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Editorial

September sees the start of the academic year and for many children in our villages, they will be entering full time education, moving up, moving on or even leaving home to go to University. Whatever stage you are at we wish you every success in the coming year. At Harbury School a new Headteacher, Ms Guymer is commencing and we hope she has a very happy and successful time at the school. A new venture catering for our younger children is the Banana Moon Nursery which has recently opened and we wish every success with the venture to Lucy Nealon and her team.

This month sees the culmination of many hours hard work with a number of Hope 14 events taking place across the Deanery. Details of the local events are given in the magazine.

Moving Pictures is making a welcome return on Saturday 27th September – ‘The Monuments Men’ giving George Clooney and Matt Damon fans a treat!!

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of ABC
Harbury Village Show, 2.00pm at the Village Hall
- Sun 7 **TRINITY XII**
Sung Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints’ Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands for Healing, 6.00pm
Harbury Cricket Club, 2.00pm, away match at Long Itchington
- Mon 8 Toddler Group restarts, 9.30-11.15am at the Wight School
Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Jan’s Art Classes, 1.00-3.00pm, Beginners Drawing, The Studio, Church House, Crown Street
- Tues 9 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Jan’s Art Classes, 7.30pm, Beginners Watercolour, The Studio, Church House, Crown Street
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Quarry Walk to Bishops Itchington (4 miles)
Jan’s Art Classes, 10.00am, Beginners Watercolour, The Studio, Church House, Crown Street

- Wed 10 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners, 8.00pm improvers at the Village Hall
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Victorian Lingerie - Mrs Smithams
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
PCC Ceilidh in Village Hall
- Sun 14 TRINITY XIII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
Messy Church, 2.00–4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room & Church
- Mon 15 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
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- Tues 16 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Harbury's Neighbourhood Plan meeting, 7.30pm in Harbury Village Club
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Marton to Eathorpe (3½ miles)
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners, 8.00pm improvers at the Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 19 Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.00am– 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research
Southam Lions Senior Citizens Party, 2.00pm at Southam College for details ring 814294
- Sun 21 TRINITY XIV**
Holy Communion 8.00am
“Saints Alive” Service with Pilgrim Puppets, 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 22 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
- Tues 23 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury Society visit to Heritage Room, 7.00pm at School
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Leamington Wetlands (3 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 24 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners, 8.00pm improvers at the Village Hall
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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5.30PM
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 26 WI Harvest Supper, 7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Heritage Room
- Sun 28 TRINITY XV**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 29 Upholstery Class, 9.15am Village Hall
- Tues 30 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- Wed 1 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park
Ryton Woods (3 miles)
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners, 8.00pm improvers at the Village Hall
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Folk Club, 8.00pm at Village Club
- 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
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
Candlelit Harvest Festival Service, 6.00pm at Chesterton Church
Tennis Club Quiz, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Village Club
- Tues 7 Harbury Heritage Room, open 6.30-8.30pm at school
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 8 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park,
Radway to Edgehill (4½ miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm beginners, 8.00pm improvers at the Village Hall
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Blood Donors, 1.30-3.00pm and 4.30-7.30pm in Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
September	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	10	11	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	18	19	Grey Bin
	24	25	26	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Oct	1	2	3	Grey Bin
	8	9	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	16	17	Grey Bin

	From the Rector	
	Reverend Craig Grocock The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉ kankudai43@aol.co.uk	

Have you noticed the nights drawing in? Doesn't take long does it before we start to see the signs of autumn again. Mind you, we have had a good summer this year with loads of sunshine, so not too many complaints.

I have just come back from the annual Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival at Kettering held over the Bank Holiday weekend. The theme this year was 'Travelling Light' inviting us to consider all the burdens we so often carry and what we might be able to shed to make our journey through life less stressful and easier. Sleeping in a (cold) tent over the weekend certainly made me think about the simple luxuries we take for granted like warm beds, modern technology and hot showers!

We all carry so much 'stuff' in our lives it's no wonder that we get so stressed at times. We carry so much 'luggage' around with us; a suitcase of guilt, a trunk of discontentment, a backpack of anxiety, a briefcase of perfectionism, an overnight bag of loneliness, a duffel bag of fear and insecurity to name just a few. The truth is we were never made to carry so much weight; we were made to be free and be happy. Isn't it ironic that our desire for happiness in life can drive us so hard that we can in fact end up with the exact opposite to what we first set out to achieve?

I came across this little story the other day:

There was a man in a boat fishing one day when another man shouted to him 'Hey, you, what are you doing?'

'I'm fishing' said the man in the boat, 'What's the problem?'

'Well' said the man on the river bank, 'why don't you stop fishing and do some work?'

'Why' asked the fisherman.

'So that you can earn some money' came the reply. 'Then what' asked the man in the boat. 'Well, with the money you could earn you could do all the sorts of things in life you'd enjoy'. 'What sort of things?' the fisherman asked.

'Well, you could have more time for leisure and pleasurable pursuits like fishing'.

'That's exactly what I'm doing!' said the man in the boat.

We have to work, earn money and at times we all feel stressed. However, we would do ourselves far more good if we could just 'travel light' a bit more, to let go every now and again and rediscover what living is really about.

With every blessings.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

1st August William John Kuyt and Katherine Jane Abbott

2nd August Andrew Cusdin and Elisabeth Dryden

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

20th July Liam Ryan O'Sullivan

10th August Edward Patrick Nealon



From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

As we slide into autumn there is still plenty going on at All Saints.

On 12th August we had the pleasure of hosting 35 members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, plus partners, for afternoon tea. They had a good look round the church and Craig and Annie were on hand to update them about our church life and all the improvements that have been made to All Saints over the past year or so. We were even able to answer a couple of questions regarding our proposed new sound system, so hopefully that will help to push things along.

We are pleased to say that our new refurbished kitchen in the Tom Hauley Room is fully operational and has already proven its worth for various events

that have taken place this last month (thanks to all those instrumental in making this happen), including the usual coffee morning, lunches and, most importantly, the Staycation week which took place recently. Eighteen parishioners who were not able to get away this year, booked to spend their 'annual summer holiday' enjoying activities, entertainment and outings, eating and drinking. Thanks to everyone involved in helping and providing the entertainment. A great time was had by all!

Our August theme for Saints Alive, as befitting the 100 year commemoration of WW1, was entitled 'Whose War' - and we saw our favourite time traveller, The Doctor, meeting up with Private Tommy Atkins who had just taken part in a football match with the Germans at Christmas time. The poignant theme of peace and reconciliation was carried through to the evening service when we held a moving vigil with readings and poetry, and honoured the fallen from Harbury and Ladbroke. September's Saints Alive theme (14th September 10.30am), as part of the HOPE 14 activities, will see a welcome back to the Pilgrim Puppets – popular with young and old alike – when the theme will be about being a good neighbour.

And whilst we are on the theme of HOPE 14 – do watch out for the fliers that will be winging their way through your doors shortly. There will be plenty of diversely themed activities for all ages during the last week in September – kicking off with a free lunch in the Tom Hauley Room on 20th September!

And finally – please remember that all are welcome to the THR lunches that are held every third Saturday of the month at 12.30pm (resuming October). Prices are very modest and you will be assured of a warm reception. Order forms can be found in church – or alternatively please call John (614206) or Elaine (813654) for more information.

Tom Hauley Room Kitchen

The new kitchen in the Tom Hauley Room, the community rooms behind the church, is now finished to professional standards. This completes a pattern of work that included external and internal redecoration throughout and new toilets, including a disabled toilet and baby changer. Thanks to generous personal donations and to grants from the Parish Council, The Harbury Charities (John Jorge Fund), the Horticultural Society and the Harbury and Ladbroke Church Mens' Society, the work was completed on Friday, July 25th. We are grateful to them, and to the many organisations that wrote in support of the improvements.

Thanks are also due to kitchen fitter Chris Beaton of FixIt4U, who has done a brilliant job, cheerfully and enthusiastically. The new kitchen looks good, has robust commercial flooring from Southam Carpets and ample storage space. It has a new cooker and hood, instant boiling water for hot drinks, a bain marie for hot food service and a plate warmer. There is an excellent, easy-to-use commercial dishwasher with a three minute wash cycle.

All the glasses, white crockery and the cutlery match, with a choice of cups and saucers or a number of stackable mugs for those who prefer them. The fresh coffee percolator is retained as before.

Next? The carpets and seat cushions have just had a thorough steam clean, the ceilings will be painted, and we have been offered sponsorship of a simple PA system to improve public meetings. If you are planning a small to medium event - up to 80 people seated, more if standing - have a look at using the rooms together with your own or professional catering. If you would like to inspect the rooms, call us on 613214.

John Stringer
on behalf of the Tom Hauley Room Committee



All Saints Harvest Supper

This will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 11th October, 7pm for 7.30pm and, as last year, it will be a Bring and Share supper. Contributions could be cold meats, cheese, salads, quiches or similar, or a dessert, and of course whatever you will be wanting to drink. Bread and butter will be provided as well as plates, dishes, cutlery and glasses.

Please don't be put off coming if you feel you can't contribute - there is bound to be more than enough food (think of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes!!). You will still be welcome - and of course if anyone can't come but would like to make a contribution it will be gratefully received.

Tickets at £3 will be available from Felicity Harris (612395 - or see her in church). We look forward to seeing you there.

Sally Stringer



Follow the Star

Following the success of last year's first 'Live Nativity', All Saints Church are at it again and planning another village Christmas event on Saturday 20th December 2014. We hope that as many of you as possible will join us as we 'Follow the Star', and see the Christmas story unfold, singing carols as we go.

Beginning in the garden at The Shakespeare at 4.30pm – you can follow the story of the angels, shepherds and wise men, as the mystery of the first Christmas is told.

There will be plenty of carol singing as well as some popular Christmas songs to join in with – so I hope you will be in fine voice!

If you have lanterns and torches please bring them along – not only will they add to the atmosphere, you may need them to read the words of the carols.

Please do join us, as once again we re-create this wonderful story - in a slightly different way. Children – and adults if they would like to – are invited to dress up as one of the characters. At the end of the afternoon there will be refreshments - mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and biscuits.

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

Annie Goldthorp

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SEPTEMBER

- Sun 7 TRINITY XII**
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Wed 10 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
Home Group, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees, School Lane
- Sat 13 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 14 TRINITY XIII**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Mon 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
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- Wed 17 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sat 20 Feast of Sound, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn (phone 07940 413707
for tickets)
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 21 TRINITY XIV**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
Picnic on the Green with Spa Brass etc 12.00 – 3.00pm,
Millennium Green
- Wed 24 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 27 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 28 TRINITY XV**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

OCTOBER

- Wed 1 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
Home Group, 8.00pm Cherry Trees, School Lane
- Sat 4 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- 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

**Ladbroke Church News****Jackie West**

On Saturday 23rd August, All Saints' Ladbroke was one of several village venues for a special celebration - the marriage of Robin and Laura. The church looked fantastic with flower arrangements in green and orange giving a hint of the traditional British and African blend to come. The groom and

a number of village chaps were in kilts and the Ladbroke ladies so smart I hardly recognised them, especially those in wonderful hats. However these were put in the shade by the dresses of the bridesmaids and the bride who was the most beautiful and radiant of all. Many of the guests had travelled from afar; one couple told me they had arrived from Zimbabwe only the day before but they certainly seemed at home when the choir sang Shona Hymns accompanied by drums. This month there are two more weddings at Ladbroke Church and we wish all three couples every happiness for their married lives.

As I mentioned, the latter part of September brings a host of events under the HOPE 14 banner. We do hope that many villagers will come with their families and friends to the two happening in our village: A Feast of Sound at the Bell Inn on Saturday 20th (tickets £25 from David on 07940 413707) and the Village Picnic with Spa Brass on the Millennium Green on Sunday 21st (free, just bring your picnic and something to sit on).

Our Harvest Festival Service will as usual be in church at 10.30am on the first Sunday in October; this year our Harvest Meal will be a buffet lunch on the same day, Sunday 5th October at The Old Rectory. Tickets for the meal, costing £12 (£5 for children 5-12 years, free for under 5s) will be available from Jackie 810331, Margie 817312 or Sue Moore. You do not need to come to the service to come to the meal but of course we hope you will want to join us at both as we celebrate the bounty of God's earth and give thanks for the hard work of all the farmers and others who ensure we have food to eat. If anyone local would like to come to our harvest events but needs a lift please let us know and we will try to arrange transport for you.

This month my special thanks go to everyone who helps to keep the churchyard looking cared for, in particular Tracy, Jana and Keith who have been tackling brambles, ivy and various other plants with triffid-like tendencies.

From the Registers

Holy Marriage

23rd August Laura Mhlanga and Robin Bell

Holy Baptism

24th August Sophie Norgate



Flower Rota

11th October Elizabeth Evans

25th October & 1st November Margaret Clarke



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

There was no formal meeting in August but instead about 20 of us assembled at The Bell at lunchtime on the 12th to enjoy convivial conversation (I was sorry for other diners in the dining room) and superb food!

The darts team will have completed their match against Brailes W.I. by the time this edition is distributed so I hope to be able to give you a favourable result and the date of the next match in the next issue.

The September meeting starts at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th in the Village Hall, when Vince Williams will talk about the W.I. at War.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

The main feature of our August meeting was the selection of members' photographs for our annual exhibition. With nearly 40 pictures on display there was plenty of good material (and some members were not able to attend so there is more to come). Others may have problems devising perfect democratic systems but not the Photography Club; learning from previous shenanigans, including double voting and other devious practices, we went for the simple single vote and harmony reigned. We selected 20 images (two for each member present) which Jackie will place in elegant mounts as before ready for exhibiting. The venue has yet to be decided, so watch this space.



We cannot display exhibition photographs in advance - they are kept under wraps until the occasion - so here is an example of a picture that was not chosen. It gives you an idea of the high quality available to us. This magic action shot was taken by Mike Todman in Croatia; he happened to hear the skateboarder approaching and caught the shot as the boy made his final move. It shows what you can do if you have your camera ready.

Adrenaline by Mike Todman

Our October meeting will be in Ladbroke Village Hall as usual, at 7.30pm, when we are looking forward to seeing photographs from China. We welcome visitors to our meetings which are in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. For more information please see tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto or email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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

Copies of our information leaflet are available at The Bell and at All Saints Church. If you would like to join the team, have any suggestions for future

events, or any other comments please contact us (details are in our leaflet and on the Ladbroke website).

Film Nights: We hold a village film night every two months courtesy of Stratford District Council's 'Moving Pictures' initiative. At the time of writing, we are scheduled to screen 'Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom' on Friday 29th August. I hope by the time you read this, you will have enjoyed watching the film and eating the delicious pre-film Summer meal.

The next film night will be a Christmas Special planned for Friday 5th December.

Other Events

We have a quiz night scheduled for Saturday 11th October in the Village Hall. More details will be available soon, but if you consider yourself to be a 'University Challenger', a 'Mastermind', or an 'Egghead' this is the event for you. You won't win a 'Family Fortune', as that would be 'Pointless', but there will be prizes for the winning team. Teams should be of no more than four players, so 'phone a friend' and form a team!

Millennium Club Monthly Draw Results

£50	Geoff Timms	£50	Helen Ballard
£25	Linda Spence	£25	A Dowdeswell
£25	Malcolm Wray	£10	Jim and Pauline Laidler
£10	Graham Lewis	£10	Pam Collins
£10	Christine Baker	£10	Dianne and Trevor Surgey

Margaret Bosworth



Table Tennis every Wednesday in Ladbroke Village Hall ***Bat and Ball before Beer and Burgers at the Bell***

We have brushed off our two tables and started playing again - every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm - £2 a head. All comers are welcome whatever your standard. If you don't have a bat don't worry, someone will lend you one. If you can't get there at 6.00pm, you are welcome to join in later. On Parish Council meeting nights we shall finish at 7.30pm. Wednesday is burger night at the Bell which rounds off the evening nicely.

For more information contact kip@kwarr.co.uk or 815004.

Kip Warr



Harbury Parish Council

Harbury's Neighbourhood Plan

The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30 in Harbury Village Club.

We still need volunteers to help prepare this plan, and make applications for grant funding. We want people to view Stratford's Proposed Core Strategy on their website www.stratford.gov.uk/index.cfm. We need all parishioners to become involved as the plan must be a genuine COMMUNITY document and not in conflict with the Core Strategy.

A Neighbourhood Plan will not stop development happening in and around Harbury, but it will give residents a say in what type of development it should be and where it should take place.

By the time you read this, households in the village will have received Gladman's document about their potential residential development of **85** houses on the land at the south of Bush Heath Lane. Although they ask for your responses we were not able to oppose the location and are not protected in the future against other types of development.

Make your opinions known. Get involved. See you on 16th.

Councillor Pat Summers
patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk

Biffa Landfill & Composting Site

We are aware that recently there have been some unpleasant odours from the Biffa site and that some residents have already made complaints about this. We have met with Biffa to discuss the problem and the Environment Agency has also been involved. It's important that all incidents are reported so if you are affected please make a note of the date and time when the problem occurs and contact the following people:

Site Manager at Biffa, Ufton	01926 350394
Environmental Agency (24 hours)	0800 80 70 60
Stratford on Avon District Council	01789 267575

Gypsy & Traveller Sites Update

Warwick District Council has decided to include Leamington FC ground in Harbury Lane as one of its allocated sites for gypsies and travellers. This is dependent on finding a suitable alternative site for the football club.

According to statements published by the club, WDC has assured them that there will be no move to re-develop the site for use by gypsies and travellers unless a suitable alternative location for the football club can be found and there will be no compulsory purchase order.

Following WDC's latest decision, there will be a further public consultation on the soundness and legality of the draft development plan for the allocation of sites for gypsies and travellers. This means that any comments must be restricted to these aspects only and not on the suitability of the site itself. The consultation is expected to commence in mid-September and will run for 6 weeks. This matter will be considered by the parish council at its next meeting on 25th September 2014. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the village hall and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Harbury Parish Council



Planning

You are probably aware that Gladman Developments has leafleted the village with a glossy brochure setting out their intention to put 85 homes opposite the Hereburgh Way development along the western side of Bush Heath Lane.

The leaflet says that Stratford District Council has a shortfall of housing land but SDC's emerging Local Plan has now satisfied the housing target government set them. Gladman says it is consulting our community on housing needs and its development proposals and invites responses on: its plans; any improvements; and other comments. However, it is difficult to make any informed response with the sketchy information available in the leaflet. There is more information online but it is hard to find. Try the link:-

<http://www.your-views.co.uk/uploads/images/Harbury/Consultation%20Boards/5656%20PUBLIC%20CONSULTATION%20BOARDS%20A4.pdf>

They say the development will "include approximately 85 new homes of varying sizes, types and tenures" of which "35% ... would provide affordable housing for local people".

So at present:-

- We don't know how they will fit 85 houses on a plot not so much bigger than the Hereburgh/Ridgley Way development, which has a mix of 49 homes, 26 market-sale and 23 affordable rented (47% - almost half), all of which are for people who meet the local qualification criteria.

- We don't know if they intend to follow the same legal process as at Hereburgh Way and reserve all the homes for local people.
- We don't know what type of accommodation the "homes" will be: flats, terraces, semi or detached houses or bungalows, or the density of the development.
- And we don't have any idea of what they would cost!

The brochure also seems to double as a promotional advertisement. It extols the range of services and facilities in Harbury. But these are under great pressure already and this pressure can only increase as more homes are built.

Development has been granted for three houses on the Dovehouse Autos site, a detached house on the Dog Car Park and a cottage in Hall Lane. More is planned with an estate west of Hillside; a cottage on the Spinney Paddock and Village with a Vision's Extra Care homes down Bull Ring Lane.

So; built and in the pipeline; we already have most of the housing allocation the Local Plan sets us, but we do need upgraded services, educational and medical facilities etc, which might receive some funding from larger speculative development.

Gladman Development is trying to show that we do indeed need more housing but the local feeling seems to be that the village needs time to assimilate what new housing is already being built; what is approved and that which is pending a planning decision.

The Parish Council is hoping to have a representative from Gladman at the next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 25th September in the Village Hall, where we may learn more.



What a lovely summer we have had but Autumn is coming too quickly.

However we had an enjoyable Garden Party in the Farley Room at the Village Hall. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious and we thank the Committee for making it so.

Sixteen members went on the outing to Sudbury Hall (N.T.) in Derbyshire in July. Again, a nice day, a very interesting museum, nice lunch and a good journey. Thanks to Pam and Peggie for arranging everything.

We look forward to the W.I. Harvest Supper on Friday, 26th September at the Village Hall, 7 – 7.30pm. See you there.

September meeting is at the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 11th, 7.45pm.

Speaker: Mrs Smithams – Victorian Lingerie



Harbury Theatre Group

Sue Lawrence

After our relaxing summer break we have now started rehearsing for our November productions. The adult play is called "All Balls and Ashes" by Mark Robberts. This is a comedy centred around a cricket club on the Yorkshire/Lancashire border. The play focuses on the hilarious antics of some of the senior members and their wives. In an attempt to carry out the last wishes of their friend, the main protagonists get themselves into a "reet pickle". We are delighted that this production will feature debut performances by Jan Freeman and Celia Stockdale.

The juniors are working their socks off rehearsing the songs and dance routines as well as their words for what promises to be a fantastic show.

The play is called "When Sasha got Stuck up the Chimney" by Craig Hawes. So don't forget to look out for dates and ticket sales nearer the time. The two plays will be staged at different times. If any of you out there haven't heard, we are always looking for new members so, if you are wanting to tread the boards or work with lighting or scenery, you would always be very welcome. So why not join us at the Gamecock on 30th September 8pm or ring 614937. You will be given a warm welcome. Don't be shy, give us a try.



Folk Club

Ian Hartland

August can be a tricky month for Folk Club organisers as there are often lots of regulars on holiday. Scheduling an evening with a mere handful of performers requires careful timing and the temptation of a less-specific theme to lure them into a second spot. The theme for August's Folk Club was "My Favourite Songs", which allowed performers to raid their repertoire and reveal their personal preferences.

The evening commenced with The Harvesters performing "Say Darlin', Say" and "Dancing at Whitsun". Next up was Martin Day who debuted his new-found skills on a guitar with "No Love Today" and then sang the story of "Joyce the Librarian", written by Richard Stilgoe. Sue Harris was next and sang "The History Man" and followed it with "The Salt of My Tears", accompanied by Martin and Norman on shakers. Rick expertly performed Hoagy Carmichael's "Skylark" and then sang a sad Edith Piaf song about a young couple in a room. Pat and John were next to the stage with the humorous "Winter of Life" and then gave us a rousing Irish fox-hunting song.

To close the first half Norman sang Leonard Cohen's "The Sisters of Mercy" and followed it with James Taylor's "Carolina in My Mind", which encouraged the Harbury Folk Club Chorus Engine to join in with gusto.

The second half was opened by Peter McDonald who sang "The Appalachian Front-Porch Game" and then a charming song by James Keelahan, "River Run". Des was next with a Great War song about Jenny and Tommy, two love-lorn correspondents. He followed this with another Great War-themed song, "The Band Played Waltzing Matilda". Our next act put Harbury Folk Club into international mode when Veronique from Lille in France played her melodeon for Andrew and Jenny to perform two Breton sea shanties, the second of which conveniently featured an English refrain for the Chorus Engine to get its collective tonsils into. Bob Hodgkiss made a welcome return visit to the club to give us the humorous "Paddy's Sick Note" and then he cleverly used a CD backing track to sing "One More for the Road". Rick was persuaded to sing a third song and gave us Jake Thackeray's "La-De-Da". John (without Pat) sang "The Bold Princess Royal" and then Pat (without John) sang Nancy Kerr's beautiful song "Farewell Queen of Waters". Thus ended the second half.

The third and final half is often quite 'thin' in terms of audience and performers but, as the evening was still quite young, most people allotted to remain. The Harvesters kicked off with Rick Nelson's "Garden Party" and were immediately followed by Norman who sang many people's favourite Tom Paxton song, "The Last Thing on My Mind". Martin was next and sang the hilarious "Whalerman's Complaint", an alphabetical-order Kipper Family song. Des regaled us with the story of the ill-fated ship Alabama and sang "Roll Alabama, Roll". We were then treated to two sets of French Polkas by the talented Veronique. The evening was brought to a close by the safe hands that belong to Peter who played and sang "Play It All Again".

The raffle for the evening raised an impressive £55.00 for Myton Hospice. As ever, many thanks are due to all of the performers, the audience who responded with enthusiastic applause and harmony singing and, last but not least, to Harbury Village Club who generously lay out the room for us and provide a warm and welcoming environment.

By the time you read this, the Folk Club will have celebrated thirty years in existence on 4th September when Sue is hosting the evening with her chosen theme of "Numbers". If you didn't make that, then the next evening will be 2nd October with Doug and Janny hosting.

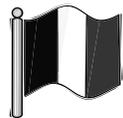
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Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

Fish & Chips and All That Jazz!

After the excitement of our visit to France in May, the Carnival in June and a great safari-supper Bastille Night in July, we all snuggled down for a restful summer break!

(We hope all readers of this magazine had a good summer, too.)



But watch this space, because next up is:- a return visit by the hugely talented jazz group **Play Django**.

They have chosen to play at Harbury Village Hall on Friday 10th October at 7.30pm, and we are very lucky to have them. £17.50 includes a fish and chip supper with home-made apple pie and cream.

Tickets from any of the following:-

Andrew Patrick	614359	andrewpharbury@gmail.com
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Harbury Juniors Football Club

Ian Jones

Chairman's Report: Ian Jones

The new season is upon us and after the summer break I am sure everyone is well motivated to get back into football. The club continues to grow, this year we will be running the following groups, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 and U14. Great news.

Over the summer Harbury Juniors was awarded the Football Association Charter Standard Development Club accreditation. This is a significant milestone in the history and development of the club. This accreditation (a Kite Mark for grass roots football), demonstrates to the FA (and the community) that our club is well run, takes the development of players and coaches seriously, has appropriate safeguarding/welfare processes in place and has good governance including financial management. Well done and thanks to all those involved in achieving this accreditation.

Under 10's: Malcolm Tanner

Training will re-commence on 13th September at Harbury Playing Fields at 9.15am.

Under 12's: Ian Jones

Training will re-commence on 2nd September at Southam College 3g pitch, please note the new time of 6pm – 7.30pm. Matches will remain on a Sunday with a 2pm kick off.

**Harbury Tennis Club**

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

The Club held a very enjoyable BBQ tournament on a warm August evening. Tournament Organiser Peter Walshe kept everyone on their toes to make sure the Round Robin matches were complete before the coals were lit to ensure the cooking food didn't distract play! Rosemary Harley and Steve Stark won their section of the draw and met Karen Bristow and Colin Mercer in the final. This went to a close tie-break with Karen and Colin (pictured) just edging it to claim the last burger!



The winners - Karen and Colin

Two more fixtures were played in Division 5 of the Banbury Summer League which was moving to an exciting finale with 5 of the 6 clubs having a chance of promotion. In the first match Harbury recorded a sixth consecutive win with a 9-0 whitewash of visitors Hook Norton. Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes and Eira Owen were the ladies with the "3 Steves" (Stark, Fitzgerald, and Marshall) joining them to record the best win of the season. This took Harbury into second place needing just 3 sets in the last 2 matches to finish as champions. Brackley were the next opponents, also at home, and in a very close match the visitors pulled off a surprise win. Only 2 Steves played in this one, Stark and Fitzgerald, with Caroline, Debs, Sue Panton and Colin Mercer completing the Harbury line-up. The match score was 5-4 to Brackley but those 4 sets were enough to see Harbury win the league with one match to play!

The Autumn Junior Coaching programme, which is run for us by Tennisolutions, starts at Harbury on Monday 1st September with sessions for different age groups on Mondays and Fridays. For adults there are two sessions, a "Rusty Rackets" session on Monday evenings (7.30-8.30pm) and on Friday mornings starting 5th September (9.30-10.30am) there's a "Ladies Improver" session. If you're interested in any of these please contact Lucy Stevenson at admin@tennisolutions.co.uk

Harbury Tennis Club General Knowledge Quiz - 5th October

The Harbury Tennis Club is holding a new annual Quiz at the Village Club on Sunday 5th October.

All are welcome as this Quiz is based upon general knowledge so no tennis knowledge is required to stand a chance to win.

Teams of four can be entered at £12 per team with prizes for winners and runners up.

Entry price includes sandwiches and a raffle will be held on the night. And don't forget there's the Village Club's famous selection of delicious beers on tap throughout to 'stimulate' those thought processes.

Please e-mail Colin or Sue Mercer on sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk to register your team. Entry fees will be collected on the night so we even give you credit.

Remember the Big Quiz October 5th 7.30 for 8pm start at Village Club.

Book your team in now and see if you're good enough to win the Quiz in straight sets!!!!

Steve Fitzgerald

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p>Lynne Barton</p>
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Toddler Group's first session following the summer holiday is **Monday 8th September**.

Lynne, Emma and Paul look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five.

Thinking of coming along or need more information? If so, please do ring Lynne Barton on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com

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

Face and Hand Painting is now booked for **Monday 15th September**. Linda, an experienced Entrust Care Partnership volunteer will be on hand with brush and colours so make sure you tell all your friends. There will be no additional charge made for this activity. See you there!



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

We are looking forward to starting the new school year on Tuesday 2nd September. In addition to the learning taking place within Pre-School, much goes on when we go out on visits. These photographs illustrate the seven **areas of learning and development** covered whilst the Pre-School children are out and about.



Personal, social and emotional development – with families at the teddy bears' picnic

Physical development – on an autumn walk



Communication and language - whilst at Hatton Country World



Literacy –
Pre-Schoolers visit
their new school

Mathematics – on a shopping trip



Understanding the world – visiting
our farm in Harbury

Expressive arts and design – taking
place at the park



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



Harbury Nursery School Years (1968 – 1997)

Harbury Nursery School was started in 1968 by Mary Shelley. She ran it in her own home until numbers grew when she moved the nursery into the Village Hall. Mary Shelley ran it there from 1970-1972 when Jeanne Clarke took over.



Harbury Nursery School (around 1974 - 1979)

Staff: Jeanne Clarke, Mary Catt, Carol Jackson (formerly Percival), Jennifer Ingram

Jeanne had the nursery for seven years during which time it grew even more. She was registered to take 32 children each morning from Tuesday to Friday; having one adult to eight children (this ratio was brought down later to six).

Eventually in 1979, Jeanne retired and Mary Catt took it on. There were four very good helpers at that time: Carol Percival (now Carol Jackson), Jennifer Ingram, Pat Woodward and Sylvia Green. Later Maureen Smith helped too.

In 1984 Mary Catt handed the nursery school over to Carol Percival and when she left Moya Waterman took over and ran the nursery until 1993.

All this time the nursery had been privately owned. After Moya Waterman finished, Kate Smart became Leader and during her time it became committee run. Kate Smart was followed by Tina Varriale who ran the nursery until its closure in 2014.

It seems very sad that this well-established school has had to close. It would be good if some of the people who have been involved could have a get-together to celebrate and reminisce about the happy times we had.

Mary Catt

Windmills Nursery School Years (1997 – 2014)

Under the leadership of Kate Smart the nursery was invited to move to the school grounds in 1997 by the headmaster at the time Paul Milner, and was also rebranded Windmills Nursery School. Windmills was based in the infant classroom of what is now Year 2 for eight years. They were invited to school class assemblies, May Day celebrations and performed their own assemblies and concerts which the school attended. Some of the staff during this time included Fiona Cook, Cassie Houghton, Eilish Flanagan and Pauline Fitzgerald.

In 2002 Tina Varriale and Marie Kennedy took over as joint managers from Kate Smart. In 2005 headmaster Denis Daly moved the nursery out of its school classroom to a modular classroom which Windmills shared with the out of school club for the remaining nine years before closure. Staff during this time also included Beryl Sheasby, Linda Casement, Libby Darlison, Nicola Perrett, Sally Wood and Mike McVeigh.

In 2007 Windmills Nursery was granted status as a Forest School which, with their Forest School leader Amanda Randall, was a big asset to the nursery. In 2011 Marie Kennedy left and Sally Lines re-joined in the role of joint manager with Tina Varriale. The last members of staff to join the Windmills team was Donna Wilson and Katharine Giblin.

There have been so many special people involved in the success of Windmills Nursery and we have only been able to mention a few of them in this article. We would like to thank everyone involved over the years including staff, parents and, most especially, the children.

Tina Varriale and Katharine Giblin

Windmills Reunion for Staff

We are organising a celebratory reunion probably in late October for anyone who has ever worked for Windmills Nursery School or Harbury Nursery School to share memories of what was a wonderful establishment. If you are interested in attending or have any other things you would like to share please contact Katharine on 01926 613084 or email katharine.giblin@btopenworld.com.



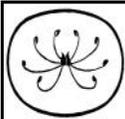


Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

‘Summertime and the livin’ is easy’ – well in some respects for anyone involved with the Village Hall it is! There’s not as much activity during the holiday period, so the daily checks are not as onerous and the cleaning isn’t quite as demanding, BUT if livin’ is interpreted as the means whereby the Hall is maintained financially, then it’s not quite as easy on balancing the monthly budget, as there are not as many of the regular bookings to swell the coffers. Fortunately, there have been two weddings in August, which have helped the finances considerably and the Beer Festival, organised by CAMRA, at the end of the month always brings in a very welcome profit from the sale of freshly prepared snacks.

It was also fortuitous that the Village Hall committees were responsible for organising the last coffee morning in August in the Tom Hauley room, which resulted in a very healthy profit of £177.44. It’s always impressive to see how many regulars turn up each week to support the many charities, which take a turn to produce the drinks in the newly refurbished kitchen. The amount raised at these social get-togethers over the year must be very impressive and the Village Hall is grateful to be part of the rota, which contributes to the social livin’ of villagers, as well as providing the opportunity to add to the financial livin’, which keeps another community building viable! Thanks to all involved.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

The last garden visit of this year was on the evening of Tuesday 12th August when we had a guided tour of the wonderful gardens at Upton House. We had a shower about 5.00pm but luckily it brightened up and although not hot it was pleasant weather. We had two volunteer garden guides, Maggie and Mike who I know very well and are so knowledgeable.

Even though I volunteer at Upton there is never enough time before we open the doors to view the gardens so I had not had a good look since June when we had our volunteers’ Summer Party. I was in Mike’s group and we started off on the terrace where we could clearly see the date of 1695 on a drainpipe which is when the present house dates from. There is evidence of a settlement here as early as the 12th century and in the basement of the house there is a 14th century vaulted ceiling and a Tudor archway. In the 17th and 18th centuries the gardens were different from those of today, much more formal. After the house was bought by the second Viscount Bearsted in 1927 his wife Lady Fanny took a good deal of interest in the development of

the garden. She employed Kitty Lloyd Jones who was virtually unknown but they collaborated to produce the series of sloping gardens that we see today. Both had a passion for colour and shapes and they had a very good working relationship. Heather, the head gardener, has worked miracles to restore the gardens back to the 1920's and 30's style that we see today.

Once we left the large lawns, which were used to play tennis and croquet, we went down the right hand stairs where a sprawling wisteria is draped over the walls. This is a fantastic sight in Spring. The large cedars of Lebanon just before the steps are over 200 years old and there used to be someone employed on the estate to shake the snow off the branches so that they didn't snap with the weight of the snow! The first border below the wall is still colourful, mainly salvias, in all hues from blue to pink to white. Then we descended to the next level, to more borders where one of the national collections of asters is. These are at their best in September but there is still much to see. The large sunflowers and rudbeckias from yellows to oranges were just coming into their own. Here too are lovely dahlias a great favourite of Lady B. The bottom border was full of delphiniums and lupins which were a fantastic spectacle earlier in the year. There are unusual trees too. Lady B's garden is very formal with one single seat around the edge where she loved to come and sit. The vegetable gardens are very large and productive, the fruit and vegetables and used in the restaurant. Tall artichokes contrasting with the colourful rows of runner beans. So many courgettes; I thought that I had a lot but not as many as here, a row of them about 30 feet long. Potatoes, cabbages, kale and much more. The fruit bushes too are productive.

The mirror pool looks lovely in the evening, I saw a kingfisher darting above the water on a July evening when I was selling tickets for a Jazz Concert, a superb sight. The sunken garden which once had a lovely array of cherry trees (short lived and prone to disease) is in the process of renovation. Once the silt which was removed from the mirror pool, has been distributed around the garden the work can start properly. The woods at the side here, Blackwell Woods are open for a day in May for the bluebell walk and a day in Autumn for a fungus foray.

We explored the bog garden which has ponds, once stew ponds used by the 12th century monks. The one large pond has some very big koi carp. There is a large mulberry tree which had fruits on, sampled by some members! The one tree which is outstanding in Autumn is a Katsura tree which, when it sheds its leaves, smells like toffee. Lovely little paths and bridges entice you further towards the end wall and Bog Cottage, which is now a holiday let. A little spring babbles over rocks and is very calming. We then walked back uphill towards the house past lots of yew trees. Mike told us that when he was doing a tour last year one of the visitors said that yew berries were not poisonous!? and proceeded to pick one and eat it but he then spat out the middle pip which IS the poisonous bit...we declined to follow suit!!

We then made our way to the restaurant where we enjoyed tea or coffee and excellent homemade cake. A lovely evening which was enjoyed by all who came. I will do something similar next year as it was such a success. Talking of next year, I am about two thirds of the way towards finalising the speakers for 2014/15. It gets more and more difficult each year as some speakers are booked up a year in advance, I am awaiting responses from two more potential speakers and will be breathing a huge sigh of relief when all completed, so watch this space!!

Hope you are watching Beechgrove Garden on a Sunday morning. I learned an interesting fact this week about variegated plants which often revert back to original colour. I have just been snipping off the offending parts with secateurs but you really have to pull off the offending stems from the main stem by hand. The programme is full of useful things like this and I wish it was on for an hour, I am just getting interested in things and then the 30 minutes have finished. Chris Beardshaw is one of the presenters and his knowledge is fantastic.

There are still places to visit and events to go to in September. Here are just a few suggestions. Stanway Fountain and Water Gardens GL54 5PQ about 25 miles away near Winchcombe are open for NGS on Sunday 14th September from 2.00 to 5.00pm, cost £4. It is a very fine example of a Baroque water garden with two huge fountains including the highest fountain in the UK which reaches a height of 300 feet. There is also an 18th century formal garden with lawns and wonderful vistas. If you have never been I can recommend a visit. Also in Gloucestershire, near to Cirencester, is Ampney Brook House, Ampney Crucis, GL7 5RT. The owners are in the second year of a five year project for the gardens. They are developing a haven for wild life, large herbaceous borders, kitchen garden and meadows. Open on Sunday 7th September from 11.30am to 4.00pm and cost is £5. Do visit Oxford Botanic Gardens in Rose Lane by Magdalen Bridge. It has huge glass houses, is the oldest Botanic garden in England and has over 5000 species of plants. It will also be open for NGS on Tuesday 16th September from 9.00am to 5.00pm and cost is £4.50. You can drive to the park and ride at Water Eaton and get a bus into the city centre. Lots of universities nearby have their gardens open too, so make a day of it. They are currently filming another series of Lewis, and when I went to Oxford to meet up with ex work colleagues 3 weeks ago, we went to the Ashmoleum and we were unexpectedly part of a crowd scene so you never know - you could be too.

There will be a plant fair on Sunday 21st September at Spetchley Park Gardens just outside Worcester which is very easy to get to. It has over 20 specialist nurseries, plant talks and advice and is on from 11.00am to 5.00pm. I do not know the cost but it is usually about £5. The gardens here are pretty special too. Lastly the Malvern Autumn Show this year is on 27th and 28th September from 11.00am to 5.00pm and the cost is £15. There will be a harvest pavilion, vegetable trug completion, giant vegetable championship, demonstrations and of course the best bit, plants for sale.

All this with the magnificent backdrop of the Malvern Hills, a very fitting location for the last outdoor RHS show of the season.

Enjoy September, keep picking your produce and savour your fruit and vegetables. It is a lovely month and although raining today the forecast for the month is good. Happy gardening and I hope that you manage to get to just one of the places listed. Don't forget to come and see the asters at Upton and drop into the house, I look forward to seeing you.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

We are fast approaching autumn, the asters will be flowering and the apples will be almost ready to pick. Our year has been very quiet but we have no idea why. The weather has been mostly favourable for gardeners so I can't use that as an excuse. Are our customers all buying elsewhere or have they not done much gardening this year? Admittedly everything has grown incredibly well so maybe there are no gaps for new plants. If anyone has any thoughts on our poor sales I would appreciate any feedback. As a result of this we are going to have a lot of plants to sell at greatly reduced prices starting on 1st September so if you would like some bargains please come and see what we have.

In other news, Philip has finished his course of treatment and, apart from being a bit tired at times, is fit and well. The results are all positive. He has continued to do most of the mowing and some other jobs at work and has even snuck in a few boating trips during the last few weeks. Luckily he didn't need the support of Macmillan nurses but many people do rely on their services so we have decided to take part in the 'WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING' on 26th of the month to help raise some donations to this charity. We would like to invite you all to come from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Christine will make plenty of cakes and would welcome any contributions.

Back to gardening and a few jobs for the month.....

- Buy bulbs and plant them.
- Pick tomatoes, even if they are green, they will ripen on the kitchen windowsill.
- Take cuttings of roses, penstemons and cistus.

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Blackberries in profusion and now it's onto the damsons. Bank Holiday Monday was wet as forecast but the weekend was clement. I suppose the ground needed some moisture and it had a good soaking, bringing out the snails and slugs as well as amphibians. Many of the latter succumb to the automobile on our crowded roads as had the adult badger I found blocking the way as I cycled along Knightcote Bottoms. The lane is on the ancient Salt Way and must have been used by packhorses transporting the valuable, essential mineral east from Droitwich, known to the Romans as Salinae. Somewhere, perhaps in Northamptonshire, it met salt coming west from the sea.

Now the swifts have flown south. The Wednesday Walkers saw some swallows today (27th August) in the Avon valley near Charlecote. How much longer will they linger? By the time you read this, they may just be a memory. Coming through the Thwaites Estate on 23rd August, the conditions seemed a harbinger of autumn. It was bright and cool with long views. The wind was from the north west and summer's haze had gone. Further north, a frost was forecast. Just one field of barley was still standing. All the wheat had been harvested and rectangular bales of straw were awaiting collection on the stubble.

In France with our family, we stayed in an area new to us. The village of St- Paul-de-Fenouillet provided a perfect base to explore the magical Roussillon countryside. This area of limestone drains to the Mediterranean near Perpignan. Our river was the Algy and it cut the impressive 'Gorges de Galamus' on its eastward journey. Invigorating swimming after a walk through vineyards and pine forest will last long in the memory. In a cave at nearby Tautavel were found the remains of 'Tautavel Man' along with the animals he hunted. An excellent museum told the story and showed off the artefacts to good effect. This is the earliest known European human being and dates to around 450,000BC.

With temperatures around 30C at midday, we shared the environment with a host of insects. Some like the cicada made a lot of noise but remained invisible. Butterflies were easy to see and we saw two species new to me. The Scarce Swallowtail (*Iphiclydes podalirius*) did not live up to its name as one day we saw at least twenty on bare moist ground. They seemed to be drinking from puddles and put on a memorable display. This butterfly demonstrates back to front mimicry to confuse predators. The Cleopatra butterfly (*Gonepteryx Cleopatra*) is Brimstone and like our species is a leaf mimic. The male's forewings are flushed with orange. Also seen were Chalkhill Blue and Silver Washed Fritillary.

Back home, I saw that Butterfly Conservation was having an open day at Grafton Wood which lies a few miles west of Inkberrow in Worcestershire. Sharon and I headed that way on Sunday 24th August just before the weather broke. We cycled from Harvington to the wood and one way or another managed to miss the last guided walk to see our quarry, the Brown Hairstreak, in one of its few Midlands haunts. It spends most of its time as an adult perched out of sight on a tree top. The golden coloured females are easier to spot because they briefly descend in August and September to lay eggs on blackthorn twigs. We met visitors who had seen the insect but despite tramping several likely woodland rides and sitting quietly by a pond we had to admit defeat. Maybe I will visit again in the next few weeks and report next month. As they say, watch this space.

Maurice Bristow reported an unusual wildlife experience. After dark on 18th August, whilst inside the house, he heard an animal crying out as if in pain. He went outside to investigate, the security lights went on and he saw a young badger attacking a hedgehog. It appeared to be trying to turn the animal onto its back. The badger immediately made off and the hedgehog survived.



General Section

Southam College and Teams4U trip to Romania



On the 20th of July we set out with our group of sixteen volunteers from Southam College Sixth Form for a ten day trip to Romania. We would be staying in the city of Oradea in the West of Romania but working closely with the disadvantaged Romany community in the small village of Urvind. The group was led by Dave Cooke from Teams4u and it turned out to be the most eye opening and unforgettable

experience of our lives. Each of us had raised £1500 to cover the cost of the trip and buy materials for the polytunnel and play park we would be building.

The first day we arrived everyone was quite apprehensive but in no time at all barrier after barrier was broken down and strong relationships were built up with the community. The language barrier initially was quite imposing but we all soon realised that you didn't need to have a conversation to connect with

the children. We made friendship bracelets and loom bands, we drew, blew bubbles and played games or swung them around.



You felt honoured when a child would take you to see their home, the diversity between the houses was incredible; some were tiny and almost like mud huts, however a few were properly built in brick with a sturdy roof. The experience of visiting my first house there will stay with me forever. An 18 year old girl named Melinda took me by the hand and led me inside her tiny two roomed metal box house. She shared it with her husband whom she'd married when 15 years old and worked at a shoe factory. She was so proud and kept it very tidy with brightly coloured woven hangings on the walls. However also on the walls it was heartbreaking to see photographs of her baby which unfortunately had died, under what

circumstances I do not know, soon after birth - a reminder of the lack of medical assistance this community has access too. On the way out Melinda picked up her teddy and gave it to me. I couldn't understand how someone who had nothing could be so generous, I was stunned by her kindness and it has to be one of the most meaningful gifts I have ever been given.

The building of the play park and polytunnel unfortunately did not get completed whilst we were there due to bad weather and some materials not arriving, however to us this did not matter. If we had left with all the building work complete but not having had an emotional and personal relationship with the children and community we would of considered the trip a failure. The connections we made with those children were so much more



important - the way their eyes lit up when they saw you, the way they hugged you and the way they chased the mini buses when we left was an indescribable feeling. It taught us the vital importance of how just being there and showing you care can enrich a child's life.

By the end of our time in Urvind everyone felt fully accepted and had fallen in love with the community. Each of us felt privileged to be allowed into their lives in such a personal way. The relationships we built up opened our eyes to the crucial importance of tolerance of other's cultures. It really made us firmly stand behind the belief that unconditionally a disadvantaged child,

no matter where they are from, deserves to be given equal opportunities in life and be treated with love and acceptance.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us, including the Wagstaff Trust, and if you would like to know more, please visit the Southam College blog or Teams4u website.

Heather and Aimee Clifton



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

September sees the start of the academic year, with new challenges facing students. Many things are different and will take time to get used to and this may be how some of you are feeling about the library! The reorganisation (which is ongoing) is to enable us to increase the shelf space, so that we can have more books which you would like to read, displayed in an easy-to-access way. One new bookshelf is already in place and by the time you read this, the other may be there too. If you get lost and can't find what you are looking for, please ask one of the volunteers to help you.

European Day of Languages this year is on Friday 26th September and the library will be displaying examples of as many different European language books as we can. You can also look at the books in our French Collection, which have been donated to the library by the Harbury Twinning Association, in collaboration with the people of Samois-sur-Seine. As an extra incentive to visit us, Biblio's will be offering a selection of European themed cakes.

Biblio's has now returned to its usual hours of 9.15 - noon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 10 - noon on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you.

Sue Wurr



Harbury Village Show

If you are reading this in time, do pop round to the Village Hall on Saturday 6th September from 2pm to admire the work of our growers, cooks and craftspeople. And enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake. If not, you will have to wait for next month to see who won the awards.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Energy Initiative

And I thought that everyone was lazing on a foreign beach or dozing on the lawn in the summer heat - you may remember that we did actually have some this year. I was slightly wrong; August turned out to be a bit more active than I had expected.

Electric Car Club. We have had a really exciting offer from E-Car, a new company spawned by British Gas, Nissan, Renault and some other partners to have electric cars for hire in the village. You will, as soon as I can get it organised, be able to hire an electric car from a central location at a reasonable price. E-Car will provide the car(s), fast charging point (20 minutes for a full charge), do all the admin and bookings, cover the insurance. All we need to do is provide a place for the cars. Negotiations for the latter are under way. This is a bit of an experiment, so I hope that you will give it a try.

The Green Deal Home Improvement Fund, an extension of the Green Deal, was so popular that the government had to close the treasure chest after only a few months. The chest was empty. If you had planned to look into it, it's been looted. You can still benefit from the Feed in Tariff for electricity generated by you and the Renewable Heat Incentive for any installations you have made of renewable heat devices for hot water or home heating. HEI can give a bit more advice on this, if you want to follow it up.

Finalists for an award. This year marks the inauguration of the Community Energy Awards, to be held in Oxford on 4th September. I was amazed to learn that we are one of three finalists in the fundraising category and I shall be going to Oxford to find out how our diminutive village project is judged against two much larger programmes.

Credit Union. This region doesn't seem to be well served by alternative banking systems such as credit unions. Although this started as an HEI idea to help people pay for improvements to their homes in order to save money, the agenda has broadened. The idea behind a credit union is that it is managed by local people for the benefit of the community. You can save or borrow and get advice on reducing debt and managing your finances. A few of us, not all from HEI, have started investigating this. It's complicated!

Community Energy. HEI is keen to investigate any opportunity we can find for community energy generation locally for the benefit of us all. This could be PV panels, a biomass system, anaerobic digester or a wind turbine. Some of these are ruled out quite quickly as impractical. A wind turbine is an unlikely possibility and anaerobic digestion needs a steady supply of more material that we could provide locally. This month seems to be the month for conferences about community energy and I seem to be attending most of them - on your behalf! Someone has to. We'll see what comes out of all the talking.

In the meantime we hope to restart the discussions we initiated between Community Energy Warwickshire and the school for a PV array on the roof. With a new head teacher just starting, it would be polite to wait a little.

Bob Sherman - 612277
shermanbob55@gmail.com

Harbury Tai Chi

The regular Monday night Tai Chi class at Ufton Village Hall starts again on 8th September at 7.30pm. This classical Chinese health system has evolved over thousands of years. It is a perfect complement to western medicine, promoting health, vitality, calmness, poise, flexibility, strength and coordination. If it is new to you, why not give it a try? The first class you attend is always free. If you want to know more, call me on 612277 or email shermanbob55@gmail.com

Bob Sherman



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning for the shoebox appeal. It raised £160 which will pay for the transport of 53 boxes. We shall be packing boxes on Friday morning, 7th November.

If you would like any suggestions for suitable items to include, please have a word with one of us. Nearer the time there will be leaflets in church.

Gillian Hare and Mike Jones

Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research

The coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on 20th September will be in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Quite a few Harbury residents, or relations of Harbury residents have been diagnosed over the past few years with these dreadful diseases - forms of blood and bone marrow cancer. Treatment is not always successful, and is in itself very unpleasant and debilitating. More research needs to be done into the causes and treatment of these diseases so please help the research scientists to beat blood cancers by supporting the coffee morning. We would be grateful for offers of raffle prizes and cakes to sell. If you can help with this, please contact Beryl Checkley 612519 - if you can't, just come to the coffee morning and buy coffee, cakes and raffle tickets.

Sally Stringer



HOPE 14 comes to Harbury & Ladbroke!

Southam Deanery is organising a week of events alongside Through Faith Missions – a Christian charitable trust that serves local churches, helping them to share their stories of faith within their local communities. Their team will be spending a week in the Southam area, working in local communities and schools, and speaking at an array of amazing events!

The fun starts on Saturday 20th September and runs right through to Sunday 28th September, and you will be welcome at all the events below. Please make a note of them in your diary and bring your friends and family along.

Events scheduled for Harbury

Saturday 20th September – Soup and Pudding Lunch

Venue: Tom Hauley Room. Time: 12.30 – 2.00 pm

The ever popular Saturday Tom Hauley Room lunch with delicious food, a talk and no charge.

For tickets, please ring Gemma/Peter on 614193

Sunday 21st September – *Saints Alive* with the Pilgrim Puppets

Venue: All Saints Church Time: 10.30 – 11.10 pm

Come and enjoy the music and fun which will delight all ages. Tea and cake afterwards.

Sunday 21st September – The ICON Youth Group

Venue: Tom Hauley Room Time: 7 – 8.30pm

The ICON Youth Group Sunday evening meeting will be a pizza and question session.

Thursday 25th September – “God and Chips” Folk Night

Venue: Village Club Time: 7.30pm

A great opportunity to enjoy a very special evening of folk music with a message and chips.

For tickets, please call John on 613340

Saturday 27th September – Afternoon Tea

Venue: Biblio’s Café, Wight School Time: 3 – 4.30pm

Tea at Three for Free. For tickets, please telephone Lesley on 613207

Sunday 28th September - Back to Church

Venue: All Saints Church Time 10.30 – 11.30am

A special back to church time

All the events at Harbury are free but some are ticketed because of space restrictions at the venues.

Events scheduled for Ladbroke

Saturday 20th September – A Feast of Sound

Venue: The Bell. Start time: 7.30pm

Set in the context of a 3 course meal, **Fonix Duo** will be performing two sets of music ranging from jazz to pop with their blend of female vocals, piano and saxophone. The evening will include faith stories from individuals.

Tickets to cover cost of meal: £25 (excl drinks)

Contact David Wright (07940 413707) for tickets and more information. We are expecting this event to be very popular – so book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited!

Sunday 21st September – Picnic on the Green

Venue: Millennium Green. Start time: 12noon. Finish: 3pm.

Come and join us for a picnic on the green, all free of charge. **Spa Brass** will provide a musical background to set the atmosphere for the afternoon. Bring your own food and drink and something to sit on. The local WI has kindly offered to provide extra hot drinks free of charge. During the afternoon there will be faith stories from individuals, and organised games for the young and young at heart.

David Wright

Macmillan Coffee Morning

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

Please come and support this worthwhile cause and enjoy a coffee and chat with friends. There will be a raffle, cakes and bring and buy.

Everyone welcome.

Macmillan Support Girls



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next open evening will be Tuesday 7th October 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.

Whence and from whom this item came I have no recollection, but its quaint use of English is delightful. Many thanks to Carol Jackson for digitising it.

Harbury Fair - June 23rd 1900

The swings and roundabouts that have been at Harbury during the last few days must have been a great attraction. This was apparent both from the number of people assembled on the spot, and also from the few persons seen in other parts of the place when they were in motion.

Each evening at 8.00 o'clock one or two blasts from a steam whistle – evidently intended as a preliminary announcement – were heard.

Immediately afterwards a startling outburst of sounds smote the air as, with grim remorseless energy, the steam organ began to grind out its ear splitting melodies. This denoted that the sport was just commencing, and exhilarating sport it seemed to be. Whilst some of the crowd were whirled round in swift gyrations, on lifelike but lifeless steeds, others swung themselves through the air in aerial boats, sometimes as it appeared in a rather risky manner. All appeared to enjoy themselves, and so the fun continued, the steam organ meanwhile braying forth from its many mouths a loud and increasing clamour. At nightfall and for some time afterwards flaring lights lent animation to the scene. On every side there appeared to be, so far as one could see, a general exuberance of life and spirits. Yet foreigners say the English take their pleasures sadly.

Nigel Chapman



Harbury Art Group



On Thursday 7th August Nick Baldwin tutored a coloured pencil workshop and some of those attending were using colour pencils for the very first time. Nick had brought a photograph of a Firecrest – a tiny but colourful bird that is seen in the southernmost part of England, but is not normally resident in our

gardens. The challenge was to get the shape of the bird correct, and capture the vibrant colours of its plumage. The group produced some very pleasing pictures, and Sue's was voted the best of the day. The next tutored workshop is a pen and ink drawing session on Thursday 4th September, and Nick is bringing some still life objects for us to draw. The tutored workshops start at

10am in the Tom Hauley Room, finish at about 3.30pm and cost £15 per person. New members are always welcome.

On Thursday 21st August, a small group of us met on Badby village green to have a go at painting outdoors. This was the first time we have organised a social outdoor painting day, and it was great fun. Our thanks go to Helen who played host for the day. We enjoyed wandering around and drawing and painting some of the many beautiful stone cottages in Badby village. If the weather is fine we hope to try another outdoor session on Thursday 18th September, but this time in Harbury. If you would like to join us for an informal, social painting day – outdoors if weather permits – or if you would like to come along to our tutored sessions, do please get in touch by contacting Pam on 01926 814923 or email harburyart@hotmail.com.

Pam McConnell



Guide Dogs Open Day – Saturday 11th October

Come and see the puppies who become guide dogs throughout the UK. They all start their journey at the National Breeding Centre located near Bishop's Tachbrook, on the B4100.

- Book ahead on a scheduled two hour tour of the facilities to view the pups, learn about the work carried out at the centre, experience our sensory tunnel, and purchase gifts and pet products. Tours take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. www.guidedogs.org.uk/nbc-tours.

Book via:
nbcvisitors@guidedogs.org.uk



- Save the date for the Guide Dogs Open Day at the National Breeding Centre on Saturday 11th October 11am-4pm. We breed the next generation of guide dogs. Join the fun with games, stalls, demonstrations, café, hog roast, kids' activities, meet our breeding stock and puppy viewing. www.guidedogs.org.uk/nbcopenday

We look forward to welcoming you soon. For info call 0845 3727432.

Susi Cheshire
NBC Support Worker

The Windmill Singers - Calling all Choir Accompanists

Southam's established *Windmill Singers*, in its 50th anniversary year are offering an exciting opportunity to a keyboard accompanist to attend rehearsals and take part in performances.

At Easter this year it collaborated with a number of other local choral groups in performances of John Stainer's *The Crucifixion* at Leamington's St Peter's RC Church and St Gregory's Anglican Church at Offchurch.

The choir, which has a repertoire of classical choral works in addition to show, traditional English and popular modern music, is invited to sing each summer at a UK cathedral – **in 2015 Hereford!** It also performs in various local charitable and community events including weddings and funerals.

The choir also has an annual sell-out concert involving a wide variety of guest singers and musicians at The Grange Hall in Southam, this year on Friday 7th November.

The choir rehearses at St Mary's School in Southam, Daventry Road, each Thursday evening between 8.00 and 10.00pm.

Anyone interested in being involved with this long-standing choir is invited to contact acting choir master Dr Bill Buckler on: 01926 633409.

Bob Teers
Windmillsingers.co.uk

Upton House and Gardens Needs You!

In an echo of the famous wartime call to arms, the team at Upton House are asking local people to join in the effort to recreate a secret side to the house's history.

During World War Two the owners of Upton House – the Bearstedts – moved out and their family-owned merchant bank, M Samuel



& Co, later to become Hill Samuel & Co, moved in. Driven by the need to protect bank staff and assets from the London air raids, the whole operation of the bank moved in lock, stock and barrel for the duration.

From 2015 visitors will be able to step back in time to see how the bank staff lived and worked in their new surroundings. There'll be office desks and typewriters in the Long Gallery, just as there were in the 1940s, alongside the world class paintings and porcelain collection. The property will be opening

new rooms and exploring what happened when ordinary people took over this extraordinary place.

“We’re launching a massive re-presentation of the whole site to tell this unique story – the Country House Bank – but we need help. We’d love to talk to anyone who remembers the area during the Second World War. There might be people who remember the bank staff coming to Upton. We want to get every tiny detail right so, we’re keen to hear from as many local people as possible” says Rachael O’Connor-Boyd, Project Manager.

The property has also uncovered some fascinating stories, like this one from one of the bank’s typists Joyce Adler:

“The whole place was run like a holiday camp but a little more austere...The meals were taken in the Long Gallery which is full of magnificent paintings and the finest collection of Chelsea china in the world.” Joyce Adler.

So, do you have photographs of Banbury and the surrounding areas at wartime?

Do you remember the comings and goings at Upton?

Do you remember the social life of the time – tea dances or going to the pictures?

Do you remember the Home Guard/Local Defence Volunteers and other organisations at work?

Do you remember the Land Girls around the local estates and how the countryside was preparing for war and the threat of invasion?

So if you have any information you feel can help us bring this story to life please contact us.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse

For more details please contact: 01295 670266.

Come and volunteer at Upton House & Gardens!

Open Weekend, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September, 11am – 4pm

Our team of volunteers love meeting people, sharing stories and most of all having fun. Come and join us for a chat and cuppa to find out more – we look forward to welcoming you to Upton!

For further details contact: 01295 670266

Email: uptonvolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house/>

Rachael O’Connor-Boyd, Collections & Engagement Manager
Email: Rachael.oconnor-boyd@nationaltrust.org.uk

Chesterton Church

Come along and enjoy the singing of the Warwickshire Young Voices Choir at our Candlelit Harvest Festival Service to be held on Saturday 5th October 2014 at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

Jo Spurr

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Saturday 13th September, 7.30pm

AD Concert Band - a patriotic concert to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. Tickets: £12.50 to include fish & chip supper (or chicken or pie).

Saturday 18th October, 8.30pm

Sensation ABBA Tribute Band - tickets £12.00, doors/licenced bar opens 7.30pm.

Saturday 6th December, 8.15pm

A Jolly Brolly Christmas, with Bob Brolly, MBE - tickets £12.00

Friday 12th December, 6.30pm

Aladdin - a traditional fun filled family panto. Adults £7.00, children £6.00, family ticket £20.00, (2 adults, 3 children).

Tickets are available from: The Grange Hall 01926 813933. Normal opening hours: Mon-Fri, 9-1pm.

Carole Gwillam
carole@thegrangehall.co.uk
www.thegrangehall.co.uk

Napton Art Group

Napton Art Group is holding its Autumn Exhibition on 1st and 2nd November at Napton Village Hall from 10am until 5pm. On display and for sale will be paintings (watercolour, oils and acrylics), cards, photographs and craft exhibits. There will also be a competition for "Best in Show", refreshments, raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children. If you want to know more about joining our thriving group contact Christine on 01926 812991.

Howard Collerson



'Flourish' for Life

I'd like to say 'hello' to my local community, introduce myself and extend a warm welcome to all who would like to attend my Flourish Wellbeing event on 22nd September at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There is an advert in this month's edition highlighting the event, which I hope will entice some of you to attend to find out more.

I am a local resident and qualified fitness professional with over 25 years experience in the sport and leisure industry. I have coached Pilates since 2001 and at Nuffield Health in Warwick since 2003. Until recently I have worked in the management/marketing of sport and leisure. In early 2014 I decided to launch my own well-being company called Flourish, which offers a combination of Pilates and well-being coaching to help individuals benefit from a healthy lifestyle.



So then – what is Flourish and what is in it for you?

In today's fast paced life of technology, it is a constant challenge for many of us to achieve that work/life balance. Flourish is all about creating that space, time, and opportunity for you to focus, just on you, your physical posture, and your mindset and to inspire you to achieve a balanced healthy life. Flourish welcomes all to its sessions/courses, however we recommend that if you are new to exercise or suffer from any medical conditions, that you consult your GP before embarking on a new exercise programme.

It costs just £6 per person to attend the taster event. It will offer you an opportunity to try a beginners' Pilates matwork session and then afterwards enjoy a cuppa and sample workshop to enable you to understand how Flourish can help you achieve your own personal health goals. I am hoping to run my first six week Flourish Wellbeing Course from October depending on demand. I am also currently looking at bespoke Pilates & Wellbeing courses for specific sporting groups such as equestrians, golfers and runners.

Spaces are limited so please do book your place online at:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flourish-pilates-wellbeing-taster-event-tickets-12731092039>

Or contact me directly on 07813 332362. I look forward to meeting you and together we can flourish!

Please wear non-restrictive clothing and bring a towel or mat to lie on. Flourish specialises in Pilates and wellbeing coaching for groups, individuals and business.

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Sonia Todd



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- Stratford Briar Croft, Fri 3rd October

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Simon Cripwell
Trading Standards Officer



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Just a short note to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to make the Holiday at Home such a success. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and it was all down to the people that gave their time.

Tanya

Dear Editors

Holiday at Home

Thank you once again, for a superb week and for the dedication of all the volunteers to give us their time, to ensure that everyone who attended felt truly cared for.

We enjoyed excellent food, spent time making craft items, were entertained every day and had a lovely day out to Bourton-on-the-Water.

We had the choice of doing just what we wanted to, be it reading the papers, playing games, doing jigsaw puzzles or just chatting.

Another great success. Thank you once again.

Pat Hearn

Dear Editors

On Sunday 3rd August we returned to the farm late morning to find one of our geese had been attacked by a dog and had its wing torn off. It would have been clear to the dog owner that the bird had been seriously injured and the dog would have been covered in blood.

It is very upsetting that someone has left the bird in this condition and not taken steps to get it treated, leaving it in the field to die.

Can all dog owners please keep dogs on leads when walking across farmland.

J Boon

Dear Editors

Harbury Tennis Courts

*It has recently been pointed out to me that people who are new to the village may not be aware that the tennis courts at the back of the Village Hall are available to **anyone** wishing to play tennis.*

The Tennis Club manages the use of the courts on behalf of the Parish Council, and there are times set aside for club sessions, coaching, matches etc.

Non club members can book the courts for £4 an hour at Muggleston's Country Fayre in Chapel Street (but please don't phone the shop!) Mary and Paul Muggleston kindly look after the booking sheets, collect the fees and can let you know the times when the courts are available.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Tennis Club please contact me (club chairman),

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Colin Mercer

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Or Tel: 07813 332362

Email: sonia@flourish-coaching.com

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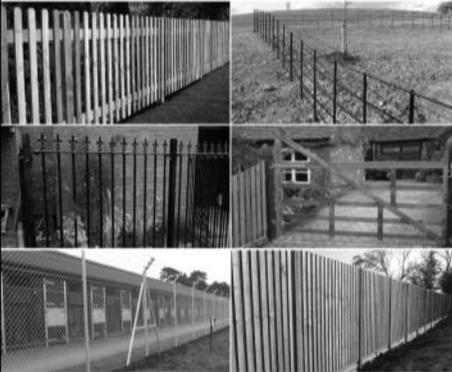
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Tues	Studio 1 Studio 2	Prima Ballerinas 3-4yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Pre-Syllabus Ballet 5-6yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Pre-Primary Ballet 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Primary Ballet 8-9yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm	GCSE Dance 6.45pm - 8.45pm		
		Boys Street Dance 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Grade 1 Tap 10-11yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Grade 3 Tap 11yrs+ 6.00pm - 6.45pm	Adult Tap (Inter) 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Zumba 7.45pm - 8.45pm		
Weds	Mini Movers 0-5 yrs 10.00am - 11.00am	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
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
	Ballet Over 50's 11.00am-12.00pm					Pole Dancing 7pm - 8pm	Ashtanga Yoga 8pm - 9pm	
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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