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Editorial

The fine autumn weather has seen Ladbroke being spruced up with a new surface on the main road, a repainted telephone box and Church Cottage is having a new roof re-thatched by a Ladbroke resident. Meanwhile in Harbury there are a number of controversial planning proposals that are causing concern.

A few years ago the back copies of the magazine were placed on the Harbury and Ladbroke News website but this lapsed. With a new hosting site and it being easier to put the magazine into PDF format we are considering doing this again. However if any contributors have concerns over this, do please get in touch with the Editorial Office.

Finally we send our sympathies to the families of Betty Bloxham, John Hearth, Sallie Humphreys and Brian Moffitt.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Theatre Group
- Sun 5 **TRINITY XVI**
 Sung Communion, 9.00am
 Little Saints' Service followed by food and refreshments 10.30am
 Celtic Service, 6.00pm
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
 Harvest Festival Service, 6.00pm at Chesterton Church
 Tennis Club Quiz, 7.30pm for 8.00pm in Village Club
- Mon 6 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 7 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
 Heritage Room open 6.30 to 8.30pm, at School
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Horticultural Society, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, John Page - Introducing Trees.
- Wed 8 Heritage Group AGM, 8.30pm in Heritage Room at school
 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park, Radway to Edgehill (4½ miles)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm

- Wed 8 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners and 8.00pm improvers in the Village Hall
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Blood Donors, 1.30-3.30pm & 4.30-7.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room—Spices by Rob Totterdell
- Fri 10 Jazz Evening with Play Django by Twinning Association, 7.30pm at Village Hall
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
P.C.C. Harvest Supper, 7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 12 TRINITY XVII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 13 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
Southam Mop Fair, officially opens at 3.30pm, Hog Roast starts at 7.00pm
Pilates & Wellbeing, 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 14 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury Primary School P.T.A., AGM, 7.00pm in the School Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Tennis Club Men's Doubles Tournament
- Wed 15 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park, Crabmill to Yarningale Common (3 miles)
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Mamma Mia' doors open 6.15, film starts 7.00pm in the Village Hall
- Sun 19 TRINITY VXIII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Harvest Festival Family Service with schoolchildren and Commissioning Service for new Head Teacher, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 20 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
Pilates & Wellbeing, 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 21 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Tennis Club Ladies' Doubles Tournament

- Tues 21 Harbury Society talk on History of Transport in the Midlands
7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 22 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,
Fenny Compton to Avon Dassett & Burton Dassett with optional
pub meal (5 miles – hilly)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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5.30PM
- Sat 25 Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Entrust Care
- Sun 26 TRINITY XIX**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 27 Half Term begins
Pilates & Wellbeing, 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 28 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 29 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,
Priors Marston (3 miles)
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 31 Myton Hospice Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in
Tom Hauley Room

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Pre-School
- Sun 2 IV BEFORE ADVENT – TRINITY XX**
Holy Communion Service with the Bishop of Warwick, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, followed by food & refreshments
10.30am
All Souls' Service to remember those we love, 6.00pm
Windmills Nursery Reunion, 4.00-7.00pm at the Shakespeare
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- Tues 4 Heritage Room open 6.30 to 8.30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Horticultural Society, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room;
Roger Umpleby – Bredon Hill throughout the Year
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,
Radford Semele to Harbury (4 miles)
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union AGM, 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 5 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners and 8.00pm improvers in the Village Hall
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Harbury Art Group, 10.00am to 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Tom Hauley Room
Bonfire and Fireworks, bonfire lit at 6.00pm, fireworks at 6.30pm at Recreation Ground
- Sun 9 **III BEFORE ADVENT**
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Remembrance Service, 10.15am
Act of Remembrance, 11.00am at War Memorial

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
October	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	8	9	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	16	17	Grey Bin
	22	23	24	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	29	30	31	Grey Bin
Nov	5	6	7	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	12	13	14	Grey Bin
	19	20	21	Green & Blue Lid Bins

	<h2>From the Rector</h2> <p>All Saints HARBURY</p>	<p>Reverend Craig Grocock The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉kankudai43@aol.co.uk</p>
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Harvest - celebration and challenge!

On Sunday 5th October at Ladbroke, and on Sunday 19th October at Harbury, we will celebrate Harvest Festival once again. Both churches will smell and look wonderful with sheaves of corn on the pew ends, fruit and vegetables on the windowsills and bread on the altar; it really is a fantastic time of the year.

The churches will be full of people. At Harbury, we will welcome the wonderful children from our Church school who will sing, lead prayers and challenge us,

in the way that only children can, about the importance of sharing, and to always be thankful for the many things God gives to us each and every day.

Harvest time gives us all the opportunity to be thankful for those who work and farm our land, especially those in and around our villages. We all need them and are dependant on them. Let us support them, not only with our thoughts and prayers, but, as I often say, by buying locally where we can, from our farm shops and from grocers who stock locally produced fruit and vegetables.

So often we take for granted the food we have in abundance and the water that pours out of our taps. Yet at harvest time we are reminded to be grateful for these simple things; our fridges and cupboards that burst with food and our water literally 'on tap' when we need it.

At Harvest time we are invited and challenged to pray and work for the relief of hunger in our world and country where too many people still lack the basic essentials of life. How scandalous is it that we have to have Food Banks in this country at all!

Harvest is a wonderful time of thanksgiving but let us not run away from the challenge it presents to us, a challenge to change the world and make a difference.

God bless.

From the Registers:

Funerals, All Saints' Harbury

10 th September	Betty Bloxham (84 years)
12 th September	Brian Moffitt (71 years)
17 th September	John Hearth (85 years)
18 th September	Sallie Humphreys (77 years)

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

13 th September	Ian McVarish and Natalie Woolley
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From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

Well, with the holiday season now coming to an end, autumn beckons. We have been as busy as ever at All Saints for the last month. At the time of writing we are full on with the many and diverse activities of HOPE 14 – both Deanery-wide and in Harbury. So far things have gone very well with events being well attended – do look out for details of the follow-on course

'Just Looking', which we plan to start on 9th October for five weeks, as a gentle introduction to the Christian faith.

On 13th September we had tremendous fun at a Family Barn Dance held at the Village Hall to kick HOPE 14 off with a bang – and it certainly did that! The music lifted the rafters and we all enjoyed hot dogs and cakes. Many thanks to all who organised, helped and attended. Then, last Sunday at our monthly 'Saints Alive' service we welcomed the Pilgrim Puppets from the Feldon Group who take their larger than life puppets into schools, care homes, and of course churches, to enact Bible stories in their own inimitable fashion through well- known songs.

And finally, we met with the insurance assessor for our regular insurance review – and I am pleased to say that we were commended on the way that we run the church from an insurance point of view.

All Saints offers a diverse range of services and activities irrespective of where you are in your Christian journey, and we would love to see you at one of our services or events: examples vary from our monthly Powerhouse prayer meeting held on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm in church, where we focus on quiet prayer for the local community and wider issues, to the Worship and Word service, held on a Sunday evening every few weeks, which embraces more modern sung worship with a brief talk and to Little Saints which is an activity-based session for toddlers and small children. In many cases refreshments of some sort are on offer!

If you would like to know more about the various forms of worship on offer then please talk to Elaine (813654) or John (614206). If you would just like to help with church related activities like the Tom Hauley Room lunch, you would also be more than welcome.

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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Our September meeting began in church. Reverend Craig Grocock conducted the service with readings by Chris Rutherford and Sue Boniface. "New Beginnings" was the theme. It was lovely to see all our fellow members after the August break.

After the service we had tea and biscuits and caught up with M.U. news as well as each other.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on **Wednesday 1st October** in the Tom Hauley Room.

On **Wednesday 5th November 2014** we have a meeting and it is also our AGM. Please all come and join us, everyone is welcome.

All Saints' Harvest Supper

It's not too late to get your tickets (£3 from Fliss Harris 612395) for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 11th October at the Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. It is a bring-and-share supper (bring a plate of cold meat, salads, cheese, quiches, desserts etc. and whatever you want to drink, as there will be no bar) but if you feel you really can't provide anything do just come - I'm sure there will be plenty. If you need help getting there, let me (613214) or Fliss know and we will try to arrange transport.

The entertainment will be by a local musical group Rumble-o, and there will be the usual raffle for which we would welcome prizes. This will be in aid of the Farming Community Network (formerly Farm Crisis Network). Living in an agricultural area in Harbury, we are very conscious, particularly at Harvest time, of the contribution that farmers make to our well-being, and FCN provides pastoral and practical support for those farming families who are having real problems and can't cope.

Do come and share in an enjoyable evening.

Sally Stringer (613214)



Follow The Star!

Preparations for this year's live telling of the Christmas story, are now well under way. It will take place in Harbury village on Saturday 20th December 2014, and we look forward to as many of you as possible being able to join us as we 'Follow the Star' around the village, singing carols as we go.

Our journey will begin from the Shakespeare pub at around 4.30pm. We will then travel together, stopping at various places on the way, and accompanied by the beautiful donkey 'Full Moon', to hear the story of the Nativity unfold by way of readings, music and carols, until we reach the star's final resting place.

Please join us as we once again re-create this wonderful story (in a slightly different way!!). It will be darker this year as we set out, so if you have lanterns or torches, please bring them with you. Children, and adults too if you would like to, are invited to dress up as one of the characters – or even one of the animals! At the end of the afternoon there will be refreshments - mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and biscuits for us all to share.

If you want any further information or would like to offer help at the event, please contact Rev'd Annie Goldthorp on 614868 or Gill Guilford on 614206.

Rev'd Annie Goldthorp

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OCTOBER

- Sun 5 HARVEST FESTIVAL**
Family Communion, 10.30am
Harvest Lunch, 12 noon at The Old Rectory (phone 810331 for tickets)
- Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 8 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 11 Quiz Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 12 TRINITY XVII**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 15 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
Home Group, 8.00pm Cherry Trees, School Lane
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- Sat 18 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 19 TRINITY XVIII**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Wed 22 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 23 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM
WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 25 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 26 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 29 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 30 Home Group, 8.00pm Cherry Trees, School Lane

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Millennium Green Working Party, 10.00am (to be confirmed,
phone 810331 to check)
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 2 ALL SAINTS' DAY**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 5 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 8 Supper and Magician, Village Hall
- Sun 9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Remembrance Service, 3.00pm



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

We started and ended the month with a wedding in church. Congratulations to Sam and Claire, who both grew up in Ladbroke, and to Stuart and Rachael; her grandfather was Canon Tony Rowe, one of our previous Rectors.

Big thanks to David Wright for organising not one but two musical HOPE14 events here in Ladbroke and for all the villagers who helped, especially Huw and his team at The Bell Inn for providing over 60 people with a delicious meal on Saturday night and, on the following day, to the WI for hot drinks, the Teversons for the temporary facilities and all those who erected the large gazebo (despite the instructions!) on the Millennium Green.



Fonix Duo at the Feast of Sound



Spa Brass at the Picnic on the Green

Our church visitors' book records the names and comments of some of the people who have come into the building over the last 30 plus years. On Friday 26th September we were visited by all of Year 5 from St James School, Southam, who were on a mission to find out about Ladbroke Church. They heard a little about the history and learnt about some of the different parts of the building and the things we use in services. Then they searched for answers to a quiz before heading back to school. We hoped they enjoyed finding out about our church, it was fun for us seeing it through nine year old eyes.

By the time you read this we will be into our harvest celebrations - see the diary for details. There are a number of special events in November: we will be celebrating All Saints' Day one day late, not on the 1st but on **Sunday 2nd November** when Bishop John of Warwick will lead the Family Service at 10.30am. Then on **Saturday 8th November** we will be holding a fundraising MAGIC SUPPER in Ladbroke Village Hall. The young magician in attendance, Fletcher Ransberry, cannot work miracles so the delicious hot meal (casseroles and puddings) will be prepared by the "Ladies of Ladbroke". As we eat he will come round the tables entertaining us with his

sleight of hand, before taking to the stage and amusing and amazing us with more tricks. For more information or tickets which cost £15, contact Jackie 01926 810331.

Remembrance Sunday is **Sunday 9th November**, our Civic Service with wreath laying by local organisations, will be at 3.00pm.

And finally, for those that want to plan their Christmas activities I can confirm that the Ladbroke Carol Service will be on **Sunday 21st December** at 6.30pm.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

6th September

Claire Murray and Samuel Archer

27th September

Rachael Nicholls and Stuart Williamson



Flower Rota

Sorry for getting my months mixed up in the last edition, flowers last month were by Kate Pickin and Margaret Whitehouse and in the coming weeks as follows:

11th October & 18th October

Elizabeth Evans

25th October & 1st November

Margaret Clarke



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

The formal minutes taken by the Parish Clerk will be displayed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn in due course; these are the points I noted during the meeting on 17th September.

Neighbourhood Watch: Jim Laider is our new NW co-ordinator.

St James School Playing Field: no progress.

Phone Box: this is bright red again thanks to Rickard Walker for providing the paint and Lara Kelly who spent many hours carefully applying it. Some villages e.g. Kinton and Priors Marston, use their redundant phone boxes to house a defibrillator; this will be looked into to see if it would be appropriate for ours.

Noticeboard: a volunteer carpenter to repair these is sought, the Parish Council will provide the materials.

Planning: The demolition of a farm building and erection of a single storey dwelling at Dovecot had been approved, also the extension at Quince Cottage. The change of use at 7 Hedges Close was refused on a technicality and this was incorporated into a further application for a proposed fence, gates and hard standing on which the Parish Council made no representations.

Highways, Footpaths and Drainage: The resurfacing of the main road through the village had gone well: it looks a good job and was done to schedule, apparently it cost £92,000. The Highways response to our concerns that resurfacing was premature and the drainage issues should have been resolved first, was that although the full drainage investigation report had not been studied in detail, nor made available to Ladbroke Parish Council yet, any remedial work could be done under the footways or related to poor drainage on private land, i.e. home owners responsibilities. Also full resurfacing rather than surface dressing and the reappearance of white lines (which has surprised local horses who are not keen to cross them) is **not** in preparation for more traffic when HS2 work starts - the conspiracy theory to this effect is just that - the council are not that organised! Each October the list of highways work for the coming year is assessed, so now is the time to remind them of issues, such as the edge of the road near the Deppers Bridge junction.

Progress towards the balancing pond on the far side of the bypass, to reduce the risk of the brook flooding its banks into village homes, is frustratingly slow; the current activity is resolving land ownership issues.

Village Hall and Millennium Green: Since the last meeting there have been maintenance activities and another well supported film night. The next fund raising activity is a quiz night on 11th October. The Village Hall constitution is being updated - when last done about 15 years ago, various village organisations, including the Parish Council, could nominate one of their members to the trustees/management committee. However in the intervening years all had ceased to do so, so it was proposed to delete this clause from the constitution unless any of them wished to nominate someone. The Parish Council decided that, as the Village Hall was governed by the rules of charities and had an AGM open to all, they would let their right to nominate someone lapse.

HS2: There is a consultation ongoing about compensation, with additional clauses relating to distances from the line, in rural areas.

1. Within 60m of the line properties will be purchased at the unblighted value
2. 60 - 120m there is a voluntary purchase scheme and if people are happy to stay some compensation will be paid
3. 120 - 300m there is a sliding scale of compensation (from £22,000 to £7,500).

Very few properties within Ladbroke Parish are less than 300m from the line and it is thought that any comments relating to compensation for homes beyond this distance will be ignored as they are not consulting on this. However the Parish Council agreed to submit a response, saying that we do not agree with a 300m cut off and, with regard to the 120 - 300m offer, the compensation should be the difference between the blighted and unblighted value + 10%.

The Select Committee are listening to petitions and will be visiting our area in early October. They may speak with one or two members of the public at the places they visit but will ignore any group approaches. It is estimated Ladbroke petitions will be heard in November.

WCC: Previous info was repeated such as cost savings are beginning to bite, boundary changes will cause a reduction from 62 to 57 areas, with one councillor for each and Fenny Compton joining the Feldon Area that includes Ladbroke. The Community Forum on 29th September will cover police and planning, including the community infrastructure levy. Southam now has a full member of the police force based there: PC Cramp. The Parish Council are urged to respond to the "rather woolly" Health and Wellbeing Strategy which is out for comment.

SDC: the Core Strategy has been adopted, sent to the inspector and is at the public inspection stage until the end of the year. SDC are about the 40th of 300 councils to have got this far and hopefully it will be approved in March 2015. Ron Ball, our Police and Crime Commissioner, will fund a Rural Crime Co-ordinator who, working through the neighbourhood watch scheme, will identify patterns of rural crime for the police to follow up on.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th November.

	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Jackie West</p>
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The key notices and announcements at our September meeting included:

- members were thanked for raising £315 for the brain injury support unit and also for providing hot refreshments at the Hope 14 Picnic
- subscriptions are going up to £36 next year, anyone joining now will get the remainder of this year free
- next month is the AGM, do come and do consider standing for the committee, especially the essential roles of president, secretary and treasurer
- tickets are available for the WI Xmas shopping evening at Hatton (5th December, 5 - 9pm, 10% discount)

The main part of the evening was an illustrated talk on **The W.I. at War** by Jon Goodson and Vince Williams, two very proficient speakers. It was a fascinating story, especially some of the efforts and undertakings during the Second World War. Although the WI in Britain had started in 1915 with just 12 members, by the start of the Second World War one in three villages had a WI and by the end of that war there were 300,000 members of this rural organisation, 13% of the female population. The Government urged the WI to continue meeting during the war as it was both a very positive influence on the nation's nutrition and raised women's morale. The WI were given extra rations of sugar to make jam, with a 60% sugar / 40% fruit version going to shops, hospitals and canteens and a lower sugar content version to schools. WI members were obviously very trustworthy as there was only one WI member, Mrs Pratt, who abused the sugar supplies, diverting them to the Black Market. Lady Denman emphasised that the WI was not involved directly in the war or armaments and was no doubt proud that they raised funds to give an ambulance to the Red Cross in 1940. However the WI's neutral and pacifist ideals were interpreted broadly, for example unofficially the WI housed scientists and servicemen working on radar and they collected the small pieces of foil that German planes dropped to confuse radar systems to make button holes, with the money raised from the sale of these going to the war effort. The WI was great at organising collections, not just the obvious but also cooked bones which after processing helped stabilise nitroglycerin in bombs, and rabbit pelts which were made into fur coats for the Russians.

This presentation was only one of a wide range that Jon and Vince give; perhaps they'll make a return visit and tell us about women working on canals during WW2, trekking to K2 base camp or Mountain Rescue in the UK, another time. If anyone wishes to contact them about one of their illustrated talks call Vince on 01905 796270.

Our next WI meeting is the AGM on 23rd October.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

Quiz Night – 11th October, 7pm in the Village Hall

Whether you are a 'University Challenger', a 'Mastermind', or an 'Egghead' this is the event for you. It's not too late to 'phone a friend' and form a team. The entry fee per team is £20 and should consist of no more than four players. To register your team, contact David Wright (email: davidwright1303@gmail.com) or Carol Lane (tel: 814715). Light refreshments will be available during the evening and the bar will supply the drinks.

Film Night

We hold a village film night periodically courtesy of Stratford District Council's 'Moving Pictures' initiative. The next film night will be a Christmas Special planned for Friday 5th December. Further details will be available nearer the time but do put this date in your diary now.

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 pub 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 us (details are in our leaflet and on the Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£50	Jonathan Ford	£50	Kim Bendzak
£25	Derek and Collette Batty	£25	Dianne and Trevor Surgey
£25	John and Jenny Barrett	£10	Debs and Seth Brown
£10	Helen Ballard	£10	Alan Lord
£10	Colin and Kay Constable	£10	Mary Coley

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Mike Todman



Mosque Doors & Windows by Jackie West

At last month's meeting there were some excellent examples of 'Symmetry' entered for the competition including churches, bridges, landscapes and abstracts, with Jackie and Jennie well represented in the winners. Symmetry can be a perfect mirroring of half or so of the picture, or a natural mirror image that may not be identical (e.g. interior of a church), but retains a sense of order. The other part of the evening was spent looking at 'Portraits',

not as obvious as some might imagine as these don't necessarily have to be people. Some excellent examples of animals, birds and even statues were shown! Lighting and good positioning of eyes seemed to make the difference with the best.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 7th October, Richard and Nathalie will be showing us photos of their year in China and telling us something about the people, culture and architecture they encountered. Photographers, and anyone interested in finding out what it is like in China now, are most welcome to join us that evening at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. All we ask of our visitors is a £2.50 contribution, which helps towards the cost of hiring the hall and refreshments, and whether they would like tea or coffee with their cake during the break in proceedings. To find out more about this meeting or the photography club generally please email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

Thatching for Beginners



As anyone walking or driving along Church Road in Ladbroke in the past month will have observed, Church Cottage's new roof is slowly taking shape in the capable hands of Brandon Thatchers (website: thatch.gb.com). What is perhaps less well known is that the man in charge, Andy Crompton, lives in Ladbroke, so I took the opportunity to find out more from this master craftsman.

Thatching is a skill that requires many years of practice, Andy has put in 28 up to now. The first four years or so he worked as an apprentice to a

Master Thatcher, then he spent some time as a Journeyman working for a number of different thatchers, before becoming his own boss and a Master Thatcher himself.

Church Cottage with its new extension is the largest domestic job that Andy has done. When I spoke with them on 22nd September, Andy and his two colleagues - Will, from Lighthorne, and Joe who travels in from Northamptonshire - had been working on this thatch for three weeks and they reckon they were still less than half way through. At the other end of the scale Andy has thatched summer houses, a bus shelter and even a village sign. Jobs don't come more local than Ladbroke and the furthest away from base he has worked is in the Scottish Highland and Islands and in Holland.



My next questions were technical – what does thatching involve? Most of Andy's roofs are made of Combed Wheat Straw or, like this one, of Water Reed. This can be obtained in small quantities from Norfolk but it is harvested commercially all over Europe and China. The roof of Church Cottage will use approx 4000 bundles of reed (13 tons), sourced from Hungary.

The two main parts of a thatched roof are the COAT and the RIDGE (think of an overcoat providing most of the protection and the ridge like the collar giving more at the top). A good thatched roof does not absorb the rain, instead each reed acts like a long thin tile, providing a surface for the water to run along. It only runs off the ends slowly though, which is why you see icicles hanging from thatched roofs in cold winters.

All the thatching work on Church Cottage so far has been on the coat and as they worked Andy and Will explained what they were doing. Starting at the bottom edge of the roof a few bundles of reed are laid on, cut edge downwards and the cord tying each bundle together is cut. The reed is initially held in place using a temporary SWAY (fixing) made from a few horizontal reeds held by metal hooks. The side edges of adjacent bundles are blended together by hand, the technical term is to FIRKLE (that's a good one for Scrabble) and then the cut ends are tapped into position using a metal tool or THE REED IS DRESSED USING A LEGGET if you speak thatching jargon. Finer detailing of the base of the reed, e.g. near dormer windows, is created using a narrower wooden bat called a DUTCHMAN. Once the reeds are in the correct position they are fixed permanently using a thin steel sway.

That was about as much as I could take in during one lesson. I have promised to go back in a few weeks, when they are working on the ridge to find out about that stage of the process, so watch this space for the second part of this article.

In the meantime if you would like to see Master Thatchers at work, do go along and watch them in action; the best views of them now will probably be from Ladbroke Churchyard, until they start working on the ridge.

Jackie West



Southam, St James CE (VA) Primary School

If you are looking for a place for your child in a Reception class in September 2015, you may be interested to know that when Warwickshire reorganised the school system some years ago, up to **five** places are reserved at St James each year for children from the parish of All Saints, Ladbroke. We are holding an open morning on **Monday, 13th October at 10.15am**, for prospective parents to view the school. The head teacher, Mrs H. Wankling, will greet visitors, before some of our older pupils show you around the school. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day. If this time is not convenient to you, please phone the school office on 01926 812127, to arrange an appointment with Mrs Wankling.

Hilary Wankling
Headteacher



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

Harbury Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting – 15th September

Your Parish Council does not usually meet in August or December, but these are dangerous times. It seems that developers never sleep! So there was an extra meeting on 15th September to discuss three planning applications that came in during August. Two were for extensions that were probably only of concern to near neighbours and the Councillors very quickly decided that they had no objections to make, but the other was very contentious.

It is for an agricultural worker's dwelling on Treens Hill below The Beeches. It is a sensitive site and one the village agreed in its Design Statement should not be further developed. However agricultural workers' dwellings are permitted, if there is a viable business that needs a permanent worker present at all times.

The application is for a dormer bungalow with a large upper storey which is labelled as providing storage and a farm office. However Councillors pointed out that in reality this was identical to a four bedroomed bungalow and could be easily converted. They were scathing about Stratford Council's Planning Enforcement Section's effectiveness in dealing with breaches of planning consent. The applicant had run an egg business on the site up to 2001 but the lack of security of a residential worker and other reasons had caused him to cease trading. This meant that he could not produce financial records to show three years profitable trading which is usually needed.

It was explained that a furniture storage business was already using the site for which there was apparently permission already granted and that business would continue after the house was built. However the planning application did not refer to this use and that would mean there would be more traffic movements out onto Treens Hill than the application indicated. As Ed Wilson pointed out, the storage was not an agricultural use.

The Chairman said the application had previously been refused on road safety grounds, and as there could eventually be 133 dozen eggs a day produced their transport would inevitably create lots of vehicle movement at an unsuitable access point.

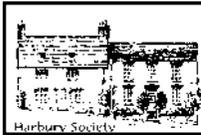
This was one of a number of concerns from Councillors and neighbours. The economic sustainability was questioned as the costings for the business did not include staffing, marketing, maintenance or cost of running the generator, licences and other statutory checks on the business. There was no mention of how carcasses or chicken litter were to be removed or how other nuisances such as smells and flies would be dealt with. Neighbours claimed that they had been troubled by this when the previous business was on that site and the prediction was the business would have 2,000 chickens on the site after three years.

The building would fundamentally change the western boundary of the village and overall they thought it would have an adverse impact, particularly on the immediate neighbours, and consequently these outweighed the benefits. It was not isolated from other housing and would extend the village envelope beyond the scarp which Councillor Summers said Neighbourhood Development Plan consultations wanted protected.

The Council were unanimous in their three objections:

1. It was on the village edge which Harbury did not want developed.
2. The business was not sustainable as there could be no guarantee it would be established or maintained for any length of time.
3. Access was dangerous.

They also demanded that there should be a condition to ensure the agricultural tie could not be removed.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

The Spinney Paddock



We have lost the Spinney Paddock that gave such pleasure to villagers in all seasons of the year and maintained a green corridor which brought wildlife into the heart of our village.

Despite urgings from the Harbury Society and veteran Parish Councillor Sharon Hancock, your Parish Council chose not to object to a planning application for a cottage and double garage across the front of the Paddock. (If a

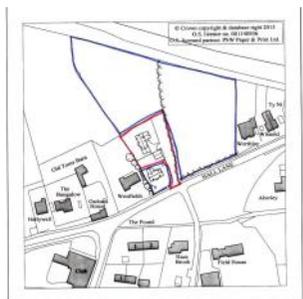
Parish Council makes “No Representation” they do not object and that means a District Council Officer makes the decision which is usually ratified by the District’s Planning Committee. So however vociferously the public makes objections the plans are likely to be passed.)

As soon as the planning permission for the cottage was granted, another application was made to move the double garage behind the cottage, and plant a large brick four-bedroomed house behind the first and put a roadway alongside the spinney.

The agents acting for the Price Family Trust (*which owns the spinney and its paddock, the Church paddock and pieces of land both sides of Bull Ring Lane*) have pointed out that as the applications are for single dwellings, the Policy which would have made them provide affordable housing was “not relevant”!

It will now be very difficult to stop the Trust developing this second dwelling and indeed now the principle of development on the paddock has been won, there is nothing to stop them coming back time and again until they have completely filled in the meadow.

Our Parish Council has chosen to have a Planning Working Party which deliberates in private rather





than a Sub-Committee open to public scrutiny, so village objectors do not know what the PC's decision is likely to be until the full Council meeting.

As the public participation session is at the beginning of the Council meeting, once the Councillors start discussing an application the public are not permitted to speak on the matter!

This is very concerning at a time when planning rules have been so emasculated that we are bombarded with speculative applications that enrich developers but provide nothing for the village, add to pressure on our facilities and degrade our rural setting.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Back to our first meeting and routine, with many dates of events to participate in. We were pleased to see visitors too.

The Harbury Village Show must be mentioned and we thank the W.I. members for entering the classes which helped to make the Show a success. Also the refreshments and helpers were great and very busy.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially Pam Parton who won the General Horticulture Cup for Craft and the W.I. Cup for the member with the most points. Didn't she do well?

As usual this month we had another interesting speaker – Elizabeth Smithams on Victorian Lingerie.

Despite the title of her talk, Elizabeth brought a wide selection of articles, mainly cotton dating back to the 1900's, some even older. She had inherited some, but after many of her talks people often pass on their collections to her. There were aprons, pillowcases, toddlers' dresses, chemises, shirts, a christening robe and pillow to name some, but all had a story. Yes, there were Victorian bloomers!

The main thing is that most were hand stitched and the work was beautiful. The sewing machine was invented about 1850 and only the rich could afford them. Just think what lovely sewing and embroidery was done with no electric light to see their work clearly.

Members were fascinated with the lace work, especially Lin Hayes, being a lace maker herself.

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th October, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, speaker – Rob Totterdell – “Spices”



Harbury Theatre Group

Andrew Lawrence

Rehearsals are well under way for our two November productions:

The adult section will be performing “All Balls and Ashes”, a wonderful comedy by Mark Robberts. The death of Seth “Hot balls” Hegginsbotham, stalwart of the local cricket team, is a great shock to the regulars of The Cloggers Arms. Frank and Eli had once promised Seth, in a moment of drunken camaraderie, that they would scatter his ashes on the village cricket field and perform certain rituals. However, Seth’s widow, the fearsome Freda, is not about to part with her husband’s ashes. Cue for a spot of incompetent urn-kidnapping and bizarre ash-scattering rituals. This hilarious play basically involves daft old men causing havoc in rural Yorkshire. Mmm...that sounds familiar. We’ll be performing on Wednesday 26th November, Thursday 27th and Saturday 29th at 7.30 each night. Tickets, at £7 for adults and £5 for concessions, will be available from Cana and Mugglestons’ from early November.

You should also come for a magical sleigh ride with Harbury Theatre Group Juniors in their first ever Christmas production - "When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney". This festive show follows a young orphan, Sasha, as she and her friends are mysteriously swept up the orphanage chimney thanks to a sprinkle of magical stardust. However, this is just the start of a thrilling adventure that takes them all the way to the North Pole, and changes their lives forever. Unfortunately, all is not well in the Frozen North and when Christmas is threatened by an evil Tooth Fairy, it's down to Sasha and her friends to save the day!

This Christmas show for all the family will have you laughing, singing, dancing and most importantly feeling fabulously festive! So, why not join us on Friday 28th November at 7.30pm, Saturday 29th November at 2.30pm or Sunday 30th November at 11am for the perfect start to the run up to Christmas. Tickets priced at £5 for adults and £4 for concessions. We hope to see you there! Please contact Emily Jackson for tickets at htgjuniors123@gmail.com



Folk Club

Sue Hartland

We were celebrating the Folk Club's 30th birthday and the theme of "numbers" seemed appropriate. We had a huge audience and 21 different acts performed.

The Harvesters kicked off with two numerical songs, then Bob had the audience participating in a clapping warm up. Martin and Pam have formed a duo and sang two songs mentioning 18 and 12. Rik followed with "Leave the light on" and "Galaxy Song". How does he remember all those words?! Maureen and Janny sang "Two Brothers" and "The Village Green Preservation Society". Jim and Summer are here all the way from Canada - it was great to see them again. Jim sang "Hi Ho Roll Me Over" and a very funny song called "Five Constipated Men". Bianco finished the first half with "5ft 2 Eyes of Blue" and "Something in the Way She Moves".

The Choir opened the second half with "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "Makunde". Peter Mc continued with "The Boatbuilders" and "Imagine". Sue got us all joining in with "One Potato" and then Ted sang a Flanders & Swann number called "All Gall" to the tune of "This Old Man". Norman did a great version of the Beatles' "Eight Days a Week" and then "I lost my Heart on a 747" Then we gave a great welcome to Summer who gave us "The Lonely Widow" and "Turn Around". The Daft Dames turned up (who are these mad women?) and sang "Don't Play Me Your Concertina". Des was next singing "A Long Time Ago" and "The Innocent Hare". Mick sang "The Nightingale" and "A Man of the Earth". The Somerville Gents were next singing about a man who wanted to be Italian and a story of city folk.

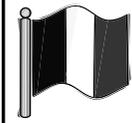
Pat and John started the third half and were joined by Diana for a medley of tunes. Peter Mason continued with "Thank you for the Years" and "Slip Jigs and Reels". Pete Grassby sang a beautiful version of "Appleby Fair" and "Ba Ba Black Sheep", then Pete and Liz did "The Settle & Carlisle Railway" and "Number Two Top Seam". Keith and Ursula performed "Said a Prayer Last Night" and then Keith closed the evening with "It was Another World".

The raffle raised the marvellous sum of £100 for Cancer Research. It was a fantastic evening and a big thank you to the very enthusiastic performers and audience. We'll do it all again next month when the evening will be hosted by Doug and Janny and the theme will be "Captivity, Freedom, Independence".

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Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

Fish & Chips and All That Django Jazz!

Hopefully, it's not too late to remind readers that the multi-talented jazz group **Play Django** are playing at Harbury Village Hall on Friday 10th October at 7.30pm.



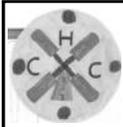
£17.50 includes a fish & chips supper with home-made apple pie and cream.

Our twin-village of Samois-sur-Seine is where Django Reinhardt spent most of his creative life, and we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep a band who specialize in his type of music.

Tickets from any of the following:-

Andrew Patrick	614359	andrewpharbury@gmail.com
Ann Vincent	614806	mandavincent@me.com
Tony Thomas	612689	pathomas.ms@tesco.net

See you there!



Harbury Cricket Club

Jez Hunt

Report for the last three games of 2014

Harbury's last few games of the season ended with one win and two losses. However there were some great performances both collectively as a team and as individuals.

It started off with a home game against Kinton. We bowled first and thanks to some brilliant bowling from Ed Russell and Henry Steele, they both managed to get a couple of wickets in the opening few overs which put us on top. However thanks to Kinton's overseas player and the rest of their batsmen they managed to post a total of over 240. Harbury's innings got off to a flyer with Nico McKenzie hitting 26 runs off the first 3 overs. Then with some solid and aggressive batting from Nick Hebbes and George Bloxham, we were heading towards their total with both passing 50. Unfortunately a batting collapse led to us losing 4 quick wickets, but thanks to George Bloxham getting a fantastic 109 and cameos from Phil Mugleston and Ed we managed to win with 4 overs to spare.

Our second to last game of the season we played Napton and, after deciding to bowl, Harbury bowled well, with Andy Morgan picking up a couple of wickets. Thanks to wickets each from John Robbins, Tom McKenzie, James Wilkinson and Dan Bolus, we managed to restrict Napton to a score of 180. Coming out to bat Nick Hebbes and George Bloxham got Harbury off to a good start, with George on his way to a very good 89 with ample support from Tom, Mick Steele and Andy; it looked like we had the game in the bag. Unfortunately even with some big hitting from Phil and Ed, Harbury just couldn't quite get over the line.

Our final game of the season came against our big rivals TNC. This time we decided to bat first and it got off to a blistering start thanks again to Nico McKenzie who got to his 50 in just 6 overs including hitting 30 runs in one over!!! After that both Nico and Nick played in a calm fashion and continued to keep the score board ticking until on 84 Nico missed timed a shot and got caught. But with Nick on his way to another 50 and the rest of the side batting well we ended up posting a solid score of 190. It was all going well with Henry taking 3 wickets and Dan taking 2 wickets. It looked like we were going to end the season with a win, but unfortunately, with a few drop catches they managed to build a solid partnership which saw them home.

Overall it was a brilliant season and with a lot of fun and a lot of good cricket played, bring on next season. We are always looking for new players: if you are ever interested please get in touch with Jez Hunt 07801 105994.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

The main event in September has been the start of the Autumn Junior Coaching programme, run for us by Tennisolutions, and it's now in full swing with new coaches, Beth Gibb and Corey Butler assisted by our own Sue Panton. Some of the mini Reds are pictured with Beth and Sue. There are still places in the groups - contact Lucy Stevenson at admin@tennisolutions.co.uk for



more details. Beth is also leading the half-term camps at Harbury for ages 4-11 from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October between 9.30am and 3.30 pm. with a half day option (9.30-12.00) for 4 and 5 year olds. The camps are open to members and non-members and you can book single or multiple days

and there's a pay for four days and get the fifth free option! The camps are designed to offer the children plenty of fun and games with the addition of tennis based skills. It's a great way to learn and enjoy sport with friends, or for those who are new to tennis and want to have a go! If you'd like any more information contact Beth on 07739 854803 or email janet@tennisolutions.co.uk

We haven't forgotten coaching for adults and there are two sessions, "Rusty Rackets" on Monday evenings and "Ladies Improver" sessions on Friday morning. Lucy is also the contact (details above) if you would like to join either of these groups.

Harbury Tennis Club Christmas Party and Disco!! All welcome.

The Harbury Tennis Club are holding a Christmas party and disco at the Village Hall on Friday 12th December 7.30 for 8pm. (Doors open at 7pm).

All are welcome as the party is open to all and not just Club members, so bring your family and friends for a night of fun, food and frolicking on the dance floor.

Just £15 per person (£5 accompanied children up to 12 years of age). To include entry and a hot meal with dessert plus disco dancing until you can bop no more!

There will also be a super raffle on the night with loads of fabulous prizes.

Please see any Tennis Club committee member for tickets (Colin/Sue Mercer, Caroline Morland, Paul Crowton, Steve Fitzgerald, Mary/Keith Thomson) or e-mail Peter Walshe on Peter.Walshe@uk.millwardbrown.com

Remember The Christmas Party at the Village Hall on 12th December – be there or be square!

**Steve Fitzgerald
Harbury Tennis Club**

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p>Lynne Barton</p>
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A special face and hand painting opportunity greeted Toddlers this month, some children were keen, some reticent, others took it all in their stride. Who is that lovely butterfly?

We try to vary our activities each week whilst maintaining continuity with familiar puzzles, books, drink & biscuit and singing time.

On **Saturday 25th October** we are hosting the Coffee Morning between 10 – 12 noon, in the Tom Hauley Room at All Saints Church. We would so pleased if you are able to support us by popping in on the morning. We also need raffle prizes, bric-a-brac and cakes to sell on the day. We are raising money for Entrust Care Partnership, a not for profit organisation which runs a range of services for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities and their families. www.entrustcarepartnership.org.uk

Harbury Toddler Group is based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) and we open our doors every Monday at 9.30am and finish at 11.15am.

Thinking of coming along or need more information - please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com. Lynne, Emma and Paul look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

New Term: We were delighted to welcome a host of new faces to Pre-School at the start of the new term. Charlie, Hunter, Millie, Amber, Luke, Lara, Evan, Rosie, Otis, Isabella and Freddie have all settled in very well with their new friends.

Ourselves: At the beginning of the term, the children brought in photographs of themselves as babies, together with pictures of other members of their families, which are now hanging on our “family tree”. The children then looked at the baby photos and drew pictures of themselves and we talked about how they had grown up and changed.



Outdoor Play: A quote on the Ofsted website states that: “Children in the early years foundation stage benefit from spending a lot of time learning through play outside, whatever the weather. This makes a significant contribution to the excellent progress they make, particularly

in the personal, social, emotional and physical development, as well as their communication skills”.

At Harbury Pre-School we aim to provide as much outdoor play as possible and, with the freshly resurfaced soft play outside space and the canopy providing shade from the sun or shelter from the rain, we are able to achieve this every day.



During September, the lovely weather has enabled us to allow the children to “freeflow” between indoor and outdoor classrooms, making use of the climbing and balancing equipment, ride on vehicles and water play. In the garden areas, they dug over the borders and harvested the potatoes from the tubs.



Healthy Eating: As a change to our normal snack time, the children talked about healthy eating and made their own sandwiches, from wholemeal bread, tomato and cucumber. They proved to be very proficient at spreading butter on the bread and adding the fillings, before cutting the slice in half in order to make the sandwich and then, of course, eating the end result!



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.



Big Lottery Fun at Harbury Pre-School

LOTTERY FUNDED The staff and children of Harbury Pre-School were delighted to discover their play area had a new, colourful safety surface when they returned from the summer break this year.

The existing surface had become weathered and worn and was about to be deemed unsafe for the children to use. The Pre-School Committee stepped in and applied to the 'Awards for All' lottery grants programme that funds small, community-based projects across the UK. We were lucky enough to find out in May this year that we had been awarded a grant of just over £6000 which, along with money raised by our voluntary fund raising group, meant that the work could be completed over the summer holidays.



The **Big Lottery Fund** is responsible for giving out 40% of the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery. The Fund is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need and has been rolling out grants to health, education, environment and charitable causes across the UK. Since its inception in 2004 the Fund has awarded close to £6bn.

Theresa Potter



Windmills
Nursery School

Katharine Giblin

Windmills Reunion

Calling anyone who was once staff, directors or on the management committee of either Windmills Nursery or its predecessor Harbury Nursery School. We would like to invite you to a gathering on Sunday 2nd November, from 4.00-7.00pm at The Shakespeare Inn, Harbury to reminisce and share memories about the nursery. If you are able to attend please contact Katharine on 613084 or email katharine.giblin@btopenworld.com. We would love to see any old photos you may have and catch up on old times.



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

Harbury School PTA AGM - Tuesday 14th October, 7pm

Our PTA is currently made up of 9 parents and 2 teacher representatives, but we have a few members standing down this year so would like some more parents to join us.

Have you been considering joining the PTA but not sure what it involves and how much of your time is required?

Do you have a banking background and fancy helping with finances?

Are you good at taking minutes?

We are happy to have a re-jig of key roles if there is one that you fancy taking on.....

We meet up once a half term and then a little more often for big events such as the Summer Fayre or Victorian Street Fayre. Most of our events have been running successfully for years so we have extensive notes to use each year. There are normally one or two members responsible for organising each event and they make use of parent helpers too.

Still interested? Then why not come along to our AGM and find out more. The current PTA members will be there and available for a chat. There will also be wine and nibbles, so please do come, there is no obligation to join but if you are considering it you will need to be there to be nominated. If you want any questions answered before-hand then please find one of us in the playground. If you are new and don't know who we are just ask someone, most people will know us and although we are not all on the playground every day there is always at least one or two of us there, or contact Katharine at katharine.giblin@btopenworld.com.

Tuesday 14th October at 7pm in the School Hall



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

It's fingers crossed time again, as two members of the fund-raising committee have been burning the midnight oil recently in order to meet the deadline for applications for potential funding from landfill organisations. If either, or hopefully both, of these are successful, it is hoped that the final stage in the modernisation of the Hall can go ahead sometime next year.

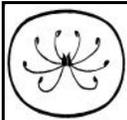
As with everything achieved by the Village Hall committee members is concerned, a small band of dedicated supporters continually 'pull out all the stops', so that our Hall is recognised as providing excellent facilities at remarkably low cost. The couple who held the most recent wedding (with the marquee liner) had relatives from Leicestershire who had researched community buildings in a wide area and found that the price of hiring our building was far more economical than any other Hall, (even though hirers from outside the village pay an extra premium compared with the amount charged for local hirers). The prices will be adjusted in the New Year in line with inflation, but even so, the cost of hiring the whole building is considerably cheaper than anywhere else locally with a similar sized main Hall with 'superb kitchen and toilet facilities', as constantly remarked on, by hirers in their feedback after an event.

As has been mentioned in previous articles, the costs are kept as low as possible, as hirers are asked to leave the premises both inside and outside, as they found it. The most recent large-scale event was the CAMRA Beer Festival, which attracted many hundreds of knowledgeable beer drinkers for three sessions (Friday–Saturday). It involved members of GASS and the Village Hall cooking mountains of hot dogs and bacon rolls, whilst the CAMRA representatives dispensed quantities of special ales from around the country. At the end of the weekend, however, all those involved, had cleaned everywhere to perfection, including the continually used oven; checked all the fridges, dishwasher and freezer, so that the members of the committee who check the Hall daily were able to do only a cursory check to ensure that everything was back to normal. Certainly, the Horticultural Society who used the Hall for the recent Flower Show, also left everywhere in pristine condition, but this is not always the case. Sometimes hirers have not felt obliged to clear up completely after themselves and committee members then have to spend some time putting everything 'back to right'. It is not expected that the caretakers who work tirelessly for a few hours a week to keep everything up to scratch should be required to tidy up those areas of the premises which are clearly the responsibility of the hirers. The committees have occasionally toyed with the idea of asking for a deposit to cover additional cleaning needs after an event, but rejected it, as the majority of hirers do appreciate the

behind-the-scenes work which is necessary to maintain the Hall and do not abuse the system by creating additional problems.

Another idea that has been floated from time to time at committee meetings is that there might be several people in the village who would be willing to include themselves on a **'Friends of the Village Hall'** list and could be called upon at times of need to help with various activities? Not everyone wants to commit themselves to attending regular committee meetings, which are essential for the decisions which underpin the management of the Hall, but he/she might be willing to be considered a **Friend** who could be called on from time to time?? If you read this article and think you may like to join us on a casual basis, please contact Geoff on 613801 or Celia on 612819.

The removal of the ORANGE phone mast from the Village Hall has meant the loss of reception for some mobile phone customers in the village. Unfortunately, the company was involved with a merger with EE and not only have phone users lost reception, but the Hall has lost a useful source of income – so in this respect there are no winners; we're losers all round.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Another month gone by, cannot believe how quickly the time goes. It has been such a lovely September so far and trees and shrubs are just beginning to take on Autumnal colours. The only downside being lack of rain..bah humbug I hear you cry...but until last weekend the ground was extremely dry. I am having a bumper harvest from my allotments along with my fellow allotmenters, my freezer is full to bursting!!

I have finalised at long last the speakers for 2014/15, a marathon this year. I have tried to vary the programme again and in the New Year I have arranged for a Gardeners' Question Time with some special guests. All will be revealed at the end of the year. I do hope that you will enjoy this season, so much to look forward to. It would be lovely to welcome new members to our Society. We have a very good raffle, a great speaker followed by tea or coffee and biscuits. Do come along to enjoy some wonderful talks and get new ideas for your gardens and meet fellow gardeners.

We had a committee meeting recently and I would like to take this opportunity to say how much we shall miss Jane Giddings who was on the committee and recently left the village. It must have been such a wrench to leave her lovely house and garden but we all wish her well in her new location.

Whilst finalising the speakers I booked a garden visit for next year; I know it is a long way away but the speakers are Rob and Diane Cole and they get booked up for garden visits for two years in advance. So mission accomplished and all booked up for June 2015. Rob is also Chairman of

Plant Heritage (NCCPG) for Warwickshire and on Thursday 9th October at Lord Leycester in Warwick, the annual celebrity lecture is by Keith Wiley and called Taking Naturalistic Planting to a New Level. Doors open at 7.15pm for plant sales and the lecture starts at 8.00pm, cost is £5. If you are interested, (I will be going), phone either Jill 842623 or Sylvia 624401 to reserve tickets. Keith Wiley was for many years responsible for the superb gardens at Buckland Monacorum in South Devon called The Garden House. When he left there he bought fields nearby and set about creating a naturalistic garden, no mean feat starting from scratch. There was a television programme about all his trials and tribulations but the result is amazing. I am very much looking forward to hearing him.

Still a few gardens to visit in October.....On 9th October about 22 miles away, Sulby Gardens post code NN6 6EZ will be open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, cost £4. Over 12 acres of gardens with a working Victorian kitchen garden, ponds, streams and much more. You could visit there and still have time to go to Lord Leycester in the evening!!

On Sunday 19th October John Massey will open his garden at Ashwood Nursery near Kingswinford, post code DY6 0AE, only about 32 miles away. We went on a visit there a few years ago. The superb planting borders a canal and so many interesting things to see around every bend. Open from 10.00am to 4.00pm and cost is £5.

Abbotswood near Stow on the Wold will be open on Sunday 26th October from 12.30 to 4.00pm and cost is £5. These gardens were designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens with formal and informal areas. At this time of year the acers will be showing off their wonderful colours. Lastly, and nearer to home, if you have never visited Mill Gardens in Warwick they are still open daily until end of October from 9.00am to 6.00pm. I do not know the cost but it will not be much. Here you get wonderful views of the Castle. It is good that the late Arthur Measures' family are still opening the gardens. You could combine this visit with either Hill Close gardens or Lord Leycester gardens, some treasures on our doorstep.

The talk at our first meeting of the new season is on Tuesday 7th October at 8.00pm in Tom Hauley room and speaker is Dr John Page whose last talk we enjoyed was all about tulips. This talk is entitled Introducing Trees. The second talk is on 4th November with a return visit from Roger Umpleby who takes the most fantastic photos of bugs and wild life. This talk is entitled Bredon Hill throughout the Year, promises to be another great evening.

I do hope that you are continuing to enjoy your allotments, gardens and garden visits. I look forward to seeing everyone again on 7th October; enjoy these lovely sunny days.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

The first half of September has been glorious with warm sunny days but cool evenings. The garden is now extremely dry; there are deep cracks and some plants are looking stressed. It looks like one of my favourite slow growing conifers is dying. We don't water the garden, (we're on a water meter so it would cost too much) but most plants seem to survive. I recently completed a questionnaire for the Royal Horticultural Society which wanted to know which plants tolerated being water logged for a week or more and, at the other extreme, being in drought conditions. My list was surprisingly long.

Talking of dry plants, I have seen two examples of dead and dying plants for sale during the last couple of weeks. One was at a Tesco's and the other at B&Q. The poor plants were so dry that they would need sinking in a bucket of water to re-hydrate. I do wonder who buys them. I also feel sorry for the growers, it must be soul destroying to know that the plants they've carefully grown are later not looked after. Years ago my brothers used to supply planted up hanging baskets to a pub chain in the whole of the south-east region. Some were well watered and dead-headed but if the landlord wasn't interested then they soon looked a real mess.

Jobs for the month

- Watch out for forecasts for frosts and protect tender plants.
- Pick tomatoes, the green ones will ripen on window-sills
- Plant garlic
- Lift dahlias after they have been frosted
- Start to plant bare-root trees and shrubs and hedging
- Dig up carrots and main crop potatoes
- Plant out spring cabbage plants
- It's a good time for planting, we still have lots of bargains, many plants are just £2.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

Tel: 01926 812737

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk





Nature Notes

John Hancock

September has been a very dry month and writing this on Tuesday 23rd it looks set to continue that way. Many fields have been ploughed and some seed sown. The reddening leaves of a cherry stood out as I cycled along Knightcote Bottoms which now sports smart new road signs at each end. Let's hope they survive longer than those for Pudding Bag Lane in Bascote which mysteriously disappeared.

The double row of American Poplars on the Thwaites Estate leading up to Kingston Farm from the Manor have taken on a silvery look as the chlorophyll in their leaves has leached away into the trunk to be conserved and used again next year. Autumn is advancing with a noticeable drop in temperature and heavy dew at dawn whenever the sky is free of cloud.

On our annual canal trip with a group of friends we chose some perfect weather for boating. The Caen Hill flight of locks on the Kennet and Avon Canal was closed for many years. It had provided a broad waterway from Bristol to the Thames at Reading and thus on to London. Reopened in the 1980's after years of hard work by teams of volunteers, it traverses some of the best Wiltshire countryside. Wildlife highlights included a Small Copper butterfly and a Kingfisher. The former is in the family Lycaenidae which includes the Hairstreaks and Blues. Its food plant is Sorrel the leaves of which the caterpillar eats in a characteristic way giving a clue to its presence.



Sorrel is a Knotweed and therefore related to the rampant Japanese Knotweed which is proving so hard to eradicate. Perhaps an answer would be to use the young shoots as food as is done in its native land.

An attractive Compositae (Daisy family) growing beside the canal was a bit of a puzzle. Consulting our botany books on returning home, Margaret McDonald and I concluded it was Common Fleabane (*Pulicaria dysenterica*). As its name suggests, it was believed to repel fleas and bundles were hung in rooms or dried and burnt as a fumigant. It is a close relative of the species which supplies the insecticide pyrethrum so its ancient use is not quite as fanciful as one might think. (Thanks to the encyclopaedic *Flora Britannica* by Richard Mabey for this information.)

The Copper Beech in the front garden has been dropping nuts (known as beech mast) by the thousand for a good month now and there are plenty still to come. I've swept up barrow loads for the compost heap and thought a pig

would have had a field day. Looking up the derivation of mast, which includes acorns, I see it comes from a Germanic word meaning food.

Recently Warwick U3A Natural History Group was given a guided walk around part of Sutton Park. Originally a medieval deer park it is now administered by Birmingham City Council. It is a national nature reserve and is probably the nearest place to see a good variety of heathland plants such as heathers, gorse and bracken. Daniel, our guide, told us that the extensive holly woods were once managed by coppicing to produce cattle fodder. He pointed out the banks and ditches forming the boundaries of the hunting domain and a later horse racing track. I recommend going to the visitor centre which includes a museum and provides informative leaflets.

Sharon and I visited my mother's birthplace in South Wales recently. Maesteg in the Llynfi valley was one of the powerhouses of industry in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Now the blast furnaces and coal mines have all gone and nature has reclaimed many of the remnants. We walked round Garth Hill and found the footings of my great grandfather's farm. It was all very nostalgic.



Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks - Saturday 8th November 2014

All Saints Church and G.A.S.S are already making preparations for this year's bonfire and firework spectacular on the Village Hall playing fields on Saturday 8th November - Guy Fawkes Night!

- The bonfire will be lit at 6pm and the fireworks let off from 6.30pm, so make sure you get to the playing fields on time!
- **Pre-booked tickets only to include a hotdog, a kitkat and a cup of squash** – cost £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for children.
- Tickets will be on sale from early October at Mugleston's in Chapel Street.
- Tickets bought after Thursday 6th November and on the gate **will not** include food. These will cost £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.
- Vegetarian sausages will be available on the night.
- Mulled wine will be on sale on the night.
- Do you have any unwanted wood/garden cuttings etc? If you would like the Scouts to collect it on the morning of the bonfire, please complete the slip enclosed with this magazine and take it to Mugleston's with a **generous** donation before Friday 7th November.

- If you would like to join the team of bonfire builders on Saturday 8th November, please get in touch with Corinna Butler on 612852 by Friday 7th. Children under 14 **must** be accompanied by an adult.
- **PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER BONFIRE MATERIAL TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK. THIS CAUSES AN OBSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONAL WORK AND CAN BE DANGEROUS.**

Look forward to seeing you there.

Corinna Butler



Blood Donors

There will be a session in Harbury Village Hall on Thursday 9th October; times 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm. It seems that most people now book a time slot; to make an appointment phone 0300 123 2323 or go online to www.blood.co.uk

Gillian Hare



Operation Christmas Child

There will be a coffee morning on Friday 7th November, 10am – 12 noon in the Tom Hauley Room. This is to assemble our shoebox gifts. If you have made up a shoebox please bring it then; if you would like to contribute to the transport costs of £3 per box that would be very welcome. If you have collected items to go into boxes, we shall be making them up.

For ideas for gifts, there will be leaflets in the back of church. Please check carefully as there are some restrictions due to customs regulations.

Any queries to Gillian Hare, 614809.

Gillian Hare



Wednesday Walks

If you are new to the village, or to the pleasures of retirement, would you like to explore the local area, make friends and sometimes share a pub lunch? If so, you are very welcome to join a few of us who meet every Wednesday at 9.40am in the Village Hall car park. This is an informal group so you walk at your own risk (though we haven't lost anyone yet) and this is a lovely time of year with the Autumn colours developing. The diary at the beginning of this magazine shows the distance and venue; just wear suitable footwear and bring a drink.

See you soon?

Gillian Hare

Harbury Village Show - September 2014

Photos taken by: Karen Ellis and Gordon Robbins



Well attended Show



W.I. Judge at work



Vegetable Monsters



Gladioli



Dawn Teverson



Gillian Hare & Margaret McDonald



Kevin McMahon



Harbury Village Show

So – it's all over for this year, but what a happy event it was.

Lots of top quality exhibits, lots of visitors and lots of cake! So many thank yous are due to everyone who was involved in any way, with the bonus that we covered our costs.

Now for the prize winners whose awards were presented by Mr Bill Davies, as a recognition, in this year of wartime anniversaries, of his years in the Navy.



Vegetables

Farley Cup: Kevin McMahon
Grey Cup: Mike Morris

Fruit

All Saints Cup: David Thistlethwaite
Reg Harris Cup: Chris Hill

Flowers

Courier Cup: Dawn Teverson
Rosamund Schofield Salve: Dawn Teverson

Allotment Holders

Finch Challenge Cup
(tray of vegetables): Kevin McMahon
Challenge Trophy
(best allotment, awarded by the Parish Council):
Equal 1st Liz Robbins & John Clifford
2nd Stephen & Lesley Garrison
3rd Gordon Robbins

Floral Art:

Brunton Cup (equal 1st): Margaret McDonald
Gillian Hare

Preservers & Baking

Daniel Challenge Cup: Gillian Hare
Horicultural Soc Trophy: Pam Parton

PhotographyRigden Cup (equal 1st):Tony Mancell
Brian Young**Overall Awards**

Barnes Cup:

Pat Clarke

WI Trophy:

Pam Parton

Top Tray:

Kevin McMahon

Top Vase:

Dawn Teverson

Children's Section

Buck Trophy:

Sofia Edwards

Jean Dunn Cup:

Lucy Edwards

Fred Lines Cup:

Sofia Edwards

Janice Siddle Trophy:

Ben Holding

John Smith Cup:

Rosie Lewis

Congratulations to all these as well as the winners of each class.

Next year the show will be on 12th September. The title of one photography class will be "Weather".

Gillian Hare for the Show Team

**Allotments**

We have a small number of allotments which will become vacant from October. Allotments require a lot of hard work and commitment so you will need to be prepared to invest plenty of time and physical effort. If you think you are up to the challenge, please contact Alison Biddle on 01926 614646 for more information.

Harbury Parish Council

**Harbury Art Group**

Our September workshop was pen and ink drawing, and Nick brought along a selection of 'still life' objects and photographs for us to try. There were sea shells, a ram's skull (complete with horns) some wheat and teasels. We were a small group, but produced some very nice, intricate drawings.

There will be no October workshop as Nick is on holiday, but we meet again



on 6th November for an 'any medium' painting session. We have now reached the time of year when we start thinking about the festive season, and for November's workshop each year, Nick brings along a subject that we could make into a nice Christmas card. So if you would like to try painting your own Christmas cards this year, why not join us on Thursday 6th November at 10am for a relaxing day's painting? The workshops cost £15 per person and usually finish around 3pm (bring your own lunch, tea & coffee supplied). New members are always welcome. Please get in touch by contacting Pam on 01926 814923 or email harburyart@hotmail.com. If you would like to speak to the tutor for advice on what to bring, telephone Nick on 01295 253658.

Pam McConnell



Bumps, Bundles and Tots too

September was a good month, we had lots of new mums and babies coming along, and our normal tots attending, so lots of people enjoying a cuppa in September. If you are a new or expectant mum, carer or grandparent and you want somewhere where you can come and meet people, relax with a cup of tea and let your children play then come along to Bumps and Bundles. Every Tuesday in the Tom Hauley room (behind the church) from 10:30am to 12.00 noon. Drop in and see us.



Kelly & Rosie

Save the Date: Christmas Fayre 6th December 2014

It may only be October but plans are well advanced for this year's Christmas Fayre. Under the leadership of Revd. Annie a new organising committee has convened which has been brainstorming new ideas to make this a truly festive event with stalls and entertainment to interest all age groups.

As usual the Village Hall will be the venue for the Christmas Fayre which this year will be held on Saturday 6th December (2pm – 4pm). Full details will feature in next month's edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke news but here is a sneak preview of some of our plans:

-  Live entertainment – carols and festive songs performed throughout the event.
-  Stalls selling quality items including Christmas decorations/cards, jewellery, preserves and confectionary.

- 🌲 To help relieve the pre-Christmas stress, a beauty and pamper area for all you busy, and not so busy, ladies.
- 🌲 A charity raffle with great prizes – this year all proceeds will be donated to Myton Hospice.
- 🌲 Fun games with the chance to win spectacular (and mediocre) prizes.

And for all you good boys and girls out there we are delighted to announce that Santa will be attending!

Christmas Fayre Committee

Calling all Jam and Chutney Makers

At the 'new-look' Christmas Fayre on 6th December, we are aiming to run a stall for home-made jams, preserves, chutneys etc. If you are able to provide any products for the stall we would be very grateful. Phone or drop them in to me (613214, 30 Mill St) or Liz McBride (612421, 1 Park Lane).

Sally Stringer



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Do you ever feel low and are home alone too often? Would you like to go out but don't know where? Come along to Biblio's. It is a friendly place where you can enjoy a drink (only £1 for Yorkshire tea or an instant coffee) and spend time around other people. It will help you feel better.

Most of our café team have been working regularly ever since we opened. We really do need more willing hands to join us so we can maintain our opening hours. What hours could you spare each week, fortnight or month? It is great for confidence building, learning new skills and enhancing your CV plus you get to belong to a happy team. Whether you are retired, a stay-at-home parent or a teenager over the age of 15 we welcome you all. No experience is necessary, only an interest in working with people. Please leave your details in the café (forms are on the counter) or text your details to 07754 593829 and someone will get straight back to you.

If helping in Biblio's isn't for you, maybe you would like to help with the running of the library. Most volunteers cover a four hour period, with a partner, on the same day each week. However, it is also possible to work for fewer hours than this and on a less regular basis. We also need occasional cover when a volunteer is ill or on holiday. Full training will be given whilst you are working. You will get to meet lots of lovely people, have fun and know that you are helping with a really worthwhile community venture. You can complete a form in the library or talk to any of the volunteers for more information.

Web Wise Classes

Web Wise is a new, FREE training programme for anyone over 50. It aims to help people get the most out of the internet, by showing them how to use it and how to be safe while using it. After Studley, Alcester and Bidford, project co-ordinator John Sawyer will be visiting Harbury to provide information for anyone interested in joining the project.

Training will be delivered informally in small groups. The two-hour classes will take place in the library on Wednesdays from 2 - 4pm, on a weekly basis for six weeks, starting on 5th November and ending on 10th December. There will be an enrolment session on 29th October at 11am at the library. If you need further information, please email events@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

Sue Wurr

Community Links Transport Scheme

A recent Transport News leaflet gave details about the Community Links Transport Scheme for residents in the Stratford District. The following information has been copied from the leaflet, so that residents in our area are made aware of the service and can access it when needed.

Community Links operates a small fleet of vehicles, each with full disability access, offering a 'door-to-door' service for people stuck for transport to get to and from the nearest town or village for shopping or visiting friends. The service is for people who have a genuine need for local transport and cannot access public transport because of mobility problems and/or they live in a rurally isolated location with no other transport available.

The Community Links service operates between about 9.30am and 2.30pm on weekdays in each part of the District three days a week. The fare system is a simple flat rate of £2 per single journey i.e. £4 for return 'door-to-door'.

If you need this service, or know someone who does, phone Community Links on 01789 264491 for more information. The Community Links social transport scheme works in close co-operation with the Volunteer Centre Medical Journey Scheme for doctor, dentist and medical related appointments. For this 'medical journey scheme', contact Clarissa Roberts on 01789 296344.'

It is possible that many people in Deppers Bridge, Harbury and Ladbroke have been unaware of these two valuable services designed to help anyone who needs transport, as they have not had much uptake in recent months. It's perhaps a good idea to copy down the numbers given above and leave them by the telephone in case you need transport for any one of a number of reasons.

The service is a partnership project provided by Warwickshire CC and Stratford-on-Avon Volunteer Centre.

Chris Finch



Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

It's the start of a new school year at Pre-School and our Fundraising Group is already busy planning some great activities.

Bags2School Collection

Bags2School provides an important contribution to our fundraising figure for the year and we really appreciate all of the donations we receive. If you have any unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, jewellery or soft toys, please do put them aside for us. Our next collection is taking place during the morning of **Thursday 23rd October**, at the rear door of **The Crown Inn**. This is a little later than previously advertised, and you will note that the collection point has now changed. We would like to thank The Crown Inn for supporting us with this activity, and also thank Julie and Brian Young who provided us with a collection point for many years previously. Donations can be left at **The Crown Inn** from Monday 20th October.

Coffee Morning

We would love to welcome you to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st November. This takes place between 10am-12noon in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church). There will be plenty of tea, coffee and cake, a raffle with some lovely prizes and, of course, something for the little ones to do. We hope to see you there.

Dates For Your Diary

Christmas Market - 14th December at Harbury Village Hall

Coffee Morning - 7th March in the Tom Hauley Room

Bags2School - 11th May 2015 at The Crown Inn

Carnival BBQ - 13th June 2015

Party Night - early 2015, more to follow.

New members of the Fundraising group are always welcome. Please contact Julie - julie.balch@gmail.com for more information.

We wish you all a lovely term, and hope to see you at one of our events.

Julie Balch

Harbury's Oil Buying Group

There have been several quiet months on the oil buying front recently, as most householders have not needed to use their oil boilers due to the remarkably warm weather. One or two of the group who manage their deliveries to maximum efficiency took advantage of the low summer prices when 49.3p/litre quoted, but most people haven't had the capacity to take

advantage of the 500 litres minimum fill, as so little has been used. The price is still under the 50p/litre mark at present, as the company used for our group's order always gives a good price, based on the fact that several customers order at once and this allows for negotiation. There's always the possibility for other customers in the area to join the group, which has no joining fees as with other schemes, as it is organised on a voluntary basis by someone who is part of the scheme. If you haven't yet joined the scheme, but would be interested to have more details, please ring Chris on 612305.

Chris Finch



Harbury and District Poppy Collection

The Royal British Legion's commemorative pins, poppies, wristbands and wreaths have already been ordered for this year's collection in Bascote Heath, Deppers Bridge, Harbury and Ufton. As in previous years, it is hoped that the majority of collectors who raised the magnificent sum of £3,100+ from the house to house collections in our villages last year, will still be available this year. Each member of the team will be contacted in October to check on availability, but as always it is possible that additional helpers may be needed, as collectors from earlier years may be on holiday or unavailable for health reasons. If anyone in the above four areas would like to get involved this year, please could they phone Chris on 612305 as any additional help would be most welcome.

Chris Finch

Harbury Energy Initiative

It all comes down to three things...for now. HEI has decided to focus on three projects for the moment and here they are:

1. ***Solar Panels for the school.*** We are going to work with Community Energy Warwickshire (CEW) on their plan to instal solar panels on as many Warwickshire school roofs as they can. We will only be looking at what help we can provide to make it happen here in Harbury. If the project is viable, it will be funded by a share offer, which means that we, the people of the village, will be able to invest in our own school and the educational opportunities offered by having renewable energy at the school. I meet with Kate Guymner and three board members of CEW on 3rd October.
2. ***The Electric Car Club.*** As I reported in last month's issue, we are in negotiation with E-Car to have an electric car available for hire in the village. This will help all those who can drive but have no vehicle or those without regular access to a car. If you are thinking of becoming a one car family, after having had two or more, this could save you considerable expenditure. We will be publicising this widely in the

village, if it goes ahead, and hope very much that people will see it as a valuable service and make use of it. The cars have no emissions in use, reducing the amount of pollution in the air and cutting carbon. At the moment I am waiting to hear whether the company have been able to source funding to enable it to launch here. There are quite a few clubs set up, our nearest being in Stratford-on-Avon, but none are yet in village locations. This poses a risk for the company, as they need adequate use to make it viable. Funding would take some of that risk away. By next month I should know if this scheme is happening and how it will work.

3. **Community Energy Generation.** Our aspiration is to have a suitable renewable energy generation project associated with the village. First, however, we need to find out just what, if anything, is possible. We plan to work on this with the Parish Council, applying to the Rural Communities Energy Fund for an initial grant for a scoping and feasibility study. In Germany there are over 600 such community energy projects, whereas in the UK there are less than 50.

One or two people have asked me about the calls they are getting about Green Deal Assessments. These are definitely nuisance calls and you do not need to respond to them. You need a Green Deal Assessment if you plan to reduce heat loss in your home by insulating it and need government finance, or if you are looking to instal solar panels or a renewable heat system and want to claim incentive payments. If you want an Assessment, HEI can arrange someone trustworthy to do it for you.

Bob Sherman - Tel: 612277

Email: shermanbob55@gmail.com

Banana Moon Harbury

Since achieving our Oftsed Registration in August, it has been a busy two months, welcoming lots of new children to the nursery. We have recruited in two new members of staff. Helen Cowley started with us in September. Helen is a local Harbury lady, and has previously worked for a nursery in Leamington. Helen will mainly be working in our Under 2s room. Shannon Byrne will be starting with us on 13th October. She is very experienced, having worked for several years at another Warwickshire nursery.

Thus far, the focus has very much been on spending time settling the little ones into nursery life. This has seen an awful lot of testing of all of the new toys which has been a great way of putting into practice sharing and listening skills. We have also been getting messy with lots of craft play - painting, sticking and cooking. The children have been making collage hedgehogs and painting pictures of autumn vegetables. Next stop is Harvest Festival and Halloween!

We will keep you up to date with any further developments, and look forward to welcoming more little ones as time goes on.

Lucy Nealon - 01926 612374

HARBURY SURGERY 2014 FLU VACCINATIONS

Important Information

Flu vaccinations will be done by appointment only this year during October. Please phone to book yours on 612232.

This year the categories of patients who are eligible for flu vaccination has been extended as detailed below:

All children aged 2, 3 or 4 years of age on 1 September 2014 are eligible for nasal flu drops.

All children in **at risk categories**, up to the age of 18 are eligible for nasal flu drops.

For adults between the ages of 18 and 65 a flu vaccination by injection is available **only** if you are in an **at risk category**.

Everyone over the age of 65 is eligible for a flu vaccination by injection.

The At Risk Categories are:

- over 65 years old
- asthmatic or have a chronic respiratory disease
- chronic renal disease
- chronic liver disease
- chronic heart disease
- chronic cardiovascular disease, including stroke and transient ischaemic attack (TIA)
- Diabetes
- impaired immunity due to disease or treatment (immunocompromised)
- multiple sclerosis and related conditions or those with hereditary and degenerative diseases of the central nervous system
- pregnant
- carer

If you are housebound, you should telephone the Surgery on 612232 to be added to a list for home visit flu jabs. This will be carried out by the District Nurses if they already come to see you, or by the Surgery Nurses.

Warwickshire Young Voices present 'Little Red Riding Hood'

Warwickshire Young Voices invites you to join them for a performance of 'Little Red Riding Hood' at All Saints Church, Leamington Spa on Saturday 15th November at 6.30pm

Once Upon a Time... In a small cottage at the edge of a forest, lived Little Red Riding Hood and her mother. Little do they know that the quiet beauty around them hides a dark story about to unfold...

The world sits on the eve of war. A Great War.

A quiet waiting game as all sides watch and plans are made. But the ordinary people still go about their day, unaware that a wolf lies in wait on the path ahead.

A fairy tale with a dark hidden story; an innocent girl embarks on a dangerous journey, where a wolf waits around the corner. Told on two levels to mark the centenary of the start of World War One, this moving and poignant story also tells the tale of another dangerous journey, as the events of WW1 unfold hand in hand with Red Riding Hood's journey through the forest.

The 100 strong choir features children from across South Warwickshire, as well as WYV's Every Voice Adult choir, in association with musicians from The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Warwickshire. They will be singing a range of beautiful music of mixed genres to tell the story, including music especially composed for the choirs by Musical Director and composer, David Iles.

Tickets and more information are available on the website: www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org or by phone 01926 810 179. Adults £8.00 - Concessions £4.50 – discounted family tickets available.

Helen Iles

The Harbury Golf Challenge 2014

The Annual Harbury Challenge Golf Competition was held on Saturday 6th September. This competition is open to the many members of Leamington Golf Club who live, or have lived, in Harbury and Ladbroke. Nineteen golfers competed keenly for the bragging rights this year, with Pauline Hayes trouncing the men with 37 points. Runner up was Rob Sherrington, 36 points with Kevin White in third place on count back. The day was rounded off with twenty-eight, the golfers being joined by non- players, husbands and wives, enjoying an excellent meal in the Gamecock.





The picture shows Pauline proudly resplendent in the Harbury Master's Green Jacket, the origins of which will no doubt be recognised by many readers!

Geoff Thorpe



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 7th October and Tuesday 4th November from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month, though 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.

The following article is taken from a parish magazine of 1900. It reinforces the fact that we are well illuminated in the evening and night these days.

3rd March 1900

Each evening there is heard, beginning at the station end of the village a series of sounds like the trumpeting of wild elephants, accompanied by the rolling of wheels. This brings many people out of their houses and into the street, quite eagerly it seems. What does it all mean? Suddenly from out the darkness some youthful voices are heard calling out "Paper". Immediately several persons bawl "Here" and the boys carrying dimly discerned bundles go where they are summoned. And now (I have already alluded to the darkness) a considerable amount of fumbling takes place, the buyers feel for their paper and the boys for the halfpennies tendered to them (which of course they can't see). At last the sales are effected then the elephantine notes alluded to again rend the air; the juvenile shouts are renewed and the wheels roll onwards. Such is the way the evening news is circulated in Harbury. By what means the weird blasts of sound just referred to are produced I do not know. When there is a moon perhaps there will be a chance of finding out.

Nigel Chapman



Southam & District Lions Hog Roast

The BIG question is – did you all enjoy a fabulous Summer? Without wishing to jeopardise the ‘Indian Summer’ we appear to be enjoying, the weather has been outstanding this summer and we beat the Indians at cricket so pretty good all round!

October is the highlight for the Lions as the Hog Roast takes place on **Monday 13TH October.**

So to the people of Southam and District (particularly the children) another question to ask is - ***Will you all be out enjoying the ‘fun of the Fair’ on 13TH OCTOBER?*** We really do hope the answer is ‘YES!’ and that as part of the fun you will visit us at the HOG ROAST at the back of the Old Mint in Southam.

People ask - ***Why do the Lions do it?*** And the answer is simple: It's because they do and they do it every year having established a tradition more years ago than anyone cares to remember!

So do all come along especially in the evening when the baps are generously filled with roasted pork, crackling, stuffing and apple sauce. Savour once again the aroma of the roasted meat and join the queue for the finest, tastiest treat of the night! You are welcome to come along earlier and meet the Lions, some of whom will have been on active duty since 8am getting the hog ready and wired to the pole. (That's the hog wired to the pole not the Lions!)

The Lions will be selling their Hog Roast raffle tickets with fabulous prizes given by our many business friends in the area and the tombola stall will be there too which is always popular particularly with the young people. So mums and dads make sure you have some golden coins in your purses and pockets for the little ones!

The Lions are supporting local charities once again this year, with Myton Hospice and The Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance highlighted as beneficiaries.

Back by popular demand!

The Russian Choir Voskresenije (Resurrection), St. Petersburg will be visiting Southam - Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm at Our Lady & St Wulstan Church, Southam. The event is free of charge, but there will be a retiring collection for expenses and we ask attendees to be as generous as possible. Refreshments will be available.



An Evening of Poetry

This will be held at the Graham Adams Centre on Friday 14th November at 7.30 - 9.30pm. Entry is free, with refreshments of cheese and wine (or soft drinks) available. Funded by Southam Lions and Southam Town Council.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Southam Lions Poetry Competition 2014 who may read their prize-winning poems. The prizes will be presented by the Mayor of Southam, Mr Mark Willoughby.

After an interval for refreshments there will be an 'open mic' session when you have the opportunity to read your competition poems or indeed others that you have written. You may also purchase a book of the collected competition poems at cost price. Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Peter Guy

Chesterton Church – Harvest Festival

Chesterton Church will be holding the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 5th October at 6pm with the Warwickshire Young Voices Choir.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Jo Spurr



Warwickshire Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team

Scams are everywhere - how will you identify them?

Southam SNT would like to raise awareness of current scams. Victims receive text messages asking them to make contact urgently to another mobile number as the other person has run out of credit.

This is a scam. As soon as you ring the number back you are being charged a higher call charge.

Steps to avoid being a victim of this crime:

- If you receive a message from a number that is not one of your contacts delete it.
- Do not ring the number under any circumstances.
- Contact the Police on 101 and report it to us.

Southam SNT would also like to highlight other types of scam that have occurred throughout Warwickshire.

Police are reminding Warwickshire residents never to disclose details about their security, bank accounts or other personal information to 'cold callers' over the phone. The alert comes after reports were received from residents of North Warwickshire who had received cold telephone calls from people advising that they can offer a service to reduce Council Tax.

The telephone calls may appear genuine and they may know the address and phone number of the people they are targeting. They will also have access to Council Tax Band information and may know other personal details. The phone calls have been requesting for a representative to visit the targeted address to verify the householder.

To protect you from becoming a victim of fraud:

- Do not to give any personal details out on the phone or by email.
- Do not arrange any meetings or home visits on cold telephone calls.
- Do not open the door to any cold callers. You can always ask for callers to post through Identity Cards for you to see; call the police if you have any doubts.
- Do not pass any bank details or make any purchases on cold telephone calls.
- If there is any doubt, request a phone number from the person you are speaking with and hang up and contact the police for advice.
- Fraud and identity theft is one of the fastest growing areas of crime and occurs when your personal information is used by someone else without your knowledge.

To help prevent thefts from property and motor vehicles

Remember when leaving your house:

- When you go out, always close and lock the external doors and windows – even if you are just going out for a short time.
- Don't leave spare keys outside or in a garage or shed; if possible leave them with a neighbour or nearby family member.
- Use timers for lights and radios if you need to be away from home overnight or when you are on holiday – these can create the impression that someone is in.
- Visible burglar alarms and carefully directed security lighting can put burglars off. But make sure that the light doesn't disturb your neighbours and that alarms turn off after 20 minutes.

- Window locks, especially on older windows, will help stop people getting in.
- Keep your keys out of sight, even in your house.

To help secure vehicles consider doing the following:

- Lock the doors and close the windows and the sun roof when you leave the car.
- Don't leave anything on display – even a jacket can seem like an appealing target for a thief.
- Remove satellite navigation devices where possible, including the support cradle and suction pad. Remember to wipe away any suction pad marks left on the windscreen or dashboard.

Sam Slemensek
Police Volunteer

Lost Property at the Family Barn Dance - 13th September

This was the pre-cursor to some 40 “Hope 14” events that have been taking place in 18 villages around Southam and we hope that you've enjoyed at least one of them. The Family Barn Dance was well attended and everyone had a good time. Some even got excited enough to remove some layers of clothing, but unfortunately forgot to take them when they left. So far, no-one's claimed the items, so if they're yours and you can describe them to me, I'll happily re-unite you.

John Eld (613340)



Dear Editors

I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all those who sent their commiserations on the death of my dear wife Sallie.

They were all greatly appreciated, and it was lovely to realise how well liked Sallie was within the village.

Thank you all.

Colin Humphreys

Dear Editors

Having lived very happily in Harbury for almost five years, it is now time to move to pastures new (Warwick!). May I thank Harbury folk for the kind and friendly reception I received upon my arrival and have continued to encounter during these happy five years. Harbury is a wonderful village and I will miss many aspects of village life here; particularly I am saddened to leave everyone I have met whilst participating in village societies and activities such as the Theatre Group and the friendly coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday mornings.

Before I go please may I broadcast a plea to dog walkers, or indeed anyone who fancies a stroll - MINDY is a medium sized black lab type dog belonging to Ann who lives in Ivy Lane. She loves everyone (Mindy that is) and enjoys a walk at any time of the day or evening. She doesn't pull and is absolutely no trouble to take on the playing field or for a gentle walk around the village.

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Again my thanks to everyone for great friendship shown to me during the past five years. Harbury I will miss you.

Very sincerely,

Mary Lou Milner

Dear Editors

The Coffee Morning held in the Tom Hauley Room on 20th September in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research raised the sum of £307 net. Huge thanks to all who provided raffle prizes, produced cakes, quiches, jams and chutneys, gave items for the sales table and came to run the event. Thanks, too, to those who attended and supported the event so generously.

Beryl Checkley

Dear Editors

On behalf of the A.B.C Club, I would like to thank the Tom Hauley Room and its coffee morning attendees for supporting our recent event. We do enjoy our visits to Harbury and this year was no exception – a busy, bright, friendly

morning for all. Again we have been able to boost our funds by £263 which will continue to provide support for people who have and still are "Affected by Bowel Cancer".

Thank you to all involved, in whatever way.

Please check out more information if required on our website or contact the Nursing team for more specific, personal enquires: - www.warwickabc.co.uk

Colorectal Nursing team – 01926 495321, ext. 4336

Club Chairman – Brian Wakefield – 01926 401362

Moya Waterman
A.B.C Club Committee Member

Dear Editors

Harbury Church Flowers Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning on 30th August to support the Church Flowers Fund. We raised £165.50 on the day.

Thank you to those who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes and helped on the day.

Thank you

Jo House



Dear Editors

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all my friends in the village because I have received so many cards and gifts to celebrate my 90th birthday! I am overwhelmed by people's kindness.

Thank you all for giving me such an enjoyable birthday.

Mary Kimber

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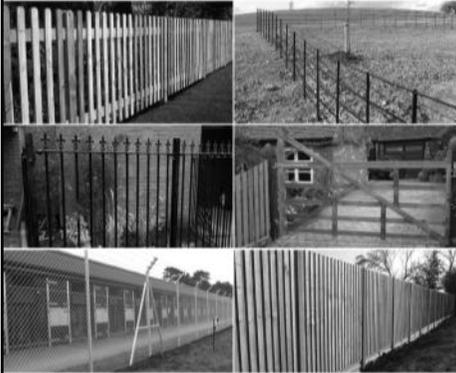
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Weds	Mini Movers 0-5 yrs 10.00am - 11.00am	Boys Street Dance 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Grade 1 Tap 10-11yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Ballroom & Latin (all ages) 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Grade 4 Ballet 15 yrs+ 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Grade 2 Modern 13 yrs+ 7.00pm - 7.45pm	Adult Ballet (no exp req) 7.45pm - 8.45pm	Adult Tap (Inter) 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Zumba 7.45pm - 8.45pm
Thurs	Zumba Over 50's 10.00am - 11.00am	Funky Dance 3-6yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Gymnastics (all ages) 4.30pm - 5.00pm	Grade 1 Ballet 10-11yrs 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Funky / Modern 7-10yrs 5.45pm - 6.30pm	Grade 2 Ballet 11-13yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm	Grade 1 Modern 11yrs+ 7.15pm - 8.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 8.00pm - 8.45pm	Pole Dancing 7pm - 8pm
Fri	Mini Movers 0-5yrs 10.00am - 11.00am		Little Tappers 3-5yrs 4.45pm - 5.15pm	Pre-Primary Tap 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Primary Tap 8-10yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm				
Sat	Musical Theatre 4-8yrs 9.00am - 10.30am	Musical Theatre 9yrs+ 10.30am - 12.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 4.00pm - 4.45pm	Grade 4 Modern 13yrs+ 4.45pm - 5.30pm	Grade 5 Ballet 16yrs+ 5.30pm - 6.30pm				

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