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Editorial

With planning permission recently being granted for the Village Hall extension, the push is now on to raise funds for the building work. A number of fund raising events are planned for the coming months which include a concert by the Coventry Big Band, a showing of the James Bond film Skyfall and an Auction of Promises on Saturday 27th April. Moving Pictures is now coming to Ladbroke too and there is a further opportunity to see Skyfall there on Friday 22nd March in the Village Hall.

Some long term planning has been taking place on Ladbroke Millennium Green, where six young fruit trees have recently been planted to provide an orchard for a future generation of 'scrumpers'!

Easter falls at the end of the month and a number of services have been organised by both churches – see diary for details.

Magazine subscriptions are due next month and, for this coming year, we are pleased to be able to pass on a discounted subscription of £6 instead of £7.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Betty Atkins, Neville Ellis, Midge Keen, Sid Newman, Sylvia Paine, Ron Rollason and Margaret Tidmarsh.

Harbury Diary

MARCH

- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of the Twinning Association
Coventry Big Band Concert, 7.30–11.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 3 **LENT III**
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm
- Mon 4 Devotional Evening for Lent, 7.00-8.45pm in Church,
followed by coffee
- Tues 5 Harbury Heritage Room open from 6.30pm, Harbury Primary
School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Horticultural Society Courtyard Gardens by Adrian James,
8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 6 Wednesday Walkers - Ashorne to Oakley Wood (3 miles),
meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park
Holy Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room:
Lent Study with Gemma North
Harbury Village Library AGM, 7.00pm in Library
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30-9.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Harbury Art Group, 10.00am-3.00pm, 'Urban Landscape' in
Tom Hauley Room
Movement to Music, 2.00-3.00pm, Village Hall
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room –
Nick Tawney: "Duke of Edinburgh Awards"
Folk Club, 8.00pm at Harbury Village Club
- Sat 9 Linfoot Country Homes launch event of Harbury Fields
Phase Two, 9.00am-12 noon, Village Hall
Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Village with a Vision
Moving Pictures presents "Skyfall" doors open 5.30, film starts
6.00pm at Village Hall (see advert for details)
- Sun 10 LENT IV – Mothering Sunday**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Family Communion Service, 10.30am with School taking part
Church A.G.M., 6.00pm
- Tues 12 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walkers Frankton – Marton (3½ miles) with option
of pub lunch, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park
Ballroom Dancing 7.30-9.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Movement to Music, 2.00-3.00pm, Village Hall
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – 'Grandma's
Stories in Zimbabwe' – Lis Dobb-Sandi
- Fri 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 16 Men's Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of the Brownies
Morris Workshop, 10.00am-4.00pm in Village Hall
Concert in aid of Myton Hospice 7.30pm at All Saints' Church,
Harbury
- Sun 17 LENT V – PASSION SUNDAY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm

- Tues 19 Harbury Writers meet 7.00pm in Harbury Village Library
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walkers Combrook & Compton Verney (4 miles),
meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park
Tea, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30-9.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 21 Movement to Music, 2.00-3.00pm, Village Hall
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Devotional Evening for Lent, 7.00–8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room:
“The Passion” (Part 3 of BBC film) plus discussion
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of Church Men’s Group
Jeremy Wright MP, Open Surgery, 11.30am – 12.30pm,
Harbury Library
- Sun 24 PALM SUNDAY**
Holy Communion with distribution of Palms, 8.00am
Little Saints’ Service, 9.00am
Procession from School, 10.15am
Sung Eucharist with distribution of Palms 10.30am
- Mon 25 Celtic Eucharist followed by Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm
- Tues 26 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
Harbury Society AGM & Talk, “Memories of a Book Addict” by
David Howe, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Village Club AGM, 7.30pm
Holy Communion followed by Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm
N.B. No Julian Meeting tonight
- Wed 27 No Wednesday walk today
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30-9.00pm in Village Hall
Service of Light and Shadows, 7.30pm
- Thurs 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Parish Council, 7.30-10.00pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.00pm (N.B. at Ladbroke)
The ‘Watch’ at the Altar of Repose (Harbury), 8.00pm –
Midnight
Thursday Club, 2.00-4.00pm in Farley Room of Village Hall
ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY
PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO
ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
- Fri 29 GOOD FRIDAY
Children’s Service with Hot Cross Buns, 1.30am
Devotional Hour, 2.00 to 3.00pm
- Sat 30 HOLY SATURDAY
Coffee Morning 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sat 30 The Blessing of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows, 8.00pm

Sun 31 **EASTER DAY**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am

APRIL

Tues 2 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Wed 3 No Wednesday walk today

Holy Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room:
'These are a few of my Favourite Hymns,' played by
Michael Hare

Thurs 4 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Movement to Music, 2.00-3.00pm

Sat 6 Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
in aid of Bellringers

Sun 7 **EASTER II**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Evensong, 6.00pm
Tennis Club AGM & Chequebook Tournament, 10.00am

Tues 9 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Wed 10 Wednesday Walkers Hampton Lucy to Clumps Hill (4½ miles),
meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park

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

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
March	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	6	7	8	Grey Bin
	13	14	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	20	21	22	Grey Bin
	27	28	29	Green & Blue Lid Bins
April	3	4	5	Grey Bin
	10	11	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	18	19	Grey Bin



From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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What difference does Easter make?

What if the Easter bunny wins the hearts of children everywhere? So why not strike "Easter holiday" from the vocabulary of our schools and substitute "Spring break"? What difference does Easter make anyway?

It made a lot of difference to a woman named Mary. Let me tell you an account of her story.

Mary washed the dried blood from Jesus' lifeless body as two other followers prepared the tomb cut into Jerusalem's cold limestone. She had been born a native of Magdala, a town along the coast of Galilee. "Little good it did me," she mused. Money had brought the opposite of happiness. She looked back at her teen years; her parents had thrown up their hands in despair, she recalled. She recollected the gnawing fear, the self-loathing that ate at her very core. And she could remember the caring boldness in Jesus' penetrating eyes as he had confronted the 'demons' that tormented her and commanded them to be gone forever. That had been the last of the frantic, distraught Mary. A gentle, peace-filled Mary had taken her place, until today.

Today she had seen her Lord die an excruciating death, his body weight hanging limp from the nails driven through his hands and feet, suspended from a cross like a common criminal.

Her heart caught in her throat as she remembered and wept and washed away the caked blood with her tears. She wept, too, as she watched the men lift Jesus' corpse onto the tomb's carved ledge, and roll a massive stone across the door way. Was all her hope for nothing? What of all the hundreds of diseased bodies he had healed? The broken lives he had restored? The promises of the Kingdom of God?

But early Sunday morning she was back at the tomb to finish anointing his body. When she arrived the tomb stood open, stone pushed to the side, ashes of the Roman guards' fire still smoldering. "How can they be so cruel?" she cried as she ran to tell the others.

But it wasn't cruelty that rolled away the stone that Easter morning. It was the powerful hand of God as Jesus stepped forth brimming with Life.

Mary saw him, mistaking him for the gardener. But there was no mistaking his voice - "Mary." She fell at his feet, tears of grief melting into tears of joy. "Rabboni," she said as she looked into his face. "Teacher."

Yes, Easter bunnies still capture the hearts of children and schools talk about Spring breaks, but we know what really happened at Easter.

In an instant history changed forever, because, where once the human

mortality rate had held steady at 100%, now it skipped a beat as Jesus stepped out of dead statistics into life. Death no longer has the last word, the final word is life!

May you too find God's deep peace this Easter.

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

15th January Margaret Tidmarsh (92 years)
 12th February Betty Atkins (93 years)
 Sid Newman (76 years)

Memorial Service, All Saints' Harbury

23rd January Ron Rollason
 5th February Neville Ellis (81 years)
 7th February Sylvia Paine (82 years)
 13th February Midge Keen (86 years)

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

20th January Samuel Thompson



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Will

Perhaps the most important thing to note is the change in date for this month's All Age Family Communion. With Easter being where it is, this year Mothering Sunday falls on the 2nd Sunday of March. The Family Service therefore is moving to coincide with Mothering Sunday.

Another thing crossed off the list is at the beginning of each year the Wardens submit to the Diocese various service and footfall statistics, which have been collected over the past year, so that trends over time and other such things can be established.

Please have a look at the Project Plan displayed in Church and the Tom Hauley Room for things which need doing in order to keep our building maintained.

Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's Group

With the snow still round and about in Harbury, Hugh Tottle came to talk to the Group about his trip to Antarctica but, surprisingly, despite setting off just after Christmas 2011, many of his slides had a back drop of clear blue skies.

After flying to the southern tip of Argentina, Hugh's first stop was the Falkland Islands from where we saw some great pictures of nesting Rock Hopper penguins, an albatross and the rare Flightless Steamer duck. Next stop was South Georgia, generally an inhospitable place, but thanks to kind weather Hugh was able to go ashore in a small Zodiac boat. We had more beautiful slides of king penguins, elephant seals, and giant petrels but thankfully without the pungent aroma of the penguin colony we were told about!

In Gritvyken Hugh visited Shackleton's Grave where, in keeping with tradition, visitors had to take a sip of whisky and then tip the rest on the grave!

Hugh's enthusiasm in his speaking simply emphasised how much he enjoyed this truly spectacular trip.

On Thursday 7th March, (7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room) Nick Tawney is coming to talk to us about the work he does in supporting the Duke of Edinburgh awards. It is something many of the younger members of the village get involved in and it will be interesting to hear more about this long standing and successful programme and what is involved in gaining this prestigious award. Please do come along and join us.

If you would like more information, please contact John Guilford (614206) or John Stringer (613214).

John Guilford (Co-Chair)

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MARCH

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| Sat | 2 | Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 3 | LENT III
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments |
| Tues | 5 | Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall
Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Wed | 6 | Lent Lunch, from 12 noon, The Old School, School Lane |
| Sun | 10 | LENT IV
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Mothering Sunday Service, 3.00pm with refreshments afterwards |
| Tues | 12 | Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall |

- Wed 13 Lent Lunch, from 12 noon, Hallsfield, School Lane
 Fri 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
 HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 16 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 17 PASSION SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Mon 18 Annual Church Meeting, 7.30pm in Church
- Tues 19 Yoga, 10.00am Village Hall
- Wed 20 Lent Lunch, from 12 noon, Cherry Trees, School Lane
 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Fri 22 Moving Pictures Film Night – Skyfall, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 23 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 24 PALM SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion, (sung) 9.00am
- Tues 25 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall
- Wed 27 Lent Lunch, from 12 noon, Chapel Ascote Farm
- Thurs 28 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY PHARMACY,
 HIGH STREET OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK
 Women's Institute, Chocolate Demo 7.30pm, visitors welcome
 (£3.50), Village Hall
 Maundy Thursday Service 7.00pm
- Fri 29 Good Friday – One Hour at the Cross, 12 noon
 St Mark Passion by Charles Wood, 7.00pm
- Sat 30 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 31 EASTER SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion, 9.00am
- APRIL**
- Sat 6 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 7 EASTER I**
 Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments



Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

Our Christingle Family Service was a lovely occasion led by Reverend Annie who explained the meaning of Christingle. It was good to see so many children enjoying the service and lighting their candles.

The Ash Wednesday Service was made particularly special with the attendance of members of Harbury congregation.

Plans are going ahead for the re-decoration of the Nave. A project meeting is scheduled for late March and work should commence in April. Services will be held as normal with a minimum of disruption anticipated.

For all services and activities over the Easter period please refer to the Ladbroke Diary section.

Lent Lunches for March

- 6th The Old School, School Lane
- 13th Hallsfield, School Lane
- 20th Cherry Trees, School Lane
- 27th Chapel Ascot Farm

St Mark Passion

As part of worship for Holy Week there will be, at 7.00pm on Good Friday (29th March) in All Saints, Ladbroke, a performance of St Mark Passion by Charles Wood. The choir and congregation will be joined by soloists John Kiefert, Richard Johnson, Abigail Rhodes and guest organist Peter Flower. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be available after the service. All are very welcome to come and join us.

Bill Bosworth

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Ladbroke Photography Club</h2>	<p>Kip Warr</p>
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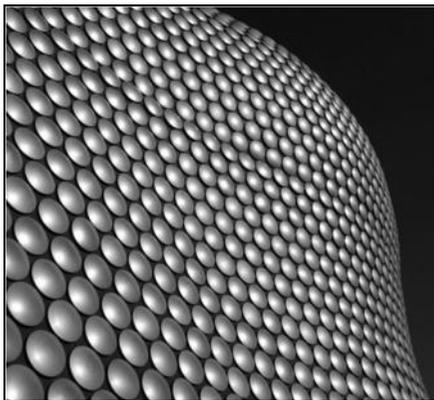
There was plenty to report at our AGM on 5th February. The past year has been as active as ever with outings, instruction sessions, competitions and practical workshops. We had an exhibition at the Jubilee Festival in Ladbroke Church, maintained a show of pictures in the Village Hall and produced a photobook of selected images from the past year. With the generous support of the Alibone Trust we bought a large projection screen which is mounted in the Village Hall and is used at every meeting. Following the remarkable success of our calendar for 2012 we were able to make donations of £50 each to Ladbroke Church, Myton Hospice and the Air Ambulance. Our Treasurer, Nathalie Crompton, left for China during the year and Mike Todman was elected as her replacement. We also voted Andy Pittaway onto the committee; very appropriately because, for the second year running, he was awarded the coveted Photographer of the Year trophy. We thanked Nathalie for her stewardship and Jackie for her continuing energy and leadership. Finally, we agreed a small change to our club rules to reflect our mutual invitation with Kineton Camera Club to attend each other's meetings.

We moved on from practical to abstract, which was the theme of this month's competition. There was such a range of imaginative entries: sunset, Christmas lights, refractions in a wine glass, an aluminium handrail,

a close-up of batteries, moving flames in the dark, a piece of old rope and many more.

There were two categories: images straight from the camera and images that had been manipulated. Competition was so close that we had joint seconds and thirds but our clear winners were Andy Pittaway (from the camera) and Allan Ballard (manipulated images).

We shall next meet at 7.30 on Tuesday, 5th March, in Ladbroke Village Hall. The highlight will be Mike Todman and Andy Pittaway showing the results of their photography trip to Croatia; can they match the excellent pictures they took on their previous trip to Morocco? Visitors are welcome as ever.



Abstract: Selfridges

For any questions, contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

Blossom, Fragrance and Fruit



Planting the first fruit tree on Ladbroke Millennium Green

For many years now, the wild flower meadow in the Millennium Green has reluctantly limped into flower each year but has never been quite as successful as originally envisaged. This has been largely due to the very heavy damp clay soil in that part of the green in which the wild flowers were planted. After pondering at many a meeting as to how to improve this area, a suggestion emerged which seemed to meet unanimous agreement in the Committee, to plant a small orchard amongst the wild flowers. The orchard will provide blossom in the spring, break up a rather uninteresting carpet

of nettles, weeds and wild flowers in the summer and provide 'hopefully' abundant fruit in years to come for the village, in August and September.

Having a blank canvas, literally to work with, as the Green was still covered in snow, the six Committee members got to work on a Saturday morning planting six beautiful fruit trees kindly supplied by Greenleaf Nursery. The trees are as follows:

- Apple Lord Lambourne - good for eating – September picking
- St Julian plum tree – opal mottled purple plum – mid August picking
- Pear Concorde – good for eating and a very good pollinator – late September picking
- Pear Conference – good for eating – September picking
- Green Gage – Willingham – August picking
- Apple James Grieve – good for cooking, eating and juicing – early September picking

We hope the village will enjoy this quiet space for many years to come.

Helen Morten
on behalf of the Millennium Green Committee

Moving Pictures in Ladbroke – Skyfall – Friday 22nd March 7.30pm

Ladbroke Village Hall committee has decided to join Moving Pictures. This service is provided by Stratford District Council which provides films and equipment to rural communities to enable them to screen films on a regular basis. Film choices are decided by a voting system, with recent films often available. We intend to show films four times a year, starting with **Skyfall on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £10 to include a glass of champagne (or wine/soft drink), ploughman's supper and film ticket. Tickets available from Nicky Lewis 815196 and Margaret Bosworth 817312. Bar available.

Please come along and support us, and have a sociable evening of good company, food, drink and of course Daniel Craig.

Nicky Lewis
on behalf of Ladbroke Village Hall Committee

Learn How to Use your Digital Camera Better

Members of Ladbroke Photography Club are offering to give tuition in practical sessions to people who would like to take better pictures using their digital cameras.

1. *Beginners (instructor led)* - a 2 hour session covering the basics including zoom and flash.

2. *Intermediate (instructor led)* - a 2 hour session on controlling the look of a picture through your camera settings.
3. *Intermediate (interactive Q&A)* - 1 to 2 hours, suitable for those who understand the basics but don't know how to achieve it with their current digital camera.

If you would be interested in any of the above, please email jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01926 810331.

Jackie West

Quiz Night - Saturday 20th April

Last year's Quiz Night in aid of the Millennium Green was great fun, so we are pleased to announce the sequel on Saturday 20th April. It will follow a similar format to last time with a blend of easy and challenging questions, a bar to keep the grey cells lubricated and supper during the interval. Come with your relatives/friends/neighbours to make a table of up to four or, if you will be coming alone or as a couple, we will match you up with others on the night. See our posters and next month's editon for ticket details.

Jackie West

Ladbroke Fete - Saturday 15th June

We are already starting to plan for the fete, with good weather top of our list of things to include together with "The Great Ladbroke Bake Off". There are various other ideas in the melting pot (or to maintain the culinary theme perhaps we should say in the mixing bowl) so if you have a suggestion or would like to be part of the fete team on the day itself, please get in contact with us on 810331 or 815196.

Jackie West & Gray Lewis

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£80	Carol Lane	£50	Brian Whitehouse
£25	Christine Payne	£10	Mike Connon
£10	Alan Lochhead	£10	Gwynne Badman
£10	Wild Indians	£10	Richard Walker

Margaret Bosworth



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

The Society was party to the opposition to flats proposed for the Dovehouse Autos site. At the SDC Planning Committee meeting, I had 3 minutes to give our reasons for objecting. We argued that, as the flats were set so far forward, they would intrude into and dominate the Conservation Area and neighbouring buildings.

The building which would have been over 8 metres (26ft+) tall would have been almost twice the height of the bungalow to the west which is 4.2 metres (13 feet) and well over 2 metres (6ft+) higher than the cottages opposite, but the Society's major concerns were the loss of employment use and its impact on the Conservation Area and especially the Church.

The Planning meeting was a very structured, intimidating affair but the debate amongst the Councillors resulted in a 5-4 vote against the application.

We were able to draw on the Guidelines in our Village Design Statement which states *"Where possible working buildings should be retained and not converted into residential use."* This is because as early as 1998 we were thinking about how we could be a more sustainable community; a place where people could – as the old Mars strap-line almost went, Live, Work & Play!

You will see that Warwickshire Rural Housing Association's developers Linfoot Homes is on site at the moment with the Second Phase of the homes for local families at Hereburgh Way. That will make a total of four dozen houses for villagers and there could be three dozen more for our older people when Village with a Vision's project comes to fruition. We are doing our bit!

And you will have noticed that the Energy Group is encouraging everyone to make their homes more energy efficient. The Village Hall is benefiting from the extra insulation and the solar panels it has installed and is working hard to improve the facilities it has to offer. The more employment there is in the village; the less people have to travel to work; the more money is spent here and the more eyes and ears there are to deter crime. Back to the future?

I had hoped that our Parish Plan and Village Design Statement would be sufficient to protect us from unwanted developments but I fear that we are going to have to produce our own Blueprint and Policies for our future and that means creating a Neighbourhood Plan. Anyone up for it?

The Society had a very interesting talk and demonstration on modern jewellery making from Terry Hunt this month and at our AGM in March we have invited back the always entertaining Mr David Howe whose theme on **Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm** will be "Memories of a Book Addict".



February was again a busy time. Members attended the memorial services of Neville Ellis and Sylvia Paine.

Our New Year's party was excellent as usual. There was a variety of super food provided by members. We thank the committee and helpers for their hard work.

Dorothy Groves did it again. She invited Jacob Stone to entertain us with his keyboard and saxophone. He was fantastic and very talented. He has finished at Princethorpe School and is now having a year off before going to medical school. That Jacob will always be popular.

It was members' evening and also our 95th anniversary. Ann Mayer made a super cake which Tony Estick had beautifully decorated. Tony Mancell came along and took plenty of photographs of the occasion (please see article below). Thanks to him and we hope his camera is still in working condition. Then, of course, we had wine to toast and a piece of the cake.

"Our gels" organised two quizzes which as usual got us going and caused plenty of amusement. We thank them for the enjoyable evening.

A number of members visited the Bodleian Library at Oxford which was very interesting. Afterwards they browsed in Oxford and had lunch on a very pleasant day. Thanks to Pam and Penny.

Spring Council Meeting Wednesday 20th March

W.I. Coffee Morning Saturday 13th April

Litter Picking Thursday 18th April

Group Meeting Tuesday 30th April

March Meeting: Thursday 14th March in the Tom Hauley Room. Speaker: Lis Dobb-Sandi – "Grandma's stories in Zimbabwe"

A Short History of the WI in the year of Harbury WI's 95th Anniversary

In 1897 following an inspiring talk given by Adelaide Hoodless, a leading educationalist, to the Farmers' Institute in Stony Creek, Ontario, Canada, the Women's Institute was born and in September 1915 Madge Watts brought the idea to Britain.

As a result the first WI was established in LlanfairPG, Anglesey, North Wales followed two months later by Institutes in West Sussex and Dorset. By 1916

some 40 Institutes were thriving and in 1917 some 137 Institutes were active and the WI became administratively independent of the AOS (Agricultural Organisation Society). In October that year the National Federation of Women's Institutes was formed. Rules were adopted and an Executive Committee elected Lady Denman as National Chairman – a post she held until 1946. As a result of her contribution to the WI the National Training College in Oxfordshire was named “Denman” in her honour.



In 1917 the first Institute in Warwickshire was established in Tysoe followed by Newbold on Stour and Kineton. On the 4th February 1918 Mrs Marion Evelyn Bland of Harbury invited local ladies to a meeting in the Dog Inn and Harbury WI was born. Once established it was decided to rent the hut behind the Village Club, eventually moving to the

Village Hall and now the Tom Hauley Room for their meetings. Following her Presidency of Harbury WI in 1931 Mrs Bland was elected President of the Warwickshire Federation.

During the two World Wars, country women were encouraged to become involved in growing and preserving food to support the nation. A WI market operated weekly in Clarendon Square Leamington. Many may not be aware of the impact the WI had on the struggle for Women's Rights at the beginning of the 20th Century.

Moving into the 21st Century there are about 7,500 Institutes (less than the peak during the 1970s). However, there is a continuing deep commitment to crafts and education. Dunchurch WI became famous for glove making and by 1923 the fame of Dunchurch gloves had spread to many parts of the world. In 1949 Bishops Itchington WI made worldwide news when seven members were elected to form the first all women's Parish Council. This “Petticoat Government” lasted many years and with the support of other WI Members services for local residents were improved including piped water and sewage. During the 1960s Warwickshire Federation established a unique Housing Association which became a registered Charity. WI outings and holidays became an important feature of Member's lives. Warwickshire Federation organised holidays to such places as Holland, the Rhine Valley and Norway as well as holidays and day visits throughout the UK. In 1967 the Mayor of Leamington Spa opened the first post war WI market in Warwickshire.

Over the years many Members, including The Queen (Sandringham WI) and the Duchess of Cornwall (Tetbury WI) have enjoyed learning about music, art, crafts, poetry, dance, theatre, International and Public Affairs and taking part in sport, quizzes, treasure hunts and a wide range of visits. Nowadays Denman College, serving the UK as a National Training Centre, offers Members a wide variety of day and residential courses.

Through experience in the WI many women have been encouraged to stand for Public Office. The WI remains an important mouthpiece for its members locally, regionally and nationally. From its beginnings in 1897 in Canada, the WI has moved with the times and plays a major role in representing many aspects of society in their fight for a fair deal and puts pressure on the government to act.



This year, the 95th anniversary of Harbury WI, members are intending to celebrate this milestone with lunch in a country hotel.

On the second Thursday of each month (except August) members meet at 7.45pm in the THR where they enjoy interesting and informative speakers. During the year a number of visits are arranged to interesting venues and events.

I hope this short history of the WI is interesting and encourages ladies to join us. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

Ann Mayer - President
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Harbury Theatre Group

Brian Wade

As a new member of the Harbury Theatre Group (HTG) I was fortunate to be involved with the production of the “Wizard of Oz”. This article is written from the perspective of the new boy even though I’m bald and grey. HTG is an eclectic group of people from diverse backgrounds united by the theatrical bug. Having seen their productions over many years I knew the high standards they produced and the expectation levels of their audiences. It was with some trepidation that I walked through the door for that first rehearsal. There were a lot of people I didn’t know but in true Harbury style you were made to feel welcome. No CV checks or questions about what you’d done before just an acceptance that you wanted to have a go. However the voice exercises for singing and going straight into American accents was a bit of a surprise! As I said, my only other experience of the HTG is as an audience member, sitting down and I’m pretty good at that. I had no idea how it was all put together, didn’t know my stage right from my stage left but all those people with their knowledge and experience were more than happy to share it with me.

Everyone counts equally at HTG from the stage hands, the set constructors through to the principle leads. They are an equal part of a team that knows how to pull together to put on the best productions. Have I enjoyed this new adventure, well yes. Recently I was one of eight HTG members who attended an ACT training session in the “Art of Stage Fighting”. Did I expect to be doing this in my seventh decade, no but it was great fun. So as the new boy I’d say to anyone; come and see what’s behind that door at HTG, you don’t know where it may take you. HTG meetings are held at the Shakespeare usually on the last Tuesday in the month. Our next production in May is “A Fete Worse Than Death” and, as always, your support is much appreciated. If you’ve not been before why not give it a try.



Folk Club

Ted Crum

On a dank and dripping February night, we gathered for our warming monthly dose of music and good fellowship at Harbury Village Club. The theme this month was “Some you Win, Some you Lose”.

Sue and I began proceedings at the crack of eight o'clock with two tunes named for our good friends Judy and David (sadly absent due to illness), followed by your scribe singing the Paddy Roberts song “The Portuguese”. Debs took the stage to deliver her version of “Donna Donna”, and followed this with the poem she would be presenting to the Britain's Got Talent judges

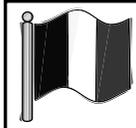
the following Sunday. Rik Middleton followed Deb, singing a blast from the past, "Fernando", followed by a fine rendition of Jake Thackeray's "Brother Gorilla". Peter Mason sang Pete Coe's song "Joseph Baker" and Jez Lowe's "Madison", before Janny and Maureen reminded us of the weather outside with their interpretation of "Let the Cold Wind Blow" by Kate Rusby. They then gave us "Silly Old Fool" from the singing of Artisan. A welcome return by John Rowan brought us the traditional "She's Gone to be Wed to Another" followed by Leonard Cohen's "Joan of Arc". Terry brought the first half to a fitting conclusion with his rendition of "Candy Man" and a song of his own "The Grass grows Greener", dedicated to his friend Alan the train-spotter, somewhat predictably concerning the South Midlands railway network.

Sue began the second half with "Leezie Lindsay", and I sang the Flanders and Swann classic "Misalliance" before we invited Martin Day to the stage to give us a song of dodgy dealings in the sporting world called "The Fix is In", followed by Les Barker's poignant tale of hot love, "Reg the Glow-Worm". Rik returned, maintaining Martin's amorous theme in bringing us Jake Thackray's "The Widow of Bridlington" before Pete Grassby paid tribute to the great Nic Jones with his version of "The Squire of Tamworth". He followed this with a self-penned lament to a lost love "My Heart is in Falmouth". John Rowan made his second appearance of the evening singing the first world war song "If You Want To Find the Colonel", and Deb gave us another of her pieces "Make-believe". Pete Mason came back with Brian Bedford's "What's the Use of Wings if You Can't Fly". This was closely followed by Janny and Maureen delivering a lovely version of "Blow away Ye Northern Winds". Terry's second spot produced a beautifully played blues "Rock me Darling, Rock me Slow", and Des ended the second spasm with a pair of Harbury favourites, the first about a small dog with a vast ego (among other things), "Gomez the Chihuahua", and the second being that fine harmony vehicle, "Deep Blue Sea".

The third half was short but exhilarating with Martin unearthing and delivering what he brazenly described as an east London traditional ditty(?), "The Ferret Song". Pete Grassby followed this with the very jolly "Crawl, Crawl, Crawl", and Des finished the evening giving us all chance to sing the choruses in "South Australia".

The raffle made a creditable £52 which has gone to the Motor Neurone Association. Next month's club will be presented by Ian and Sue, and the theme will be "Clothes".

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 28th March



Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

By the time you read this we shall have held our Saturday Coffee Morning, in support of the Village Hall Development Fund. We hope it will raise further funds for the final stage of this development.

Myton Hospice is another very worthy local cause. The concert in Church on Saturday 16th March is not directly a Twinning event, but it does involve some Twinning members, it does have a French flavour, and it will be in aid of Myton Hospice. (See separate article in this issue).

On 19th April we will be holding a skittles evening in a very pleasant canal-side venue. If you would like to join us, please let us know!

May is a big month as we will be hosting our twin village of Samois and we are expecting a full coach load as usual with 11 intrepid members actually cycling all the way!. Perhaps we should organise a red tape event on their arrival!? A few members from the Twinning are going to join them at Newhaven and a few more will join them at lunch time for their final push into Harbury. Their arrival will be on Friday 17th May, and they will stay for the weekend. We are busy planning events for them all.

A plea - We are looking for a family to host Sébastien and his two daughters.

Sébastien is in his early 40s, he works in electronics, he creates his own lamps, and he was a trophy-winner in the 2011 Wheelbarrow Race! Ariana is 13 and likes piano, pottery and computers. Gabriela is 10 and likes dance and gymnastics. It would be great if they could stay with another family with children. If you can help, our Secretary Sally Stringer or I would love to hear from you.



Harbury Juniors Football

Steve Darby

Due to the adverse weather during the last few weeks there has been little opportunity to either run coaching sessions or play competitive matches. However, behind the scenes there has been a lot of hard work going on and as a result the club are pleased to announce that Harbury Juniors Football Club is now a registered charity (Registration Number: 1150608).

There is one match we are able to report on:

Colts Under 10's - Steve Burnell

Harbury Colts 3 vs Khalsa 0 2nd February 2013 (League)

A return to league action after lengthy delays saw Harbury Colts get back to winning ways. A solid and steady performance in many ways with the children starting to grasp positional play, ball retention and passing through the midfield in order to pressurise the opponents defence. This happened throughout the game, all of the players played really well and Luca W hit a brace with some really well taken goals with Beau S adding a third. Well done Colts, who remain 2nd in the league at this time.



HARBURY v OLD YARDLEIANS - RFU Midlands Junior Vase Final

SATURDAY 16th MARCH 2013, 2.15 PM KO at HARBURY RFC

A must for all rugby lovers – Harbury RFC (your local club) and England Rugby on the same bill!

At 2.15 pm on **Saturday 16th March 2013** come along to Middle Road and see HARBURY playing OLD YARDLEIANS in the MIDLANDS REGIONAL FINAL of the RFU Junior Vase. The winner progresses to the National semi-finals with a match against probably a winner from the Northern Region on 30th March, with the winning team playing the winner of the South West and South East semi-final and a trip to Twickenham on Saturday 2nd March. After Saturday's game you can come and watch the **WALES v ENGLAND** Six Nations match on the big screen in the clubhouse. Kick off 5.00pm.

Harbury reached the regional final with a pulsating win over St Ives (Huntingdonshire) by 32-25 on 9th February. The following week Harbury played their fellow finalists Old Yardleians in a league match. OY's top of the league had lost just one match all season – and that was away to Harbury. So it was revenge time. Harbury was forced to make several changes due to injury and unavailability were the brighter side through much of the match and with twelve minutes to go were leading 20-12 (three tries to none) and striving for the fourth and a bonus point. However, fate played its hand and a key forward was sin-binned for 10 minutes. From the resulting penalty, OY's took play to the 5 metre line and exploited the deficit with a smart try wide out. The conversion was added with just a point difference between the sides. OY's with their tails up forced another score minutes later to take them for points clear. Harbury attacked but a loose ball was snapped up by the quick home scrum half who ran in a 50 metre try beneath the posts. The conversion was added and the game was all but over. With their player restored to the field Harbury took play to the opposition with the hope of securing a fourth try

and a bonus point – but it was not to be. Harbury lost their first match since mid October in a 12 game winning run.

HARBURY 2s reach WARWICKSHIRE RFU 2ND XV Shield Final

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2013

HARBURY 2nds are also in Cup action when, as holders of the **Warwickshire 2nd XV Shield** they play local rivals **Claverdon on Sunday 3rd March at Stratford RFC with a 2.15 kickoff**. Support warmly welcomed.

Mini and Junior Rugby

The appalling weather over the last couple of months has seriously curtailed most mini and junior rugby across the country and clubs in Warwickshire have also suffered.

However, one bright piece of news is that seven of our under 16 squad have been selected for age group representative trials for South Warwickshire RFU. Congratulations to the lads and coaches involved.

Touch Rugby

The Rugby Football Union is very keen on promoting the game of Touch. Suitable for all ages, males and females, this is a non contact version of the game which is fast and fun. Harbury RFC wish to encourage this and offer the use of our facilities to anyone interested. It's far more invigorating than going to a keep-fit class and is hugely enjoyable. We will be launching the game at the Harbury Carnival in June with assistance from the RFU. The game is very simple and if we have the interest then we will promote it at the Rugby Club as a summer/autumn sport. More details will be posted on our website and promotional information will be on display around the village towards the beginning of April.

For any information about the Club – whether wishing to play from U6, through Mini, Junior and Senior sides or as a spectator visit our website: www.harburyrfc.co.uk



Harbury Toddler Group

Rosemary Scott

The children and Mums enjoyed decorating heart shaped biscuits for Valentine's Day. Most of the biscuits made it home and were appreciated by all. We have also enjoyed lots of craft activities including painting and glueing, along with the usual play dough. Hopefully spring is just around the corner and we can make more use of the outside space that we have. We have lots of ride-ons and a slide which I'm sure the children will enjoy in the weeks to come. We will also be having a trip to a local farm on Friday 2nd March to see

some lambs, which should be a lovely morning out for both Mums and children.

If you are interested in joining us at Toddler Group we are always pleased to see newcomers. We have lots of toys each week as well as play dough and another craft activity. We run every Monday from 9.30am to 11.15am at the Wight School (behind the library), and cater for children from birth to school age.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Music – We were delighted to have a visit from Karam's Daddy, Sunny, who played his taus and allowed the children to try it too. Anne brought her violin to play for the children and Helen her clarinet. The children were inspired to make their own sound makers and were supplied with a wide variety of pots, boxes, and other small containers at our 'sound factory', into which they put beads, rice, beans, pasta, or paper clips, before carefully sealing them and using them at circle time to create



different sounds.

Chinese New Year and the Pre-School curriculum –

The rest of the month was mostly taken up with Chinese New Year celebrations, which covered all areas of the Early Years' Foundation Stage curriculum.

Personal, social and emotional development - The role play area became a Chinese home, with the children sharing with friends the experience of trying on Chinese style clothing, using Chinese cooking and eating utensils and play food including wool noodles! Dry noodles were put in the builders' tray, and then water was added so that the children could see, smell and feel the difference.



Physical development - At the snack bar the children chopped vegetables for a delicious stir fry, which they ate using chopsticks. They listened to Chinese piano music and performed the Dragon dance with their home - made dragon using a drum to create the rhythms.



Communication and language - The children learned how to say “Happy New Year” in Chinese and used this to impress their parents! **Literacy** came into play with the Chinese zodiac story, dragon poems and songs. At the graphics table, the children produced amazingly good observational work in

recreating their own names in Chinese.

Understanding the world - The children tried different foods at snack time including noodles, prawn crackers, rice cakes and fortune cookies. Joseph brought in some Chinese clothes for his friends to try on and also gave each child a special red envelope containing a chocolate gold coin.



Expressive Arts and Design –

The children’s creative skills were demonstrated in their wonderful observational paintings of our model dragon, their Chinese style watercolour blossom paintings and in creating their own dragon from recycled materials.



Mathematics – As the children explored the dry and cooked noodles, they used hands, spoons and bowls to help calculate the quantity of items needed to fill any given receptacle and appropriate language such as “full” or “empty”. Size and shape language was also extended to the description of the dragon, e.g. “huge” and “sharp, pointy teeth”.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07939 122087 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk. Please note that although the starting age for Pre-School is two years nine months, your child is never too young to be registered – we are already nearly full for summer term 2014 and are filling up very fast for the school year 2014-15



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

Having a clear out? Harbury School have now got their very own textile recycling bin which is situated on the right hand side of the school car park.



Run by 'Rag Bag' this recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools, clubs, nurseries and various organisations UK wide.

The charity pays £500 per tonne. For each full bin we collect a minimum of £50. If we could fill the bin just once each month that amounts to a whopping £600 that the school can put to good use improving the learning experience and environment of children in the Village. The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling and by increasing recycling rates we can help the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill.

We can accept the following items: All men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, bags, ties and belts, soft toys, blankets, underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc... Household textiles to include towels, bed linen, curtains etc...

Unfortunately we cannot accept the following items: Duvets both synthetic and feathered, carpets, rugs, soiled or wet clothing.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

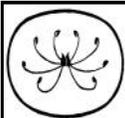
Several recent visitors to the Village Hall have commented on the much improved seating, which has been purchased to replace the plastic chairs with the bent legs, cracked seats and backs and difficult to remove stains. A resourceful member of the committee recently checked out innumerable websites and came up with an interesting collection of cushioned seats at an acceptable price. Shortly afterwards, two other intrepid members of the management committee set off in a van generously **sponsored by the Fosse Garage** and headed up the M1 to Nottingham. The sight that met their eyes in warehouses 'as big as two football pitches' in all directions was certainly one for 'sore eyes'! As far as the eye could see, there were seats, beds, bean bags and kitchen equipment etc in massive heaps, which were all **surplus items from the Olympic Games** – so when you sit down to enjoy the auction, the concert or a film in the next few weeks, you might like to contemplate who might have previously been seated on your much improved Village Hall chairs!?



The Hall has also benefited from the donation of 2 dozen water jugs, as Ray Flanagan generously gave the much-needed additions to the kitchen equipment following the successful Burns Night organised by **the Southam Lions** at the end of January. Each of these will be engraved with HVH on the base, as jugs purchased in recent years have disappeared as fast as they have been bought. As anyone involved in maintaining a community building is aware, there is a constant effort to ensure that everything need by a hirer is in working order. Fortunately, Harbury could call on the expertise of two specialists living in the village who managed to repair the Hall's P.A. system which had been 'blown' by a group who wanted to adapt their own sound to our system in a way which didn't obviously work! **Thanks to Bob and Gordon** everything is now back in working order – at no cost; a big relief.

As mentioned in last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News, there are two main events planned for March with the Big Band from Coventry on 2nd March and the James Bond blockbuster, Skyfall on 9th March. Tickets for the brass band evening costing £17.50, including supper, are available from Andy on 613757. Flyers have been delivered throughout the village advertising the event, at which there will be a licensed bar and raffle. Skyfall tickets will cost £10 – to include a glass of fizz and a fish and chip supper – see details on the poster at the Village Hall or in the magazine to order your tickets. 'Bond style' dressing up will be encouraged and Daniel Craig look-alikes will be especially welcome!

APRIL ALERT – the Auction of Promises on 27th April with many 'lots' available, in addition to wine-tasting provided by CANA Wines and a light supper. Contact Chris Rigby on 612403 to volunteer a promise and make sure you are there on the night to 'bag' a great offer.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Another fantastic attendance at our February meeting, almost 50 members who braved the cold weather. It was worth it though as Howard Drury puts on such an amazing talk with great sound effects; he even brings his own speakers and screen!! His talk this time was about great gardens of Yorkshire.

As before, he films these gardens whilst taking a group of enthusiastic people on a holiday. He dedicated this talk to two of the group who have since passed away. We opened the proceedings with views of Yorkshire Moors and the Heartbeat theme, what an opening! Harlow Carr Gardens near Harrogate, an RHS partner garden was the first visit. It was given to the RHS in 1947 and has year round interest. The prairie meadow is new and full with all kinds of wild flowers. There are lots of features with many places to sit, which I agree with Howard is important in a large garden. The common flower

throughout all of the gardens seen was phlox in all sizes and colours. The main borders are very colourful and the surrounding woodland begs to be explored. Lots of paths lead you to little gems hidden away. I have been here and would recommend a visit; the vegetables too are very organic.

We then visited a walled garden in Scampton. Lots of varieties of hydrangea, which is coming back into fashion and Howard seemed to be fond of them too. There is one to suit all gardens. Lots of grasses styled in the Piet Oudorf fashion. Hedges divide the spaces and day lilies were a strong feature also. The walls protect the garden and create a micro climate - we could all do with them! Really strong colours, a lot of orange, rudbeckias, irises, eringiums etc. Also some very unusual trees, among them an Indian horse chestnut. This is still work in progress and I'm sure it will only improve over the seasons.

Tockwith just outside York is a private house and the garden was so colourful with many clematis. This is an L shaped garden with again grasses, digitalis including a chocolate one, acanthus; the emphasis being on the three main things a garden should have....sight, sound and scent. This garden was a very good example of all three.

At Hemsley, another walled garden, just below a ruined castle, the effect was very dramatic. It has the national collection of clematis, not just grown in the traditional way of growing up an obelisk or similar but growing very low to the ground through other shrubs, very effective too. Lots of disadvantaged people are employed here with the accent being on healing plants such as lavender. Grafting and budding are taught and this sort of therapy should be practised more I think.

I will not give a description of every garden shown, you will all be nodding off!! Before we had a small interlude we saw a lovely garden in Pickering with many hostas in pots; the owner was very knowledgeable and has grown some new varieties. Alliums and crocosmia brought a flash of colour and again clematis growing very low entwining between plants. Lots of dahlias and more phlox; a credit to the owner. We were then treated to a rendition of memories with surround sound - very atmospheric. I will describe just a couple of the gardens shown after the interlude - the first being Newby Hall and gardens. There is a splendid Adam style house which is not open, but the 25 acres of garden were spectacular. Huge herbaceous borders with all sizes of plants and no staking at all. Here are optical illusions, you think things are much larger due to moon gates and the like. Clever planting in the hot garden and some lovely herbs too. Tall achilleas, hardy geraniums which are cut back in May or June then flower again from September onwards. Some stunning roses and an Autumn garden and fountains to bring movement into the gardens. Another well known garden to visit.

The last garden we saw was Low Hall. The daughter of the farmer who used to own it got married but decided to return to the farm so she bought it and set about restoring it. There is a plum orchard and some lovely birch trees with the peeling bark which is so tactile. Ponds were installed so that the

wildlife could enjoy it too. By the pond there are huge gunneras and the exotic is catered for too with bananas. Wonderful old urns overflowing with roses. The choice of roses from China ones to large trailing ones and ballerina ones, a lovely sight and wonderful scent too. A fitting end to the talk followed by another musical performance by a 12 year old singing Time to say Goodbye. I'm sure we will be seeing Howard again.

Our next talk is on 5th March when Adrian James will be visiting us again to talk about courtyard gardens. We have not had a talk on this subject before so do come along as Adrian is an excellent speaker. Just a few quick suggestions of things to do in March...Batsford Arboretum is open for the NGS on 3rd March; the aconites, snowdrops and hellebores will be in flower and the cherries will be too. It is such an interesting garden with all round interest. I hope to invite Sue Burns who gave us two brilliant talks to come and speak about all of the changes there. Watch this space!! Little Malvern Court will also be open for the NGS on 17th March. This is a delightful garden with a chain of lakes, shrubs and flowering trees. It is a former Benedictine Priory, very atmospheric and it has been owned by the Berrington family since the dissolution of the monasteries. It is 3 miles south of Malvern with magnificent views over the Severn Valley. Garden rooms and the terrace being designed in the 1980's. Just a little further afield why not make a day of it and visit Bath Botanical Gardens adjacent to the Royal Victoria Park and near to the Royal Crescent. It will be open for the NGS over the Easter weekend. It has between 6 and 7 acres to explore of formal and informal gardens with a bog garden beside a series of streams, ponds, yew hedges and many mature trees. Do hope you decide to visit at least one of these super gardens.

I shall be taking names for the trips at the March meeting, the first one will be on Wednesday June 12th to Stourhead Landscape Garden in the morning, then on to a jewel of a place not very well known, Great Chalfield Manor. Both are National Trust and magnificent gardens and houses. Then on Wednesday 10th July we will be going to Burford House and Gardens near Tenbury Wells in the morning and in the afternoon to Westonbury Mill Water gardens near Pembridge. I have yet to work out costings etc. but will have all the details at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all in March. Take heart, Spring is on the way!!!!



Things are getting desperate. I'm beginning to think that this year the garden will be an awful mess because there has been no chance to get on it to do any work. It remains as soggy as ever and there are 'moats' around all

the borders. Now is the time to have a big tidy up.....all the perennials and ornamental grasses need cutting down. The dogwoods and willows also need pruning. Compost should be put on the borders. Roses need pruning and feeding. If the weather ever changes for the good there will be a frantic rush to get all the jobs done. This is the last chance to plant bare-root trees and hedging until next autumn.

Back in November I planted out the garlic in wet sticky soil; amazingly some of it is coming up. It can still be planted now as can shallots and onions.

I just did some pruning of the *Viburnum tinus* at home (I can do it from a path), it is important to do some of the pruning as soon as possible before the birds begin to start nesting. Also this shrub always gets nibbled by a beetle which seriously spoils the look of it.

During the snowy weather there was more evidence of rabbits in the sales area at work. There is a list of plants that are meant to be rabbit-proof but I have my doubts. They don't just eat the plants but also have a general dig around in some of the pots. George the cat appears to have no interest in doing his job, he's purely decorative in the nicest possible way. He has missed meeting and greeting customers through the winter months and is looking forward to the spring when there are more people to be friends with. I'm sure he gets bored of us.

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

Now (20th February), high pressure, centred over Scandinavia, has been dominating our weather all week and looks set to continue into next. There have been some cold sunny days but today is grey, overcast and damp. Yesterday, we woke to a hard frost and blue skies. From -4°C, the temperature climbed to 9°C at noon. Many arable fields have remained unploughed over winter which is unusual. The stubble and weed growth has provided shelter and feeding sites for overwintering birds but I'm sure farmers will take advantage of this freeze to start preparing the ground for planting.

I've seen a Coal Tit this morning attacking the fat ball hanging from a branch in the hedge. This is the smallest of the Paridae or Tit family and frequents conifer woodland but is benefiting from the growth of exotic garden evergreens. Originally it was known as the Cole Tit. Earlier in the month, I saw a Long-tailed Tit come to the seed feeder. Its long tail and black and white colouration means it cannot be mistaken for any other native species. Feeding largely on insects and spiders it tends to forage in groups. They have

developed a strategy to survive cold winter nights. This involves clustering together in a ball to conserve heat.

Earlier this week our U3A Natural History Group visited Batsford Arboretum. The trees and shrubs were planted on this south-east facing hillside, above Moreton-in-Marsh, in the late 19th century by Lord Redesdale. He had worked in the Far East with the British embassies in China and Japan and that is where he drew inspiration for his plant collection. The Beech and Oak natives have been conserved but now stands of Bamboo, Magnolia, Maples and Cherry add a touch of the exotic. We saw the young fresh leaves of *Gunneria tinctoria* which were now just the size of a hand. In high summer they would be those giant rhubarb-like leaves some three metres across shading out other species. *Gunneria* is a native of South America.

Hazel catkins attracted us and a brief search revealed the tiny red female flower, always a highlight at this time of year. Winter Aconite, snowdrops, and daffodils were in flower as was the less showy Dog's Mercury. Bluebell leaves were coming through the leaf litter. A flash of red brought us to a group of fungi commonly known as Elf Cups due to their shape. They have the Latin name *Sarcoscypha coccinea* and grow on decaying wood on forest floors.

Now is the time to look at the flowers on deciduous trees. They generally emerge before the leaves. We were struck by the petal free deep crimson stamens of the Persian Ironwood (*Parrotia persica*) bursting from their buds. Purple Alder catkins are the showy male flower whereas the female, as in the Hazel, are smaller and red is the primary colour. You won't be surprised to learn that Alder, which is frequently found alongside bodies of water, was the wood of choice for making glogs.

On the south side of Bromson Hill, the flowers of Winter Heliotrope (*Petasites fragrans*) have been out since late December on the roadside bank. The large leaves, akin to those of Coltsfoot, will dominate as the year progresses. This plant is a member of the large family Compositae which includes daisies, thistles and dandelions. It was introduced from Mediterranean North Africa as a garden plant in 1806.

Did you notice my typing error in last month's article? William Cope of Wormleighton was the cofferer (keeper of the chest) to Henry VII's household not Henry II as printed. (Those kings were separated by 300 years).

This week I've seen solitary buzzards being mobbed by pairs of crows, a sure sign that nesting is imminent. The occasional lawn has been mown and on a fine day, in a sheltered south facing spot, you may see your first butterfly of the year. Let me know what it is.





General Section



Neville Ellis

All Saints' Church was packed to capacity for the Thanksgiving Service in memory of Neville Ellis – 'a man of many parts, who was a larger than life character'. After the service, many people who joined the family in the Village Hall were expressing their wonder at the many facets of Neville's life, which was undoubtedly a 'life well lived'.

Neville was born in Cubbington in 1931 and, after leaving school at 14, he went to work on the family farm, which was to develop in him a life-long passion for farming and the wider interests of rural life. He married Nora in 1954 and they began their own farming career at Bungalow Farm in Cubbington two years later with 4 cows, 200 hens and one dog! Their two children, Martin and Kathryn were born in quick succession and Neville taught them to love animals and the countryside. In 1964, the family moved to Sharmer Farm on the Fosse Way and in addition to an increased milking herd, Neville began growing arable crops, whilst Nora later set up a Bed and Breakfast business in the Seventies.

Neville was very well known in the farming world, as he had been Club Leader of the Warwick and Leamington Young Farmers Club (where he had met Nora in 1950); before becoming the N.F.U. Branch Chairman and then the County Chairman. In 1961, he was a founder member of the Warwickshire Farm Management Group and the friendships formed during the early Young Farmer days have lasted throughout the years with regular social 'get-togethers' and working holidays both with the group and the N.F.U. visiting farms in other countries, including a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Neville also found time to act as an examiner for the National Proficiency Test Council for farmers and later went on to train examiners, whilst in 1992 he set up the Rural Stress Helpline for Warwickshire.

Aside from his love of the countryside, Neville also developed an interest in local history and archaeology after attending evening classes at Southam High School and he often took the family on digs between milkings on a Sunday. He also had a fascination for geneology and had often travelled to Cumbria researching the Ellis family history as far back as 1702 to Sedburgh, in Yorkshire. Fortunately, he had written down most of his findings, so the family knowledge he enjoyed tracking down will be an incredible record for future generations of Ellis's.

In Harbury, Neville had been an active member of the Harbury Society and a Parish Councillor, whilst he and Nora were founder members of the French Twinning Association and had enjoyed visits to Samoia and hosting their French friends on return visits. Perhaps, Neville's main contribution to village life had revolved around the Church, as he was a keen bell-ringer from the time he lived in Cubbington in the Fifties and he had taught many groups of bell-ringers over the years in Harbury, Ladbroke and Radford. He especially enjoyed teaching the Ladies team at Ladbroke, so that their bells could ring out to celebrate the Millennium. He also helped to re-hang the bells in a number of Warwickshire churches and installed the wooden panelling in the belfry in Harbury, as well as making a wooden frame for the old school bell to be used as a teaching aid. With his friend, Ralph he made and fitted new louvres in the tower and fulfilled Roy Brown's wish for a stage in the Church by designing and building it with a lot of village help.

Neville had exceptional practical skills and in retirement he had made a superb Tudor Doll's House, which raised £1,500 for R.A.B.I. (the Farmers Charity), in addition to countless beautiful wooden bowls, which he would donate to many worthwhile charities. He followed up his love of local history by researching the history of All Saints Church and it was a great joy to him to see the book published just before Christmas, after he sought the help of John Stringer, in presenting the information he had amassed on the backs of envelopes or various notebooks, as a beautifully illustrated record of a village church. The book is Neville's lasting legacy and copies can be purchased from the Library as gifts for friends and families – a permanent reminder of a truly gifted man. As one of Nora's god-daughters wrote:

“He was kind, intelligent, argumentative and loveable; with a wonderful zest for life; huge laughter and terrifying leg pulling!!

Chris Finch



Blood Donors

A very well attended session in January resulted in a superb total of 117 donations. Thanks and congratulations are due to everyone who braved the wintry weather; including, I understand, some refugees from a cancelled session in Kineton.

Our next session in Harbury will be on **Monday 22nd April**. Please note that this is a change of date; if you have already made an appointment you will need to re-arrange it. Sorry for the inconvenience due to a clash of bookings

Gillian Hare

Harbury Writers

Harbury Writers is a new group for all creative writers to share their ideas and stories – whether a novel, short story, flash fiction, poem, blog, etc. We are a friendly and supportive group and offer encouragement, support and constructive feedback. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month in Harbury Village Library at 7pm, and writers of any ability and experience are welcome. Either read a short excerpt of your work on the night or email copies in advance. We ask for a contribution of £2 towards room hire and refreshments. For more information contact Ellie Blow: eleanorblow@gmail.com or 07841 377251.

Ellie Blow



Harbury Art Group

The subject of our February Meeting was a pen drawing with a light watercolour wash. We gathered on a very cold morning and waited with baited breath to see what Nick had prepared for us this time. The picture provided was a beautiful scene showing mountains, stonewalls, fields and sheep. After everyone gasped and muttered we settled down and started to work, following careful instructions from our 'leader'.

At the end of a very rewarding and successful day, all drawings were exhibited for our 'crit'. Nick, being his usual self, offered kind words of encouragement and advice to everyone and finally decided that the picture deserving the prize this month was drawn by Barbara.

Our next workshop is on **7th March** and we will be attempting an urban landscape in a choice of medium.

Harbury Art Group Workshops take place on the first Thursday in each month in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to 3pm. Cost is £15 per session; coffee, tea and biscuits are provided, and you are asked to bring a packed lunch. New members are always very welcome whatever their ability. A full programme of workshops is available on request. Further details are available from Nick on 01295 276465, Pam on 01926 814923 or Alma on 01926 812930.

In between these tutored workshops, there are social painting days on the third Thursday of each month in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to 3pm. We are a friendly, mixed ability group of amateurs, and the sessions are open to anyone who would just like the time and place to draw and paint in good company. The cost is only £5 per session to cover the cost of the room. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Contact Alma on 01926 812930 for any further details.

Alma Brunt

Don't forget: Carnival is Saturday 8th June

Now is the time to book your stall/pitch on the field for Carnival: please call Mike McBride on 612421. It is also time to book your programme advert by calling Ann Winchester on 612128. And if you have any questions about the Carnival, please feel free to ask John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.

Reminder: Wheelbarrow Race Sunday 2nd June

Reminder: Carnival Games week 3rd – 6th June

Recall to mind: Carnival Saturday 8th June

Harbury Carnival is the family fun event for all, right here in Harbury. Start thinking about floats, the procession and getting your friends, family, local clubs and pubs to join in.

“June will be here sometime soon, your chance to star and marvel at the Harbury Carnival”.

Peter Walshe

On behalf of the Carnival Committee



Windmills
Nursery School

Windmills Fundraising Group

February for Windmills started off with our very successful Casino Night. We would like to thank Green Chameleon, TM Grey Builders, Flip-In Hair and Mr Plumb for sponsoring the event. A big thank you to everyone who came along and spent their money throughout the evening, to Cana for their support and to Sarah Berger who won the Big Roulette Raffle and donated her winnings back to Windmills. We are pleased to say we raised nearly £1600 so a MASSIVE THANK YOU.

Our Bag2School Collection is on **Thursday 14th March**. If you have any unwanted clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, paired shoes, belts and handbags, please think of us and donate. Any bag can be used and they can be dropped at 10 Constance Drive or at Windmills Nursery School from the week commencing 11th March, or ring Sue on 614448 for collection from your home. We raise 50p per kilo so every little helps.

Thank you for your continued support.

Windmills Fundraising Group



Bumps, Bundles and Tots

We have had lots of bundles this month and tots too, it's been nice and busy. In March we are having a Mothers' Day celebration with a bring and share lunch with daffodils and celebrating Mothers' Day in style, especially as it's the first Mothers' Day for some. And at the end of the month

it's Easter, so bunny rabbits and Easter chicks are welcome. Bumps is on every Tuesday from 10.30am 'til 12 noon in the Tom Hauley room (behind the Church).

Kelly and Henry



Come and support 'Morris Relief'

This is your chance to amaze your friends AND raise money for Comic Relief. From couch potato to Morris Dancer in just two hours! Come to a one-off session with Hereburgh Morris to learn a Morris dance from scratch - no experience necessary – and, by the end of the morning, you will be able to dance it yourself.

Entry for the taster session is free, but donations towards Comic Relief will be gratefully accepted. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Morris Relief will take place at the Harbury Village Hall on **Saturday 16th March 2013** starting at 10.00am and finishing at about 12 noon.

If you would like to try your hand at Morris dancing while supporting a worthwhile charity – and having a lot of fun at the same time, please contact: Douglas Bates email: hereburghmorris@googlemail.com or telephone: 01926 832598 or Peter McDonald telephone: 01926 613730.

Jane O'Connor
Hereburgh Morris



Biblio's Café – A Social hot-spot

What gives the Biblio's team a heart-warming feeling is the generous feedback from customers about how they enjoy what we offer, and how Biblio's is meeting a social need in the village. It is wonderful to walk into the building and hear the buzz of people chatting and laughing. It is also thanks to our loyal customers spreading the word that has helped secure Biblio's success so far. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you!

Numbers

Biblio's opened mid-May 2012 and so far we have served 4,268 drinks – an incredible number given we are only open 12 hours per week. In addition, our village home-bakers have produced an amazing amount of cakes, cookies

and teacakes – the number of portions is well into four figures too. Take a look at our cake gallery photos on Facebook to get your taste buds watering. And of course, the profits mean that Biblio's is continuing to fulfil its purpose of financially supporting the library.

Essential Kitchen

Installation of our new kitchen was completed late January. It is much easier to work in, thanks to Bob Scott who skilfully solved how to maximise the surface and storage space, creating 100% more than we had. And it looks good too!

Coffee Machine

An objective ever since we opened was to replace a used and slightly unpredictable hand-filled coffee machine with a new plumbed-in version. We now have that bright shiny machine with automatic measures, and everyone is receiving training in how to use it. The milk frothing spout is brilliant, and the coffee is pouring out beautifully. If you haven't tried coffee from the new machine yet, please do visit us soon. Remember, if you can't get in during the week, we are open Saturday mornings too from 10am – 12 noon.

Building the team

We are delighted to welcome new members to the team this past month, and are always open for others to join us too. The more volunteers we have, the more scope there is to extend our opening hours. Please leave your contact details in the cafe, or contact 614707.

**Lynn Macwhinnie, Jill Credland & Bobbie Sharpe on behalf of the
Biblio's Team**

Harbury Library

The Library's AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 7.00pm in the Library. We are actively seeking more people to join the committee to shape the future direction of the library. Enthusiastic volunteers very welcome!

MP Jeremy Wright will be holding an Open Surgery in Harbury Village Library on 23rd March between 11.30am and 12.30pm. The Library and Biblio's cafe will be open as usual.

Tim Lockley

Movement 2 Music

We're getting there! Our movements are becoming more co-ordinated (we think) and we are almost solvent, as the class size is now hovering around 16 -20, which covers all our costs. The regular members of the group appreciate the range of movements and one recent male newcomer described it as 'like physio to music!' Certainly when you review the afternoon's activity, you realise that every joint in the body has been exercised to a greater or lesser degree (depending on fitness) and our trainer maintains a constant

programme of activity, which is both varied and occasionally challenging. Maybe not to those who do Zumba or Pilates, but sufficient for those of us who want to be active, but couldn't quite manage the really energetic exercise programmes. The M2M sessions run for the first three Thursdays in each month and newcomers are welcome to experience the 1 hour class by turning up to the Village Hall any week from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. The sessions are listed in the Harbury Diary (when we get it right!), but the next session is always confirmed at the end of each class.

Chris Finch

Village with a Vision

No, we haven't gone away! Although things have been quiet for the past couple of months, there are still things going on in the background. So hopefully we'll have more news in the near future.

In the meantime, can we give you some dates for your diary please? Firstly our Saturday Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room is on 9th March, and offers of cakes and raffle prizes will be appreciated. Secondly our AGM will be in the Tom Hauley Room, on 18th April at 7pm.

We would like to thank you all once again for your continuing support for this project.

Tony Stubbs



Concert in Church in aid of Myton Hospice

Don't forget the concert in All Saints' Church, Harbury on **Saturday 16th March at 7.30 pm.**

Harbury's own local choir **Warwickshire Young Voices** will be there, singing a selection of beautiful pieces composed by their multi-talented conductor David Iles. You may have had the chance to hear them "Making a Noise" in Southam Grange Hall last month. Now they're back again in Harbury. (<http://warwickshireyoungvoices.org>).

And bringing a French flavour to the evening – ahead of the Samoia visit in May – will be the **Warwickshire Singers**, some of whom also come from Harbury. Under their conductor Oliver Walker they will present a programme of French part-songs from 400 years ago to the present day, some serious, some light-hearted, and some very well-known. (<http://www.warwickshiresingers.org.uk>).

Concert proceeds will be donated to Myton Hospice. Tickets are £7 - with free admittance for children – from Jenny and Andrew Patrick (614359).

Andrew Patrick

Warwickshire Young Voices: What a Performance!



Warwickshire Young Voices hosted their 5th annual 'Make a Noise' Workshop in February; creating the story of Cinderella with the rock and roll music of Elvis. 60 children, 18 live musicians and a team of helpers providing art and craft, acting, face painting and dance activities brought the day to a fantastic finish with a free public performance.

The day was full to capacity with children aged 7-16 coming from Clapham Terrace Leamington, Dasset Primary School, Dunchurch Primary, Harbury Primary School, Hollywood Primary School Birmingham, Kineton High School, Shennington Primary School, Southam College, St Lawrence Primary Napton, St Mary's Southam and St Paul's Leamington.

The Grange Hall in Southam provided an excellent venue and stage, combined with Warwickshire Young Voices sound and special effects equipment to create a fabulous professional experience for the children who worked incredibly hard to pull together such an amazing show in just one day.



As Warwickshire Young Voices continues to grow in success, the choir is expanding again and has a limited number of places open to 7-16 year olds. We are also accepting waiting list applications for those wishing to reserve a place before their 7th birthday. The choir meets weekly on a Thursday evening during term time and is open to anyone who wants to come along with no auditions. For further information about the

choir and to book your two free trial sessions, please see their website www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org or phone 01926 614150.

**Helen Iles - Secretary and Singing Teacher
Warwickshire Young Voices**

Spirit of Harbury Award

Nominations are invited for the person(s) who have benefited Harbury by contributing their time, care and effort either individually or through the many societies, clubs and other groups that so enrich our village. Nominations can be made by phone on 612931 or email to alisonmhunt@icloud.com.

Alison, Andrew and Stephen Hunt

Harbury Energy Initiative

'Be Cool! Keep Warm!'

Okay, it's not entertainment – but there will be a prize draw. And it's not fundraising for the desperately disadvantaged - but it is for you, for all of us and our common future. HEI is holding an event at the school on 20th April at 2pm to help plan a bright and warm future indoors without it becoming too warm for your wallet or too hot outdoors (oblique reference to climate change). Energy bills have already risen and will continue to rise, for some perhaps forcing a choice eventually between warmth and debt. This can be avoided by making your house lose less heat through efficient insulation and so take less energy at less cost to keep warm. But it doesn't come cheaply except for a few special cases. On 20th April we will bring together people from the industry to show what can be done and how to go about affording it. In the two hours we hope to make a difference for you and help you plan an affordable future. We will also be showcasing work that the school's Year 5 children have been doing on sustainability. What we do now will affect their future. Please come.

People coming to the event will get a chance to enter a draw to win funding from HEI to cover the cost of an energy assessment. This is the first step in planning changes to your house, whether you use your own funds, a bank loan or the Green Deal. As you will have seen from last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News the Green Deal is the government's shiny new scheme to cut carbon and reduce household costs. There are incentives for getting in early but the launch has been far from slick and many are hesitating. Always determined to find the best opportunity for you we have also invited the Energy Saving Cooperative to speak at the event. This is a community-oriented group, backed by the Ecology Building Society, offering a 'Fair Green Deal', fairer loans for essential energy saving measures. All will be revealed on 20th April, so don't stay away.

On a cold morning in early February the assessor came. With his laptop, ladder and sabre torch he measured, inspected, noted and typed, steam streaming from his exhausted laptop, as he struggled with the software to compile my reports. I am sure many of you will have struggled with recalcitrant, sneering software too superior to be bothered with actually helping you. So did he. In due course, however, I received an Energy

Performance Certificate for the house and an 'Occupancy Report', both really interesting and with clear recommendations. I can now go to a provider fully equipped for the next phase. Next month: what happened next?

Please note the afternoon of 20th April in your diary now. It's for you.

Bob Sherman - 612277
bob@churchterrace8.freeserve.co.uk

Harbury Village Club

Harbury Village Club will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm and we would like as many members as possible to attend. We also offer free room hire for registered charities. Please phone 612498 for details.

Deborah Gee



Harbury Heritage Group

The Heritage Group is in the process of putting together a book about village shops. We are hoping to publish it in the form of a village trail. Many years ago we gathered some information about local businesses, partly through children interviewing people. We would love to receive memories from anyone about shops which used to exist in Harbury at any time in the past. We are also including existing businesses, so would like information regarding when they first started, what was on the site previously and so on, so a short paragraph can be written about each.

In 1985 a booklet was published by the school called "A Children's Guide to Harbury." This was such a great success that it was revised and reprinted in 2004. All illustrations were by the children. The artwork and children's research from both editions are at present on display in the Heritage Room. We are hoping that the pictures in our new publication will be drawn by the current generation.

The hundreds of photos, maps, documents and so on which make up the Heritage Room archives are ready for inspection on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm. As usual, visitors are most welcome. Entry is free, but donations are always welcome as the project is totally self-funding.

Nigel Chapman
nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk



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Rotary - *We're for Communities* - **Make a Difference**

Open Evening - 7th March 2013 - Rotary is all about ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Whether it's organising music or community events or making community contributions in other ways, there is something for you to get involved with.

Why not come and join us for an evening and find out how you can make your contribution? We meet at the Fox & Hen at Bascote on Thursday evenings – 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Contact – 01926-815831.

Blackpool Holidays - 6th – 13th June 2013 - Continuing many successful years of enjoyable, good value holidays, Rotary is inviting interest for this coming summer. Come and join in and have a great holiday in good company. Contact Rod Dyer: - 01926-812322.

Richard Hall



Southam & District Lions Club

Southam Lions were very pleased to present cheques each for £2,250 to Alison Hooker from Helen & Douglas House (pictured left with Southam Lions President Roger Lane) and to Muna Chauhan from Zoe's Place (pictured right). Both these charities captured the hearts of Southam Lions who worked tirelessly in the couple of weeks leading up to Christmas with the Father Christmas Float and with some very difficult weather to contend with!



Helen & Douglas House works with children and young adults who have life shortening illnesses providing respite, palliative and end of life care. Zoe's Place caters for babies and children up to six years of age again with serious life shortening illnesses and end of life care. 'Zoe' is Greek for 'GIFT OF LIFE' and Southam Lions are proud to be associated with two such wonderful causes particularly at Christmas time – which for most youngsters is the time

for gifts and what better gift is there than the GIFT of LIFE? A huge thank you to all the people of Southam and District who gave so generously to the causes.

Charity Race Night

The Lions are holding a Charity Race Night on Saturday 6th April at the Graham Adams Centre. Paddock entry £2.00 per person. Doors open at 7.30pm, first race at 8.00pm. Tote, licensed bar, raffle and snacks. For tickets and more information, please contact Lion Brian Howard on 01926 812797 or visit our website: www.southamlions.org.uk. Buy a horse and ride it in the race! Come along and have 'a flutter' all for local charities.

Peter Guy



Are you interested in being a Guide Dog Brood Bitch Holder?

Could you provide a home for a brood bitch on behalf of Guide Dogs, taking responsibility for her and providing support when she is giving birth? The time devoted to the role changes and it requires more time when the bitch is giving birth.

What does the role involve?



Providing a safe, secure and welcoming environment within a reasonable distance from the National Breeding Centre at Bishops Tachbrook. Feeding and caring for the bitch as directed with advice and support from the Breeding Centre. Providing support to the bitch when giving birth in your home. Ensuring if and when appropriate that the dog receives emergency veterinary care as soon as possible, and that Guide Dogs are informed at the earliest opportunity.

What skills or experience are required?

Good communication skills and dog handling experience is preferred but not essential. A driving licence is desirable along with access to a car that you are insured to drive.

What will I get out of it? Enabling Guide Dogs for the Blind to continue its work with blind and partially sighted people. A dog to look after in your own home and an opportunity to meet other volunteer stock holders.

What support or training will I get?

Regular and on-going support from Guide Dogs, a basic induction to guide dogs and to the role. An opportunity to take part in any general guide dogs volunteer training that is available locally, the opportunity to attend dog training classes. A fixed contribution to heating costs of the heat lamp for the litter together with payment of out of pocket expenses agreed in advance.

A CRB check is not required for this role. If you are interested please contact myself for further details:

John Garrett, Volunteer Development Co-ordinator

Guide Dog National Breeding Centre

Banbury Road

Bishops Tachbrook

Leamington Spa, CV33 9WF

Tel: 0845 372 7432 Ext: 6175

John Garrett



Dear Editors

On behalf of my mother Joan, myself and all the family, can I just take this opportunity to thank all those people who sent cards and messages of sympathy after the death of my father Ron earlier this month; and also those who came to the thanksgiving service in Church. The kindness and support has been amazing and of great comfort to us all. Many thanks again.

Peter Rollason

Dear Editors

Elizabeth Matilda Atkins

'Betty'

Through your magazine the family of 'Betty' Atkins, age 93, whose funeral took place on 12th February at Harbury Church, would like to thank all those who attended the service of thanksgiving (both in person and in spirit). Thank you to Gemma for the lovely service and Mary for the beautiful flowers. Thank you to Mum's friends, especially Betty and the ladies from

Mothers Union for your support. Thank you to the surgery and the care agencies that helped Mum to keep her independence, as that had meant so much to her.

Thank you for the donations in Mum's memory to CLIC Sargent (a children's cancer charity). Anyone wishing to make a donation to the charity can send a cheque in Mum's memory to:

CLIC Sargent

c/o, W Goodwin & Sons, Funeral Directors,

38, Coventry St, Southam, CV47 0EP

Thank you for the messages of sympathy that we have received.

Marilyn Parker and Christopher Atkins

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for their love and support over the past twelve months. Thank you for the many cards, letters and flowers which comforted me and the family after Neville's death.

It was wonderful to see a full Church at his Thanksgiving Service. Special thanks to Craig for the lovely service, Clive for playing the music I requested, the Church flower ladies for the colourful flowers beautifully arranged and, of course, the bellringers.

Last but not least to the doctors at Harbury Surgery and the Southam Community Nurses who cared for Neville during the last few weeks of his life, also Myton Hospice where he died peacefully.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Nora Ellis and Family

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: My wife and I have recently invested in some new bikes. The two we replaced are older, need a blob of oil but otherwise they work fine. Mountain bikes for lady and gentleman, free to a good home. Please call 01926 613028 if you would like them. **James and Natalie Tayler**

<p style="text-align: center;">April Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News Adverts to 31 Binswood End by 15th March Articles to Harbury Pharmacy or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 28th March</p>

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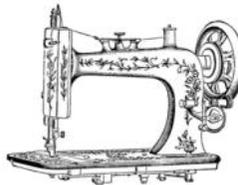
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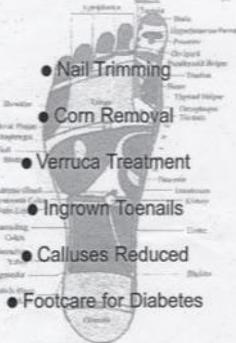
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