for the period 2008-2028 and a timetable for the preparation and adoption of all the Development Plan would be on the District Council’s website: [www.stratford-dc.gov.uk](http://www.stratford-dc.gov.uk)

The Government had also speeded up the determination of Planning Applications; minor ones in 8 weeks and major applications in 13 weeks, but there was a push to encourage applicants to seek advice from the Council and discuss their plans with neighbours and the PC before submission.

Cllr Mann had attended a meeting in Deppers Bridge intended to discuss the proposed Solar Farm but Follets did not send a representative. She had suggested to residents that they ask Harbury Parish Council to arrange a meeting with Follets.

### **Planning**

The Parish Council made no comment on the application to remove the agricultural tie from the High Top bungalow at Harbury Heath; for work on the conifers in the Shakespeare Inn garden; a two storey extension at 12 Hillside or a tennis court at Leycester House Farm. They also made no further representation on the appeal at Dovehouse Autos.

Stratford District had allowed a previous application with conditions for tree work at the Shakespeare Inn, for new windows at Phoenix House, High Street and for a rear extension at 17 South Parade. They refused an application for two new detached dwellings and garages at Shenley, Deppers Bridge and refused Lawful Existing Use on the Old Farmhouse at Bull Ring Farm. An application for a new dwelling at Westfield Cottage, Westfield Farm was withdrawn and the retrospective application for several structures at Rose Cottage 43 South Parade was declared Invalid.

Neighbourhood Development Plan - The Council discussed undertaking a NDP but the Chairman was concerned about the amount of work involved and thought the Council should wait for the Draft Core Strategy to be published in June.

Development - Bishops Itchington had invited the Chairman of the Parish Council to their next meeting where discussion would focus on the large number of housing applications for their parish including one from Follets for the Cement Works.

Tim Lockley pointed out that if all the development were approved it would put considerable pressure on the services we shared with our neighbour; the Schools, Doctors Surgeries and our Library.

Playing Fields – Dealing with the moles had cost the Parish £150 but the fields were declared clear and an engineer was to advise on drainage problems. Clippings from a neighbour's conifer hedge had appeared on Deppers Bridge Playing Fields. The Council agreed to send Pat Summers to deal with this.

They would tidy up the phone box in Deppers Bridge and the Chairman would replace the books there. The PC's preferred site for a donated bench would be somewhere on the road between Deppers and Harbury.

Councillor Hancock reminded the Council that the vandalised picnic bench for Harbury needed a metal-topped replacement. Work would be done on the multiplay unit and to fencing to the Tennis and Netball Courts which might also need resurfacing.

Greens - It had been established that the Green at Queens Close was not registered as a Village Green and might have an owner. The Parish Council was therefore not liable for its maintenance (although they had contributed to the cost of removing a tree damaged in the gales because it posed a danger to the public). They debated whether to take on responsibility for the Green and agreed to try to establish who did own it.

Finance - Tony Mancell had succeeded in saving a considerable amount on the PC's Insurance. The Internal Audit had been satisfactorily completed and he congratulated the Clerk and Lyn Edwards, the Auditor.

## **Parish Council Information**

### **Harbury Cemetery**

There is currently a problem with the water tank in that it has no water! We are investigating the problem and normal service will be resumed as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you are taking flowers to the cemetery, please take some water with you.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

### **Hedges**

This is a polite request to anyone who has a garden hedge alongside a footpath. Please keep it well trimmed so it doesn't hang too far over the path and make it difficult for pedestrians to pass by.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Alison Biddle**  
**Clerk to Harbury Parish Council**



## Councillor's Corner

**Bev Mann**

The Councillors' Corner session was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June outside the Post Office. We had a number of residents take the time to come along to talk to Parish, District and County Councillors who were present.

There were a number of residents present who are very concerned with the proposed planning application for change of use of The Dog Inn to a nursery and a detached property within the car park. The main concerns were highways issues. The proposal is for a 50 place nursery, to be opened between 7.30am to 6.30pm.

The main concern was the assumption from the transport statement attached to the planning application that most parents would walk to the nursery to drop off their children. Residents feel it is more likely that parents will be on route to work so dropping off by car which may cause a traffic congestion problem in the one way street of Ivy Lane. Only 11 parking spaces will be available for this application which will include spaces for employees.

The Parish Council will be responding to the application at the Parish Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall and residents will be present to put their point of view to the Parish Council.

Another problem is putrid smells which may be coming from the Biffa Waste Disposal Tip at Ufton. Biffa are aware of some problems and are trying to rectify them. Residents are advised to contact Biffa if they experience any problem smells which they think are coming from the tip.

Speeding vehicles within the village has been mentioned which will be passed to Southam Police.

Representatives from Follett Property Holdings who own the old cement works have presented an initial proposal for 150 house development at the works to both Harbury and Bishops Itchington Parish Councils. This may impact on the services within both villages so any proposal will need careful consideration.



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Jeanne Beaumont**

We were very lucky in June to have good weather for the Carnival. Those who took part were excellent and the onlookers thoroughly enjoyed their efforts.

We were thrilled to get first with our team supporting the Harbury High Street Stores. All in good fun.

“Our Gels” worked hard on the Cake Stall and members provided super cakes etc. Peggie Middleton won the “Guess the Weight” cake competition. We thank everybody for their effort.

We are pleased to see Lin Hayes after her recent hospital stay and wish her a speedy recovery. She even made arrangements for the Bulb co-rol!



**Harbury W.I. at the Carnival**

Gillian Hare is having a flower arranging session for those who are interested in the Village Show in September.

Our guest speaker was Peter Guy who talked about the work of the Prince’s Trust and what a good speaker he was. For 15 years he was a bank manager and he got fed up and wanted to, as he said, give something back. He was taken on by the Prince’s Trust and is a programme manager of the team. Groups of 12 to 15 people take part in a challenging programme which begins with team-building activities, including a week at a residential activity centre, followed by teamwork on real projects in the local community as well as individual work placements. Throughout the Team programme, young people experience a sense of achievement which inspires them to move forward with new confidence and ambition. They develop a sense of purpose through the camaraderie of working in a team as well as new friendships. This involvement allows them space to reconsider where they are going in their lives.

Peter Guy told us so many things about the Trust and how the young ones got to their occupations with a different attitude. A large percent reach success and are helped enormously. We realised what a marvellous job the Trust does.

Next meeting is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 7:45 at the Tom Hauley Room.

Speaker: Tom and Sonia Turner, Training Dogs for Film and TV.



## **Harbury Theatre Group**

**Mary Lou Milner**

Well, here we go again! It will soon be panto time. Do I hear the words, “oh no it won’t, oh yes it will”, echoing through the airwaves? All well and good, except this year a complete novice will be at the helm steadying the ship – me! Our 2013 offering will be a real home-grown affair, from the

script writing, making of props, to the scenery painting and, of course, the actors. Apart from one person, our musical director Simon Stenner, the whole production will be stamped 'Harbury' through and through just like a stick of seaside rock.

Those of you who saw *The Wizard of Oz* last year will appreciate just how important Joy Russell and Simon Stenner were to the group's first attempt at musical comedy. I am hoping that Joy will be applying for a bigger acting and singing role this year – so Simon, a whizz on the ivories, who will be travelling a fair distance for rehearsals, will be solely in charge of keeping us on key as far as the musical element of the show is concerned – so, sorry folks, we just have to let this one foreigner in!

*Aladdin*, written by our own Sue Lawrence, includes all the usual pantomime elements, a beautiful princess, a dragon and of course a Widow Twankey to dazzle our gentlemen's eyes with her wit and fine figure, (I wonder who that might be??) and of course not forgetting the baddie and I assure you children he will be really bad.

Well there you have it, all the ingredients for a fine three days, four performances pantomime – **Harbury's very own Aladdin**. Our technical team, costume designers, sewers, arts and crafts makes, (how do you make a dragon that's not too scary), plus all our usual thespians, will once again attempt to make our pantomime offering in November extra special.

The usual dates apply, **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, not forgetting the Saturday afternoon matinee for the children.

Finally, if you would like to get involved with this production or the Theatre Group in general we meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the Shakespeare Inn at 8pm - you will be most welcome.



Our "Wizard of Oz" Carnival float



## Folk Club

Ian & Sue Hartland

The theme for the 343<sup>rd</sup> Harbury Folk Club was “Parts of the Body” but you would have been forgiven for thinking that it was in fact “Beards”.

Ian and Sue commenced the evening with ‘Lily of the West’ and a Beatles song, ‘You’ve Got to Hide Your Love Away’, both mentioned various parts of the body. Des, who incidentally was the instigator of the sub theme, having bribed Steve with £20 to grow a beard, continued with ‘Blow me Bully Boys Blow’ and ‘Lowlands Away’. Maureen and Janny sang ‘The Banks of Allan Water’ and ‘Cupid’s Garden’ and I know at least a knee was mentioned. Terry mentioned eyes, heart and feet in his two songs, ‘I cannot keep from crying and ‘My Babe’. Pete and Liz were right on target with the beautiful ‘Lad of lovely Hair’ and ‘You need Skin’ Rick gave us ‘Rickity Ticky Tin’ all about murder! Followed by the song ‘Rufus and Beverley’. To close the first half Gareth was splendid when he told us the story of Sweeney Todd which was particularly apt as Steve was about to shave his beard off!

Thrupenny Bits and dog opened the second half with ‘Dem Bones’ and ‘Away with Rum’. Peter Mason continued the theme with ‘John Harrison’s Hands’ and ‘Old Bones’. Debs gave us a new poem ‘Zona Nudista’, all about her recent holiday experiences and followed up with ‘Carnival Queen’. Norman took the prize for mentioning the most parts of the body, 23 in total, with ‘Take the Rest’ and ‘Masochism Tango’. Peter McDonald followed with ‘Sweet Thames’ and ‘Hard On Your Heels’. Ted and Sue closed the second half singing ‘The Blacksmith’ and ‘Crockery Ware’.

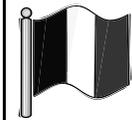
Richard kicked off the third half with ‘My Old Man’ and ‘Thirty Foot Trailer’. Martin followed with ‘Ideologies Clashing’ and the very funny “Everything Glows’. Keith brought the evening to a magnificent finale singing my favourite song ‘Jesus at the Airport’ which we discovered does mention various parts of the body and he closed the evening with ‘Bringing me back to you’.

Steve’s raffle for Victims of Chernobyl made a fantastic £121 which will be doubled by his daughter Lizzie’s company. May I say thank you to everyone who sponsored Steve to grow a beard and all who brought raffle tickets.

The theme next month is Royalty and it will be hosted by Peter McDonald.

Be cool, don’t miss it!

**Dates for inclusion in the Harbury Diary please to: Linda Ridgley,  
Tel: 612792**



## Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

We enjoyed taking part in the Carnival Week pub games. (One of **ten teams** – that must surely be a record?) A shame we didn't quite manage to keep our garlicky hands on the trophy, but it went to a team of worthy winners.

Thank you to all those who visited our stall on Carnival Day. What a good day that was! We hope you liked the paté and cheese.

For the first time ever, this year, we're going to be able to combine celebrating French Bastille Day with a contest of petanque (boules) at the same time. It's at the White Hart in Ufton: - petanque at 3pm, barbeque at 6pm.

Quelle date? Ah oui, le 14 juillet, biensur!

Would you like to join us??

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Sally Stringer (Secretary) [sal.47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sal.47@hotmail.co.uk)



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

[www.tennis-today.net/harbury](http://www.tennis-today.net/harbury)



The Club once again enjoyed the village Carnival and raised some funds with our Jar Tombola Stall; many thanks to everyone who contributed the prizes. In addition Leicester Tigers kindly donated four match tickets for next season which we offered as a prize for the on court Tennis Target game. This proved a very popular attraction and further boosted our funds.

We followed this by getting into the Wimbledon spirit early with our annual Strawberry tournament. The weather was good (well, dry!) and everyone enjoyed some good round robin matches prior to the knockout stages. In the final Karen Bristow and James Wilkinson overcame Debi Morisot and Steve Marshall.

Steve Marshall (pictured sampling the strawberries) overcame Debi Morisot and James Wilkinson.

In the Banbury league the Club's good run came to an end with two defeats in June. The first match was at Deddington "C" where the regular ladies Caroline Morland and Sue Panton were joined by Karin Young who was making her debut with Geoff Prince, Keith Thompson and Peter Walshe

completing the team. It was a close game which Deddington won by 6-3 with two of the rubbers going to tie-breaks, which unfortunately Harbury lost!

There were several changes to the team for the next match against Kings Sutton "C" but the end result was the same, a 3-6 defeat! Caroline and Keith provided the continuity from the previous match being joined by Eira Owen, Sue Mercer, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer. This was another close match with three rubbers going to tie-breaks with Harbury improving their record by winning two of them. Despite the defeats Harbury are still in third place in Division 4 although only four points separate second and sixth places.

## Juniors

On the Junior front "tennisolutions" is again offering tennis in the school holidays for children between 4 and 14 years old. The "Summer Tennis Courses" are open to members and non-members and are being run by coaches from "tennisolutions" between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August. The courses run from 9.00am to 12.00pm for the 4-6 years old (£10 per day members, £15 per day non-members) and from 9.00am to 3.00pm for the 7-14 years old (£20 per day members, £30 non-members). For more booking details contact Janet Connor on 01608 662560, email [janet@shipstontennis.org.uk](mailto:janet@shipstontennis.org.uk)

	<h2>1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scout Group</h2>	<p><b>John Rea</b></p>
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Time flies as they say and with only three Scout nights left this summer term, Harbury Scouts have certainly been having fun. Amongst other things we've had wide-games at Burton Dassett, gutted and cooked mackerel over open fires, painted, swept and tidied at Harbury School, we've engineered mini-trebuchets and built bivouacs in the woods. A few weeks back we went on our annual summer camp; one of our scouts, Matthew, takes over the story:

"On the first Saturday of half-term 17 scouts and 4 leaders left Harbury and arrived in the Lake District for camp. We set up our tents, which was a bit challenging for the youngest scouts. Once our tents were up we made fires and cooked some juicy burgers which tasted lovely. We then stormed down a hill and played some games. Later on we drank milky hot chocolate around a fire before bed.





In the morning on Sunday we had some free time. Most of the scouts helped make a zip wire which worked really well. In the afternoon we had fun kayaking and canoeing at Lake Coniston. We went to an island in the middle which was fun. A few fell in and the water was freezing! There was also a jump off the island that you could do.

Back in camp, we built our fires and cooked tea. Then we all took part in 'Harbury's strongest scout' competition. We did activities such as wellie throwing, pulling heavy carts and holding a bucket filled with rocks whilst keeping your arms straight. Next we had a quiz on sweets and chocolate before a camp fire, then back to our tents for the night.

It was a miserable morning on Monday so we went to the swimming baths, which was good as we were able to have a hot shower at the end. We had a bit of free time in Ulverston and later that day we went to the pictures to see 'Epic'. For a change we slept in the sleeping barn (which was really noisy!).

On Tuesday we went gorge scrambling. Some parts were challenging as there were a lot of really high water falls. We were able to jump off rocks into the cold water which was great fun. After chips (in the rain) we travelled back to camp for tea. That evening we went to a small lake called High Dam for a walk. For some scouts it was also a swim. Before bed we did an activity (the cube) and then it was another night in the noisy barn!

It was the last day now so everyone needed to pack and then we could take the tents down. We played some games and there was one last activity to do. A smelly egg game! We threw eggs to each other as we moved further away. There were quite a few broken eggs at the end! Now it was just the long journey home. What a fantastic time we all had. A big thank you to all the scout leaders!



**Harbury Pre-School**

**Staff & Committee**

**Carnival:** Wow! What a result! Harbury Pre-School's wonderful "Underwater World" float, designed, painted and assembled, using lots of the children's own work, by a fantastic team of parents, looked amazing and won

first prize! Very many thanks to all those who helped to make it such a success, not least Rob Hadley, who not only loaned us his trailer, but also towed it with such care with his tractor (suitably adorned with a scary looking shark's head and fin) in the parade. Congratulations also to Thomas, who won the individual fancy dress prize in his age group and to Oliver who won the trophy for best dressed child in the parade.



**School visits:** We were delighted to be invited to watch the Reception Class assembly at the Primary School. The Pre-School children joined the school children to watch a fantastic

performance from the Reception children. They were enthralled and sat beautifully throughout, before joining in with a rousing round of much deserved applause. The following day, reception teacher Mrs Rea and teaching assistant Mrs Batchelder came to meet the pre-schoolers in their own familiar environment at Pre-School. Next month, the children will be going to the school to spend some time in their new classroom.



**Outdoor classroom:** Making the most of the improved weather, the children were able to spend a good deal of time outdoors during June, with the climbing frame, balancing beams, bats and balls and vehicles being put to good use. The water tray was used for bathing dolls and the sand tray encouraged lots of measuring, using different utensils. The Pre-School garden is looking wonderful, with fruit and vegetables growing alongside the flowers planted last month. The children have been learning about caring for the plants, including watering and weeding and we hope that they will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labours when it is time to harvest.

**Indoor classroom:**

**Role play:** To add a different dimension to the role play area, a stage was added, using wooden blocks. The children enjoyed performing magic tricks, dancing, singing and telling jokes for their friends in the audience.

**Mark making:** As a change from using paint or other media, a layer of shaving foam was sprayed



into the builders' tray. The children enjoyed investigating it with their fingers, making their own marks and then making tracks with small vehicles.

**Fathers' Day:** The children practised their IT skills as they designed, printed and wrote in some very handsome caterpillar Father's Day cards using our computer programme and printer. 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 07907 598461 or look at the website [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk). Please note that although the starting age for Pre-School is normally two years nine months, your child is never too young to be registered.



**Windmills**  
Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

- Located on the grounds of Harbury Primary School.
- Children taken from age two up to school age.
- Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 9.05am-3pm, Friday 9.05am-12.35pm during term time (we also have close contacts with local childminders for care outside these times).



- We offer NEF Funded places to all three and four year olds. Funded places available for some two year olds from September 2013. We also operate an Assisted Places Scheme and accept childcare vouchers.
- Places now being booked for school years 2015 and 2016.
- To register a place for your child, ring the administrator on 01926 613084 or email [info@windmillsnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmillsnursery.co.uk), visit our website [www.windmillsnursery.co.uk](http://www.windmillsnursery.co.uk) or call the nursery on 07906 519148.



## At Harbury School Windmills Nursery

The highlight in June was Harbury Carnival where Windmills Nursery came second in their category for their woodland themed float. The children had a wonderful time dressed up as woodland creatures and a big thanks to all the parents, staff and children who helped with float decorations or assisted with the tombola stall at the Carnival.

Creature visitors to Windmills Nursery have included an African Snail (thank you to Jayden's mum Nina for bringing him in) and Becky Lines' pet gecko Paddy. The children have been planting strawberry plants in containers which have been created by recycling plastic milk bottles and a mobile trolley with tomato plants which they will hopefully eat when grown. Thank you to Mervyn Revitt for making these. In French the children have been learning animal words and have been earthing up their potatoes (*les pommes de terre*) and thinning their carrots (*les carottes*) which were planted in the spring. Thank you to Sue Birch who donated a large quantity of toy cars to the nursery.



The children have produced Father's Day cards to take home. They have also been working with wood in Nursery and created some great sunflower pictures. There have been music sessions where the children have had a go at playing Mrs Giblin's flute and singing some nursery rhymes. The children have also been out and about doing their regular welly walks.

We've had visits from the Early Years team who were impressed with how well we knew our children and the care they observed within the nursery. The children starting school in September attended the Reception Class assembly where they learnt all about summer. They came back to nursery inspired by what they had seen which provoked an activity making sunglasses. Attending assembly sees the start of the transition process for children moving to Harbury School in September.



## Free Nursery Education Funded (NEF) Places

From September 2013 there will be some changes to how NEF funding can be used at Windmills Nursery due to the introduction of two year old funding for which Windmills will be a provider. **Some** two year olds may be eligible to receive free funded childcare sessions subject to meeting the required criteria set by the government. Please speak to Windmills in confidence if you think this might apply to you.



**All** three and four year olds are eligible to receive 15 hours free funded sessions a week which are offered free (subject to certain terms and conditions), or they can be used as part of longer morning sessions or full days which will incur additional fees. We have limited places available so if you would like to register your child for academic year 2013/2014 please email [info@windmillsnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmillsnursery.co.uk) or phone 01926 613084.

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10.15am – Windmills' children visit Reception Class  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 6.30pm-7.30pm – Parents' Evening for School Leavers  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

### This month's update is short and sweet!

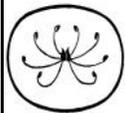
Short - because most of the information about the proposals for the final stages of development for the Hall has been detailed in previous magazines – plans accepted, tenders received, discussions about the timetable for the building works etc.

Sweet – because there are many reasons for the committees to be grateful for the many organisations/individuals who have **already made contributions** towards the funds needed in the coming months – a total of £220K approximately, for a hoped-for start in early 2014.

With this in mind, the fund-raising group, chaired by John Hancock, will shortly be sending out a request to all user groups to sign a 'letter of support', which can be used as evidence of the **wide-ranging use** of the Hall throughout the year. The signed letters can then be forwarded to fund-raising bodies and local organisations/businesses when a grant application is made, as it is vital to demonstrate that there is **community support** for an

improved building – suitable for all the demands for charity activities, social occasions, sports activities and Theatre Group presentations etc. The committees already have details about a number of organisations which could be approached for financial support, but if anyone in the village is aware of funds from a company/group which might be able to provide some backing, particularly if it results from **personal knowledge**, then any help would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with any member of the committee (details provided by the entrance to the Hall) or ring the Chairman on 613801.

Many thanks.



## Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

There will be a separate article from Margaret about the recent Open Gardens but I would like to thank her and Kathleen and their sub-committee for organising the event this year and for making it such a success. As you know it is three years now since the last open gardens and this has generated funds for our Society. Some will be donated to Village organisations which we will discuss at our next committee meeting in August. The rest will be a very welcome addition to our funds which, as members will know has been depleted by £1653.54 over the last two years. This is due mainly to the only income being from members' subscriptions, the increased cost of speakers, donations made and hire of premises etc. Thus expenditure has exceeded income.

The first day trip was enjoyed by all even though the weather could have been better. The morning was spent at Stourhead which is such an amazing garden. It was created in the 1740's by Henry Hoare. The stream was damned to make a huge lake around which there is a circular walk. There are temples and follies which you glimpse through magnificent shrubs and trees. As the season has been a few weeks later this year we were lucky enough to enjoy huge colourful azaleas and rhododendrons. The tulip tree is huge and three handkerchief trees were showing off their white bracts at their very best. If you are very energetic, there is a walk to the temple of Apollo high on a hill. There is also a grotto, gothic cottage, pantheon, walled garden and much more. I didn't go into the House as I had been inside there on my last visit but it too is worth a look inside. This is certainly on my list of great gardens.

After a very enjoyable lunch we left Stourhead and went to Great Chalfield Manor and gardens. This was my third visit and it is a gem of a place. Tours of the Manor which dates back to 1467 (although an earlier building was there), are by guided tours only as the Floyd family who live in the converted stables still use the Manor themselves when there are no visitors. I just love the inside of the Manor with its old tapestries and furniture and stone faces in the walls. These are masks at one end of the great hall. A wonderful late medieval wall painting in the dining room has been uncovered and is believed

to be one of the earliest owners. The north bedroom with its panelled walls is similar to Baddesley Clinton but the ceiling still has the original wooden beams. The matching room at the other end of the Manor, called the Solar, was rebuilt with the bay window being the only original feature. A huge fireplace was added in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and there is a tapestry depicting a scene from the Iliad. The tour guide Joy was very knowledgeable and gave all sorts of information about the various families who had lived here.

We then explored the gardens which are superb and have been restored by Mrs Floyd and one main gardener and are a triumph with huge topiary yew houses, lovely wide herbaceous borders, terraces, roses, summer house and a stream with an orchard and moat. They are an absolute credit to years of painstaking hard work. I certainly will be making another visit here; it is just magical.

We are looking forward now to the second trip on 10<sup>th</sup> July to Burford House and Gardens near Tenbury Wells in the morning, then on to Westonbury Mill Water gardens near Leominster in the afternoon. I have about five spare seats if anyone is interested and the cost is £20, very good value for a day out!!!

Here are a few places, all NGS, to visit in July. On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Packington Hall near Meriden will be open from 2.30 to 5.30pm at a cost of £5. It has a Capability Brown design with parkland, a lake and huge mirrored terraces and a millennium rose garden. Then on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Avon Dassett have their open gardens from 2.00 to 6.00pm and the cost is £5, with 9 gardens open and teas available.

Also on 14<sup>th</sup> Wellesbourne allotments will be having their annual open day, from 2.00 to 5.00pm at a cost of £3. Here there are 96 members and it is one of the oldest allotments in the country. There will be plants and produce on sale and teas available too.

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Stretton on Fosse have two lovely old gardens open from 2.00 to 6.00pm at a cost of £5 with teas again being served. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Broughton Grange in Wykham Lane Broughton near Banbury (on B4035 turn left by the Saye & Sele Arms) is open from 10.00am to 5.00pm at a cost of £6. It has a 25 acre garden designed by Tom Stuart Smith who has had award winning gardens at Chelsea. There are formal and informal areas with a newly planted arboretum and much more with plans for the garden still evolving. His Chelsea gardens have been superb so this is a must!!!!

If you want to see the best garden programme on TV, do watch Beechgrove Garden on a Sunday morning at 9.00am. It is full of old fashioned but current advice on planting, composting, pruning and much more. Chris Beardshaw who has just won a gold medal and the people's award for best garden in show at Chelsea for his garden for arthritis research is one of the main presenters so you just know that you are in for a treat.

Enjoy summer with the lovely long light nights and hopefully relax in your gardens and savour the scents. Nowhere better than England in the summer.

## Harbury Open Gardens Weekend

Thank you very much to everyone who opened their garden for the walkabout weekend. The event was a great success; good weather and all the gardens looking fresh and lovely. There were lots of visitors to the village thanks to Debs Ellis' media and communication work.

Sales of programmes made over £1200, a good proportion of this will be donated to village organisations. Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments, sold programmes and erected road side signage. The Pre-School team and the Church ladies boosted their own funds and Myton Hospice will benefit by £325 from Wendy Hancox and her helpers serving lunches and teas in her delightful garden.

The advertisement poster included three pictures designed by Hattie Best, Eleanor Grundy and Imogen White from Harbury School, who each received a W H Smith voucher.



**Two of the scarecrows**



The addition of scarecrows brought a fun element to the weekend, so thanks to everyone who made one. Thanks also to the judges, who chose 'the couple on the bench outside the Village Hall looking content and happy to be sitting in the sun' as winners. Congratulations to Pat Summers and Hannah Drabble who shared the £10 prize.

In one visitor's words "you should be very proud of your village, your amenities (indicating the Village Hall) are excellent".

**Margaret Commons**



**Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

By the time this is printed and drops through your door half the year will have gone and I'm still waiting for perfect weather. Who knows if it's because of all the rain last year or the late spring but everything is flowering incredibly well so far. Maybe that's some consolation for all the grey cold days.

Now is a really good time to take lots of cuttings. Plants that have finished flowering will be putting on new growth so either cut 4 inch long pieces or

take heel cuttings. Remove the lower leaves and, using a dibber, a finger or a pencil, make holes round the edge of a small pot and put the cuttings in about two inches deep. I use compost I mix myself using peat, sand and Perlite. Hormone rooting powder is not necessary, I never use it and I have good results. Neither do I use plastic bags to cover the pots but water them well and place in a shady, sheltered place. It is best to have them somewhere where you see them so you remember to water them fairly often. If they dry out they will shrivel and die. It's very satisfying to find that a few weeks later you will have rooted young plants. (If you fail you can always buy some from us!)

I think I'm winning with the weeds at last or are they all hiding behind the new growth on the perennials and shrubs?

Beware of the dreaded lily beetle. This bright red beetle feeds on lilies, fritillaries and hemerocallis (day lilies). It can cause a lot of destruction so if you have any of these plants try to do a daily inspection and pick them off and then jump up and down on them.

Some of the early potatoes will be ready to harvest as will peas and beans and maybe carrots.

Remember to feed tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and your hanging baskets for plentiful fruit and flowers.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*

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



## **Nature Notes**

**John Hancock**

As I write this on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June we have high pressure dominating our weather with the daytime temperature reaching 20C. A north-westerly air flow and clearing skies overnight and it is a cooler 10C by morning. At least Wimbledon has had a dry first week.

The hedgerows, where they have been less aggressively cut, are ablaze with dog rose, elderberry and bramble blossom. Why dog rose? The Latin name is *Rosa canina* but that does not really answer the question. It is probable it got its name from the belief that its root was effective against the bite of a mad dog. The family Rosaceae is a large one and includes meadowsweet which is now in bud, cinquefoil and salad burnet, blackberry and assorted fruits such as raspberry and strawberry. Then there are the trees from hawthorn to cherry and plum.

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I have heard the Cuckoo call twice this summer but many I fear have not as it seems to be a rarity in these parts now. On the first occasion I was visiting Whitacre Heath Nature Reserve near Coleshill in the north of the county with the U3A natural History Group on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. (OS sheet 139. SP 209931). This reserve is situated in the Tame Valley lying on the flood plain and the warden said it was frequently inundated. It is a complex of shallow pools, wetland, woods, and unimproved grassland. Several bird hides and a network of decent paths complete the picture. Close to the car park, we saw the flowers of Pink Purslane (*Claytonia sibirica*). This plant of the family Portulacaceae has been introduced from North America and naturalised in damp shady places. We heard, and fleetingly saw, blackcaps. Bird watching with a fair sized group (we were two groups of ten) is rarely productive. Alan Barr suggests sitting quietly and waiting for the birds to come to you. Leaves of Common Spotted Orchid were evident. Now, there is a good show of these flowers around the War Memorial in Bascote Heath as well as our nearby reserves at Ufton Fields and Harbury Spoilbank.

Prestbury Hill near Cheltenham is a place I would strongly recommend for a visit. Lying on the scarp of the Cotswolds, it overlooks the race course but is approached by road from the A40 near Andoversford (OS sheet 163. SP 994245). A maze of roads makes it rather a secret place but it's well worth the effort. Another approach would be to walk in along the Cotswold Way from Cleeve Common to the north. I travelled there with Jill Barber and joined David Brown's Lepidoptera Group for a leisurely walk. We saw several nationally rare butterflies and with David's skill at netting were able to study them at close quarters. They included the Duke of Burgundy, the only European member of the family Riodinidae or Metalmarks which find their greatest diversity in the tropics. We also saw the Green Hairstreak, a leaf mimic and the Small Blue. This last butterfly can be seen at Bishop's Hill which at present is clothed in this insect's food plant, kidney vetch. I visited this local hill recently – it's really the cement work's soil heap. Now nature has taken over. Amongst the tall grasses, now seeding is a fine colony of bee orchids. The brilliant pink of the sepals on some of the flowers is stunning. I hope some get the chance to see them in their prime.

Oh, I nearly forget to say the second time I heard the Cuckoo was at Combroke on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Soon they will be flying south. Now we have high summer to look forward to.

### **Heron in Manor Orchard**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Edward Lockley (aged 10) took this picture of a heron sitting on a roof in Manor Orchard. A rare sight.





## General Section

### 'Make a Noise Tots' with Warwickshire Young Voices

Preschool aged children are invited to 'Make a Noise' with the Warwickshire Young Voices team in a series of jungle themed summer music workshops for 2 ½ -4 year olds.

The workshops will provide a gentle introduction to musicality and the concepts of pitch, rhythm and pulse using Kodaly (Do Re Mi...) and Dalcroze (music and movement) techniques. The professional WYV musicians and singers make the 2 hour workshops non-stop fun with songs, music, dance, games, craft and sensory play.

Workshops will be held at The Graham Adams Centre, Southam, 9.30-11.30am on Thursdays 25<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August. Book individual workshops for £12 or all four at the reduced price of £40. See [www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org](http://www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org) for more information or to book online. Alternatively phone Helen on 01926 614 150. Places are limited so book today!

### Warwickshire Young Voices - Expanding by popular demand!

The Warwickshire Young Voices team are extremely proud to announce that we are having to expand to accommodate the ever growing demand for our sessions.

Having started out as a small village community choir in 2008, we now draw 50 children aged 7-16 from across South Warwickshire on a weekly basis and have an ever growing waiting list.



From September 2013, we will be expanding our Community Choir for 7-16 year olds by providing an additional venue in Leamington. We are accepting pre-registration for these places now, for any child to join our fun community choir with no audition required.

Also new for September 2013 are musicianship classes for 3-7

year olds run by Musical Director, award winning composer and British Kodaly Academy member, David Iles (BA Hons Music, PGCE). These classes will teach young performers to understand pitch, rhythm and pulse whilst learning to read and write their own music based on Kodaly principles. Classes will be available at The Graham Adams Centre in Southam at 9.45am for 3-5yrs and 10.30am for 5-7yrs. Places are limited so book early!



For more information about our activities, to register your interest or sign up to any of our sessions please visit our website at [www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org](http://www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org) or telephone 01926 614 150.

Music is a skill for life - Let's pass it on!

**Helen Iles**  
**Warwickshire Young Voices**



## **Windmills Nursery School Fundraising Group**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who visited our stall at the Harbury Carnival. Our jam jar and teddy tombola was very popular. A special thanks also to Lesley (Eilidh's mum) for co-ordinating everything behind the scenes and to all the mums and dads who donated jam jars and teddies and for those who gave up their time to decorate the float and help out on the stall. The children had a great time.

### **Forthcoming dates for your diary:**

**26<sup>th</sup> September** - Bag2School collection - please start saving now any unwanted clothes, soft toys, paired shoes, etc, ready for our next collection.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Sue Birch**

## **Harbury Thursday Club**

Most reluctantly we have decided to cease the Thursday Club Meetings. In the last few months we have lost members for various reasons, have experienced difficulty in obtaining speakers and costs have risen. Due to holidays we **shall not** be having a meeting in June and the last one will be on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Peggie & Bill Middleton, Tel: 612877**



## Harbury Village Library

“I’m bored”! How many parents have heard their children say this during the long summer holiday? One solution could be for them to join the Summer Reading Scheme.

The aim is to encourage primary school age children, of all reading abilities, to read six books of their choice during the summer holiday. The scheme costs nothing to join and the children can read whatever they like so long as the books are borrowed from the Library. The theme this year is ‘Creepy House’ and when a child signs up for the challenge they will get a ‘Creepy House’ poster. There are then incentives, such as stickers and rewards, each time they read a book and on completion of the challenge either a medal or a certificate.

If you have access to the internet, there is a website where you and your children can get more information about the scheme and also get ideas about more exciting books to read. (<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>)

The scheme starts on 13<sup>th</sup> July, so look out for the posters in the library and come along and sign up for a summer of reading fun.

**Sue Wurr**

**Overdue Library Book:** Would the person who borrowed a book entitled BEYBLADE by Aoki Takeo from the village library on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May please return it as soon as possible as it is now well and truly overdue. Thank you.

**Gordon Baldwin**

## Biblio’s Café

### Open Studios – Arts Fortnight

To meet the refreshment needs of all the visitors to the studios of Harbury’s very talented artists, Biblio’s will, in addition to regular opening hours, also be open the three weekends of the arts event (June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>) on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2.30-4.30pm. Scones with lashings of fresh cream and jam, and plenty of our delicious cakes and cookies and speciality teas will be on the menu.

### Summer Holidays

We’ve discovered during the past year, that adapting our café open hours during the school holiday periods seems to meet our customers’ needs best, and also gives our hardworking voluntary teams a bit of a lie in too!

From the 24<sup>th</sup> July and through August, Biblio’s amended weekday hours will be 10am-12.30pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and the usual 10am-noon on Saturday. We will revert to the 9.15am start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

when the children go back to school. Although please always feel free to come in a little earlier and enjoy the peace and quiet of the Library (and browse the ever increasing selection of excellent books) while waiting for the coffee machine to heat up.

### **Join the Team**

Have you been out of the workplace for a while? Working in the café is a perfect way to rebuild your confidence, learn new skills, gain a food hygiene certificate, and meet a lot of people. You can sign up for weekly, fortnightly or monthly shifts to fit the cafe in around your other commitments. If you would like to join our team, please leave your name and contact details with a café or library team member, or email: [lynnbiblioscafe@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbiblioscafe@gmail.com)

**Lynn Macwhinnie, Jill Credland & Bobbie Sharpe**

### **Tunes and Tales**

I'm going to be a fairy! Yes, since our last Tunes and Tales of the term is rapidly approaching we are planning a dressing up session on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Come as a fairy, come as a pirate, come as whatever you like or come as you are! Children 0-4 and carers of all ages are invited to join us. Tunes and Tales is on every Thursday in term time at 10am in Harbury Village Library for around half an hour of singing and stories. It's also a great way to meet others in the area and hear about where to go if you are new. All are welcome and we have a great mix of Mummies, Daddies, Grannies, Grandads and working Nannies that all bring their little ones to join in. We ask for a donation of £1 per family to the library if you are able. Many of us come before or after the session for teas and cakes in Biblio's. I hope you will join us to spread some magic!

**Carolyn Murray**

### **A Thousand Thanks from me and MacMillan**

I did it! On Saturday I braved the cold and choppy waters of Lake Windermere and swam my mile in the Great North Swim. I entered the water in the 'pink wave' at 10.30am (along with Olympic athlete Iwan Thomas!); the first 200m was extremely difficult, as the wind and waves pushed us off course - and almost backwards in my case! However, it gradually became easier, and I completed the course in 1.14.14. A little slower than the elite ladies' times of 19 minutes, but I was just chuffed to have completed it!



Thank you all so very very much for sponsoring me and supporting me through this rather mad journey that I started out on last year. I feel a huge sense of achievement at completing the challenge, and the fact that I have raised nearly £1000 for MacMillan in the process is the icing on the cake. That knowledge has helped me no end in the last few weeks of early Sunday morning practices in a very cold Ragley Hall lake. And I may even consider keeping the hired wetsuit and try out some more open-water swimming....it really is great!



Thanks again so much for your support

**Caroline Hill**



### **Victorian Street Fayre – 5<sup>th</sup> October**

This year's Victorian Street Fayre will take place in Chapel Street from 4pm onwards. There will be a wide variety of entertainment and things to see and do; some familiar and some new to the village.

The Fayre is a wonderful event for all the family, with fairground rides, plenty of side shows and amusements, entertainment on stage and in the street, games of skill and stalls with a variety of goods for sale, with a Victorian theme.

In 2010 all profits went to support the wonderful work done by both the Harbury (Wight School) and Windmills Pre-Schools; this year we will continue in supporting our children, by all profits going to Harbury School PTA.

Although October is still months away, if you are thinking of having a stall make sure you contact Amanda Lewis on 07771 594827 ([clrlewis@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clrlewis@harbury-pc.gov.uk)) as the quantity of stalls is limited.

Remember to start working on your fancy dress costume; there will be prizes for the best children (girl and boy) and best adults (man and woman). Also if any buskers or street entertainers want to come and be part of the Fayre then please let Julie and Brian know on 614050.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in September with excellent prizes. Top prize is a 4 star self catering holiday cottage in South East Devon for one week. Other prizes include £100 cash and a case of wine. Please contact Pamela on 614374 if you wish to make a donation to a hamper for the raffle or have any suitable raffle prizes.

If you would like to support the fund raising and can help on the day (between 4.00 and 8.00pm) please speak to any Harbury School PTA committee member or call Katharine on 613084.

**Amanda Lewis**



## Harbury Art Group

The Harbury Art Group tutored workshops are always on the **first Thursday of the month** in the Tom Hauley Room and cost £15 for the day, with the subject, tuition and tea/coffee provided. These are full day painting or drawing sessions starting at 10am and finishing at about 3pm. It is an ideal opportunity to spend a whole day with a group of like-minded people, working on a complete painting. Contact Nick Baldwin on 01295 276465 for more information.

The workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> June was a watercolour session themed: 'Early Summer' and on 4<sup>th</sup> July the subject will be suitable for either for pastels or watercolours. On Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>, Nick will be holding a watercolour session titled "Trees in a Rural Landscape", then in September our workshop is pencil drawing. A full programme is available on request.

Our informal social painting days on the **third Thursday of the month** have now finished for the Summer, but if there is sufficient interest, we will re-start them in the Autumn. Please ring Pam on 01926 814923 or email [harburyart@hotmail.com](mailto:harburyart@hotmail.com) for more details.

**Pam McConnell**



## Bumps, Bundles and Tots

June has been a busy month at Bumps; we had success at the Carnival with a second prize for our "Once upon a time in Bumps and Bundles",

we had some great characters: incy wincy spider, Red Riding Hood with her wolf and grandma in tow, Tinkerbell and Peter Pan and Three Blind Mice.

We also had a fabulous music session called "Make a noise tots" taster session with music, bubbles and lots of fun, run by Helen Iles who is going to be doing sessions in Southam from 25<sup>th</sup> July onwards, we have leaflets at Bumps if you're interested.



As it was Father's day this month we had a craft session to make daddies special cards with lots of paint and sparkles used.

Come along to Bumps, Bundles and tots every Tuesday from 10:30am in the Tom Hauley Room for fun, tea and biscuits.

**Kelly and Henry**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens**

The summer outing to Gloucester was enjoyed by many people who went. There seemed to be plenty of attractions and activities for people to visit and do and some have even been back under their own steam, so it must be a good place to visit.

We recently ran a fundraising event in conjunction with Paul Winchester. This was a quiz night held in the Village Hall and the proceeds were divided between Harbury Rugby Club and Harbury Senior Citizens. We would like to thank Paul for his organisation and all the teams who took part and who in various ways contributed so much on the night. Also, thank you to everyone who supported our Tombola Stall at Harbury Carnival. Carol Cleaver won the Teddy Bear with the name Alex.

Apparently on the outing to Gloucester, there were several comments made about fundraising activities. If you want to support us, the next event will be the Summer Lunch on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July** in the Village Hall between 12:00 and 14:30. This is a major fundraiser for us and as such the lunch is open to anyone who wants to come, subject to availability. The lunch includes a Ploughman's, dessert, tea or coffee for £5.

For pre-booking enquiries, please contact either Julie Clarke on 612066 or Mike McBride on 612421 before **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Look out for posters giving more details. At the lunch we also have a raffle and tombola. If anyone wants to kindly donate prizes for these, they can be left with Julie at 32, South Parade or Mike at 1, Park Lane. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fundraising is always difficult and in the past we have had donations from the Summer Domino League, Harbury Horticultural Society, Harbury Hearts, Harbury Chronicles, from collections in bottles in the Pubs, Harbury Carnival, other sources and of course the Committee's ongoing fundraising activities. Not all these sources are available any more, so if any of you who benefit from the Senior Citizens Association have any ideas for fundraising or would like to help the committee in some fundraising activities then please let us know. We are always willing to look at new ideas and offers of help!!!

Finally, Thelma Gulliver has decided to resign from the committee after giving her support for many years. We thank her for all of her hard work, good humour and knowledge of who's who in the village. She will be much missed.

**Mike McBride**

## Harbury Carnival Games Week

### Wheelbarrow Race

What a day. The sun was shining and by the time the race started we had 30 teams entered. Many were new to the race and we were glad to see the support that this now traditional event is gaining. There were many teams who should be able to compete for years to come!! This year it was hosted by the Old New Inn – thank you Sandra and Brian.

We would also like to thank Kevin White of Clintplan Printers in Southam for producing and sponsoring the new “Drive Slowly” signs which I hope you all saw and took note of.

There were 13 entries for the Men’s Beer Race which was won by the not so young George Simpson and Trevor Gibbs in a time of 9 minutes 19 seconds. In second place were Kevin Burgoyne and Alan Farmer in 9 minutes 30 seconds and in third place it was Steve Harold and Nick Burgoyne in 9 minutes 52 seconds. George and Trevor were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £25 prize money.

There were 13 entries for the Water Race. The winners, with a time of 8 minutes 57 seconds were Rob Rollason and Fin Toner and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10. In second place were Callum Panton and James Wilkinson in 10 minutes and 2 seconds and in third place were Jodie Simpson and Abbie Hunt in 10 minutes and 55 seconds.

We had 4 teams in the Ladies Beer Race and it was won by Dayle Adams and Tracy Dodds in an impressive time of 9 minutes and 43 seconds. They were awarded the Gibbs and Simpson Shield and £25. In second place were Heather Burt and Vicky Woodhouse in 15 minutes and 19 seconds and third were Jenny Thomas and Alison Baldwin in 19 minutes and 38 seconds.

The Rollason Tankard is presented to the team completing the Men’s Beer Race in the fastest time with a combined age of 100 or over and this year it was won by Steve Harold and Nick Burgoyne.

We must make special mention for the team of Lee, Gai and Brian. For those aficionados of the wheelbarrow race you will know that Lee and Gai have taken part in many disguises over the years. This year they persuaded Brian to join them and I think he made sure that they finished the course this year before all of the spectators had long gone home. Well done to all three!!!

Once again, very many thanks to all the licensees who provided beer and water, the volunteer scrutineers and to the marvellous crowd who came out in the sunshine to cheer on the runners in their ordeal.

A footnote to the Wheelbarrow Race. During the race there were five runners who also collected donations for Help for Heroes. They were John Milliken, George Simpson, Trevor Gibbs, Euan Bennett and Guy Gibson.

A total of £263.21 was collected and the guys would like to thank everyone who gave so generously.

We look forward to welcoming old and new participants in 2014.

### **Pub Games**

This year we had an amazing **TEN** teams take part in the Carnival Games Week and **93** people competed in one or more of the games. The ten teams this year were: The Crown Inn, The Shakespeare, F & F's, Harbury Rugby Club, Wednesday Club, Twinning, All Saints, Girls-R-Loud, The Gamecock and the Old New Inn. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Aunt Sally - The Gamecock

Skittles – Harbury Rugby Club

Horse Shoes – Old New Inn

Quiz – The Crown

At the end of the competitions the winners were Harbury Rugby Club with 52 points. Then the Old New Inn with 50 points, Wednesday Club with 48 points, Twinning with 47 points, The Crown with 45 points, F & F's and The Gamecock next with 42 points each, then the Shakespeare with 40 points and finally Girls-R-Loud and All Saints with 32 points each.

The winners were presented with the Pub Games Shield and the congratulations of the Carnival Committee. If you want a bit of fun playing games, not too seriously, on early June evenings and want to put a team together, please get in touch with the committee. You only need 4 people for each event out of a maximum 12 players per team – and they could be the same 4 who enter them all. It is good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well known hostelrys.



Finally, our thanks must go to all the teams for taking part. Along with the 40 teams' members each evening and the various supporters we estimate there were about 70 to 80 people at each game. This is a great number and we hope that you all enjoyed it. Lastly, we would like to thank the licensees for letting us use their premises; it would be difficult to hold the events without you.

**Mike McBride and the Carnival Committee**

# Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2013





## Harbury Carnival

The Harbury Carnival came up trumps with a lovely day and tremendous support from a huge number of visitors, floats and stalls.

The Shirley Pipe Band led the procession to the Arena with Evie and Ben our Carnival King and Queen at the head.

The hard work of the Carnival Committee (Chair - John Broomfield and Mike McBride, Ann Winchester, Haidee Powell, Julie Linforth and Neville Sheasby) together with many volunteers on the day itself clearly paid off and many thanks to them all.



We are extremely grateful for the support of our SPONSORS: *A J Brunt Carpentry, Avonvale Veterinary Centres, Cana at Bank Chambers, W J Brooks Chimney Sweep, communication & me (Bev & Benn Walshe), The Door Store, Drop Dead Gorgeous Curtains, Fitzgerald Marshall-Hardy Marketing, Fosse Garage, The Gamecock, Gardens by Wendy, TM & JM Grey, D F Hewer Builders Ltd, Miles of Tiles, Mugleston's Country Fayre, Nifty Needle Curtain Workroom, The Old New Inn, The Roger Coy Partnership Architectural Services, Rollason Fencing and Sheds, Rollasons Solicitors, The Salon, The Shakespeare Inn, Warwick Carpet Cleaners and Warwick Oven Cleaners.*

The rosette winners of the Parade and Ring Fancy Dress Competitions will be published in next month's Harbury News.

See you next year!

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

## Harbury Village Show

Just a reminder that the Village Show this year is on 14<sup>th</sup> September at Harbury Village Club. Show schedules will be available from July onwards at Mugleston's Country Fayre or 32 South Parade.

Can I ask all cup winners from last year to return the cups to 32 South Parade for engraving before 28<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

**Patrick Clarke**  
Tel: 612066

## Harbury Energy Initiative

### July Earth Poem:

*No one knows*

*Will the ozone remain weak?*

*When I'm as old as you are,*

*20's at the least,*

*No one knows*

*Will the rain be gone?*

*What will grow*

*Will pollution throng?*

*On the Earth in 30 years.*

*Will fumes clog the streets?*

*No one knows.*

*No one knows.*

*But it's not too late,*

*You can keep it great,*

*Will plants grow?*

*Like it once was,*

*Will there be snow?*

*We might know.*

*No one knows.*

### By Oliver Kirk, Year 5 Harbury Primary School

Oliver is not exactly hopeful but ends with expectation, challenging us, looking to us for a solution. For the sake of his generation, who may well suffer more than we will from climate change and energy shortages, we can all, perhaps, take individual small but significant actions towards this by reducing energy use. HEI exists to support practical local solutions wherever we can find them with a special emphasis at the moment on ways to afford home improvements in order to cut heating bills and carbon emissions. Following the event in April we were able to put 13 people in touch with our preferred advisors, the Energy Saving Cooperative, who offer free advice, and with our chosen Green Deal Assessor, the first step in the process of getting funding for efficiency measures from the government's Green Investment Bank. This assessment also allows those who are eligible to gain access to ECO grants (see June Harbury & Ladbroke News). It all takes time, however, only a few have completed their occupier questionnaire so far. We would like to hear from all those I contacted in May about your progress and experience of the process. If it appears that there are significant flaws in the system, we can report on these to government and lobby for change. Contact me at [shermanbob55@gmail.com](mailto:shermanbob55@gmail.com) or 612277.

Some people are concerned that a Green Deal loan will burden them with debt for 25 years. The debt in fact remains with the house. This in turn seems to concern some, because it might act as a perceived negative selling point when they move house. But it needn't. If the Green Deal works as it is meant to, the cost of repayments will be no more in the first year than the savings made by the measures taken (new A-rated boiler, insulation etc). There will then be a growing favourable difference as energy costs rise year on year but

proportionately yours don't. I am grateful to Nick Tawney for pointing out the obvious to me: since you have to pay for energy every year anyway, where is the disadvantage, given that your combined costs and loan payments will be increasingly less than your energy bill would have been?

HEI members are currently working on some figures to try to make this all a bit clearer. The people most likely to benefit from the Green Deal are those who have not yet had a chance to improve their houses and whose energy bills are high. You don't have to use the Green Deal necessarily, however. The Energy Saving Cooperative will advise on other financing methods.

A year ago we compiled some data on the location and number of houses with PV's installed, thanks to people responding to our appeal for information. We would like to bring this up to date to include anyone who has installed panels since. If you have recently installed PV and are happy to let us know about it or can update your generation figures, please contact Ted Dowdeswell on [teddwell@aol.com](mailto:teddwell@aol.com) or 07836 320483.

Do contact any of us in HEI for advice on reducing energy costs and cutting carbon.

**Bob Sherman – Tel: 612277  
shermanbob55@gmail.com**



## Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month. Local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School, and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time!

Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

**Nigel Chapman**

## Self Build

'Self-build'. The phrase conjures images of affluent older people with overambitious projects that drag on for months and go hopelessly over budget. While this is a stereotype inspired by the popular Channel 4 programme *Grand Designs*, presented by Kevin McCloud, it isn't so far from the truth. However, are you interested in a self build project in Harbury?

*"The government is keen for self-build – or what it now calls "custom build" – to become a mainstream housing option. In 2011, as part of its*

*Housing Strategy for England, it announced plans to double the output of self-build housing from 100,000 units to 200,000 over the next decade. The government last year launched a three-year £30m Revolving Loan Fund to provide short-term project finance for self-build group schemes. In April, it announced a consultation to look at exempting self-builders from paying the Community Infrastructure Levy, which can add between 10 to 15 per cent to build costs. Research suggests there is big potential for the UK market. We build far fewer of our own homes than European countries. Around 12,000 self-build homes are completed in the UK each year – just 7.6 per cent of new housing supply. By comparison, more than half of Hungary's housing supply is self-built. In France it is 38 per cent, in Sweden 30 per cent and in the Netherlands 10 per cent.*

*Experts agree that greater focus needs to be placed on multi-plot sites or group provision if volumes are to grow significantly. "I think group schemes are the way forward," says Ted Stevens, chair of the National Self Build Association. "The current market place consists of mainly individuals in their later years who are building their dream retirement homes. But the potential of the market is the 20 and 30-somethings who are looking for an affordable home for themselves."*

*According to Stevens, two of the biggest obstacles remain securing a plot of land and the red tape of obtaining planning permissions. Financing the work is also tough.*

*But the situation is improving. Councils are now required to make more plots of land available for self-build projects. Stevens believes there are at least 2,000 self-build plots in the pipeline from local councils. "There is a lot more happening at local authority level than many people realise," he says. According to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), nearly half of its £30m fund has already been earmarked for group schemes – just a year after launching. Group schemes can vary significantly, with options ranging from co-housing schemes, eco-homes and developer-led projects."*

*Extracted from Financial Times Article May 17, 2013*

There is currently an acre plot of land for sale in Harbury that may be suitable for such a scheme, for those interested, but you will need to act fast if we are to beat greedy developers! As a resident and construction professional I have a keen interest in sustainable housing and considering helping a group of interested parties in this potential self opportunity.

If you have an interest in this opportunity, self build generally or require some guidance on building developing or extending, particularly eco homes please contact me at [paul.quinney@allen.uk.com](mailto:paul.quinney@allen.uk.com)

**Paul Quinney**

## Village with a Vision

After what seems like a long quiet spell, we can now report that our Partners, Bromford Support, are talking with the Price Trust about a possible site for our Extra Care Facility. They are also having preliminary discussions with the County Council, highways, planning etc.

So we're quietly hopeful that it won't be too long before there's some really positive news to give everyone.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**Tony Stubbs**



## Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

As this is the last article of this academic year, the FRG would like to thank all the Pre-School families and friends and all the Harbury villagers for their continued support of our fundraising efforts. Not only is the money raised fundamental to the success of the Outstanding Harbury Pre-School, but the activities themselves help Harbury Pre-School and the children become actively involved and an integral part of the Harbury community.

We've had an incredibly busy June raising money for Harbury Pre-School...

**Harbury Open Gardens:** Thank you to the Horticultural Society for letting us run the teas and cakes in the Village Hall for Harbury Open Gardens. And thank you so much to the Pre-School parents and families who donated all the delicious homemade cakes and to those who helped on the day and came along to support us. We raised over £300 for Pre School.

**Harbury Carnival BBQ:** This year the Carnival BBQ raised over £920! Huge thanks go to Jane McCluskey and Calor Gas for loaning us a barbecue and gas, Ian Cuthbertson and Jez Hunt for loaning their barbecues, Glebe Farm for the delicious rare-breed meat and to the amazing BBQ team who pulled everything together to ensure it all ran like clockwork. And massive thanks, of course, to everyone who bought a burger or a hot dog!

**Harbury Pre-School Float at Harbury Carnival:** Congratulations to the Float team who created a fantastic "Under the Sea" float well worthy of 1st Prize, and huge thanks to Rob and Pauline Hadley from Chesterton Fields Farm for once again loaning us their tractor, trailer and shed.

**Bag2School:** Our latest Bag2School recycled clothing collection raised an amazing £290. Thank you to everyone who donated!

**90 of Harbury' Favourite Recipes:** We have been selling our wonderful Recipe Books around the village for the last six months or so. To date we have raised over £750 so a huge thanks must go to our sponsors, to everyone who donated recipes and to those who bought recipe books.

The last remaining copies are still available at the Library, Cana Wines and Muglestons - so get them while you can!

### **Goodbye and Thanks!**

The FRG would like to thank Sonya and Mark Evans, Hannah Drabble and Beccy Mazurek for their amazing support and dedication to everything we have undertaken during their time on the FRG. We will miss you!

### **New Members welcome!**

The FRG is now actively looking for more members to continue with our long-standing fundraising commitments. Please get in touch with any member of staff at Harbury Pre-School if you would like to join us.

### **Pre-School Fundraising Events for your diary:**

- **Christmas Market at The Village Hall:** Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Bag2School Recycled Textile Collection:** January 2014
- **Recycling:** Donations of unwanted electrical leads, mobile phones and used ink cartridges are still welcome.

## **A message from the Committee of Harbury Pre-School**

Our childcare professionals write an article for the Harbury & Ladbroke News every month telling villagers what the children have been up to. This month, as a committee, we would like to tell you more about Harbury Pre-School.

At Harbury Pre-School we aim to create a caring, secure and stimulating environment where all children will enjoy learning, achieve success and feel valued and respected. We aim to foster each child's uniqueness and individuality as they work towards common goals within the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Harbury Pre-School is a strong part of the Harbury village community and has been active in the Wight School for over 40 years. We value the long-standing, close relationships with Harbury villagers, Harbury Toddler Group, Windmills Nursery, the Church, the Library, local councillors, local shops and Harbury Primary School. As a committee we are made up of volunteer parents and carers and are actively involved in decisions regarding the running of the Pre-School.

Our Pre-School team are highly skilled, qualified and very experienced childcare professionals, who all live in Harbury and are committed to providing a high level of care and education for all our children. Over the years the Pre-School has built upon their reputation of providing an exceptionally caring and nurturing environment for young children to learn through play. This was verified by the most recent Ofsted report which stated that Harbury Pre-School was outstanding in ALL areas of the inspection.

Harbury Pre-School is based in a lovely building, the converted Victorian school in the High Street in the centre of Harbury. More recently a new building was added which has provided modern new facilities. The children have access to a fully enclosed secure, safe outdoor classroom, complete with safety surface, flower beds and planters and a wonderful new canopy.

Harbury Pre-School is a registered charity and therefore is non-profit making. All funds are ploughed back into maintaining an exceptional quality of nurturing for the children. We have a higher ratio of adults to children than that which is required by Ofsted, so that we can offer an even greater level of care and education than if we kept only within the minimum legal requirements. We offer NEF funded places to 3 and 4 year olds, offer an assisted places scheme and accept workplace childcare vouchers. For more details, please take a look at our website; [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk).

**Eugene Murphy**



## **Operation Christmas Child**

For several years now we have packed and sent shoeboxes of essentials and fun to children abroad (recently Belarus and Romania) who otherwise have nothing for Christmas. To raise funds for the transport – suggested as £2.50 per box – there will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Your support, especially donations of cakes or raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. There will be leaflets with suggestions for filling a box, and empty boxes for everyone who would like to collect goodies during the summer. Thank you.

**Gillian Hare**



## **Wednesday Walkers**

Now that summer has finally arrived, our countryside is looking lovely. We have enjoyed cowslips, bluebells and a beautiful ancient wildflower meadow. And not too much mud.

Someone who joined us at the Mother's Union recently for the first time said how welcome she felt by such friendly people. So if you would like a breath of fresh air, join us behind the Village Hall at 9:40 am any Wednesday. Bring a drink and appropriate footwear. The venues are listed in the diary; distances are given as a guide. The average walk takes two hours as nobody is in a hurry!

N.B. Due to outings and holidays, there will NOT be a walk on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Gillian Hare**

## Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to all who attended our last Ladies Lunch on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. We made an excellent profit of £405.50.

We are holding a Greek Evening on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the Tom Hauley room at 7:30pm. Tickets are priced £20 per person which includes a two course supper plus all wine.

If you are interested, please ring Elaine Bruce, 614664.

**Elaine Bruce**

## Holiday at Home

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013

The plans for the Holiday at Home 2013 are nearing completion. As last year, there will be various activities and games available in the mornings. After lunch there will be some interesting talks, a Bingo session, a Beetle Drive and some musical entertainment. The cost of the week is £30.00, a £5.00. deposit with booking form and balance payable on the first day of the holiday.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be in the Tom Hauley Room and Wednesday will be a full day out at Evesham Country Park.

We still have a few places available so if you would like to have a booking form or need any further information, please contact Sue (613831), or Gill (614206).

**Sue Boniface**

## Open Gardens in Southam

Southam in Bloom is holding **Open Gardens** this year on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**, from **11am to 5pm**. There will be 24 gardens to visit; a wonderful selection including riverside, walled, large, small, cottage, vegetable, and the Peace Garden in the grounds of the Grange Hall – St James Church in Park Lane. The Cardall Collection of Southam memorabilia will also be open. So there is something for everyone! Entrance will be by programme (£3 adults, school age children free), available from Jacqueline the Florist prior to the event or by phoning Lesley on 01926 813986 and from St James' Church or any of the gardens on the day. Several of the gardens will be serving refreshments, and some will be selling plants. So come along, have a great day out, and pick up plenty of ideas for your own garden!

**Hellen Emblin**

## The Battle of Southam 1642 - revisited

The English Civil War between 1642 and 1651 was one of the most turbulent and violent periods of our history. King Charles I was determined to rule in his own right, and Parliament was equally determined that *it* should govern England. Tensions grew, and in the Summer of 1642, both sides were raising armies in the towns and villages of the Midlands. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1642 King Charles raised his standard at Nottingham Castle and formally declared war on Parliament. The very next day, in a small market town on the main route between Coventry and Banbury, troops from King Charles' Cavaliers marching south encountered a contingent of Lord Brooke of Warwick's Parliamentarian Roundheads who had been billeted in the town overnight.

The Battle of Southam took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1642. According to contemporary sources it lasted over four hours and involved over a thousand soldiers on each side, ranging widely around Southam and district. It can claim to be the first sizeable encounter of the Civil War, taking place two months before the Battle of Edgehill.



On the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013 Southam will be hosting a "living history" event to raise awareness of the town's heritage and its significant role during the English Civil War period. Soldiers from the Sealed Knot Society will be in costume (and in character) in the town centre throughout the weekend. There will be dramatic representations of events that took place in the town, a battle re-enactment, and many family activities, music, drama, entertainments, food, souvenirs and displays all with a 17<sup>th</sup> Century theme. The event is free to enter and starts on both days at 11am on Market Hill. For more information please visit [www.southamfirst.org](http://www.southamfirst.org) or Facebook: Battle of Southam 2013, telephone 01926 814923 or email [southam1642@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:southam1642@hotmail.co.uk)

**Pam McConnell**

## Rotary Club over 60's Holidays

A big thank you to Southam Rotary Club for organising holidays to Blackpool for the over 60s for more than 20 years.

I went on holiday with them for the first time this year and had a very enjoyable time. I was picked up at my door, with my luggage, and dropped off at the coach. We were very lucky with the weather, enjoying beautiful sunshine every day. Trips were organised for us to such places as Morecambe Bay, Skipton and Lake Windermere.

These holidays are available, at a reasonable cost, to over 60s living in Southam and surrounding villages. People from Southam, Marton,

Bishops and Long Itchington, and Harbury all went along and the general consensus was that “a good time was had by all”.

Thank you again Southam Rotarians. See you again next year.

**Pat Hearn**

## **Bishops Itchington – Developments**

A public meeting to discuss the various planned developments that may affect the village will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Bishops Itchington. The meeting will be hosted by District Councillor Richard Hamburger and the guest speaker will be Paul Lankester - Chief Executive Stratford District Council. A public forum will follow.

The developments under discussion will be the proposed 350 houses on the old Cement Works site; the Starbold Wind Farm; the solar panels at Deppers Bridge and the M40 Junction 12 improvements. Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke residents are most welcome.

**Wendy Buckley**

## **LOST: a pair of Giorgio Armani sunglasses**

Last seen at Harbury Carnival on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. I would be very grateful for any information regarding their whereabouts. Please contact Jill on 01926 612457.



### **Dear Editors**

*We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the love and affection we have been shown by so many people; for the cards, letters and tributes, the flowers and the practical help, following the death of our wonderful eldest son, William, who died on 24<sup>th</sup> May.*

*Will contracted acute leukaemia in September last year while working in Dubai, and flew home for treatment at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. He had a successful stem cell transplant in February but sadly developed pneumonia which did not respond to the many drugs that were tried. He was just 37 and leaves his wife Daniela and two children, Elena, aged three and a half, and Finlay, nine months.*



*He died as he lived, heroically and with great dignity. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.*

*Donations in memory of William to Cure Leukaemia, a charity part-financing the world class Centre for Clinical Haematology at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where he received such loving care: [www.cureleukaemia.co.uk](http://www.cureleukaemia.co.uk)*

*Thank you.*

***Sally and John, James and Robert Stringer***

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***Dear Editors***

***Mary Morgan***



*We would like to say a huge thank you to family and friends who sent cards and flowers to congratulate Mary on her very splendid 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.*

*Sadly Mary passed away peacefully on the 7<sup>th</sup> June with her family around her. The cards, flowers and telephone calls have been a great comfort during this difficult time.*

*Mary's funeral was held on a glorious sunny day at All Saints' Church on 25<sup>th</sup> June. We would like to extend our warm gratitude to Rev'd Craig for a wonderful service and to family and friends who were present at the church.*

*Mary will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.*

*Best wishes,*

***Pip, Linda, Darren, Emily, Dale, Sarah, John and Lilli x***

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***Dear Editors***

*John Algar, who for 17 years from 1962 to 1979, was Editor of the Leamington Courier and, along with his wife Edyth, lived in Harbury for several years, died recently in a nursing home in Worcestershire at the age of 95. He was born in Yorkshire and began his career as a journalist in that County. After service in WWII he resumed his journalism working in Lincolnshire and Leeds before moving to Leamington.*

*They lived first in The Beeches, then after a move to Warwick for a short time, moved back to Fox Close, where they stayed until 2007, when they moved to*

*live nearer to their family. They eventually moved to a Nursing Home in Hanley Swan, Worcestershire, where Edyth still lives.*

*During their time in Harbury, they were both very involved in Church activities and were a source of inspiration to many folk, who were sad to see them leave the village. Edyth was a regular contributor to the Harbury and Ladbroke News, with her observations of nature - "From the Patio".*

*John was a true gentleman, in every sense of the word - he will be greatly missed.*

**Anne Moore**

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**Dear Editors**

*Audrey, Jane and family wish to thank everyone for their cards and kind words for the loss of Dennis Lancelot Atkins, aged 93. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.*

**Audrey, Jane, and Family**

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**Dear Editors**

**Christian Aid Week 2013**

*A huge "thank you" to everyone in Harbury who generously donated towards this year's Christian Aid Week collection which raised a grand total of **£1,425.05**.*

*Many thanks also to all the collectors and counters from All Saints', Harbury who continue to generously give their time and effort every year.*

*Yours faithfully*

**John Hall**

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**Dear Editors**

*In response to the many questions Harbury School Windmills Nursery has been asked over the last few months, we would like to clarify our situation. Windmills Nursery has been established in Harbury for over 40 years and we are proud to offer high quality care and education to children aged two - five years from Harbury and surrounding villages. The Nursery is privileged to be*

*situated on the school site looking out onto the school field. Being in this unique position allows the children an easy transition to school which is also aided by our strong links with the school. Many of our children have siblings who attend Harbury School and they can enjoy watching them playing on the playground. We are fortunate to be able to use the infant playground ourselves during the day and we have our own dedicated bike shed there with age appropriate bikes and scooters.*

*Windmills Nursery has its own Forest School site which is especially beneficial to kinaesthetic learners who learn through touch. We also have a secure outside classroom which can be used in all weathers and children are encouraged to participate in daily outdoor play. The children are taken on regular visits to local shops and the library and we encourage links with local businesses. We also have strong links with Harbury Church and enjoy termly visits from Rev. Annie and Gill Guilford. Windmills also works in partnership with other Early Years providers such as Warwick Preparatory School and Harbury Pre-school. Visitors from the local community are welcomed at Windmills Nursery. The Nursery aims to be outstanding and we offer a range of curriculum enriched activities such as French.*

*We are extremely proud of our fully qualified and experienced staff who dedicate many long hours to ensure the children achieve their individual best in a safe and caring environment. The care at Windmills Nursery was also recognised when we won a Warwickshire Childcare Award in 2007.*

*Bookings are currently being taken up to **September 2015**. Children can be registered at Windmills Nursery as early as you want before they turn two. The Nursery also accepts childcare vouchers and offers free Nursery Education Funded (NEF) places to children aged three - four yrs. New from September 2013 Windmills Nursery will also offer some funded places to two years old who are eligible to receive funding under the new government scheme.*

*Harbury School Windmills Nursery is run by a voluntary Board of Directors who have many years of childcare experience between them. The business is a non-profit organisation with charitable status so any profits go straight back into the business for the benefit of the children. We are a nursery run by the village for the village, with a great team of people who believe passionately in the ethics of the nursery and where the children are our main focus.*

*Thank you for your support over the years and your continued support of Windmills Nursery.*

***From the Directors at Harbury School Windmills Nursery***

**Dear Editors**

*The Church Coffee Morning held on 15<sup>th</sup> June in aid of Leukaemia Research in memory of William Stringer raised £336. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort in any way, and helped to achieve such a worthwhile result for a very good cause.*

**Beryl Checkley**

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**Dear Editors**

*Heart Foundation Coffee Morning*

*Many thanks to all helpers, stewards and participants of the Tom Hauley room Coffee Morning. We managed to raise £190 for the Heart Foundation.*

**The Butterflies**

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## Regular Diary Dates

**ART CLASSES:** The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Tuesday 10am -12 noon (614251)

**ART TUTORIALS:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (814923 or 01295 276465)

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Monday mornings 10:00am -12:00 noon (612877)

Mondays evenings 7:30 - 9:00pm; (612627)

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (01788 816214 )

**BELL RINGING PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

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**CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES:** Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (07837 152839)

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**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Harbury Village Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 8:00pm (613730)

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**MOTHER'S UNION:** Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8.00pm (613831)

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**TABLE TENNIS:** Village Hall, Thursdays, 9.30 - 10.30am (614809)

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	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)
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Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion

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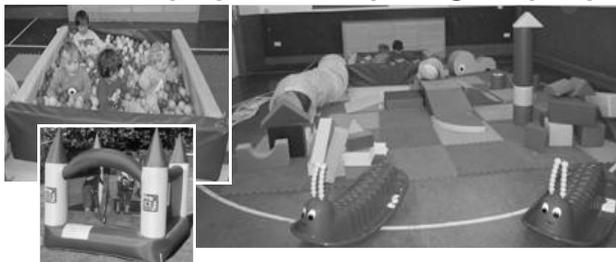
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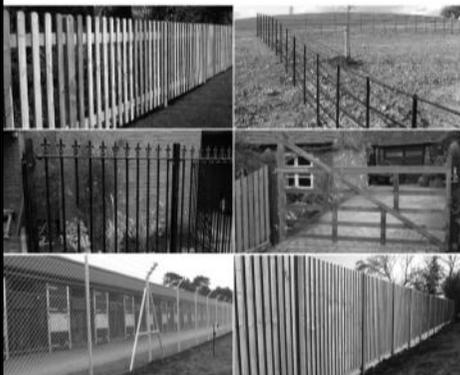
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