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## Editorial

This month there are special activities and events in the run up to Easter. There are lunches being held in both villages - see the diary section for more details. On Palm Sunday, there will be a procession from Harbury School starting at 10.15am, as well as special services throughout the week.

The Parish Council is proposing to make an alteration to the bus route through the village and they would like to know whether you support or object to this change. Please fill in the slip printed in the magazine and deliver it to the Parish Council office or email them with your views.

The magazine subscriptions are due next month and your distributor will be calling to collect the £6 due for the year. We have been able to hold the subscription rate at this for the last three years due to the number of businesses that regularly advertise. The magazine's management committee very much values this support, and we hope that villagers in turn will think of them first when looking for goods and services.

And finally we extend our sympathies to the families of June Barnett and Philip Huntley.

# Harbury Diary

## MARCH

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School
- Sun 6 **LENT IV - MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
 Said Holy Communion Service, 9.00am  
 Family Service for Mothering Sunday (with daffodils!), 10.30am  
*(this will be a non-communion service)*  
 Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands for Healing, 6.00pm  
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 7 Upholstery, 9.15am in Village Hall  
 Library AGM, 7.30pm in the Library
- Tues 8 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, walk - Farnborough to Mollington 5 miles (hilly - with sticks)  
 Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm,  
 Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 9 Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room -  
Stories from the Auction Room - Steven Bruce
- Fri 11 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Bread & Broth Lunch for Mothers Union projects, 12 noon in  
Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Senior Citizens Benefit  
Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning, 11.00am - 12.30pm, Ufton  
Village Hall  
Harbury Heritage Room, Special Open Afternoon, 2.00 - 4.00pm at  
the School  
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'The Lady in the Van' -  
doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 13 PASSION SUNDAY - LENT V**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  
Conservative Spring Drinks Party, 12 noon - 2.00pm  
Twinning Association Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club
- Tues 15 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
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- Wed 16 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, walk -  
Frankton to Marton 3 miles with Optional Pub Lunch  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Library  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 17 Blood Donors, 1.30 - 3.30pm and 4.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 18 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Save the Children  
Hereburgh Morris Workshop, 10.00am in Village Hall
- Sun 20 PALM SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion with distribution of palms, 8.00am  
Procession from School, 10.15am  
Family Communion with distribution of palms, 10.30am  
Evensong 6.00pm  
HOLY WEEK Mon to Wed Mid Day Prayer, 12.30pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

- Mon 21 Celtic Style Holy Communion & Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm
- Tues 22 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, & Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm  
Harbury Society Talk, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - Pump Room Gardens & Bandstand Restoration
- Wed 23 No Wednesday Walk this week  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, Tom Hauley Room  
'Service of Light & Shadows', 7.30pm  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 24 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Holy Communion, 9.45am  
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM  
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall Farley Room  
Joint Service at Ladbroke, 7.30pm  
'The Watch' until midnight
- Fri 25 GOOD FRIDAY  
Children's Service with Hot Cross Buns!!, 10.30am  
'One Hour at the Cross' - devotional service with hymns & readings, 2.00pm  
Joint Service at Ladbroke - 'The Way of the Cross', 6.30pm
- Sat 26 HOLY SATURDAY  
Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Bowls  
Napton Art Group Easter Exhibition, 10.00am - 5.00pm, Napton Village Hall  
Lighting of Easter Candle & Renewal of Baptismal promises, 8.00pm
- Sun 27 EASTER DAY**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Napton Art Group Easter Exhibition, 10.00am - 5.00pm, Napton Village Hall
- Tues 29 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 30 No Wednesday Walk this week
- Thurs 31 Holy Communion, 9.45 am, followed by coffee
- APRIL**
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Meningitis/Stroke/Dementia funds  
Tennis Club AGM & Cheque Book Tournament from 10.00am
- Sun 3 EASTER II**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments  
Celtic Service, 6.00pm

## Refuse Collection Rota

|  | Deppers Bridge | Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties | Collection Week                  |
|--|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>March</b>   | <b>Wed</b>     | <b>Fri</b>   |                                  |
|  | 9              | 11   | <b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b> |
|  | 16             | 18   | <b>Grey Bin</b>                  |
|  | 23             | 25   | <b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b> |
|  | 30             |  | <b>Grey Bin</b>                  |
| <b>April</b>   |                | 1  | <b>Grey Bin</b>                  |
|  | 6              | 8  | <b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b> |
|  | 13             | 15   | <b>Grey Bin</b>                  |

## From the Rector



**Reverend Craig Grocock**

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### Why the Cross?



It is difficult to turn in any direction without seeing one? Perched on top of churches, carved into a graveyard headstone, engraved in a ring or suspended on a silver chain.

The cross is the symbol of Christianity but when you think of it, it's an odd choice. Don't you think it strange that such an instrument of torture would come to embody a movement of hope? The symbols of other faiths are more upbeat; the six-pointed star of David, the crescent moon of Islam, a lotus blossom for Buddhism. Yet a cross for Christianity? An instrument of execution?

I talk about this when I meet with families for baptism preparation. Would we wear a tiny electric chair around our necks or suspend a gold-plated hangman's noose on the wall? No, we wouldn't yet we do so with the cross.... curious!

Why then is the cross the symbol of our faith? Well, the answer lies no farther than the cross itself. Its design couldn't be simpler. One beam horizontal - the other vertical. One reaches and stretches out - like God's love to the world, the other reaches up - to God himself. One represents the width and inclusive power of his love; the other reflects the sheer height of his love. The cross is the intersection. The cross is where God, in Jesus, takes onto himself the

very worse that we as humans can throw at one another. On the cross Jesus takes all the evil, torture, pain, suffering and death possible and - here's the good bit (cue drum roll.....) he transforms all that into joy and life through his resurrection – this is the truth we celebrate at Easter.

So that's why the cross stands at the centre of the Christian faith. It reminds us of all that Jesus did for us because of pure love.

May God bless you all this Easter.

## **From the Registers**

### *Funeral*

25<sup>th</sup> January Philip Huntley (aged 89 years)

### *Burial of Ashes*

13<sup>th</sup> February Wynn and Tony Elliott

### *Holy Baptism*

21<sup>st</sup> February Jago Robert Mann



## **From the Churchwardens**

**Elaine & John**

First of all I am pleased to say that we have an update for you regarding the memorial garden. The removal of the large spruce tree at the rear of the church heralds the official start of the memorial garden project. With the tree gone, we now have an area of light and open space ready for the garden's development, the plans for which can still be viewed in church.

The next phase will be to carry out some initial work on the site by levelling some areas and clearing others. Discussions are ongoing as to how best to tackle this phase. We also need to establish what foundations need to be put in place for the memorial wall.

You may be aware that Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury has led the





launch of Eco Church. This scheme raises awareness of our responsibilities to the environment. We have signed up to the scheme and can be awarded either Bronze, Silver or Gold award status for fulfilling a range of Eco Friendly initiatives within the church. The first step is to raise awareness of the issue with the church and its community which will be

through a series of events taking place in and around the church this summer, together with discussions on the building itself with the aim of making the church more Eco Friendly and sustainable. The scheme kicked off in February with a meeting in Wellesbourne to see what other churches have done or are planning to do and to take these ideas away with us and build on them if appropriate. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on the upcoming sustainability, eco-friendly and bio-diversity events taking place in the church in the coming months.

We mentioned in the last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News that we are taking a look at how the church is used, not just for worship but at other times as well. For instance, we would like All Saints to be used as a meeting place for some of the community groups in Harbury, as well as being open every day for visitors to look around and for individual prayer and reflection. We have concluded a series of discussion forums on various subjects, but further views and comments are welcomed on any aspect of the church - so please do contact us on: [fabric@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:fabric@allsaintsharbury.org)

And finally an update on our service activities:

We are pleased to say that Messy Church is proving to be a great success, with 60 attendees in the first two sessions. The next Messy Church is 13<sup>th</sup> March 3-5pm and the one after is 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please do come along with your family for a fun way to meet with God, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Saints Alive is also going very well and our last service incorporated a lovely baptism. The March service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March will be Palm Sunday when the procession will leave the school at 10.15am and make its way to church for the service at 10.30am.

Please watch out for our Easter Card which will provide details of all the services being held during Holy Week and over Easter.

<http://www.allsaintsharbury.org>



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our February meeting was informed and entertained by a presentation by Chris Rutherford about "Flowers of the Holy Land". With beautiful illustrations, she explained that there had been a variety of explanations of "Lilies of the Field" (Matthew 6, vv28-30), as there are many species of brightly coloured, beautiful flowers which still grow in Israel. Many of these have legends attached to them (such as the mandrake which supposedly screams when pulled up); some are poisonous and some medicinal.

When you read this, we shall have had our meeting when we discuss thought provoking events in the news.

Also in February, several members have attended the commissioning service at Kineton of Jane Hill, the new diocesan President, and the trustees including our own Barbara Fowkes.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a Bread and Broth Lunch, in the Tom Hauley Room at 12 noon. As well as an opportunity for people to meet their friends, we shall ask for donations to our funds. This will enable us to continue to give a Bible to couples who are married in our two churches and to support other projects too. Please come, and extend the invitation to your friends.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm for communion and 2.30pm for the meeting, when the speaker will be the newly commissioned President, Jane Hill.

### Bread and Broth Lunch

You are invited to share a warming bowl of homemade soup, in friendly company, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. This will be from 12 noon in the Tom Hauley Room. Donations are invited for Mothers' Union Funds.

| BOOKINGS FOR   |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>HARBURY SCOUT HUT</b>   | <b>HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB<br/>CONCERT ROOM</b>                  | <b>HARBURY VILLAGE HALL</b>                                     |
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| <b>HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY</b>   | <b>TOM HAULEY ROOM HARBURY</b>                                | <b>THR COFFEE MORNINGS</b>                                      |
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# Ladbroke News & Diary

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

## MARCH

- Sun 6 Mothering Sunday**  
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Wed 9 Lent Lunch at Chapel Ascote Farm, 12 noon - 1.30pm  
Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall  
Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Sun 13 Lent 5**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Tue 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Wed 16 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 19 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 21 Palm Sunday**  
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Wed 23 Lent Lunch at The Old Rectory 12 noon - 1.30pm  
Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 24 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
5.30PM  
Maundy Thursday Service - holy communion with symbolic  
washing of feet, 7.30pm
- Fri 25 Good Friday**  
One Hour At The Cross - a meditative service, 12 noon - 1.00pm,  
The Way of The Cross - an Easter sequence for choir and  
congregation, 6.30pm
- Sat 27 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 28 Easter Day**  
Easter Communion, 9.00am
- Wed 30 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

## APRIL

- Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 3 Easter 1**  
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall





## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

Lent is now underway and so are our Lent lunches. As in previous years, our hosts lay on delicious soup, crusty bread and a range of cheese and those that come along provide the convivial company and make a donation, which this year will go to our All Saints for All Generation campaign to raise funds for work on the church building. By the time this is printed we'll have had two of the lunches thanks to Carol, Geoff, Mif and Margie and to Sue Moore but there is still time to join in two more. You don't need to be a churchgoer to come along, all are welcome on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Chapel Ascote Farm hosted by Jenny and on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at The Old Rectory, hosted by Jane. It helps the host prepare if you can let them know in advance if you plan to come by emailing [lentlunch@ladbrokechurch.org.uk](mailto:lentlunch@ladbrokechurch.org.uk) or phoning 816650 (for 9<sup>th</sup>) or 812457 (for 20<sup>th</sup>).

During Easter week there are services each day at either Harbury or Ladbroke to which everyone is welcome. At Ladbroke on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm there will be a communion service with symbolic washing of feet (volunteers to bare a foot for the minister to wash will be required!) and then on Good Friday there will be our meditative "One Hour at the Cross" service at noon followed by Bill and the Choir leading an Easter sequence called "The Way of the Cross" at 6.30pm. Our Communion service on Easter Sunday will be at 9.00am.

During February we did the annual check of everything in church - most things were as they should be but, like last year, we are still significantly short of blue hymn books compared with the number we should have. I know it is easy to walk out with them (I have walked home still clutching mine several times!), so if you have one of our blue hymn books at home please return it to the bookcase by the door and let me know so I can update the count.

It was noticeable at Christmas from the wreaths and fresh flowers on them that many graves in Ladbroke Churchyard had been visited by relatives and friends of those buried there. We know too that others come to the church to remember their loved ones, indeed for decades we have had a small loose leaf book with a list of people remembered by name during services near the anniversary of their death. This book is getting past its "sell by date" and we've decided to start again with a more formal Book of Remembrance containing the names of "*neighbours, friends and loved ones who have enriched the lives of those who worship at Ladbroke Church or come here to remember them.*" So if you come to Ladbroke church or churchyard with that purpose and would like someone included in our Book of Remembrance please tell me the details when you see me, by email to [ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com) or phone 810331. I'll be making the initial entries during March but am happy to add names at any time.

From April onwards the book will be kept in church on the big chest in the south aisle for all who wish to look at it and we'll have it open at the relevant page during Sunday services.

## From the Registers

### *Funeral*

1<sup>st</sup> February June Barnett (aged 90)

|  |   |                          |
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|  | <p><b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's<br/>Institute</b></p> | <p><b>Carol Lane</b></p> |
|--|---|--------------------------|

The February meeting was held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and the speaker for the evening was Marilyn Payne, who has been a volunteer for Save the Children for 33 years, supporting other volunteers in Warwickshire and who has responsibility for speakers.

Save the Children, whose motto is 'No child born to die', was started at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century by the inspiration of Eglantyne Jebb. After being arrested and fined for distributing a leaflet showing the effect on children of the blockade after WW1, she set up a public meeting in the Albert Hall in 1919. She also spent £5,000 taking out an advert in a national newspaper which brought in £120,000 and, under her leadership, Save the Children became an effective relief agency here, and ultimately in the rest of the world. They were instrumental in starting free school milk, school dinners and nursery schools.

Eglantyne Jebb's Declaration formed the basis for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international statement that sets out fundamental rights for all children to have protection, education and survival.

In 2010 Marilyn was chosen to go to India for ten days to observe the work of Save the Children. It is the policy to use local workers and volunteers wherever possible.

Her time was divided so that she was able to see different aspects of the work. Firstly she and her three fellow volunteers spent time in a drop in centre for street children. A brightly coloured building was available and 57 children per day attended for food, rest, to learn and to play in safety. The difference this made to the children lucky enough to benefit from the care was immeasurable.

In the chaotic Indian traffic, Marilyn observed a learner driver in a car with the interesting title of Good Luck Driving School!

Their second assignment was to a mobile health clinic which saw upwards of

120 patients per day. She showed us the 'plumpynut' peanut paste enriched with micro-nutrients which can save a starving child's life in just a week for a modest amount of money.

In the rural environment, Save the Children has campaigned to train teachers, including women, and there are now more girls going to school than ever before which allows them to work their way out of poverty.

Finally Marilyn observed children whose lives are spent on a rubbish dump but she made the point that most of the children were friendly, pleased to see them and smiling.

Save the Children ensures that 88p in every £1 collected goes directly to the project requiring funds. It was a very heartening talk to offset the media coverage of recent problems concerning charities.

Obviously there is much more information about all aspects of Save the Children at [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

In the business meeting afterwards Dianne informed us that there are still places available for the Denman weekend.

Most of the dates for your diary were mentioned in last month's news but Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April has been identified for Singing in the Rain at the Spa Centre. There will not be a coach but lifts will be available. Please let Sue Moore know if you would like to be included.

The next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March starting at 7.30 will feature the long awaited 'Yellow Hat lady'. This artist paints and creates cards, some of which will be available to buy. Her husband is an ostrich farmer so she will be talking about that as well. At the following meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April we will be making cards.

Visitors are always welcome and I look forward to seeing you there.



## 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.



We're taking a break from our fundraising activities this month, but please be sure to mark **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April** in your diary as this will be our next ever-popular film and supper night. More details will be available in next month's edition.

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** we will be presenting our first *Live & Local* act in the village hall when we welcome the **Mumbo Jumbo Troubadours and Raconteurs**. With elegant country blues and vibrant good-time roots music

from these British Blues Award nominees, unsurpassable musicianship, powerful songs and punchy vocals, this is one great live band! Tickets are now available for £10 each from Nicky Lewis (815196) or email [bookings@ladbrokematters.uk](mailto:bookings@ladbrokematters.uk). We anticipate this to be a very popular event so please book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited. Drinks and light refreshments will be available at an extra charge. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start.



**Live & Local** is a joint initiative subsidised by the Arts Council and local county councils to bring live entertainment to rural communities

in the Midlands. Details of all performances can be seen on their website [www.liveandlocal.org.uk](http://www.liveandlocal.org.uk), or contact David Wright (07940 413707) for a list of performances around Warwickshire.

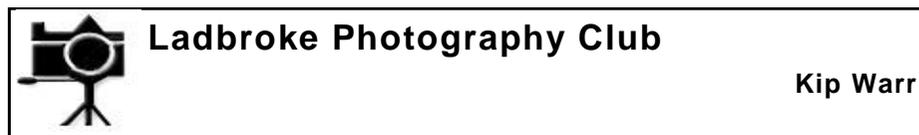
If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

### Draw for January 2016

|     |                         |     |                |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|----------------|
| £50 | Paul Taylor             | £50 | G & T Varriale |
| £25 | Mary Coley              | £25 | Trevor Jay     |
| £25 | Colin and Kay Constable | £10 | Cyril Spence   |
| £10 | Deb and Seth Brown      | £10 | Sue Moore      |
| £10 | Brian Whitehouse        | £10 | Sheena Healey  |

**Margaret Bosworth**



**Kip Warr**

Gray and Nicky Lewis transported us in spirit to southern Chile and Argentina for our February meeting. They had been unable to find a travel agency to set up a trip to their satisfaction so they organised their own, taking along a small group of friends. Their tour started in the very southern tip of South America where the colonial legacy has left crazy national boundaries between Chile and Argentina and ill feeling between the peoples. They then moved northwards through Chile with fabulous views of the Andes and great glaciers with crevasses in which the ice refracted the light in a deep, cobalt blue colour. The ice breaking off the snouts of the glaciers created icebergs,

sometimes as clear as glass. In Lake Carrera the seasonal rise and fall of the water had created strange 'Crystal Caves' in the marble. Some of the most dramatic mountain scenery was seen in the Torres de Paine National Park.



**Crystal Caves**

They made a detour across the mountains into Argentina to Bariloche where the numerous Alpine-style chalets may have something to do with the fact that

thousands of ex-Nazis came to live there after World War III! They discovered a doughty Frenchman who took them across two lakes and up a long hike to a secret beauty spot in the mountains with stunning views.



**Above: Torres del Paine**

**Below: Maori at Abu Tongariki, Easter Island**

Finally they flew to Easter Island, or Rapa Nui as it is correctly called. The great, mysterious Maori statues are thought to have provided protection for people within their sight and to have been 'walked' there upright from their quarries by construction teams who rocked them from side to side as they pulled them along. One can only wonder at the power they must have had if the people were willing to expend so much effort in sculpting and transporting them to their places on the shores all round the island.



We had a record attendance for the evening and we all felt that 'Lewis Tours' had done us proud. Visitors and guests are always welcome to our meetings. Our next will be on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March and will be our AGM and competition and photopic on landscapes (brought forward from April as Peter Alvey, the planned speaker for March, has had to postpone). The following meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> April. For more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## Ladbroke General Section

### Remembering June Barnett

I first met June in 1969. At the time I think she was cleaning the church. She was one of the "chatter" of ladies who were involved with organising the social life of the village and the church. Very much as things are now, although at that time it would have been jumble sales, not coffee mornings.

June was born in Birmingham on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 1925. After leaving school she worked at the Scrivens Bakeries, later becoming an accounts clerk. At the age of 19 years she joined the Land Army and was posted to Grove Farm, Ladbroke.

It was there that she met Frank Barnett whom she married in 1952. Tragically Frank was killed in a car accident and June was left at the age of 40 with a farm to run and the care of two young daughters, Elizabeth, then 8 years old and Jennifer 4 years old.

The farm was sold but June remained in her bungalow caring for her two daughters, creating a beautiful and immaculate garden and getting involved in Ladbroke village affairs.

She was also an excellent cook, which we all got to enjoy when it came to Harvest Supper time in the village. June was never daunted by large joints of meat or turkey! Then of course there were cakes for the Christmas Fayre when June could always be relied upon to help.

June also excelled in needlework, knitting and sewing. So much so she made her sister Connie's wedding dress, covering it with intricate buttons, fastened with handmade loops. The dress was cherished and eventually featured in many plays performed by Elizabeth, Jennifer and Robert (Connie's son).

She hand knitted Franks socks and later amused herself knitting Aunt Sally dolls with beautifully knitted adornments.

The social centre for village affairs was then always at the school. The village hall at that time was derelict with elder bushes growing through the windows.

Sadly June developed osteoarthritis which affected her feet and hands, so that eventually she could not walk and was only just able to feed herself. Never the less, she thoroughly enjoyed being visited and was always keen to hear about village goings on. She had at some point written a list of all of the houses in the village and who lived in them. We had great discussions about who had lived where, and when they moved, and who had followed on into these properties.

June spent the last two years of her life at Greenways in Long Itchington where she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last summer, enjoying all of the visitors that called on her.

Sadly, June died on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**Betty Winkfield**



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## **February 2016**

It seems a long time since there was a meeting with no planning applications to consider but this was one. The Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Councillors with Harbury Energy Group's suggestion included that builders of new homes be encouraged to improve energy efficiency.

**Properties** - A grant application has been made for a children's climbing wall and a grant has been awarded for the "Walking Route" along the eastern side of the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Summers had enlisted Michael Mann to pull out the tree stumps remaining in the Burial Grounds which remained from the volunteers tidying efforts. She wanted the Irish yews that line the path to be reduced in height so the place was less "gloomy" and the English yews also needed attention.

Chairman Tim Lockley was disappointed to hear there was no progress in finding a new site for burials. Councillor Thompson said the Church too needed extra space for the interment of ashes.

**Environment** - The Parish still has 60 Mercury lamps which have to be phased out. It will cost about £300 to replace each with an LED lamp. The fancy Windsor lamp-standards are already being slowly replaced but this costs about £1200 for each one. The Clerk seemed reasonably certain that all this refurbishment could be managed within budget.

Councillor Chris Gibb had proposed the bus route through the village be changed to alleviate the congestion in Chapel Street so that the bus runs along Park Lane into Farm Street and out via Binswood End and vice versa.

Notice of a Consultation on this matter will be in this edition of the Harbury News (please see page 35) and residents are encouraged to give their views on the changes.

County Councillor Bob Stevens mentioned the extra £3m given to the County; the next Community Forum is on 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Rugby Club; the number of Syrian refugees the West Midlands was expected to house and the on-going negotiations about a Combined Authority for the West Midlands.

**Grants** - Requests were considered from the Rugby Club of £2K for a defibrillator (awarded £500) and from GASS for improvements to the Scout Hut (awarded £1989).

Geoff Thorpe reminded Councillors that the Village Hall was holding a “Day to Celebrate” the completion of the latest improvements on 16<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am - 2.00pm. The Lord Lieutenant would be officially opening the extension. Geoff also recommended the Panto to the Councillors, as excellent fun. And that was it!

**Next Meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## Harbury Neighbourhood Development Plan

In last month's magazine Ladbroke PC gave an account of the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting they held in January. It was certainly worth reading and reinforced what we have been saying for the past two and a half years - since we distributed questionnaires in October 2013. Producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan is a long process with a lot of work for the volunteers who collect the information and attend meetings.

The Harbury and Deppers Bridge Plan is now in the final stages, with the Consultation Draft approved by the Parish Council and sent to Stratford for its pre-screening. We will keep you updated as your support is vital. We need the Plan passed at a referendum which will take place in Harbury at a date in the future.

Thank you to all those parishioners who have contributed in any way, and of course the Steering Group.

**Councillor Pat Summers**

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|  | <h3>Harbury Society</h3> | <p><b>Linda Ridgley</b></p> |
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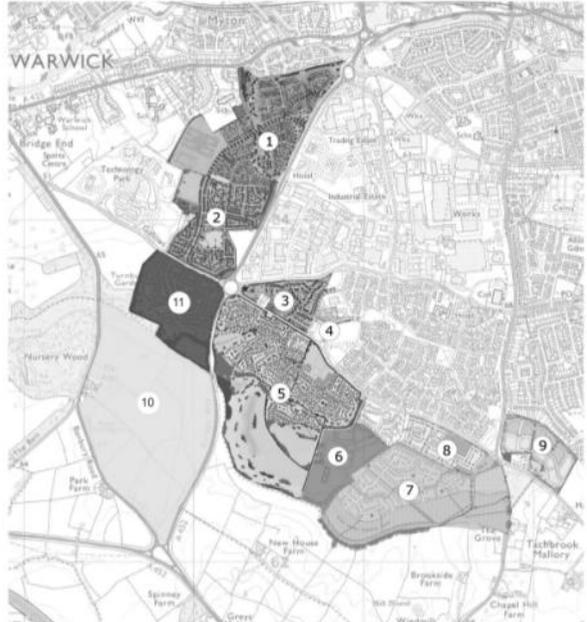
We are beginning to see the start of the expansion of our village. In all there are almost 500 houses planned – most with permission. Work has started on the Dovehouse Autos site and on the plot opposite it. David Wilson Homes' archaeological survey is progressing and adverts have appeared on the Henry's site. The 285 houses on the Quarry Lands will begin soon but the 32 Extra Care flats and 21 market dwellings off Bull Ring Lane have still not

been approved after nine months! Few of these homes will be truly affordable or reserved for local people.

In the 2011 Census we had a population of 2415 souls. Assuming an average of only 2.5 persons per new dwelling our population is set to double by 1,250.

Pity poor Warwick which has 4,894 homes so far permitted. These are to go on the west of Europa Way down to the roundabout at Tachbrook Mallory and all along Harbury Lane from Warwick to beyond the Bishops Tachbrook Crossroads!

### Land with planning permission for houses south of Warwick



On a more cheerful note: Our next meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room, is a talk by Archie Pitts on the planned improvements to the Pump Rooms and historic bandstand.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

We can only speak highly of our New Year's Party. The food was great and supplied by all members. The Committee and helpers did us proud and we thank them.

We were entertained by John Turner on the "History and Art of Monologue".

We were hosts to the Federation Quiz at the Village Hall. A successful evening with 19 teams competing. Bishops Itchington were the winners and three teams (including our own) take part in the next round.

We have been invited to visit The Dogs Trust in Kenilworth and Peggie has arranged to go on Wednesday afternoon on 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please get in touch with her if interested.

We had our usual yearly Members' Evening in February when Lin Hayes asked members to relate "I know something you may not know" and it was so entertaining what these members told us.

Dorothy Travis tested us on a W.I. quiz. A very enjoyable evening and we thank them very much.

Members are reminded to bring the requested toiletries for the needy that Julia will take to the Annual Federation Meeting.

The next meeting is at the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45pm. Speaker: Steven Bruce – "Stories from the Auction Room". Members can bring a small item for Steven to look at.



## Harbury Theatre Group

Andrew Lawrence

By the time this edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News goes to print the curtain will have closed on our pantomime, "Sleeping beauty" but, at the time of writing, dress rehearsals are in full swing. We have had great fun in making what we think will be a super show and I hope those of you who come to see it will have had as much fun watching and joining in with the action. It's been a great privilege to help launch the new stage and we hope we've done justice to the hard work of everyone who brought it into being.



The show was produced by Brian Wade and directed by Keith Hayes whose catch phrase was "Pace and passion" and I think we managed to deliver for him. Emily Jackson as the bad fairy "Poison Ivy" was imperious and very scary whilst Chris Barber, returning to the stage after a long

absence, was a delight as the dame "Marigold Glove." The junior section played a big role and it was great to involve lots of them by using different children for each performance.

Producing a pantomime requires a huge effort by lots of people on music, sound, lighting, sets and scenery, costumes, advertising, acting, back stage and front



of house. We have a great team and we are always keen for new people to join us. Why don't you give it a try?



In two weeks time we start rehearsing for our next production, "Bags of Laughter" which will be performed on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. It consists of 17 short sketches by several different writers brought together into a very amusing show and performed to an audience sitting at tables in cabaret style. There will be no scenery, just a few props but (we hope) some great entertainment achieved by great timing, sound and lighting. Expect the unexpected!

Then, in June, Harbury will be hosting the Amateur Community Theatre Festival when about ten amateur groups from South Warwickshire will perform a series of one act plays over three nights. We will perform some of the sketches from "Bags of Laughter" as our contribution. We hope lots of people from Harbury will come along to enjoy the variety of performances and to support your local group. This will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> Friday and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. (We had planned to open on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June but it might be tricky doing it in a polling station during the referendum so we're looking at other options for the third performance).



## Folk Club

**Doug & Janny Freeman**

**February 2016**

This month's theme was "Love", and the performers serenaded us with romantic, risqué and sensitive material. Everyone was in good voice, even those fighting winter vocal ailments.

The evening was opened by Janny and Maureen who ensured that *Cupid's Garden* got an early mention. They were followed by Ray and Ann, Sue Harris, Rik, and Ian and Sue. The audience sang along to numbers made famous by Tom Paxton, Joan Baez, Everly Brothers, Edith Piaf, Richard Stilgoe, and our very own Ian Hartland. Martin finished the half with a poignant self penned *Song for Val*.

The second half provided more opportunities for the audience to exercise their vocal talents. The Harbury Folk Club Choir got us underway, and they were followed by Pete Mason, Dave Fry, Ted and Sue, and Peter McDonald. This half we had songs made famous by Robbie Burns, Ralph McTell, Dion, and Tom Paxton. Pete and Liz closed the second half with two beautiful songs, *Loving Hannah* and *The Valentine Song*.

The choir started the final half with a heart warming rendition of *Myfanwy*. Dave then had the audience joining in the *Rose of Allendale*. Martin's high risk, according to him, song with complex lyrics and ukulele playing was a great way to finish the entertainment.

The charity raffle raised £84 which has been donated to the all female "Coxless Crew" who rowed 9,200 miles in 257 days from San Francisco to Cairns, Australia. The money they raise is equally split between "Walking with the Wounded - for injured servicewomen", and "Breast Cancer Care".

An evening of fine singing and musicianship, and our thanks go to all the performers, the audience, and the Village Club's staff. Next month's club will be hosted by Ted and Sue on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March when the theme will be "Belonging".



## **Harbury Folk Club – The Sixties Concert**

The Village Hall was filled to capacity on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January for the Harbury Folk Club "The Sixties" concert. This, our 5<sup>th</sup> annual concert, was again a sell-out. The evening featured 22 local artists and an energetic support crew of 6. Debbie Ellis, our MC, introduced the splendid variety of acts: Folk Club Orchestra, Rumble-o, Pete and Liz Bones, Janny Freeman and Maureen Darby, The Harvesters, 5 Daft Dames, Ted and Sue Crum, Peter McDonald, and the Folk Club Choir. The finale of the evening was a Beatles medley performed by all the artists with the audience joining in.

I would like to thank the many people who so freely gave their time to make the evening such a success. The performers would like to say a big thank you to our very appreciative audience. We made a profit of £910.13 which has been donated to the Harbury Village Hall. The five concerts have raised a total of £3,700 for the Village Hall.

**Doug Freeman**



## Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

We thank Michelle and Neil at the Crown Inn for hosting our Film Evening on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> February and providing an excellent buffet supper in the interval. 35 Members and friends enjoyed the French Film, "*Jeunets*". The fact that it was in French with sub-titles did not distract from the enjoyment for those of us who cannot speak French.

Our next event is our annual Quiz Night in the Village Club at 7.30pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March for which we invite teams of four to compete. Full details can be seen on the colourful posters that are displayed on the village notice boards.

On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> April we will be returning to the Navigation Inn at Wootton Wawen for our Annual Supper and Skittles evening.

### The Origin of the Harbury Twinning Association Shield



At its inception in 1997 the Harbury Twinning Association needed a coat of arms which they could display alongside the Samoio-sur Seine coat of arms and, as Harbury did not possess one, it was agreed that they would use the shield which is displayed in the Southam Rural District Council coat of arms (displayed below). Ten years later the Association decided to design and introduce their own shield.

It was decided that the Twinning Association Shield should incorporate some of Harbury's prominent and identifiable features hence, the Chesterton Windmill, the village Church, the Three Arch Bridge which is over the railway line at the bottom of Bull Ring Farm Road. The white chevron which is also displayed on the Harbury Rugby Club badge was taken from the Southam R.D.C. shield.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

Despite the awful weather in February the club managed to play all three scheduled Banbury League fixtures albeit in some very difficult conditions. In the Floodlit League, Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Geoff Prince and Marcus Sharpe stretched league leaders Charlbury in a closely contested match. The visitors went home with a 5-3 win but the overall games score of 38-34 shows how close it was. That was followed by an even closer encounter at Brackley when Helen Cooper and Colin Mercer joined Geoff and Caroline. In the ladies

doubles Caroline and Helen lost a very long tiebreak in the first set but bounced back to take the second and halve the rubber. Geoff and Colin also halved their rubber after staging a great recovery from 2-5 down in the second set to take it 7-6 on the tiebreak. In the mixed doubles Caroline and Geoff won both sets but Helen and Colin lost theirs, which meant the match ended in a draw with each team winning four rubbers and amazingly both winning 42 games. Harbury are now in third place in Division 3 with two matches to play.

Debs Brookes, Eira Owen, Joe Robson and Nigel Eaton travelled to Towcester for a Winter League Division 4 match with high hopes of completing a league double over their hosts. This was achieved with a 5-3 win, which matched the result of the home fixture. Debs and Eira achieved a quick 2-0 victory in the ladies doubles and then had to wait in the rain, cold and wind for Joe and Nigel, who, after losing a tight first set, managed to even the tie in the second set. The mixed pair of Debs and Nigel were well beaten in their match by their younger opponents who showed better teamwork and consistency although the score did not reflect the many long games. Luckily, the second pair of Eira and Joe comfortably won both their sets. Harbury now occupy second place in the league with just one game to play.

The Junior programme being delivered by coolsporz is going really well and numbers are increasing which is really encouraging as we're still in the winter season. We've now introduced a Junior Club Night on Tuesdays between 4.30pm and 5.30pm. This is a new session coolsporz are starting for us in addition to the Monday and Thursday lessons. It's aimed at children (8 years plus) who can rally and play points to develop match play experience. It's fantastic value at £2 per session for Club members and £3 for non-members. For more information about this and times and days of all lessons contact Lianne Candappa on 07919 104093 or visit [www.coolsporz.co.uk](http://www.coolsporz.co.uk)

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|  | <h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2> | <p><b>Lynne Barton</b></p> |
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Hello Harbury from everyone at Toddlers.

We opened during half term and so were able to welcome some older children to the session.



Mel from **Bilingua Sing** came as our specialist visitor; she was brilliant and we would thoroughly recommend her. She taught us some key Spanish words and rhymes in Spanish and English. You can watch the action on our website at [www.entrustcarepartnership.com](http://www.entrustcarepartnership.com)..... And who knew it turned out that Harriet's mother is fluent in several languages. Wow a clever lady.



*Bubbles - great  
in any language  
Gracias Mel!*

As planned we held our Annual General Meeting during drinks and snack time which gave the opportunity for everyone present to have a say.

Thank you for your super comments.

There were three individual suggestions, **to run an additional session, secondly to have bread sticks or fruit occasionally at drinks time and the third was to have more messy play.** To this end one of our parents, Aimee Mann approached Banana Moon for support and they have agreed to loan us a Tuff Tray so that we can contain our 'messy' experience in one place – many, many thanks to Lucy at Banana Moon Nursery.

Running an extra session would require some thinking about as the 'subs' collected each week do not cover the cost of the group and therefore we rely heavily on other fund raising, we have however introduced some fruit and will continue to do this as donations are received.

Gymboree is coming soon as is our very own Alison Hunt with her One, Two, Three and away story and singing sessions.

We also have a new volunteer hopefully joining us on a regular basis, Reg Mead lives in Southam and made himself indispensable recently, chatting to families, making tea and washing up.

It certainly enhances the children's experiences to engage with people of all ages.

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

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

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



**Chinese New Year and the Pre-School curriculum** – The month was mostly taken up with Chinese New Year celebrations, which covered all areas of the Early Years' Foundation Stage curriculum.

**Personal, social and emotional development** - The role play area became a Chinese home, with the children sharing with friends the experience of trying on Chinese style clothing, using Chinese cooking and eating utensils and play food including wool noodles. They re-enacted the story of the Chinese Zodiac, each being an animal crossing the river on the command of the Jade Emperor.



**Communication and language** - The children learned how to say “Happy New Year” in Chinese, listened to the Chinese Zodiac story, dragon poems and songs and gave their descriptions of the Chinese dragon.

Luke said, “It can breathe fire. If you get close to him, it can breathe fire at you. Mine lives at Pre-School.”

**Physical development** - At the snack bar the children chopped vegetables for a delicious, healthy stir fry. They later had a go at using chopsticks to eat their stir fry, some very successfully!



**Literacy** - At the graphics table, the children produced amazingly good observational work in recreating Chinese script using large brush strokes. Books about China were shared and read with one another.

**Mathematics** – Mathematical language was extended to the description of the dragon. Sophia told us, “He’s got five horns and seven teeth. He’s a fierce dragon,” and Jo-Jo said, “Six teeth. I cut them and stick them on.”

**Understanding the world** – The children were also shown many photos from China on the Pre-School tablet. They tried different foods at snack time including noodles, prawn crackers and rice cakes.



**Expressive Arts and Design** – The children's creative skills were demonstrated in their wonderful observational paintings of our model dragon, their Chinese style watercolour blossom paintings and in creating their own dragon from recycled materials. They performed the Dragon dance with their home-made dragon using drums to create the rhythms.



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



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Plans have already been made by the Village Hall committees for the Open Day arranged for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and all the groups who are regular hirers have been asked if they would like to showcase their work, so that the breadth of activity which happens each week is on display. The hall will be open from 10.00am until 2.00pm and there is an open invitation to all members of the community to view all areas of the premises, which have been described on a monthly



### **New stage curtains and valance ready for the Theatre Group Panto**

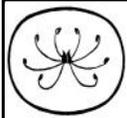
basis for over a year BUT 'seeing will be believing' - the outcome is possibly better than could have been imagined when the ideas were first formulated! It is definitely the case that we now have probably one of the best village halls in the County and as such it was felt that it was important to ensure that everyone has the chance to see the superb modernisation of the 'new build'.

The committees have been delighted by the news that the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire has agreed to perform the official opening ceremony and will be visiting Harbury from approx. 11.30am until 1.30pm. Before coming to the hall at mid-day, he will be invited into the Biblio's café, to see another of Harbury's community successes.

Representatives of all the organisations, which have provided major funding towards the development of the hall over several years have been invited to attend the Open Day, including Biffaward, The Veolia Environmental Trust, WREN etc., as well as Stratford District Council which supported some of the earlier improvement schemes (through the Southam Vision project) and Warwickshire County Council, which also made grants in support of the modernisation. It is hoped that there will be an impressive turnout on the day and that there will be enough bacon/sausage baps or samosas + a hot drink to sustain all visitors. There will only be a modest charge of £1.50 / bap + hot drink, as this occasion is not viewed as a fund-raising event, only as a celebration of the achievement of all those who have contributed in a variety of ways in the past few years. It's a date to be recorded in the diary, as it's sure to be something to remember in future. The last time the hall had an

official opening was in 1962 when the local M.P. John Profumo (Minister of War) officiated at the ceremony.

Apart from this major activity, 6 weeks away, there will have been well-attended performances at the Theatre Group's pantomime and another excellent film showing with Maggie Smith, as the 'Lady in the Van' - tickets available from the Harbury Pharmacy. The more vigilant visitors to the hall will hopefully notice that a group of daffodils has emerged on the grassed area at the front of the premises (planted by the W.I. to celebrate 100 years of existence) and also that the photos in the two Mike Bloxham frames (celebrating village activities he captured for the Harbury & Ladbroke News) have been changed. It will be a challenge to see how many of the latest Harbury residents from previous years can be recognised.



## Horticultural Society

**Judy Morrall**

It was another successful meeting in February when about 40 members came to hear Dr John Page. He spoke about the RHS Gardens and his expert knowledge and wonderful photos made sure that we all enjoyed his enthusiasm. Apart from the four gardens featured, there is a new one in Manchester called Bridgewater which is in the process of getting established. The objective of all of the gardens is teaching, learning, experimental and above all for public enjoyment and appreciation.

We started off at Harlow Carr in Yorkshire, near Harrogate. Here there are a series of huge garden rooms with seasonal interest throughout the year. They have trial beds of vegetables which are always popular and we saw a huge display of one of my favourite plants, the nandina domestica (heavenly bamboo) which has wonderful fiery red colours throughout autumn and winter. These teamed with hellebores and red cornus put on a stunning display. They have a new alpine house where the raised beds inside display a great selection of alpines. In summer there are colourful borders and bedding plants on show. The pots of plants are sunk into a sandy mixture which ensures their optimum performance.

Then on to Hyde Hall in Essex on the East coast. A very different garden with almost sandy and dry soil but the plants grown here just suit these conditions. There are many examples of grasses, from the well known pampas to the stipa family and miscanthus. Some of these tower above the other plants. Lots of ferns in a sunken garden and so many lovely vivid colours from reds to purples to oranges and, like the late Christopher Lloyd's style, very flamboyant - but it works! Tall cannas amongst Chinese lanterns and dahlias and very many more colour combinations are definitely worth a visit.

Then to my favourite, Rosemoor, near Torrington in North Devon. Something for everyone to enjoy here. From the impressive entrance onto a huge terrace

with views over the garden with a vast array of agapanthus in all colours. To the famous rose garden - the scents are amazing - from the obelisks to the swags to the bush varieties. The swags are interspersed with clematis, a very clever idea. The wide and long herbaceous borders are spectacular at the height of summer. Raised beds through an archway tempt you in. Mediterranean planting with kniphofias, tree ferns, cannas, isoplexis, tetrapanax and much more. There is a huge pond, a woodland walk, an arboretum, shrubbery, fernery and a fabulous walled kitchen garden, I spent over two hours just in this garden the last time we visited. The autumn colours are spectacular too. I suspect that you now realise my fondness for this garden which makes a lovely break from your journey if going on to North Cornwall.

The last garden we saw was of course Wisley in Surrey. We have been here on a day trip and it is vast with so much to see. In spring the famous and massive rock garden created in 1910 comes into its own. There are meadows full of narcissus and daffodils. The huge rill in front of the house is full of lilies of all colours. The alpine house is now much larger and houses a massive collection from all parts of the world. In summer the roses here too are fabulous with heady aromas in the air. Here is the oldest plant in all of the gardens, a larch which is 2000 years old. In winter there are thousands of cyclamen from red to pink to white. At the very top of the garden there are specimen trees. In autumn the colours here too are quite amazing from acers, liquidamber, salix, elagnus, hydrangea, euonymus and so many more. Near here are the trial gardens where all sorts of flowers and shrubs are tested for hardiness and reliability and they then can go on to earn the award of garden merit. If you visit in the summer, on the way out there is always a huge bedding display with a Victorian feel. I have really only covered a small part of this great garden but it is superb. All four of the gardens represent the RHS at its best.

As mentioned last month, the two outings this year are firstly on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Hanbury Hall and gardens near Droitwich in the morning then, in the afternoon, to Spetchley Park near Worcester. The cost for this trip is £25, (leaving the Village Hall at 9.30am and Spetchley at 6.00pm). The second one is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sherborne Castle and Gardens which is celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> birth of Lancelot Capability Brown with an exhibition, much to see here both inside and outside the castle so we will be there all day. The cost for this trip is £26.50, (leaving the Village Hall at 8.30am and Sherborne at 5.00pm). I'm sure you will agree that both are very good value and if you fancy a good day out do please join us as it is much nicer to more than half fill the coach, so please contact me, you will be made very welcome.

Now that spring is almost here there is a chance to visit seasonal garden openings etc. so I have listed below a few places of interest in the NGS scheme. In Worcestershire near Little Malvern Court, near Little Malvern, post code WR14 4JN, will be open on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 to 5.00pm with teas at a cost of £7.00. The garden is 10 acres and there is a ruined

Benedictine monastery with views over the Severn valley. Seasonal planting plus much more on the terraces and garden rooms. In Oxford, Trinity College in Broad Street, post code OX1 3BH will be open also on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 1.00 to 5.00pm with teas in the dining hall and the cost is £2.50. This is a unique opportunity to see these gardens which have specimen trees, bulbs, walled terrace and much more. I have been here and the dining hall is very impressive.

In Gloucestershire, Kencot gardens near Lechlade, post code GL7 3QT will be open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 to 6.00pm cost is £4 with teas in the Village Hall. Five gardens plus the allotments will be open for the twelfth year. Home Farm, Huntley, post code GL19 3HG will be open on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am to 4.00pm and cost is £4. A woodland walk plus a lovely enclosed garden and heather beds to see here, stout walking boots are a must! Lastly Beverston Castle near Tetbury post code GL8 8TU will be open on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 to 5.30pm cost is £4 with teas. A romantic castle ruin with terraces, moat, spring bulbs and shrubs and a walled kitchen garden.

The Edible Garden Show is back this year at Stoneleigh Park from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 4.30pm and the cost is £11. Much to savour and enjoy here, a chance to buy heritage seeds, get garden advice from, amongst other speakers, Christine Walkden, sample some cooking by celebrity chefs and another favourite of mine, James Wong will be there. We are lucky to have this prestigious show almost on our own doorstep.

By the time you read this we will have had our March meeting and enjoyed another of Adrian James' talks so I will report back on that next month. The April meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> when another of our favourite speakers, Roger Umpelby will be talking about Useful, Beautiful but Unloved, an alternative look at weeds.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Tom Hauley room, we start at 8.00pm for a great talk, refreshments plus a very extensive raffle. Enjoy spring and the lighter nights.



**Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Philip Martino**

At last the days are lengthening and there are many signs of spring in the garden. Many plants have started to flower much earlier than usual. I just hope there aren't too many late frosts which could cause damage. I feel sure we are all eager for some warmth and sunshine after such a grey and wet winter.

Yesterday I went to a meeting for the owners of gardens who open for the National Garden Scheme in this county. We all work hard to make our

gardens look good in order to raise money for the charity which distributes the donations to various cancer and other caring charities. This is a suggestion for you to visit some of these gardens where you can have an interesting afternoon out and contribute to some very good causes at the same time. If you would like a booklet so you know when the different places are open, you can find them in the library and we have some too at Bridge Nursery.

Between us we have clocked up 134 years of life! Many people of a similar age have retired and are taking life easy. I can't imagine not working but need to make some changes and to slow down a bit. From the beginning of this month we shall be open from Thursday – Sunday plus Bank Holiday Mondays from 10am-4pm. We will also be happy to open by appointment on the other days.

Meanwhile there are jobs.....prune roses and feed them; remove the old flowers from hydrangeas and give the stems a light prune; sow hardy annuals straight into the ground; sow sweetpeas; plant gladioli and lilies; sow broad beans, peas and spring onions and plant onion sets; if you have house plants now would be a good time to re-pot them.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*

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## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

Yesterday (22<sup>nd</sup> February), the temperature climbed to 12C. A north-west wind eased and when the sun emerged in the afternoon it felt as if spring was in the air. A large group of us (U3A Natural History) met at Batsford Arboretum and revelled in a floral display. There were plenty of snowdrops, winter aconites and daffodils. The various witch hazels with their attractive strap-like petals stood out since the leaves of these shrubs had yet to unfurl. In one sheltered pond with marshy areas, kingcups (otherwise known as marsh marigolds) were fully in bloom. They are in the family Ranunculaceae (buttercups).

The previous day I had my first sighting of coltsfoot in bloom beside the Welsh Road. This is another flower which precedes its leaf though the latter's hoof like shape gives the plant its common name.

This is the time of year when some uncommon birds can be seen. Martin and Amanda Randall reported siskins in their garden attracted by the seeds in their bird feeder. Birch and Alder seeds are the usual fare of these attractive small finches. They are often in mixed flocks and it has been suggested that this behaviour may help in foraging for food and mean there is a greater chance of spotting a predator than when alone. Goldfinches, chaffinches and

the occasional greenfinch made up the group in question. The largest flock recently was of about thirty birds. (I'm grateful to Martin for e-mailing this information)

Another sighting, this time of Lesser Redpolls was made by David and Sue Wurr. These finches are related to linnets, a bird which has had a steep decline in numbers, probably because of changes in agricultural practices. Now, birds are pairing and nesting time is upon us. Cycling through the lanes near Long Itchington, I saw two swans standing in a pasture seemingly a long way from water. I have seen swans 'running' across a lake with wings flapping in order to take off. From dry land it must be more difficult. On the same ride on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, I saw two fields by Firs Farm full of lambs, some quite large. They were making a lot of noise as they explored their new territory while their mothers carried on quietly feeding.

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, Robert Stockdale's walking group was led on a ten mile circuit by Terry Hunt. The rain held off which was a bonus and we enjoyed the mud and camaraderie. Breasting the slope up to Bearley having crossed the busy Birmingham road (A3400), I turned to look back to the west and the hills along the Worcestershire border south of Redditch. Expressing my pleasure to a local he replied "Good isn't it? This is our little secret".

I have recently been given several folders of natural history photographic slides. They are just part of the collection made by the late Graham Sedon of Middleton Cheney, a lifelong friend of David Brown (author of the definitive, modern guide to Warwickshire's moths). Graham's widow gave the extensive archive to David. If anyone wants to see a selection please get in touch with me. (612860 or [j.hancock43@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hancock43@btinternet.com))

Reading an article by Patrick Barkham today, I was reminded how we tend to pigeon-hole our wildlife. Hedgehogs and water voles good, moles bad. In fact, of course, moles aerate and drain the soil. You could say they can spoil the look of our lawns but the latter are merely a construct and in time garden designs will no doubt change. Moles have been persecuted and, until very recently, were killed with a very unpleasant poison - strychnine. Even Kenneth Graham's "Wind in the Willows" and his likeable Moley has not done much to redress the balance.

Talking of Patrick Barham reminds me of his excellent book, "The Butterfly Isles". He spends a year roaming the UK and tracking down the 59 species of butterfly which can, with patience and a little help from experts, be found here. What a way to spend a year-a pipedream. I'll continue at a slower pace and hope we all enjoy looking at wildlife as the year unfolds.





## General Section

### **Harbury Folk Club Concert - Village Hall, 30<sup>th</sup> January**

This was the fifth concert that Doug Freeman has organised for Village Hall funds and so good were the previous ones, tickets sold out within hours. I am certain no one was disappointed as 22 singers and musicians from Harbury Folk Club provided an excellent evening of entertainment with a 60's theme.

The evening was hosted by the inimitable Debbie Ellis who, with her way with words, managed to interweave the titles of numerous 60s songs into her introductions. There was a huge amount of local talent to savour and the audience clearly loved it all. I particularly enjoyed the beautiful unaccompanied close harmony singing of Janny and Maureen. I also loved Ted Crum's rendition of a Flanders and Swann song about General de Gaulle - particularly hilarious if you were old enough to remember the great man. The evening finale was given by the Folk Club Choir. This group developed from the Folk Club contribution to the annual Carol Service and under Peter McDonald's direction they get better and better. Gareth Malone has shown the nation that singing together is a joy and it was obvious how much the choir were enjoying themselves. The audience loved it too especially the beautiful 'Fields of Gold'. For an encore they led the audience in a medley of Beatles songs. Word sheets were handed out but of course the older members of the audience had no need of them!

Doug Freeman and the Folk Club have now raised £3,700 for the Village Hall which as John Hancock, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, pointed out in his vote of thanks, is a fantastic effort by one group. It was a great evening and if you want to go next year you will need to be quick off the mark ordering tickets.

**Sharon Hancock**

### **Connections Café - For those with a Dementia Diagnosis and their Carers**

The Connections Café has been running very successfully now for several sessions in Harbury Village Library. Visitors to the café have enjoyed tea or coffee with delicious home-made cakes, and the chance to chat and swap experiences. Additionally we have had some very successful singalong sessions which have been much enjoyed, and hope to make this a regular feature of the café. Craft activities and pastimes such as dominoes, jigsaws and crosswords have also been available, along with useful information for those supporting loved ones with a dementia diagnosis.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who have helped to make these sessions such a positive experience for all concerned. Please encourage anyone you might think would benefit from joining us to come along on the third Wednesday of the month – our next session will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the Library from 2 - 4 pm – or contact Jill or Janice on the phone numbers below for further information.

**Jill - 612483**  
**Janice – 612340**



## Harbury Library & Biblio's Café

The Library AGM is to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Library. Easter Closing: The Library will be closed 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March; Biblio's will be closed 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**Tim Lockley**

## Harbury Cemetery



Volunteers have finished cutting back the undergrowth and clearing overgrown graves. The cemetery looks open and spacious as you can see from the photograph. I would like to thank the 'regulars'. Bernard and Bronda, Mike and

Liz, Phill and Sue. Also Dayle, Linden, Patrick, Chris, Brian, Gill, Isobel, Sue, Kath, Jenny and anyone else who has helped when they've had the time. A big "thank you" to Michael Mann who has taken trailer loads of branches away for us.

Now we are appealing for any shrubs, plants and seeds that you don't want as we would like to create a haven of flowers that everyone can appreciate. We can make use of anything that you no longer want in your garden - apart from weeds and slugs! - which can be left in bags just inside the cemetery gate. Or I am quite happy to collect them. I know that many of you 'spring clean' your garden and throw excess plants into the green bin. Please throw them our way!

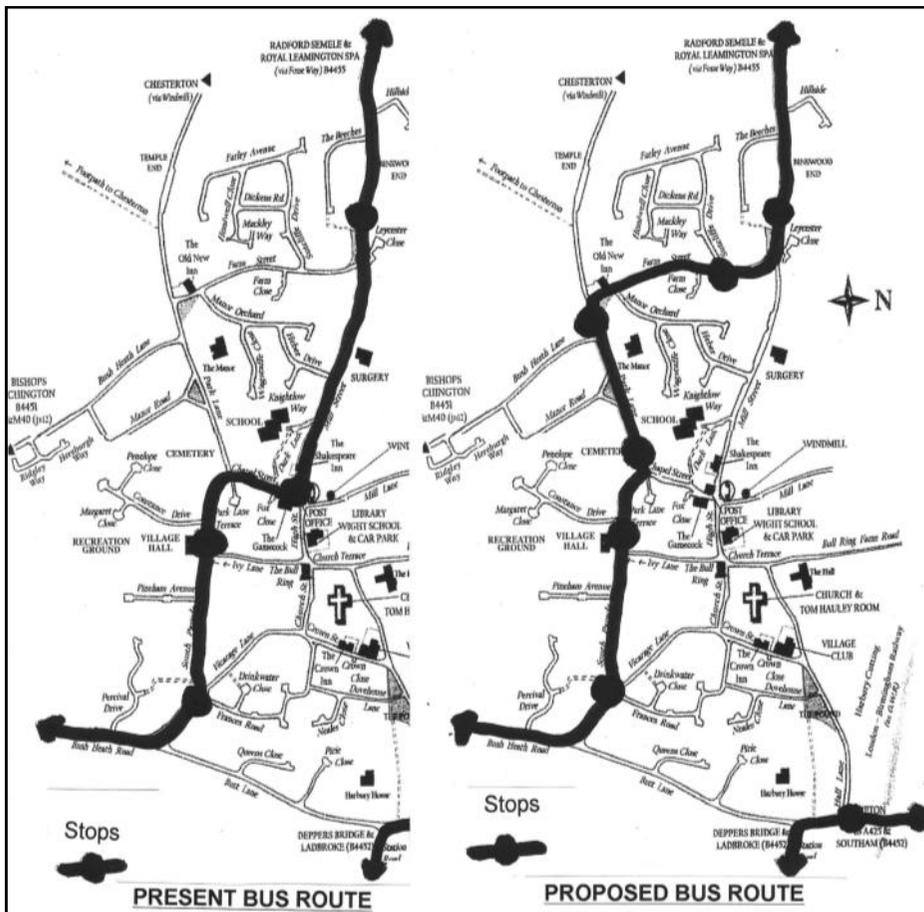
**Pat Summers**  
**patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk**

## Proposed alteration to bus route through Harbury

The Parish Council wishes to propose an alteration to the route of the Stagecoach bus service through Harbury.

### Proposed Route

The proposed route is Bishops Itchington - Bush Heath Road - South Parade - Park Lane - Farm Street - Binswood End - Leamington. The current stop outside the Post Office would be replaced by stops near the Cemetery, near the Old New Inn and near the end of Sutcliffe Drive. The accompanying map shows the present and proposed routes.



### Why change?

We think the proposed route will provide stops closer to more villagers, taking into account existing and new houses. The school buses already take this route. We are fortunate to have a regular bus service, and we wish to encourage bus use by villagers in order to protect for the long term.

The village centre around the Post Office is increasingly congested with cars and delivery lorries. As well as supporting the bus service, we wish to encourage the commercial activity at the heart of our village, without causing delays to the bus service, and think the proposed route allows both objectives to be better met.

**What about the bus shelter?**

If the bus route is changed we will seek funding to move the shelter to the new stop near the cemetery.

**When will this happen?**

Subject to the outcome of this consultation, later in 2016, on a date to be announced. Once we know the outcome of the consultation we will engage further with the County Council and Stagecoach, who are both content with the proposal.

**Can I have a say?**

Yes, very much! We want to hear from villagers who support or object to the proposed change, regardless of whether you currently use the bus or not.

Please respond by completing the following slip and delivering it to the Parish Council office, or email us at [clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk), before 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. The Parish Council will review the feedback at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Thank you,

**Councillor Chris Gibb**

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**I support / object to\* the proposed alteration to the Stagecoach bus service in Harbury.**

Signature: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

.....

\*delete as applicable

## Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to everyone who came to our coffee morning on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. We made **£140** and we are really pleased with that result.

**Elaine Bruce**

## Harbury Village Club and Institute – Annual General Meeting

Harbury Village Club and Institute will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm.**

It is very important that Club members attend this meeting to understand the current financial situation of the Club and the future of this village resource. If there are any issues that members would like to discuss at the AGM please can the Secretary, Jane Cox be notified via e-mail.

The current Committee looks forward seeing members.

**Harbury Village Club Committee**



## Blood Donors

The next session in Harbury will be on 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall. Session times are 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm. Last time our numbers were down – it was horrible weather – and we have had hardly any new donors for a long time so please spread the word.

**Gillian Hare**

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March which, as always, is open to everyone. We hope you can find the time to come along and support us in our fundraising.

At about this time of year our thoughts turn towards thinking about the summer outing and where to go. At this moment, we are still thinking about it!

More details will follow in the coming months but meanwhile, if you are new to the village and think you are eligible, please contact Julie Clarke on 612066 or me on 612421. Also, it would be useful if those of you who receive an invitation and who no longer wish to do so could let us know so that we can remove your names from our list. Thank you.

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

## It's your Carnival and it happens in Harbury - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

*'I love Carnival because it brings the Village alive with fun and things for all to enjoy. It sums up why Harbury is such a great place.'*

Some of the key ingredients of a successful day are the stalls manned by local groups that provide a variety of things to do. And make a few pounds for the local groups and charities that man them.

This year the Committee is making games and equipment available on a first come first served basis: Some Stocks (for sponge throwing?), Table and Floor Skittles, Aunt Sally, Horseshoes, Boules... and any other ideas suggested and loaned by anyone out there. This should help and inspire your group or charity to create and run a stall. Simply contact Mike McBride to book a stall and claim a game on 612421.

We will have the usual procession of floats and walking tableaux (all safely marshalled with a temporary rolling road closure programme as we successfully introduced last year). Plus the Dog Show, Fancy Dress Competition and other events in the arena. The refurbished Village Hall will be another centre of fun.

And in the week preceding, the Pub and Club Games will get things going.

Details coming in following editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

It is heartening to think that the first Carnival was over 70 years ago and has taken place over 50 times. Make this year an equally memorable local event for all to enjoy by planning your involvement right now!

**Peter Walshe**

**On behalf of the Carnival Committee**



### Harbury Village Show

An advance notice that the show this year will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, enjoying our beautiful, newly extended Village Hall.

The schedules will be in the Library soon after Easter; most classes remain the same but last year's judges made some helpful suggestions, so do read carefully. And look out for a new class in the cookery section – for MEN!

**Gillian Hare**

**Show Steering Group**

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE  
TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**



## Harbury Heritage Room

We have a special Open Afternoon on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 2-4pm

All welcome. The Heritage Room contains hundreds of local photos and documents relating to buildings, people and events.

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

We are open as usual on the first Tuesday evening of the month i.e. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30-8.30pm.

We have a jigsaw puzzle for loan, with a hire fee of just £5. It is a map of Harbury in Victorian times. It was bought to entertain the children at the school at wet playtimes, but is far too difficult. Do you fancy a challenge? We put this in last month's magazine, but no-one was brave enough to have a go! Email [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk). Free delivery!

### Closure of the Wagstaffe School

#### The old school in-spectre may go mod

*(From a newspaper cutting from the 1960s with "Headmistress Mrs Janie Watts pictured in the playground of the old Harbury infants' school" and a picture of the school and graveyard)*

Harbury's ghost has deserted. For three centuries the kindly spectre has watched over village children at the Wagstaffe Infants School - using his terrible curse to keep head teachers up to standard.

Now the school has been closed, and next term the 70 children move into an ultra-modern glass and concrete building in Mill Lane.

For 19 years Mrs Janie Watts has been head teacher at the school. She says: "I'm sad to be leaving. The new building is wonderful, all clean and hygienic ... but it'll be another hundred years before it has a bit of soul."

The phantom is said to be the restless figure of Thomas Wagstaffe, the squire who endowed the school with £21 in 1611. Whenever an unsatisfactory headmaster took charge of the children, Thomas took a ghostly stroll through the school building, where the head lived until 1898.

He met little resistance until the 1750's, when an unusually stubborn teacher moved in, it is said. He took a dislike to the spectre and lay in wait for him one moonlit night in the deserted schoolroom.

Promptly at midnight the phantom appeared. The quaking teacher shot him with a flintlock ... but the ball passed straight through the shadowy figure and buried itself in the schoolroom door. After that Thomas Wagstaffe got pretty well his own way.

He may follow the children to the new building among girders and glass, or stay peacefully in the grave that closed over him 350 years ago.

**Nigel Chapman**

## 'Dogs for Good' Charity (formally known as Dogs for the Disabled)

As many of you now know I am volunteering my time to fundraise for 'Dogs for Good' as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award (a Harbury Group).

Thank you for the donations received so far for 'Dogs for Good' since the article in the last magazine I have received lots of blankets and dog toys and our dining room is now looking very full!



On **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, 1.00pm - 4.00pm, there will be a **Spring Fair and BBQ** at **The Gamecock** in Harbury to raise funds; Rob & Libby Darlison have kindly offered to donate 50% of the BBQ proceeds to the charity! ☺

At the Spring Fair you will be able to meet some very cute **puppies and dogs from Dogs for Good**; there will also be a cake sale, tombola, raffle, and a table top sale. I really hope it will be a lovely sunny day but if it isn't the event will still go ahead indoors.

I really do hope you will be able to come along and show your support for this brilliant charity.

If you have any items that you would like to donate for the event: raffle prizes, table top sale items, cakes, (particularly cakes!) I would be so grateful – please let me know and I will arrange to come and collect them from you.

Dogs for Good can also raise much needed funds through the donations of: used stamps, costume jewellery, foreign coins, old phones, and empty ink cartridges... all of which I am collecting on their behalf. I will also be collecting donations of: newspapers, blankets, towels, bedding, and dog toys.

Dogs for Good has trained over 750 Assistance Dogs; they must raise £12,000 to fund each dog from birth to fully trained Assistance, Activity or Therapy Dog and £20,000 to fund the dog for its entire working life. It costs nearly £3 million pounds a year to run Dogs for Good and the vital services it provides! The charity receives no government funding and relies entirely on donations, fundraising and volunteers to continue its pioneering work: 77p from every £1 raised or donated goes directly to support its work. With over 2,000 enquiries each year there are many more people the charity could help. It's estimated that more than 100,000 people in the UK could benefit from an Assistance Dog.

If you have any donations of the above items please do get in touch and I will arrange to come and collect them from you, or feel free to bring these along to the Spring Fair on 2nd April.

You can find out more about Dogs for Good at [www.dogsforgood.org](http://www.dogsforgood.org) and you can follow my find raising efforts on my Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176595679355761/> (Super Doggies In Need)

Thank you very much.

**Indianna Long**  
(age 15)

**01926 613311 / 07535 622707**



## Harbury Energy Initiative

Change is in the air. But does it entice us as some intoxicating deodorants allegedly do? The idea of change is constantly in the vocabulary of politics and advertising - and weather forecasters - offering reform, new products, a change of brand, better (or worse) weather. It appears, therefore, that change is what we all want. Actually most of us probably resist change when it affects the way we live, affects our routines. "I've managed perfectly well with a mobile being a phone. Why do I need it to be a book, a music centre, a central heating control and a dish washer as well?"

When HEI initiated the electric car club in Harbury we knew we would be challenging the norm. Even within the national car share sector we are seen as pioneers, as innovators. We have had some wonderful support from Harbury, including from those who joined with no intention of ever driving one of the cars.



We do rather need people to drive the cars, however! Our small hub will stand or fall on the willingness of people to think about a change to very different way of arranging their local travel and becoming active members. In many circumstances club membership is a cheaper alternative to owning a second car and certainly, with the electric cars, a lot cleaner. Air quality is now a major issue nationally as well as globally, even in places like Stratford-on-Avon. There are a number of on-line calculators to enable you to work out how much your car is costing you. More than you think, I suspect. There are quite a few enthusiasts in the village now. Talk to them for a view less effusive than mine. Mind you, they might be more effusive.

Up to the end of January we have recruited 55 members, who have driven 5,000 miles, reducing carbon emissions by 2.5 tonnes, nitrous oxide by 120kg and hydrocarbons by 140kg by comparison with a similar size petrol engine car.

To show people how easy and pleasant the electric cars are to drive, we will be in the Library one or two Saturday mornings a month to answer questions and take people out in the cars. More details to follow here and on Facebook when we have it organised.

### **It's the future, join in!**

Over the next few weeks Greenwatt Technology will be running an evaluation process for our car club and for e-Wheels, our social free transport project. A survey will be sent out to all the members once it is finalised. Please do complete it, as the results are important to us, to E-Car Club, to Carplus and to the Department for Transport (DfT). For those not in the club but who have a view that would be helpful to us (as opposed to unhelpful comments!) we will leave a few survey forms in the library. It will be linked to an attractive offer on membership for those non-members that complete it.

### **e-Wheels**

e-Wheels has at the time of writing delivered 120 hours of free transport to those in need. We can only do this because we received financial support from solar farm company Big60Million, from E-Car Club and from the Heart of England Community Foundation. Demand has been growing and has by no means peaked. Those who have used it are deeply appreciative. There will be a time when this finance will be spent. Before then we must secure more funds. If you have any good ideas or are involved in a business that might sponsor the service, please do get in touch.

### **Lights, action**

On a lighter topic (obvious pun), there has been progress on the LED lighting plans for the school. To our pleasant surprise the County Council department responsible for school maintenance is prepared to pay for some of the installation. That still leaves us with a funding gap for the rest but we are working on that. Once we have the final quotes all in we can start to prepare our plans. It should cut the school running costs quite a bit.

### **Camera, lights, action**

A film and a photoshoot all in one week has made me quite giddy with excitement. On Monday the low carbon charity 10:10 came to Harbury on a bright but freezing cold day to make a mini-film of Harbury e-Wheels, a project that had caught their eye and inspired their interest. We will put this on our website when it becomes available. You can help to make it go viral! The other photoshoot was for Carplus, the representative body for car share and

bike share schemes in the UK, to report to DfT. They too see our e-Wheels project as an exciting innovation.

All of this makes us determined to establish the car club and e-Wheels as a viable model for rural communities. You could be part of that.

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



## Harbury Electric Car Club

Harbury Electric Car Club would welcome your feedback. We want to evaluate the electric car club with the objective of adapting, improving and developing the initiative in the longer term. Your feedback is valuable and your input is really appreciated.

The questionnaire can be completed online via this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/harburycarclub>

You will also find a link on the Harbury Energy Initiative website or hardcopies can be found in Harbury Library. Deadline to complete the survey is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Thank you.

**Ruth Woollacott**  
**Greenwatt Technology**



## Fosse Foodbank - Our Local Foodbank

Once again, on behalf of the recipients, I would like to thank the many people who contribute to the local foodbank. I think it might help to explain again what actually happens to the food which is donated. Items left in the collection point, a plastic box on the left near to the entrance of All Saints' Church, are moved to the warehouse in Kineton.

From there food boxes are taken to various local distribution centres- Kineton, Bishops' Itchington, Southam and Wellesbourne. Some of these have specific weekly opening hours, others deliver emergency foodboxes.

All the villages local to these centres are covered and people in need of help are referred by professional agencies. Food which is tinned or dried is always needed. It is stored in 'sell by' date order and any approaching that date is transferred to larger foodbanks in Leamington or Coventry. None is ever wasted. Suggestions include dried/powdered milk, sugar, fruitjuice cartons, pasta sauces, soups, sponge puddings, cereals, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tea bags, instant coffee, instant potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits, snack bars. There is a notice repeating these suggestions in the Co-op and in the Library lobby. Thank you.

**Jill Winter 612585**

## Conservative Spring Drinks Party - 13th March, 12 noon - 2.00pm

There is an OPEN invitation to anyone in the village who would like to savour canapés, accompanied by a drink, in a convivial atmosphere from 12 noon to 2.00pm. Tickets and details can be obtained by ringing Annette (612273), Bernard (613503) or Sheila (613654).

A raffle will be held at the party and a licensed bar is available - no mention of BREXIT or IN(ners) or OUT(ers); just friendly discussion about interesting matters which fascinate everyone - families, gardens, holidays, books, films, plays - anything which makes the 'world go round', especially in our corner of Warwickshire! It is always an enjoyable two hours in good company.

**Chris Finch**



### Napton Art Group

Napton Art Group are holding their ever-popular Easter Exhibition on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March at Napton Village Hall from 10am until 5pm. On display and for sale will be paintings, cards, photographs and craft exhibits. There will also be refreshments, a raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children.

**Howard Collerson**



### Southam Welcomes Back the French Street Market

Southam will be saying a warm 'Bonjour' to welcome back the ever-popular French Street Market on **Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 4pm.**

Working in partnership with organisers, 'France At Home', the volunteers from Southam First will be transforming Southam's High Street into a French-style market featuring a fantastic range of tempting French produce. Bread, patisserie, biscuits and crêpes are things that the French do really well, and there will be a wonderful variety and style of baking to tempt you.

Savoury street food, tartiflette, delicious cheeses, olives from Provence, cooked meats, paté and saucisson from Normandy, will all be there to persuade you to try something a little different from your traditional Sunday lunch. Beautiful French patisserie, tarts, cakes and pastries will make your teatime special too! Basket-ware, accessories and many more French-themed products will also be on offer.

With plenty of free parking in Southam, the organisers are hoping to attract both residents and visitors from around the district into the town for this special themed market day.

Southam's main High Street will be closed to traffic during the market, so everyone can enjoy the event in a safe environment. Southam's businesses, pubs and cafés are being encouraged to open during the market and join in with French-themed displays, offers and activities.

For more information about Southam First and its current and previous projects please visit our directory listing on Southam's website at:

[www.southam.co.uk/directory/all/southam-first-2/](http://www.southam.co.uk/directory/all/southam-first-2/)

## Southam First



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

*I would like to thank everyone who either helped or supported the Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on 30<sup>th</sup> January in aid of the Children's Air Ambulance. This was organised at short notice but I had a fantastic group of helpers and numerous donations of raffle prizes, cakes, produce, books and bric-a-brac. The room was packed and as a result I have been able to send £315 to the charity.*

*The Children's Air Ambulance is a specially adapted helicopter based at Baginton. It carries critically ill children and babies from peripheral hospitals to specialist units and operates all round the country. In transit, the children are cared for by NHS paediatric intensive care specialists but the helicopter and crew are entirely dependent on charitable donations. It is a very worthwhile cause so thank you Harbury for your usual wonderful generosity.*

**Sharon Hancock**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday in the month: | 8.00am  | Holy Communion  |
|   | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist  |
|   | 12.30pm | Baptisms  |
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|   | 10.30am | Family Communion  |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month                         | 8.00am  | Holy Communion  |
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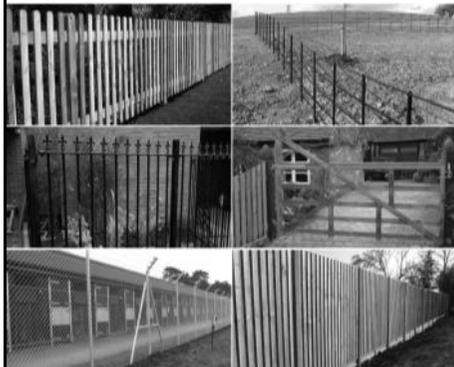
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