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Editorial

Congratulations to the Myton Hospice Support Group on winning this year's Spirit of Harbury award. During the 30 years that the Group has been running they have raised a magnificent total of over £105,421.

Also benefiting from a number of generous donations is the Tom Hauley Room kitchen which has been totally refurbished. The kitchen is the hub of the weekly coffee mornings which in turn raises funds for many village groups and wider charities.

On a sadder note, Windmills Nursery has closed after more than 40 years service to the children of the village. The Nursery was for many years based in the Village Hall and for the last 17 years, it was located in the school grounds. It will be fondly remembered by many villagers.

On the 29th August, Ladbroke Village Hall is showing the film - Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom. A supper is included in the ticket price of £12 – all welcome but please book – see details in the Ladbroke Section of the magazine.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Pino Iacaruso.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

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| Sat | 2 | Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society |
| Sun | 3 | TRINITY VII
Sung Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food and refreshments
Taizé Service, 6.00pm
Harbury Cricket Club, 2.00pm away match at Great Alne |
| Mon | 4 | Coffee Hour, 10.15 -11.15am at Chesterton Church |
| Tues | 5 | Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Room open, 6.30-8.30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 6 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall car park, Knightley Way (4½ miles) with optional pub lunch at Badby plus optional afternoon stroll of 2 miles
N.B. No Mothers' Union Meeting today |
| Thurs | 7 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Harbury Art Group tutor-led colour pencil workshop, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room |

- Thurs 7 Tennis Club BBQ Tournament
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Shoebox Appeal
- Sun 10 TRINITY VIII**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
 Harbury Cricket Club, 2.00pm away match at Southam
- Tues 12 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall car park, Napton Nature Reserve (4 miles)
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Church
- Sun 17 TRINITY IX**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 "Saints Alive" Service, 10.30am
 WWI Commemoration Service, 6.00pm
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury Cricket Club v Kineton, 2.00pm at Harbury
- Tues 19 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall car park, Ratley - Upton House (5 miles) with optional pub meal
- Thurs 21 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Village Hall Fund
- Sun 24 TRINITY X St Bartholomew**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury Cricket Club v Napton, 2.00pm at Harbury
- Tues 26 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 27 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall car park, Charlecote to Wellesbourne (5 miles)
- Thurs 28 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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- Fri 29 Beer Festival, 5.30pm-11.30pm in Village Hall
 Harbury Society Guided Tour of Radford Semele Church
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church flowers

Sat 30 Beer Festival, 11.30am-4.00pm and 6.00pm-11.30pm in Village Hall

Sun 31 TRINITY XI

Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Worship and Word, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

Tues 2 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Harbury Heritage Room open, 6.30-8.30pm at School

Wed 3 Holy Communion, 2.00pm in Church, followed by tea in the Tom Hauley Room (Mothers' Union)
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners, 8.00pm improvers in Village Hall

Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am, followed by coffee

Sat 6 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of ABC

Sun 7 TRINITY XII

Sung Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food and refreshments
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands for Healing, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Cricket Club, 2.00pm away match at Long Itchington

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

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
August	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
Sept	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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First World War Commemoration

It is hard to underestimate the significance of the First World War for our national life. Every village war memorial, including our own, is full of the names of young people who during the Great War lost their lives in what was to be the greatest conflict the world has ever seen. The war claimed the lives of over 16 million people, involved over one hundred countries from Africa, America, Asia, Australasia and Europe and had an impact on the lives of everyone in every town and village in our country.

One hundred years later, we are all connected to the First World War, either through our own family history or because of the way it changed the history of our communities.

We will be marking this Centenary at All Saints', Harbury with our own Service of Commemoration at 6.00pm on Sunday 17th August. The service will include poetry, music, readings, prayers and hymns as we remember and give thanks to God for the sacrifice of so many, especially from our village community.

I would like to invite all of you to join us for this special service where we will unite in our shared gratitude and common history. I leave you with Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen':

*With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.*

*Solemn the drums thrill; death august and royal,
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.*

*They went with songs to the battle; they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

*They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
 They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
 They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
 They sleep beyond England's foam.*

*But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
 Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
 To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
 As the stars are known to the night;*

*As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
 Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
 As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
 To the end, to the end, they remain.*

God bless.

From the Registers

Holy Baptisms

29th June Grace Radford
 13th July Rosie May Jones
 20th July Liam O'Sullivan

Burial of Ashes

3rd July Edyth Algar

Service of Thanksgiving

19th July Pino Iacarusso (66 years)



From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

Another busy month for us at All Saints – we had a wonderful turnout for ‘Picnic in the Park’ on 12th July when we invited anyone to join us for a relaxing, fun couple of hours and refreshments on the lawn at the front of the Village Hall. The weather was beautiful – and rain held off up to the time we dismantled the marquee! Phill King, Ken Smith, Mike Hare and HUG provided the musical entertainment - and some of us even ‘strutted our stuff’ – so a big thank you to all those involved in organising and participating on the day.

Our July theme for Saints Alive was called ‘From Zero to Hero’, during which we awarded all our ‘Heroes’ in the congregation with a gold medal just to acknowledge that everyone is good at something – and that is a good reason

to celebrate. August's theme will be 'Who's War' when we will welcome our favourite time traveller back to commemorate a very special event with us – so please do come along and join in. The usual coffee and cake will be on hand afterwards.

All Saints offers a range of different services for all ages and styles of worship. We are a very friendly, welcoming church and welcome newcomers. If you would like to know more about our services and groups that meet, please contact Elaine or John for an informal chat – numbers on the noticeboard.

And finally, an update on the long awaited sound system. I am pleased to report that a new sound system has been tested in church, and it received an overwhelmingly positive response from the congregation. A proposal has now been submitted to the Coventry Diocese to get approval to purchase and install the system in church at a cost of £7,500. Watch this space for more news!

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Mothers' Union</h2> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">Sue Field</p>
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Wednesday 2nd July 2014 – our summer visit.

Our members met up at St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele where Pat Follett acted as our guide for the afternoon.

The Church was severely fire damaged in 2008 but after five years was re-opened in 2013. Lots of thought was given to the re-furbishment resulting in a very light and modern interior. Various offices, toilets, a kitchen and "florists' room" were added making a pleasing and very flexible building.

Modern windows, including the Millennium Window by Aiden McRae Thompson and Emma Blount are well worth a visit.

New technology, including sound and lighting desks, dispense with the need for hymn books as the services are projected across the wall. We were given tea made by Fiona and Barbara and consumed the cakes members had provided. A lovely afternoon; we were made very welcome. Thank you to Pat Follett for being our guide, and for a very enjoyable visit.

There will not be a meeting in August. The coffee morning on 12th July raised £122.05 which will go to Mother's Union projects, thank you for your support.

The next meeting will be 3rd September 2014 when we will be in the Church at 2pm.

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<http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk>

AUGUST

- Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.45 pm, Village Hall
- Sun 3 TRINITY VII**
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 10 TRINITY VIII**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Tues 12 WI Lunch, The Bell Inn
- Fri 15 **ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK**
- Sat 16 Whist Drive, 7.45 pm, Village Hall
- Sun 17 Trinity IX**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Sat 23 Whist Drive, 7.45 pm, Village Hall
- Sun 24 Trinity X**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Thurs 28 **ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM**
- Fri 29 **Film Night: Mandela: Long walk to Freedom, doors open 7.00pm for supper, film starts 8.00pm, Village Hall**
- Sat 30 Whist Drive, 7.45 pm, Village Hall
- Sun 31 Trinity XI**
Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am

SEPTEMBER

- Tues 2 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 7 TRINITY XII**
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

Last month your copy of this magazine should have included a flyer about HOPE 14, the wide range of events towards the end of September in Southam and surrounding villages organised by the churches. They are NOT fundraising nor are they religious events trying to convert you to Christianity but an opportunity for families, friends and neighbours to do something enjoyable together and for the churches to present a brief story of faith that may get some people interested in finding out more.

Everyone is welcome to go to any, or all, of the main events so whether you like comedy, art, listening to music of various types, singing, eating, barn dancing or are looking to entertain the kids there is something on offer. Here in Ladbroke there is a 3 course dinner at The Bell Inn with a Jazz Duo Fonix on Saturday 20th September (tickets £25, Tel 07940 413707 to book) and a Village Picnic on the Millennium Green on 21st Sunday, 12-3pm, with Spa Brass, games and free hot drinks (just come along with your picnic and chairs).

We have been doing a check of how accessible the church and what we do is to a wide spectrum of people (i.e. a disability discrimination audit). The ideal situation is that everyone can take part without it being obvious that they are different from others. Not surprisingly we found that Ladbroke Church is good in some aspects, less so in others. For example, the path from the road, the porch and the floor in the nave are wide and step-free and we have an accessible loo. There is one step up to the chancel but someone stands and offers a supporting arm to those that need it as they go forward for communion. We have large print hymn books available and will be getting large print service books soon, so do let the person handing these out know if you would prefer these to the standard print ones. Although the acoustics in the church are generally good and we are able to, and extremely grateful for, the loan of a sound system for special occasions, we know that some find it hard to hear during regular services so we are planning a permanent sound system. If anyone is aware of other issues or has of ideas of ways in which we can be more inclusive please let me or any member of the PCC know.

Our home group is taking a holiday during August and will resume on 10th September. My special thanks this month are to Keith, Alan and Kip who helped manoeuvre the ladder around for the architect during our quinquennial inspection.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

6th July

Emily Beth Morris

Flower Rota

2nd August

Laura Taylor

9th & 16th August

Jenny Barrett

23rd & 30th August

Carol Lane





Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

All four of our councillors were at the meeting on 16th July together with our WCC councillor, Bob Stevens. As always this report is from the notes I took, the official minutes by the clerk will go up on the noticeboard by the pub in due course.

Neighbourhood Watch - the Ladbroke co-ordinator has moved away from the village, so a new co-ordinator is needed - please contact Martin Neal if you are interested in taking on this role.

Playing Field at St James School, Southam - this is on the Parish Council agenda as it affects Ladbroke children who attend the school. The school can no longer use any of the grassy area next to its buildings as a playing field unless it is fenced off from general use. Discussions between the school, WCC and Southam Town Council have been going on for years and though there is a strong push from the school to make it happen, progress is frustratingly slow. The Parish Council were advised that if they complained to WCC it would just slow it down further!

Unsafe tree on Penfold Green - this has been removed at a cost of £250.

Planning - The solar farm at Deppers Bridge has gone to appeal, previous responses will be considered by the inspectorate and any further comments must be sent by 15th August; our council will supplement their previous response about it being yet another change to the character of the area now that there are plans for 300 homes, industrial units and a care home between Harbury and Bishops Itchington and other developments in the area (e.g. Dallas Burston have put in for 600 homes and a school, a major development with school at Lighthorne/Chesterton. All these new schools will be funded by the developers and have to be either academies or free schools).

Flooding - two of our councillors had attended a flooding conference in Stratford but the information was quite basic so they didn't learn much. There has been no progress on the camera survey of drains promised to be completed by the end of May and key to resolving the flooding on Banbury road each time it rains. Those responsible will be contacted to get a definitive date and the issue escalated if necessary.

There have been mixed messages on timings of progress on the balancing pond (to ensure the Lot Brook does not flood homes) from different contacts and official minutes, clarification will be sought and we may send someone as an attending member of the public to the October meeting discussing flood prevention projects in the Severn Trent Area.

Highways and footpaths - SDC had cut the grass verge on Windmill Lane (at an antisocial time on a Saturday morning!) but are not responsible for

keeping the path through to the bypass clear of vegetation; this is done by community-spirited villagers.

There was a near miss by the church resulting from traffic on the wrong side of the road to avoid vehicles associated with the work on Church Cottage. The owner has been asked to ensure the contractors place appropriate warning signs for traffic approaching the bend from both directions whenever they block two-way traffic.

Several 45 gallon drums of cationic bitumastic used for drives had been left at the roadside; the resident for whom the work was done is responsible for ensuring they are removed either by the contractor or other means.

Village Hall and Millennium Green - Unfortunately the safari supper had to be cancelled as too few people were available to participate. The next event is the Film Night on 29th August. The Village Hall has been advised by a wheelchair user that a drop kerb should be provided to allow wheelchair access to the path to the hall. The Parish Council response was that any wheel chair users should be parking off-road in the hall car park, the wheelchair ramp into the hall was designed for accessing from that direction.

HS2 - WCC had organised a good meeting on petitioning, something that our Parish Council, the action group and several individual residents are doing. It focused on what to do if/when you are called before the committee, advising to go and watch them in action ahead of your own session and to focus on just 3-5 key points, working with others like SDC, WCC etc to ensure all your points are covered. There are so many petitions it may take two years.

Yet another consultation has started on HS2 compensation proposals. Unless you live within 300m of the line in rural areas it is still hardship based in all but name. The closing date for responses is 30th September 2014.

SDC - Out of a budget of £350M, £200 is for adult care and £100M for children which doesn't leave much for everything else and morale is low. The government has provided £1.2M for potholes in Warwickshire, surface dressing should prevent more deterioration in the roads this coming winter. Bob Stevens has a £5000 budget for grant funds for organisations within his ward and is considering requests up to £1000.

Parish Council Clerk - Janet does not live in the area any more. As documents are circulated by email this is not an issue. However she will not wish to remain clerk indefinitely.

Lights Out on Monday 4th August - It is expected that many people will wish to join in marking the centenary of the start of WWI by extinguishing all lights except a candle in their window from 10pm to 11pm. The Parish Council cannot directly control the street lights in Ladbroke so whether these remain on or not will be a central decision.

	Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute	Janet Yeates
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Our meeting on 24th July started with a reminder of forthcoming dates:-

Tuesday 12th August – lunch at The Bell Inn.

Sunday 21st Sept – Hope 14 Picnic on the Millennium Green, members of our W.I. will be providing hot drinks.

Mr & Mrs Schellenburg told us about the Ifakare Bakery Project, a charity which they set up. Ifakare is a town in Tanzania, about 250 miles from Dar es Salaam, with a population of about 60,000. When visiting in 1998 they were asked to help set up the first bakery in the town to be run by nuns, 'The Sisters of St Francis'. Within a couple of years they had raised £30,000 and in 2001 the equipment required was shipped out and set up. Staff were trained and the first production was 20 small and 10 large loaves. It's increased since then and now they make 900 loaves a day. The bakery is self-funding and profitable, so donations to the charity go to buy bread (25p per loaf) which is given to those who cannot afford to buy it, including St Francis district hospital, orphanage, kindergarten, children with learning difficulties and leprosy patients. They also fund other projects too which together, with the "Free Bread" has made a huge improvement in the quality of so many people's lives. You can find out more on their website – www.ibpfreebread.com which also has information on how to make a donation to this very worthy charity.

We do not have a regular meeting in August so our next one will be on Thursday 26th September, when Vince Williams will talk about – 'The W.I. at War.'

	Ladbroke Matters	David Wright
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The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for the upkeep of the Village Hall and Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to use both these resources for the benefit of the village community.

Copies of our information leaflet are available at The Bell and at All Saints Church. If you would like to join the team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the trustees (details are in our leaflet and on the Ladbroke website).

August is traditionally the month for holidays, and so our activity slows down a bit. If you've already been on holiday we hope you had a great time and

enjoyed some lovely weather. If you are going on holiday, we hope you will enjoy your break.

Film Nights

We hold a village film night every two months courtesy of Stratford District Council's 'Moving Pictures' initiative. A meal is included, accompanied by appropriate background music. Our next film is scheduled for Friday 29th August and will be Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom. Tickets including supper are £12 from Nicky on 01926 815196.

Other Events

We have a quiz night scheduled for Saturday 11th October.

Millennium Club Monthly Draw Results

£50	Paul Taylor	£50	Mary Coley
£25	Jonathan Ford	£25	Wild Indians
£25	John and Jenny Barrett	£10	Graham and Pauline Long
£10	Brian & Margaret Whitehouse	£10	Tim Kelly
£10	Alan Lord	£10	Lorna Carleton

Margaret Bosworth

	<h2>Ladbroke Photography Club</h2>	<p>Kip Warr</p>
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Our July barbecue was blessed with fine weather and a good turn-out of members and partners. We also had a bumper crop of pictures for the competition. The theme was 'Red' and there were plenty of imaginative interpretations, most of which would not show up well here in black and white. An exception was Tony Mancell's picture, taken at Duxford; I leave it to you to imagine the bright red plane against the blue sky.



Red Baron by Tony Mancell

On 5th August we shall be in the Village Hall selecting images for exhibition and reviewing the pictures taken in our Leamington walkabout.

Then, on 2nd September the competition theme will be 'Symmetry' and our photo topic will be 'Portraits'. We welcome visitors to our meetings which are in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. For more information please see tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto or email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

Not so much about Planning this session, though it was still contentious. Bishops Itchington wants to work with Harbury on a representation to the Inspector dealing with the Solar Farm application and challenge the developer's submission.

County Councillor Bob Stevens explained that the plans for 700 houses west of the Polo Ground which were on public exhibition recently fell within the HS2 "safeguarding zone" but the railway would be underground there. Cluff Gas had decided not to explore the viability of gassification in our area.

Warwick's Local Plan will be out for consultation on its "soundness and legality" at the end of August and that is when we will discover if they have chosen any of the Gypsy and Traveller sites on our boundary.

Planning

The Parish Council made no representation on removing two listed Cypress trees at the Library and a bay extension at 17 Manor Road.

Stratford District Council had refused a pair of semis behind the Old New Inn, Farm Street and extensions at 3 Queens Close. They gave permission with conditions for extensions at 16 Percival Drive and for three houses, amenity space and car parking on the Dovehouse Autos site. They consented to the reduction of overhanging branches on the listed willow in Vicarage Lane.

Appeals on the link to a swimming pool at Stapenhall Farm and the Solar Farm at Deppers Bridge will be by written representations. The wind farm appeal has been "recovered" by the Secretary of State and his decision is expected in August.

There was more passion about the stink from the Biffa composting site. Mr January from the Pound complained that when the wind was in the north east it was unbearable. He had contacted the Clerk, SDC, WCC and the Environment Agency about it. Councillor Thornley explained that temporary

methods were being used to mitigate the nuisance whilst a permanent solution was installed.

School

Ann Winchester reported that Harbury School swimming pool was to be turned into an open-air amphitheatre and that the PTA planned to plant trees between the playground and field.

Properties

The play area bark pits need attention but will be funded in next year's budget. The Parish will apply for a County Councillor grant to pay for the basket ball boards replacements (£484) but this won't be determined until October. Councillors agreed to Councillor Ekins suggestion that "pinguards" be placed above the swings to deter pigeons from perching there and fouling the seats.

The netball courts resurfacing will be re-done in August. No professional advice has yet been sought on the drainage problems at the playing fields but the Council agreed a quote of £2,500 to replace the drainage channel at the car park.

The Councillors are concerned about the capacity of the Burial Grounds and Chairman Tim Lockley made the suggestion that they should consider negotiating with the Price Family to use the Paddock next to the Church! Councillors agreed there should be more research into the space left at the Burial Grounds.

Lighting

Harbury has a dozen, mercury lamp, footway lights mounted on electricity poles. The mercury lamps have been phased out and they need to be replaced. Three have been done but the remainder cannot be refurbished. Therefore a more expensive solution is needed. Councillor Knowles wanted the Council to fund replacement columns rather than put new brackets and lamps on the wooden poles but this would be more expensive and would increase the clutter as the wooden poles would remain. There was no agreement.

Improvements

There have been many complaints about the state of the field footpaths this year and the Chairman wanted to use the Community Payback Team to tackle the backlog until he discovered how much they would cost. The Clerk has asked the Harbury's Footpath Co-ordinator to organise a clearing day and the Chairman took to Facebook to whip up more volunteers.

A Percival Drive resident has expressed concern about the Greens Maintenance especially the lack of tidying up after cutting. The Contractor will be made aware of the complaint. He also wanted the weeds cleared on the footways and a 30mph sign for all of Bush Heath Road south of Percival Drive. Councillors have reported the footpaths to SDC and will talk to WCC about the 30mph sign, but were not confident of success.

Councillor Thornley had reported the broken gate to the Church Street Sub-Station and was pleased with the immediate response. The hole in the Church paddock wall had been repaired but Councillor Thornley did not think that it was safe.

The broadband cabinets have been fitted but it appears that many residents are connected directly to the Exchange and therefore will not be getting "Superfast" broadband, unless another cabinet is installed at the Exchange itself. Put your phone number into the box at <http://www.dslchecker.bt.com> to discover if you are one of the unlucky ones.

Finance

There was a long debate about the Pre-School finances following their request for a grant to help resurface their play area. A number of questions were raised and no-one had the definitive answers so committee representatives would be asked to present themselves and their application to the next Parish Council meeting which is on:-

25th September 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Harbury Parish Council Quarterly Report - July 2014

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Worked with Bishops Itchington Parish Council to see outline planning permission granted for the redevelopment of the Cement Works
- Successfully opposed an application to build a solar farm at Deppers Bridge, and agreed to oppose the appeal against the decision.
- Continued to work on maintaining the play area and ordered a new zip wire
- Agreed to undertake maintenance on the village hall car park

Please can all householders check that vegetation growing from their gardens is not overhanging or impeding the footways around the village. Quite a few of them are overgrown and make it difficult for all villagers but particularly wheelchairs and buggies to pass safely.

Harbury Parish Council





Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

At the Carnival we displayed photographs of the green spaces and wildlife corridors connecting us to the rural landscape. Long Itchington, for example, has managed to bring the countryside into the village by preserving many of its forest trees, open spaces and network of footpaths. In contrast, Harbury has relatively few of these and those that do remain are all the more precious.

So it is concerning, that, in this window of opportunity for development, there are more planning applications that would deprive us of some of our remaining green spaces. Owners applying for permission for another dwelling on an existing plot and developers seeking to build on agricultural land, both inside and outside the confines of the village, potentially reduce our contact with the countryside and wildlife.

All planning applications, if granted, increase the value of land significantly and there can be no guarantee that what was granted will be what is ultimately built. Once the change of use has been established for one, two, three or more dwellings on a site, there is an obvious incentive to try to cram even more on the land to maximise the profit.

Potentially more worrying is the practice of applying only for OUTLINE permission. This is a cheap way of ascertaining whether permission would be granted without the expense of providing full details of what it is intended to build. Land can then be sold on at a much increased value with less chance for the community to influence the final product, because it can no longer argue that the land is not suitable for development.

Sometimes this land can languish for years, neglected, overgrown and an eyesore, because it continues to increase in value on the balance sheet of the company that owns it. Bizarrely, this often triggers pressure from the community for it to be built on - "to tidy it up"!

When Stratford District's Local Plan is in place there should be a more thoughtful and co-ordinated approach to building the homes we need on land that still preserves our rural setting. But until then we have little in our arsenal to fight off inappropriate and unwanted development.

Our next event is a visit on **29th August** to Radford Semele Church to see repairs to the damage cause by the arson attack. The talk on 30th September has been **cancelled** but we are arranging a Society visit to Harbury's Archive Room – more details later.



There is no meeting in August but we are still active.

We look forward to the W.I. Garden Party in the Farley Room at the Village Hall on Monday 4th August at 7pm.

Then the Southam Group trip to West Wycombe (N.T.) property is on Wednesday 27th August.

At July's meeting Lin Hayes read the report of the N.F.W.I. AGM at The Arena, Leeds for our representative Janet Heritage, Bishops Itchington, who was unable to attend our meeting. Janet said it was overwhelming to see 5,000 women awaiting the start of the meeting.

They were welcomed by Janice Langley, NFWI Chair who spoke of the growing organisation, welcoming 23,000 new members each year.

Janice talked about Denman and its future viability. There are over 600 courses and it is open to all members, husbands, family and friends.

The vote of the resolution was a 97.8% majority.

There were three good speakers including Sir Andrew Motion, a poet, novelist, biographer and President of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. He was also Poet Laureate from 1999-2009. He urged all to sign the charter "Save our Countryside".

Dr. George McGavin, an academic entomologist, author and television presenter told us that insects have a very useful job but headlice just make you itch!

Bill Turnbull, dancer, bee-keeper, journalist and BBC Breakfast presenter thoroughly entertained us with hilarious stories of unexpected gaffes on live T.V., coming 10th on "Strictly" and the Zen like quality of bee-keeping.

Janice Langley ended the meeting by telling us the plans for the 2015 Centenary celebrations. Her final comment was that we are all responsible for the future of the W.I.

Now we come to the speaker at our meeting who was George Guy from Warwickshire Freewheelers who support the NHS in Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull with blood bikes.

He brought his bike and the members were fascinated with this 1200cc monster which certainly brought back surprising memories.

Triumph Motorcycles provide the bikes which are completely fitted out with the facilities needed plus signs and lights to ensure vaccines, blood or even documents are in the right place when needed in a hurry.

Riders need to be over 25 and to have held a full unrestricted bike licence for two years. They also have to be prepared to take a valid advance riding qualification. Yes, they are a charity receiving no government funding.

Triumph generously provides the bikes but Freewheelers always need funds to fuel and run the machines.

George is starting to visit and talk to anybody who is interested and one can be assured of a thoroughly interesting evening. Oh that bike!

The next meeting is in the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 11th September, 7.45pm. Speaker: Mrs Smithams – Victorian Lingerie.



Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

We at HTG find ourselves with slightly more time on our hands, as we ready ourselves for our summer break in August. After the busy few months leading up to the Carnival and ACT festival, it is a welcome rest. We would like to thank Andrew (Chairman) and Sue Lawrence for being fabulous hosts and putting on a wonderful spread for the annual Theatre Group barbecue. Despite the turn in the weather, we managed to squeeze in a really lovely afternoon between the thunderstorms and showers (great planning!), and further the friendships which have been forged through a shared love of the theatre.

But this is only the calm before the theatrical storm! At the end of August we start to rehearse with gusto for our upcoming productions at the end of November (week commencing 24th). The adult group will be performing the comedy “All Balls and Ashes” by Mark Robberts – and taking lessons on how to talk Yorkshire-like from our resident northerner John Travers. Whilst the HTG Juniors will be working hard to bring the fabulous Christmas show “When Sasha gets Stuck up the Chimney” by Craig Hawes to life. The performances will be staged on separate evenings/afternoons, and this detail will be released nearer to the time.

As ever, if anyone out there would like to be more involved in the Theatre Group, be it treading the boards, or helping backstage / front of house, then do contact us. Due to the summer break, our next meeting will be at The Gamecock on the 30th September from 8pm, or you can call 614937. Everyone is really, really welcome.



Folk Club

Des & Debbie

The theme for the 356th Harbury Folk Club was Home and Away. Debbie opened the first half with her poem ‘Zona Nudista’ and she was followed by Sue and Ted Crum with ‘Bold Riley’ and ‘Clubs Alike’. This song came from the same stable as Liverpool Lullaby, which is one of Debbie’s favourite songs. Then we had Norman, our visitor from away (Warwick Folk Club),

and he entertained us with 'Wanna be Home Again' and 'Head for the Hills'. Norman told us that he had been on 33 plane flights throughout his life! Up came Rik and he brought 'Cock of the North' and 'All the Chapel Bells were Ringing' to the floor. Along came Barbara who travelled here in her campervan! She was the only artiste of the night to bring her home with her! And she sang 'Room up in the Sky' and 'Yellow the Broom'.

Then Des began the second half with the 'Sailors' Prayer' but a coughing fit brought him to a halt just as he was getting in his stride! The Harvesters did 'Take me Back' and 'The Stranger'. Pete Mason brought us 'Nearly Over Now' and 'Now I'm Easy'. Peter McDonald sang 'Home for Me' and 'Riversong'. Pete Grassby brought 'Far Columbia Shore' and 'The Higgler' to the club. To finish, Keith Donnelly sang 'She is the Sun to me' and 'Sing me Home Now'.

The third half saw a revisit by Debbie with her poem 'Mobility Morris' and she handed over to Barbara and 'Wasdale Morn'. Ted sang 'What did the Wife of the Soldier get?' and Peter McDonald, 'Here is my Home'. Keith Donnelly sang about 'Another World' and then we had the Five Grasshoppers to finish the evening with 'Just One More Chorus'.

The raffle raised £85.00 and that was donated to Save the Children to assist with those children who are displaced during times of conflict. The next Folk Club will be on 7th August and hosted by Ian Hartland and the theme is 'My Favourite Songs'.

www.savethechildren.org.uk/about-us

	<h2>1st Harbury Scout Group</h2>	<p>Dom Priest</p>
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World Scout Jamboree 2015

Hello, my name is Dom Priest. I am 13 years old and have lived in Harbury all my life. I attend Southam College and I am a member of Harbury Scouts. I have been a member of the Scout Association since I was 6 years old, climbing the Scouting ladder through Beavers and Cubs and up to Scouts. Last year I went through a tough selection process and got chosen to represent Warwickshire at The World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015. I will be the only Scout representing Harbury, Southam and surrounding villages at the World Jamboree and only the second Harbury Scout to be selected in 70 years.



My biggest challenge is to raise £3000 to fund the trip. Easier said than done! You might've seen me at the Carnival selling 'cokes and cookies', (a special thank you to Mike McBride and all of the Carnival Committee). I am also hoping to get the community involved to help me raise the money. For example: I'm selling Solidarity Scout badges for £2 to support Scouts in developing countries. I am also doing a series of bag-packing days at Tesco Southam. The photo shows me with Jeremy Wright MP and Martina Fitzgerald, Community Champion at Tesco Southam, launching my fundraising campaign. All support and donations are welcome; pop in and see me at 10 Park Lane. Thank you.



Harbury Juniors Football Club

Ian Jones

Under 14's - Goalkeeper Wanted

We need a number one goalkeeper for next season's Under 14's Team. We will be playing on Sunday mornings in the John Bryan League so if you have just completed School Year 7 or Year 8 and are a goalkeeper looking for a team for next season, please contact Woody on 07786 802 803 or Marcus on 07904 670055.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

The Club has recently had its "Clubmark" status renewed. This is a universally cross sport accreditation scheme for community sports clubs developed by Sport England to encourage clubs to develop high quality, welcoming environments for all participants. In tennis the scheme is overseen by the LTA and we were first awarded Clubmark status in 2012. This is reviewed regularly and I'm delighted to report that our accreditation has now been renewed until 2016.

On the playing front, the Club has continued its good form in Division 5 of the Banbury League with another three wins. The first was at Byfield and it was good to welcome Jonnie Guy back to the team after his time at university to join Steve Stark and Colin Mercer and ladies Caroline Morland, Karen Bristow and Sue Mercer. It turned out to be a very close contest with Harbury trailing after the first round, having lost the ladies' and mixed rubbers but winning the men's. The fortunes changed in the second round with wins in the men's and mixed which left the match all square going into the final round. The home ladies were too strong for Karen and Sue, but Caroline and Jonnie overcame their opponents 8-3 and with Steve and Colin edging their match by the narrowest of margins (6-5) Harbury came home with a 5-4 win!

The next match was at home against Tysoe. Debs Brookes and Steve Fitzgerald joined Caroline, Karen, Steve and Colin. This was another very hard fought match with six of the nine rubbers ending in a 6-5 score line, four of them being decided by tiebreaks. Fortunately Harbury held their nerves in the tie-breaks and completed a 6-3 win. Byfield were the visitors for the third match and on this occasion the visitors found Harbury in sparkling form on a very hot night. The team comprised Caroline, Sue Panton, Eira Owen, Steve Stark, Jonnie and Colin and completed the double over Byfield with an emphatic 8-1 win. This was followed by an excellent supper with the centre piece being Caroline's magnificent coffee and walnut cake! Harbury are now in with a good chance of promotion being only four points behind the league leaders with games in hand over all the other contenders.

The first round of the Summer Singles Competition was completed with Steve Stark winning Group 1 without dropping a single set and Caroline Morland being the leading lady, winning group 2. There were some really close matches and more close encounters are expected in round 2, which has now started!

Finally, tennisolutions are running Tennis Camps for 4-11 year olds during weeks commencing 4 August and 11 August. The Camps are open to members and non-members and run from 10.00am to 3.00pm with a half-day option (10.00 to 12.00) for 4-5 years. Places can be booked online at www.tennisolutions.co.uk or by email to courses@tennisolutions.co.uk

If anyone would like to start playing or come back to tennis please contact me as I'm sure the Club will be able to help you in some way to do that.

	Harbury Junior Netball Club	Beccy McDaid
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Haven't played netball since school? Want to join a friendly local netball team?

Harbury Netball Club is introducing 'Back to Netball' training nights through the summer for over 16's. Come down and join us for some fun! Starts Thursday 24th July at: Harbury Playing Fields

When: Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

From: 24th July – 14th August

Price: £2.

For more information please contact Jenny 07796146413 or Beccy 07969071544.





Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Henry's Castle, our summer trip was great fun and saw the culmination of seven months of Harbury Toddler Group being supported by Entrust Care Partnership, a not for profit organisation providing a range of services for disabled children, young people and their families. Time flies when you are having fun, as the photograph shows - Yummy, yummy scones in my tummy ☺



Hayden is leaving us for 'big school' and Lara is joining preschool. We will miss them but know that they will be enjoying themselves experiencing and learning lots of new things.

Special thanks to Louise Evans, who kindly gave us some lovely toys to refresh our stocks. We always welcome donations of toys and pre-loved clothes.

We start up again with our first session on **Monday 8th September**.

There is plenty to look forward to as we complete our planned timetable with face painting, Halloween mask making, pottery painting from Dragon Ceramics and much more.

We look forward to welcoming mums, dads, grandparents, childminders, carers and children under five. We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) and open our doors every Monday at 9.30am and finish at 11.15am.

Need more information or would like to just say hello before you come? Then please do ring Lynne Barton on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com

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Well, what a busy time we have had at Pre-School during the last three weeks of the summer term!

Visit to Harbury Primary School: The children who will be starting at Harbury Primary School in September were invited to visit the school and spent a little time investigating what will be their new classroom, before going out to enjoy the sunshine with the older children in the playground.

Outdoor Classroom: Making the most of the fine weather, the children were able to spend a good deal of time outdoors during July. There was water play, including washing equipment and aprons, and then using the water on the garden areas. A large mat was put in the shade, where the children enjoyed using trucks and diggers in a large pile of

sand and experimented with pouring it through funnels and tubes.

Sainsbury's Active Kids: The collection of Sainsbury's vouchers was very much appreciated when new equipment arrived in the form of shape mats, coloured beanbags, and a new wheely bag for lunch boxes. Even the packaging was put to good use as the children painted the scrunpled paper green and turned it into fearsome looking crocodiles!

Work Experience: We were delighted to welcome Alice Bright who came to help us for her work experience. The children loved playing with her and she was very helpful during her short time at Pre-School. We look forward to welcoming her back for a week in the autumn term.

Woodwork: After learning about the safety measures they would need to employ when working with real tools, the children carefully measured their chosen piece of wood and sanded the rough edges before attaching colourful pieces of cloth using drawing pins and hammers.



Teddy Bears' Picnic: The sun shone and the annual Pre-School Teddy Bears' Picnic was held in Harbury Park. Pre-School children, their families and the staff enjoyed a lovely morning of games and a picnic with their teddy bears as well as using the park equipment. Towards the end, everyone got involved in the games with the parachute before saying goodbye as the summer holidays begin.



Farewell – We have now said very sad farewells to our eleven older children who will be starting at Primary School in September. However, they are now confident individuals who we are sure will enjoy their new adventure and we wish them well. We now look forward to welcoming the younger children back to Pre-School on Tuesday 2nd September, together with lots of new starters during next term.

And Finally We would like to say a huge **“Thank You”** to all the parents and children for their wonderful words of thanks, cards and gifts to all the staff.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07907 598461 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk. Please note that although the starting age for Pre-School is normally two years nine months, your child is never too young to be registered.



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff

News from Nursery

Traditionally the focus in July at Windmills is the final preparations for children leaving Nursery to start primary school after the summer holidays. Mrs Rea, who is teaching Reception Class at Harbury Primary School next year, came to visit Windmills Nursery and took the older children back to see what will be their new classroom in September.

The children have enjoyed French each week which has been one of the many successes of Windmills Nursery. The last lesson of the term was a special French tasting where the children enjoyed some patisserie.





The highlight of July was the summer party put on for the children. The sad news that Windmills has to close did not dampen the spirits of the children or staff who had a wonderful day of party games, dancing, craft activities and plenty of party food. A special thanks to Alfie's mum who brought in some wonderful cakes decorated with tiny windmills and to Mrs Cook and Mrs Houghton who joined us for the party.



All children received a special certificate on their last day celebrating their time at Windmills Nursery. The staff would like to wish the older children a very happy transition to big school and to the younger children who have not yet finished their pre-school education we send you our best wishes wherever you move to.



Thank You

There has been much to celebrate at Windmills Nursery over the years and many people who have been involved in some form, who we would like to thank since we opened in 1973 from the Village Hall. A special mention must be made to our current set of parents who have been so supportive through what has been a very difficult time. The array of good wishes and generous presents we had from our parents and children was very touching. We thank you all.



To contact Windmills Nursery please ring the administrator on 01926 613084 or email katharine.giblin@btopenworld.com.

Closure of Windmills Nursery

After 40 years offering high quality childcare in Harbury, the directors of Windmills Nursery are saddened to announce the closure of the nursery from 18th July 2014. It has not been possible to find suitable premises for September to continue our business so the difficult decision to close down the nursery has now been taken.

Over the years Windmills Nursery has provided a safe and stimulating environment for hundreds of preschool children and the departure of the nursery from the school site and its involvement in Harbury village life we feel will be a big loss to the local community.

The Directors would like to thank the staff, parents and children and those local groups who have supported Windmills Nursery during this difficult time. If you would like any further information please contact the Administrator on 01926 613084 or email katharine.giblin@btopenworld.com.

Windmills Nursery School Directors



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

July saw our biggest fundraiser for the PTA which is the Summer Fayre and always involves lots of planning and needs multitudes of helpers from both parents and staff. The sun shone for the Fayre and early indications are that we have made good profits this year which will go towards different projects at school. Thank you to everyone who helped or supported the event.

The raffle winners who each received a fabulous coloured coded hamper were:

Black – Mia Morrell, Yellow – Madeline Burrows, White – Julie Thomas, Green – Lynn, Orange – Ruth Coulter, Blue – Vicki Crossley, Red – Kate Wilson

Treasure Map winner – Gracie Garland (77)

Name the Teddy winner – April Murray (Barry)

Football Shootout

Infants - Matthew Gowland

Juniors - Jack Pennington

Seniors - Dom Priest

Aunt Sally

Infants - Kerris Brown

Juniors - Ben Holding

Teenage - Adam Bennett

Adult - Phil Hetherington

The last two draws of the 100 club resulted in four winners each receiving £50. Congratulations to Catherine Best (67), Linda Booth (79), Julie Young (63) and Nicky Kirk (25).

Friends of Harbury School are able to join the 100 Club which will start again in September. The annual subscription is £12 and you are allocated a number with the chance of winning £50 ten times a year. Please email katharine.giblin@btopenworld.com for more info.

The PTA also funded the BBQ for the Year 6 Leavers and paid for a special Leavers' Book to be created for each class member of Y6 which is a wonderful memento of their time at Harbury Primary School.

After many years of fundraising the PTA has finally accumulated enough to proceed with the ambitious project to provide a new outdoor play area for use by all the children at school. A fantastic £20k has been raised by the PTA with the support of parents and we are all looking forward to seeing it installed during the summer holidays in-between the junior playground and school playing fields.

Finally the PTA would like to wish Mr Cousens a successful career change as he moves into the world of university lecturing and we look forward to welcoming and working with the new head Ms Guymer in September.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

What is there to report about the Village Hall for last month? Oh yes – the perennial themes of the appearance of the hall; lost property and money raised.

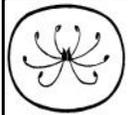
Yet another outside caterer has commented on the pristine condition of the kitchen and observed that “it was so nice to go into a community hall and not have to clean up before you could think of serving food”. We are very fortunate that Tom and Flo Marsh have now taken over the care of the premises, as they are very much in the mould of the previous much lamented Harbury caretakers, Mr and Mrs Pratt, who treated the hall as they did their own house and visited several times in the week – “just to check that everything was alright”. Our most recent caretaker, Martin, from Bishop’s Itchington did a superb job and we thought we would find it very difficult to recruit another committed person/(s) to carry on the tradition, which seems to have been the forte of those who care for our premises. We have been exceptionally fortunate in finding Tom and Flo – and we know it and are continually grateful.

After several months, the collection of lost property is building again with several umbrellas, a cashmere scarf, some cuddly toys and (to the horror?) of the Chairman on one of his daily checks – a thong left in the disabled toilet! Any of these items can be claimed by the owners, whenever the hall is open, as most of them are located in the corridor between the toilet area, but one of them may need to be handed over personally??

The Harbury Games contributed an amazing £1661.50 to the development fund, mainly from sponsorship raised by the committee and, as in previous years, the enthusiasm was tangible from all the competitors, despite the inclement weather, which had them scurrying to their marquee bases whenever the intermittent showers threatened to soak them. In the end, all the challenges were completed and it was heart-warming to witness the encouragement and support given by competitors of all ages to each other and to rivals in other teams. Hopefully, the same kind of generosity of spirit will be seen at the Commonwealth Games, which are now in progress.

For any family who might contemplate hiring the hall for a wedding reception, (there are two programmed for August), the marquee lining used so successfully on its first outing over a year ago will be used for one of the receptions and will be in place on the weekend of August 9th/10th. If you are planning for a future wedding, it might be good to drop into the hall to see the

effect, provided you do not disrupt the proceedings for the wedding party. Alternatively, it is possible to see the impressive set-up, by logging on to the Parish Council web-site and scrolling through the section under VILLAGE HALL. The internal marquee provides all the ambiance of a marquee at a garden/country hotel/ or stately home venue without the worry of possible rain or cold weather putting a damper on the proceedings. It's worth checking out for future reference if you are planning a local celebration – it's much cheaper than setting up a marquee outside, as all the fittings are in place from the original hiring.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

We were so lucky again with the weather for our second and last trip on 16th July. Thank goodness it wasn't as hot and humid as the days after that. We went to The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey, it only took just two hours to get there, thanks to some careful and trouble free driving by Martin who is our regular driver now.

The gardens and arboretum were started by Sir Harold in 1953 when he assembled a remarkable collection of plants and trees, many gathered by his father and grandfather. The garden was made into a charitable trust of which Hampshire County Council became the sole trustee. Roy Lancaster is among one of many famous plantsmen who have worked as a curator of the gardens. The aim of the trust is to continue to care for and develop the gardens for the benefit of the people of not only Hampshire, but the UK and worldwide.

There are 180 acres of very diverse areas. Woodlands with some well known and lesser known trees, European, British, Japanese and North American species. The colours must be quite spectacular in Autumn. There is a winter garden, spring walk, magnolia avenue, heather garden, hydrangea walk, pinetum and much more but the jewel in the crown had to be the centenary borders which were 250 metres long and very wide. The colour combinations were just amazing, yellows, oranges reds, blues, purples, pinks and variations of these. We came at the right time to see the explosions of flowers and shrubs and some wonderful clematis. By the spring walk there were two huge catalpa trees (Indian bean trees) at least 40 feet tall and covered in pink and white aromatic flowers, they were incredible and stopped you in your tracks!! By the pond area we were treated to the site of a large gathering of dragon and damsel flies. The blue damsel flies were darting everywhere but did come to rest on some huge leaves, I have never seen so many in one place before.

At every turn there was something to marvel at and enjoy. I read that it is the best collection of trees in the world. It is the 50th anniversary of the centenary

border and whilst we were there, there was a tree planting to mark the occasion. Some diverse sculptures were placed around the gardens some unusual ones to say the least!!! The restaurant was excellent and a plant centre just on the way to and from the car park was well stocked. I have probably missed out some things but all in all it was a most enjoyable experience and well worth a visit at another time. Again it only took 2 hours and 5 minutes to get back to the Village Hall.

I have 20 names of people who were on the last trip and I know that more members have said that they want to come on Tuesday 12th August for an evening tour of the gardens at Upton House. I have advised Heather the Head Gardner and Cathy in the restaurant that we will be about 30 plus in number. Please meet in the visitors' car park at Upton by 6.20pm as we are scheduled for the tour to start at 6.30pm. I have arranged for tea/coffee and cakes etc after the tour and if weather is good we can sit on the terrace to enjoy. The cost will be £5 per person which I will collect on the night. If you do not drive and want to come along, contact me and I can put you in touch with a member who will take you. The gardens have been amazing so far and will be so colourful when we visit.

Here are a few suggestions for NGS gardens to visit in August if it is not too hot!!! Hollowell Gardens, Hollowell in Northants NN6 8RR, only 20 miles away three different gardens from wildlife, 1930's to plantsmen's gardens open on Sunday 10th August from 11.00am to 5.00pm cost £4. On Sunday 17th August Offenham near Evesham WR11 8QD has two open gardens including that of Adrian James who has given us some excellent talks. So that should be a good one to see. Times are 11.00am to 5.00pm and cost is £5. Two venues on 25th August, Avondale Nurseries at Baginton (Russells Nurseries) open from 11.00am to 4.00pm and cost £3. The other one is the Granary Wharf Road, Fenny Compton CV47 2FF, 1 acre canalside garden from 11.00am to 4.30pm and cost is £4. Finally Kenilworth gardens CV8 1BT on Sunday 31st August are open from 1.00 to 5.00pm and there are 7 gardens to see and cost is £5. Teas are available at all gardens. I do hope that you will find something different to see and enjoy.

Do watch the very best gardening programme on TV. Beechgrove Garden is usually on a Sunday morning at 9.30am but times keep changing due to various sports events (bah humbug!) The team including Chris Beardshaw are so experienced and give such very practical and useful advice - try it you will be hooked as I am. Continue to enjoy our Summer, hope you have lots of fruit, flowers and vegetables and just make the most of our wonderful county.



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Games - June 2014

by Hugh Tottle





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

The gardening year seems to be moving on very quickly but there are still many flowering plants to look forward to. Asters, helianthus and heleniums will all be making a welcome appearance as will the ornamental grasses which will be at their best over the next two months. Your garden needn't look dull in late summer, in fact it can be one of the most colourful times of the year.

So far this year we have taken approximately £500 in donations for the National Garden Scheme and we would like to thank those of you who have put money in the box. It would be fantastic to double that amount by the end of the year so if you are struggling with clay soil and need some ideas of what will grow in it, please come along and see for yourselves which plants thrive in our ground.

Many of you will be going away this month (you lucky things) but plants in containers will need watering and deadheading. Ideally you need a friendly neighbour to help out but if there's no-one to ask then try to group all the plants in a shady corner and maybe set up an irrigation system so that everything looks good when you return home.

This can be a relatively quiet time from the point of view of jobs that need doing but for the keen gardener there is always something requiring attention. It might be trimming and deadheading or weeding or harvesting various fruit and vegetables. Rambling roses need pruning after they've flowered, some of the prunings could be used as cuttings so, with a bit of luck, you will have some extra plants next year. Also take cuttings of hebes, rock roses and escallonias.

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Tel: 01926 812737

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Now foliage is a rather uniform green and gone are the shades of spring and early summer. The corn is ripening with wheat, that golden colour which foreshadows harvest time. The ewes in the open field by Chesterton Church have lost their fleeces to the shearer and the lambs which have full coats are out-bulking their dams.

The day after the noise and drama of the Grand Prix at Silverstone I visited Bucknell Wood, a mere two miles from the circuit. It is a National Nature

Reserve in South Northamptonshire, close to the border with Buckinghamshire and part of the ancient hunting forest of Whittlewood. The small village of Whittlebury lies at the centre of the woodland cluster. As its name suggests, like Harbury, it started off life as a Saxon fort where its church now stands. Whether it saw action is unknown, though being on the edge of the Danelaw that is quite probable.

This is the most likely location in the area to see one of our largest and most spectacular butterflies, the Purple Emperor (*Apatura iris*). It is dark brown with white spots and bands. Only males have the iridescent purple area on the upper sides which are so eye-catching. There is a problem finding this butterfly however as it spends most of its time high up in the canopy of forest trees, only coming down for water or food. It feeds on wet patches of ground, carrion, excrement and tree sap. The main food plant of the caterpillar is Sallow and it rests on the middle of a leaf surface relying on its camouflage. The chrysalis is an even greater camouflage expert as it mimics a Sallow leaf with central spine and veins to boot.

We were lucky and had some good views of the insect in flight though I never saw one at rest. Also seen was the startling mating flight of two silver-washed Fritillaries. The female flies low and straight whilst the male describes tight circles alongside to capture her attention. At the same time, some outer scales on the male's wing burst open showering scent over the female.

Whilst staying for a few days in Somerset with Peter and Margaret McDonald, we enjoyed some splendid walks. Near Simonsbath we took a path alongside the glistening pools of the River Barle. This led us past Wheal Elisa, a mine originally dug for copper but when that mineral was only found in short supply, it became an iron mine. Some of us enjoyed feasting on bilberries. Later we passed close to the Iron Age fort known as Cow Castle. From the valley it was difficult to be certain this was a fortification and it was only when above the site on a higher path that the bank and ditch circling the summit was apparent.

Mature beech wood near Simonsbath gave way to heather moorland and a swathe of large conifers. The Barle joins the Exe near Dulverton after passing under a clapper bridge known as Tarr Steps which is thought to have been constructed around 1000BC. At one point Margaret and I stopped for a breather by a clump of rosebay willow herb. As if on cue, a Humming-bird Hawk-moth arrived and we watched it take nectar from a flower. This insect is now a frequent immigrant from Southern Europe and North Africa.

In some shady spots we found the inconspicuous yellow flowers of common cow-wheat (*Melampyrum pratense*). This semi-parasitic plant is a member of the Figwort family and related to the Eyebrights and Yellow Rattle.

Today (Saturday 19th July) intense thunderstorms have drifted north over the country triggered by temperatures approaching 30°C. The barley surrounding Chesterton Windmill has been harvested and many fields of oil seed rape have been combined. I picked some wild plums in a hedgerow near Lighthorne and early blackberries are promising.



General Section

The Spirit of Harbury Award



The Myton Hospice Support Group received the Award this year and Nigel Adams, the Myton Fund Raiser, came to the coffee morning in acknowledgement of the phenomenal contribution the Harbury Group have made in the past 30 years.

They have raised £105,421.52 - over a hundred thousand pounds!

The group was formed by Pat Taylor, who lived in Manor Road and worked

at Myton Hospice and three of the original members are still part of it: Sylvia Green, Mary Ceney and Eileen Picken.

Mary's sister Lou and family grew plants for sale to raise money for the Hospice. The plant sales took place behind the Wight School and later in the Dog Inn car park.

Sylvia Green and Helen Johnson hold a monthly coffee morning in Southam on market days, at the hut. The Group bake for these meetings as well as for the Harbury Carnival, the Craft Fair and Macmillan Nurses meetings. In addition they bake and hold coffee mornings for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

The recent coffee morning on 5th July in the Tom Hauley Room raised more than £300.00 which is a tribute to the esteem in which the Hospice is held in the village today.

Marian Millington



Harbury Ballroom Dancing Group

Annie's ballroom dance classes will be starting again on Wednesday 3rd September for six consecutive weeks at the Village Hall. The beginners group is from 7.30 to 8.30pm, with the rest of the group from 8.00- 9.30pm.

It's all very relaxed and informal, so do come along and join us if you fancy a twirl on the dance floor. New comers are most welcome, but you do need a partner to dance with. Cost is approx £15 for 6 sessions.

For more information call Jo or Geoff on 613341 or email us at jomulley@doctors.org.uk

Jo Marston



Hope '14

There will be no charge for any of the events taking place in Harbury during Hope '14. However, space is limited at

3 venues so places will need to be booked and tickets obtained:-

- 1) For the lovely lunch in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 20th September from 12.30 to 2.00 pm, please ring 614193 before the 14th September.
- 2) For the special folk night at the Village Club on Thursday 25th September at 7.30 pm, book your seat by ringing 613340.
- 3) For a delicious afternoon tea at Biblio's Cafe, Wight School on Saturday 27th September between 3.00 and 4.30 pm, reserve your seat at a table by ringing 613207.

Rosemary Eld



Jean Champs' School of Dance

On Sunday 18th May 2014 the following dancers from Jean's school took their exams in the Village Hall, Harbury: - Grace, Esme, Emily, Francesca, Amelia, Emma, Margaux, Ruby, Lily, Amber, Freddie, Lily, Rose, Charlotte, Francesca, Erin, Megan, Eve and Imogen.

Exam conditions are very strict, girls must not wear any make up or nail varnish, their hair must be put up in a neat bun with net, no stray tendrils and definitely no fringe! The girls then had to perform in front of an approved examiner from the British Theatre Dance Association.

We are all very proud of the results gained in these exams and the results were as follows: -

Silver rose award	Honours
Primary ballet	3 x pass with distinction 4 x pass with merit
Introduction to Grade 1 ballet	4 x pass with distinction 1 x pass with merit
Grade 2 ballet	1 x pass with distinction 3 x pass with merit
Grade 4 ballet	2 x pass with distinction

All the girls passed and they all got either a merit or a distinction, I am sure you will agree they all did extremely well.

Jean Champ



Harbury Art Group

On Thursday 3rd July we enjoyed a tutored watercolour session with Nick Baldwin. There were several new members this month, most of whom were beginners. It made a very nice change to see some new faces in the group, and we also welcomed back a lady who had not been to our sessions for quite some time.

Twelve of us gathered in the Tom Hauley room to spend a day painting a watery scene in watercolours: a picture of Falmouth harbour, with fishing boats, buildings and reflections. The challenge was to create a pleasing composition from all the different elements. Nick's own painting was a master class in detailed 'photo-realistic' painting, whilst Ian (an experienced painter)



produced a vivid blend of colourful impressions of the scene. It was great to see so many of the beginners producing good work, and such a wide variety of styles.

On 7th August we meet for a tutor-led colour pencil workshop. If you have never used modern colour pencils, it is worth attending to see the amazing effects that can be achieved with these materials. The workshops start at 10am in the Tom Hauley Room, finishes at about 3.30pm and cost £15 per person. New members are very welcome.

If you would like more information about either the tutor-led workshops or our social painting days, please contact Pam on 01926 814923 or email harburyart@hotmail.com

Pam McConnell

Jan's Art Classes

For anyone toying with the idea of learning to draw or paint, I would like to let you know that I have a complete beginner's drawing course starting on Monday 8th September, 1.00-3.00 pm.

Also a complete beginner's water colour course starting on Tuesday 9th September, 7.30-9.30pm and Wednesday 10th September at 10.00am-12.00pm.

For more information, call Jan on 07746 871134/ 01926 614251.

Jan Freeman



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

The Mystical Maze Reading Challenge has begun but if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to join in the fun. If you are aged between 5 and 11 years old, just call into the library and register. You need to have your own library card but entry is free.

Are you aged 15+, in year 10 or above and looking for the opportunity to work either in Biblio's or the library? Whether you are gathering volunteer hours for your Duke of Edinburgh award or want work experience to prepare you for finding future employment, working with us is an enjoyable opportunity. For those of you who join Biblio's team, you will be able to complete the online Basic Food Hygiene Certificate.

Adults are also most welcome to join our volunteer teams. If you've recently moved to the village or would like to meet people and learn new skills, we would love to hear from you. Working hours can be flexible to fit with your commitments and don't necessarily need to be every week.

If you are interested, please leave your details in either the café or library. Alternatively, you can email:

lynnbiblioscafe@gmail.com for Biblio's or rich@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk for the library and we will get back to you.

Don't forget that we are on Facebook: Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café and also on Twitter @HarburyLibrary so please post your comments and tweets.

Tunes and Tales is changing its day to a Wednesday. We meet at 10am, in term time, for half an hour of singing and stories with your little ones, from baby to five years. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per family if you enjoy yourselves. Some families get together either before or afterwards for a social chat, drink and nibbles in Biblio's, who are well equipped with high chairs, plastic cups, straws and babychinos, so please ask. Breast feeding mums are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you when we return on **Wednesday 3rd September.**

Committee News from Chairman Tim Lockley. We would like to thank Chris Rutherford, David Thistlethwaite and Bernard Cadogan, who have recently resigned from the committee, for all their hard work and dedication over the last three years. Without them the library would not be in such a strong position. We welcome Rich Fowler as the new library lead and Nicola Thompson as Treasurer.

Reminder: Biblio's summer hours until the end of August are 10am to Noon on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will resume the 9.15am opening on weekdays from 3rd September.

The library opening hours remain unchanged.

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Firstly, thank you to those who pre-booked for the Summer Lunch, but as you know, the event was cancelled due to the low take-up of tickets. We hope that those who booked were not too inconvenienced by the cancellation.

This event used to be a major fund raiser for us but in the last few years the amount of money raised has decreased. Maybe it is something that has had its day? We do raise money in other ways and have some ideas for the future; details of which will appear as and when.

Next up is the Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on 22nd November followed by the Christmas party on **Saturday 13th December** – more details will appear later in the year.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer.

P.S. A ladies jacket was found on one of the coaches after the outing. If you know who it belongs to, please call me on 612421.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



DE Duke of Edinburgh Award Group

June and July have seen the culmination of all the expedition training put in by our three groups. Our **Gold group** walked over 80km during 4 days in Snowdonia. They conquered rain, midges and tough terrain. They wild camped on the slopes of Mount Snowdon; a great experience.



Gold Group Wild Camping in Snowdonia

We encourage them all to finish off the other award sections now and follow Eleanor Clarke and Bethany Conway to St James palace to receive their award.

The **Silver group** also broke new ground for HDoE by heading for Exmoor. Some tricky navigation and surprisingly undulating relief meant that it was very testing territory. Great teamwork saw both teams through the test.



Green Group & Blue Group



Two weeks later our **Bronze group** explored the edge of Exmoor. Moorland, woodland, coastal and valley footpaths saw the teams tackle a varied route; more advanced than usual for a Bronze group. Both teams passed with flying colours and ten of the group completed their award before the end of term – a brilliant achievement.

Photos: Green Group & Blue Group

Any young person wanting to tackle the award should contact the group via our website asap: www.harburydofe.co.uk

Nick Tawney



Blood Donor Session

Thank you to everyone who braved the heat to give blood last month. Our target 100 turned up and 93 were able to make a donation.

The next Harbury session will be on Thursday 9th October.

Gillian Hare



Harbury Village Show

“There’s no business like showbusiness” so let’s make this one special. On Saturday 6th September in the Village Hall, public viewing 2 – 4pm. There will be teas, raffle and tombola and the chance to view the best of our growers’ and craftpeople’s work. Don’t forget, it is a **show**, not just a competition, so please consider entering even if it’s a first time for you. Schedules are in the Library and in Country Fayre (thanks to both); read them carefully and consult “On with the Show” in the Library for any queries. There are lots of classes including ideas to occupy your youngsters during the holidays, so get picking, get baking, get crafting and get to the hall on time! I trust by now that all the trophies have been returned to Dorothy or Gordon for engraving – if not, please do so A.S.A.P. And we shall be **very** grateful for cakes for teas and raffle prizes. These to Kath Ellis in her beautifully refurbished bungalow on cemetery corner please.

Gillian Hare

For the Village Show Steering Group



Operation Christmas Child

Apologies for using **that** word in the middle of summer, but those of you who so generously support this scheme for sending shoeboxes of good things to children who have nothing might forgive it. This is to advertise that on Saturday 9th August there will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am – 12 noon, to raise funds towards the transport costs of £3 per box. Last year we packed and sent more than 130 boxes, so would be very glad of any support, including cakes and raffle prizes.

Mike Jones and Gillian Hare

Harbury’s ‘Secret’ Gardens?



According to an ancient bye-law detailed on a web-site by ‘the secretpeople’, the Council – it could be local or parish (in our case the latter), has a “statutory obligation/duty to provide land to be used as allotments, when six or more council tax payers make a request to acquire land for that purpose”. Probably not a lot of people know that!?

However, there is no problem in Harbury, as the allotments at the end of Pineham Avenue have flourished for many years and currently there are 44 Allotmenters, who regularly till the ground to produce a wide range of vegetables (mainly), fruit and flowers for family use. Originally there were

22 allotments, each of which was 4 chains in length (88 yards), but then, as demand rose in recent years, there was a waiting list. The allotments were sub-divided into 2 chain lengths (44 yards) and some have even been sub-divided again into 1 chain lengths. A chain for those who do not know about pre-metrication measurements is 22 yards, whilst 10 chains = 1 furlong and 8 furlongs = 1 mile - a detail many people above a certain age would remember chanting at school, whilst it would be of no relevance to modern day schooling, except perhaps for those who wished to take up farming – or holding an allotment!



Harbury Parish Council oversees the management of the allotment plots and issues a warning at the entrance to the land that a £5 fine will be imposed on anyone who is not entitled to remove produce! The Council ensures that there is piped water on the allotments, but many holders also collect rain water in a range of water butts, so that in times of near drought (as at the moment!), plants can

be watered effectively. Unfortunately, the track leading to the allotments does not allow vehicular access, so holders have to carry large items (tools) to their sites or in the case of some very impressive produce, wheelbarrows to carry away the 'fruits of their labours'.

The Parish Council also makes an annual award for the best kept allotment and a special cup is presented each year at the annual Village Show following a separate adjudication. The cup was first given for 'Hedgelaying' prowess in the Parish, but as time has gone on that competition faded away, so now the names of Messrs Clifford, Mahon, Pratt and Robbins feature most prominently as winners of the 'Best Kept Allotment'. Next month the allotment holders will be vying with each other to put on a display of



Gordon & Liz on their allotment

their impressive produce alongside members of the village who enter the arts and baking categories, the flower arrangements and jam/chutney classes. It's always very worthwhile making a visit to the Show in the afternoon, so you can marvel at the range of talent from all ages in the community.

Harbury Village Show – September 6th in the Village Hall – see details elsewhere in the magazine.

Warwickshire Young Voices



Local Youth Choir, Warwickshire Young Voices hits another high note at the end of their sixth year.

The 70+ local children who come to sing together on a weekly basis in Southam and Leamington, from across South Warwickshire, have celebrated the end of another amazing year of achievements with a wonderful evening of music,

games, performance and awards for their friends and families.

This year the children from across the WYV choirs have performed at over 25 public events, the most recent being a VIP Gala Charity evening raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. They have learned a fantastic range of music – from popular songs to new music composed especially for them – and gained amazing experiences in vocal technique, confidence and teamwork.

After a well-deserved rest over the summer holiday, the WYV team and choirs will be back with even more term time music making activities in September. Due to massive popular demand, there will be two new choir groups; 'Treble Makers' for children in reception and year one and an adult choir group, 'Every Voice' for those aged 16+ in addition to the regular activities of the 'Rising Stars' choir for children in year 2 – year 11.



WYV rehearses on a Monday evening in Leamington at Dale Street Methodist Hall and a Thursday evening at The Fabulous Arts Academy in Southam. Registration is now open for all groups and places are already going fast – sign up now online at www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org to reserve your place or call 01926 810179 for more information.--

Warwickshire Young Voices Team,
www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 5th August and Tuesday 2nd September from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month. Local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

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

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

Apparently there was a World Cup recently which England took part in for a while, so we thought you might appreciate the following written by Bob Thornicroft around 1985.

Football memory 60 years ago

The account of the Boxing Day football match in January's Harbury News causes me to wonder how many people in Harbury today, not more than ten I am sure, were present at the final of the Kineton Shield, played at Kineton on Easter Monday 1925, between Harbury Rovers and Southam United. In those bygone days village teams had the following and interest of the whole village, and good crowds at every match.

On this great day, all roads led to Kineton and there were over 3000 people present. Harbury and Southam were of course well represented as also were Bishops Itchington and most of the surrounding villages. The latter were all rooting for Southam as several of them had been beaten by Harbury in the previous rounds of the competition. Harbury team was: A Turner; H Cash; J Mann; E Austin; R Gurden; F Padbury; C Bloxham; A Thornicroft; J Bunn; J Griffin; G Bishop. There is only one surviving member of that team now, Mr J Mann, leftback and captain, who now lives at Crown Close. Of the Southam team, unfortunately I can only name three: J Earle in goal; G Turner, captain and C Pittom, centre forward.

The game in those days was really tough, far different from how it is played today. Southam set up a terrific pace and in five minutes were a goal up. Harbury on the other hand just would not seem to get going. There were some glum faces among the Harbury supporters at half time as Southam had scored again and the way they were playing all seemed lost. However, the second half was different. Harbury threw everything into attack and Griffin scored a lovely goal. Southam defended desperately and hung onto their slender lead until five minutes from time, when in a desperate attack on the Southam goal, J Earle was bundled ball and all into his net. The scores were level and excitement was intense as extra time was played. Both teams were now tiring and everyone had given up hope of seeing a result, but a few minutes from time, C Bloxham, a well known local sprinter, made a great run

to easily beat the tiring Southam defence and put across a beautiful pass to Griffin who scored the winning goal.

Alderman Parker presented the shield to Mr Mann who, when called upon for a speech said, "Thank you, but I would rather play another match than make a speech". The team and shield were then proudly brought back to Harbury in Mr Smith's 1921 Model T Ford.

R E Thornicroft

Nigel Chapman

Harbury Energy Initiative

I would like to think that HEI is massively busy all the time. But it's summertime and the living is easy. Fish jumping and cotton being high, we are taking time to work out what we do next for Harbury in order to cut energy costs and reduce carbon release – and having a bit of a holiday. Since we started as a group in 2010, we have been caught up in a flow of activities and events that have been aimed at supporting villagers and village community building committees in reducing their fossil fuel use or in generating their own energy and heat. We are looking at the possibility for community energy generation to benefit the village and we are still working at the idea of a loan fund or credit union. These latter need lots of time, effort and a bit of luck and we need to consider whether this is the best use of our personal energy or whether our focus should be elsewhere. We feel, however, that we must act; we are indeed doomed if no one can be bothered to take issues seriously at local or global level.

Government initiatives and chocolate-coated incentives have been offered with increasing urgency to tempt householders and community groups to take action. How many of us, I wonder, are aware of the urgency in meeting our energy needs with clean energy and what is on offer? I try to keep updated about these initiatives in a number of industry publications but the stories get lost in amongst other tragedies and triumphs in the mainstream media. Do you know if you are entitled to ECO payments? Could the Renewable Heat Incentive make replacing your existing gas or oil heating system affordable? Could you be entitled to free cavity wall insulation? How much could you save by replacing an old freezer? What low carbon grants and incentives are currently available that apply to you? All Government incentive payments require you to complete a Green Deal Assessment first. Our aim is to help bring support to you by finding trustworthy technical help and advice (often free). A number of Harbury residents have now contacted me to arrange Green Deal Assessments. These are not free but an essential first step and, in some cases 66% recoverable from a Government grant. The longer you leave it the less the incentive payments will be. Do contact me (details below) – I really don't mind a few moments away from the garden to see if I can help.

The latest Government scheme, the Big Energy Saving Network, is aimed at reaching those most in need of help, because *'There is considerable evidence that vulnerable consumers are often among those that are the most disengaged from the energy market and often lack the confidence necessary to save money by taking action on tariffs, switching and energy efficiency'* [DECC Grant Offer Fund Guidance Notes]. HEI is not eligible to apply but we will see if we can take part in any local bid for the region.

Have a good summer.

Bob Sherman
T: 612277 E: shermanbob55@gmail.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 19th September we will be holding our annual Coffee Morning for the Macmillan Nurses in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am – 12 noon.

Please come and support this worthwhile cause and enjoy a coffee and chat with friends. Raffle, cakes, bring and buy etc. Everyone welcome!

The Girls

Stratford upon Avon Citizens' Advice Bureau

Stratford CAB aims to help tackle the problems that most affect people's lives. We deliver telephone and face to face information and advice in high street locations and community venues across the District. Our advice is free, confidential and impartial and we can help with any issue from debt, housing and employment problems to questions about welfare benefits, family, legal and consumer matters, plus everything in between. As well as our main office in Stratford upon Avon we also operate outreach advice surgeries in Southam, Alcester, Shipston, Wellesbourne, Studley, Lighthorne Heath, Bidford and Henley in Arden. In addition we run a monthly surgery at the MS Society.

The Southam outreach surgery is based at Unit 9, Brewsters Corner, Pendicke Street (temporary accommodation). This is held on Tuesdays from 10.00 am to 1pm, and to book an appointment here or at any of our other outreaches, please telephone 01789 200136.

Alongside our general advice work, we also have specialist Money Advice and Housing teams who support people with debt problems or who have been threatened with eviction from their home. We also have a new Financial Capability worker, who is able to build people's confidence in managing their money. The support includes help to put together a household budget and deal with household bills, ways to manage any debt and cut the cost of utility bills, as well as help to get clued up on credit, and become a more confident consumer. The project covers Stratford District, and we can see clients either

at the Bureau, or visit them at home. To book an appointment for this service, please telephone 01789 200134.

Stratford CAB is able to undertake home visits to people who are aged 50+ years and who find it difficult to leave their home. Advice and information is provided on disability benefits, including benefit checks as well as assistance with completing disability benefit forms. To book a home visit please telephone 01789 200136.

For more information about all of these services and more, please visit our website: www.stratforduponavoncab.org.uk

Maria Veitch



Southam & District Lions

Southam & District Lions present the 2014 Ken Graham Party for Senior Citizens, to be held at Southam College on Saturday 20th September 2014 at 2.00pm.

We welcome all senior citizens from around the district to this annual party; entertainment is by 60Plus, Bill Mckechnie and the children of Secret Garden Musical Theatre School.

This happy event is now in its 43rd year and we do want to see as many of our Senior Citizens as possible. Transport is free, all we need to know is where to pick up from and deliver back to!



Please contact Malcolm on 01926 814294.

Peter Guy

Chesterton Church

Everyone is welcome to come along to Chesterton Church and enjoy tea and cake being served on the first four Sunday afternoons in August to support our fundraising effort. Coffee Hour 10.15 - 11.15am on Monday 4th August to commemorate the centenary of the start of WWI. Welcome to light a candle in memory of the men who lost their lives.

Many thanks.

Jo Spurr

Southam Community Education Classes

Community Education classes run by Southam College commence week starting 8th September 2014. Leaflets will be available from local libraries, shops and the Leisure Centre or visit our page on the Southam College website www.southamcollege.com/CommEd1.

For further information, please contact us on 01926 810942 or email commed.s@welearn365.com. The office re opens on Monday, 1st September. "Like" Southam College on Facebook for updates and links to our programme.

Sue Hawthorn - Tel: (01926) 810942
Southam College Community Education Centre



Laterlife Challenge

Have you done something new since you retired? Started a new hobby or interest, joined a club or planned an event or trip? The Laterlife Challenge is looking for entries from the over 60s to demonstrate how people are making the most of their retirement years. There are some great prizes and also the knowledge that your story may help inspire others who are finding their senior years lonely or difficult. Chief Judge is Blue Peter's Valerie Singleton. Find out more by visiting: www.laterlife.com/challenge

Sally Smith

A Service to Commemorate the Beginning of the First World War

All Saints', Harbury

Sunday 17th August at 6pm



***Do join us for this service of hymns, readings, poetry and
reflection as we remember the fallen from our village***





LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for all the many cards, calls and prayers during my recent illness. I feel very privileged to live in such a caring community, with so many friends.

Love and prayers to you all,

Tony Stubbs

Dear Editors

With the closure of Windmills Nursery in July and the opening of Banana Moon and Mucky Pupz over the summer, childcare is changing dramatically within Harbury. On one hand there may now be more choice for parents but I am saddened by the loss of a nursery from the school site which I see as a backward step for the whole community. Guidance from the Department of Education indicates that integrated centres and nursery school provision have the highest scores on pre-school quality and evidence shows that attending a high or medium quality preschool, has a lasting effect on social and behavioural outcomes for children which extends not just into the first year of school but beyond. I know I chose Windmills Nursery primarily for being on the school grounds and the high quality of childcare offered and both my children had a smooth and easy transition into school and continue to excel there. I feel that despite the extra choice of childcare providers that may now be available in Harbury that parents are losing out on having a provision within school.

I feel privileged to have been involved with Windmills Nursery, first as a parent and on the fundraising group and more recently as a voluntary administrator and director. I would like to give everyone my best wishes who has been involved with Windmills over the last few years and is having to move onto new ventures.

To celebrate the life of Windmills Nursery I would like to do a special article next month and also longer term build up a folder for The Heritage Room at school. If you have any stories, photos or memories of Windmills Nursery or when it was Harbury Nursery School operating from the Village Hall, please email them to katharine.giblin@btopenworld.com or post them to 10 Constance Drive, Harbury CV33 9JA. Photos can be scanned and returned if necessary.

Katharine Giblin (613084)

Dear Editors**Notice to dog owners**

There is a black Staffy being looked after whilst its owner is away that has been accompanied to the recreation ground. It is not muzzled, it should be! So far it has caused £00s of vet's bills by attacking a number of dogs. WATCH OUT! You have been warned!

Bryan Pratt
An anxious dog owner

Dear Editors

We thank everyone who joined us for the Myton Hospice coffee morning. We appreciate those who made cakes and gave raffle prizes. Before the raffle was drawn, we were presented with the "Spirit of Harbury" Award. Nigel Adams from the fundraising office came too. We were surprised but very happy to receive the award. The total amount raised including generous donations was £400.55 so thank you all very much.

Harbury Support Group**Dear Editors**

May I just say how lovely the wildflower meadow in the churchyard has looked this Spring. By the end of June tidy gardeners may feel that it is very overgrown, but the volunteers who manage the churchyard need to allow all the flowers and grasses to seed before they mow it down so that we can have the same beautiful display next year. Someone commented recently that he had never seen such a diversity of wildlife anywhere else.

By the end of July it will probably be all tidied up. I do thank the people who give their time to care for our churchyard so well.

Mary Catt

BOOKINGS FOR		
HARBURY SCOUT HUT	HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB CONCERT ROOM	HARBURY VILLAGE HALL
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All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 st Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Communion
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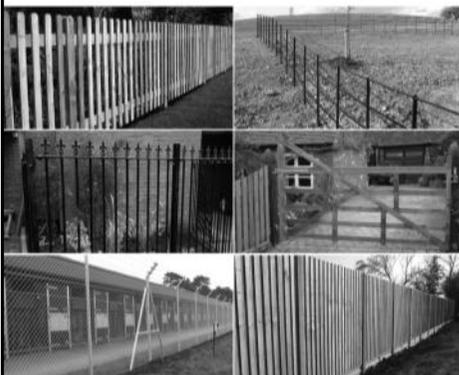
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