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Editorial



Our photograph shows some villagers enjoying the annual senior citizens' Christmas Dinner. The Dinner has been provided to Harbury senior citizens for over 40 years.

Congratulations to Reverend Annie who has been appointed to the Parish of Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her new Parish.

Harbury is again subject to a number of controversial planning applications. People who are concerned about these are encouraged to get involved with the drawing up of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Please see page 17 for further details.

We wish our regular correspondent John Hancock a speedy recovery following his fall whilst staying in Sheffield over the Christmas holiday.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Entwistle.

Harbury Diary

JANUARY

- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union
- Sun 11 **BAPTISM OF CHRIST/EPIPHANY I**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
- Mon 12 Toddler Group restarts
Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 13 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting, 7.30pm at Harbury Village Club
- Weds 14 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park, Lower Shuckburgh (3 miles - uphill)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Thurs 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of
Harbury School PTA
Harbury Society Wellesbourne walk (24th if weather foul!)
- Sun 18 EPIPHANY II**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
"Saints Alive" Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
- Tues 20 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Weds 21 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park,
Warwick Parkway – Hatton Locks with coffee break at Café (4
miles - flat)
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Farley Room of Village Hall
- Fri 23 World Challenge Fundraising Quiz, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Tom
Hauley Room
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Twinning Association
Harbury Society Wellesbourne walk (if postponed from 17th)
Harbury Village Cinema presents, "What we did on our
holiday," doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 25 EPIPHANY III/CONVERSION of St. PAUL**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
Rev'd Annie's last Sunday Service (joint with Ladbroke)
followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 27 Pilates in Village Hall 9.30am
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Weds 28 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park,
Leamington Hastings (5 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Blood Donors, 1.30-3.30pm and 4.30-7.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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5.30PM
- Fri 30 WI Party, 7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Tennis Club
Folk Group Memory Lane Concert, 7.30pm in Village Hall for
Village Hall Funds

FEBRUARY**SUN 1 EIPHANY IV**

Sung Communion, 9.00am

Little Saints' Service followed by food & refreshments, 10.30am

Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm

Tues 3 Heritage Room, open 6.30pm to 8.30pm at School

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Horticultural Society, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Speaker

Linda Smith - Enjoying Water in Small Garden Spaces

Weds 4 Wednesday Walkers, (meet at bus stop 9.50am with

pass) back from Southam

Holy Communion, 2.00pm

Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30 pm in Tom Hauley Room

Thurs 5 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group, Pamper Night in

Village Hall

Folk Club, 8.00pm at the Club

Sat 7 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid

of STEPS

Sun 8 II BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Sung Communion, 10.30am

Tues 10 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Weds 11 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park,

Stoneleigh (3 miles)

Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

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LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
January	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	14	15	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	21	22	23	Grey Bin
	28	29	30	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Feb	4	5	6	Grey Bin
	11	12	13	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	18	19	20	Grey Bin



From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉kankudai43@aol.co.uk

Dear Friends,

It falls to me to write the 'letter from the Rectory' this month – because it will in fact be my last letter to the Harbury and Ladbroke News as I will shortly be packing up my dog-collar and moving to pastures new. My last service here will be on 25th January, at 10.30am. I always knew I was only going to be here for 3½ years until the end of my Curacy, but that time has gone all too quickly and, although I am very excited about my new post, I am also very sad at having to leave this place where everyone has been so kind and generous to me.

I'm actually not moving that far away – on 12th February I am going to be inducted as Vicar for Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton in the Oxford Diocese. Deddington, which is the village where I will be living, is situated between Banbury and Oxford – so only about 40 minutes drive from here. From what I can gather, many of you know the village quite well – so if you are passing, or find yourself nearby, do please call in to see me at the Vicarage.

My Curacy was completed in June 2014, and finding the right post to move on to has sometimes felt a bit of a struggle. Waiting for something is always hard, and for this I had to wait on God's time – which is nothing like human time. Feelings and emotions run wild when you are waiting for something like this – you know it will happen and that the right post will come along, but when the waiting seems to be taking forever, as this did, it can become a distressing and anxious time. I was always confident that God would show me the right place, and I am very happy to be going to a group of churches where the feeling that this was indeed 'right' was affirmed so strongly at the interview.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for making this part of my journey so special. I was made very welcome when I arrived here in 2011 and have felt very much a part of the community of both Harbury and Ladbroke ever since. Particular thanks go to Revd Craig for taking me through the most wonderful Curacy and for having the faith and confidence in me to lead the churches through Lent and Easter while he was on Sabbatical. That was the point at which I knew I was ready to move on to the next stage and have a parish of my own.

I will always hold very fond memories of my time here and I know that I will think of you often and hold you in my prayers. Thank you so very much for being such good, supportive friends. All that is left is for me is to wish you all a very blessed and peaceful 2015.

With love and prayers,

Annie
Reverend Annie Goldthorp



From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

First of all here's wishing you all a rather belated Happy New Year! It seems rather a long time ago now, but we celebrated some wonderful events and services in December – the Advent course, Christingle, Beer and Carols in the Crown, the Carol Service – and it was so special to see so many of you at our 'Live Nativity' – Follow the Star'. A very special thank you to all who organised and participated in what was a truly blessed time. And we are pleased to say that the new church sound system was installed just in time for all these events - and what a difference it makes to be able to hear clearly everything that is said– so special thanks to all those who worked so hard to install and commission it . Extra special thanks to Nic Lee and Will Jones who were both leading forces in the project.

However, the calendar for 2015 is now fast filling up and I am sure that many of you will be aware that the Revd Annie will be moving on to pastures new in February. We will all be very sorry to see her go as she has brought so much to All Saints (Harbury and Ladbroke), and to wider village life. However, we send her off to her new appointment with love and best wishes, and hope to still see her from time to time as, fortunately, she will not be based too far from us – she will be leading a small number of parishes in the Cotswolds. Normal services have been resumed, as they say – so do look out for our next Saints Alive service on Sunday 18th January when you can come along and meet Betty and Flo, our two church cleaners and explore 'Reasons to be Cheerful'.

And finally, as a growing church that provides a variety of opportunities for worship and community outreach, we are ever on the lookout for additional hands to help with all sorts of activities – irrespective of whether or not you attend church. Each one of us has special gifts that can be used to help each other and others in the local community so if you are still looking for a new year's resolution, this could be your opportunity. We will be providing more details next month but if you would like to have a chat and explore these opportunities further, please do contact John (614206) or Elaine (813654).



Mothers' Union

Sue Field

On Wednesday 3rd December 2014, following a Communion Service by Reverend Craig Grocock, we spent a relaxing afternoon making seasonal crafts. These included a really smart box which could be used to hold chocolates, a small gift or sweets, and a Christmas card decorated by members.

Marion and Eileen had prepared all the materials (which must have taken a lot of work) so we had the enjoyable task of decorating them to our own taste. Members are really talented and enjoyed the afternoon.

Sadly, many of you were unable to come due to colds/infections, so get well soon. Happy Christmas and see you in the New Year.

Wednesday 7th January 2015 – Christmas Party

Wednesday 4th February 2015 – Africa to Oxford, via Middlesborough, at the Tom Hauley Room, 2pm.

Follow the Star

By the time you read this, Follow The Star will probably be a distant memory. I did however, want to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who took part or who was involved in putting it together.

Firstly to the Folk Group for their musical accompaniment throughout the afternoon. Thanks also to the amazing cast of shepherds, angels and wise men - and it was wonderful to have Louise, Mark and Ella as The Holy Family.

Many thanks as well to Basil for his generosity with the Christmas trees, and to all those who helped to put them up in the various places we visited.

Thanks too to The Shakespeare, The Village Hall and The Gamecock - Libby and Rob, you went above and beyond my expectations!!

For those who acted as stewards, those who provided and/or served mince pies and mulled wine and those who put up and knocked down the set in church - thank you too!

Special thanks to Vikki Hall who, despite being extremely busy at the time, managed to put together the risk assessment, and to Bud Jackson for allowing us to have her beautiful horse to lead the wise men. Finally a huge thank you to Gill Guilford, without whom the event would never have taken place.

I will wait with interest to see what may happen in 2015!

With every blessing,

Reverend Annie

Rev'd Annie's last Sunday

Sunday 25th January, 10.30am, All Saint's Church, Harbury

Come and join the churches of Harbury and Ladbrooke as we gather for Rev'd Annie's last Sunday as curate before she moves to her new post in Oxford Diocese.

The service will be a service of celebration with Holy Communion and Rev'd Annie will give her last sermon! It would be wonderful if you were able to join us! This will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Tom Hauley Room – open to everyone.

Reverend Craig

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JANUARY

Sun 11 BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Wed 14 Table Tennis, 6.00pm (juniors), 7.00pm (seniors), Village Hall
 Thurs 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
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 5.30PM

Sun 18 EPIPHANY II

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
 Wed 21 Table Tennis, 6.00pm (juniors), 7.00pm (seniors), Village Hall
 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall
 Home Group, 8.00pm, The Old School
 Thurs 22 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 24 Safari Supper

Sun 25 EPIPHANY III

Joint Service to say farewell to Rev Annie, **10.30am at
 HARBURY CHURCH**, (no morning service at Ladbroke today),
 followed by a bring and share lunch in the Tom Hauley Room
 Wed 28 Table Tennis, 6.00pm (juniors), 7.00pm (seniors), Village Hall
 Thurs 29 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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 5.30PM

FEBRUARY

Sun 1 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
 Tues 3 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall,
 Wed 4 Table Tennis 6.00pm (juniors), 7.00pm (seniors), Village Hall
 Thurs 5 Home Group, 8.00pm, The Old School

Sun 8 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

Last month was a busy time for Ladbroke Church and it was lovely that so many people shared in the various events. Our first Posada was successful with the figures of the three wise men going to six different homes while Mary and Joseph visited 14 more. The latter even made a brief appearance in the bar at The Bell Inn during Beer and Carols before finding a quieter place to stay upstairs with the Griffiths family while we continued to sing out loudly and tunefully, accompanied by Kate on keyboards and Kip on bass guitar.



Do take a look at the picture gallery on the village website ladbroke-pc.org.uk for more photos.

Bill and the choir led a beautiful service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the Sunday before Christmas; the families who came to the crib service enjoyed hunting for the various nativity characters so that they could be added to the stable as the story of the first Christmas was retold and then, on Christmas Day, we reflected on the gifts of that first Christmas.

Each month I like to thank people who have given their time and talents to the church. This month it is like a speech at the Oscars and apologies if I have forgotten anyone. Special thanks to:

- Tracy Lochhead for the fantastic renovation of our red altar cloth that we used for the first time at the Carol Service.
- Bill Bosworth, Kate Pickin and the choir for the beautiful music and singing and Sue and Alan Lord for organising the refreshments and everyone who baked or brought mince-pies.
- Huw and team at The Bell Inn for hosting Beer and Carols, Kate and Kip for the music, Rev Annie for compering the evening and everyone who came along for joining in heartily.
- Our splendid flower arrangers for making the church look so festive, Pam Collins and family for the Christmas tree and the bell ringers who make our bell ring out through the village.
- The wonderful electrician who gave up his Sunday afternoon to sort out the chancel lights for the Carol Service. Rev Craig and Rev Annie and trainee Claire for leading our Advent and Christmas services and Rev Ann Mulley for covering for them while they were on holiday afterwards.

As most people will have heard by now, Rev Annie will be leaving us at the end of January to become the vicar of Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and Barford in Oxfordshire. We will greatly miss her cheery smile, thoughtful sermons and great enthusiasm (and the Santa Hat!) and wish her well as she prepares to take up this new role. As a farewell gift Ladbroke PCC and congregation are presenting Annie with a white chasuble and anyone wishing to be associated with this gift is asked to send their contribution to one of the Churchwardens or to the Treasurer, Steve Copley, as soon as possible. Contributions should be sent to Ladbroke Church, marked

"for Annie's chasuble" and may be given under Gift Aid. Actually, by the time you read this we will have presented it to Annie at our Christmas Service, since white is used for the hangings and priests outer garments that day and we wished as many villagers as possible to be there and see her wearing her new robe, however it's not too late to contribute towards it. To mark Annie's last Sunday with us on 25th January, there will **not** be a morning service at Ladbroke, instead we will be having a joint service at Harbury at 10.30am, followed by a bring and share lunch in the Tom Hauley Room. Annie would love the opportunity to say goodbye to everyone she knows in Ladbroke that day so do come along if you can - all are welcome to come to the lunch whether they are at the service or not and vice versa of course. Hope to see you there.

Flower Rota

3 rd & 10 th January	Valerie Copley
17 th & 24 th January	Carol Loftus
31 st January	(<i>wedding</i>)
7 th February	Helen Morten
14 th & 21 st February	Sue Lord



	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Carol Lane</p>
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Our Annual Christmas Social took the form of a curling competition this year with a Christmas Quiz to exercise our brains as well as our bodies. I only have two comments to make on this which is that the village hall floor has never been so well brushed but I don't think the brushing influenced the trajectory of the curling stones in any

way and that I don't think the Scottish Curling team need hold on to spaces for any new members! It was great fun, although as far as I was concerned I think the phrase is that 'I didn't trouble the scorer!'

Kerry is going to e-mail the voting paper for this year's resolution which requires action.

Also the fees will be due at or before the January meeting so please bring money or a cheque book.

The speaker for this meeting on Thursday, 22nd January at 7.30pm is Paul Parker who will be talking about Clinical Hypnotherapy, which sounds fascinating.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

We hope you have recovered from the Christmas and New Year festivities and are looking forward to our fundraising events this year. If you are new to the village, these are great ways to meet people and make new friends.

Safari Supper

Following the success of our previous safari suppers, we have decided to hold a repeat event on **Saturday 24th January**. Participants will enjoy a starter, main course and dessert served in three different homes, then all meet up for a coffee and/or night-cap in *The Bell*.

The cost for the evening is £20 per person, (less the contribution for the course you provide). Drinks in *The Bell* are not included in this cost. If you would like to join in, or want more information, contact:

Gray Lewis – Tel: 815196. Email graylewis@tiscali.co.uk, or

Helen Morten – Tel: 814516. Email shmorten@gmail.com

by 16th January please.

Film Night

Another of our popular supper and film nights is planned for **Friday 20th February** in the Village Hall. Films are provided by Stratford-on-Avon District Council, and are usually recent releases. Details of our next showing will be available soon.

Race Night

On **Saturday 21st March** we are planning a race night in the Village Hall. Those who came along last time will know that we use genuine wooden horses – none of your new-fangled video nonsense! This is a great fun event so do mark it in your diary now.

What we do

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 offer both of these resources for the benefit of our community. Copies of our 2015 information leaflet will soon be

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).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£50	Mary Coley	£50	Malcolm Wray
£25	Margaret Bosworth	£25	Georgina Middleton
£25	Richard Walker	£10	Christine Payne
£10	Andy Crompton	£10	Kate Liverton
£10	G and T Varriale	£10	Kim Bendzak

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr



Dray Horses by Alan Knowles

At our December meeting we looked at the first round of pictures for our photobook of Ladbroke and Harbury villages. This venture was inspired by a collection of photographs from the last century in the Cardall Collection. How quaint would our villages and activities look in fifty or a hundred years' time? We have been taking photographs with this in mind over

the past year and will continue for a few months more before committing them to print for posterity.

Our competition was not restricted to any subject this month so we had all sorts of images. As usual we voted separately for large and small prints; Harbury swept the board in the large print category and the two winners are illustrated here. Ladbroke restored its honour in the smaller category, with Mike Todman and Jennie Daniels as joint winners.

On 6th January we shall be having our annual dinner at the Bell. On 3rd February we shall hold our



Bridal Veil Falls by Graham Gee

AGM (usually very brief) and a workshop of depth of field (not a measure of the depth to which your wellies sink in the mud but of how much of your picture will be in focus). That will be at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall as usual. Our programme for the coming year is now on our website - see tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto. Visitors and guests will be welcome, as always. For more information please see the website or email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk.



Ladbroke General Section

The Return of Little Red Rooster

Fifteen years ago, The Little Red Rooster Band from Philadelphia came and headlined at The Harbury Blues Festival. They went down a storm and returned in 2000 and again in 2001. Over those three years the Harbury Blues Festivals raised in the region of £2000 for local charities. There were line-ups which saw bands coming from all over the country (and the USA) playing alongside local bands to very appreciate audiences. Following their first visit in 1999, Little Red Rooster wrote a blues song 'Going Back to Ladbroke' and put in on their CD 'Broke Again', I think this is the only Blues Song written about Ladbroke, but I could be wrong. The band even wrote a song called Midnight Curry inspired by late night visits to The Balti Hut in Southam.

Well the Rooster is on its way back to the UK. We will be having a Valentine Blues Party, Little Red Rooster style, on Saturday 14th February in Ladbroke Village Hall. The guys from Philadelphia will be headlining and there will be a number of other musicians coming in for the event too, making it an evening of great music.

If you would like to see more about the Little Red Rooster Blues Band then take a look here: www.facebook.com/thelittleredroosterbluesband

More information about the Valentine Blues Party, and tickets at £6, are available from Andy Pittaway on 01926 810881.

Andy Pittaway

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Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street, Harbury or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm Thursday 29th January



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

Parish Council November 2014

A real treat for the Councillors, the new Police Constable for our area – Jamie Cramp - came to introduce himself and answer queries on: the new traffic warden regime (privatised); Police Surgeries (not very successful but he might attend the next Councillors' Corner); vandalism to cars (no culprit identified but do look at Southam's Safer Neighbourhood website) and the Police number for non - emergencies is 101.

Councillors agreed a £800 grant for the Pre-school to repair the felt roof of their shed.

Library - good use was being made of the Ancestry licence and other communities wanting to learn what was involved in taking on a Library had recently visited.

The Energy Group's Car Club bid, which the Council had supported, had been approved.

County Councillor Bob Stevens reported that the County was in the second year of a four year retrenchment. Transport and schools had not achieved the expected savings and the Government was pressing for greater efficiencies in Community Care. However gritting would be the same as last year.

Deppers' Councillor Ekins said the Bishops' Solar Farm had been granted. The appeal outcome for the Deppers' Solar Farm is expected in January.

Planning

Old New Inn - The Moffitt's architect explained the pub was making a loss. The family wanted to "make the best use of the land" and believed small dwellings for local needs would benefit the village. Plans were designed to fit into the street scene and enhance the village.

Mr Mann said they were an overdevelopment and parking would inevitably spill out of the site onto Temple End and Farm Street where road safety was a big issue. His view was supported by neighbours from Temple End.

Ken Stephenson argued it would have a major impact on the street scene and Conservation Area; it was contrary to the Village Design Statement, Parish Plan and emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Harbury Society has similar concerns and objections.

Councillor Ekins thought this development was too close to the road and had not enough on-site parking. Councillor Hancock urged her colleagues to look

at the Green and see why the area was designated as a Conservation Area. She said this development would spoil it.

The Council's objections included: detriment to Conservation Area; historic farmhouse/pub; loss of open aspect; destroying the street scene; demonstrable harm to the area; housing need not proven and already met by Hereburgh Way; garden grabbing/infill; over development; cramped; economic loss of village amenity; concerns about parking; dangerous junction and the stone walls must be retained.

The Spiers Barns - Chesterton Road - Mr Shepherd and his architect explained he wanted to use the Barn for his traction engines and repairs and would allow visits from small groups of other enthusiasts and school children. It would not be open to the general public.

Chair Tim Lockley was keen the use of the barn was linked to the adjacent dwelling. The applicant and advisor were happy with the condition, so PC made no representation.

Henrys, Bush Heath Lane Bungalows - The Council made pre-application comments on plans to erect 7 dormer bungalows for the over 55s. Councillor Hancock said houses for the elderly should be within easy access to services not out on a limb. Councillor Mancell agreed it was isolated with no footpath or services. The Chairman said the site was isolated, the application was premature and the houses must be restricted to local residents.

Warwick DC Gypsy Sites - The Chair asked Councillors for their views on the additional site at Severn Trent's sewerage works in Warwick but the Clerk explained the Football Ground was still their preferred site and likely to go ahead. Councillor Knowles said it was not in Harbury Parish and Councillor Ekins thought it was closer to amenities so they made no comment.

SDC Core Strategy - The Chairman and Councillor Summers had attended a meeting about Gaydon New Village. Harbury had major concerns about roads and traffic but the County decided on this. Councillor Stevens would encourage WCC to look at the cumulative impact of development on local roads and try to minimise its consequences. Ken Stephenson mentioned the e-petition Harbury had submitted asking for safety work on the Fosse/Harbury Lane Crossroads.

Parish Council - No representation on an extension at 3 The Beeches.

Stratford DC - Granted extensions at 5 Honiwell Close; 6 Percival Drive; 47 Mill Street and outline planning for 7 dwellings at Hillside. Extensions at 3 Queens Close and 18 Binswood End were refused.

Properties - The Council is still deciding on improvements to the playing fields' safety surfaces and drainage work - exploratory digging would cost £600. The car park drain was now sorted and the bollard had been replaced.

Lighting - Some Councillors thought LEDs were too bright (but much cheaper to run). They liked the idea of keeping the rustic wooden poles for Deppers but someone had put new lamps next to the old there! The County Council had refused to install traffic calming along Butt Lane and Bush Heath Road.

WWI Centenary - Councillor Hancock's research may now be focused on placing plaques on local homes and installing information boards to show where in Harbury those who fought in the War had lived.

Next Meeting: 22nd January 2015, 7.30pm in Village Hall.

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting December 2014

It is highly unusual for the Parish Council to call an Extraordinary Meeting but we had a second one in a month. There were two "householder" applications for extensions at 17 Ridgley Way and 75 Mill Street and for tree-works at the Old Bakery, Chapel Street, which caused no concerns. But once again they were faced with speculative development in Conservation Areas.

There were minor amendments: one to plans to put two big houses on the Spinney Paddock and another to change the pair of semis planned behind the Old New Inn into one big house which the Councillors agreed did not change their views or their decisions to object that the developments would be damaging: not what the village needed and harmful to the Conservation Areas.

There was a new application to build a very large four bed roomed house on part of the garden of Lullington Lodge which would involve the removal of most of the trees on the site.

Christine Hendry from Dove Cottage, next door to the site, complained that the building was so close to her sitting room and utility room which formed part of the boundary wall that she would be overshadowed, if indeed the house could be built without damaging her property. She said the chimney was next to her bedroom window and she feared her house could be set on fire.

Ken Stephenson had a long list of objections quoting the Village Design Statement and effect on the Conservation Area. He emphasised any development was supposed to enhance the Conservation Area not damage it and pointed out the damage the development would have on the ecology of the area.

Colin Sheasby, resident and PC arborist claimed plans showed a house over two metres higher than his properties and said his garden would be overshadowed by the blank brick eastern face of the building. He questioned the tree survey, starting with the measurements and quoted condition of the cherry tree in his own garden and going on to complain the expert had not climbed trees to confirm what he had written in his survey. He said the

spruce, magnolia and the larch, which were threatened because planners would not allow the planned footings to be so close, should be retained.

Harbury Society had similar objections that included the adverse impact of the development on the Conservation Area, street scene, neighbours and Ecology. They decried the lack of an Ecological Survey, the loss of trees and wildlife habitat. There was no “enhancement” of the Conservation Area; the height, design and materials were inappropriate for its setting and the house was so tight on the eastern boundary that it could not be built without its demolition.

The developer, Mr Brough, explained the design was an attempt to satisfy the objections of the Inspector at the previous, unsuccessful appeal. He had tried to keep to the typical roof height of cottages.

However this did not satisfy the Parish Council who objected on the grounds the house was too big; over-development; overbearing to its neighbours; it was “garden-grabbing” that did not provide housing that Harbury needed and failed to enhance the Conservation Area; would damage the stone walling; cause a loss of trees which added to the street scene and be damaging to wildlife.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

WANTED: enthusiastic and motivated residents who care about Harbury. Harbury really does need to produce an NDP in 2015. We have to update the Village Design Statement and the original Parish Plan. The next meeting is **TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 7.30pm at The Village Club.**

- Do you have time to help us?
- Do you have skills to offer?
- Do you have ideas for the future?
- Do you care about the community in which you live?

More volunteers are needed if progress is to be made. Please help.

Councillor Pat Summers
patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Council Election 2015

The coming year is going to be a big one for elections! On 7th May 2015 the country will be going to the polls to elect a new government. Here in Harbury, we will also be electing new district and parish councils.

The parish council is at the grass roots level of democracy. All our councillors are elected from local residents who experience first-hand the issues facing our local community. They understand the concerns of local people and can

bring about effective change to improve village life. Parish councillors get involved with a wide range of issues from traffic and highways to planning applications. The parish council has the power to spend money on a wide range of things including street lighting, play areas and public open spaces, community buildings, allotments and cemeteries. Councillors are regularly consulted on all planning matters and some wider issues too. They work closely with our district and county councillors and local police and liaise with other neighbouring parish councils. It is a varied and rewarding role and an opportunity to make a real difference in the place where you live.

We have 10 seats at Harbury Parish Council and they are all up for election in 2015. No special qualifications are needed other than a keen interest in Harbury and Deppers Bridge and a commitment to serving your local community. You must be able to attend the parish council meetings, held on the fourth Thursday of every month, regularly and you will also need access to email and the internet. For more information please contact the parish clerk, Alison Biddle, on 614646 or speak to any of our current councillors. We look forward to hearing from you!

Harbury Parish Council



We are starting the New Year with Dorothy Groves continuing as our excellent President plus a full committee. Sylvia and Helen are running the raffle as always.

The Group Carol Service at Napton Church was super and the church was decorated with Christmas decorations by the different societies in Napton.

The Darts Team was not so lucky and the Treacle Tarts from Nuneaton were the winners – just. A very sociable evening though.

We look forward to the New Year's party on Friday 30th January, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Members do not forget your wine and glasses.

The Christmas meeting was enjoyable with refreshments etc.

The speaker was Liam D'arcy-Brown (who has spoken to us before on "The Emperor's River"), who came to tell us about Chusan and the Opium Wars. Chusan was Britain's first Chinese island. Liam knew the history of the island and people who dealt in opium. This was sold for silver so that they could purchase tea which was in great demand.

During Queen Victoria's reign the island was occupied and handed back three times. Before ever the Union Jack flew over Hong Kong it was raised on Chusan. The Home Secretary wrote with deep regret on the eve of the island's return to Chinese rule in 1846 "I fear that Hong Kong is a sorry

possession and Chusan a magnificent island, admirably placed for our purposes". Such an interesting talk.

Next meeting: at the Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 8th January, 7.45pm – Members' Evening.

Happy New Year to you all from Harbury Theatre Group and thank you to the



many people who have supported the group in 2014 by taking part in our productions, helping back stage and front of house, lending artifacts for use as props or coming to watch the shows.

We have had a great year with the launch of our junior section that has involved about fifty children in two shows – “Blank pages” in May and “When Sasha got swept up the chimney” in November. The children have had lots of fun in rehearsals and in the shows themselves and it has been great to witness the development of their confidence and talent. Well done to Emily, Joy and Kate for their excellent work.

The adult section also presented two shows, both of them comedies – “Visitors from Chicago” in May and “All Balls and Ashes” in November. Like the children, we played to full (or nearly full) houses at every performance. We had a lovely surprise on the last night of “All Balls” on 29th November when Mark Robberts, the play’s author turned up unannounced. He had combined a visit to Warwick from his home in County Durham with an evening watching one of his plays being performed. He said he’d really enjoyed our performance and that it was “of professional standard”!

We are very excited that building work on the next phase of the Village Hall development is likely to start in the spring. This will provide greatly improved facilities for our shows as well as for many other groups. Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to make this possible. The full benefit will be seen from 2016 onwards but we hope to continue with our performances in 2015 though probably with much less scenery and staging than usual. It will be an interesting challenge.

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Folk Club

Peter McDonald

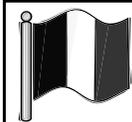
The theme for the 361st Folk Club was 'Points of the Compass' and the performers certainly approached their songs from a number of different directions.

I started with a song about a gypsy caravan travelling "from the sunny South to the frozen North" then Janny and Maureen followed with 'Sleigh Riders in the Sky' (concerning an opportunistic burglar with easy access to chimneys at Christmas) and 'Maid of Whitby Town' (which we believe is "up north"). Richard was next, declaring a preference for the South with two Jeremy Taylor items – the poem 'All along the South coast' and the song 'Love on the sands'. Rik's songs were from colder climes – Joni Mitchell's 'Urge for Going' and the brilliantly funny 'A Polar Bear Sang in Berkeley Square'. Debbie was also on the move with 'Australian Jingle Bells' and her poem 'Love as a traveller'. Ian and Sue finished the first half, making sure that the compass was well represented, with 'Lily of the West' and 'East Virginia'.

This being the closest that we can get to Christmas, the Folk Club Choir started the second half with two of their extensive repertoire of seasonal songs – the unaccompanied 'Star of Bethlehem' followed by the big band sound on 'The Holly and the Ivy'. My next song was 'Across the Line' about the plight of sailors navigating the oceans in all weathers and Des maintained a maritime theme with 'King at Sea' about the notorious pirate, Jack Ward. His second was a full-house for the compass – Johnny Coppin's 'Forest, Vale and High Blue Hill', whose chorus starts with "North, South, East or West" – perfect! Sue Harris (who had travelled from the South of Harbury) was next up with 'Come with me you cry' followed by Les Barker's parody of 'Lord Franklin' (perhaps the true story of Captain John Franklin's ill-fated search for the North West Passage?). The humour continued with a memorable performance by the 'Three Wise Men' (alias Pete, Steve and Doug) with a song of the same name. To close the second half, sanity was restored with a gentle instrumental medley of two well-chosen tunes – 'Westering Home' and 'South Wind' – played by around a dozen musicians.

Peter Mason, a traveller from the North, started the third half by taking us down memory lane with 'Punch and Judy Man', continued with one of the many variations of 'John Barleycorn' and finished with Lindisfarne's 'Winter Song'. There was just time for one more song each from Richard, Des and Pete Bones before Rumble-o finished the evening with 'Rounding the Horn' (the Gallant Frigate Amphitrite), John Tam's version of 'Over the hills and far away' and 'Since Yesterday' with a great tune, 'Dragon's Teeth', tagged on to the end.

So ended another fine evening of live music brought to you by (I think) 27 performers. The charity raffle raised an amazing £112 for Cancer Research UK – thanks to everyone for their generosity. By the time you read this, the Folk Club on New Year's Day will be in the past so we'll be looking forward to 5th February when the hosts will be Steve and Maureen. As always, the whole evening's entertainment is free, anyone can have a go at singing, reciting or playing and you can be sure of a warm welcome at the Village Club, whether you're a member of the audience or a performer.



Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick



Bonne Année!

Our Christmas party had the usual mix. We had a mind-boggling quiz from Monsieur Stringer, and some international carol-singing - *O Tannenbaum* and its French equivalent *Mon beau sapin*, which we managed to sing in perfect two-part harmony.

After a splendid buffet came a couple of sketches in *franglais*, followed by charades and then a series of late arrivals at the Scottish Referendum Ball.

The *Fete des Rois* will be held on Tuesday 6th January. If you would like to be there, please let me or Sally Stringer know.

All members of Harbury-Samois Twinning would like to wish everyone in Harbury

Bonne Année 2015



Harbury Juniors Football Club

Ian Jones

Under 10's Match Report: Malcolm Tanner

20th December: Tysoe Vikings 4 v Harbury Juniors 1

Harbury faced another strong Tysoe side and were under pressure immediately but with Rebecca H on excellent form in goal and Ben G and Jamie S playing well in defence, Harbury managed to hold out in the first quarter, but the pressure told and Tysoe scored 4 goals with a combination of long shots and some good individual play.

However from then on, Harbury matched their opponents and began to play passing football and using space, and with some skilful individual runs from Ollie S, it resulted in a well taken goal from a long range shot by Ben H to make the final score 4-1.

Harbury are continuing to improve and are looking forward to 2015.



What fun we had at our Christmas party. Thank you all for coming we hope the children enjoyed it as much as we did!

Children, parents, grandparents, carers and volunteers at **Harbury Toddler Group wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful 2015.**

We opened our doors following the festive break on Monday 12th January and are looking forward to a year of planned activities, some familiar like fresh play dough, art and craft and pretend play but also welcoming some new experiences.

Your calendar will be waiting for you on arrival.

We are **absolutely delighted** that three of our very own talented attendees have offered some special surprises. Read on

- *Marilyn's Mop Day*
- *Indian Head Massage with Mireille*
- *Mya's Mummy introduces fun with crafts*

Two "save the dates for your diary"; please support us if you can:

The Toddler AGM on Tuesday **17th February** 2015 at a local hostelry in Harbury, between 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Our annual fundraising Coffee Morning for Toddlers on **Saturday 28th February** 2015, at the Tom Hauley Room, All Saints Church in Harbury, between 10 – 12 noon. We welcome donations of cakes and raffle prizes.

We open our doors every Monday at 9.30am and finish at 11.15am with songs and rhymes.

We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side).

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





Banana Moon Day Nursery

Lucy Nealon

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you had a lovely time celebrating, and resting over Christmas.

We had a busy few weeks leading up to the Christmas festivities.



All of the children have been involved in a number of cooking activities helping to make soup, bread, pizzas and cakes.

We have also been exploring outside with Treasure and Scavenger Hunts. Any excuse to get grubby outside, and everyone is straight into their wellies and getting stuck in! We have been enjoying not just our own play area, but also the playing fields and playground, as part of learning about the outside world.

Our pre-schoolers have shown real passion for anything construction related this term so we were lucky enough to be lent a fork lift truck by Bendigo Mitchell for the children to explore.



More recently, we were delighted to welcome all of our parents to watch and join in our Christmas singing, games, and enjoy a party tea. Father Christmas very kindly fitted us into his busy schedule and visited all of the children.



The Nativity Story: At the beginning of December, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Annie Goldthorp and Gill Guilford who came to tell us the story of the very first Christmas. The children listened intently and now know about the role of the spider! The role play area then became a nativity scene, with a crib for the baby Jesus, and the dressing up stand full of outfits for the children to choose their roles for the Nativity Songtime.



Nativity Songtime – The morning of the Nativity Songtime dawned bright and sunny and the children made their way to the Jackson's stable yard, which has become the traditional annual setting for this event. There they performed beautifully in front of their parents and other relatives and friends. They finished with "Silent Night", using Makaton signing, before challenging the audience to take part in the encore which, it has to be said, they did with much success. A much deserved rousing round of applause for the children marked the end of the performance. We would like to thank the Jacksons for providing a beautiful and very meaningful setting for our nativity.



Christmas Preparation – Some beautiful decorations were made at the creative table, using redundant CDs, brightly coloured collage materials, coloured pasta and lots of glue. The children also made lovely Christmas cards for their families from great observational drawings of the Christmas tree and fantastic party hats ready for a visit from Father Christmas. Cutting, joining and estimating skills were put to the test as the children wrapped assorted cartons to go as “presents” under the Christmas tree.

Father Christmas – A rumour went round that Father Christmas might be taking time out of his busy schedule to pay a visit to Pre-School, so the children learned some special songs to sing to him. Sure enough, he arrived, and was most impressed with the singing and the lovely party hats that the children had made. Each child was thrilled to be presented with a gift by Father Christmas and to chat to him about what they hoped to get in their stockings.



Welcome Lesley and Deborah - We are delighted to welcome back Lesley van Kesteren, a former member of staff, who has now joined the team as a permanent staff member. A new face from the beginning of the spring term will be Deborah Williamson, who will be taking on the Monday and Tuesday sessions in place of Bud Jackson who is reducing her sessional hours. We'd like to thank Bud for all the years of nurturing and care she has shown to so many children at Pre-School.

And Finally.... Gael, Anne, Bud, Angie, Helen, Sandy and Lesley would like to thank the parents and the children for all the lovely gifts and cards that we were given. We now look forward to a great year in 2015 and we return to Pre-School for the Spring Term on Tuesday 6th January.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Bud Jackson, Pre-School Administrator: e-mail preschool1@btinternet.com phone 07907 598461 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk.



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

December is traditionally a busy time at school and the PTA organised a series of events for both children and parents. There was a special themed Christmas Thursday Market with stalls, craft activities, cakes and sweets which was well attended. The PTA also arranged and subsidised the Infant and Junior Christmas Discos at school which continue to be so popular with the children and are a nice finale to the term.

Our Christmas fundraiser has been “Christmas” and assorted sponge puddings which parents have been able to buy. The label design was run as a competition at school and prizes awarded to the best in each class and Mae Y4 was our overall winner and her design featured on all the puddings.

This year for the first time the PTA has recorded both the Infant and Junior Christmas Concerts at school and produced DVDs for parents to buy.

New this Christmas, the PTA has run a Christmas Shop allowing children at school to come and choose a gift for a loved one. Thanks must go to our trio of Elves who have made it such a magical experience for the children.



The winners of the 100 Club draw on 19th December were 85 - Ceri Edwards and 98 – Sally Barlow who both won £50. We still have some unsold numbers so if any ‘friends of the school’ are interested in joining our PTA 100 Club please email HarburyPTA@outlook.com. The subscription for the remainder of the year is £9.60 and there are 8 more chances to win £50 between now and the summer.

Thanks to all the PTA Committee and the PTA Helpers who have worked so hard in 2014.

Dates for the Diary

Coffee Morning – 17th January 10am-12pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Any donations for the raffle or volunteers to bake cakes or help at the event would be appreciated.



Village Hall Update

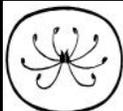
Chris Finch

They did it! The three good men and true (wise men in the way of applying for grants!) have secured the promise of a significant grant, which will allow building for the final stage of the Hall's modernisation to commence in April. Anyone who has booked the Hall for a major event in the following months has been alerted to the possible disruption at the site, but it is hoped that with careful planning, there will not be too much of a problem for most of the time – only when the breakthrough from the existing Hall to the new 'extension envelope' occurs, after several months of exterior work.

Three other Wise Men visited the Hall as part of All Saints' Church re-enactment of the Nativity, when they processed around the village with shepherds and angels as part of 'Follow the Star'. The Hall and one of its trees were bedecked with lights and three 'model' camels (created in relief, by Rob and Libby Darlison) stood patiently awaiting the procession of villagers who had called at other venues before reaching the Hall. After singing about the three Wise Men (appropriately?) the carol singers eventually moved on to the Church and the Tom Hauley room for mulled wine and mince pies.

It is hoped that all the New Year revellers enjoyed the annual dance, which is always well supported, and that all our hirers will continue to use the Hall throughout 2015, as we strive to make the facilities even more impressive and wide-ranging. It is our intention to update the Village Hall web-site in the coming months, so that residents and visitors alike can appreciate the way in which the Hall can be decorated for various functions – dances/parties and wedding receptions. One site is located on the Harbury Parish Council site and the other is to be found on Warwickshire County Council's system.

We wish all residents in Harbury a very Happy and Prosperous New Year and we hope that you will all continue to support the Hall, so that it prospers long into the future – if only those who had the original vision to create a community building over 50 years ago could see the outcome of their very considerable efforts.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

We all enjoyed a very festive December meeting which was preceded by the AGM. All of the committee apart from John Mayo were willing to continue for another year and the members duly voted for this. John stepped in last year to act as Secretary and we are all very grateful to him for doing so. Unfortunately no one was willing to act as Secretary so the four of us will

have to split the duties between us. We are...Tony Brunton - Treasurer and Kathleen Ellis and Jean Clews with myself as Chairperson.

My special thanks to the committee for their continued support over the last 12 months. Thanks also to all who helped with the teas, votes of thanks and to Jean for selling raffle tickets. Also a big thank you to Margaret and Steve who open up the Tom Hauley Room before each meeting and return the key afterwards.

As Tony explained last year our outgoings exceeded our income quite considerably and if this carries on we shall run out of funds in 2/3 years. We would love to increase our membership which would help, so if you are new to our lovely village or have often thought of coming along to see what we do, please give us a try. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from October to May in the Tom Hauley Room and meetings start at 8.00pm. We have a brilliant raffle and refreshments after the speaker. It is a lovely way to meet new friends and hopefully pick up a few tips and ideas of places to go. We also have two day trips plus an evening trip so there is much to enjoy. Come along and brighten up a dark winter evening.

Back to the December meeting.....we all used our little grey cells for the quiz and to recognise and identify various fruit, flowers and shrubs from a picture board. Once again Jean excelled with the quizzes and also provided the table decorations and festive background music. Jean you are a treasure. Thanks too to Jim, Jean's husband who made the prizes.

We had some very tasty food and festive drinks and the puddings were excellent this year. I was quite full as I suspect most of us were. My thanks to all who brought food and to those of you who stayed afterwards to help tidy up etc. A most successful evening and it didn't seem like a year since the last one.

The next meeting on 6th January at the usual time of 8.00pm will be a Gardeners Question Time with three special panellists. It is the first time we have done this and a lot of you requested such a meeting so do all come along armed with questions. I only have four so far so we could do with many more. You can put your questions through my letter box prior to the meeting if you like. As one of the panellists is travelling quite a way we want to make this a night to remember. Thank you for turning out on dark Winter evenings to the meetings. Our speakers do this and never fail to deliver.

At the February meeting on 3rd we will be welcoming back Linda Smith who is another excellent speaker and who has now won another Chelsea Gold medal for water gardening in the Marquee. The topic is Enjoying water in Small Garden Spaces. Something else to look forward to.

When I was booking Rob and Diane Cole for the April meeting I booked up for us to visit their garden at Meadow Farm as they are booked up for two years at a time. We saw their garden at their last talk so it will be lovely to see it. Plus it is in Inkberrow where my lovely father was born, and my brother

and I spent a lot of our mis-spent youth there. So the date for your diaries for that is 11th June in the afternoon. In the morning we will be going to a great National Trust property and gardens - Croome Court near Pershore. I will arrange the July outing next month and also an evening garden visit for August so there is a lot to look forward to.

There are some great places nearby to walk off the excesses of the festive season. I will remind you again of the Oxford Botanic Garden, the oldest in the UK. When I met up with my ex work colleagues there in the Summer I think I mentioned that they were filming Lewis and we were included as passers-by. Well my friend Keith's wife spotted us in the last of the current episodes this year....fame at long last. Batsford Arboretum is only about 45 minutes away and something to see at all times of the year. The late Deborah Mitford, Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, lived at the house at Batsford with her sisters. Westonbirt is further afield but again has much to see. Look on the website for times etc.

Many National Trust properties now open in January and February at weekends so have a look in your membership book or on website for times etc. Upton House and Gardens are open and, although there are not many colourful flowers to see, the views at this time if the year are stunning. The house is partially open too, your last chance to see it in its present layout before March when we become The Country house Bank. The restaurant is open too and the home- made soup is delicious.

In a few weeks we will see snowdrops and aconites and with the shortest day over we have so much to look forward to, I can't wait.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2015 and I look forward to welcoming you to our future meetings.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

First, some egg on my face after I failed to spot two errors in last month's article. Talking of pollination, I said Hollyhock has very large pollen grains measuring 0.5cms-this should have been 0.5 mms. In the first paragraph, 'a thin sliver of crescent moon' should have been 'a thin silver crescent moon'. Apologies.

We seem to have escaped the harshest winter weather so far. There have been several frosty mornings interspersed by cold damp conditions. It has always been possible to get out even if it means donning several layers. On 3rd December after the frost had gone, I cycled via Gaydon to Lighthorne and on over the hump of land to the Fosse and thence to Moreton Morrell. On the south side of Bromson Hill I found a spreading patch of Winter Heliotrope already in flower. This invasive compositae (Daisy family) has the Latin name

of *Petasites fragrans*. It was introduced as a garden plant from North Africa in the early 19th century and now out competes other species by means of underground stems.

Native Thrush numbers have been boosted by other members of the family such as Redwing and Fieldfare. The latter can easily be mistaken for our Mistle Thrush. A foraging flock of redwings rose from a hedge as I came out of Lighthorne near Darklane Copse. Our neighbours Sally and John have left a number of fallen apples on the lawn and the birds are slowly working their way through them.

I was intrigued by an article in our newspaper which got wide circulation. Scientists from many centres have come together to sequence the genetic make-up of various bird species. In 1861 a strange fossil was found in Germany. It had feathers like a bird but teeth, claws and a bony tail like a dinosaur. It became central to the evolution debate at the time as it was found just after Charles Darwin published his monumental work 'The Origin of Species'. Archaeopteryx as it is known lived in the late Jurassic period around 150 million years ago. At that time Europe was an archipelago of islands in a shallow, warm, tropical sea much closer to the Equator than today. The rise of birds began some 65 million years ago. It is probable that an asteroid collision caused the mass extinction of the dinosaurs. Some feathered creatures survived and diversified to give us the wonderful array of birds we see throughout the world today.

However the explosion in human population from approximately 400 million at the end of the 14th century to some 7 billion today is massively increasing pressure on other species. Some like the giant flightless Moa of New Zealand and the Dodo in Mauritius evolved with no real predators. When human beings arrived in the shape of Maoris in canoes in New Zealand, and European sailors in Mauritius, the birds quickly became extinct. Gone the same way is the Passenger Pigeon of North America, once its most abundant bird. We have also lost the Great Auk which bred on rocky isolated islands in the North Atlantic.

One of the most distressing wildlife photographs I have seen was that of a dead Albatross chick which had been fed bits of plastic by its parents. Its stomach was filled with the detritus of our seas. Cycling around our scenic countryside, I'm struck by the amount of plastic rubbish. Not only does it look unsightly but it causes the death of many animals. It has been estimated that every square mile of ocean has about 50,000 pieces of plastic floating in it, a horrifying statistic. Thankfully moves are afoot to increase recycling and to use Polylactic Acid as a plastic substitute. This is made from fermented plant starch, usually corn.

Today, Thursday 18th December, has been mild and breezy, Shadows are long with the sun close to the horizon. Dogwood stems, without any leaf cover, were a deep red on the hillside near Kingston Farm. In this instance

'dog' is probably a corruption of 'dag' (i.e. daggerwood), supplying earlier generations with wooden skewers.

Finally I would like to wish all readers of the Harbury & Ladbroke News a happy and healthy 2015.



General Section

Mary Entwistle

We have been advised that sadly, Mary Entwistle died on 22nd December. Mary was closely involved with the Harbury Society, Guides and Harbury W.I. for many years. During WWII Mary was a member of the Women's Land Army for four years and published two books about her experiences. The funeral service will be held at Dale Street Church, Leamington probably in the second week of January.



Editors

Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to all those who attended our annual quiz in the Village Club on Sunday, 7th December. We raised £331, an excellent effort.

Southam 2000 Rotary is holding another Burns Night on Friday 23rd January 2015. They have asked us to organise the raffle again and we are very pleased to do so as we raised £270 last January. Tickets cost £30 each which includes a three course meal plus whisky tasting. Peter Rollason will address the haggis and this fun evening is an excellent way to spend a cold, gloomy January evening! If you are interested please call Elaine Bruce on 614664 for further information or to book your tickets.

Happy New Year to all our very loyal supporters in the village who help us to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause.

**Elaine Bruce
NSPCC Committee**



Blood Donor Session

The next session in Harbury Village Hall will be on Thursday 29th January, 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm.

To save waiting you can make an appointment on 0300 123 2323 or at www.blood.co.uk

We hear a lot about winter problems for the NHS. This is your chance to do something positive to help.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

A number of people had to cancel their invitations to the party because of illness. We hope you have recovered. We still had nearly 100 people come along, many of whom have told us that they had a really wonderful night, with good company, good food and great entertainment from Phill and Ken. They played some great music and although only a few people got up to dance there were many who were jigging along and tapping their feet to the beat of some favourite tunes.

Thank you also, to everyone who donated some interesting and sought after prizes for our raffle. They were much appreciated.

Those of you who have organised events will know how difficult it can be without the help of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who came along to help.

Again this year, we had some help from the Harbury Scouts who put up the tree and the decorations as part of their community involvement. Thank you for coming along to help us. The extra hands came in very useful.



Photographs taken by Julie Clarke and Peter Walshe

As we roll into 2015 the committee would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you at our events during the year and for giving us your support. As usual, look out for our schedule of activities in the Harbury and Ladbroke news.

Mike McBride,
On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Wednesday Walkers

The walkers celebrated four years of Wednesday outings with lunch at the White Hart, Ufton. If anyone had been on every walk they would have covered a distance of 760 miles – about as far as the Pyrenees!

So, if your New Year resolution included fresh air, exercise, discovering

the local countryside or walking to Spain, just turn up at the Village Hall car park at 9.40am any Wednesday. This is not a formal group – no register or committee, just people who like to get out with a bit of company to enjoy the outdoors together (and maybe see Spain!) – give it a try.



Pam & Gillian



Bumps, Bundles and Tots Too

We had a great December at Bumps, with one session creating Christmas cards and of course our fab

Christmas party with lots of lovely food and a visit from Father Christmas. If you have a bundle, baby bump or tot under three come along to Bumps and Bundles for a cuppa, and to meet people. Every Tuesday from 10:30am in the Tom Hauley Room behind the church.



Kelly and Rosie



Harbury Village Library

Libraries are again in the news! In December, the Independent Library Report, commissioned by the Government, said that a library should do more than just loan books. The report went on to say that instead of the old-fashioned image of hushed reading rooms, a library should

provide high quality computers, Wi-Fi connection, a coffee shop and toilets, to enable it to become a vibrant and attractive community hub. Does this sound familiar?

We are very fortunate that the people involved in the setting up and running of Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Cafe had the vision to see exactly what was needed to make our venture a success.

The library will be open at 9am on Friday 2nd January with Biblio's re-opening at 9.15am on Wednesday 7th January.

Happy New Year to all our customers and we look forward to seeing you again in 2015.



**Friday morning coffee and cakery
enjoy an extra shot of Christmas
caffeine at Biblios**

Sue Wurr

World Challenge Fundraising Quiz – Friday 23rd January

CALLING ALL QUIZZERS! Join us in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 23rd January (7:30pm for 8pm start) for my World Challenge Quiz.

£20 per team, with a maximum of four people per team, entrance includes a hot supper (please confirm if vegetarian). Bar and raffle available.

Help me raise funds for my World Challenge Expedition to Morocco in July 2015, where I will be helping to rebuild local schools.

Contact Jamie Hall to register your team on: 01926 614901, 07825 735737 or jamiehall137@gmail.com.

Jamie Hall



Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

Happy New Year to you all.

Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market was a huge success and we are thrilled to report we raised £832.77. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us, this was a significant amount to boost our target for the year and we really appreciate it.

23 stall holders came and there were some lovely gifts to buy. Tea, Coffee and cakes baked by our mums and grannies were available to buy and all agreed they were delicious as always.

We would like to thank the Harbury Ukulele Group, Southam Choir and Rumble-O for providing us with some lovely festive music. Thanks also go to Dave, Geoff, Allen and Tony, our lovely Santas for the day. (Two of these were provided by the Southam Lions so a further thanks to them for their support).

We are pleased to announce the winners of our “Decorate a Parcel” competition:

- Harbury Pre-School – Kitty
- Key Stage 1 – Lucy
- Key Stage 2 – Sofia

Thank you to Reverend Annie for judging the competition on the day.

We can also announce the winner of the “Name the Reindeer” competition – Sarah Cockell won with the name “Dancer”.

Congratulations to all of our winners, and also to everyone who had a winning ticket in our exceptional raffle too. The prizes just keep getting better.

Dates for Your Diary:

Pamper Night – 5th February in the Village Hall

Party Night – 25th April in the Village Hall

Coffee Morning - 7th March in the Tom Hauley Room

We would like to thank you for all your support during 2014, and wish you a peaceful and happy 2015.

Julie Balch

Harbury Energy Initiative

It's a new year with new beginnings. With the memory of Christmas still alive, I offer a tentative parallel story. My story doesn't remotely match the portentous, inspiring message and promise of the Nativity but we did have an announcement (Annunciation) of our electric car club to come, a visit from E-Car Club (okay, so it was only one wise man), and the birth of our scheme is yet to happen (alright, I agree. The stable and donkey thing isn't working too well for my story either - no electricity for a start).

On 16th December the head of Network Development for E-Car Club came to meet a few of us and get started on planning the Harbury scheme. It looks as though we might be in business by mid-March, several weeks earlier than

originally projected. There will be as much publicity as we can manage to ensure the Great Day does not go unnoticed. If anyone has influence with local radio and TV, we would love to hear from you. The initial announcement was picked up by BBC CWR (on two consecutive mornings) and even on the local news on BBC Breakfast. Our funding trust, Carplus, likes this sort of publicity, so it would be very useful to keep it going.



**Outside the Library with E-Car's
Charlie Quigley**

There will be deals, especially for those who supported us by doing the survey. These will get half price life membership, normally £50 but to you just £25, and a couple of free hours in the Renault Zoe cars that we will be providing. We will also be looking for one or two champions for the scheme prepared to demonstrate their use to others and encourage new users. These champions will get even more free hours for that purpose. Don't let HEI members grab all the benefits; get in touch if you want to be one of the first into the club. Don't forget that members can also use E-Car Club cars in other locations, such as Northampton, Stratford-on-Avon and London. Households can join as a single member with named family members, each having their own unique PIN. Every member will have a personal on-line account, a card that allows access to the cars and a PIN that is keyed into the electric charging point. Those without internet access at home will be able to use the library computers. Billing is done monthly by direct debit. Apart from the hourly rate for use, £5.50 per hour, there are no further charges.

One or two people have raised the issue of the possible dangers of stepping into the path of a silent vehicle. There is the possibility to fit a sound to the vehicles that mimics a car engine and we are discussing that with E-Car Club.

I try to avoid too much campaigning in this column. HEI adopts a positive approach, looking for solutions rather than opposing problems. However, the recent stories about fracking (shale gas) and other extreme methods of fuel extraction favoured by this government are becoming alarming. Alongside the environmental dangers there are now financial risks of a second major recession, as the price of oil drops dramatically. This is beginning to lead to a number of company failures globally and potential defaulting on debts of a size that will dwarf the sub-prime mortgage scandal that began the last recession. If you want to read a summary of this argument have a look at:

http://www.theecologist.org/News/news_analysis/2679765/with_sub60_oil_fracking_and_tar_sands_losses_threaten_the_whole_financial_system.html

Meanwhile back to the clean sheet and promise of a new year. The next Big Plan is hoving into view - into mine anyway. But first the Harbury Electric Car Club.

Happy New Year.

Bob Sherman - 612277
shermanbob55@gmail.com



Harbury Heritage Room

Thanks to everyone for their support during the year. The Heritage Room is open next on Tuesday 3rd February, though other times can be arranged to suit groups or organisations. Contact Nigel Chapman at nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk

This story appeared in Coventry Evening Telegraph some years ago. There was a picture to accompany it, and the clothes the men were wearing suggest a date in the 1970s. Can anyone be more precise?

Blacksmith puts shoes on a cow

The nine years old head of a herd of Friesian cows of Lower Westfield Farm, Harbury, "Granny Black," lay philosophically still, quietly lowing on a bed of straw today as she was fitted with surgical shoes.

She hadn't much choice, writes a "Coventry Evening Telegraph" reporter.

A complex system of ropes attached to her body was anchored to a lorry, a tractor, a car and a plough, and the cowman sat on her head.

In the shadow of Mr lory Davies' Dutch barn, as other Friesians watched over a fence, nine men struggled to carry out an operation which was an act of mercy.

"Granny Black" had been going lame in hind legs, and due to the pain she had experienced during the past month or two she had lost a couple of hundredweight (cwt).

She could not have gone on much longer thought Mr Sidney Enefer, village blacksmith at Harbury for the past 35 years, so he made some metal shoes.

Fitting the shoes was a precision job. A Leamington veterinary surgeon, Mr G B Brook, drilled the horny structure of the ulcerated cloven hooves, then drove home a series of nails. Next the wood "clock" was screwed on.

The cow was reluctant at first but the four men pulling on a rope persuaded her to lie down. Ropes attached to her legs enabled the men to manoeuvre them whenever it was necessary.

Nigel Chapman

The Isolation Hospital

The isolation hospital mentioned in the “Diphtheria in the Village” article in November’s magazine was situated at Sharmer Farm, Fosse Way, which belonged to my grandfather, Edwin Hunt. It was reached along a dirt track across two fields. It was built in corrugated iron and the surrounding land was fenced with iron railings. Although redundant, it still had beds, equipment and a working telephone during the Second World War. We had no telephone at the farmhouse but had a key to the hospital to use the telephone in an emergency. The water was pumped from a well and there was no electricity. The hospital was dismantled in 1947 but the brick built mortuary was not dismantled until 1965 when Neville and I took over the farm after my father retired. I have no knowledge of when the hospital was built or who ran it. It would be interesting to find out. A project for someone perhaps?

Nora Ellis

Great War Railwaymen

Harbury gets a mention in a new book, published last month: Jeremy Higgins' "Great War Railwaymen" tells the stories of 12,500 railwaymen who lost their lives in WWI. Page 230 is about Southam Road and Harbury GWR station employees Marlow, Tasker and Brooks, with pictures of the station. The illustrated book has a foreword by Michael Portillo, introduction by General the Lord Dannatt and is published by Uniform Press. All profits go to charity, and the book is available at Waterstones, WH Smith and other bookshops.

Chris Gibb



Harbury Christmas Lights

We would like to say thank you to Rob and Libby in the Gamecock, Steve in the flat at the old “Dog Inn” , Laura and Mark in Chapel Street and Guv at the Post Office for allowing us to plug the village Christmas lights into their electricity supply. And not forgetting the village Christmas tree plugged into our library.

In keeping with lowering our carbon footprint and reducing electricity usage, the lights we use now are LED rope lights with low voltages. These will last a lot longer than the old ones and also cost less to run.

We hope the additional lighting, particularly in Church Street, helped light up the gloom of the dark winter nights and also lit up the footpaths.

Best wishes for 2015.

Mike, Gordon, Steve, Euan, Steve and John

Spring Term Community Education Programme

Southam College Community Education Centre offers a varied programme of courses, both daytime and evening, in Southam and the surrounding villages.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Southam, thank you to all those who supported our annual coffee morning on Saturday 6th December. The £130 raised is being shared between the Rotary "End Polio Now" campaign and the Leamington branch of Parkinson's UK. We chose these two causes as they were both very close to the heart of Rotarian Peter Jackson who tragically died in September. Peter is sadly missed and the raffle was not the same without his booming voice and banter.

Bill Pease, President

Dear Editors

We wish to say a big thank you to Mike McBride, his Committee and helpers for the enjoyable time we spent at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner on Saturday 13th December.

They all worked extremely hard and efficiently to give us all a lovely evening. It was an excellent meal rounded off with super entertainment by Phill King and Ken. Many thanks once again.

Bill & Peggie Middleton

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all my Harbury friends, family and parents of children at school for all the Christmas gifts I have received. They were very much appreciated.

Isobel Clarke

Dear Editors

Harbury Pre-School has accumulated lots of very important items to use during its fundraising activities. These include Christmas decorations, tea and coffee, children's craft activities, a lucky dip bin and a few other things. We need to keep them as it means we don't have to buy them again for each event.

We have an ongoing issue of storage for these items and would like to ask if anyone or any organisation within the village has a cupboard that they could donate to us. We only need to access these items just before and after an activity and there are normally 4 or 5 activities per year. (We'd give plenty of notice though).

If anyone can help us with this, please can you email me directly? We would be very grateful for the space.

Many thanks.

Julie Balch, Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group
julie.balch@gmail.com



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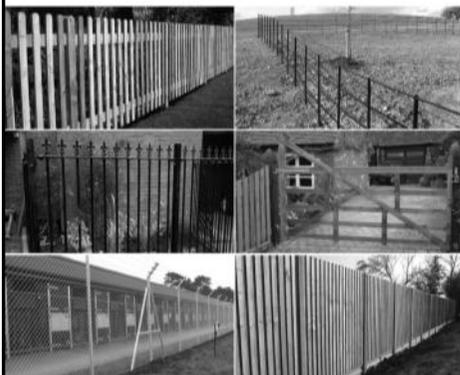


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Class Timetable

Day	Class	Time	Class	Time	Class	Time	Class	Time	Class	Time	
Mon	Baby Ballet 18mths+ 9.30am - 10.15am								Adult Tap (Beginners) 7.30pm-8.30pm		
Tues	Studio 1 Studio 2	Prima Balletinas 3-4yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Pre-Syllabus Ballet 5-6yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Grade 1 Tap 10-11yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Pre-Primary Ballet 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Grade 2 Tap 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Primary Ballet 8-9yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm	Grade 3 Tap 11yrs+ 6.00pm - 6.45pm	Grade 5 Ballet 15 yrs 6.45pm - 8.00pm	Adult Tap (Inter) 6.45pm - 7.45pm	GCSE Dance Yr 10 & Yr 11 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	Boys Street Dance 5.45pm - 6.30pm	Grade 2 Ballet 11-13yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm	Grade 4 Modern 14 yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm	Grade 1 Modern 11yrs+ 7.15pm - 8.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 8.00pm - 8.45pm	
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		Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 4.30pm - 5.15pm								

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