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## Editorial

As reported in The Guardian recently; Harbury has the lowest house burglary rate in the Country. The article was comparing our community to Dulwich Village in South East London which has the worst burglary rate with homes 87 times more likely to be broken into. Hopefully this will not tempt fate with our good fortune and long may it continue.

Ladbroke is considering following Harbury and developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Volunteers are being sought for the first stage; see the article in the Ladbroke Section of the magazine.

More co-ordinators are desperately needed to organise the monthly Saturday lunches which are held in the Tom Hauley Room; the Church Wardens' article has more details on this.

The Theatre Group are performing Sleeping Beauty at the end of the month, using the new stage for the first time. This is sure to be a popular event, so purchase your tickets now.

# Harbury Diary

## FEBRUARY

- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Theatre Group  
Harbury Village Cinema presents, Big Hero 6 - doors open 2.30pm, film starts 3.00pm
- Sun 7 **THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments  
Taizé Service, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 8 Adult Upholstery, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 9 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Cropredy with Optional Pub Lunch (3 or 5 miles)  
Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
N.B. Service at Ladbroke, 7.30pm  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall

- Thurs 11 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury WI Members Evening, 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Pre-School Pamper Evening, 7.30-10.00pm in Village Hall
- Fri 12 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury Juniors Football Club
- Sun 14 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Warwickshire County Council Civic Service, 10.30am,  
Harbury School Choir taking part (a non-Communion service)  
Messy Church, 3.00-5.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 15 Harbury Society, "The Shaping of Southam", a talk by  
Bernard Cadogan, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
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- Tues 16 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
Moreton Morrell (5 miles)  
Connections (Dementia Café), 2.00pm in Harbury Village Library
- Thurs 18 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of NSPCC
- Sun 21 LENT II**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm
- Mon 22 Adult Upholstery, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 23 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
Leamington Hastings (4 miles)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Twinning Association French film "Jeunets" showing at the  
Crown Inn
- Thurs 25 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM  
Harbury Theatre Group presents "Sleeping Beauty",  
7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall

- Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 26 Harbury Theatre Group presents "Sleeping Beauty",  
7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Toddler Group  
Harbury Theatre Group presents "Sleeping Beauty",  
7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 28 LENT III**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 29 Adult Upholstery, 9.15am in Village Hall
- MARCH**
- Tues 1 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Heritage Room open 6.30-8.30pm at School  
Horticultural Society, 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room -  
Gardening from Scratch - Adrian James  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 2 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40 Village Hall Car Park -  
Stoneleigh (2½ or 3½ miles)  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Discussion: "What's bothering you in the news?"  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm 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 Harbury Pre-School

<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>			
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury, Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge outlying properties</b>	<b>Collection Week</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	10	12	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	17	19	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	24	26	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
<b>March</b>	2	4	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	9	11	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	16	18	<b>Grey Bin</b>



## From the Rector

**Reverend Craig Grocock**

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### **Christenings at Church – all you need to know**

Our Church Councils recently agreed a Baptism Policy. It reflects the welcoming and inclusive policy of our village churches; but it might be helpful to outline it here for prospective parents and those with young (and not-so young) children.

Both a thanksgiving service and baptism (Christenings) are offered; and parents are first invited to consider which they would feel more comfortable with.

If a thanksgiving service is chosen, a date is booked either in the main service or as a private service and the service takes place without further preparation. Thanksgiving is a full and welcoming option; and if invited by the parents, could be followed by baptism at a later date.

For baptism, parents are encouraged to make stronger links to the church through worship, the Bumps and Bundles parent and child group, Little Saints services, or Messy Church. There is a baptism preparation evening (or Saturday morning to help with baby-sitting), and information is given to both parents and Godparents.

Baptisms take place at 12.30pm on the second or fourth Sunday of the month at Harbury. At Ladbroke, baptisms take place during the Family Service at 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month. A lay baptism visitor and one or more of the parish Godmothers will represent the wider congregation and take part in the service – the lighting of the Easter candle and giving out greeting cards.

The welcome and presentation of the Baptism Certificate is done as part of the monthly family communion service at Harbury on an agreed date following the baptism. For a family who do not live in the parish, the welcome and presentation of the certificate and/or candle is made where possible in their home parish by clergy there.

A card is given on the anniversary of the baptism (for up to five years) with a renewed invitation to family services and other child friendly events and activities.

For some people, baptism (and later confirmation) comes later in life.

For a discussion of all these options, do contact Rev'd Nikki or myself. Don't forget, the church is your church and it's always here for you!

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury*

16<sup>th</sup> January

Duncan Fernley and Caroline Dormer



## From the Churchwardens

John & Elaine

2016 is now well underway and we are back into the full swing of things.

This year our newly reformed Fabric Committee (the team that look after the church building) are going to be taking a look at how the church is used, not just for worship but at other times as well. For instance, we would like All Saints to be used as a meeting place for some of the community groups in Harbury, as well as being open every day for visitors to look around and for individual prayer and reflection.

We very much want All Saints to serve the entire community and we will be focusing on the needs of everyone in the reviews that are planned for the next few weeks. Our aim is to make our church as welcoming and friendly as possible and to see if the space can be used for purposes other than worship services. Our overhaul of the sound-system, for instance, now gives us the capability to have live music in church and provide for crystal clear speech. We will shortly be inviting views from the wider community on a range of subjects, but if you have a suggestion for how you could use our space or perhaps an improvement you would like to see to enable you to use the space better, why not write to us at: [fabric@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:fabric@allsaintsharbury.org). Do please remember that "the church" is your church and you are always welcome at any time.

No further news on the Memorial Garden at present but work is still going on behind the scenes and as soon as we have an update we will let you know.

### **An update on some of our service activities:**

Little Saints is now some two years old and in that time we have welcomed many families with small children on the first Sunday of every month at 10.30am in church. Little Saints introduces small children to the stories in the Bible with a simple message. We tell a short Bible story, with a prayer and a song. Then the children and their parents make or colour something that illustrates the story. We try to keep the whole service to 20 minutes, and then we pile into the Tom Hauley Room for bacon butties, and pastries, coffee, tea or juice. We all enjoy the friendship and chat around the breakfast table and would love to see you.

In terms of our recent Messy Church event, it was very well attended and lots of fun was had by the 60 people who came, both adults and children. The next one is 14<sup>th</sup> February and the theme will be Love - and the one after that is 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please do watch out for the fliers giving more details.

Please do join us for our non-communion Mothering Sunday service on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am when we welcome the participation of the local school and Little Saints.

Many of you will know that once a month (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) we try and arrange a community lunch in the Tom Hauley Room. This is welcomed by many – especially those who often dine alone – as it is an opportunity to share a home cooked meal with friends, and have a good old natter at the same time. Sadly, however, we are in danger of, at best, having to cut back on the number of Saturdays in the year that we can provide the lunch, unless we can manage to persuade some more ‘organisers’ to come forward. We have an army of good people who help (cook food, wait on tables, wash up etc) but each event needs someone to co-ordinate it. Elaine is always happy to ‘buddy up’ with newcomers – so if you can spare the odd Saturday to take this on, and would like to know more, please contact her on 07969 011146 or 813654.

And finally, a big thank you to all our ‘Street Reps’ who deliver our Christmas and Easter cards to every household in Harbury, Ladbroke and Depper’s Bridge. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> we held an informal cheese and wine to say ‘thanks’ for their valued service and to meet with the new Co-ordinator, Floss Harris.

<http://www.allsaintsharbury.org>

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Mothers' Union</h2>	<p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;"><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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Our January meeting, as usual, was our Happy New Year Party. Twenty members and friends enjoyed a musical interlude by Michael Hare, an undignified Pass the Parcel and a tasty tea.

February will have seen us enlightened by a talk by Chris Rutherford about flowers in the Bible, leading to preparation for Lent.

Our next meeting in March will be a discussion titled “What’s bothering us in the News”. Do join us – 2pm for communion, 2.30pm for the meeting, Tom Hauley Room, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



# Ladbroke News & Diary

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

## FEBRUARY

- Sat 6 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 7 Christingle**  
 Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments  
 Wed 10 Ash Wednesday Service, 7.30pm  
 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 11 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close  
**Sun 14 Lent 1**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Mon 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
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 Wed 17 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Sat 20 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 21 Lent 2**  
 Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am  
 Wed 24 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
 HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
 5.30PM  
 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close  
 Sat 27 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 28 Lent 3**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

## MARCH

- Tues 1 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Wed 2 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 3 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Sat 5 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 6 Mothering Sunday**  
 Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments



## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

For much of January the organ and some of the pews have been shrouded in plastic while external repairs were happening. This means that we have held our Sunday services in the chancel where the proximity to those leading the service and Kate on piano and to each other, has been appreciated by some but not by others - for those that fall in the latter category thank you for putting up with the lack of personal space and shortage of leg room in the front choir

stalls! Special thanks also to everyone who helped with the extra cleaning when the plastic sheeting and dust it caught were removed. Now we are back to normal.... until the next time.

This year with Easter so early, Candlemas which marks the end of the Epiphany season is only a few days before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Consequently our altar frontal, pulpit fall and the bookmarks on the lecturn which follow the liturgical colours will move straight from white and gold to purple. I have recently discovered some on-line newspaper archives and found an article in the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1876 Royal Leamington Spa Courier about the grand re-opening of Ladbroke church a few days earlier after the renovations led by Sir George Gilbert Scott. It mentions a new altar frontal given by the Rector's wife to a design by Sir George and I wonder if the stunning embroidery on our purple or red one is his 140 year old design? There was no mention in the incredibly detailed report of our banners so I suspect these are not quite as old; perhaps I can find out more about them from the archived church records. As mentioned last month the *Christ the King* banner came back to Ladbroke before Christmas after hundreds of hours work by Stratford's NADFAS textile restoration group. These are four extremely talented ladies whose backgrounds range from making their own clothes and soft furnishings to a career in the Wardrobe Dept. of the RSC. They are supported by NADFAS conservators but as this particular team are so skilled and experienced this means helping them obtain ultra fine threads and needles rather than supervising the work. The banner was in a poor state, (I was surprised that they took the project on) and after photographing all the details they started to take it apart to save what they could of the original work and identify what the other parts were like when new, carefully studying the colours on the reverse and under other layers. It's no surprise these were much brighter than the faded colours we have become used to.



Then they had to find the same materials or closest match. The effort made to source the right materials is amazing - the team have some antique braid and fringing salvaged from other projects and the "new" fringing on our banner came from the back of an altar cloth they restored. The stars and flowers on the side panels are made of silk floss (the same stuff as they use for fishing flies) which came from New Zealand. Other bought materials came from a treasure trove of a fabric shop in the centre of Birmingham. Christ's head on the restored banner is the original, it was a separate piece on its own backing

and I found an identical one inside a book in the vestry. The embroidery is so exquisite we think it was bought in, perhaps part of kit, but I wonder if it was purchased from Southam Convent who did fine ecclesiastical embroidery for clients across the world.

Once they had the materials the banner was remade using conservation techniques, a labour of love taking hundreds of hours. The end result is fantastic and I recommend you come and see it. It is good from a distance but when you take a close look, for example, at the newly embroidered hand and the subtle shading on the robe it's amazing. The same team are now starting work on our second banner, *Christ the Good Shepherd* which they hope to get back to us by the end of this year.

The first Sunday next month, 6<sup>th</sup> March, will be Mothering Sunday so our family service at 10.30am will be a celebration of our Mums and all those who care for us. Everyone is welcome so do join us if you can.

Finally we give our condolences to the family of June Barnett.



## Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

Last month's meeting was brought forward to 6<sup>th</sup> January because of the planned work on the Village Hall roof. The official minutes by the clerk will appear on the noticeboard by the pub and the website; what follows are the points I noted that I think will interest readers.

**Defibrillator:** Although initially destined to go in the old phone box, it was decided at this meeting to locate the defibrillator on the wall of the Village Hall, a village amenity with a power supply. The defibrillator will be owned by the Parish Council. Purchase will be progressed and once here, training in its use will be organised for villagers.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** An open meeting for villagers is to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January (see next article). The Parish Council do not mind if we develop one or not.

**Planning:** As we are a neighbouring parish, comment was invited on the proposals for Stoneythorpe Farm to have 800 houses plus additional facilities. Our councillors were concerned about the impacts on travel routes e.g. to the M40 and whether Warwick Hospital and Southam College could cope, especially in the first year before more budget is allocated to cover increased demand. They were also concerned about the impact of building HS2 and this development in close proximity and the same time.

SDC had refused prior approval for change of use (barn to dwelling house) at Woodlands House Farm. The application for a house "off" Windmill Lane had been withdrawn.

**High Speed Broadband:** Ladbroke is part of "Contract 2" so it should reach us in July 2016.

**Highways:** A photo of the flooded road and pavement near the church had been sent to Highways. Post meeting note: by 28<sup>th</sup> January some progress had been made but the dropped pavement near the field entrance is still underwater. Highways are aware that water is coming up out of one of the road drains here and will investigate.

Concerns about mud on the road and lorries bringing waste into a local farm for burning were raised again.

**Flood Prevention:** Once more frustration was expressed about the lack of progress and concerns that money was going on consultants and effort expended on excuses rather than actually developing a programme. Our parish councillors will be meeting WCC later in January to discuss.

**Village Hall:** A new roof with insulation will go on w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a Film Night on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

As it is not legally possible for the new roof purchase to go via the Parish Council (so VAT can be recovered) a grant towards it was requested. The Parish Council agreed to give a £1500 grant as this is a facility for the whole village and not a specific organisation.

**SDC:** The core strategy was now 70% allowed but 30% of it needs more justification - there will be a 5 day inspection but no new information is allowed. There were objections about the level of development at Southam (1250 new homes!) but much of this has already started.

**AOB:** A letter had been received explaining that the unofficial road closure and damage occurred when a pack of hounds split just before dark at the end of a hunt and they needed to get them back together quickly.

**Next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

The Parish Council called an open meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January when Matthew Neal, Neighbourhood Planning Officer at SDC, explained the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and the process of creating one. Approx 25 people attended the meeting.

Neighbourhood planning lets communities develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood for the next 15 years, aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider area. They cannot block development but they can influence where new building occurs and its design. Ladbroke is a Category 4 village, so in theory it could expect to take up to 8% of a total of 400 new homes proposed to be allocated to the Category 4 Local Service Villages (LSVs) between now and 2031. These figures are set out in Policy CS.16 of the draft Core Strategy. However due to speculative development in the last

few years, SDC is only approx. 120 short of its 15 year total of 2,000 dwellings for LSVs as a whole, so there may be less development pressure going forward.

The NP has to be evidence based and will take considerable effort to become a statutory document. A NP can take, on average, 18 months to three years from the original application to designate a 'neighbourhood area' through to adoption, depending upon the complexity of the plan. As it moves from a draft, via an examined document, to one accepted by local referendum it gains more weight in decision making. Once it becomes part of the statutory development plan any planning application must be considered against the NP as well as the SDC core strategy and existing planning law by planning officers, committees and even the Secretary of State. Another benefit of having an NP is that the community will receive 25%, rather than 15%, of the Community Infrastructure Levy arising from the development, likely to be thousands of pounds per new home.

The policies within the NP need to be land-use based; any policies that are deemed 'aspirational' must go in an appendix. The plan must be worded positively but a positive statement regarding conservation, listed buildings or even views may restrict or prevent development on some sites. The NP plan is not restricted to new homes, it can cover conversion of existing buildings. Any new dwellings (new build or conversion) that occur outside the village settlement boundary would count toward the overall District's allocation of new homes, not Ladbroke's. Only new dwellings constructed within the confines of the settlement boundary of Ladbroke would count toward the village's allocation. Any developments of more than 10 homes must include social housing but a NP can define potential 'rural exception' schemes to promote additional social housing if there is evidence of need through an up-to-date Housing Needs Survey. A NP can also cover businesses and employment, transport, ecology, heritage etc.

An initial step for many communities is often a Saturday morning event to gather the community's ideas on a vision and objectives for the NP which then helps define the topics and policy areas to be included in the plan. Also key at the start of the process is defining the settlement area which is tightly drawn around the existing built-up-area of the village. There can be more than one settlement boundary in a village and they do not need to be conjoined, so we might have one around the village centre and a separate one around Ladbroke Hall/Church area. As the plan is evidence based, by studying the settlement area, discussing with owners to find out who would consider permitting development on their land and understanding limitations relating to conservation, listing buildings, flooding etc it should be possible to identify specific sites and the number of new homes on each of these that could be developed.

After this information many at the meeting were generally supportive of having a plan. Various points were then made including:

- If as a village we are not keen for development, it might be better not to have a NP as this would identify areas ripe for development – a genie that would not go back in the bottle! Of course if we did want some development it would be best for the village to have agreed via a NP where and how much etc.
- Rather than a formal NP could we just be open and supportive of development at the planning stage on a case by case basis? This would not have the legal authority of a NP.
- It is important for terms of reference to be agreed up front otherwise defining a NP can be divisive.
- The parish council confirmed they are ambivalent about Ladbroke proceeding with a NP – they would be the over-arching authority but not organise it, so it will only happen if people volunteer to take it forward and there is general support from the rest of Ladbroke.
- Rather than ask for volunteers now, some would like time to consider and others not present might like to be involved.
- To gauge support should we ask everyone how much time they are prepared to allocate per week to developing a NP?

It was agreed that the next step was to invite everyone in Ladbroke via e-news, Harbury & Ladbroke News and a notice on the board by the pub to participate in an initial fact finding stage and report back to an open village meeting, in say 3 months time, at which we could decide as a village whether to start developing a NP or not. There would need to be a minimum of 4 volunteers for this fact finding stage.

**So, if you are interested in Ladbroke having a Neighbourhood Plan and are prepared to get involved in studying this further by participating in the initial fact finding stage described above please contact [martincneal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:martincneal@hotmail.co.uk) or talk to one of your Parish Councillors by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Jackie West**



Instead of one speaker for our first meeting of the year on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January there was the folk band rather aptly entitled 'Away with the Fairies'. Rod Dyer on the fiddle, Mike Houston (as in Texas I was told) on guitar and harmonica – often at the same time, Colin Sullivan on percussion and Frank Allen (known as the Laird of Dundee) providing lead vocals - but the others all joined in much of the time.

I should think you can see by now that this was not a serious event!

The evening began with the old favourite My Grandfather's Clock followed by Country Road which had us joining in immediately. The songs were interposed with jokes mainly of the variety of which were met with groans as well as laughs - for example 'the team of Irish builders would have beaten Hillary and Tensing to the top of Everest in 1953 but they ran out of scaffolding!' Sorry band. You won't be able to use that one locally again now!

They offer themselves as 'available for all sorts of things' and I can thoroughly recommend them if you want to add merriment to an informal occasion! They can be reached on awtf-band@outlook.com



At the business meeting which followed, Dianne welcomed visitor, and hopefully soon-to-be new member, Debbie and thanked Jenny Barrett for planting the bowls outside the Hall with winter flowers.

A list of forthcoming events was given although I have not included them all so keep an eye on Emails from Dianne with more information.

Those members attending the 'Tea time Treats' outing were reminded to take their own lunch.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Annual Meeting at Chesford Grange. Members were asked to provide toiletries, deodorant, soaps etc for homeless women on the streets.

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April - Singing in the Rain in the Spa Centre.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - 'Bess, First Lady of Chatsworth' - Rowington Village Hall from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> April - Cotswold Tour £43

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Serious Science Lecture - crops/pests/diseases - in Leamington Baptist Church.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Bee keeping – the great bee debate, Rowington Village Hall, £10

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Visit to London Supreme Court. £48 includes guided tour and 1 course lunch.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Hay-on-Wye Literary Festival. Bus leaves Tesco car park at 8.30am, £15.

14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August - Tour to site of D Day landings.

Members were encouraged to go to the 'NFWI Time to talk about Organ Donation' on-line page and complete the form.

There were copies of the voting paper for this year's resolution so that those of us who hadn't already completed it had the opportunity to vote.

There is a competition to make another item or garment out of waste material so start thinking and I will let you know more about it in the future. (OK I wasn't listening carefully enough!)

Finally Dianne drew our attention to the collection of 'Pennies for Friendship' which will go towards the ACWW International Conference in Warwick later in the year. Please bring more pennies to the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February when Marilyn Payne will talk about her visit to India with Save the Children.



## Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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



Our showing of the film 'Suffragette' was sold out almost two weeks before the screening date of 5<sup>th</sup> February. We hope that all who came enjoyed the meal and the film. If you were too late to buy a ticket this time, our next film night is scheduled for **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**.

The Village Hall has a new roof so it should no longer leak when it rains. The Parish Council kindly helped with the financing of this work.



EMERGENCY  
DEFIBRILLATOR



The team has agreed for an emergency defibrillator to be fitted onto the external wall of the Village Hall. It is being supplied and installed free of charge by the Parish Council. We hope this will be in place soon.

**AED**

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 Village Hall Millennium Club

Draw for December 2015

£50	Rob Kendall	£50	Jo Rose
£25	Simon and Jackie West	£25	Carol Lane
£25	Colin and Kay Constable	£10	Debs and Seth Brown
£10	A and H Dowdeswell	£10	Christine Baker
£10	Richard Walker	£10	Mike Todman

**Margaret Bosworth**



***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***

The Council meeting was yet again dominated by planning issues with 11 items to be considered and 19 responses or decisions also reported. Two applications for 1,000 and 2,000 dwellings adjacent to Chesterton's Old Gated Road next to Chesterton Wood and within sight of the Windmill would impact on our heritage and wildlife; there was no provision for public transport, or a secondary School and the developments would further increase congestion and danger at the Fosse crossroads which the Council said must be improved before building commenced.

Councillors were even more scathing about plans for a "village" next to the Tip and the line of HS<sub>2</sub>. The English was unintelligible; there were no traffic mitigation plans, no public transport, no medical facilities; no proper Public Consultation. It was "Speculative Development" and not included in Stratford's Core Strategy.

There was some discussion about the scale of the modern extension planned for Old Timbers, Ivy Lane in the Conservation Area and the reduction in parking provision but the Councillors made 'No Representation' to this or to the latest amendments to the Cement Works application. The developer there stated there had been no interest in the employment site or care home nor funding for the proposed Surgery. The extra 80 dwellings (to add to the 200 agreed) could fund the building of the Surgery. But there would be fewer "affordable homes" than previously promised. The site would be added to the bus route but for this, mature trees would be lost.

David Wilson Homes are to build the 75 houses on the “Gladmans” Bush Heath Lane site, but no work can take place until SDC experts are satisfied with the plans for the drainage. The Councillors expressed concerns about the survival of the three mature oak trees, because of the proximity of the road, path, pumping station and a large house shown on the present plans and the lack of an arboriculture report. Cllr. Ekins insisted the stone specified must be Harbury stone. The Council also demanded to see the lighting proposals and insisted Bush Heath Lane should be swept regularly during the construction. They wanted homes marketed first to local people. The Council would name the roads and advise on the “Marketing” name to prevent the confusion caused when Hereburgh Way estate was called Harbury Fields. As the representative agreed all this, they made no representation.

The Council had made a similar response to an oak framed garage at 9 Church Street; a ground floor extension at 29 Mill Street; tree works at the Quarries; and underpinning of the Cottage, High Street. They had supported the application for a Steam Heritage Centre at the Barns, Spiers Farm, Chesterton Road but this was withdrawn when Highways objected.

Stratford District gave consent for minor internal improvements at the Manor; render and cladding at Sharmer House off the Fosse; extensions at 4 Church Terrace, 8 Greenhill Farm, Tresco Barn, Vicarage Lane, and 29 Mill Street; a Solar Farm east of the Fosse; a variety of extensions at The Lodge, Hall Lane; the construction of a four bed house at 1 Dovehouse Lane, repositioning of a replacement dwelling at Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge and treeworks at 3 Farm Close and Montgomery House, Mill Lane.

Councillors discussed the formal draft of the consultation on the Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Settlement expressing concern about the route for the school bus and the JLR entrance. They decided there was no point in making comments on Government plans to change the National Planning Policy Framework which replaced the need for developers to build affordable homes for rent with “starter” homes for purchase, as it was a “political imperative”.

Cllr. Pat Summers reported the Neighbourhood Plan would be presented for Parish Council approval at the next meeting after various minor amendments had been included. Stratford had the Second Draft to examine at present. Some of the grant money could not be used within the time frame and had to be returned. It was not clear how much it would cost to have the plan printed and distributed. Cllr Gibb said the challenge was to get people to vote so that there was a 50% approval rate, but it was made clear that the Parish needed only 50% of those who voted, however large or small the turn-out was.

District Councillor Jacqui Harris wanted better communication from the County; there had still not been a transport assessment on the impact of planned developments and they were not listening to road users. She urged Parish Councillors to make clear their annoyance at the excessive housing planned and the lack of research into the effect this would have on air pollution. Cllr. Gibbs pointed out that the traffic delays and dangers now were intolerable.

County Councillor Bob Stevens was pleased with the work to manage the flooding on the corner of Temple End and Bush Heath Lane. A new culvert was planned and the Gladmans site should improve the drainage. The Library should soon be receiving its £18K S106 money – a payment from developers for local infrastructure improvements. There was £100K still to come for the Village Hall from the Quarries and Bush Heath Lane plans. The County's Council Tax was to increase by 3.9% partly to help fund Adult Social Services.

Cllr. Gibb had complained to the County that the school buses, coming from Kinton, arrived as late as 10am in Harbury because of delays caused by the M40 JLR works. The County's response to traffic issues had been "pathetic".

### **Properties**

The Chairman successfully applied for £2,850 for more benches on the playing fields and signs to show the distances between them. This was to encourage people to take more exercise. The Parish has also applied for a Tesco's grant for a climbing wall to add to the play equipment. After much discussion it was agreed to waive the Football Club's fees for using the fields for a year, as they had not been able to use them during the refurbishment of the changing rooms. Cllrs agreed to permit the use of the car park for a fund raising car Boot sale in May.

Approval was given for street light maintenance and lantern replacements, but the cost of lighting the Deppers Bridge bollards was too high. Highways had repaired the footpath in Church Street but the day after vehicles were having to mount the pavement to avoid a lorry.

Cllr. Thornley complained that Network Rail's work at the Three Arch Bridge had caused it to flood and the Chairman was annoyed that the parapet had been raised far higher and for the whole length of the bridge than had been promised. The Parish will complain about this.

### **Budget**

This has been increased to cover the cost of play equipment - £10k; a new Cemetery when a suitable site is found - £5k; the Neighbourhood Plan - £5k; Pension for the Clerk as now required by law and an increase in the reserves - £5k. However this will ONLY cost £2 extra per year for a Band D ratepayer.

### **Grants**

Cllrs agreed a grant of £1,700 to allow Harbury Post Office to install a ramp to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act regulations. Their response to the Post Office Counters consultation on longer opening hours was that they would rather see a commitment to the long term future of our Post Office.

### **WWI Centenary Project**

The research has been done and the project should launch at the end of February.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

After the Christmas/New Year holiday the Society celebrates the Chinese New Year with a dinner at the Crown, quickly followed on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of February** by a talk by Bernard Cadogan on “The Shaping of Southam” in the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30 for 8.00pm.

On **22<sup>nd</sup> March** (same time and venue) we have invited Archie Pitts to talk about the plans for the “Restoration of the Pump Room Gardens and Bandstand” for which he has just secured a £1 million pound grant from the Heritage Lottery.

The Speaker for **11<sup>th</sup> April** (again in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30 – 8.00pm) Nigel Briggs, will amaze you with a talk on the “Bridges of Leamington”, of which he assures me there are more than 70!

All are welcome to attend our talks. If you enjoy them and wish to join Harbury Society the subscription runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January and costs £7 per person or £10 for a family membership.

As well as interesting, educating and entertaining our members we care about our village and its countryside and have been scrutinising the current rash of planning applications and seeking to mitigate their impact. Permission has already been given for over 475 new dwellings in our parish. That could increase the population of Harbury by almost half as much again.

Unfortunately, recent Government changes to the planning system removed most of previous constraints on development and our local authorities have been directed to approve applications not just for the homes we need but for the overspill from the surrounding cities.

Warwick has fared worse than us. You may have seen the first of many thousands of houses being built along Harbury Lane and Europa Way, up to and beyond Tachbrook crossroads. Bovis, Barratts, Persimmon, Gallagher, David Wilson are all building. “Save Warwick” Facebook page has information about this and their fight to save the town from gridlock!

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Email: [biblioscafe@gmail.com](mailto:biblioscafe@gmail.com)

[www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](http://www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk)



In January the W.I. coffee morning was well supported and we thank everybody for coming. Always a pleasant time.

Would you believe we will be holding another one on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. See you there.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February the Federation Quiz will be held in Harbury Village Hall and our W.I. will welcome the guests.

We were pleased to receive Seasons Greetings from Guernsey together with their news. We have corresponded for many years.

The speaker this month was Helen Barlow, a Relations Officer from The Dogs Trust, Kenilworth.

The work that Dogs Trust does from all over the British Isles and Ireland is unbelievable.

125 years ago the Rescued Dogs League was started and their work over the years from shelters, campaigns against cruelty, the first animal clinic in Bethnal Green in 1926 to the 1978 slogan "A dog is for life" and present day rescue work is wonderful.

The Dogs Trust in Kenilworth was started in 1973 and rebuilt in 2014. It looks like a super place with lovely places for the dogs to stay or live. No healthy dog is ever destroyed. There are vets, behaviour advisors and those who give general advice plus carers and volunteers.

Many things were mentioned and we were astounded by the care that the Trust gives.

The joy of the evening was Helen's beautiful French Mastiff named Rouge who had been in the home since he was six months old. He was huge but so gentle and everybody loved him. Helen said he was now ten months old but had not finished growing yet. We all enjoyed January's meeting.

Well as you see there is a piece from the President Julia so there is no need to write my usual information.

### **From the Harbury W.I. President**

Visitors are always welcome. Why not come along to a meeting and see what it's all about? 7.30 for 7.45pm at the Tom Hauley Room, second Thursday of the month. Upcoming on 11<sup>th</sup> February, Lin Hayes leads "I know something you may not know...", a Members' Evening when anyone can contribute an entertaining nugget. These sessions are always great fun, and a great way for non-members to get a flavour of our W.I. Mark your calendars also for 10<sup>th</sup> March – "Stories from the Auction Room", and 14<sup>th</sup> April – "Life on the Grand Union Canal". For information, contact Julia Fowler on 07834 667523 or e-mail [harburywi@gmail.com](mailto:harburywi@gmail.com)

**Julia Fowler, President**



## Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Hayes

The posters are up and the tickets are on sale. It is almost time for the curtain to open on Harbury's very own pantomime. (For those I have forgotten to tell, we are doing *Sleeping Beauty*, a pantomime written by Bob Heather and Cheryl Barrett, at the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February.)

The cast have been working hard for over three months now and at long last it is all coming together. The pace is picking up and polish is being added to their performances, the music is sounding good and the dance routines are getting slicker(!) I may be biased but I think that they are going to put on a good show for you.

However it is elsewhere that the real flurry of activity is to be found now. We have had to find different ways to fit our curtains and scenery flats into the new stage area. We have been hunting down props, making and painting new scenery, refurbishing old backdrops, deciding on our lighting plot and designing ways to hang the lights, working out all the sound effects and programming them onto a laptop. New costumes have to be made and old ones recycled and repaired. All in all it is a busy time for us all but team work and a good sense of humour are winning the day.

Then of course, there are the front of house teams to get in place. People to sell and check tickets on the door, people to sell programmes, people to sell ice creams and sweets, people to run the bar and the refreshments. The problems seem never ending.

Come Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February when we take it all down again and pack it away, you may well hear, along with the laughter, the collective sigh of relief from us all. However, if you, our audience, have enjoyed it, it will have all been well worthwhile.

Please come and see our show, and if you like it do let us know. Even if you think it needs improvement, tell us where; if we don't know we can't do anything about it.

Lastly, if you think you can help in any of the areas I have mentioned above, please do come along and join us. We are a very friendly group and we have a lot of fun, why not give us a go?

Tickets for the pantomime are available from the Pharmacy, Mugleston's or from 613486.

### March Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

**Adverts to:** 31 Binswood End, Harbury or e-mail to [advertising@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:advertising@hlnews.co.uk) by 15th February

**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to [articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk) by 5.30pm, Thursday 25th February



## Folk Club

Sue Hartland

There were 18 performances and a packed audience at the 374<sup>th</sup> Harbury Folk Club. The theme was all things Scottish and Ian and Sue opened with “Bonny Ship the Diamond” and “The Thistle and the Rose”. Maureen and Janny sang “The Curse of Scotland” and “Twelve and a Tanner a Bottle”. Ray and Anne performed “A Parcel of Rogues and “Mingulay Boat Song” and then Peter Mason sang “Across the Hills of Home” and “The Island”. He played his Christmas present, an eight string guitar. Rik followed with “Farewell to Tarwathie” and “The Balina”. Then Morris Oxford performed “The Unfortunate Rake” and “Enrico”. The first half concluded with a real treat and a first for Harbury Folk Club; Lucy played “Pachelbel’s Canon” and the theme from “Swan Lake” on her concert harp. We all loved it so much that we insisted on an encore so she played “When the Bagpipes Play”.

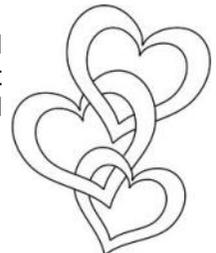
The Choir opened the second half with the two carols they sang at the Christmas Eve service, “Awake Ye Drowsy Mortals” and “Mary did you Know”. Ted and Sue followed with “Lizzie Lindsey” and two French tunes “Raoul the Rat” and a polka.

Mick sang “The Shearing’s not for You” and then invited musicians to join him for some jigs and reels. To follow we had another newcomer, Richard, who had just moved from Market Harborough to Coventry. He sang “Black is the Colour” and “The Water is Wide”. Then came Rumble-O with “You talk of New England” and “The Ancient Poaching Song”. The Daft Dames continued with a song for Burns Night, sounded familiar to me! Then Peter McDonald closed the second half with “Feel So Near” and “Caledonia”.

The Third Half opened with another new guest to the club, this time it was Richard’s son Jordan. He sang “Ae fond Kiss” and played a guitar instrumental “Sleeping Tune”. Sue Harris followed with “O Can Ye Sew Cushions” and “John Anderson my Jo”. Des continued with “Gomez the Dog” and “Deep Blue Sea” and Keith closed the evening with “Dainty Doon Bye” and “My Sister and Laura & Me”.

The raffle raised a magnificent £84 which I added to our Myton Hospice Santa Run Sponsor Money. Many thanks.

Also thank you to all the performers and to a wonderful audience for a fantastic evening. We’ll do it all again next month when the theme will be “Love”, hosted by Doug and Janny.





## Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

The 'Fete des Rois' celebration which we held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January was enjoyed by all. Once again we were grateful to June and David Eaves who opened up their home to host the evening. David used the numerous photographs he had taken around the world and set us the interesting task of identifying the country in which they were taken and the location in that country. He has certainly taken his camera to some extremely interesting locations. Identifying the country and the location proved difficult for some but not for the worldwide travellers amongst us. Our Chairman, Peter Rollason, set us a brain teaser which required us to identify pop stars or pop groups from cryptic clues. During the evening, as tradition demands, the 'Galette des Rois' (Epiphany cake or Kings cake) was served, the three 'favors' hidden in the Galette found and the three kings for the evening crowned.

Our coffee morning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January was well attended. We appreciate your support and we thank all who contributed and attended.

During the months ahead we have planned some interesting events to which everyone is welcome, Twinning Association members and non-members.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a film show in the Crown Inn. It is a French film, with sub-titles, called "*Jeunets*" - a very long engagement, starring Audrey Tautou. Set in 1919, this is the story of one woman's journey to discover the truth behind her lover's disappearance, whilst battling against the secrecy and absurdity of war. Its classification is 15. It is not a difficult film to watch, i.e. no horrible war scenes. A light supper will be provided at a cost of £3.00 per head and anyone wishing to attend should reserve a place by contacting Richard Marshall-Hardy (e-mail: richard@marshall-hardy.co.uk). Everyone is welcome.

At 7.30pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting our annual Quiz Night in the Village Club. We invite teams of four at a cost of £16.00 per team to enter. It would be nice to see some of the many village organisations entering teams and competing against each other. Entries to be sent to Ceri Edwards (e-mail: cerilea@hotmail.com).



## Harbury Juniors Football Club

Keith Hanson

Come and support our Coffee Morning fund raiser at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February between 10am and 12 noon. If you have any raffle prizes or cakes to donate or want to help on the day please contact your Coach.

The Club are also looking for a new Treasurer, please contact Keith Hanson, HJFC Chairman on 07730 635298 or keithhanson1@yahoo.co.uk to discuss.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

Despite the wind and rain we've managed to get plenty of on court activity recently. First was the traditional New Year's Muffler Tournament, which suffered one postponement, but had a great turnout on the re-arranged date. But the food and mulled wine added to the experience! The final was a perfect blend of youth and experience with David Bristow and Christopher Bolton overcoming Robert Stockdale and Mathieu Savin.

The most recent Banbury Winter League matches were played in very contrasting conditions. The first was a home floodlit league match against Deddington C, when the temperature dropped enough for one section of the courts to become an ice rink towards the end of the match. Fortunately Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, Nigel Eaton and Colin Mercer had the better skates and ran out 7-1 winners! That lifted us to third place in a very closely contested Division 3. The next match was in Division 4 of the weekend format and was played in much more comfortable conditions. Charlbury B were the visitors and for this Jen Allen and Geoff Prince joined Sue Panton and Colin. It was all square going into the mixed doubles and with Jen and Colin losing both sets it was left to Sue and Geoff to try and salvage a draw. In a marathon match they won the first set and staged a great recovery from 1-4 down in the second but were eventually edged out 5-7, which gave Charlbury a 5-3, win. Harbury are still top of the league but Charlbury are closing in and have matches in hand.

There is also plenty of activity for our Juniors. Harbury was pleased to host a Warwickshire LTA Boys Mini Green (9 and under) event and welcomed players from Stratford, West Warwickshire, and Beechwood clubs for the first round event. Rhys Bennett and Jamie Smith represented Harbury and played well but narrowly missed out on qualifying for the next round, losing a doubles play-off against runners-up Stratford. A very strong Beechwood pair won the group and will be joined by Stratford in the second round.

The coolsporz coaching programme is going really well and we welcome all standards and ages. It caters for juniors from 4-18 years with the youngest group (Reds) using the Village Hall until the end of March. We now have Junior sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, all of which are open to members and non-members, and the first term time lesson is **FREE!** There are adult groups on Monday and Thursday evenings with a Ladies' group on Friday mornings. Individual sessions can also be arranged. For more details contact Lianne Candappa on 07919104093 or [lianne@coolsporz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsporz.co.uk) or check the website [www.coolsporz.co.uk](http://www.coolsporz.co.uk) for information on times and days of lessons.

# GASS

GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT

## Guides and Scouts Support

G.A.S.S. Committee

### OUR GROUPS NEED VOLUNTEERS – IF HE CAN, CAN'T YOU?

You don't have to be an adventurer like Bear Grylls to get involved with Scouting. Do you have first aid knowledge? Are you good with numbers? Handy in the kitchen? Or are you a DIY whizz?

**We all have useful skills and you can volunteer and help in many ways.**

Could you offer to help the young people in your community?

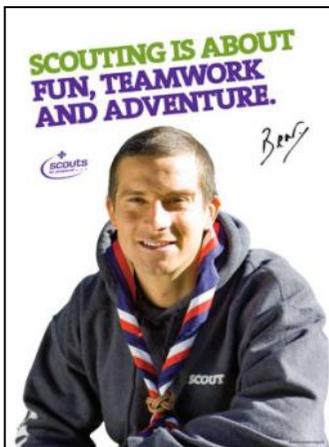
- Would you be able to help maintain our Scout Hut?
- Could you help to organise the Harbury Bonfire this year?
- Do you have a talent for accounts?
- Are you bursting with bright ideas?
- Do you have organisational skills?
- Would you be able to show a young person how to cook a healthy meal or act or keep fit or put up a tent or look after the environment or stay safe on the internet\_or ..... ?

If the answer to **ANY** of the above is “Yes” or “Maybe” then you are just the person we need. If not then do you know somebody else who may be able to say “Yes”?

There are a wide variety of roles available, from uniformed leader (getting involved in the weekly activities with the children) to non-uniformed support committee member.

**e.g. The Rainbows section is closing unless we get a new leader.**

So what is the role of the non-uniformed support committee otherwise known as GASS. (Guides And Scouts Support)? Basically it exists to fundraise and maintain the Scout Hut for all the uniformed groups, thus leaving the uniformed leaders to concentrate on.....well ..... leading.



The current Committee are bowing out after a very successful and enjoyable (yes really!) period of time and we need some new blood to continue the good work that has been carried out. So if you can't commit to leading a group, GASS really may be for you.

**e.g. GASS urgently needs someone to help with bookkeeping & accounts.**

To discuss how your skills may be of use to Scouting and Guiding please call:

Paul Quinney, 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Group Scout Leader – 613386 or 07970 058272 or Corinna Butler, Harbury GASS (Guide And Scout Support) Chairperson – 612852 or anyone you may know connected with the group.



	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p><b>Lynne Barton</b></p>
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We continue to welcome lots of lovely children, babies, parents, grandparents and carers every Monday; thank you all for your continued support.

We will be saying *au revoir* to Jane whose maternity leave will be coming to an end very soon (I know she will be missed by the group but hopefully we will still see the children as the baton passes to grandparents).

Everyone now has a calendar of our 2016 events to ensure nothing gets missed. We always try to be well organised and have a welcoming room set out before families arrive. Check out these before and after pictures.



Aimee, mother to Freddie, Bella & Jago will be leading our art sessions for the next two weeks with Chinese New Year and Valentine themes. Hurray !!!!

Toddlers is not solely about encouraging the development of children's skills, preparing them for the next phase of education, introducing them to other children so they begin to understand their place in the world, it also facilitates parent to parent or grandparent conversations, friendships and wider support

networks. We know that nurturing children sometimes can be a challenging 'job' and so we were pleased to have a treat in store for the grown - ups.



An Holistic Therapist from *Stop and Smell the Roses* offered massage, facials and reflexology which was so very relaxing for those who 'gave it a go'. The children were really well behaved and occupied themselves with dough, art and craft and our pretend shop, under the watchful eye of the volunteers. Or of course just watched what was happening !

*" Mummy has a poorly neck - better now"*

Don't forget our **AGM** will be on **8<sup>th</sup> February** during drinks and snack time, thank you for completing the recently circulated questionnaires, it is so helpful to know how positive you feel about the group and changes we could make, we are taking your comments on board.

### **We are open over half term with BilliguaSing coming to visit.**

Our new volunteer Lise Marie is settling in and we know that she will be an asset to the group. She is a student at Coventry University studying Psychology and Counselling.

So finally Lynne, Selina and Lise 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)



## **Harbury Pre-School**

**Staff & Committee**

**The New Term** – Firstly we would like to wish a warm welcome to Alice, Sophia, Ben, Finlay, Fraser, Ethan and Grayson who joined us at Pre-School at the beginning of the term and have settled in very well with their new friends.

**The Weather** - The new term was heralded by mild, damp, almost spring like conditions. However, the rain made the "teabag splosh" artwork experience all the more appropriate, as wonderful patterns were made by dipping teabags into watery paint and dropping from a height onto paper.

Then, for a few days, the frost came, albeit very briefly, and we were able to talk about the cold weather. The frost on the outdoor surface provided a great medium for mark making and we used the story sack to tell the story of “A Perfect Day for It”. Winter songs were sung, and the children learned about the properties of ice, helping to melt blocks of ice using warm hands, warm water and paint brushes.



Using “cold” colours, the children dipped wellies into paint and made some wonderful prints on large sheets of paper.

We talked about the weather conditions, discussed the sort of clothing that we might need to keep ourselves warm, and coats, hats, gloves and scarves were donned for outdoor play. We then followed this up with a “Winter Accessories” shop in the role play area, where there were hats, gloves, scarves and shoes for sorting, selling and buying.

### **Sound and Rhythm Factory –**

In the creative area, the children filled small tubes and pots with a variety of items, such as rice, beads and pasta, experimenting with the sounds that could be made with them. They then decorated the tubes with collage materials and used them to create their own rhythms and music.



**Outdoor Play –** In the outdoor classroom, the children practised their building, balancing and ball skills and whizzing around on the vehicles helped to keep them warm when the weather was cold. The tool kits were popular as the children “fixed” objects and vehicles in the play area and the sand tray saw a good deal of castle building (and demolishing!).



**Pamper Evening** – Don't forget the Pamper Evening at the Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 – 10.00 p.m. Tickets available from Pre-School at just £5 each. It promises to be a lovely evening.

**February** – With Chinese New Year upon us, look out for all sorts of Chinese activities next month .....!

*If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Bud Jackson, Pre-School Administrator, e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07939 122087 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org.uk*



**Harbury School PTA**

**PTA Committee**

The spring term is traditionally a quieter time for the Harbury School PTA as we recover from the busy lead up to Christmas and make plans for the year ahead. There are some exciting new fundraising events planned for the summer months, so do watch this space for future announcements!

The main focus of our fundraising this year is on improving classroom and outdoor resources, as well as updating computer technology to meet the demands of the new curriculum. These improvements will be of great benefit to the children in our community both now and in the future. If you'd like to help with raising funds for our local school, there are several ongoing initiatives that carry on throughout the year which are a great way for parents and the wider community to get involved, with very little time or effort:

Anyone who shops online, can raise donations by signing up to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/harburyschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/harburyschool), where a percentage of what you spend is given to the charity by retailers. It doesn't cost you anything, but can make a huge difference to school resources. Many of the major travel agents and airlines participate, so if you're booking your summer holiday online, you could raise a significant amount for the school.

Our textile recycling bin continues to prove a great source of income. By bagging up unwanted clothing items and dropping them off in our clothes recycling bin in the main school car park, the community together can reduce the waste that goes to landfill, as well as raising much-needed funds.

The PTA also takes part in the charities 'Match Funding' scheme whereby anyone employed by an organisation that has a match funding policy, can significantly increase the revenue raised by the PTA, with their employer match funding our events.

If you would like more information about what is, and what is not, accepted in our clothing bin, how to sign up to Easy Fundraising, the Match Funding scheme or any other detail about upcoming events and the work of the PTA, then please contact us through our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HarburySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/HarburySchoolPTA) or via email [harburypta@outlook.com](mailto:harburypta@outlook.com)

As ever, thank you for your continued support!



## Village Hall Update

**Chris Finch**

There were crowns galore and even apparently 'Royal' personages at the annual New Year's dance, as people rose to the occasion (from bended knee??) to celebrate the event, which had been billed as Phill King and the Royals' last gig. By the end of another very successful and enjoyable evening, it was hoped that they may be able to play at future events, but if the aim was to 'go out on a high', that was certainly achieved! As usual, CANA Wines supported the evening by providing various wines and John Crossling arranged for pints of CAMRA ale to be available, so there was no need for any of the revellers to bring their own bottles to consume during the evening?

The most recent film, 'Suffragette', drew an impressive crowd, as the Hall was packed to capacity with the majority of film-goers sitting at tables to enjoy the fish and chip supper, although a few 'film only' spaces were still available at the back. It is always recommended that anyone wishing to attend one of the pre-arranged films makes sure that they purchase tickets in plenty of time from the Pharmacy and, as future films are likely to attract equally large audiences, it is important to keep an eye out for the posters, which advertise a forth-coming film. In February there will be a film on 6<sup>th</sup> February arranged for younger people in the village (tickets also available on the door), but the main entertainment towards the end of the month will be 'Sleeping Beauty' directed by the Theatre Group. As this will be the first production on the stage, there will be a whole new dimension to the spectacle, so early booking is advised for the performances on 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm and for the matinee arranged for 2.30pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Since the last photo of the hall was taken, a pelmet has been fitted at the apex of the stage, as it was realised that there was a significant amount of track visible from the floor, which detracted from the overall appearance of the newly fitted curtains. The same company from Birmingham also fitted an induction loop around the hall, which will significantly improve the sound quality for anyone with partial hearing.

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# New Year's Dance in the Village Hall



Masked Royals



Very regal crown



Group photo



Phill King and The Royals

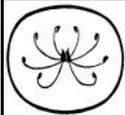


A group wearing crowns

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At the last Management Committee meeting, it was suggested that an Open Day for the Village Hall should be held, so that villagers can view all parts of the new extension and go 'behind the scenes' to see the area where the Theatre Group stores its props, the upholstery group meets to upgrade their chairs/cushions etc. as well as seeing the new showers and the impressive shower facility provided for referees, which was referred to in a previous hall update. At present, only the date and time for the event – 16<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00am and 2.00pm have been agreed and it was proposed that a light 'brunch' - sausage / bacon baps and a hot drink would be made available at a modest cost. It is hoped that there will be displays showing the various activities which are offered in the hall on a weekly basis, so that anyone in the village who has yet to set foot in the building can discover the range of opportunities for people of all ages. The list is impressive, but there may be other suggestions, which the committees are always ready to 'take on board' if at all possible.

It's a vibrant village hall in a well-recognised village and it's our intention to keep it that way!!



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morrall**

We are looking forward to our next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February when Dr John Page will be making a very welcome return visit with his wife Kate to talk about four great RHS Gardens. It will be nice to see everyone again as we decided not to have a meeting in January. The recent cold snap did nothing to dent the enthusiasm of normally Spring flowering plants and bulbs. They all survived and today I have seen around our village, irises, crocus, snowdrops and aconites plus many daffodils. The lovely catkins are showing off too. I have a purple hazel tree in my garden and it has the most wonderful display of pink catkins. An interesting fact about the purple hazel; Monty Don said on the TV that this tree does not bear nuts. I have to tell him that he is so wrong, it is a race between me and the local squirrel to harvest them!

I have almost finalised our two day trips for this year. The first will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June when we will be visiting Hanbury Hall and Gardens in Droitwich Spa in the morning then going on to Spetchley Park Gardens in the afternoon. Hanbury is a National Trust property and the formal gardens have been beautifully restored with flower meadows, a walled garden and great views across the Malvern Hills. The house is interesting too with original wall paintings by Sir James Thornhill. We had an evening visit to Spetchley a few years ago but since then it too has undergone a mini revival. A new garden entrance and welcome centre, great displays of plants, shrubs and trees as a series of garden rooms. The lake too has been transformed.

Then the second one will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July and we will be spending the day at Sherborne Castle. You are probably aware that this year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Lancelot “Capability” Brown and at Sherborne, which was one of his landscape gardens, they will be having an exhibition to celebrate this. The castle was built for Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594 and has been home to the Digby family since 1617. There are 40 acres of gardens, lakeside walks and the Castle has magnificent state rooms. I will let everyone know the cost at the meetings but if anyone who is not in the Horticultural Society would like to join us you will be very welcome as it would be nice to at least more than half fill the coach.

Thank goodness it is getting lighter at night now and Spring is around the corner. Here are a few suggestions for February gardens to visit to see snowdrops and other flowers in bloom. At Hanwell Castle and observatory which is just past the herb centre, there will be woodland walks amongst the castle grounds on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> from 12.00 to 5.00pm and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 5.00pm cost is £2.50 and teas are available. There are masses of snowdrops here plus you get the opportunity to look through the astronomical telescope. I can highly recommend the Moon and Sixpence nearby, the food is fantastic. Hill Close Gardens in Warwick are open on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> from 11.00 to 4.00pm at a cost of £4 with teas.

These are NGS gardens.....Elm Close in Welford on Avon post code CV37 8PT open on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> from 11.00am to 4.00pm cost of £3 with homemade teas. Court House between Moreton in Marsh and Shipston on Stour post code GL56 9SD open on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am to 5.00pm at a cost of £4 with homemade teas. Whitlunge Gardens in Hartlebury near Worcester post code DY10 4HD open on same dates from 10.00am to 5.00pm cost of £4 with light refreshments.

Old rectory Salford near Chipping Norton post code OX7 5YL open on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00am to 1.00pm cost of £3 and teas available in the village hall. Snowhill Manor near Broadway which is National Trust but will be open for NGS on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> from 2.00 to 4.00pm and cost is £3.50. Not far from there Trench Hill, Sheepscombe post code GL6 6TZ will be open on Sundays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 11.00am to 5.00pm and the cost is £4 with teas available. Lastly do try The Old Rectory, Duntisbourne Rous near Cirencester open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12.00 to 4.00pm and cost is £5 and again teas are available. The money raised from NGS garden openings all goes to very worthy charities and the kindness of the owners of all of the gardens should be applauded.

By the time you read this we will have had our February meeting and the March one is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> at 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley room and another of our favourite speakers Adrian James will be returning to talk to us. His talk is entitled A Garden from Scratch. It is the account of his move to Offenham

and how, with much hard work, he turned an ordinary garden into an extraordinary garden. So there is much to look forward to.

I look forward to seeing everyone and if you have not been to one of our meetings do come along for a most enjoyable experience. Hope that you manage to visit one or more of the featured gardens and enjoy the lighter nights and our amazing landscape.



## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

A rainbow in early January seems an unusual phenomenon but so far this winter's weather is exceptional. We have had a week of frost and even a little snow in the middle of the month but now (25<sup>th</sup> January) it's back to moist air and a noon temperature of 14C with the wind rising from the south west.

At Brandon Marsh, the HQ of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, the U3A Natural History Group had their first meeting of 2016. We visited a number of bird hides and one member had a good view of a Bittern as it flew out of one patch of reeds into another. The growing size of the reed beds at Brandon give the bird a chance to breed. Perhaps the booming sound of the Bittern will once more be heard in the county. The male makes the loud mating call which it is estimated can be heard at a distance of 2Kms. A spokesperson for the RSPB said "We've probably got more Bitterns than we have had for the last 200 years". They are exceptionally well camouflaged and tend to stand erect and very still in their habitat. Prized as a medieval banquet dish, bit by bit, hunting and the loss of wetland caused the bird to become extinct in the UK in 1886. Now, thanks to a breeding programme and more wetland, this distinctive golden coloured heron-like bird is making a comeback.

Talking of water, there was plenty to navigate when the Wednesday walkers set off from Kenilworth on 6<sup>th</sup> January. We met in Glasshouse Lane where the old road to Ashow was cut when the by-pass was constructed. Now, it is a pleasant footpath crossing the main road on a narrow bridge and entering the miniature gorge that is Rocky Lane. Ashow has a mix of architecture with a timber-framed terrace and Austrian style Victorian cottages described in the Shell Guide to Warwickshire. The church with its tower sits at the end of a narrow road. There are box pews and a blocked Norman doorway on the north side. A footpath leads to a bridge over the Avon which was running full when we crossed. Meadows followed with just one area of ploughed ground before Bericote Lane. Doing a recce in November I had found some respectable mushrooms. Later we crossed the Avon again at Blackdown Mill before wending up through woods near Chesford Grange Hotel. Some of us took in a circuit of Thicket Wood before getting to the transport. This lies just south of the by-pass and is a favourite with locals as the landowner allows open access. There are lots of rhododendrons and thorny thickets but

sizeable native beech and oak make exploration worthwhile. We had to negotiate a marshy area and cross a small stream. In summer that wouldn't be a problem but then the brambles would be rampant so it's swings and roundabouts.

This morning I found a green juicy caterpillar in Vicarage Lane - strange times. Snowdrops and Aconites are in their prime. The birds will be nesting soon if it continues in similar vein. I have been looking at various lichens on trees, rocks and buildings. Churchyards are a good place to view them. Lichens consist of a fungus growing in close association with an alga. This mutually advantageous arrangement is known as symbiosis. It is reckoned that there are some 1,400 species of lichen in the British Isles. They are extremely slow growing and are some of the longest living species on the planet. Country people have traditionally used lichens to dye wool. They are an important food source for reindeer and a marker of pollution. Put simply, more pollution equates to an absence of lichen.

I recently read a short article about earwigs. Unfortunately for them they have a rather bad press. Crawling into someone's ear is just possible I suppose but generally they shy away from humans and lurk in compost bins and under stones. They can fly but I've never seen one take off. Has any reader? Their wings are beautiful and elaborately folded under skin-like flaps. The name of their order Dermaptera, means 'skin-wing'. (Information gleaned from Bugs Britannica written by Peter Marren and published by Chatto and Windus).

February 'full dyke' is here but haven't we had enough rain for a while?



## General Section

### Harbury & District Poppy Collection 2015

All the money collected in Bascote, Chesterton, Depper's Bridge, Harbury and Ufton has now been forwarded to the Royal British Legion and the total for 2015 was £3,722.68. Each of the collectors who cover the various streets in the villages, as well as the local businesses, including all the pubs and shops receive an RBL card, which shows their individual total, as well as our district total above. Harbury Primary school also contributes significantly to the total, as do the Fosse Garage and the Harbury Fields caravan park. It was noticeable this year that many collectors commented on the popularity of the metal poppy pins, which are less likely to be lost, as sometimes happened with the original paper poppies. It's always difficult to 'second guess' how many items of each type to order (coloured wrist bands - popular at the school and the dated metal pins particularly), but next year there will be an increased number of both of these items ordered, so that householders/shoppers etc have a better choice. Whilst the paper poppies have usually been offered for any valued contribution, it is suggested by RBL that the

dated metal pins and wrist bands seek a donation of £2.00. It's therefore always heart-warming when the money is counted and 'bagged' ready for the bank in Southam to find that residents in our area are extremely generous with many £5, £10 and even £20 notes tumbling out of the boxes when they are opened. Many thanks to Roanne who committed herself to creating all the accounts and to all the many collectors (50 in total) who helped with making the collection possible. It's not easy to wander around the streets, sometimes in the dark, and ask people for their support, so each and everyone's efforts were much appreciated. Thank you!

**Chris Finch**



### **John Ridgley Tree of Light**

Following the article in the December issue of the Harbury and Ladbroke News, it is regretted that no suitable alternative tree was located for the Tree of Light over the festive season.

We are grateful to have received £55 in donations to Wagstaffe's Educational Charity taking the total raised to £1,889 all of which will be used to benefit children and young people in Harbury. The entries in the Book of Remembrance have been updated and you may wish to read these in the Library.

Thank you to Paul and Mary Muggleston and Linda Ridgley for acting as collecting points over the past six years.

**Harbury Charities**

### **Long Standing Magazine Distributor Retires**

At the January meeting of the Harbury & Ladbroke News committee, Gordon Robbins, Distribution Manager, drew attention to the achievement of Eunice McCracken, who has been a faithful distributor since the first edition was delivered. Since the first copy was produced in 1974, this represents 41 years of regular walks around her 'patch' on a monthly basis, keeping her neighbours in touch with the latest village news.

Eunice who is pictured on her birthday last summer; came to the village in 1962 with husband Brian and she was contacted by Michael Barnes and Peter Phillips (who older residents may remember?) and asked if she could help deliver the magazine in the Constance Drive area. Little did she think that she would still be carrying out their original request all these years later until 2015. As Gordon explained, the passage of time has now made Eunice realise that it is probably time to hand on her 'pile' of



magazines for someone else to continue her round and she has already recruited a replacement - much to Gordon's relief!

On arrival in the village with daughters, Anne (3 years 6 months) and Debbie (18 months), Eunice and Brian established a circle of friends, as many people do when they first move into Harbury, with neighbours and then with parents of their daughters' friends attending the village schools. Anne attended the Wagstaffe School (behind the Church), whilst Debbie was schooled in the Wight School (now the Library) before they both moved on to the new Harbury Primary school. Both daughters now live abroad - Anne in France and Debbie in Australia, so Eunice has had the opportunity of spending several months at a time visiting her extended family outside the UK and enjoying the company of her 5 grand-children and now 3 great grand-children.

Although Eunice has decided that it's time to relinquish her responsibility for the delivery of the magazine, she is still incredibly active in village life. She is a regular attendee at the Tom Hauley coffee morning each Saturday and she is one of the Knitwits and a committee member for Harbury Friends. She still plays table tennis in the Village Hall and used to play tennis at the Blue Circle court at Bishop's Itchington, as her father encouraged her to be part of the team for the Cement Works. Again, those residents with long memories will recall the excellent facilities (apart from the tennis court), which included a cricket pitch, cricket pavilion and a bowling green, which have all now disappeared from view in the name of progress and will one day, in the not too distant future, probably be covered with housing to respond to the demand for the massive number of new dwellings needed to house people in our area.

Eunice is still enjoying ballroom dancing, which she used to attend regularly with Brian at the Majestic School of Dancing in Leamington, as she now goes regularly to the Grange Hall in Southam to keep herself 'in the swing'. She enjoys gardening and mowing the lawn and is an expert needlewoman and tailoress and only recently modified a wedding dress for a local girl. How many people can still manage to thread a needle, as time moves on, never mind face the daunting task of re-shaping acres of material for a wedding gown? Eunice is quite remarkable for her continual commitment to her quality of life, which many a younger person might wish to emulate! She is recognised as a godmother to the church and is always on hand to assist with christenings in All Saints' Church, so that she still makes contact with many of the younger members of the community, as well as keeping in touch with friends she has known for many years.

The H&L News committee expressed its extreme gratitude to her for all her efforts over four decades and it's unlikely that anyone else will be able to match her superlative contribution!

**Chris Finch**

## Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to everyone who supported us last Friday at the Southam 2000 Rotary Burns Night. We organised the raffle and raised £350 which is an excellent amount.

We have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February and we are holding another Ladies Lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Dr Gill White is coming to talk to us about "Robert Dudley, Queen Elizabeth and the Kenilworth Entertainment of 1575." More details nearer the time.

**Elaine Bruce**



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

One of the first tasks of the new Harbury Library Steering Committee was to arrange for the removal of the two conifers at the front of the building. This was necessary because of the damage being caused by the roots but I know many people were sad to see them go. However lots of people have commented at what a pleasure it is to be able to see the Victorian building properly and light now floods into the Library from the front window. The Committee are now working with the PCC to landscape the entrance. This will take some time but eventually should enhance both the building and the High Street. Repair work to the access ramp revealed that the steps were rotten and these will be replaced in the near future. The leaking kitchen roof has been repaired after a period when the cafe volunteers were dodging buckets!

It is always a pleasure to go into the Library and see how much goes on thanks to Library manager Rich Fowler and his team of volunteers. Several visits have been made by other communities anxious to save their library. Biblio's, under the leadership of Jill Credland continues to flourish and has been pleased to welcome several new volunteers.

Libraries are precious and in my view it is a national disgrace that they are being closed in large numbers. Our library has been saved because a large number of people have given up some of their free time and worked hard to make it a success. I hope lots of you will come along to the AGM which is on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Library.

**Sharon Hancock (Chairman)**

## Tunes and Tales - WANTED

Harbury Village Library is looking for someone to run a Tunes and Tales session in the Library on Wednesday mornings during term time from 10.00 to 10.30am.

## Biblio's Café

Well, it looks as though the winter has come at last.

Many people have been coming to Biblio's Café, to enjoy a warming cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate – together with a delicious toasted teacake, piece of cake or a biscuit. You might like to know that we also provide takeaway drinks. Why not pop in with friends, or on your own. We are sure that there will be someone that you know in the café, or come and make some new friends. We welcome visitors to the café on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.15am and 12 noon and on Saturday between 10.00am and 12 noon.

If you want to meet new people and/or develop a new skills, or need some volunteering experience why not volunteer in the café? There is no upper age limit, but you must be at least 15 years of age. Pop into the cafe during opening hours and speak to one of the volunteers, or ring or email Jill Baker on 01926 612483, email [jillbaker2015@outlook.com](mailto:jillbaker2015@outlook.com) to discuss opportunities.

**Jill Baker**

## Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Award Group



***We advise against taking rucksacks this large on our expeditions!***

Our three award sub-groups are all planning their practice and qualifying expeditions at the moment. Just as importantly, our young people are getting involved in voluntary work, new skills and physical activities which means that they are helping others, challenging themselves and getting fitter. Since we reformed, HDoE has helped local young people to obtain 80 Bronze, 54 Silver and 17 Gold awards.

Current Year 9s wanting to start Bronze D of E in September 2016 please contact us through our website: [www.harburydofe.co.uk](http://www.harburydofe.co.uk) or me directly on [nicktawney@greenscheme.co.uk](mailto:nicktawney@greenscheme.co.uk)

If you are not already doing the award with us and want to see if there is space in the Silver or Gold groups for 2016-17, contact us via the website above. Decisions are made about all the groups when we have a complete picture of who is interested in September. You can also find out about the award on [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

**Nick Tawney [01926 614062] Bronze 2016-17**  
**Kathy Sampson [01926 612116] Silver 2016-17**  
**Caroline Hill [01926 613780] Gold 2016-17**

## Bumps and Bundles



What a busy few months - December saw our ever popular Christmas party which went well with Father Christmas popping by, lots of food and fun. Last month we celebrated our five year anniversary at Bumps, we had a fabulous cake baked for us and pictures to look back on, hopefully we can have a summer celebration with the original children and



parents to the current people all playing together. Bumps is still going very well; we have around 15 babies with parents and grandparents coming weekly. We are open every week throughout the year on a Tuesday morning from 10:30am until 12.00 in the Tom Hauley room behind the church - come along.

**Kelly Jones**



### Harbury Energy Initiative

#### In the spotlight

I hope that you like what HEI is doing. A lot of other people seem to. In the last week I have had a request from the low carbon charity 10:10 to do a mini-film about e-Wheels, a request from Carplus, the umbrella organisation for car clubs and car share schemes, to provide pictures of our car club and e-Wheels in action, an invitation to attend and provide advice on setting up a rural car club at a conference in Milton Keynes and a request from our sponsor, Heart of England Community Fund to supply a story with pictures about e-Wheels. In this month's Energy Now, the trade magazine for the renewable energy sector, we get a full page on our car club and e-Wheels.

And we only did it all for fun. Actually that's not true; we did it because we felt we could make a difference. We will, of course, respond to all those requests. This kind of attention so soon after we launched our car club and e-Wheels is

unexpected but it shows Harbury is leading the way again locally in positive action. It is not an exaggeration to say that with some of our activity we are truly pioneering.

### **Shining a light on the cars**

We just might need your help - especially if you are a car club member. We are required, as part of our grant funding, to carry out an evaluation of the club since its launch in May last year. This is to be carried out by Greenwatt Technology, a 'green' consultancy with expertise in electric car clubs.

The first step is to work out the essentials of a survey questionnaire with the help of invited members. Although we are inviting specific members to this meeting at 7.30pm on **16<sup>th</sup> February** in the library, we would be very happy to welcome others who want to help us. Just let me know if you wish to come. The survey will go out to all our car club members and the final result of the evaluation will be presented at an open meeting in the spring.

### **Lighting up time**

Meanwhile... there is still stuff to do. We are continuing to work on an LED lighting scheme for the school in association with Community Energy Warwickshire. At the moment we are still working on the cost and how much saving it will provide in order to ensure that a community share offer is viable. Progress is bound to be fairly slow. We have also been working with the Village Hall on their plans for energy saving and that includes LED lighting. Once again it all depends on finding the funds but the Village Hall's fundraising record under Philip Meyer's guidance is pretty good.

### **Picking up the torch from Paris**

Just after the copy deadline for the magazine three HEI members will be going to Coventry to find out how the historic international agreement in Paris on climate change mitigation translates into action locally in Coventry and Warwickshire. It fascinates me to see how many nations and regions regard themselves as 'leading' on this agenda. Who is following whom, I wonder? It seems that Coventry is leading too (and Harbury). We will find out how and let you know what this means within Warwickshire. What is certain is that the low carbon and renewables sectors are very big business now, generating some £122 billion within the UK economy. Don't come to HEI for a loan, however; no billions here.

**Bob Sherman - 612277**  
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**www.harburyenergy.co.uk**



### **Harbury Heritage Room**

There will be a special Open Afternoon on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 2-4pm. All welcome. The Heritage Room contains hundreds of local photos and documents relating to buildings, people and events.

You are free to browse. As usual there will be photos which need identifying – you might be on them!

It is also open as usual on Tuesday evening 1<sup>st</sup> March from 6.30-8.30pm.

We have a jigsaw puzzle for loan, with a hire fee of just £5. It is a map of Harbury in Victorian times. It was bought to entertain the children at the school at wet playtimes, but is far too difficult! Do you fancy a challenge? Email [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk). Free delivery!

**Nigel Chapman**

## **Community Links Transport Scheme**

The following article has been re-printed in the Harbury & Ladbroke News to remind villagers about the provision of the community transport designed to assist those who have no transport of their own and possibly need to use the disabled access on the community bus, which allows someone with limited mobility to use the SDC facility.

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

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

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

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

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

**Chris Finch**

## Southam Heritage Collection



Southam Heritage Collection has opened its latest exhibition “*Keep the Home Fires Burning*” in Vivian House (corner of Park Lane) on Market Hill, Southam.

Using the existing very old kitchen range in a basement room, we have set up an Edwardian sitting room with displays and stories about several Southam families during WW1. We are open until the end of April on Tuesday mornings and on Saturday mornings 10am – 12 noon and welcome all visitors, including children, to come and have a look. We are also happy to have groups up to 12, of any age, by arrangement, but bearing in mind access is by stairs. Entry is free, but donations are always welcome, especially if we open at a specific time for visitors. Please phone Linda Doyle on 01926 814214 for more information or email us on [Southamheritage@hotmail.com](mailto:Southamheritage@hotmail.com)

Opening in Southam at the beginning of June, there will be an exhibition about the history of the cement industry in Southam and the surrounding villages.

We have collected a variety of information and artefacts about the local works and quarries, and CEMEX who own the site at Long Itchington, have generously agreed to assist and sponsor us.

We already have an oral history recording from an ex-member of staff at the Long Itchington factory and have invited others to contribute, but would like more contributions from the local area, including Harbury. If you remember any anecdotes about the quarries, factories or related subjects such as the transport, buildings, geology, railways, canals or especially the workers’ lives

and would be happy to share your memories, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please phone Helen Morris on 01327 879884 or drop into the basement rooms of Vivian House on a Tuesday or a Saturday morning.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*Keith and Sue Dormer would like to thank everybody who attended the wedding of their daughter Caroline to her new husband Duncan on Saturday 16th January.*

*We are especially grateful to all our dear friends at All Saints' Harbury, for their kind and loving help in making this a very special occasion for everyone there.*



*Here is a photo of the newlyweds taken during their 'first dance'.*

### **Keith & Sue Dormer**



**Dear Editors****Frances Road Xmas Lights**

*We would like to say a big Thank you to everyone who was kind enough to donate to the Guide Dogs.*

*We were delighted to be able to hand over £118 towards the fantastic work they do.*

*Thank you again.*

**The Lines family****Dear Editors**

*We thank everyone who joined us at the coffee morning on 12<sup>th</sup> December for Multiple Sclerosis. The sale of cakes, bring and buy and also the wonderful raffle were well supported along with generous donations. We sent a cheque for £366 to the MS Society.*

*Thank you once again.*

**Doreen B and Shirley C****Regular Diary Dates**

**ART CLASSES:** The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Monday 1.00-3.00pm, Tuesday 10.00am-12.00 noon & 1.00-3.00pm & Wednesday 10.00am– 12 noon (614251)

**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)

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**BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538)  
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**BUMPS & BUNDLES:** Tom Hauley Room, Tuesdays, 10.30am – 12 noon (611914)

**CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES:** Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (07875 715876)

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**CONNECTIONS CAFE:** (For those with dementia & their carers), Harbury Library, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 2.00pm

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**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)

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

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498 (evenings).

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**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; (613757)

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

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**WEDNESDAY WALKERS:** Village Hall, Wednesday 9.40am (614188)

**YOGA:** Tom Hauley Room, Tuesday 1.30 - 3.00pm and 6.00 – 7.30pm, Dianne Surgey (817904)

**YOUTH GROUP-ICON @ All Saints':** Tom Hauley Room, Sundays 7.00 – 8.30pm (612377)



## All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
	10.30am	"Little Saints' Service" followed by <i>food &amp; refreshments in the Tom Hauley Room</i>
	6.00pm	Evening Worship - a different style of service each month
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion followed by coffee

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Saturday Night is  
time to double up  
for the same price.

30 Wines all  
available by  
the glass

	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	Peroni Beer	A bottle of wine	Half Pound Burger	Time for Fizz	Gin Heaven.
	Battered Fish &	for the price of	with pulled pork	Prosecco just	Doubles for Singles
	Triple Cooked Chips	two large	and chips	£2.75 a glass or	all night from 5pm
	£5.00 6-9pm.	glasses	£5.00	£13.95 a bottle	onwards



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# LOVE TO DANCE?

## CLASSES TO SUIT EVERYONE!

Professional purpose built dance studios in Southam



LoveBallet is a leading Dance School in Warwickshire, established in 2007 we are dedicated to every pupil - for those wishing to dance for fun or to train for a career in dance. You will be taught by ex-pro dancers who are fully qualified and experienced teachers.

### Monday

**Baby Ballet (18mths+)**  
9.30am - 10.15am  
**LoveBallet Harmonies (all ages)**  
5.15pm - 6.15pm  
**LoveDance (14yrs+)**  
7.00pm - 8.30pm  
**Adult Tap (Beg)**  
7.30pm - 8.30pm  
**Pointe Work Class**  
8.30pm - 9.15pm

**FREE TRIAL  
FOR  
ALL CLASSES**

(ex Mini Movers & Zumba)

### Tuesday

**Prima Ballerinas (3-4yrs)**  
4.00pm - 4.30pm  
**Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)**  
4.30pm - 5.15pm  
**Grade 1 Tap (10-11yrs)**  
4.30pm - 5.15pm  
**Pre-Primary Ballet (6-8yrs)**  
5.15pm - 6.00pm  
**Grade 2 Tap (12-13yrs)**  
5.15pm - 6.00pm  
**Grade 3 Tap (13 yrs+)**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
**Grade 4 Tap (14 yrs+)**  
6.45pm - 7.30pm  
**Grade 5 Ballet (15 yrs+)**  
6.45pm - 8.00pm  
**Adult Tap (Inter)**  
7.30pm - 8.30pm  
**Inter Foundation Ballet**  
8.00pm - 9.15pm  
**Zumba**  
8.30pm - 9.15pm

### Wednesday

**Mini Movers (0-5yrs)**  
9.30am - 10.30am  
**Ballroom & Latin (all ages)**  
5.00pm - 5.45pm  
**Grade 2 Modern (12yrs+)**  
5.45pm - 6.30pm  
**Grade 4 Ballet (15yrs+)**  
6.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Grade 3 Modern (13yrs+)**  
7.30pm - 8.15pm  
**Adult Ballet (no exp req)**  
8.15pm - 9.15pm

### Thursday

**Zumba (Over 50s)**  
10.00am - 11.00am  
**Adult Ballet (Over 50s)**  
11.00am - 12.00pm  
**Funky Dance (3-6yrs)**  
4.00pm - 4.30pm  
**Gymnastics (all ages)**  
4.30pm - 5.00pm  
**Acting & Performance (all)**  
4.45pm - 5.45pm  
**Grade 1 Ballet (10-11yrs)**  
5.00pm - 5.45pm  
**Commercial Street (9yrs+)**  
5.00pm - 5.45pm  
**Funky / Modern (7-10yrs)**  
5.45pm - 6.30pm  
**Boys Street Dance**  
5.45pm - 6.30pm  
**Grade 2 Ballet (11-13yrs)**  
6.30pm - 7.15pm  
**Grade 1 Modern (10-12yrs)**  
7.15pm - 8.00pm  
**Grade 3 Ballet (14yrs+)**  
8.00pm - 8.45pm

### Friday

**Mini Movers (0-5yrs)**  
10.00am - 11.00am  
**Little Tappers (3-5yrs)**  
4.00pm - 4.30pm  
**Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)**  
4.30pm - 5.15pm  
**Primary Tap (8-10yrs)**  
5.15pm - 6.00pm



**100%  
EXAMINATION  
PASS RATE**

Thousands of Entries

### Saturday

**Musical Theatre (4-8yrs)**  
9.00am - 10.30am  
**Rhythmic Gymnastics**  
9.00am - 9.45am  
**Baby Ballet (18mths+)**  
10.30am - 11.15am  
**Musical Theatre (8yrs+)**  
11.15am - 12.45pm

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