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## Editorial



After clocking up half a century between them in pivotal roles with the Harbury & Ladbroke News, John and Gill Holden are standing down from **some** of their responsibilities.

John has been an editor from July 1990 until last month. He became Chairman in February 1995 and is continuing in this role for the foreseeable future. Gill joined the committee in December 1991, and became the magazine's Secretary in

June 1993. She then also took on the role of Advertising Manager in the year 2000. She has now passed the advertising on to Sue Dronfield but is continuing as Secretary and Articles Co-ordinator.

The editors, on behalf of all the magazine's readers, wish to thank them both for their hard work and commitment for so many years.

The EU Referendum is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you are struggling to make up your mind you can come and hear both viewpoints at separate talks in Harbury Village Library – see details on page 39.

We were sad to learn of the recent death of Viv Aggett. Viv was very involved with Harbury Church and in the village during the 1970/80s. She served as Churchwarden at All Saints' before becoming one of the first women to be ordained in the country - a truly remarkable person. Also, Pat Mettrick whose funeral was on 26<sup>th</sup> May, she had lived in the village for many years. She was involved in a lot of village activities including Butterflies, Harbury Friends, the Horticultural Society and the W.I. She regularly attended the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room and also supported Biblio's in the community library.

We send our condolences to their families and also to the family of Mollie Bartlett.

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# Harbury Diary

## JUNE

- Sat 4 Coffee morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Twinning Association
- Sun 5 **TRINITY II**  
 Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
 Little Saints' Pet Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast  
 Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm  
 Zumba in Village Hall, 9am  
 Flying Scotsman passing through Harbury – see article page 46  
 Wheelbarrow Race, starts 1pm from Shakespeare Inn
- Mon 6 Upholstery Class in Village Hall. 9.15am  
 Philip Bushill-Matthews – the EU Vote, 7.30pm, in Harbury Village Library  
 Carnival Week Games – Aunt Sally at The Crown
- Tues 7 Pilates in Village Hall, 9.30am  
 Junior Theatre in Village Hall, 6.30pm  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Harbury Heritage Room Open, 6.30 – 8.30pm, at the School  
 Carnival Week Games – Horseshoes at The Gamecock
- Weds 8 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Draycote from Thurlaston, 3½m with wild flower meadow  
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Inspire Dance in Village Hall 4.00pm  
 Arabella Arkwright – the EU Vote, 7.30pm Harbury Village Library  
 Carnival Week Games – Skittles at The Old New Inn
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 9.45 am, followed by coffee  
 Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room –  
 A Working Warwickshire Wood – Frances Freeman  
 Carnival Week Games – Quiz at the Village Club
- Fri 10 Dandy Development, Farley Room, Village Hall, 9.15am
- Sat 11 Tennis Club "Great British Tennis Weekend" – 10.00am–12 noon at the Tennis Courts  
 Coffee morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Ladbroke Church  
 Harbury Carnival, floats assemble 12 noon in Sutcliffe Drive  
 procession moves off at 1.00pm  
 Concert to celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday, 6pm in Church
- Sun 12 **TRINITY III**  
 Zumba in Village Hall, 9am  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

- Sun 12 Messy Church, 3.00-5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 13 Upholstery Class in Village Hall, 9.15am
- Tues 14 Pilates in Village Hall 9.30am  
Junior Theatre in Village Hall, 6.30pm  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Harbury Senior Citizens Summer Outing to Cambridge,  
coach leaves 8.30am from Village Hall  
Wednesday Walk, 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Combrook to  
Butlers Marston, 4½m - hilly  
Inspire Dance in Village Hall 4pm  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Library
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion, 9.45 am followed by coffee
- Fri 17 Dandy Development, Farley Room, Village Hall, 9.15am  
BBQ Style Supper, 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 18 Coffee morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of  
The Village Show  
Start of Warwickshire Open Studios – see article  
Junior Football Presentation Evening in Village Hall from 5.00pm
- Sun 19 TRINITY IV**  
Zumba in Village Hall, 9.00am  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
PTA Treasure Hunt
- Mon 20 Upholstery Class in Village Hall 9.15am  
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- Tues 21 Pilates in Village Hall, 9.30am  
Junior Theatre in Village Hall, 6.30pm  
Tennis Club Strawberry Tournament, 6.30pm  
Holy Communion, 7.30 pm  
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Weds 22 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Idlicote to  
Honnington, hilly 4½m  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance in Village Hall, 4.00pm  
Meet Your Local Author series, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Library -  
authors Ellie Darkins and Janice Preston
- Thurs 23 EU Referendum Election in Village Hall, 7.00am-10.00pm  
Holy Communion, 9.45 am, followed by coffee  
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5.30PM
- Fri 24 Dandy Development, Farley Room, Village Hall 9.15am  
South Warwickshire Amateur Community Theatre (ACT) festival,  
7.30pm, Village Hall

- Sat 25 Coffee morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Southam Baking Group  
South Warwickshire Amateur Community Theatre (ACT) Festival, 4.30pm & 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 26 TRINITY V**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba in Village Hall 9am
- Mon 27 Upholstery Class in Village Hall, 9.15am
- Tues 28 Pilates in Village Hall, 9.30am  
Junior Theatre in Village Hall, 6.30pm  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 29 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Farnborough to Mollington, 5 miles. Hilly with stiles  
Wellies for Helis, 2.30 - 4.30pm, in the Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance in Village Hall, 4.00pm
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- JULY**
- Sat 2 Coffee morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Bumps & Bundles  
Harbury School PTA Summer Family Fun Day, 3.00 – 6.00pm, Harbury School  
Revd Nikki Moon's Ordination Service in Coventry Cathedral
- Sun 3 TRINITY VI (St. Thomas)**  
Eucharist Service, 9.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
June	Wed	Fri	
	8	10	Grey Bin
	15	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	22	24	Grey Bin
	29		Green & Blue Lid Bins
July		1	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	6	8	Grey Bin
	13	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins



All Saints  
HARBURY

## From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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### Wildlife Churchyard

As once again the churchyard grass is growing, I wanted to say something, as I did last year, about the policy we have at Harbury to encourage wild life.

Many churchyards have escaped the widespread changes in our countryside and they are therefore of great value and should be cherished. Many of the plants that flourish here are becoming rare in the countryside. For insects, birds and mammals this space becomes a haven. A number of churches across the country have been doing similar things to this. St Gregory's at Offchurch is one such churchyard nearby, which is worth visiting to see what they have achieved.

The Church Council wants parts of our churchyard to continue to be managed in a way that benefits our local wildlife. You will find areas left unmown until the natural plants that grow there have seeded, providing food and shelter for the insects that depend on them. The mowing has been developed to maximise the variety and quantity of wild flowers. Limited areas are mown short on a regular basis to ensure the grounds look tidy and cared for. The largest area is also mown frequently but the grass is left longer, this encourages low growing flowers particularly in spring. About a quarter of the area – the 'Meadow' on the right side of church - is not mown at all until the second half of July, when the vetch has half seeded. When cut the grass is then raked off into piles, which form important food and sheltering places for many creatures.

If you are interested and would like to know more, then do talk to Charles Catt, Bob Sherman or Phillip Keeping who will be happy to discuss all of this with you.

God bless.

### From the Registers

#### *Funeral*

26<sup>th</sup> May Pat Mettrick (aged 81 years)

#### *Baptism*

24<sup>th</sup> April Isabella Rose Austin

6<sup>th</sup> May Millie Jessica Heigl

22<sup>nd</sup> May Maeve Evelyn Sweeney



## From the Churchwardens

Liz & John

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, we both attended the Archdeacon's Visitation at St James' Church, Styvechale where we were "admitted into office" as churchwardens for All Saints Harbury for the coming year. With so much planned the year ahead is likely to be busy (what's new in the life of a churchwarden!) but before this, we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Elaine for the time and commitment she has given over the past two years as churchwarden. Elaine has always been willing to take on new responsibilities in an effort to support Reverend Craig, Curate Nikki and the church and all that entails and she has always done this with a smile. Thank you Elaine.

Elaine is not going far and now moves into a new role as our communication officer ([communication@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:communication@allsaintsharbury.org)) and will be looking to ensure everyone, both within church and the village, is better informed about life in and around our wonderful church. Elaine will be looking to use social media to do this as well as the traditional tried and trusted means, so if you would like to find out more about your church, please do sign up to our twitter and/or Facebook links, join the church electoral roll, visit our website or just pop into church at anytime and pick up a pew sheet which lists all of our up and coming services and events.

The calendar for the coming month is already looking busy as we prepare for the Carnival and, with some intensive pre-season training, we are expecting great things of our team in the Carnival games. We will also have a stall on the field, and keep a special look out for Reverend Craig!

The weekend of the Carnival is of course, also the weekend we celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and that evening (6pm) the church hosts "Music for a Royal Birthday" being led by the Warwickshire singers. Tickets cost £5 but for more information please contact Andrew or Jenny Patrick (614359).

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June we invite well mannered pets to All Saints for a special service. This is always a lovely service as the church opens its doors to our beloved furry, feathered and scaly friends (goldfish have attended in the past). The refreshments afterwards are always interesting when chickens, hamsters, cats and dogs enjoy each other's company!?

Messy church is proving to be a great success now that this is in the monthly calendar of events and on the 12<sup>th</sup> June we will be looking at Kings, Queens and birthdays.

Our all ages family service (Saints Alive) happens on the third Sunday of each month and this month it is on the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Behind the scenes, a tireless group of unsung volunteers help keep our church safe and beautiful for everyone to enjoy. Our small band of gardeners have sharpened shears, serviced the mower and are being kept busy as everything – flowers and weeds alike – start to shoot up. Our church yard is the home to all sorts of wonderful wild life and flowers and on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, Charles Catt and John Hancock gave an informed guided tour entitled the Living Graveyard around the church grounds and Chris Sherman provided some added “hedghog” interest. Hopefully this will be the first of many.

Our small fabric team, under the guidance of Nic Lee (fabric@allsaintsharbury.org), is kept busy not only with the routine maintenance work in church, but also by having to have one eye on the future. In the last month we have had visits from Claire Strachan, the Church Buildings Development Officer for the Coventry Diocese and from our architect, Graeme Beamish.

Claire is helping us with our discussions around “future proofing” the church whilst Graeme was undertaking what is known as a Church Quinquennial Inspection. This inspection requires the architect to look at the church from top to bottom and provide a detailed report to us which identifies what work needs to be done immediately, within the next 18 months and within the next five years.

As always, please feel free to contact Liz (612421) or John (614206) (churchwardens@allsaintsharbury.org) if you have any questions, comments or require any information about your church.

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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At a well attended meeting last month, Chris reported on a members' evening she had been to which featured a well-presented update on the parenting project. There was an appeal for knitted prayer shawls for the hospice; as Barbara's Knitwits regularly make these she would welcome offers of unwanted wool. We were asked to tell Anne Moore of any significant birthdays, wedding anniversaries or anniversaries of joining M.U. so these can be included in Link Up.

We welcomed two new members, Kath Abbott and Joy Lewis and hope they will enjoy being part of our branch.

Our speaker, Jeff Litterick, is a volunteer for Water Aid, having seen its results whilst working in the industry. His facts and figures were very sobering: 650m people worldwide live without safe water and 2.3bn without a toilet. The health implications of this are obvious, but emphasised that women are usually the ones who carry the burden; literally, as typically they walk the distance from here to Leamington to collect water which may not be clean,

and carry on their heads 20kg – the average budget airline luggage allowance! The damage to their skeletal and reproductive health is dire. In places where Water Aid has freed them from this labour, the impact on their communities is dramatic. They have time to use for health and education projects as well as improving their family income; in turn this gives them status and enables them to make wise decisions for the communal good. A very worthwhile result indeed.

Since then, nine members have attended a deanery social evening and beetle drive, made welcome by Whitnash branch, and the June meeting has learned about the work of Street Pastors.

Next month will be our visit to St Mary's Church in Leamington to which all our members are invited.

## **An invitation to experience a Taste of Silence**

An opportunity to explore different ways to quieten and unwind. **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016**, 1pm to 5pm at the Tom Hauley Room and All Saints' church.

During this event there will be opportunities to explore the following:

*Simple meditation*

*Labyrinth walk*

*Churchyard walk*

*Art and Crafts for relaxation and more.*

Please feel free to bring a book, knitting, etc. You might also like to bring a blanket and cushion to aid your comfort.

The afternoon will start at 1pm, when the silence will begin and will finish with refreshments being served at 4:30pm. All are welcome to enjoy the silence for all or part of the afternoon.

For more details please contact Rev'd Nikki, e-mail: [nikki@outlook.com](mailto:nikki@outlook.com)

Joan Smith - Tel: 613680.

**Nikki Moon**

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# Ladbroke News & Diary

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## JUNE

- Sat 4 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 5 Trinity 2**  
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Mon 6 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 8 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning in aid of Ladbroke Church, 10.00 - 11.30am,  
Tom Hauley Room, Harbury
- Sun 12 Trinity 3**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 15 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 18 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 19 Trinity 4**  
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Mon 20 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close  
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- Wed 22 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 23 EU referendum voting, Village Hall, 7.00am–10.00pm  
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5.30PM
- Sat 25 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 26 Trinity 5**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 29 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

## JULY

- Sat 2 Rev Nikki's ordination, 5.00pm, Coventry Cathedral  
Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 3 Trinity 6**  
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments  
Joint service at Harbury, 6.00pm, followed by bring and share  
supper
- Mon 4 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Tues 5 Photography Club BBQ, 7.30pm
- Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 8 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 8.00pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

One of the advantages of being a village church is that we are an integral part both of the visual landscape and the local community and it is a special joy to host the weddings of people who grew up Ladbroke, so Alice and Tom thank you for letting us be part of your wedding day on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Our bell ringers were in fine fettle that afternoon and didn't seem to want to stop even after the guests had left for the reception. Perhaps it was part of their training for the Quarter Peal they plan to ring for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations during the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Our Homegroup continues to meet every fortnight but has changed to a Monday evening. Our topic this term matches the sermon from one of the previous two Sundays. If you want to hear our Sunday sermons they are available (or at least the Harbury version is) as podcasts on [www.allsaintsharbury.org](http://www.allsaintsharbury.org)

Rev Nikki who has been with us almost a year now will be ordained as a priest at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The service is at 5pm and a coach from Harbury has been organised, please check with Gill Guilford on 614206 to see if there are spaces still available. On the following evening, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6pm, Nikki will preside over her first communion at a joint service with Harbury church which will be followed by a bring and share supper in the Tom Hauley Room, all welcome.

On the fund raising front, the regular Tom Hauley Room coffee morning on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June will be in aid of our *All Saints for all generations* campaign, so do come and join us that morning, have a cuppa, chance your luck in the raffle and browse the stalls selling cakes, cards, second hand books, bric-a-brac etc.

Some other things to look forward to are:

- an Auction of Promises; the date still to be confirmed but do start thinking now about what you could offer or persuade others to give.
- Heritage Open Days at Church on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September, this year our main exhibition will be about Ladbroke school, if you have any memories and memorabilia please contact me or Linda Doyle.
- a Supper and Race Night organised jointly between our church and Ladbroke Matters, this will be held in Harbury Village Hall so that even more people can join in the fun.

## From the registers

### *Marriage*

21<sup>st</sup> May

Alice Liverton and Tom Detre

### *Burial*

19<sup>th</sup> May

Margaret Bartlett (Mollie) aged 94

## Flower Rota

5<sup>th</sup> June

Betty Winkfield

12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June

Margie Bosworth

26<sup>th</sup> June & 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Jean Clews



	<b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b>	<b>Carol Lane</b>
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There was no external speaker at our May meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> as the main purpose was to discuss this year's proposed resolutions.

Following discussion of each item in turn, the meeting voted against the proposal that supermarkets should sign voluntary agreements against food waste on the basis that this seems to be already receiving a high priority.

The meeting voted by a majority to recommend the resolution that facilities are provided for carers of people with Alzheimer's to stay with loved ones who are admitted to hospital for acute conditions.

The votes of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI will be taken by our representative to the Annual meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June in Brighton this year.

In the business meeting Dianne gave information about many forthcoming events including:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm Group meeting in Long Itchington. Tickets £3.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June Singing for Fun at Federation House.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June Free basic bike maintenance workshop from Halfords.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July Four mile walk from Sunnyside Farm, Stockton to mark American Independence Day.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August Denman College. Literary Lunch with Julia Summers (Jambusters - Homefires) £50.

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Visit to Hardwick Hall. £30. NT members £15.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September Essence of India. Lunch, henna painting, Indian 'spice' tour, Rowington.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 'Help! I've got a new ipad', Federation House (am or pm)

Hanging B'rasket Competition. Plant up an old bra and send a photo by 31<sup>st</sup> August to Sutton Seeds. (Some of us will get more plants in than others!)

Jenny Barrett was complimented on the attractive planted bowls outside the Village Hall.

Sue Lord explained that the Leprosy Mission is collecting stamps which should be saved with paper round them. Please contact Sue for more details.

The meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June - God's Wonderful World by Richard and Pauline Higginbottom - will have happened before the June edition is circulated. The July meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> and Clive Redford will be talking about past and present lives on the Grand Union Canal. Visitors are always welcome.



## 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.

### Here are some dates of future events for your diary:

- Our next film and supper night is scheduled for **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** and we'll let you know as soon as we can what the film will be. Our last two showings have been sell-outs so do book early!
- A further film and supper night is scheduled for **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.
- We have a quiz night planned for **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**.
- Our Village Christmas Party is planned for **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.



On **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** one of our very popular Race Nights will be held in Harbury Village Hall - jointly in aid of Ladbroke Matters and All Saints' Ladbroke Church building repair fund.



Our first Live and Local event was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May when we welcomed a trio of musicians called Mumbo Jumbo (plus their sound engineer). Fifty people came along to hear the band perform a selection of mainly self-penned numbers of varying tempos and genres. They proved to be professional and competent, and with an element of fun too. Probably the highlights were when the band performed Chuck Berry's 'Promised Land' using the Village Hall piano during the interval; and the massed kazoo playing from the audience to a couple of tunes. The kazoos being supplied free of charge by the band.

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



***Mumbo Jumbo - live and local!***

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**

### **Draw for April 2016**

£50	John Liverton	£50	Geoff Lane
£25	Christine Baker	£25	Pam Collins
£25	Sheena Healey	£10	Simon and Jackie West
£10	Graham and Pauline Long	£10	Graham Lewis
£10	Roger Plaskett	£10	Sophie Kendall

**Margaret Bosworth**



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## Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr



***Morris Musicians by Jackie West***

It is time once again to prepare our exhibition material so we all brought along a variety selection of photographs taken over the past year and laid them out on tables for selection. Each photographer will have one or two images in the exhibition and the selection is made in our usual democratic way by voting. You see here two of the pictures that narrowly missed being selected and there are

more on the club notice board in Ladbroke Village Hall. You will have to wait to see the exhibition photographs although we have not yet decided when the exhibition will be held; watch this space!

We are still collecting photos that portray everyday life, work and environment in the area so that people can look back in future decades and marvel at our quaint ways in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. When we looked at old photographs in an earlier session we were struck by the changes that have occurred in technology, clothing, occupations and so on, and we may include some of those old images beside our new ones so that future viewers can see the progression of change.



***Sri Lanka Monkey by Mike Todman***

We are looking forward to welcoming another professional photographer, Peter Alvey, to talk to us on 7<sup>th</sup> June. On 12<sup>th</sup> June Graham Gee has arranged an outing to photograph open gardens in Dorsington. Then our 5<sup>th</sup> July meeting will be our annual barbecue with a competition on the theme of household objects seen from unusual angles. Visitors and guests are always welcome to our meetings. For more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



*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*

**April 2016**

## **Planning**

The Parish Council did not object to an application to convert the Old New Inn into two dwellings, but noted that the application was identical to a previous one, except an additional house and five cottages had now been removed. To guard against the site being overdeveloped in stages, Councillors felt that a masterplan for the whole plot should be demanded. They stressed that despite the applicant's assertion that the pub building had no merit, it had been identified as a landmark building in the Conservation Area.

The Council made no representation on plans for extensions at Sharmer House, Fosse Way, Fairview House, 26 Vicarage Lane or on the drawing back of the front wall at Manor Stables. Tree felling at Manor Stables and The Bungalow, Chapel Street also elicited no representation. SDC had given permission for the tree-felling at Temple Cottage and for a live-work unit at 37 Deppers Bridge.

Dallas Burston wants to put 700 houses and a 100 bed hotel on the Stoneythorpe Estate but our Parish Council did not believe SDC would give permission for such an isolated settlement. The discussion on plans for 2000 houses at Lighthorne Heath/Gaydon was somewhat technical and mainly about the Traffic Assessment and its impact on Harbury; as no-one believed that the highways improvements around Junction 12 would be a panacea for our traffic problems.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Summers was pleased with SDC's response to the draft. Some amendments would be necessary, then our NDP has to go to the Planning Inspectorate for scrutiny. If it passes that hurdle, then the public have their say at a referendum which requires a good turn out and a 50+% public approval.

## **Bus Route Consultation**

Councillor Gibb was pleased to have got a response of about 300. Results were 273 against the changes, 46 for, 8 spoiled and 12 came from outsiders. Residents wanted the parking rules (especially double yellow lines) enforced to stop people parking illegally or dangerously close to road junctions. SDC would be asked to send parking wardens more frequently and not just on Sundays!

## **Trees**

Arborist Colin Sheasby reported there was no need for work on the Cemetery beech tree. It would be considered again in his next five year survey (due shortly). Pictures were handed round showing the damage done to the cypressus tree by the allotments. Someone, who did not have the necessary skills, had sawn through many of the branches on the allotments side and abandoned the attempt when the biggest branch split bringing down a cascade of branches. The tree was left in a very dangerous state which required immediate emergency work costing the Council £300 for which they had not budgeted.

## **Burial Grounds**

Councillor Summers reported access to the Grounds for the removal of soil was being finalised. She would talk to the relatives about graves that might be affected by the works. Work on the boundary fence was to be deferred for the moment. Councillor Thornley praised the efforts of the Burial Grounds volunteers. Councillor Summers said County Councillor Bob Stevens and the Co-op had given grants to put stones round graves to hold slate mulch and plant bulbs.

## **Playing Fields**

The Council bid to Awards for All for a £720 grant to install a climbing wall had been rejected, but they would look for other sources of funding. They discussed the walking route and benches and agreed to authorise Michael Mann to undertake the work. The Chairman agreed to talk with the Junior Football Club over permanent junior goals.

## **World War One Commemoration Project**

Councillor Gibb reported the Commemoration Project Group had reviewed the research on 28 of the 33 soldiers named on the Village War Memorial and were sure of the homes of 20 of these. The trail plaques would be ordered for these men. Owners of the houses on the trail would be asked to consider "receiving" plaques but in some cases planning consent might be necessary. He hoped that, as the trail was developed, more information about the homes of the men would emerge and more plaques could be installed.

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May with the next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Parish Council Notices**

### **Bus Route Consultation**

Thank you to the more than 300 people who sent us their comments. It was a fantastic response. The majority of people felt that there should be no change to the route and we have communicated that to Stagecoach. Rural bus routes

such as ours are at risk of closure if they are unprofitable so it is important that people continue to use it.

Many people complained about the poor parking in the centre of the village, with double yellow lines frequently ignored, and junctions and driveways blocked while people visit the shops. We have asked SDC to send enforcement officers to the village more frequently so that vehicles parked illegally are ticketed. Please use the car park behind the library if there are no spaces on the street.

### **Hedges & Trees**

Villagers are kindly reminded to trim garden hedges and bushes to keep footpaths in the village clear for pedestrians. Your help with this is much appreciated.

## **Public Notice**

Leonard James Davis, died 1996  
and  
Ruby Magwen Davis, died 1997

We would like to contact the family of Mr and Mrs Davis who are buried in Harbury Cemetery and formerly lived at 7 Mackley Way. If you have any information which could help us, please contact the parish council office on 01926 614646.



### **Councillor's Corner**

**Bob Stevens**

### **County Councillor Bob Stevens' report to Harbury's Annual Parish Meeting**

*Below is an edited transcript of Councillor Stevens' report*

This last year has, for me, been both eventful and illuminating. Eventful as the new shape of local government is beginning to be clarified, and illuminating as I have been privileged to have been chairman of the County Council. This means that as well as looking after the interests of the Feldon residents and Harbury in particular, I have been Civic Head of Warwickshire County Council representing the County on many civic and ceremonial occasions.

This time last year when I spoke to you I was cabinet member for Health, Children's services and HS2. The integration of the NHS and the County Council's Social Services were at the top of my agenda. I was working with

the police to establish a combined office to deal with children and adult safeguarding known as a MASH, which has now opened. I am also in favour of providing more health centres and am still opposing the HS2 railway and in particular, the effect on this village, especially during construction. NHS England are coming round to the realisation that all this development needs more health facilities and a new surgery at Bishops Itchington is becoming a real possibility although no date has been planned. HS2 is regrettably becoming more of a reality as the bill has passed through the House of Commons and is in the committee stage of the House of Lords. The act is expected to be signed by the end of this year or early next year.

However the face of local government is changing, as the Government embarks on its programme of devolution of power from the centre. Unfortunately, like all politicians they don't actually want to lose control, so they are clinging onto the financial controls. They are giving local government more responsibility but less money. Local Council income comes from three sources; government grants, Council tax and charges for Council services. Government grant is being reduced year on year, Council Tax increases, quite correctly, are frozen at 2% and we are reluctant to increase charges, except the 2% exceptionally allocated for adult care. The Government is phasing out their grant and by 2020 local government will be relying on business rates to replace this income. However, the Government has stipulated controls on business rates and at present is also promising businesses their rates will be reduced.

The thrust behind the success of devolution is to get more involvement by local residents, that is, more volunteers to run their communities. Libraries, as you are aware, have already gone that way and thanks to your enthusiasm, developer contributions and other fund raising activities, yours has been a success. Failing schools are to become academies reducing Local Authority education staff but placing more responsibility on volunteer governors. On the subject of schools, although primary provision is predicted to be satisfactory, secondary provision is over capacity as once again admissions to Southam are likely to exceed their PAN of 270. Here in Harbury your primary school continues to be a good or better school although the Diocese is exploring the development of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) for its VA and VC schools.

A possible merger of the blue light services particularly police and fire services, is under consideration. A new fire station is also under consideration for Southam. The merger of health and social services is also under trial in Greater Manchester together with the introduction of combined authorities and another layer of bureaucracy led by a politically elected Mayor. I am an advocate of unitary local authorities but advise caution over jumping into bed with a West Midlands Combined Authority, which in our case would be dominated by Birmingham and the Metropolitan boroughs. They have no understanding of rural/village affairs, indeed they don't even respect the role of parish councils. Harbury would gain nothing.

The role of a political leader at the County Council is seen as purely Civic and non-political although, in line with the Lord Lieutenant (the Monarch's representative) and the High Sherriff (the head of the judiciary). As such I have carried out a variety of duties which vary from welcoming Royalty when they officially visit Warwickshire to officiating at Citizenship ceremonies when British Citizenship is legally conferred on those who meet the required criteria.

I also attended VE and VJ ceremonies across the county meeting many veterans of both those campaigns. Particularly moving was meeting some of the veterans of Japanese prison camps aged 95 to 105. I have attended many Civic Church services across the County supporting the local mayors and council chairs; I held my own service here in Harbury where nearly 200 people from across Warwickshire joined. More recently I have attended the Shakespeare celebrations at Stratford and was privileged to meet the Prince of Wales. This week I met the Duke of Kent at Barford where he visited the village shop run by the community and opened new play and sports facilities for which the village had raised some £600,000.

I have enjoyed this past year and have tried to resolve the problems you have faced in the village. In particular the enthusiasm of all your volunteer groups which was well demonstrated the other week at the opening of the Village Hall extension. I am also aware of the increasing number of houses that are being allowed and their effect on the village infrastructure. This additional construction work traffic will be exacerbated as HS2 begins construction possibly as early as next year. Junction 12 is expected to be complete in June when we can judge how effective it will be! And there was the trauma of the landslip which you took in your stride.

I finish my year as Chairman next month and return to a normal Council role. I always enjoy attending your Parish Council meetings and congratulate Tim and your Parish Councillors on the way they have represented the village during another successful year. I will continue to support you. You are well served and long may it continue.



Another month has raced by.

Must first mention that Pat Mettrick, a member, passed away recently. She was such a delightful person with genuine concern for people. We attended her funeral and a band of members worked very hard to provide refreshments requested by Neville.

We will miss her very much.

It was the Resolutions Meeting and Peggie Middleton conducted the for-and-against discussion between Julia Fowler and Pam Parton with comments from members. We thank them and it certainly was difficult.

Julia very much enjoyed the Annual Federation Meeting in March as our delegate, and speaking to members from other W.I.s.

The Chairman thanked everybody for the generous donations to the appeal for The Homeless Project.

The speakers were:

Martin Jelley, Warwickshire Police Chief Constable who drew comparison between the police and the W.I.

Heather Jacks spoke about the revival of interest in crafts at the moment.

Dido Miles, of the TV show "Doctors" painted a hilarious picture of the programme being made.

Steve Brookes, the garden chap, galloped through lots of strange tips and his book on the same subject was, of course, for sale.

Seven members went on the group outing to Leominster and Hampton Court Castle organised by group organiser, Sue Gill. They thoroughly enjoyed the day, riding in a new coach/bus, sightseeing, superb weather and a lovely meal to boot.

Next meeting at the Tom Hauley Room – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 7.45pm, speaker: Frances Freeman, "A Working Warwickshire Wood".



## Harbury Theatre Group

Andrew Lawrence

On 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May we presented "Bags of Laughter", a series of short sketches written by several different authors to audiences sitting around tables in cabaret style. Joy Russell opened the show with a musical welcome to our "Cabaret" and closed it with "All that jazz" from Chicago. Between Joy's two songs we delivered 17 short comedy sketches and a wonderful rendition by Jo Banbury of "The Ballad of Freda and Barry" as a tribute to the late Victoria Wood. Most of the sketches were performed on the stage but five of them were delivered from a small podium in the middle of the hall.



***Back stage heroes***

This format seemed to go down well with the audience and it was particularly suited to a running gag involving the offer “Would you like it in a bag, sir?” for some rather unlikely purchases.

We'll be reprising some of the sketches on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June when we are hosts for the South Warwickshire Amateur Community Theatre (ACT) festival in the Village Hall. Our performance will be on the Friday evening from



### **Comedy Artistes**

7.30pm followed by Caramba Theatre group from Stratford. On the Saturday afternoon from 4.30pm there will be performances by the Grange players from Southam and by Shipston players and on the Saturday evening from 7.30pm it will be the turn of Lighthorne and Cubbington theatre groups. Tickets will be available on the door for each performance at £4 or you can buy a pass for all six performances for £7.

On 11<sup>th</sup> June we'll enter a float in the Carnival procession with a “Midsummer Night's Dream” theme in honour of Shakespeare's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our junior section will be performing at the Carnival.



## **Folk Club**

**Deborah Ellis**

**May 2016**

For the 378<sup>th</sup> Harbury Folk Club the theme was “Colours”. I do like to pick a theme where I can join in fancy dress wise and this was one of them. In fact I wore a very colourful top and scarf with my jeans and a crazy waistcoat. The final result looked like I had got dressed in the dark. And not for the first time either!

Des opened the first half with ‘Captain Ward and the Rainbow’ and ‘Bring out the Banners’ followed by Maureen and Janny, and their splendid close harmonies, with ‘Two Brothers’ and ‘Gown of Green’. Ray and Anne played one of my favourites, ‘Black Velvet Band’ and ‘I Still Miss Someone’. Rik sang ‘Flash Company’ and ‘Why?’ which was all about questions from a six year old and very funny too. Then we had a new double act come to entertain us at Harbury in the shape of Mary and her Grandfather Lou on guitar and

harmonica. I love the way that folk music can be performed by all ages. Mary has got bags of personality and can deliver her songs with aplomb too. Plus, she played the penny whistle! It is at times like this when I wish my Grandparents were still alive. I could show my Grandfather that I can play his banjo and I could join in and sing songs whilst my Nana played her piano. Mary and Lou sang 'Green Grows the Laurel' and 'Red Haired Mary'. The Harvesters closed the first half with 'Red Rocking Chair' and 'The Stranger'.

**The colours mentioned were: Gold/Blue/Grey/Green/Black/Red/Brown/Violet.**

The second half was started by the Choir and they sang 'An 'Obby Oss Song' and the 'Queen of Sun'. John Zetterstrom sang 'Things Are What They Are' and 'Pixelated Roads Down Cornwall Way'. He did this whilst wearing a beautiful rainbow coloured guitar strap. Rumble-O sang about 'Reynard the Fox' and 'Hal-an-Tow', the song from which they got their name. Maggie sang 'The Silver Dagger' and 'The Rout of the Blues' and was followed by, our Martin with 'Starless Moonless Night' which was about six black paintings and modern art installations, and 'Those Who Like Their Wine'. Morris Oxford closed the second half with 'John Peel' and 'Just as the Tide was a Flowin'.

**The colours in this half were: Blue/Green/Silver/Black/Red/White/Rose/Brown.**

With a good strong audience remaining for the third half Debs began with 'Scarlett Ribbons' and 'Cleopatra' who sat on a barge of burnished GOLD. Pete Mason sang about 'Willie McBride' and 'Will Tims' with Peter McDonald singing 'Laundro – Loverette'. Robin sang about 'Singing the Blues' and 'That Old Brown Dog' with Martin on the kazoo. Our third Pete of the night was Pete Bones with Liz who sang about 'Trees They Grow High' and the 'Green Grow the Rushes Oh'. Our last act of the evening was Dave Fry who finished the colourful evening with 'Hello Central Give Me Dr Jazz' and 'Blue Cockade'.

**The colours covered in this half were: Scarlett/Gold/Red/Green/Brown/Yellow/Black/Blue/White/Silver/Orange.**

The raffle raised £76 for Greenpeace and here is a link for more information: <http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/>

And next month's theme is '*Songs for the Summertime*' and it is being hosted by Steve and Maureen Darby at Harbury Village Club.





## Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

### Super Sunday Safari

On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May the sun shone and thirty plus members of the Association enjoyed an excellent safari lunch. Starting at Eastbury House, where we all met for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres, we moved off in groups of 6 to 8 to members' homes for the main course, afterwards reforming into different groups and moving on to other members' homes for the cheese course. Finally we all met together for desserts and coffee. A big thank you to all those who opened up their homes and catered so brilliantly, not forgetting the organisers who arranged everything with their usual efficiency.

Plans are well advanced for our bi-annual trip to Samoisi-sur-Seine at the end of June when we will be re-united with the many friends that we have made through twinning. An entertaining and fun filled week-end has been programmed by the twinner in France which we will report in the following edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.



### Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June we're taking part in the "Great British Tennis Weekend" (GBTW). Come along between 10.00am and 12.00 noon to see our facilities and try some of the activities we have, Family Time or just playing socially. No racket is no excuse - we have spares you can borrow! But, if all that sounds too energetic for a Saturday morning come and join us for a coffee and watch others run around! Club members and Head Coach Lianne Candappa will be there to welcome you and a membership offer will be available on the day. Visit the GBTW website [clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays) for more information and to register. If you can't make the morning session come and see us at our Carnival stall in the afternoon.

On 14<sup>th</sup> May Harbury's Junior Duo, Rhys Bennett and Jamie Smith played their first competitive match in the South Warwickshire Junior Doubles League, a new venture for



the Club, against an experienced Warwick University pair. Jamie's mum Janice reports that Rhys and Jamie battled hard with most games going to 30 or deuce but they eventually lost 1-6, 0-6 but still enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to their next match on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

In the Banbury Summer League, Division 4, Harbury's campaign started with a home match against Tysoe "B" in what turned out to be a very close match. Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Katy Wiltshire, Geoff Prince, Josh Marshall and Colin Mercer took on the visitors. Harbury's men were too strong for Tysoe, winning all three men's doubles comfortably, but four of the other six rubbers went to the final game with a 6-5 score line including a couple of tie-breaks. Unfortunately, Tysoe got the upper hand in all of them and went home with a 6-3 win. The second match was a trip to Tysoe to play their "A" team with Caroline Morland, Jen Allen, Karin and David Bristow, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer representing Harbury. Once again this was a very close match, with five of the nine rubbers going to the wire with 6-5 score lines. Harbury fared better this time winning 3, but once again Tysoe had the edge and secured a 6-3 win.

In the new weekend format, Debs Brookes, Katy and Olly Wiltshire and Joe Robson faced a strong Warwick Tennis Club team. Debs and Katy halved the Ladies doubles while Olly and Joe were just edged out in the men's which put Warwick in the driving seat going into the mixed doubles. Debs and Olly had a great win against Warwick's first pair, clinching it with a tie-break win in the second set. Katy and Joe put up a great fight in the second mixed doubles but Warwick eventually won both sets to wrap up a 5-3 win.



## Harbury Toddler Group

**Lynne Barton**

Toddler Group continues to grow and thrive, thank you to all those mums, dads and grandparents who support us on an ongoing basis it is wonderful to watch the children develop and mature, gaining confidence with each weekly session.

Many many thanks to Lucy and her staff team at Banana Moon who not only supported us with the trays for 'messy play' but also supplied the spaghetti and foam.



So who would have thought coloured spaghetti could have been so much fun - a happy, happy session. Thank you to Aimee for cooking, oiling and colouring the spaghetti, We had a lovely time.



And I kid you not; Kelly and Rosie's chickens tucked into the spaghetti after we had finished playing so everyone's a winner. Clearing up was such fun LOL!!!!



Karen Argent a Senior Lecturer at Newman College visited us with her programme '**Wild Things and Gold Rings**' she is now a founding Director of The Letterpress Project, based in Malvern which celebrates the absolute pleasure of books and everything associated with

them. She bought Eddie Teddie to see us and the children sat enthralled by stories new and old. There is never a week goes by without our story corner.

Reg, our regular volunteer, took his homework very seriously when he was tasked with reading **Farmer Duck**. He diligently familiarised himself with the script during the week so he could show the children the pictures whilst he read the text at an angle and the children loved the story. Thank you Reg, you are appreciated!

We try to foster a love of the pictures and written word and know that it will be a good basis for later learning.

We also contributed to Warwickshire County Council's **Smart Start Programme** by offering our views on early years' services. Smart Start is a three-year programme, run by Warwickshire County Council and other organisations which has looked at how families of children aged 0-5 years are currently supported and how everyone can work together to ensure all children in Warwickshire get the best start in life.

We look forward to seeing the report of their findings which will be distributed at a Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> June – watch this space or get in touch if you would like to go.

Entrust Care Partnership, a not for profit organisation of which I am the founding Director, is responsible for running the Toddler Group. We offer a range of services to support disabled children and their families. We continue

to collect good quality children's clothes and toys to help us raise funds, so please remember us when you are having a 'sort out'. If you fancy becoming our own Mary Portas and volunteering to help us achieve our retail ambitions please, please call.

Lynne, Selina and Reg look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five, come on round - the kettle's on - and don't forget if you want to be the one to put it on please call.

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 [lynebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynebarton@btinternet.com)



There is now a heart defibrillator fitted to the outside wall of Banana Moon (in a yellow box). This is for the use of the community in the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest.

Here is a little bit more information about it.

### **Why have a defibrillator?**

When a sudden cardiac arrest happens, the quicker the medical intervention, the better the outcome. Brain death starts after three minutes. Essentially the chance of survival decreases by 23% per minute. Research suggests that someone suffering a cardiac arrest needs treatment within 4-5 minutes. Being in the rural setting that we are, it is very unlikely that a medical team would be here within this time.

### **What is a defibrillator?**

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the heart rhythm and determines whether a shock is needed. It can deliver an electrical current through the chest which aims to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm allowing it to pump again.

### **Who can use them?**

Everyone! No medical training is needed. The AED is kept in a secure box and on ringing 999, the emergency services will provide the caller with the code to open the box. The defibrillator then uses an electronic voice to talk the user through the necessary steps. It is not possible to administer a shock if it isn't needed so a user is not in danger of causing more harm, they are just being given the necessary equipment to potentially save a life.





The weather was still rather variable at the beginning of the month, but the children managed to spend lots of time outside, and even had to wear sun hats for protection on several days.



**Summer Outing:** Sadly, the sun failed to shine on the day of the summer outing to the Butterfly Farm in Stratford, but this did not prevent everyone from having a wonderful time. We saw all sorts of caterpillars, butterflies and moths as well as all the other insects and mini-beasts that were on show. The children were particularly thrilled when butterflies chose to land on them and most of them were happy to take part in the handling session, where they were able to hold millipedes, spiders and all sorts of other creepy crawlies.



Once back in the Pre-School classroom, the visit inspired some lovely butterfly and insect paintings, with great descriptions to go with them.



**Music and movement:** While thinking of the life cycle of a butterfly, the children listened to musical instruments to give them clues as to what to become: egg, caterpillar, cocoon, butterfly.

**Mini-Beasts:** Using playdough, the children made some great mini-beasts of their own, with lots of extra eyes, legs and antennae.

**ICT:** The listening centre came into good use as the children played sound lotto, carefully placing a coloured counter on the picture card when they heard the right sound.



**Healthy Eating:** To demonstrate their healthy eating habits, the children chopped and prepared a variety of exotic fruits to make a delicious fruit salad for everyone to enjoy at snack time.

**Maths:** We looked at symmetry, using mirrors to examine reflections and painting pictures and then folding the paper to see the pattern reproduced on both sides. Maths was also brought into the water play, using number nets, where the children chose a number and then had to find the same number of items in the water.

The children also enjoyed searching for mini beasts in the garden areas (any found were carefully replaced) and creating observational pictures of what they had found.

We are now building up to the Carnival, with great excitement about costumes – watch this space!



*If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org)*

	<h2>Harbury School PTA</h2>	<p><b>PTA Committee</b></p>
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As we move into the final few weeks of this school year, plans are well underway for the Harbury School PTA summer events:

The Father's Day Gift Shop opens its doors on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June for Harbury School children to buy their own gifts for their Dads/Grandads/Uncles during the school day. Please ensure all money and orders are in school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June, the Family Treasure Hunt will be taking place around the village, followed by food and drinks at The Gamecock. All families in the

village and surrounds are very welcome to take part in the treasure hunt and/or come along afterwards. Please see further details on the notice boards and on our Facebook page. A huge THANK YOU to The Gamecock for their support of this event.

The Summer Family Fun Day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, between 3-6pm will include lots of fun activities for children, as well as food, drinks and entertainment for adults. We are delighted that many of our local businesses are supporting this event and we do hope to see you there!

### Diary Dates

Father's Day Treasure Hunt      Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 4-5pm and afterwards at  
The Gamecock

Summer Family Fun Day      Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3-6pm

Victorian Street Fayre      Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

More details on all the events are published on our public access Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/HarburySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/HarburySchoolPTA)

Don't forget, if you haven't done so already, please do sign up to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/harburyschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/harburyschool) and please keep donating those unwanted textile items to our clothing bin in the school car park.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## Village Hall Update

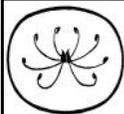
**Chris Finch**

At the most recent meeting, the management committee returned to more mundane matters than has been the case for many months, as the big 'push' to get the hall extension completed, followed by the celebration event were 'behind us'. The discussion returned to the latest financial statement; an agreement about the proposed re-surfacing of the hall floor in August and the CAMRA event in September when the local organisation would be retrospectively celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> year of its use of the Village Hall in promoting real ale. CAMRA should have celebrated the quarter century of bringing knowledgeable beer drinkers to the village last year, but had to postpone the event, as they were uncertain how the building work might affect their ability to deal effectively with a significant number of visitors from throughout the local region.

The only other matters which exercised the group was how to change the format for celebrating the New Year and an agreement that a bed of roses and bedding plants would be created in front of the brick wall of the extended area. There is also an on-going proposal, supported by Harbury Parish Council, to replace the existing electronically operated screen used for the

Rural Cinema. The present screen, which is not considered wide enough for a clear projection from the rear of the hall, will be offered to other local organisations for whom it would be adequate over a shorter distance.

The new stage in Harbury will be used to showcase performances by six local theatres in an event organised in connection with the South Warwickshire Amateur Community Theatre Festival on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June. Posters will be displayed around the village about the various plays, which will involve our own Theatre Group in a One Act play as part of *Caught in the Act 2016*.



## Horticultural Society

**Judy Morrall**

Helen Picton from Old Court Nurseries near Malvern gave us a super talk for our last meeting of the season in May. Helen started by showing us some wonderful photos of asters in all shapes and colours and advised that they have been around since 1720 and brought back by one of the Tredescants from America. Both father and son were avid plant hunters and collectors of art, porcelain and much more, and were responsible for the setting up of the Ashmoleum Museum in Oxford.

Helen's grandfather, Percy Picton, was much influenced by G. William Robinson and his collection of alpiners and asters. Percy was the son of the gamekeeper to Sir Thomas Ballard and then went on in 1934 to become head gardener at Hagley Hall in Herefordshire which sadly no longer exists. He also had an interest in hepaticas (which feature for the first time this year in the marquee at Chelsea Flower Show) and grew these.

The Nurseries at Old Court were started in 1947. Ernest Ballard became a manager and it turned out that he had a flair for the business. By the 1970's Helen's father joined the business and was responsible for developing more cultivars of asters, some wonderful colours and double ones. The nursery also expanded to grow alpiners and tree peonies and other species of autumn flowering plants. The late, great Percy Thrower was an aster enthusiast. However by the 1960s asters fell out of fashion. Helen's parents were married in the 1970s and bought more land, developed the nurseries, made a rock garden and established large herbaceous borders. Thankfully by the 1990s there was a resurgence of interest in asters and Andrew Lawson, a well known garden photographer, came and made a programme for television featuring the nurseries.

Then Helen came along and she too developed a passion for asters and the nurseries were again transformed. Polytunnels were taken down and more beds were built to display the growing collection of asters and alpiners. The paths meander through some lovely trees and now there is colour in the gardens throughout the year. To celebrate her parents' 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary a silver garden was created and lots of cymbidiums and yellow calceolarias were added to the existing slipper orchids.

Helen made a trip to Patagonia and valiantly climbed an extinct volcano where her now husband proposed to her en route. She came back full of ideas for planting combinations. We saw photos of Helen's wedding, and her husband now works at the nurseries where experiments in new borders are ongoing. A new alpine garden is being developed too. So it all bodes well for the future of these wonderful nurseries. We were shown some really spectacular photos of asters and other plants throughout her talk but much too many for me to mention. We all wished Helen and her new husband much success.

No more talks until October but there are our two trips to look forward to. I will write next month about our trip to Hanbury Hall and Gardens, then on to Spetchley Park and Gardens which is on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Still spaces available if you are interested, cost of £25, leave Village Hall at 9.30am. Also spaces still for the second trip on 7<sup>th</sup> July all day to Sherborne Castle and gardens, cost just £26.50, leave Village Hall at 8.30am. Please phone me if you would like to join us.

There are lots of surrounding towns and villages having Open Gardens in June and here are a few suggestions for a lovely afternoon out with a cream tea! Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> there will be seven gardens open in Hunningham, from 2.00 to 5.00pm and the cost is £5. Also on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dorsington, CV37 8AR, has nine gardens open from 1.00 to 5.00pm and cost is £5.

Then on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Kenilworth has seven gardens open, for which you can park in Abbey Fields from 1.00 to 5.00pm and the cost is £5. On the same day, Warmington has eight gardens open from 2.00 to 5.30pm and cost is £5. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Lighthorne has seven gardens open from 2.00 to 5.30pm and the cost here is £6. Finally on both Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Ilmington has ten gardens open from 2.00 to 6.00pm and the cost is £6.

All these gardens are open under the NGS scheme and all will be serving teas. Last year the NGS raised more than £2.6 million so as well as having a great afternoon out you will be supporting a very worthwhile charity. You also get ideas for your own gardens and very often plants are available to buy at very reasonable prices. I do hope that you are able to visit at least one of the gardens listed.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our talks for 2015/16 and I look forward to seeing you on the day trips. Enjoy our wonderful countryside with its ever changing colours and flora and fauna. I say this every year but I cannot remember such a Spring for all the blossom and leaf colours; I do think this Spring has topped them all!





## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

The weather has been crazy over the last few weeks and has made gardening very difficult. We record our rainfall and so far this year (I'm writing this on 10<sup>th</sup> May) we have had just over eight inches. Last year it was the end of July before we'd had the same amount. Consequently the garden was waterlogged and weeding and planting were out of the question. I've since managed to do some weeding but I think the weeds are growing faster than I can remove them. The temperatures have fluctuated wildly and there were several frosts. These were followed by some sunny days which meant that the range of temperature in my polytunnel in a 24 hour period was from just above freezing up to 30 degrees centigrade. The poor plants have to adjust to this. Luckily the frosts didn't do any damage.

Reminders of jobs for June.....

- Time to plant out tender bedding plants and put up hanging baskets.
- House plants can be stood outside but not in full sun.
- Containers need plenty of water, sometimes rainfall is not enough.
- Cut back spring flowering rock plants such as aubretia.
- Primroses can be divided up and spread around the garden.
- Plant out brassicas, tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, leeks and sweetcorn.

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## Nature Notes

John Hancock

David Eaves asked me to show him the exact site in the Leam Valley Nature Reserve where the Snake's Head Fritillary (as described in last month's Harbury and Ladbroke news) could be found. Time was of the essence as its flowering period was really over. We went on a very wet morning (10<sup>th</sup> May) and searched the area where I had seen the flower a few years ago. Its leaves can easily be mistaken for certain species of grass so a flower was essential. We found one but it was a very bedraggled specimen and its petals fell off as we touched it. I'm sorry David that there was no photograph – you'll have to go back next year. Walking on to the Jack Watkins Hide, we did find an Orange Tip butterfly egg on its larval food plant, Cuckoo Flower or Lady's Smock. Then, as if on cue, we heard the Cuckoo calling loud and clear on the opposite bank of the river.

On 9<sup>th</sup> May, the U3A Natural History Group visited Upton Warren, a Worcestershire Wildlife Trust reserve north east of Droitwich. Here there are several lakes some of which are saline as a result of land subsidence secondary to salt mining. We sat in some of the numerous bird hides and were richly rewarded by seeing many species of duck and wader, including several Avocets. These distinctive black and white birds with a long, needle-sharp, upturned bill are the emblem of the RSPB and more usually seen at the coast. They were pushed close to extinction in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by a combination of marshland drainage, shooting and egg gathering for the table. It was largely due to flooding of sections of the East Anglian coastline and six years of World War II, when nests were not disturbed, which turned its fortunes. Upton Warren is Worcestershire's premier bird-watching reserve and attracts birds throughout the year. (Map reference OS sheet 150 SO 936677. Postcode B61 7ET). It's got a very good café at the sailing club car park.

I paid a call on Martin and Karen Ellis recently to take a look at their resident barn owls. The female was sitting on her eggs and could be viewed thanks to a web cam. Martin said that last year four chicks had hatched. One was considerably smaller than the others. At first its siblings kept it warm and some food went its way. Eventually however the bird died. This year there are five eggs.

Sharon and I have just returned from visiting friends in Co. Galway. They made us exceedingly welcome in their Swedish timber frame house close to the sea on an arm of Galway Bay. We also stayed at their holiday cottage clinging to the steep side of Tully Mountain in Connemara. This is granite country with an acid loving flora of heathers, cotton grass, gorse and dwarf willow. Numerous lakes dot the landscape.

A few days later we visited the Burren in Co Clare where the limestone pavement comes down to the sea on the south side of Galway Bay. Karst is the word used to define this limestone terrain as it was first described in relation to an area of similar topography in Slovenia. It is a botanical paradise. Some 23 species of orchid have been found flowering in the Burren including such rarities as the Dense-Flowered Orchid (*Neotinea intacta*) which is restricted in the British Isles to the counties of Clare, Galway and Mayo in the west of Ireland. We saw a carpet of Early Purple Orchids together with Green-Veined Orchids. Other flowers seen in numbers were the stunningly beautiful, brilliant blue Spring Gentian which is restricted to this area and Upper Teesdale, Co Durham. Mountain Avens (*Dryas octopetala*), a rarity in Britain, was common place. Fairy Foxglove (*Erinus alpinus*) was seen and photographed growing on the castellated walls surrounding a 'holy' well. This is not a foxglove as we know it but a tufted alpine introduced from the mountains of south west Europe and now naturalised.

Before writing this article I did a quick whizz round our local nature reserves. They did not disappoint me with a great display of Green-Veined orchids and Yellow Rattle at Draycote Meadow. I hope the temperature climbs a little and you all enjoy a summer of natural wonders.



## General Section

### Carnival Games and Wheelbarrow Race

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

#### Get your Barrows in good shape!

You can take part on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, scheduled to start at The Shakespeare this year. You will need to complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms will be available in May from the pubs and Mike McBride on 612421. (Volunteers are also needed to help marshal the race – please get in touch with Mike.)

And **Pub Games Week** follows:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Aunt Sally – The Crown

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Horseshoes – The Gamecock

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Skittles – The Old New Inn

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Quiz – The Village Club

Teams of 4 for each event, with a maximum of 12 altogether across the week (entry £1 per person). For a simple explanation, or to enter, contact Mike McBride!

The winners will be playing for the **Dan Killian Trophy** in fond memory of the person who started the Pub Games and gave so much to the Carnival and other community events.

**Peter Walshe**

On behalf of the Carnival Committee



### Harbury Carnival Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

(Parade Judging Starts 12.15pm from Sutcliffe Drive)

#### Support the Carnival and buy your raffle tickets

Please buy your raffle tickets from volunteers who will be knocking on doors - remember the proceeds go to local charities and organisations.

***The Parade: vehicles, floats and walking entries in position in Sutcliffe Drive by 12 noon and judging begins at 12.15.***

We look forward to seeing you with your local organisation, pub, street or friends and see what ideas you have come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession. Here is a reminder of the list of categories

for the Parade: (*NOTE: Parade leaves at 1pm*) Trade Float, Independent Float, Children's' Float, Decorated Bike/Pram/Car, Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead, Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons, Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons, Walking Tableau Family, Walking Tableau Adults, Walking Adult, Walking Child.

This is what is happening on the day:

- 12:00 Float vehicles must be in position
- 12:15 Judging of floats at Sutcliffe Drive
- 13:00 Carnival Procession Led by the Shirley Pipe Band
- 14:00 Fancy Dress Competition (Arena)
- 14.30 Theatre Children's Group (Arena)
- 14:45 Shirley Pipe Band (Arena)
- 15:00 Inspire Dance Company (Village Hall)
- 15.20 Young Theatre Group (Village Hall)
- 16:00 Dog Show (Arena)
- 16:30 Grand Carnival Draw & Lucky Programme Draw
- 17:00 Fete Closes

There will also be ice cream, hot dogs, an inflatable, roundabouts, and lots of fun for all at the many stalls with their games and wares.

There may just be time to book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 and, if you have any questions about the Carnival, please feel free to call John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.

Don't forget the **Games Week** and the **Wheelbarrow Race** which starts and ends at the Shakespeare, Mike McBride is your contact on 612421 (see separate articles).

Many thanks to our twenty three great SPONSORS: *Banana Moon Nursery, Brooks Chimney Sweep, Drop Dead Gorgeous Curtains, Goode Clean, Hallwood, Harbury Rambling Hounds, Harbury Pharmacy, Harbury Supermarket & Post Office, Kleinmann Properties, Miles of Tiles, Mugglestons Country Fayre, Napton Music Festival, OCD Outside Cleaning Direct, Roger Coy Partnership, Rollason Fencing, Rollasons Solicitors, Rollason Timber, Serenity, The Crown Inn, The Door Store, The Salon, TM & JM Grey Builders, Top to Toe Beauty.*

Dress up and cavort at the Carnival! See you there...

**Peter Walshe**  
on behalf of the Carnival Committee



## Road closures for Harbury Carnival

Road closures for the Carnival (at times between 12.30 and 2pm), Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Stratford District Council and the Police require us to have a rolling closure of certain roads to allow the Parade to go through the streets of Harbury. We anticipate this will only be for about 10 to 15 minutes as the Parade moves through the village as we will be managing a 'rolling' road closure.

**We need a few volunteers to help us divert any traffic - please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or John Broomfield on 614258.**

The roads affected are: Sutcliffe Drive, Farm Street, Park Lane, Bush Heath Lane, Manor Road, Chapel Street, High Street, Ivy Lane, Church Street, Church Terrace, Hall Lane, Crown Street, Dovehouse Lane, Frances Road, Vicarage Lane and South Parade.

Apologies for any inconvenience, but it is for a good cause.

**Peter Walshe**

**On behalf of the Carnival Committee**



## Zadok the Priest comes to Harbury, on 11<sup>th</sup> June

On the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June there will be celebrations up and down the country for Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Harbury intends to play its part with a concert in Church presented by the Warwickshire Singers:-

### Music for a Royal Birthday

All Saints' Church, Harbury, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 6:00pm. Tickets £5.

The concert will last about an hour. Everyone welcome. If you want more information, please contact Andrew Patrick ([andrewpharbury@gmail.com](mailto:andrewpharbury@gmail.com)).

**Andrew Patrick**

## Open the Book in Harbury School

Since early last year, around a dozen of us from All Saints Church have been, with the school's approval, taking part in morning assemblies under the Open the Book scheme. This is a nationwide scheme which aims to give primary school children the chance to hear the 'Big Story' of the Bible. We now go in once a fortnight.

Open the Book uses the wonderful Lion Storyteller Bible, packed with both familiar and less well-known stories. They are all engaging and well-written in a style designed to be read aloud. Our storytelling is interactive, also using mime, props and simple costumes to help bring the stories alive. Often there

are fantastic sound effects created by Mike Hare, who also accompanies the singing on his accordion.

Pupils help by taking part and we are impressed by how well they engage and portray the characters. They are invariably keen and seem to enjoy the whole thing. As for the team (most of us grannies and granddads) - we love it and greatly appreciate the chance to make fools of ourselves in such a positive way! Also it's lovely when around the village, to be greeted by a smiling child with the words 'You're from Open the Book aren't you?'

We are most indebted to the Head, Kate Guymer for her support and encouragement, to the helpfulness of the teachers and especially Kate Wilson the secretary.

**Lesley Jones (on behalf of the OTB team)**

## **Harbury Cemetery Update**

There has been some concern from residents about a misleading report in last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News.

The contractor removing 'spoil' from the edges of the cemetery will not commence work until the end of June/beginning of July when he believes weather and conditions will be right. A tractor and trailer will not drive through the hedge into the cemetery, as he is making plans to use small diggers and lay boards across eight graves to protect them and the surrounding area. Relatives of those graves are being informed – personally and by letter. Excess soil will be taken to a trailer positioned in the track next to the cemetery and then removed, although some of it will be used to level sunken areas.

This is all part of an on-going plan to improve the look of the cemetery and provide enough space for graves over the next 5-8 years. The Parish Council realises that this is a sensitive issue and will do everything possible to minimise disruption.

The Parish Council is considering erecting Ascot fencing. Not to replace the 35 metres of hedge to the left of the Cemetery gates, but to enable the hedge to be pulled back to the fence so that it straightens and does not fall forward into the footpath as it is beginning to do now.

Volunteers - the 'Friends of Harbury Cemetery' - work at the Cemetery on the first Thursday morning of each month. Yes, they are trying to remove ivy, weeds and brambles so that plants, bulbs and seeds donated by residents can be planted.

1000 native English bluebells will be planted in the Autumn, as well as more wild flower seeds. We welcome any help, so please come along and join us.

Slate (donated) and coloured stone (bought) has been put on some of the neglected graves and we hope eventually to clean some headstones so

they can be read. Unfortunately there are not enough funds to improve every grave that is 'in need' but we will do what we can.

There will be a one-off coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to raise funds for extra items and tree saplings (as guided by arborist Colin Sheasby). Contributions of cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac will be needed nearer the time.

**Councillor Pat Summers**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

Everyone who requested a seat for the trip to Cambridge will be going so please turn up at the Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The coaches will be leaving at 8.30am.

We do have a few spare seats available so if you fancy a day out in Cambridge at a cost of £10 please call me on 612421. First come, first served.

As you may know from previous editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we are running a chocolate tombola at the carnival. While we have received donations already, if you should have any unwanted chocolate that you don't want the temptation of eating, then we will be happy to help you by taking the temptation and using it in a good cause. Any donations can be left at **32 South Parade**.

We hope that those going to Cambridge enjoy the day.

**Mike McBride**

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



## **Harbury Village Library**

There's a lot going on at Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Cafe this month:

- Monday 6th June at 7.30 pm, Philip Bushill-Matthews will be presenting the case for remaining in the European Union. Philip is the former MEP for the West Midlands.
- Wednesday 8th June at 7.30 pm, Arabella Arkwright will be presenting the case for leaving the European Union. Arabella is Board Director of Vote Leave.
- On Saturday 11th June Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Cafe will be closed so that essential maintenance work can be carried out. However, we will have a stall at the Harbury Carnival.
- For the six weeks from 13th June there will be a special art exhibition at Harbury Village Library featuring local artists.

- Wednesday 15th June from 2.00 to 4.00pm, Connections Cafe, a dementia friendly environment for those living with a dementia diagnosis and their carers.
- Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30pm, the next in our Meet Your Local Author series. Authors Ellie Darkins and Janice Preston will be speaking about Romantic fiction as part of this summer's Mills & Boon "Fall in Love at your Library" celebration.
- Tunes and Tales continues on Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock.
- Sewing classes will be running on Wednesday afternoons (except 15th June) and evenings until 13th July
- During June, library volunteers will start preparing for the year's Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is "The Big Friendly Read" - a can't miss for fans of Roald Dahl.

With so much going on we're always happy to welcome new volunteers, so if you're interested in volunteering in either the Library or Biblio's Cafe please come in and see us, phone us on 01926 258 776, or e-mail us at [library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](mailto:library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk) or [biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](mailto:biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk)

**Rich Fowler**



## Harbury Village Show

I hope you have had a look at a schedule, now available in the library. If so, you will realise that it is not just about growing things; there are classes for art, crafts, photos and lots of cooking. And some interesting ideas to involve your children, supported in school by Nigel Chapman.

To help with funding, there will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Any support – raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac would be most welcome.

Would anyone who won an award last year please return it now to Dorothy Grove, 37 Mill Street so it can be engraved with your name? And don't forget, as well as all those cups there is now a £10 prize for Top Tray and Top Vase – read the schedule carefully for the charges.

So please keep the date: 10<sup>th</sup> September – it will be worth coming for a look round and a cup of tea, even if you don't enter. And look out for us at the Carnival.

**Gillian Hare**  
**Village Show Steering Group**



## Wednesday Walks

Now that summer has arrived, we have been delighted by our beautiful countryside – fresh greens, horse chestnut “candles”, lambs, May blossom and keck. We meet every Wednesday in the Village Hall car park at 9.40am, drive a short way to start a circular walk between 3 – 6 miles and sometimes reward ourselves with a pub lunch. We are a friendly bunch; there is no formal membership. Just turn up with a drink and good footwear. There are always car spaces to go round. Details in the diary at the beginning of this magazine.

**Gillian Hare**  
**614809**



## Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month, though local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School, and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time!

Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

One of the first recollection articles we received, probably in the 1980s, came from Jean Deakin.

### ***Memories of the Wight School by Jean Deakin***

*My mother, father, Allan, our two children and myself were educated at the Wight School. I myself started when I was two and a half years old, mainly I think because I lived very near and I used to follow my cousin, so they kept me. I can't imagine what I did other than sleep on a small canvas bed in the afternoon; that was "little school."*

*At the age of six years I think it was, I moved down to the Wight School. War broke out shortly afterwards and the evacuees moved to Harbury. My memories of that time are crowded classrooms and playgrounds, and the handicraft room was used as an extra classroom, so the subjects for that room were discontinued. The girls still did needlework and knitting, but in the classroom.*

*In the autumn we were asked to collect hip berries and we were paid for each pound. They were used to make rose hip syrup. We also went potato picking for local farmers and once we were asked to bring a jam jar and this was filled with drinking chocolate powder.*

*I expect the teachers I remember most were Mr. Farrow and Mr. and Mrs. Dickens. Mr. Dickens was quite strict but very much a gentleman. He once caught us girls doing handstands against the wall; we all had the stick he used to carry around and were told we were rude. Needless to say we didn't do it again.*

*Sometimes in the winter it was so cold in school we were allowed to keep coats and gloves on, and the small bottles of milk we were given were frozen.*

*Going back to the crowded classrooms, there must have been two classes at the same time in the same room when I was there, because my brother, two years my junior, was in the same room as me; I used to do his sums for him if I saw him struggling and make an excuse to pass his desk and slip him the answers.*

*By the way Mrs. Dickens used to take us for Needlework. I don't remember Miss Bustin at school.*

*My father left school at the age of twelve, but has a certificate for Arithmetic, English, Drawing and Geography for which he studied at evening classes in 1908. It doesn't say, but I think they must have been held in the Wight School, it was signed by the then Director of Education, Bolton King.*

**Nigel Chapman**

## **Harbury - then and now**

At a recent meeting of the Heritage Room committee, it was suggested that it might be a fascinating exercise to create an updated village image by photographing street life in 2016 and comparing it with one of the images from the turn of the century. As a result, probably the most iconic photograph from the Harbury Heritage Room was selected and residents in Chapel Street will receive an invitation to be part of a modern day street scene which will mirror the one depicted in this month's Harbury & Ladbroke News.

The fascinating image from 1907 shows that the actual panorama along the street has changed very little, apart from the loss of the Fox Inn opposite the Fresh Produce shop, which was replaced by a modern house set up behind a raised wall with a drive-way leading on to Fox Close. There are two striking features apart from the villagers who turned out to be photographed almost 110 years ago - the visibility of the memorial chapel in the cemetery grounds due to the absence of trees and the complete lack of any form of transport, which was unavailable to the majority of the public until several years later. Although there seems to be part of a pavement on the right hand side of the photograph (outside Thorneycroft's bakery), the opposite side appears to have a rough surface right up to the frontages of the cottages.

In total, just over 20 residents have been captured in the photograph - two ladies in their day dresses and hats, one teenage girl also wearing a hat and 18 youngsters with caps or bonnets, as befitting the dress code of the period.



There are two bicycles and three prams with the young occupants dressed in their lacy finery. The idea to recreate a modern day street scene will require a number of young people willing to turnout in their everyday clothes with one or two of the latest bicycles, two mothers with babies or toddlers in push-chairs or buggies and possibly some teenagers with the latest tablets / i-phones and sound systems. Initially there will be an invitation to the local residents to take part - giving a date and time when the re-creation will take place, but if there is only a small response to the request from the immediate 'locals' then details will be provided inviting other interested individuals to be part of a 'living history' of Harbury. The aim is to create the photographic image in July, which will hopefully be published in the Harbury & Ladbroke News in August.

**Chris Finch**



## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

### **Powering e-Wheels onwards**

e-Wheels, our social transport scheme using the electric cars, was charged by belief and sustained by the readily committed energy of our 13 volunteers. Now it needs the hard pragmatism of professional thinking to avoid being parked on the hard shoulder, out of fuel. Beyond the genial ease of Harbury (although not everyone lives well here) there is real need in some of our neighbouring communities. The demand for our help has suddenly escalated and we are faced with the need to raise money much sooner than

we expected. We now need to form a group of about four people to put in place a fundraising programme to ensure we can go on helping people long into the future. Could you help us?

e-Wheels has assisted quite a range of people: young carers to have some relaxation away from the pressures of caring for disabled siblings or parents, young families on low incomes to get to hospital appointments, isolated elderly to get to the surgery or collect prescriptions, the potentially homeless to reach vital appointments with housing officials, single mothers to take their babies to nursery care sessions.

Trevor (not his real name), for example, is registered blind. To go shopping in his local supermarket requires a four hour journey and several bus changes, no easy matter for a blind person. e-Wheels carried him to the supermarket in a matter of minutes; it is just  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from his home.

We have now delivered over 250 hours of free transport of this kind to the local community. We have just 200 left unless we can attract more support.

Meanwhile we have managed to engage the interest of the press. This has included a photoshoot lasting most of one very cold, rainy day by Carplus, the national body for car share schemes, and then a filming session with low carbon charity 10:10. The mini-film they made has been released and viewed by over 18,000 on Facebook. It is now available on Harbury Energy Initiative's Facebook pages, as nearly 2,000 apparently have already seen.

### **Power storage**

I have been thinking about batteries. I will leave you to absorb that stimulating fact for a moment... I was thinking about how I have been loading AA batteries into products for about 60 years, at first into my toys and now into my wireless computer mouse, something not invented then - but still a toy, I suppose. The technology of the AA battery does not appear to have changed in that time. Meanwhile batteries for energy storage are now hot (okay, lukewarm) news and the technology is changing. Efficient and affordable energy storage is a topic exercising many minds at the moment, as it will remove the principle failing of renewable energy generation - interrupted supply. Good solutions are not far away and most large scale renewable generation companies are already installing battery storage on their sites. There are even exciting possibilities almost within our grasp as householders but the price of currently available models is still quite high. A number of companies are keen to promote the available products and I have had a few enquiries from people in Harbury about these recently. My opinion is not beyond challenge but I recommend patience. The price will descend steadily in the not too distant future.

### **High powered reading material**

By the time that you read this we may have submitted a proposal to the M&S Energy Fund to put solar panels on the roof of the library. We have to secure

the approval of the parish council to go ahead and we will have to ensure that the roof is structurally sound enough to take the load. If all is well and our bid is deemed eligible, we will need your support. Does anybody remember the Energysshare bid HEI entered in 2010? We do. Having only just formed that year we made it all the way to fourth place, competing against initially 700 other groups. Fourth place didn't gain us any money, however. Energysshare has once again teamed up with Marks and Spencer to offer a share of the £350,000 fund and public voting is what they like. As if the EU referendum isn't enough voting to be dealing with, we will be asking you, your relatives and friends to help us win in this region to gain the grant of £12,500 that we need to carry out the project. Should be a cinch...maybe.

### **North Pole explorer to visit Harbury**

Last month we began our programme of environment based events with the church. 50 people came to our lively evening of talks and on 28<sup>th</sup> May Charles Catt and John Hancock led a group round the churchyard to look at 'Life in the graveyard'. Coming on 7<sup>th</sup> October at the village hall will be an exceptional evening with an illustrated presentation by explorer Mark Wood. He has just returned from a daring and dangerous expedition to the North Pole across ice rendered unstable by global warming. His talk will illustrate not only the stark beauty of the arctic but also the stark truth about the effects of rapid climate change. This is likely to be popular so please note the date in your diaries. Details of how to buy tickets for this event will be posted on Facebook and in Harbury and Ladbroke News later this year.

**Bob Sherman - 612277**  
**info@harburyenergy.co.uk**



### **Wellies for Helis**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 - 4.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room**

Everyone is invited to wear their wellington boots (preferably clean!) to the above for tea and cakes/biscuits (offers to make these and raffle prizes gratefully received), to raise money for the Children's Air Ambulance. This is the first and only dedicated national paediatric helicopter emergency transfer service, moving critically ill children across the whole country. (Some of you may remember Stephen Hancock's illustrated talk after the NSPCC lunch).

**Rosemary Harley (Tel: 613402)**

### **Rannoch Women's Challenge – Rowing Across the Atlantic**

Gilly Mara is a Harbury resident who, in 2002, had a major accident and fell 200ft in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. She fractured and dislocated vertebrae in her neck which narrowed her spinal cord and broke her pelvis in four places, fractured her skull and had a number of open wounds to the

bone. Despite these injuries, she fought her way back to physical fitness in a phenomenally short period of time, to the extent that she was able to become a member of Team GB as a white water kayaker. (More detail about this achievement can be read in her book, *Climbing Back*, which is available to borrow from Harbury Village Library, following on from a talk she gave at the Library some months ago.)

Now she is undertaking a truly awe inspiring endeavour: in early June she and four other women will leave New York and begin rowing across the Atlantic, following the first route taken in 1896 across to Falmouth in the UK via the Isles of Scilly, a distance of 3000 nautical miles. This North Atlantic route has only been successfully crossed 25 times, as most Atlantic rowing attempts cross on the Southern Atlantic, and from East to West. The team hopes to break the current speed record of 43 days 21 hours and, more importantly, become the first all women team to make this crossing.

Asked why she would put herself through this massive endurance challenge, Gilly says 'One of the main things as a crew we wish to achieve, other than the record, is to try to encourage young people to break barriers and see that challenges even in stressful environments can be made enjoyable. We in particular want to show that women can still operate in and achieve in male dominated areas, as ocean rowers are predominantly men'.

Along with intense training, and continuing with her career as an engineer, Gilly has been fundraising to cover her equipment and other costs for some months, but as a relative late comer to the team she is still short of her target. If you would like to support this amazing endeavour, please go to <http://gogetfunding.com/record-breaking-attempt-to-row-across-the-atlantic-new-york-usa-to-falmouth-uk-june-2016>

You can follow the team's progress on <https://www.facebook.com/Rannoch-Womens-Challenge-206985789637946/>

**Janice Montague**

## **Flying Scotsman Comes to Harbury**

Readers may be interested to know that the steam locomotive "Flying Scotsman" is scheduled to pass through Harbury on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, en route from London to Shrewsbury.

It will pass late morning - the time is still to be confirmed but may be published at [www.uksteam.info/tours/trs16.htm](http://www.uksteam.info/tours/trs16.htm) nearer the date.

Anyone going to see the train pass in or near Harbury is reminded not to trespass on the railway. It is dangerous and illegal, and the British Transport Police will be in the area to ensure everyone is safe and trains are not delayed.

**Chris Gibb**

## Warwickshire Open Studios – 18<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July

A number of Harbury artists will be exhibiting in this year's Warwickshire Open Studios.

This is the time of year when artists in Warwickshire are encouraged to open their studios to the public. Artists may exhibit as a solo artist, or group together with like minded souls to form a group exhibition

This year Libby January, Jan Freeman, Jules Whiteside, and Sarah Jane Wilson are opening in Harbury as solo artists, with displays of artwork and jewellery on show and for sale. You will be warmly welcomed whether you are someone keen to buy, or someone who loves art and simply wants to see what we do. You may even be greeted with some refreshment as you wander around the studio and gardens

Jan will be doing art demonstrations on Thursday and Friday mornings, 11am - 12 noon during the Open Studios, to show those who may be interested in joining her art classes some of the things they will be learning in September. Come and watch anyway even if you don't have time for a class.

Viv Hunt, Katharine Barker and Sarah Smith are showing together as a group at The Ceramics Studio, Ettington Park. Katherine is selling ceramics, Sarah jewellery and Viv stained glass. I am sure they would love you to pop over and see their wonderful work which, as ever, will be of a very high standard

Finally, a separate exhibition of Harbury artists' and photographers' work can be seen in the library from 13<sup>th</sup> June- 25<sup>th</sup> July. Those exhibiting are Moira Lamont, David Eaves, Andrew Lawrence, Viv Hunt, Libby January, Jan Freeman, Sarah Jane Wilson and Jules Whiteside.

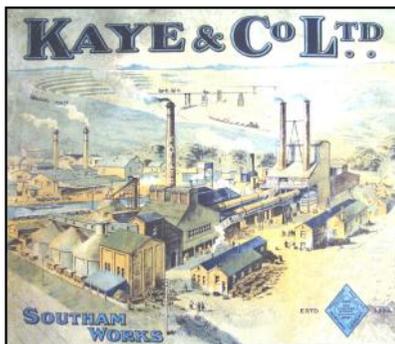
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**Jan Freeman**

## Cementing Relations in Southam

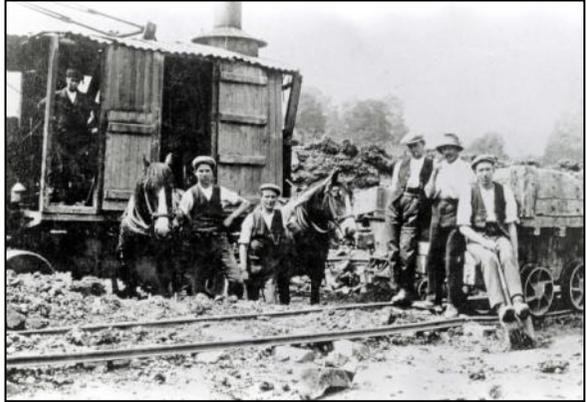
*"Cementing Relations in Southam"* has been sponsored by the **Rugby Group Benevolent Fund** and **CEMEX UK Ltd.** Without their support the Southam Heritage Collection would have difficulty in presenting such an interesting and absorbing exhibition as the one we have for visitors this summer.

Running from June to September, it tells the story of lime and cement production



and its impact on the town and surrounding villages. Production was based around a number of quarries and works all located within a very short distance of Southam. Local geology provided a rich source of natural material for lime burning and subsequently the production of cement and quarrying of this material continues to this day.

The exhibition features stories about the quarries, the people, working conditions and the impact of this very important industry on the town. There are harrowing stories of accidents, such as that of 9 year old Thomas Taylor, or John Hickson of Binswood End, which give an understanding to the nature of the work and conditions involved and equally the



poor home life of those living in old cottages compared to the new houses built by the cement companies.

There is the very early transport by canal, followed by rail and later road. There is the industrial and mechanical engineering of the steam navy and locomotives and the introduction of safer and more modern machinery from the 19th into the 20th century.

Surnames will be recognised, and perhaps even your own family can be traced in census records, wages books, accident records and more.

We open at Vivian House, 21 Market Hill, Southam, CV47 0HF (entrance on Park Lane) each Tuesday and Saturday morning, 10am till 12 noon, from June through to the end of September. Visits outside these times can be arranged by appointment. Please contact Linda Doyle, 01926 814214 or email [Southamheritage@hotmail.com](mailto:Southamheritage@hotmail.com)

**Linda Doyle**  
**[www.Southamheritage.org](http://www.Southamheritage.org)**

## **Marion Museum of Country Bygones**

If you fancy a family trip out on a Sunday afternoon between 5<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> September, the Marion Museum will be open between 2.00pm-4.00pm. The museum has recently been completely re-organised, so that the eclectic mix of rural and domestic artefacts is more clearly arranged. Marion is approximately 20 minutes away on the Southam - Coventry road and the village museum is situated in Louisa Ward Close, CV23 9SA. An A5 poster, advertising the museum, has been placed on the notice board outside

Harbury Village Hall and an email [df@davidfry.net](mailto:df@davidfry.net) and telephone number 01926 632936 are provided for anyone who wishes to make enquiries before a visit. Group visits are welcome, so it could offer a place of interest for anyone wanting to spend a Sunday afternoon with a difference, but not needing to venture too far away from Harbury.

**Chris Finch**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*Our thanks to everyone who supported our Air Ambulance coffee morning on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the Tom Hauley room. You all made this event such a success that we were able to send a cheque for £366 from the proceeds. We very much appreciated the many donations of cash, raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac.*

*Once again, thank you all and well done Harbury.*

**Harbury Air Ambulance Support Group**

### **Dear Editors**

*On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July my daughter Hayley is holding her seventh Annual Charity Ball, "My Dad's Do", at the Chesford Grange Hotel in aid of Brain Tumour Research, the Aylesford Cancer Unit at Warwick Hospital and, this year, also for "Critical Care" at Coventry University Hospital.*

*It's a superb evening of fun, music and laughter and includes a drinks reception at 7pm followed by a three course meal, coffee and chocolates plus an 11 piece band for dancing, a huge raffle and a surprise game show. Also the late night disco runs until 2am!*

*Already she has raised over £45,000 which is unbelievable! It has required lots of hard work and the support of some wonderful people.*

*Would you like to join us and help support these great charities as well as having a fantastic evening? We really would love to see you!*

*Please contact Hayley for details on 07702 683788 or [hayley@green761freereserve.co.uk](mailto:hayley@green761freereserve.co.uk)*

*Many thanks*

**Sylvia Green**



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3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Said Communion Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service Evensong
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am	Said Communion Sung Eucharist
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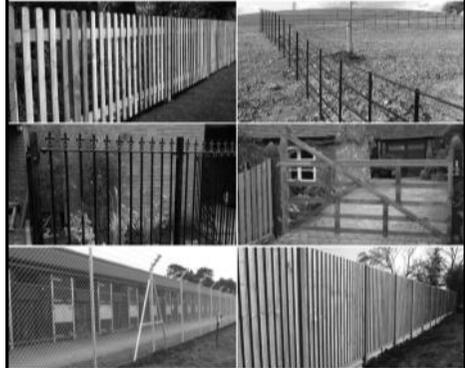
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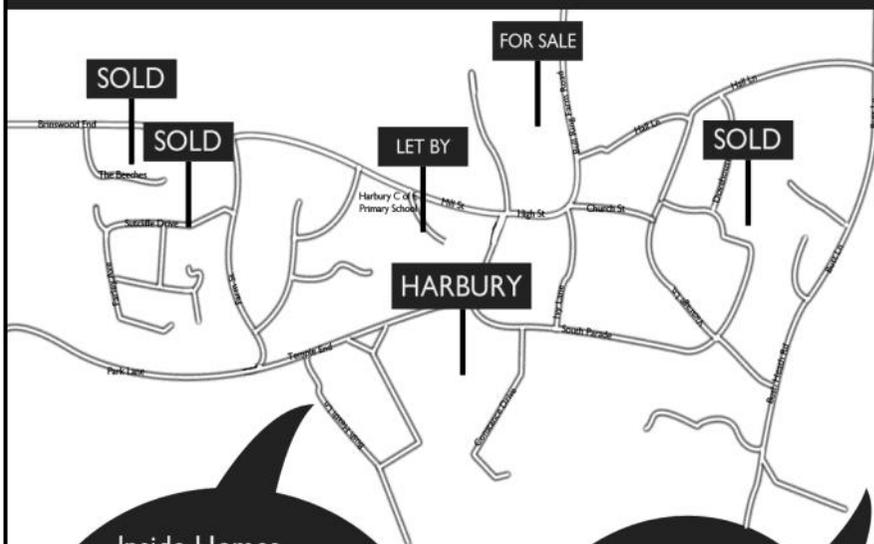
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- Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)**  
4.30pm - 5.15pm
- Grade 1 Tap (10-11yrs)**  
4.30pm - 5.15pm
- Pre-Primary Ballet (6-8yrs)**  
5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Primary Ballet (8-9 yrs)**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm
- Grade 2 Tap (12-13yrs)**  
5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Grade 3 Tap (13 yrs+)**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm
- Grade 4 Tap (14 yrs+)**  
6.45pm - 7.30pm
- Grade 5 Ballet (15 yrs+)**  
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- 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)**  
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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)**  
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