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## Editorial

This is the 500<sup>th</sup> edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News and by way of commemoration we are re-printing the 37<sup>th</sup> edition, which was when the News became the Harbury and Ladbroke News. Previous to this the magazine had only covered Harbury. You can see how the magazine has changed since 1977 and yet also what has remained constant!



Our photographs, taken by Annette Hughes, capture the loss of a Harbury landmark; the Cypress trees outside the Library have been felled for safety reasons. There are plans to provide a tree of light elsewhere in the village in due course.

Our villages are well known for their community spirit which relies on numerous volunteers and other support. A number of organisations are currently looking for new volunteers to replace ones who are standing down. There are opportunities to become part of the Harbury and Ladbroke News team, Biblio's, the School PTA, Harbury Parish Council as well as other openings. More immediately, volunteers are required to put up the Christmas lights in Harbury next month. See the Parish Council News for more detail on this.

Next month the News will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual Christmas cards; please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Jim Clews and Ralph Lawson.

# Harbury Diary

## NOVEMBER

- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit  
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, fire lit at 6.00pm, fireworks start at 6.30pm on Recreation Grounds
- Sun 8 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (III before Advent)**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Remembrance Service, 10.15am  
Act of Remembrance, 11.00am at War Memorial  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 9 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 10 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Walk - Shuckburgh (3 miles. Hilly)  
Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion, 9.45 am, followed by coffee  
WW1 Workshop, 5.30 - 7.00pm, Village Hall  
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room, 'Annual Meeting'  
Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group meeting, 8.00pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Fri 13 Dandy Development, 9.00am in Village Hall  
Inspire Dance, 4.30-6.30pm, in Village Hall  
PTA Quiz Night, 8.00pm, Harbury School
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School  
Myton Hospice Craft Fayre, 10.00am - 4.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 15 **II BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  
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- Tues 17 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, in Village Hall

- Tues 17 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Harbury Society talk, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room -  
"Dickens and Leamington"
- Wed 18 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Walk - Crackley Wood (4½ miles)  
Connections Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury Village Library  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
- Fri 20 Dandy Development, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Sat 21 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Tennis Club
- Sun 22 CHRIST THE KING - SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 23 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 24 Handmade Christmas Decorations Workshop,  
9.15am - 12.15pm, Harbury Village Library  
Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 25 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Walk - Wormleighton (4 miles)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
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5.30PM  
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 27 Dandy Development, 9.00am in Village Hall  
Xmas Soup Event, 12 noon - 2.00pm, Ashton House, Station Rd  
Windmill Singers Winter Cabaret, 7.30pm, The Grange Hall,  
Southam
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Ladbroke Church  
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Mr Holmes', doors open  
6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm (see advert)
- Sun 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Advent Carol Service, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  
Inspire Dance, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Village Hall

Mon 30 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall  
 Handmade Christmas Decorations Workshop, 9.15am - 12.15pm,  
 Harbury Village Library  
 Advent Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

## DECEMBER

Tues 1 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
 Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School  
 Holy Communion, 7.30 pm  
 Horticultural Society "Festive Fun" 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 2 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
 Walk - Kenilworth (4 miles flat)  
 Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
 Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 "Christmas Customs" - A Talk by Trisha Harrison  
 Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 3 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
 Folk Club, 8.00pm at Village Club

Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Rotary  
 Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Village Hall

Sun 6 **ADVENT II**  
 Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments  
 Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm  
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
November	Wed	Fri	
	11	13	Grey Bin
	18	20	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	25	27	Grey Bin
Dec	2	4	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	9	11	Grey Bin
	16	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins



All Saints  
HARBURY

## From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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### What do you really think about Jesus?

I wonder, if you were really pushed, what you'd say about Jesus Christ. Was he real? Did he really walk the earth, die on a cross and rise again? Or would you put him in the same category as the tooth fairy?

A joint study from major Christian organisations has found while 57% of people in England call themselves Christians, two in five think Jesus wasn't a real person.

The research of 3,000 people, conducted by the Church of England found more than a third of people (39%) thought Jesus was a mythical figure, rather than actually existing in history. So did he exist?

Well, it wasn't just his closest friends, many others wrote about Jesus who weren't Christians.

Josephus was a **Jewish** historian who provided us with the most comprehensive primary source on Jewish history - he wrote about Jesus.

Tacitus was a **Roman** senator under Emperor Vespasian, and famous for his analysis and examination of historical documents, he is one of the most trusted ancient historians of the day - he wrote about Jesus.

Lucian was a **Greek** satirist who spoke sarcastically of Jesus and his followers. But, in doing so, he confirms that Jesus taught about faith and God and that Jesus' teachings were quickly adopted by his disciples – he wrote about Jesus.

Beyond the wide variety of non-Christian sources that explicitly mention Jesus, let's not forget one key event: the rise of Christianity itself. If Jesus really hadn't existed, it would have been simple for those most opposed to Christianity (of whom there were many) to expose him as a figment of the early Christians' imagination. That would have been the end of Christianity, yet it didn't happen.

Jesus existed and we have much historical evidence that shows this. But the exciting thing is that he has never remained just a figure in history. Faith, belief and trust in Jesus bring new life, new hope and real transformation. Jesus said. 'I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly'. More people follow this one man today than anyone else who has walked the earth. He's not a mythical figure in history but a game-changer and life giver so; don't stick him with the tooth fairy!

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Baptisms*

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Jakob Jaris Garland
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Isidore Alexander Bayley
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Noah John Merrick

### *Renewal of Wedding Vows*

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Kary and Andrew Hunt
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### *Funerals*

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Ralph Lawson (82 years)
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### *Burial of Ashes*

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Gwen Boardman
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### *Memorial Service*

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Joyce Turner
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	<h2>From the Churchwardens</h2>	<p><b>Elaine &amp; John</b></p>
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Firstly, some disappointing news.... on Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>) or Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) the mixing desk from our recently installed sound system was stolen from church. If anyone hears of any information that may relate to this incident can you please contact the local Police or contact John or Elaine.

Regrettably, theft from churches is becoming increasingly prevalent and is the price we pay for making our churches accessible to everyone whether that be for a service, simply to look around or for some quiet time of reflection and prayer. These opportunities are precious to us in Harbury and we would not want to lose them as the result of the thoughtless actions of others.

On a happier note, what a delight it was to have the school visit us this month for our Family Harvest service. The children did themselves, their parents and families and the school proud with their hugely insightful presentations, drawings and singing. There was a lovely atmosphere in church with lots of fun, laughter and .....of course, cakes! Please do come and join us for the next Family Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November when our theme will be a celebration of the wonderful gifts that God has given each of us.

The Harvest Supper on the 10<sup>th</sup> October was also a very enjoyable evening. Over 80 villagers came along and tucked into the wonderful variety of the food that was “brought along and shared” on the night and it was all topped off by the wonderful singing and dancing of Sue and Ian Hartland.

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed what they could to support the work our curate Reverend Nikki Moon has been doing in co-ordinating the local appeal in aid of the refugee crisis. The response has been overwhelming and has certainly kept Nikki busy over the past few weeks working alongside the Carriers of Hope in Coventry.

We have recently heard from the Coventry Diocese Advisory Committee that our plans for the creation of the new memorial garden at the back of the church have now been approved. Notification of this proposal is currently being displayed in and outside church and subject to no objections, work should commence later this year.

Alongside our usual services this month, the Remembrance Day Service will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am, with the usual gathering at the memorial for 11 o'clock.

And finally - a plea from the Churchwardens. Some of you will be aware that we have a small army of what we call Street Reps (who do a wonderful job), who very kindly distribute information (mainly Easter and Christmas) to every household in Harbury, so that details of our services at these special times are received by as many as possible. The Reps are led by a Co-ordinator, who after many years, has stepped down and so we are looking for someone to step into these shoes. You don't have to be a regular church-goer but simply some time and a wish to help us out.

If you may be interested, please do contact John or Elaine for details of what is involved as we always welcome the opportunity to further develop our links and relationships with the wider village community.

We would love to see you at any of our services – and more information can be found on our website: <http://www.allsaintsharbury.org/>. For those of you who are unable to get to church but would like to listen to the sermons, these are now recorded and can be accessed via <http://www.allsaintsharbury.org/podcasts.php>

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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The October meeting began with a communion and we were pleased to welcome Nikki, our Curate who presided with Rev. Craig. This was followed by a time of reminiscence as members explained the significance of various items they had brought. The range of these, from a delightful watch, through

jewellery and ornaments, to a hedgehog, a puffin, a shabby rabbit and a novelty Tutankhamun, was reflected in the lovely stories that went with them.

Notices:

1. Overseas boxes should be returned ASAP to Sue Field.
2. The charity Carriers of Hope, based in Coventry, helps to support refugees to set up homes here. They urgently need basic household items including furniture. If you can offer anything, please contact Rev. Nikki or Chris Rutherford.
3. The Diocesan Advent Service will be at St Nicholas, Kenilworth at 11am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Names to Chris Rutherford who will organise transport if needed and maybe arrange for lunch afterwards.
4. The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. As usual we shall run the toiletries stall. Contributions can be put in a box in the choir vestry; please help to repeat our usual success at this event
5. Next meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm.



### **Harbury Christmas Fayre: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

After the success of last year's new look Fayre, this year's will follow the same open format, with live music and many attractive stalls. It's the perfect place to buy Christmas presents and stocking fillers of all kinds, from craft stalls and independent retailers. You can buy jewellery, order a local, free range turkey, or have your nails painted. There will be entertainments for the children, including a visit to Santa and face painting. Mulled wine, tea and homemade cakes will sustain you.

Join us at 2.00pm in Harbury Village Hall. Entrance is free. Put it in your diary now!

**John Stringer**



### **A Village Christmas: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Join us at the green opposite the Old New Inn at 4.00pm and follow the star, singing familiar carols as we go, visiting the Village Hall, the Gamecock garden and Crown Street before arriving at the church for mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. This is All Saints Church's Christmas gift to the village. Wrap up warmly and bring a torch!

**John Stringer**

# Ladbroke News & Diary

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

## NOVEMBER

- Sat 7 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 8 Remembrance Sunday**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
Village Remembrance Service with laying of wreaths, 3.00pm
- Wed 11 Coffee, Cake and Shoeboxes, 10.00am - noon, Village Hall  
Table Tennis, children: 6.30 - 7.15pm, adults: 7.15 - 8.15pm,  
Village Hall  
Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Sun 15 2nd Sunday before Advent**  
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am  
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Village Hall
- Thurs 19 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 21 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 22 Christ the King**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 25 Table Tennis, children: 6.30 - 7.15pm, adults: 7.15 - 8.15pm,  
Village Hall  
Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Thurs 26 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning in aid of Ladbroke Church, 10.00am - noon,  
Tom Hauley Room, Harbury  
Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 29 Advent I**  
Holy Communion (said), 9.00am
- Mon 30 Joint Ladbroke Village Hall and Millennium Green AGM, 7.30pm,  
Village Hall

## DECEMBER

- Tues 1 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 2 Table Tennis, children: 6.30 - 7.15pm, adults: 7.15 - 8.15pm,  
Village Hall
- Sat 5 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 6 Advent II**  
Family Communion, 10.30am
- Mon 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

We started October with our Harvest Festival and the church looked lovely thanks to our skilled flower arrangers. This year the gifts of tins and packets donated during the service were taken to the Fosse Foodbank. "Ooh good you've brought custard" was their immediate reaction but they were pleased with everything we took, all eight boxes and bags full. The fresh fruit and veg that decorated the church were also gratefully received by Castle Froma at Leamington. After the service, 30 of us decamped to sunshine in the beautiful garden next door before sharing lunch together. Many thanks to Jane and David Rutherford our hosts and all the talented cooks who prepared the delicious spread.

As I write this we are looking forward to our patronal festival, All Saints Day, and the special choral evensong that day led by Bill Bosworth and the choir followed by Remembrance Service on 8<sup>th</sup> November and then it will be time to start thinking about Christmas! During Advent we will have a Posada, when our crib figures of Mary and Joseph stay in various homes before coming to the church on Christmas Eve. Those taking part host the figures for a day or two before delivering them on to the next home. It's a lovely way to meet neighbours, tell children the story of The Nativity and reflect on both the first Christmas and those who still seek the shelter and comfort of a safe home today. All are welcome to take part - just fill your details on the leaflet available in church.

As mentioned in previous reports, we need to raise a huge amount of money for repairs to our church building to ensure *All Saints for All Generations* and, as every little helps, here are three ideas to consider in the coming weeks:

### **Christmas Greetings**

Rather than send individual cards to local friends, you could pass on your Christmas greetings in the Harbury & Ladbroke News (see details on page 2) and/or add a message to the giant card that will be in church during December and donate the money saved to our *All Saints for All Generations* campaign

### **Free Donations as you shop on-line**

Many companies selling goods and services from their websites will donate a small percentage of the cost to charity. So if you are buying presents, food and drink, a holiday or anything else on-line you could get them to donate to our *All Saints for All Generations* appeal. All you have to do is sign up on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and (assuming you would like to support us) select Ladbroke Church as your nominated charity, then go to via the easy fundraising site each time you purchase something on the internet.

Even if you do not buy on-line yourself please pass the message on to relatives and friends who do. For more details email [donate@ladbrokechurch.org.uk](mailto:donate@ladbrokechurch.org.uk)

### **THR Coffee Morning**

Join us at the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November and make purchases from our cake, gift and bric-a-brac stalls not forgetting the raffle. All proceeds to Ladbroke Church.



### **Flower rota**

8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November Sue Moore



### **Ladbroke Parish Council**

**Jackie West**

This is a rather late summary of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September, which I have taken from the draft minutes displayed on the noticeboard by the pub as I was not there in person. I find it hard to make some of these meetings so if anyone would like to share the task of reporting these meetings in this magazine with me, please let me know.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - In accordance with local government allocations, Ladbroke will have future housing development. A neighbourhood plan would give residents control by denoting when and how many houses will be built in what areas. It is a statutory document written by a steering group (members of the community and a representative from the Parish Council). The first stage is to get area designation and the main issues are housing, environment and biodiversity. Several consultations take place with the community and by SDC before it is examined by an independent body which advises it is recommended, modified or not suitable. After a final referendum by the community, when at least 50% of voters should be in favour, it is referred back to SDC and adopted as part of the local framework.

It was agreed to initiate a neighbourhood plan and judge the reaction of villagers at an open public meeting.

**Defibrillator** - The Lottery Fund has awarded Ladbroke 100% of the grant requested; the Alibone Trust will be approached for a grant too. Neighbours have agreed for electricity to be routed to the phone box and the Parish Council will pay for the electrical work required. Once installed there will be a Defibrillator Awareness session.

**Planning** - The application for a house in the woodland south of School Lane/ Church Road was withdrawn and tree works in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall approved. There would be no representation regarding pruning the yew tree outside 7 Hedges Close.

**Flooding** - Some property level protection (PLP) surveys were done in July and others are imminent; the installation of PLP measures is expected to be in early 2016. Some funding for the measures will be from WCC but homeowners may need to contribute, this will be confirmed when full costs are known. There will be a public consultation event attended by WCC, the consultants and the contractor (once appointed) to discuss the report, meet contractors, see the type of products available under the scheme, address issues of Listed Building consent and identify next steps.

**Village Hall & Millennium Green** - A grant of £500 towards equipment was approved. A new insulated and watertight roof is needed; planning permission will be required as it will increase the height by a few inches.

**HS2** - Councillor Batty will attend the meeting in Shire Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October. There is also a public event at Grange Hall, Southam on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**WCC** - The budget is getting ever tighter. Only mandatory things will be paid including child and other care requirements. WCC have rejected the idea of a combined authority with Greater Birmingham.

**SDC** - Unlike WCC, who have rejected the idea of joining a Greater Birmingham authority (which will have its own mayor and be responsible for planning policy, finance, care of the aged, education etc), SDC have agreed to take up a position of Shadow Board Member on the Combined Authority as an interim decision. They will have to make up their minds in February 2016.

**Clerk's Vacancy** - someone has been interviewed but before making an offer of employment, a vacancy notice will be issued to see if any local residents are interested.

The next meeting of the parish council has changed to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

	<h2>Ladbroke Matters</h2>	<p><b>David Wright</b></p>
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The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for the upkeep of the Village Hall and Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both of these resources for the benefit of our community.

 Our quiz night proved to be a great success last month attracting 11 teams and raising just over £350 as well as a few laughs on the way. Most agreed that the highlight of the evening was the bingo round: an extended round with extra prizes. We marvelled at the electronic scoreboard; and enjoyed a tasty fish and chip supper. Well done to the overall winners, 'Lofty Ambitions', and thanks to all who helped with the event.



The joint Ladbroke Village Hall and Millennium Green **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to come along to hear the Trustees' reports and to bring any questions, comments and suggestions.



Plans for our **Christmas Extravaganza** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December** can now be revealed! Clive Coleman has kindly offered to put together a live rock band called 'The Gamblers' (a nod to the betting shop named after our village) who will play a selection of popular songs. Now retired and living in Ladbroke, Clive used to be the local bobby for the Harbury and Ladbroke district and has always lived in the area. He told me that his grandfather celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in our village hall many moons ago, and this gig will be a tribute to him. So dust off your dancing shoes in readiness! Light refreshments will be provided by Clive's wife, Angela. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Village Hall. Ticket price £10 each.

If you would like to join our team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the Trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

### **Ladbroke Millennium Draw for September 2015**

£50	Kip Warr	£50	Helen Morten
£25	John Liverton	£25	Lorna Carleton
£25	Keith Archer	£10	Steve Morten
£10	Roger Plaskett	£10	Beverley Bradley
£10	Dianne Surgey	£10	Alan Lord

**Margaret Bosworth**



At the AGM on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October we all made an effort to look extra smart to mark the Centenary of the Women's Institute. Thus there was a range of wonderful head gear from a colourful knitted creation to large picture hats - as can be seen by the accompanying photograph opposite – thanks to Jackie.

Treasurer, Mandy Boyce presented the accounts which were accepted and gave a report on another very successful year. The Committee were all prepared to stand for another year and were unanimously elected. Our president, Dianne Surgey, was voted as president for the coming year and



gave thanks to all those present but particularly to the hard working committee members.

Dates for your diaries:

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm:** WI Carol Service in Long Itchington Church.

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 – 8.30pm:** Christmas Shopping at Hatton Shopping Village. Tickets offering a 10% discount for WI members are available from Dianne.

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Social to include Curling and a Bring and Share Supper

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016:** Group Meeting in Long Itchington Community Hall

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016:** Warwickshire Weekend at Denman College

Please note if you are filling in next year's diary that the WI will meet on the first Thursday of the month.

Date of next meeting - **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30** (Please note that this is a week earlier than usual). Sally Dunkley will demonstrate Flower Making with Paint.

Subs of £37.50 are due and cheques may be made out to Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI.

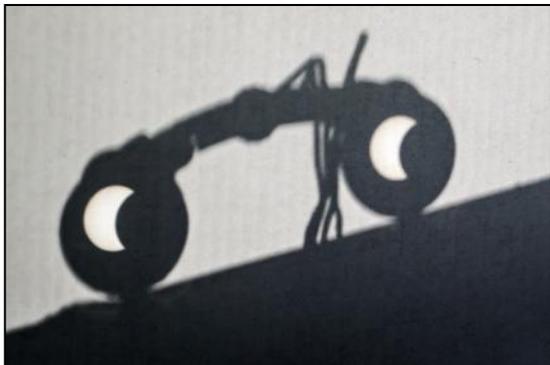
The Ladbroke darts team of Sue Moore, Mandy Rowlatt, Carol Lane and Sue Lord won their first match against Norton Lindsey in the village hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and will progress to the next round.



We had plenty of fun with the month's competition which was on the theme of hidden faces. The variety of photographs showed what an imaginative lot we are and the number of tied places in the results reflected the high quality of the entries. Sinister faces were seen in gnarled tree stumps and melting ice. There were happier faces in the windows and door of a building, some home grown tomatoes and a ship's deadeye. You will just have to imagine what they all looked like but the two illustrated here show what you can see when you go looking for hidden faces.



**Hidden face in a stream by Mike Todman**



**Solar Eclipse by Tony Lorimer**

The competition was followed by phototopics on our visits to Leamington, Hatton locks and Baddesley Clinton. We reviewed the many photos taken on those outings, seeing similar scenes from different angles and with varied lighting. There was one thing missing though; no-one had taken a picture of the hundreds of wasps that plagued us in the restaurant at Baddesley Clinton! Finally we looked at Jackie's draft for our calendar; we are looking a bit wider afield for our images this year but it will be as good as ever.

Our forthcoming meetings are: on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, when we shall have a photopic on 'Horses in Action' and a competition on 'Black and White' and on 1<sup>st</sup> December when we shall have an illustrated talk and a photopic

on 'People'. Both meetings will be in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm and visitors and guests will be welcome, as always. For more information about the club and our programme see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)

## 2016 Calendar

Once again a calendar of local views and seasonal pictures taken by our members is available. It is in the same style as in 2012 and 2014 and at the same price, £5. Please contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 810331 if you are interested in buying one. You can see what it looks like on the photography club page of the village website, [ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://ladbroke-pc.org.uk) Just click the link on the home page.



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

## October 2015

We started with a continuation of a presentation which the Councillors but not the audience had viewed. It appears from what was discussed that there may be a proposal to put bungalows on a site north of the Churchlands Industrial Estate. This was not well received by Councillors who want this area as purely for employment needs. The emerging Neighbourhood Plan sees the railway cutting as a barrier and Councillors did not wish housing to extend beyond it as it would be isolated, with no footway and too far from the village centre. Chairman, Tim Lockley, outlined the problems as the council saw it: no proven need; agricultural land not brownfield; preference for industrial use; isolated location cut off from the village beyond the railway and industrial estate, so better suited to light industrial use.

The amendment to the Henry's development on Bush Heath Lane came next, putting rooms into the roof space of three of the five approved homes. The representative said there was demand for these additional rooms. The council had no objection.

Discussed next was an amendment to the Quarries development where more houses will take the place of the Care Home. However the developer would provide a surgery off Ladbroke Road and was in negotiations with the local health authority. The surgery would be funded by a reduction in "affordable" homes, down from 35% of the total housing to a possible 15% which might be for sale not rent.

The Council made 'No objection' to:- felling of trees at the Old Bakery Chapel Street and at 3 Farm Close; a two storey extension at 53 Deppers Bridge;

erection of an “agricultural” building at Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge. There was concern about the state of the Dovehouse Autos site which Stratford DC had deemed to be safe.

Initially, plans for the Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath “New Village” provided traffic lights on the Fosse Crossroads in the planning agreement but surprise, the Developer’s Traffic Assessment shows no impact on Harbury and a decision must come before the County’s own assessment is available.

There was further concern that the “Infrastructure Levy”, intended to give us money from developers to mitigate other problems, was being reduced. The Clerk will investigate as this would have ramifications for the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

Ken Stephenson kept Councillors on their toes on the search for Gypsy Sites. Warwick wants to use the Football Ground. Stratford is still consulting on theirs and Ken did not believe their Consultation was sufficiently well advertised. He said we could have sites for both authorities close by and our overstretched Doctors and School would be overwhelmed. Chairman Tim Lockley reported that SDC have said if the football ground goes ahead there will be no other sites near Harbury and also pointed out the sites would be on top of the huge increase in housing already approved.

District Councillor Jacqui Harris said changes to the M40 J12 were causing severe delays. The Core Strategy was progressing. She warned that although SDC thought this meant they could reject unsuitable applications, as they had approved more homes than their target, the Planning Inspectorate disagreed. It was not clear developers’ promised improvements were enforceable.

Bob Stevens (WCC) said it seemed more likely Warwickshire would join with Coventry as a Combined Authority. WCC was waiting for details of the next round of cuts and could not see how they could achieve any more. County Highways was aware of the level of development planned in our area and its impact on our roads and were beginning to ask for amendments.

**Updates** - The Library Cypress trees have been felled. Harbury Energy Initiative has launched its E-Wheels Project. There has been no progress by the police on stopping HGVs using the weight limited railway bridge at Deppers.

**Properties** - A replacement bench was ordered for the playing fields in Tim Percival’s memory. The Hereburgh Way access to the fields will be closed for safety reasons whilst the firework display takes place. Complaints continue that owners do not clear up after their dogs foul the playing fields.

The Chairman praised the scrub clearance work of the Cemetery Group. Michael Mann would clear the excess soil from the Burial Grounds and Cllr Ekins urged the Council to think about finding a new site for burials.

County Highways will be asked to look into reasons for the spate of accidents at the Station Road bend leading to the B4451 near to Highfield Terrace.

There was a plea for an extra light in Deppers Bridge to illuminate the bollards. The Council will request that WCC looks for ways to increase the visibility of the bollards. They want to meet WCC to discuss damage in Church Street caused by HGVs having to mount the pavement to pass parked cars. The footpath was being damaged and Council also wanted to protect the Church Paddock wall as well.

The next Councillors' Corner is 10.00am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November and the next PC Meeting is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## **Parish Council News**

### **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

We currently have a vacancy for a parish councillor. If you are interested in joining the council, we would like to hear from you.

The parish council is the grass roots of local government and is best placed to listen to the concerns of local residents and understand the needs of the local community. Harbury PC has 10 councillors who are supported by the parish clerk. We provide some basic services such as maintenance of all the village greens and verges, the playing fields and play area, street lighting and the cemetery. We are consulted on all local planning applications and planning policy, traffic and highways issues, and also respond to wider consultations by the Government. We support local clubs and organisations including the village hall, the library and the tennis club as well as many smaller groups. Our work is diverse and interesting. If you want to play an active role in your local community, this is the ideal opportunity.

No special qualifications are required as we need people from all walks of life with a wide range of experience. However, you must to be able to attend the parish council meeting regularly on the fourth Thursday of each month and you will also need access to email and the internet. Some basic training is available to new councillors followed by ongoing subject specific training as required.

If you would like to find out more please contact Alison Biddle on 614646 or Tim Lockley on 614532 or call into the parish council office for an informal chat. As we hope to co-opt someone at the next PC meeting, applications should be received by 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.

### **Bonfire Night**

The annual village bonfire will take place again this year on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November on the playing fields and as usual is being organised by GASS. For public safety reasons, the pedestrian gate from Ridgley Way onto the playing field will be closed for the duration of the event and therefore access to the bonfire will be via South Parade only. We hope this doesn't cause anyone too much inconvenience and that you will understand that it is for your own safety.

## **Christmas Lights – We Need Your Help!**

After many years of loyal service, Gordon Bennett and Mike McBride have decided it's time to let someone else have the fun and delight of putting up the village Christmas lights. So, if you are keen to see this village tradition continue, please contact the parish council office as soon as possible.

## **Facebook**

The parish council now has its very own Facebook page. If you want to find out the latest news on planning matters, consultations, public meetings and other current issues affecting the village, please make sure you visit our page.

## **Councillors' Corner**

The next Councillors' Corner will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 from 10.00am outside Harbury Supermarket. Please take this opportunity to chat with your councillors and bring any matters of concern to their attention. They are looking forward to meeting you!

## **Allotments**

We have a few allotments in need of some TLC. They are overgrown and will require hard work to get them ready for planting. If you are interested, please contact the parish council office on 614646.

**Harbury Parish Council**

## **Harbury Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Parish Councillors and members of the Steering Group have looked at the policies and proposals put forward by Kirkwells in the second draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. A third draft will be produced based on their comments and amendments. Then it will go out for public consultation. Residents have put a lot of time into producing this Plan although special thanks must go to Linda Ridgley for her contribution to preserving our rural community through green infrastructure, and to Bob Sherman for his work on energy conservation in future development. I urge you to look at the website: [www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)

Please remember that a Neighbourhood Plan CANNOT STOP development but it is a community-led framework for GUIDING future development, regeneration and conservation of our parish. It will be part of a statutory development plan for the area if successful at referendum. This referendum will take place in Harbury next year and we are going to need your support. Please look at the website and/or the Facebook page. Any comments emailed to me will be passed on to the consultant.

**Councillor Pat Summers**  
email: [patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk)



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley



We had a great two-handed talk on the Lights of Leamington. Margaret Rushton did the presentation with Alan Griffin organising the slides and adding other details.

The Lights of Leamington, a response to the success of the Festival of Britain, ran from

1951-61. When they first opened in 1951 in the Jephson Gardens they attracted 30,000 visitors.

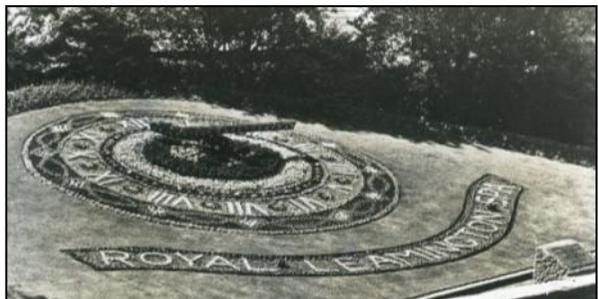
There was a tavern, café and continuous theatre costing 6d (2½) and you could stay for hours. Events in the glass “Music Box” Pavilion included the London Philharmonic and the Hallé. Maps of the site, the route and parking for the coaches were produced and over the decade more than two million people attended.

The lake fountains, the centrepiece of the event, were modelled on Hampton Court’s. Lights were everywhere especially in the magnificent cedar next to Willes Road. Birdcage Walk was lit with lanterns. More modest tableaux such as the Saga of Cock Robin or Sleeping Beauty’s Fayre Castle, were to be discovered in the shrubberies.



But the highlights were the much missed Floral Clock and Guinness Clock which, on the quarters, half and full hour sprang to life with mechanical models. People would wait to see the performances on the quarter, half and full hours.

Different models decorated the lake and boating area:- a Mill and cottage; the Houses of Parliament; a Venetian waterfront; the Queen Mary; and once a Chinese pavilion with



musicians. The organist on the lake was also popular. On each of the last nights there were fireworks.

But all good things come to an end and the event eventually became too expensive to stage. The lights themselves were sold on to Walsall for its Arboretum.

**Next Event:** Dickens and Leamington - a talk by Trevor Humphreys. **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**, 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

We had a good Harvest Supper in the Tom Hauley Room this year and it was nice and cosy. Dare I mention food again – but I have to as it was super.

Photos of past events were on display as was board with some photos of members on as babies which got people guessing. There was plenty of laughter and discussion.

The darts team played Stockton Ladies and I am pleased to say won, but it was very close. Again, a pleasant evening.

Our speaker this month was Nick Chandler who spoke about “From Downton Abbey to Watership Down”. Nick is a great walker and writer about his journeys. He started at Beacon Hill, Newbury on the Wayfarers' Walk passing Gibbet Hill, then overlooking Highclare Castle (Downton Abbey). Such lovely countryside with stories to tell and name dropping of celebrities en route.

I must say we enjoyed his talk and hope he will return.

Just some reminders:

Do not forget Gillian Hare's Operation Christmas Child – parcels can be brought to the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

The Christmas Carol Service is at Long Itchington, Holy Trinity Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm.

The bran tub present evening is at December's meeting.

The next meeting is at the Tom Hauley Room on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm and will be the AGM. Please attend.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**John Travis**

Our panto “Sleeping Beauty” has been cast and rehearsals begun. It is a good old traditional panto with loads of songs, plenty of “behind you” and “Oh no it isn’t” but with a few unexpected twists.

It seems a long time to our opening night on 25<sup>th</sup> February but disruption is caused to our rehearsal schedule by holidays for two half terms, Christmas and New Year. So lots of work for our director and his cast in the available time but we have a cast that can manage it!

Our youth section is planning an event in early December so keep your eyes and ears open for information on this.



## Folk Club

**Ian Hartland**

We were expecting a quiet evening for our 371<sup>st</sup> Folk Club as we knew a number of our regulars had gone to a Folk Festival in Portugal, either as performers or as part of the audience.

Fortunately, those who did turn up to the October club gave us a memorable and enjoyable evening of entertainment. The theme for the night was “Sleep and Dreams” and, by and large, every performer had an appropriate selection of material.

Sue and I started with the Irish song “Spacill Hill” and then “I Don’t Believe You’ve Met My Baby”, which we first heard sung by Dolly Parton. Des followed with the shanty “Lowlands Away” and a rousing John Warner song about raising Union banners. Next, Rik regaled us with “Barrack Street”, a song about a sailor falling asleep and losing his clothes to a woman of doubtful repute. His second number was a very sad song about a young couple in a hotel room. Ray and Anne came up next with Kris Kristofferson’s “Sunday Morning Coming Down” We then enjoyed Peter Mason’s first two songs, “Meet Me on the Corner” and “Cursed Be the Caller”, a Jez Lowe song about the man who used to knock on the workers’ windows and doors to get them ready for work. Peter McDonald closed the first half with another Jez Lowe song, “One Man Bound” and followed it with Kate Rusby’s “Walk the Road”, with its stirring chorus.

The second half was opened by Rumble-O who are both a barn-dance band and vocal ensemble. They gave us “Galway Girl” and then “The Boatman”, beautifully accompanied on a range of instruments. Pete Grassby is always a welcome performer at the club and sang “The Rambling Sailor” and then

deftly played "The Sleeping Tune" on his melodeon. Alan Guy was our next singer, accompanied by Tina and Graham from Rumble-O, and he performed a lively version of "John Barleycorn", which had the entire audience joining in on each chorus. Having now reached the limit of our contributors, we all had the chance to sing again. Rik sang "The Mermaid", a poignant song written by the late Rod Felton. Des sang a song relating to the First World War detailing a conversation between Jenny and Tommy. Sue and I performed "The Hobo's Lullaby" and were followed by Peter Mason with "Thank You for the Years". To bring the second half to a happy conclusion, Peter McD plucked his ukulele and sang "Dream A Little Dream", an ideal complement to the evening's theme. He encouraged the audience to provide a whistled instrumental. Great fun!

The short third half was nevertheless packed with quality performances, commenced by Pete Grassby with two melodeon tunes, "Calum's Road" and "The Conundrum". Alan returned with the Robert Burns' song "The Turtle Dove", which he sang unaccompanied. Our next performance was a Harbury first. Doug brought a small impromptu band with him to the stage and sang the Everly Brothers' classic "All I Have to Do is Dream". It earned him the loudest cheer of the night so we await with anticipation a future contribution. The evening was brought to a suitably musical end by Rumble-O who performed "Bold Nelson's Praise" and "A Ploughman".

What we lacked in numbers, we more than made up for in musical quality, so a big thanks to all who performed so readily. An equally big thank you must also go to the audience who applauded all of the performers so enthusiastically. The raffle made an admirable £50.00 for Myton Hospice. Next month's Folk Club will be on 5<sup>th</sup> November and will be run by Pete Bones with the theme of "Remember, Remember".

## **Harbury Folk Club, The Sixties Concert - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Following the sell-out success of our four previous annual concerts, Harbury Folk Club proudly presents "The Sixties Concert". This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 from 7.30pm to 10pm, doors open at 7pm.

Come and be entertained by the Harbury Folk Club Choir and Orchestra, The Harvesters, Ted and Sue Crum, Peter McDonald, Janny Freeman and Maureen Darby, Pete and Liz Bones, Rumble-O, 5 Daft Dame and Danansooz. The MC for the evening will be Debbie Ellis.

Tickets are £8 from me and this includes a glass of winter punch. Please order your tickets early to avoid disappointment. You can, if you wish, bring your own wine, beer, soft drinks and we will provide glasses. All profits will be donated to the Village Hall.

**Doug Freeman**  
21 Farm St, Tel: 612002, [douglasfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:douglasfreeman@gmail.com)



## Hereburgh Morris

Graham Lee

“Join the Morris,” they said. All I'd have to do would be to turn up to their practices at the primary school in Harbury on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, and learn the latest (OK, not really the latest...) dance craze. Cotswold Morris Dancing, a trend that's been sweeping the village greens for centuries and that has enjoyed a home in Harbury for almost three decades. A dance so good, Shakespeare's actor Will Kempe once danced all the way from London to Norwich in nine days.

“See the world,” they said, and it was true. In the couple of years since I joined Hereburgh we've danced in such far-flung lands as Leamington Spa, Warwick, Long Itchington, and Eydon, not to mention the annual pilgrimage to Chesterton on May Morning. We'll soon be heading down to Ducklington in Oxfordshire too, taking advantage of the longer days and warmer weather down south. And that's all in addition to the local events, including the New Year's Day “hangover tour” of Harbury's fine hostelryes.

I suppose I should try to keep all of this fun to myself, but they're all so welcoming to new members that I'm sure I'll meet all of you at a practice soon.



## Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

Last month, Harbury's answer to the Cannes Film Festival took place at the Crown. Under the title *Paris je t'aime*, we saw an intriguing collection of 18 highly varied ‘filmettes’, each with a different director and different cast.

The film was excellent. Thank you to Richard M-H, John S and Tony T for having the idea and for setting it up.

And a very big ***Merci!*** to our hosts at the Crown for looking after us so splendidly.

November is our AGM, so there's no let-up in the excitement.

And who knows what's going to be in the Christmas Party?

If you're not a member but you'd like to join us, please contact me or Sally (613214 / sal.47@hotmail.co.uk).

Andrew Patrick (614359 / andrewpharbury@gmail.com)

### December Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

**Adverts to:** 31 Binswood End, Harbury or e-mail to advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 15th November

**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews by 5.30pm, Thursday 26th November



## **Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

GASS (Guides and Scouts Support) are already making preparations for this year's Guy Fawkes Night bonfire and firework spectacular at the Village Hall playing fields on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

- The bonfire will be lit at 6pm and the fireworks let off from 6.30pm, so make sure you get to the playing fields on time. For safety reasons, entry will be via South Parade only (unfortunately we will have to close the Ridgley Way pedestrian gate for the evening due to its proximity to the firework launch zone).
- **Advance tickets only will include a hotdog and a chocolate bar** - Cost £4.50 for adults and £3.00 for children aged 3-16yrs. Infants 0-2yrs who require food can purchase a ticket for just £1.00. Tickets will be on sale from early October until Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at Mugleston's in Chapel Street.
- **Tickets bought on the gate will not have food** - Cost £4.00 for adults, £2.50 for children aged 3-16yrs and Free for infants 0-2yrs.
- Warming drinks of mulled wine and hot chocolate will be on sale on the night.

All proceeds from this event will be used for the upkeep of Harbury Scout Hut and for supporting our uniformed youth groups - Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**



### **Under 11's Match Report: Malcolm Tanner**

#### **17<sup>th</sup> October: Kinton 2 v Harbury Juniors 1**

Whilst Harbury were fielding a weakened side, they continued from where they left off last season with running and passing the football.

With Ben G playing well in goal and with Max W, Joe W and Nick H resolute in defence, Harbury controlled the game in the early stages. However Kinton came back into the game and, following a defensive error by Harbury, allowed Kinton to take the lead from a well taken move.

Harbury continued to press and following a strong run down the wing by Josh C who crossed to Thomas M to control the ball for Gethan B who then scored his first goal for the club!

The match was evenly fought with both teams playing entertaining football and whilst the game seemed to be ending in a draw, Kinton were awarded a penalty and scored to win the match 2-1 in the dying minutes.

### Under U12's: Richard Gillingham

Please note that the U12's home pitch location is now at Stockton Football and Cricket Club, Napton Road, Stockton.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC>



October was a busy month on and off court, starting with our general knowledge quiz at the Village Club. MC Peter Walshe and Quizmaster Martin Randall did a great job to ensure everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to everyone who supported the evening. The winning team was *Beauty & the Beast*, pictured with Peter and Martin. I'll

leave you to decide who the Beast is! Question compiler Trevor Montague provided a great range of questions although one, the meaning of Defenestration, created some light hearted controversy! Those of us who knew the correct answer had no problem with "throwing someone or something out of a window" but this was challenged by others who felt "getting rid of windows" was right. The controversy continued by email for several days with historical, religious, and Latin derivations being cited to support points of view - such intellectual debates are unheard of in the club's history! Peter ended the discussion by suggesting anyone wanting to debate the correct answer should meet Trevor at the upstairs window of his house!

The following weekend we held our annual Doubles tournaments, with Peter organising the draw and the order of play as well as playing. He takes these events very seriously and this time his pre-tournament preparation included new tennis shoes and restringing his racket! It worked well as he and Steve Fitzgerald got to the Men's final but were beaten by Joe



Robson and Nigel Eaton. In the Ladies' final Angie Clifton and Karen Bristow overcame Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer.

The 2015/16 Banbury Winter League fixtures started in October with the first weekend match (Division 4) played in scorching conditions! Helen Cooper, Karen Bristow, Joe Robson and Colin Mercer combined well to secure a 5-3 win over visitors Tysoe B to make a good start. The first floodlit fixture was against old friends and rivals Middleton Cheney. Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer enjoyed themselves and romped home to a 7-1 win. Top of the league after 1 game!! In the second weekend match Sue Panton, Jen Allen, David Bristow and Nigel Eaton made the long trip to Charlbury on for a Winter League Division 4 match to find their Oxfordshire opponents in fine form. Despite some close games Charlbury proved too strong and finished 7-1 winners with Sue and David halving their mixed doubles to secure Harbury's only point of the afternoon.

The *coolsportz* autumn/winter courses have started and run until 10 December with the Mini Reds (4-8 years) moving into the newly refurbished Village Hall from November. The first courses were a great success across all age groups with Lianne Candappa assisted by Elizabeth Holding taking the Monday groups. Rob West leads the Thursday groups and takes the Ladies group on Friday mornings, and he's also signed up a few members for individual coaching. For more details of any of the courses contact Lianne on 07919104093, lianne@coolsportz.co.uk

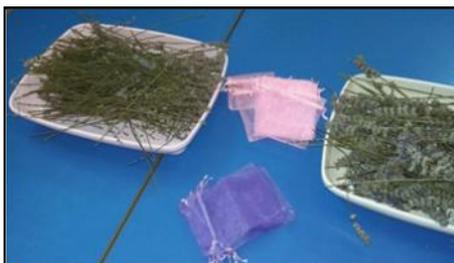
Finally, please note we have a new website, <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC>

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p><b>Lynne Barton</b></p>
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We have never ever had such a relaxed and wonderfully scented Toddler Group morning. The lavender stems from local gardens, (especially thanks to Tony at Crown Cottage) were brilliant. The children enjoyed making organza lavender bags for their families and a calm session was appreciated by everyone.





### Happy Halloween

Thanks to Aimee, mother of Freddie, Bella and Jago we shared a great Halloween. As a special treat Aimee organised 'spooky' cards and take away goodie bags decorated with pumpkin prints. The children all went home with a Halloween cake and lots of other nice things. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to see Aimee in Entrust Care Partnership's four minute film and have access to the Internet please do have a look at ***Freddie and Friends*** using this link. <https://youtube/XDGL72oB3L8>



### Coffee morning

We raised an amazing £237 at our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room at All Saints Church, thank you all so much for your support, we had masses of cakes, raffle prizes, books and bric a brac. Despite the rain there was an excellent turn out – well done Harbury.

### Persimmon Homes

We have been awarded a grant of £300 from Persimmon Homes which will help provide the children's Christmas presents, art and craft activities and pay for some of our visiting specialists.

## Volunteer Support

Sadly Paul can no longer help with making coffee and teas for us, as his working patterns have changed. We have advertised for help around the village and if you feel you could offer an hour or so on a Monday morning we would really appreciate it. Families bring their little ones to have fun, learn and interact with others but it is also a time for parents, grandparents and carers to make new friends and gain mutual support. So having an additional volunteer is invaluable.

## Future plans

Don't forget to join us for **'Wild things and gold rings'** oral storytelling and books galore.

**Tom Tom photographic**, our local amateur photographer, will be joining us for more 'snappy snaps' which will make lovely Christmas cards.

Finally Lynne and Selina look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five, come on round the kettle's on.

We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) and meet at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am.

Thinking of coming along or need more information please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email [lynnebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)



Having recently celebrated our 1st birthday we wanted to give something back to the community. We wanted something that could potentially benefit everyone and so have decided to buy a heart defibrillator for the village.

## What is an Automated External Defibrillator?

Following a cardiac arrest the chance of survival decreases by 23% per minute. Being in the rural setting that the village is realistically means that medical help is at least 10 minutes away which in many cases would simply be too late. The quicker the intervention after a sudden cardiac arrest, the better the outcome. Medical help really needs to be present at the patient within 4-5 minutes.

An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac problem in a patient and is able to treat it through defibrillation. The fantastic thing about these particular devices is that you do not need to be trained to use them. The device talks the user

through the process, diagnosing the heart rhythm and determining whether a shock is needed.

The AED is stored in a secure box (999 will provide you with the code to open it) in a public place. We will need to finalise the best position for it but it will be attached to the outside of our building for the village to access in an emergency.

Thank you to the Parish Council who have kindly provided us with a grant towards this and Inside Homes who have completed a bicycle ride to help fund raise.

It will take a couple of months to get it in place but once it is available we will provide more information on how it can be used.



**The Bear Hunt Story** – Continuing with the theme of bears, started at the beginning of the term, the children went on a bear hunt in the Jackson's orchard. Ted, the Pre-School bear wrote a letter to the children, letting them know that he was lost. They followed the paw prints past the library, the chemist and the Co-op, checking in each to make sure he had not been seen, before turning into Mill Lane. When they reached the orchard, they

found "thick oozy mud", "swishy swashy grass", a tunnel, a snow storm and a slippery wooden bridge over a "river", all leading to a den where the hapless Ted sat awaiting his rescue. After picking apples for their snack, the children carefully took Ted back to the safety of Pre-School. We are very grateful to Bud and Tony Jackson for letting us use the orchard and for their part in providing and setting up the props.



On their return to Pre-School, the children told their own Bear Hunt story, using paint and collage materials to make "swishy swashy grass" and "thick oozy mud".

**Healthy Eating** – After all the excitement of the bears, we turned our attention to fruit and vegetables and healthy eating. The role play area became a green grocer's shop, with lots of different fruit and veg for sale.



Then the children chopped a variety of fruits to eat at snack time and, in the creative area, halved apples, peppers and potatoes took the place of paintbrushes as the children used them for printing.

**Visitors** – Many thanks to The Rev'd Nikki and Gill Guilford who came to talk about Harvest Festival. The children were delighted to show them our garden area with tomato plants, herbs, potatoes and apple tree.



**Safeguarding** - Highlighting the importance of safeguarding at Pre-School and throughout the community, the new chair of the Pre-School Committee, Mireille Hartley, received her safeguarding induction from our senior Designated Safeguarding Lead, Angie. In addition, Gael attended refresher training in her position as Designated Safeguarding Lead.

**Coffee Morning** – The Pre-School coffee morning will be held next Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Tom Hauley Room. Please come and support us - the Pre-School mums do great cakes and there will be lots of lovely raffle prizes.

**Christmas Fair** – Don't forget to come to the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> December for your Christmas shopping, lots of entertainment, a hog roast and of course, Father Christmas!

**Thank you** – to Paul from The Door Store for the new lock and for fixing the bolt on the Pre-School door at short notice.

**And Finally ...** Many thanks to all those who attended our AGM, where the new committee members were welcomed and messages of thanks were expressed to those retiring from the committee – Katy Spencer Hammon, Rosanna Hunt, Brigitte Wood and Jo Banbury.

*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 text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org)*



## Harbury Primary School

**Kate Guymer**

Many congratulations to all the children on their hard work in the first half term of this year. I hope that everyone has a lovely week away from school. Rev'd Nikki Moon popped in on Monday to thank the school for our participation in the Harvest Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. As she said, the children made some very thoughtful contributions which we all enjoyed.

### **Christmas Carol Concert at All Saints - early warning**

Just to let you know that we will be holding this as a whole school event on the afternoon of 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us and join in the festivities.

### **Enrichment afternoon**

It is hard to believe that we have already completed group 1 of the sessions and that all the groups will be moving to new activities after the break. School is an absolute hive of activity during the sessions. Thank you to all of those involved in making this happen. Mrs Linforth has discovered that old t-shirt fabric is easier to use for making rag-rugs than other fabrics which can be difficult to pull through the hessian. If you are



having a sort out during the holiday she would very much welcome your colourful t-shirt for this project. The photograph shows some of the completed rugs. Don't forget, Mrs Reeves is still hoping to find a cooking helper.

### **Parent Focus Group - please join us!**

The parent focus group met for the first time this week. We caught up on how well the start of term had gone for both parents and children and I shared the new draft behaviour policy with them, having shared it with staff and

children already. We would love to have new members join us. It is very informal and a chance for us to talk about anything of interest and to work together in the best interests of our children. Dates will be released soon after half term and always include an evening session so as to enable working parents to participate as well.

### **A couple of reminders:**

Please remember that, for the safety of the children, dogs other than guide dogs are not permitted within school grounds. Also, please ensure that once your child has been handed over to you, you ensure their safety by asking them to keep away from any of the play equipment. Many thanks.

### **Parent Pay:**

Please could all parents check that their accounts are in credit and up to date so that they are ready for the start of the new half term. This includes all outstanding amounts for dinner money, trips and music.



### **PTA calamity**

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the PTA, all members of the existing committee stepped aside after several years of dedication and hard work raising funds that benefit each and every one of our two hundred children. If you took away the play equipment, the 23 Ipads, the equipment in the new Reception learning environment, reading books in Key Stage 1 as well as any number of our basic classroom resources, all of which the PTA has purchased, we would not be able to offer the same learning opportunities as we currently do. At the meeting we did a great job of celebrating everything that had been achieved in the last twelve months, unfortunately there were only 10 parents in attendance. If we are going to be able to continue at all, let alone continue being successful, we need some new people to step forward. Everyone involved fully understands the busy lives that people lead and we hope that by having more people involved we can share the planning of events more widely.

We also talked about prioritising those events that are most precious and most successful as well as looking for new ideas of ways to raise funds. We would welcome any ideas/input on the way forward. While we do need a committee as the back bone of the organisation, this is not necessarily a burdensome role. There need only be one meeting a term so it is not a huge evening commitment in that respect. It is also a great opportunity for parents and the school to work closely together for the benefit of everyone. If you are interested or would like to find out more about it, please either contact Ms Guymer at school or any of the existing members of the committee for more details.



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Almost there!! The Parish Council were treated to a guided tour of the new facilities before their most recent meeting and professed amazement at the newly developed space in the extension, as well as the fact that our local builder has managed to keep everything on track for the expected deadline at the end of November. It is no mean feat for any builder to organise all the trades to turn up at the appointed time for a small house extension, so to manage a large scale extension to perfection must require superlative skill, so many congratulations to John Warner and his team who have delivered in the expected time-scale. The light fittings are now in place and the stage has now been made



**One of the changing rooms**



**Steps at the rear of the stage - right hand side**

to the correct height, which has been agreed with the architect. Members of the Theatre Group spent time surveying the original blocks and proposed floor, before recommending, as others had observed, that the initial level would not have allowed good viewing for audience members seated towards the rear of the Hall. All has now been adjusted to everyone's satisfaction and the slight 'hiccup' has been overcome with the usual panache!

The first major use of the hall is expected to be on 28<sup>th</sup> November for the showing of Mr Holmes, starring Ian McKellen, starting at 7.00pm, (doors open at 6.30pm). As always, there will be a choice of a fish and chip supper for the inclusive price of £10, if pre-booked, or £5 for anyone who turns up on the night. Other plans already in place, include the annual 'New Year' black tie dance arranged for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January with Live music from Phill King and the Royals for what they have decided will be their 'swansong'. As a tribute to our local band, it has been suggested that we should have a royal theme with dancers encouraged to wear crowns and a lot of bling, to make it an evening for all to remember. Tickets can be reserved by phoning Geoff on 613801 and as always it will be 'first come, first served'.

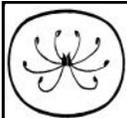


**Stage seen from the  
right hand side  
looking out to the  
main hall**

Other ideas which keep being discussed amongst members of the committees, include a permanent recognition of all those throughout the years from the 1960's who have made donations to the original development of the hall and subsequent improvements, including the 'buy a brick initiative'. Any suggestions for a special plaque/book or wall mounted testimonial would be appreciated, if anyone would like to come up with an unusual idea?

On a general note, Geoff has received a communication from Norris and Fisher, which will be displayed on the notice-board in the entrance hall about a new way of supporting village halls throughout the country. By taking out home insurance with N&F – (023 8026 9009 or [www.norrisandfisher.com](http://www.norrisandfisher.com) – quoting 'VH/HOME'), the company will pay £10 to the village hall for each newly arranged policy. It may be worth checking when your home insurance comes up for renewal, as we are always persuaded not to continue using the same company for car/house or pet insurance etc as a better deal is sometimes on offer with a new company. It's maybe worth a try? If anyone does try the idea, please let us know if an annual insurance premium was lower with N&F (who insure the hall) than one used previously and we will let people know through the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Most of the items left behind at the hall have now been collected, but Geoff has a purple LG mobile in his possession, if anyone recognises it as their personal property, they could perhaps get in touch with him??



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morrall**

What a start we enjoyed at our first meeting of 2015/16. Forty plus members sat enthralled through the talk that Howard Drury gave entitled the Great Plant Hunters. Not a dreary boring topic at all, it showed what a debt we owe to these intrepid men who braved all sorts of conditions to bring back thousands of plant species which we all are able to enjoy today. The legacy

of these men mean that even today in the Himalayas 22 new species each year are still being discovered.

We were shown details of 20 plant hunters but I will just mention a few of them. Where better to start that with the Tradescants, father and son. John the father, 1570 to 1638, worked for Sir Robert Cecil. He also worked for Lady Salisbury at Hatfield House and ultimately at the gardens of Saint Mary of Lambeth which is now the Garden History Museum and well worth a visit. He witnessed great changes in the political climate but quietly and methodically transformed the gardens at Hatfield House into knot gardens introducing many new varieties of roses and trees for which he had scoured the world. He was the first person to cultivate the horse chestnut, many varieties of fruit and flowers, even larches from Russia. His son too was a great explorer introducing the tulip tree and plane tree amongst other plants. They were responsible for the creation of that wonderful museum the Ashmoleum at Oxford. Do go there if you have never been, go on the park and ride and have coffee in The Randolph opposite in the Morse Bar, I can highly recommend this experience. I go there every 2 or 3 months to meet up with ex colleagues from Oxford where I used to work and there is always something to see and savour. There is a very good book by Phillippa Gregory called *Earthly Joys* about the Tradescants.

Next we come to Sir Joseph Banks, 1733 to 1820. He joined Captain Cook on a voyage to Tahiti in 1768 and is immortalised in a stained glass window in Lincoln Cathedral. A lot of his discoveries have the name *Banksia* including a lovely yellow rose, *pittosporum* and *pseudopanax*. I have a really lovely variegated *pseudopanax* bought from Hardy Exotics at Penzance and it is a super plant and fairly hardy so I shall think of Joseph Banks when I am tidying up around it.

Archibald Menzies, 1754 to 1842 came from Wem and he was firstly a naval surgeon but often sneaked off the ship and hunted for new plants. He introduced, amongst other plants, the monkey puzzle tree, ribes, arbutus unedo also known as the strawberry tree. I have a huge specimen of the strawberry tree in my front garden and it is at its best now, full of lovely pink and white flowers and small red strawberries. Even today, 27<sup>th</sup> October, there are bees and butterflies hovering on the flowers and fruits. How lovely to know who discovered this evergreen tree and how long ago. He also wrote about monkey puzzle trees, exporting many seeds and seedling plants to Chile. Howard showed us a super picture of rows of these trees along the Hagley road in Birmingham, a long way from Chile!

David Douglas, 1799 to 1834 was born in Scotland. He worked for the Earl of Mansfield as well as at Kew. He went to the Americas and collected conifer cones. As the trees were so tall he used a rifle to shoot at the cones and they then fell to the ground....ingenious. Of course we all know the Douglas fir so now we know how it got here. He went to Australia and discovered *garrya's* the famous one is James Root and has long silky pink catkins.

He also introduced lupins including tree lupins, the Monterey pine, cornus alba and many more species. He died in Hawaii when he was caught in a pit trap and his money was stolen. Just think of the number of species he could have introduced if he had lived much longer.

Sir Joseph Hooker, 1873 to 1932 was also born in Scotland and was a chemist. He panned in the gold fields and then set off for China. He was responsible for bringing back many of the plants at Ness Botanical Gardens including abies, acer, hypericum, camellia and osmanthus. So when you see Hookeri after a plant name think of him and his travels.

Reginald Farrer 1890 to 1946 introduced the dahlia, buddleia and many species of clematis to this country. Look for geranium and viburnum Farreri and the scent on both of these is very powerful.

The Veitch family dating back for seven generations from the 1770's had nurseries in London on the Kings Road where all the boutiques are now. Their most famous discoveries are many species of geranium.

I will finish with Ernest Wilson 1876 to 1930. He worked at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. He was also known as Chinese Wilson for his many trips to that country. There is a garden dedicated to him in Chipping Norton and I will find out just where this is and let you know. The lovely acer griseum which sheds its bark was one of his introductions also clematis armandii, clematis montana, davidii the paper handkerchief tree and many many more.

Just a word of caution as some of the plants introduced have become very invasive especially the Japanese knotweed but this was of course not known when planted here.

Howard finished his talk with another of his musical finales, this time a montage of some of the most spectacular plant introductions to the singing of What a Wonderful World by a lovely young lady called Jackie Ivanko. What a wonderful way to end the presentation. On the Thursday after this Barbara and I went to the Lord Leycester in Warwick to hear another brilliant talk by a modern day plant hunter Roy Lancaster and he mentioned some of the plant hunters of the past that Howard had spoken about so my head is now full of all this knowledge!

I look forward to welcoming Howard back for another of his special talks next year. I suspect that by the time you read this we will have had our November meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> when Rob and Diane Cole will be paying a return visit and the topic is Dublin Gardens so I will report back on that in the December issue of the magazine. The December meeting is very early this year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> at Tom Hauley room at 8.00pm. We will be having our usual festive fun with quizzes and games and the famous festive buffet, bumper raffle preceded by a very short AGM.

In the meantime why not visit an arboretum near you! The colours of the leaves this year are spectacular. The arboretum we visited two years ago,

Bodenham post code DY11 5TB will be open from 11.00am to 5.00pm daily excluding Mondays. I have looked on their website and it is looking spectacular. Batsford too is showing off its colours at their peak. A little further afield but again an excellent day out is Westonbirt just outside Tetbury, post code GL8 8QS. Look on the forestry website, [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt) for more details. It is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm daily and has Autumn trails. I do hope that you are able to savour November, this last month of Autumn with its colours and smells.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November and December and new members are always welcome.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Phillip Martino**

I thought this month I might let you all know about the money we have raised this year for charity.

As many of you know, we maintain a two acre garden at Bridge Nursery. It has been judged of sufficient standard to be open under the National Gardens Scheme (NGS).

The NGS 'standard' is that the garden can 'hold the interest for 45 minutes'. We sometimes feel that some people are not that interested in that they come back out of the garden after two or three minutes! But there is a lot to see and explore and a mown path round the holding which is good for walking off a good lunch.

The NGS raises money, primarily for cancer charities, in particular Macmillan and Marie Curie Cancer Care with smaller amounts going to some less well known charities such as the Gardeners' Benevolent Fund. Our visitors are good enough to donate as they enter. The suggested amount is £2.50 but we don't police it!

This year we have raised and passed to the county treasurer £965 and the total raised over the last five years is £4772.50 which we are pleased with. I wonder who has not been affected by cancer, either directly or indirectly. It seems so prevalent these days and Macmillan do a wonderful job (as I well know as my Mum ended her days in one of their hospices). So - last year we decided to run a Macmillan Coffee morning and raised £200. This year (did you miss it? Pity - the cakes were fantastic and really very cheap) we just managed to beat last year's amount. We raised £212 albeit with fewer people.

Thank you to all our helpers, your time and effort are much appreciated and, of course, to our visitors who helped to swell the coffers.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*

*Tel: 01926 812737, [www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)*



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

I got up to see the total lunar eclipse on 28<sup>th</sup> September but trying not to wake Sharon, I misread my watch and got down into the garden two hours before time. My next effort was just right and I must say it was worth it. Viewed through the Earth's shadow, the moon was a strange coppery colour. Near perfect conditions also meant the arc of the Milky Way overhead with its millions of stars could be clearly seen, unusual with the degree of light pollution we experience in these parts.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, the U3A Natural History Group had a splendid autumnal morning at Kenilworth Common searching for fungi. We were led by John and Val Roberts. With drifts of fallen beech leaves to walk through, some of the steeper re-entrants needed a glissading technique. Despite its small size and the fact that it is bisected by a railway line, the Common is a quiet sanctuary for wildlife. It's sandstone country so acidic with Bilberry, Bracken and Silver Birch. Some of the latter were dying with the fruiting bodies of bracket fungi studding their trunks. Many fungi have English names, especially the larger ones, but many are tiny and go by their Latin names alone. Birch Bracket is also known as the Razor Strop fungus because in times past it was used to sharpen cut throat razors. Stinkhorns spread their spores by attracting flies to their sticky secretions. As John told us, the fruiting bodies (mushrooms and the like) represent only about 10% by weight of the fungus as some 90% is hidden underground (the mycelium). These are spreading filaments akin to roots through which the fungus takes in nutrition. Small black spots on sycamore leaves proved to be the fungus Tar Spot. John pointed out that without fungi much dead matter would not be broken down and nutrients recycled. Fungi inoculate roots providing nutrients to plants which themselves gain sugars in a symbiotic, (mutually advantageous), relationship. With DNA studies it has been shown that some fungi are extremely large. One studied in Oregon was found to be 4 miles in diameter.

Towards the end of our foray someone found some Earthballs. Similar to Puffballs to some extent, they look like dirty potatoes on the outside. When cut in half the interior is a mass of spores giving a marbled effect. In all we saw about 30 different species. Now is the time to do your search in our local countryside and I would be interested to know what you find.

On a bike ride recently, my group rode into the complicated lane system around Beausale, a few miles west of Kenilworth. We left Leek Wootton by Woodcote Lane which led in turn to Rouncil Lane. I thought this might be a corruption of Round Hill but it seems, according to Anthony Poulton-Smith in his book 'Warwickshire Place Names', that the name dates back to the Domesday Book and the Saxon manor of Rincele. Now Rouncil Lane marks the boundary of Kenilworth Castle's deer park originally known as Park Pale.

(Pale is from the 14<sup>th</sup> century Old French 'pal' which derives from the Latin word 'palus' meaning a stake.)

In our garden shed I found the forewing of a butterfly. I thought it was probably part of a Green-Veined White. The wings of butterflies and moths are formed of scales which are modified hairs. The word Lepidoptera is from the Greek meaning 'scale wing'. The scales provide the insect with its colour and in females release pheromones to attract a mate. The tiny scales overlap rather like the tiles on a roof but to see them properly requires a microscope as they are the size of dust particles.

Now most arable fields have been ploughed, tilled and sown. After recent rain, seeds have begun to sprout and the dun coloured earth is showing green in places. Cold frosty mornings are surely coming but each season has its wildlife delights.



## General Section

### Harbury WW1 Memorial Project Update

In September the Parish Council was successful with an application for a Heritage Lottery Fund First World War Centenary Project grant of £10,000. A further £3,000 has been donated to the project by Harbury firm CLGR Limited, which is owned by Cllr Chris Gibb and his wife Cathy.

The project is called the "**Harbury WW1 Memorial Trail**". The first task is to learn more about the 33 village men who gave their lives in WW1, who they were, and how and where they lived in the village. Their stories will then be written up and preserved for present and future generations, in print in the Village Library and Heritage Room, and on the Parish Council website. Finally we plan to commemorate their former homes (with the current home owner's consent, of course), with blue plaques, connected together to form a trail around the village. We hope to conclude this by July 2016, the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

The project will be overseen by a Management Board consisting of Cllr Tim Lockley (representing the Parish Council and Library), Sharon Hancock (representing the Harbury Society) and Nigel Chapman (representing Harbury Heritage and Harbury Primary School). Cllr Chris Gibb has volunteered to be the Project Leader.

The first steps will be to build on the extensive research by Sharon Hancock, and conduct new searches by all available means, such as the Heritage Room, County Records Office, military records, press reports, museums and the internet. A team of volunteers from the village is now undertaking research into the lives of the 33 men named on the war memorial. The men

lived in all the older parts of the village, including Temple End, Mill Street, Park Lane Terrace, Binswood End and Deppers Bridge, and came from a range of different backgrounds. Some we know quite a lot about, some nothing at all, and some of their addresses, such as Springfield Terrace, no longer exist. If you have any information about any of the 33 men, or pictures, or are related to them, the research team are eager to hear from you. Please contact Chris Gibb at [chrisgibb38@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisgibb38@hotmail.com), by phone on 07766 668876 or visit him at Phoenix House, High Street, Harbury.

Following a successful and well attended first workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> September, when the Imperial War Museum's Peter Hart spoke to us, the **next workshop will be on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, between 5.30pm and 7pm at Harbury Village Hall**. This workshop will focus on how best to conduct research, with a talk by Dr Pierre Purseigle of Warwick University, an expert on the comparative history of WW1, about what life was like in Harbury in 1914. All villagers are welcome, whether or not you are a researcher.

Chris will collect together the information gathered in February 2016, and it will then be written up in a consistent way by Exeter University English undergraduate Alice Woodhouse, who lives in Harbury and went to Harbury Primary School. The content will be reviewed by Dr Pierre Purseigle and Peter Hart, and the finished work will be professionally presented on the Parish Council website by our website designers.

Once we have established the houses where the men lived, or the location of where the houses stood if they no longer exist, Chris will consult with property owners about the blue plaques. These represent most of the cost of the project, and a competitive tender exercise will be undertaken by the Management Board to choose a company to make the plaques.

We hope the finished Harbury WW1 Memorial Trail, with about thirty plaques around the village, will keep alive the memory of the men and events of WW1 for the current and future generations of villagers, and add to the character of the village. The trail will be designed for all ages; for example we know it will be used by our Primary School to teach one class each year about WW1, life in the village at the time and the villagers' involvement in it.

Separately to the above project, the Parish Council has recently approved funds for the professional restoration of the village war memorial, which we hope to be able to undertake in the next few months.

**Chris Gibb**

## **Holiday at Home 'Away Day' - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am – 4pm**

Following the success of the holiday at home, we decided to offer an 'away day', once a month during the winter. The first of these was on Wednesday

14<sup>th</sup> October and we plan to meet every second Wednesday of each month up to and including March 2016.

Our first day was very successful with around sixteen people joining us in the Tom Hauley Room for coffee and lots of chatter. The craft activity was rather sticky, but by lunchtime there were some beautiful fabric covered notebooks on display. For the 'non crafters' there were comfortable places to sit and read the newspaper, play board or card games, or just enjoy a good natter. We all enjoyed homemade soup followed by some delicious puddings at lunchtime and in the afternoon we were entertained by Sue and Ian Hartland. The day concluded with tea and cake at around 4pm.

The next 'Away Day' will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November so please do join us if you feel the day would have something to offer you. For further details and/or if you need transport give Gill (614206) or Sue (613831) a call and we can arrange a lift for you. We look forward to another successful day in November.

**Sue Boniface**

## **Harbury Craft Fair – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group would like to remind you that this year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00am - 4:00pm and, as always, entry is free.

The Village Hall will be full of lots of interesting handmade craft stalls, we have lots of new crafts again this year so why not come along and either treat yourself or make a start on your Christmas shopping! As usual tea, coffee, cakes and hot lunches will be available throughout the day.

After the success of last year's Craft Fair raffle we are pleased to announce its return again this year. First prize again is 7 nights' accommodation in a static caravan in Cornwall. Tickets are £1 each and will be available to buy on the day with the draw being made at 3:30pm before the Craft Fair closes.

If you would be interested in helping on the day or would like to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola, a teddy for the teddy tombola or a prize for the raffle please do not hesitate to contact us. All help/donations are greatly appreciated.

Please contact Shirley on 01926 612798 or Fiona on [ficadwallader@btinternet.com](mailto:ficadwallader@btinternet.com) if you can help in any way.

On behalf of the Harbury Myton Support Group I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of our fundraising events and look forward to seeing you on the day.

**Fiona Cadwallader**

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall from 5pm. Invitations will be delivered to you in early November.

In addition to the Christmas Party, we also have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along to support us.

As usual we will be having a raffle at both the coffee morning and the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes for either event they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member at the coffee morning in November.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and/or the coffee morning and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

**Mike McBride**

**On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



## Harbury Preschool Fundraising Group

Harbury Preschool Fundraising group help its first meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. It was great to see some new faces and very exciting to plan some of the fantastic events we have coming up this year. For any parent wishing to get involved, the next meeting will be on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm at The Shakespeare**. All welcome!

### Events coming up:

Coffee Morning	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Christmas Fair	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
Pamper Evening	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
Easter Egg Trail	March 2016
Carnival Barbeque	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Susie Burden**

**(susieburden@hotmail.co.uk)**

## Help for Refugees

Following the recent appeal, the response from both villages has, as usual, been wonderful with many of the requested items being brought to the church

for onward transmission – some for the benefit of refugees and asylum seekers already in this country and the rest for those in Calais.

We took the goods destined for refugees already here to *Carriers of Hope* in Coventry on 6<sup>th</sup> October and thought you'd like to know what happens to the goods you've donated. This organisation ([www.carriersofhope.org.uk](http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk)) was formed in 2009 and has been operating out of Hillfields Evangelical Baptist Church since 2012. We were immediately surprised by the size of the operation and the extent to which help is provided for the families. On arrival, people go to reception to register and are given a raffle ticket. With this, they can go to the various small meeting rooms that surround the main church auditorium to obtain food (although they only have a small amount) and clothing and other essentials. They can also go to a desk where they can request larger items such as fridges, washing machines, furniture – these are stored elsewhere and will be delivered later if available. Then they are given breakfast – coffee/tea, toast and jam, cakes and whatever else has been donated or been made in the kitchen on the day. There is also a crèche. At the end of the session, a raffle is held using the tickets they were given on arrival with the aim of giving everyone a prize.

It would take a long article to describe everything we saw but the main points that struck us were:

- The large number of people being helped – there are some 600 members, with new ones added each week (we believe that 6 new families were registered that day).
- Those who receive help often become volunteers themselves, this leads to people feeling valued and building confidence along with having work experience for CVs etc.
- In addition to providing material needs, the atmosphere is designed to encourage people to form friendships.
- There are other agencies in Coventry who provide help, and they all work together, along with a number of churches of all denominations, each with its own speciality, so people are referred accordingly – for instance *Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre* deal with paperwork and legal matters and provide English language tuition, whilst *Carriers of Hope* deal with more material needs. Also, *Coffee Tots* ([www.coffeetots.co.uk](http://www.coffeetots.co.uk)), a community café in City Arcade, provide two members of staff to run the creche
- The current need is for furniture, bedding, kitchenware, baby equipment - for big items please contact Alvaro Grana: ([grana.alvaro@googlemail.com](mailto:grana.alvaro@googlemail.com) or 07557 049755) or Godfrey (07958 499333) to arrange delivery or collection.

- We had a specific request for baby bags to be made, similar to the blessings bags at *Bumps and Bundles* but bigger and including a lot more practical items for new mums. Is this something we could provide as a community?
- The storage facility is a disused church that the diocese has loaned to *Carriers of Hope* at no cost, and this is where the large items are kept.

All the items for Calais (tents, sleeping bags, men's clothes, coats, shoes and socks, toiletries) have been sent to *Calaid* or *Emmaus* in Oxford. Our final items for Calais will be delivered to St Mary Magdalen church in Chapelfields, Coventry, on 15<sup>th</sup> October for transportation to Calais on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The work is ongoing, so look out for further appeals (or contact John Eld, 613340 if you need further details).

**Nikki Moon, Jill Winter & John Eld**



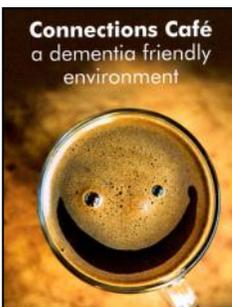
## Harbury Village Library

The Village Sewing Bee dressmaking classes will continue for at least the next few months. Anyone can join at any time. The classes are for all levels, whether beginner or more advanced. The fee is £50.00 for a four week block. Times are 1.00 – 3.00pm, or 7.30 - 9.30pm, on Wednesdays.

The Village Sewing Bee is also offering a Handmade Christmas Decorations Workshop at the Library, 9.15am to 12.15pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and repeating on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The fee for each Christmas workshop is £20.00, which includes all the materials to make two decorations; plus tea, coffee and - of course - mince pies. To book, call Fiona on 07786 004093 or email [village-sewing-bee@outlook.com](mailto:village-sewing-bee@outlook.com). More information is also available at the Library.

The Library has a new online subscription to the British Newspaper Archive, funded by the WWI Memorial Trail lottery award. It's a great resource providing online access to millions of pages of local newspapers over the last two hundred years. It's only accessible in the library.

**Tim Lockley**



## Connections Café

We are pleased to report that the first session of the Connections Café for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers was a success. There were many customers and helpers to make the atmosphere both lively and enjoyable, and the cakes were delicious! We would like to thank our splendid volunteers who have indicated their willingness to help out generally and those

who have offered their skills such as aromatherapy and playing musical instruments for future sessions.

Our next session is 2-4pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November in Harbury Village Library and thereafter every third Wednesday in the month. Please do contact us if you have any queries, and pass on the information about the café to anyone you think may be interested in attending.

**Jill Baker: 612483**

**Janice Montague: 612340**



## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

### **e-Wheels Goes Live**

As of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October e-Wheels, HEI's social transport scheme using the electric cars, became a reality. We have everything in place to make transport available to those for whom getting anywhere by public transport is physically or financially difficult. We have worked on this with Transforming Communities, a Harbury church-based group working on national, global and local issues. Starting with advice from the food banks we have approached 9 different agencies, including AgeUK, child centres, some surgeries and housing association tenant support. And we have our first booking. We envisage our scheme covering many possibilities, such as:

- taking those in need of support, but too far away to reach it easily, to the food bank
- taking people to hospital and surgery appointments when bus travel is inconvenient, physically difficult or unaffordable
- travel to day care or child centres for those that find it difficult to get there
- delivering food to the food banks from the supermarket collections
- taking people to job interviews or the job centre when local transport is inconvenient or unaffordable
- providing transport for the elderly or disabled living in more isolated communities where there is no public transport link.

If you know of people who might benefit from our help, please remember that e-Wheels is there, a clean, green social transport scheme (and it rhymes). We are not able to take direct requests from the public but will respond to any appropriate agency.

And if you work for any such agency that doesn't know about us, please pass this on.

## Lighten Up

I know that I take all this much too seriously but that isn't what this headline means. HEI Steering group member Ted Dowdeswell has arranged for LED lighting surveys for the school, library, village hall and rugby club. The village hall and rugby club have to wait their turn in a few weeks time, as the school required a longer survey than expected. The library, it seems, is equipped with fairly economical and efficient lighting already and the lighting engineer felt that he could not cost effectively improve on what is there now. LEDs would be marginally cheaper to run but the installation would not cut running costs sufficiently for a reasonable payback time.

By mid November we should know what can be done in the school. After that HEI will try to find the funds to enable these energy saving and cost reduction measures to lighten up the school's load.

## Electric Car Club Evaluation

Over the next month or two Greenwatt, a local consultancy, has been commissioned by E-Car Club to have a look at the performance of our electric car club and its future potential and produce an end of grant report. This will mean some consultation with members with their permission. This report will be of great importance to us and could have national significance, so we hope users of the cars will be happy to respond and offer opinions and experiences, good or bad.

## Switching Off and On

There has been quite a lot of encouragement to us all to compare prices and switch energy provider, if appropriate. It is relatively quick and easy these days. Despite all the persuasive efforts of government and others comparatively few households have done it. According to the Department for Energy and Climate Change collectively there are potential savings of £2.2 billion possible. Unlike the lottery, you won't individually hit the jackpot and get all of that. Find out more at ***BeAnEnergyShopper.com***

**Bob Sherman- t: 612277  
e: shermanbob55@gmail.com**

## Amazing Achievement

Many of us have great intentions and grand ideas, the thoughts 'that count' when good causes come to the forefront of our minds. Sponsored walks, baths in beans even shaven heads! My 8 year old daughter has put me to shame and put her money where her mouth is.

One day at Harbury School this time last year my daughter; then 7 years old, returned home and promptly announced 'I'm going to give my money to children that don't have any.' Under further investigation over bangers and mash we discovered that they had learned at school that day that not all children have clean water or food each day. She was very determined and

adamant that something had to be done. Of course, my husband Ian and I were supportive, it is her pocket money after all! Ian was the one that put the notion into her head, 'you can earn money for charity, why not do a sponsored something?' Imogen's sponsor experience was limited to walks and such like at school, so we spent an amusing evening looking at pictures of other charity events to get an idea of what people can do.

Imogen was already taking part in triathlons (running, swimming and cycling) by then and was working towards her first open water event the following year.

'Can I just cycle for charity?' Was the question. We then bounced around ideas of where. Around Harbury village? Draycote water? Rutland Water? Imogen's response was, 'but I have already done those!'



We had to think bigger.

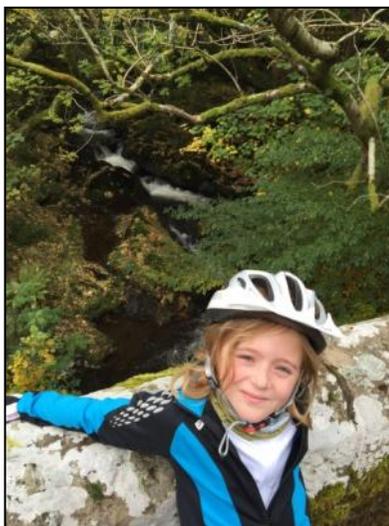
Imogen had heard her Dad talking lovingly about the coast to coast, it was one of the things he was looking forward to doing.....at some point!

'Dad, let's do the Coast to Coast.'

We were awe struck. Imogen knew how long it was, how far it was, had seen the map; Whitehaven to Sunderland.

'OK' was the reply from her shell shocked parents....

That was it. No talking her out of it. She chose Save the Children and Cancer Research to support, both fantastic charities. Training and planning started Easter 2015. This was a Father / Daughter affair with mum as support vehicle at the beginning and end of the route. The start date came around quickly, October half term 2015. Ian and Imogen were both quiet on the drive up to the North West Coast of England and after a huge breakfast started the Coast to Coast cycle route from Whitehaven on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. A gruelling seven days through wind, rain, hill climbs of 1903ft, punctured tyres and over 130 miles.



As I write they are on Day six, I will drive up to Sunderland to meet them in a couple of hours. I am so proud of Imogen, my beautiful, thoughtful, daughter, she has shown strength and determination above and beyond anything I could have imagined.

Well, well done Imogen xx

If you would like to support Imogen, her JustGiving pages will be open until Christmas 2015.

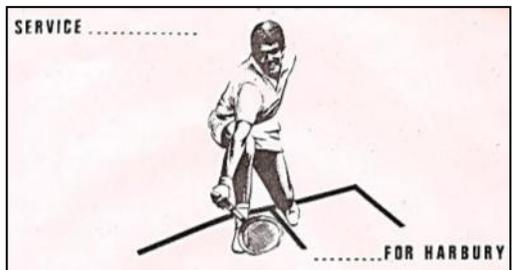
[www.justgiving.com/ImogenJCampbell-Cancer-Research](http://www.justgiving.com/ImogenJCampbell-Cancer-Research)

[www.justgiving.com/ImogenJCampbell-Savethechildren](http://www.justgiving.com/ImogenJCampbell-Savethechildren)

**Katie-Anne Campbell**

## Harbury - Then and Now

Then (in the 70s) there were no facilities in the village for anyone to play tennis, now there is a thriving tennis club, which offers the chance for all ages to enjoy playing the sport, either as a recreational activity or in a competitive league. A document recently unearthed by the family



of the late Frank Bunting sheds light on the initial ideas about proposals to develop courts on the playing fields and the role Frank played in coordinating the fund-raising activities. As the Financial Director (and later Managing Director) of the Coventry Telegraph, Frank already had experience of setting up schemes to raise money for worthwhile causes before he and Liz moved into Harbury. In November 1972, there had been a public meeting of the Recreation Ground Advisory Committee to discuss ways of improving facilities at the recreation ground, where it had been decided that the next major effort would be to provide two tennis courts. In January 1973, Valentine duBuisson (who was also involved in setting up the village magazine - then just the Harbury News), set up a committee of volunteers, including Gladys H, Gerry P, Keith T, Sally G and Sheila S with Frank at the helm as the person who would be leading the fund-raising activities. The document he produced, which was delivered to all houses in the village, was cleverly set with a series of headings using 'tennis jargon', encouraging villagers to support the idea of 'SERVICE FOR HARBURY'. The following information is taken directly from the flyer created by Frank who used a play on words linked to the game of tennis to create an interest in the project.

'PLAY ..... that is what our villagers want to do. They don't want to waste a minute. Nor do the members of a sub-committee formed to raise money to

construct the courts and administer them. So with the approval of the Parish Council, it has been decided that the courts should be built this year.

'ADVANTAGE ..... that is what can be gained if we go ahead now. Costs seem to rise every year; young people should not be deprived of a season's chance to play the game. We are confident that the money will be forthcoming in time, but we need the courts now and are sure they can be achieved. Instead of waiting, we are appealing for finance through gifts and loans.

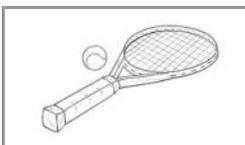
'LET ..... us make the effort. Donations, however small, will be used, if sent to the Committee member for your area but if you don't feel you can spare a gift, why not consider a SPORTING chance?

'DOUBLE ..... your money. That is the prospect for those who lend money to the fund in return for Harbury Tennis bonds. These will be in units of £10 and, while they attract no interest, they will earn a chance to win prizes

'NET ..... result? A facility for you and everyone in the village, a chance to double your money and at the very least the knowledge that it is being banked in a good cause.

'PLAY ..... your part, please. We know it's a DEUCE of a good idea. Don't let it fall out of COURT but help us to make it a SMASH HIT. Committee members will visit as many homes as possible to discuss the project, but you need not wait on the SIDELINES. Give us a call. Make it GAME, SET and MATCH to Harbury this year.'

As a consequence of this impressive document and with additional finance from fish and chip suppers and jumble sales, the money was raised in time for work to commence in August. The total cost was £2,882, submitted by DUROLAS which was significantly helped by Chris McGowan and John King who arranged for contractors to do the excavation and most of the drainage for free, so that only a minimal amount (£150) provided by the Parish Council was spent on pipework. As the records show, the tennis courts were completed by October 1973 and opened by John Drinkwater who was Chairman of the Parish Council on November 4th 1973. All of this history makes fascinating reading for those who may not be aware of erstwhile efforts to improve facilities in the village for the future. This document SET out the hopes of the small sub-committee, which were realised in a very short space of time and the tennis club is now flourishing over 40 years after the original suggestions were made. For anyone interested in finding out more about Harbury's past, it's always possible to visit the Harbury Heritage Room in the school on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30 - 8.30pm or by arrangement with Nigel Chapman Tel: 813765.



**Chris Finch**

## **Harbury Club – 100 and Counting – Misconceptions and Memories**

I am still surprised at how many people think that Harbury Club is a working men's club. In the year 2019 it will have been privately owned by its members for a hundred years. Yes, we are affiliated to the CIU, however, this does not mean being a member. The club has been in existence for a hundred years already and in that time has seen some great changes. Where the snooker room is now, Edgar Hamer had a garage, you can still see the RSJ that was over the door on the end wall by the car park.

The main door that had been the access from Crown Street was bricked over and now access is on the side of the building. The old steward's cottage which, when I first became a member, was occupied by the Poveys, is now rented out. One of their ground floor rooms is now a TV and darts room. Ladies' and gents' toilets have been moved around and the only purpose built disabled toilet in any of the pubs was added. We have two bars and have held christenings, weddings and funeral wakes here and the people who hire it get to decorate it to their style. I know that the Village Hall is a good venue (after all my uncle George Marshall built it), but for value for money you cannot beat the Club. The concert room now has a stage on the Crown Street wall. This would have been useful when Paula and the Sunshine Band plus other groups played there in my teens.

Bingo is still played every night, plus dominoes and snooker. Crib has taken over from the darts teams – I used to be in the ladies darts team that was captained by my mother Isabella Marshall. At one stage the team consisted of three families, the Marshalls, Caswells and the Freemans, travelling all over the local district.

I also remember as a young child watching whist being played in a hut or tent on the Club site, plus going to beetle drives there. Somebody must remember how you got to put the legs etc on the beetle so that you won. I have many other memories and would love people to let me know what theirs are.

The Club has been part of the village for so long and it is a shame that people do not think of using it automatically for parties.

**Kate Bennett**

## **Harbury Golf Challenge**

The annual golf challenge took place at Leamington and County Golf Club on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. A field of 15 golfers took part in glorious sunshine. The winner of this year's "green jacket" was Rob Sherrington with Ed Wilson taking second place and Chris Houghton coming third. Prize giving and a celebratory meal was then held at The Gamecock and thanks must go to Rob and his staff for looking after us so well.

**Pauline Hayes**

## Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to all those ladies who attended our lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> October. We raised £970 which is an excellent result.

Thanks too must go to Dr Steve Hancock who kindly came down from Sheffield to talk to us about the Children's Critical Care Unit which he helped to set up in that area. It was an excellent and very informative talk which was greatly appreciated by his audience.

Our next event is our annual quiz on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Club. The quiz starts at 7.30pm prompt and costs £20 per team of four. A supper of sandwiches and mince pies will be served.

If you would like to book a team please ring Elaine Bruce on 614664 or Joan Broomfield on 614258.

**Elaine Bruce**



## Burns Night 2016

Southam 2000 Rotary, in conjunction with Harbury NSPCC Committee, is holding another Burns Night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 in the Village Hall. The starting time is 7.30 for 8pm and the ticket price has remained the same, £30 per person. This includes a three course meal plus whisky tasting.

The Piper, Peter Rollason's address to the haggis and the excellent food and drink are bound to brighten a miserable January evening.

If you are interested in buying a ticket, please call Elaine Bruce on 614664.

**Elaine Bruce**



## Hedgehogs in November

Hedgehogs will still be building up their weights for hibernation. When will they actually hibernate? The best answer to this question is - when they are ready. Some may even be in hibernation now, others not until next month.

November seems to be the time when many will decide to hibernate.

I am sure you will remember from previous years' publicity to take care when piling up leaves and garden waste ready for a bonfire – be it for Bonfire Night or just a general burn. It is always best to move the pile on the day it is to be burnt, unless you have a special bonfire cage or bin that hedgehogs cannot access.

If you still have any small hedgehogs regularly visiting your garden you could catch them and check their weights. Mark each one with a spot of nail varnish

or quick drying paint on a few of their prickles (different hedgehogs can be marked in different places). Then 4-5 nights later catch again and weigh – it must be putting on weight, if not it will need to be rescued. Small hedgehogs will need help to get up to a hibernation weight. However the help can range from just continuing to feed and monitor weights in your garden to being taken indoors and cared for.

At the time of writing this I don't know whether we are going to have an early cold winter or a mild one so it is difficult to give advice now on which hedgehogs need to be taken into care. Obviously those out in the day are in trouble and need help. For any other hedgehogs the best advice is to call a local hedgehog rehabilitator, they know the local conditions, but please, if possible, weigh the hedgehog before contacting a rescue centre as the weight helps them give the best advice.

It is not just the cold that is a problem for hedgehogs at this time of year but also the wet. They need a dry place to make their nests and dry bedding with which to make the nest. Providing dry bedding eg leaves – perhaps in a compost bag – will help them make a cosy nest. Also protecting their food with a feeding station means they can feed in the dry.

If you need advice or find a sick or injured hedgehog your local contact from Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue is Christina Sherman (612277). For information about helping hedgehogs at this time of year visit the British Hedgehog Preservation Society web site at [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk) and go to the Autumn Juvenile leaflet or Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue at [www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org](http://www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org)

**Christina Sherman**

## **Volunteer Recruitment Evening**

Want to volunteer at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust?

Join us on 4<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm-7pm for our volunteering recruitment evening at the New Place project office, Chapel Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Meet our staff and volunteers to discover more about volunteering across our sites, the New Place project and the variety of ways you can get involved.

As a volunteer, you're entitled to exclusive benefits, including:

- Travel expenses up to £10 a day
- Flexible hours that work around you
- Training for all volunteer roles
- Free entry to all of our properties after 20 hours service
- Discounts at our cafes, shops and other retailers

Around Stratford 95% of our volunteers say that they love volunteering for the Trust, and 94% would recommend becoming a volunteer with us!

- Based on our 2014 volunteer survey results

Volunteers play a crucial role within the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, supporting our staff and enhancing the experience of our visitors. All you need is a few hours to spare and lots of enthusiasm. Volunteers must be aged 16+.

If you'd like to come along please get in touch or simply drop in during the evening. Refreshments will be provided.



To find out more contact: Kate Christmas, Community Engagement & Volunteering Manager

Tel: 01789 338474 Email: [kate.christmas@shakespeare.org.uk](mailto:kate.christmas@shakespeare.org.uk)

**Kate Christmas**  
**Community Engagement & Volunteering Manager, New Place**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

**Dear Editors**

*Thank you to everyone for your kind thoughts and all the cards we received when our father Ralph passed away suddenly.*

*It was so nice to see the church so full and we were able to send £267.71 to The British Heart Foundation which was the charity that our father supported.*

*Kind regards*

**Julie, Ann and Sue (nee Lawson)**

**Dear Editors**

*On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to thank all the wonderful, kind and thoughtful people who sent cards, flowers and most of all prayers on the sad occasion of the death of my daughter, Jacquie.*

*All this kindness was a great comfort to us. Thank you all once again.*

**Marie Allen**

**Dear Editors**

*Many thanks to everyone who supported me with fundraising for my trip to Japan. Everything about the trip was superb; spending time at the start with my Home Hospitality hosts Yoko, Hiroaki and their son Yutaro in Osaka, who were extremely kind and attentive and made me feel at home, meeting Scouts from across the world and interacting using hand signals, trading badges and other kit items, a range of camp activities, an emotive visit to Hiroshima marking the 70th anniversary and staying three days in a luxury hotel in Tokyo after spending two weeks in a tent!*

*My favourite moment was probably playing football against a team full of excitable boys from Kuwait, and ours being a mix of four English, a Jamaican, an American and a Nicaraguan (who couldn't speak a word of English). It was quite amazing to see that all these people could communicate with each other through a simple game of football. I recommend Japan the country itself - a mix of the tradition and the modern with diversity. So if you're looking for your next holiday destination and have a bit of money to spend, Japan is outstanding.*

*Thank you again for your support.*

**Dom Priest**

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**Dear Editors**

*I wish to say a big thank you to everyone who supported my quiz in aid of Zoe's Place. I raised a total of £255 including the raffle. Thanks to all who donated prizes including The Crown, Gamecock, Co-op and Jaguar Landrover. Also to Murphy's Construction for letting me sell £60 of tickets to their workers.*

**Kate Bennett**

*P.S: Already working on next year's quiz.*

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**Regular Diary Dates**

**ART CLASSES:** The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Monday & Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm, Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm & Wednesday 10.00am – 12 noon (614251)

**ART TUTORIALS:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (814923 or 01295 276465)

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm, e-mail: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

**BELL RINGING PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm (614809); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 noon (612864)

**BIBLIO'S CAFÉ (WITHIN HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY):** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am – 12 noon and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon

**BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538)

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

**BUMPS & BUNDLES:** Tom Hauley Room, Tuesdays, 10.30am – 12 noon (611914)

**CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES:** Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (07837 152839)

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00 noon (613214)

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15pm, e-mail: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm – 9.00pm (614375)

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 8:00pm (07939 679533)

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Harbury Village Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 8:00pm (613730)

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534)

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**

**Regular Diary Dates**

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**

**Under 6's – Year 1 (Mixed)**

Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459232

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 7's, 8's & 9's – Year 2, 3 & 4 (Mixed)**

Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459232

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

**Under 10's – Year 5 (Mixed)**

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 11's – Year 6 (Mixed)**

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 01926 612617

Training: Saturday 9.15am. Harbury Park

**Under 12's – Year 7 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Gillingham Tel: 07528 580761

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 13's – Year 8 (Mixed)**

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 15's – Year 9 & 10 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12 noon –

3.30pm, Tues & Thurs – 9.00am, - 3.30pm, Wed & Fri – 9.00am – 1.30pm

(07939 122087) enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

**HARBURY THEATRE GROUP:** Last Tuesday of the month, The Shakespeare (611930)

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Monday 9.30 - 11:15am, Tel: 612748

**HARBURY UKULELE GROUP:** Shakespeare Inn, 1st & 3rd Monday of the month 8.00pm,  
contact Craig (612377)

**HARBURY VILLAGE CINEMA:** Contact Lana Long, 01926 613311, email:  
markandlana@aol.com

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498 (evenings). Bingo every Friday 8.30pm - non  
members welcome.

**HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY:** Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:00pm (613730)

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct to May) 8:00pm Contact Judy Morrall (613103)

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** Scout Hut, Saturdays, 10:00am - 12:00noon (612734)

**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursday evenings, Juniors 6.00 till 7.30pm & Seniors 7.30 till 8.30pm, Matches on Saturday Afternoon (613163)

**MOTHER'S UNION:** Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; (613831)

**RAINBOWS:** Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm, Unit Leader Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00 - 8.30pm, e-mail: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays 5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

**TABLE TENNIS:** Village Hall, Thursdays, 9.30 - 10.30am (614809)

**TAI CHI:** Ufton Village Hall, Monday, 7.30 (612277)

**TENNIS CLUB:**

**Adult / Student Members Playing Times:**

Tuesdays: 6.30pm– 10.00pm, Thursdays: 6.30pm – 10.00pm

Saturdays: (from Sept to March) 10.00am – 12 noon

Sundays: (from April to August) 10.00am – 12 noon

**Members** may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked. **Guests** playing with members should pay £1 an hour.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email [sucol-mercer@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sucol-mercer@tiscali.co.uk)

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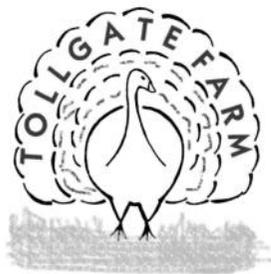
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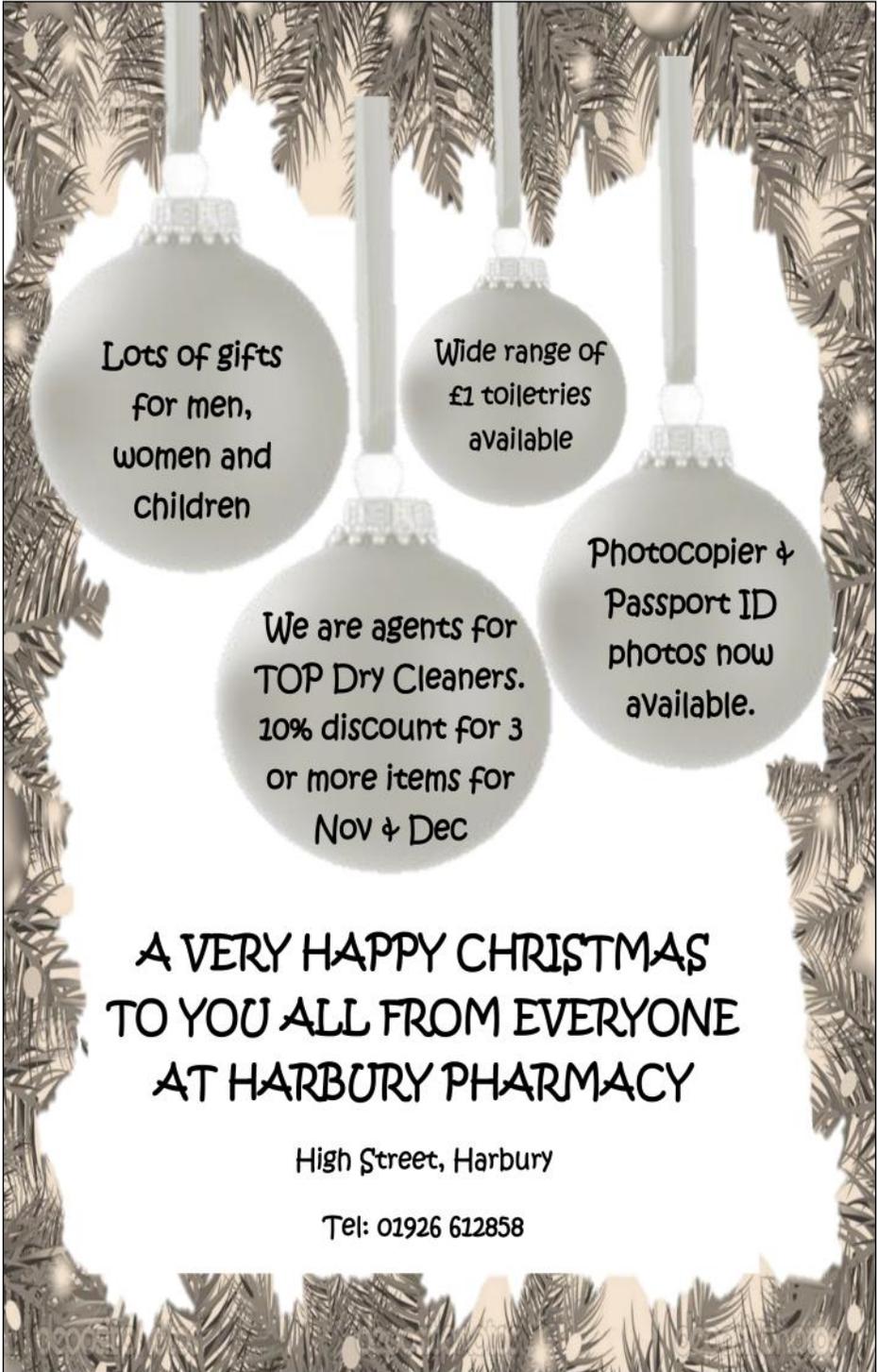
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