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## Editorial

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 level for the last four years, despite a recent rise in printing costs. This is mainly due to the number of businesses that regularly advertise in the magazine. The Harbury & Ladbroke News 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.

Our editorial photo shows a roof which flew off into High Street and we know a number of trees in both villages suffered as “Doris” blew through.

Harbury was once renowned for its many hostelries, but they seem to be experiencing mixed fortunes these days, so we encourage you to support all the licensed premises in our village in case we lose them altogether.

Also worthy of your support are the many events and activities organised by volunteers, in particular we would like to mention the Evening of Song at Ladbroke Church on 18<sup>th</sup> March and the e-wheel’s Folk Concert in Harbury Church on 31<sup>st</sup> March.



The magazine includes a reminder from Southam Police about anti-social parking, which we encourage readers to heed.

Inside the magazine you will find a voucher giving two for one travel on the Stagecoach bus service to Leamington. This has been arranged by Chris Gibb and is supported by the Parish Council. We hope you will use the voucher during the next few weeks as it is valid until the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Richard Pickin and Thomas Williams.

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# Harbury Diary

## MARCH

- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens
- Sun 5 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 Holy Communion, 9.00am  
 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast  
 Taizé Service, 6.00pm  
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 6 Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall  
 Martial Arts Classes, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 7 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
 Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School  
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - Will Scott on Worcester Walled Garden
- Wed 8 Wednesday Walkers meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Grandborough to Wollscott (3 miles flat)  
 Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee  
 Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - "A brief history of Freemasonry" with Richard Brice
- Fri 10 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Twinning Association
- Sun 12 LENT II**  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
 Children's Church, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
 Messy Church, 3.00 to 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 13 Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall  
 Martial Arts Classes, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 14 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
 Lent Course, 7.30pm followed by Communion
- Wed 15 Wednesday Walkers meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Radway - Edgehill (4½ miles hilly)  
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 15 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
- Fri 17 St Patrick's Day  
Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddler Group  
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Girl on the Train', doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 19 LENT III**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Saints Alive! Informal Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 6.00pm (No Evensong)  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 20 First Day of Spring  
Last day for comments on Neighbourhood Plan  
Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Martial Arts Classes, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
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- Tues 21 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Lent Course, 7.30pm followed by Communion
- Wed 22 Wednesday Walkers meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Stratford - Shoterly (4 miles)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall  
Harbury Society AGM and Speaker 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 23 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee  
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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Parish Council, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Sat 25 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Hereburgh Morris  
Netball Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 26 LENT IV - MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 27 Martial Arts Classes, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 28 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Lent Course followed by Communion

- Wed 29 Wednesday Walkers meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Bishops Itchington to Itchington Holt (5 miles) with optional pub lunch  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 30 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee  
Wills and Power of Attorney informative evening, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Library
- Fri 31 Harbury Folk Club Choir & Orchestra present an informal concert in Harbury Church, 7.30pm, in aid of e-wheels
- APRIL**
- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Bowls
- Sun 2 PASSION SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast  
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
- Mon 3 Harbury Society talk on China, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 4 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Lent Course, 7.30pm followed by Communion  
Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walkers meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Rowington - Shrewley (4 miles)  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm  
An Easter Meditation - Revd Nikki Moon
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee  
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club

<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>			
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury, Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge outlying properties</b>	<b>Collection Week</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	8	10	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	15	17	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	22	24	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	29	31	<b>Grey Bin</b>
<b>April</b>	5	7	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	12	14	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	19	21	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>



## From the Rector

**Reverend Craig Grocock**

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



Not sure whether it was a good idea booking in to the Milton Keynes marathon (1<sup>st</sup> May) or not but I've done it anyway and training is in full flow. Last Saturday it certainly felt like the most stupid of ideas as I had to run 12 miles in training - my legs on Sunday weren't happy!

So why am I doing this? Good question! Well, firstly for the personal challenge of running a marathon; I have wanted to do this (strangely) for some time and have decided to 'bite the bullet' this spring. Secondly, I am looking to do this as a fundraiser for Ladbroke church. We have been running (excuse the pun!) our 'All Saints for All Generations' appeal for some time now. There have been various money raising activities organized by many wonderful people across the village in an aim to make a dent in our financial target of £250,000 (ouch!) towards much needed work on our church building. We want All Saints to be the special place it is for many generations to come.

We still need to raise lots of money. If you would like to sponsor me or make a donation to the Ladbroke 'All Saints for All Generations' appeal then you can do so by logging onto my giving page at: [mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/revcraigmarathon](http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/revcraigmarathon) or by collecting a sponsor form at the back of Harbury or Ladbroke church and passing it onto me.

Hope you might be able to help. Hey, if I am running 26.2 miles in May it's got to be worth a few quid!

Right, off training!

God bless.



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & John**

The church Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm and this is a time of change as new members are elected, some are re-elected, whilst others may step down from the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The PCC helps steer and guide the church and it is always good to get new members with new ideas to join the group to help the church move forward and flourish.

How the church is growing and supporting our wonderful village was highlighted at our lively family service on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, where the theme was togetherness. During the service a few of the congregation were asked to talk briefly about the activities they go along to, including:

- Sam spoke about how much he enjoyed being part of his home group and developing new friendships.
- Beryl emphasised how important the church lunches and coffee mornings were to her for companionship as she lives on her own.
- Peter is a long-standing member of the Not the Men's Group that meets monthly for "a drink, a meal and a natter".
- Kelly (ably supported by Henry and Rosie) spoke of the fun that is had at Messy Church.

We are truly blessed to live in a village that is so community centred with such a huge range of activities that are available to us and, as a church, we endeavour to contribute to enrich this community spirit in all that we do.

The first day of Lent (the 40 days before Easter) was the 1<sup>st</sup> March, a period which is often marked by many as a time to deny ourselves of something, maybe giving up chocolate or alcohol for this period (is this possible?!).

This year for Lent Rev Nikki is leading a project called "Gratitude is the Best Attitude". All that is required is to commit to spending a few minutes each day to recognise what you are grateful for or where you have seen God's grace in your life. There are leaflets in church that explain more about the project and what to do if you would like to "sign up" and share your experiences with a Gratitude Partner, or maybe it's something you might just like to try at home for yourself or with your family.

Please do contact one of us if you would like more information.

Liz (612421) and John (614206)

## From the Registers

### *Funerals*

13<sup>th</sup> February      Richard Pickin (81 years)

16<sup>th</sup> February      Thomas Michael Williams (83 years)

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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At our January meeting, Chris read a letter from the Blue Sky centre, thanking us for the gifts of toiletries for their centre which helps the victims of sexual assault. As much as the practicality of the gift, they value the thought that complete strangers are reaching out in compassion.

We were invited to "Make a Mother's Day" by marking Mothering Sunday with a gift for M.U. work in Africa. This ranges from teaching literacy to self sustainability in food production – donation forms will be available from Chris.

We were pleased then to meet the Reverend Pam Gould, who has followed our own Father Roy Brown as Diocesan Chaplain. She is deeply committed to supporting the Trustees and the work of the branches, particularly in the faith and policy section through developing liturgy for the big combined services. She describes the prayer of strangers as central to our work and reminded us that the successful national parenting courses were started in Coventry.

As you read this, we shall have had, we sincerely hope, had a successful coffee morning and enjoyed Chris Rutherford's talk about Burma.

25<sup>th</sup> March, 11am – Lady Day service at Bilton. Lifts available.

5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter meditation led by Rev Nikki Moon, 2.30pm following communion at 2pm.

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

### MARCH

#### Sun 5 Lent I

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Mon 6 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 8 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Thurs 9 Freestyle Fitness Yoga, 6.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 10 Lent Lunch, 12.30pm onwards, The Old School

#### Sun 12 Lent II

Holy Communion (sung)

Tues 14 Photography Club visit to Southam Heritage Collection

Wed 15 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 16 Freestyle Fitness Yoga, 6.00pm, Village Hall

Sat 18 Free Concert "An Evening of Song", 7.30pm, Church

#### Sun 19 Lent III

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 20 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

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Wed 22 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 23 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM

Freestyle Fitness Yoga, 6.00pm, Village Hall

#### Sun 26 Mothering Sunday

Family Communion, 10.30am (no 9.00am service this week)

- Mon 27 Ladbroke Church Annual Meetings, 7.30pm, Church  
 Wed 29 Lent Lunch, 12.30pm onwards, Chapel Ascote Farm  
 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 30 Freestyle Fitness Yoga, 6.00pm, Village Hall

**APRIL**

- Sun 2 Lent IV**  
 Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments  
 Mon 3 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close  
 Tues 4 Photography Club tour of CEWE Laboratory  
 Wed 5 Lent Lunch, 12.30pm onwards, 3 Hedges Close  
 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 6 Freestyle Fitness Yoga, 6.00pm, Village Hall  
 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Fri 7 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall

**Ladbroke Church News****Jackie West**

We were very pleased to have Rev Nikki back with us and we hope that her back continues to improve. Her sermon on 12<sup>th</sup> February on Jesus's apparently harsh words at the end of the Sermon on the Mount was well worth listening to and if you missed it is available on the Harbury church website, <http://allsaintsharbury.org> in the podcasts section.

Lent, the time of preparation before Easter is, like the run up to Christmas, a busy time for us. There will be four mid-week lunches and everyone, you don't need to be a church goer, is welcome to come and enjoy homemade soup, bread and cheese and convivial company in return for a donation (£5 is suggested) towards our All Saints for All Generations campaign to raise funds for building repairs.

Bill and the choir have started rehearsing on Tuesday evenings for Stainer's Crucifixion to be performed on Good Friday at 6.30pm, additional singers in the choir are welcome - if you are interested please contact Bill on 817312.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, Krystal Tunicliffe and Sian Dicker will be returning with two friends who are also post graduates at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to treat us to An Evening of Song. Admission to this concert is free, though there will be a retiring collection for our fund raising campaign. Their previous concert at Ladbroke was brilliant so this really is an opportunity not to be missed.

Our Annual Meetings will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in church. Do come along and support those who volunteer as church wardens and on the PCC and hear a summary of the last 12 months.

Please note that there will be a change to services times on Mothering Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March and also on Easter Day, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Both will be family services at 10.30am rather than the usual sung communion/BCP at 9am.

Finally, I would like to mention the Running Reverend is in training! Rev Craig is planning to run the Milton Keynes marathon on Bank Holiday Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, in aid of our All Saints for All Generations campaign. There will be more details on how to sponsor him next month; ideas and offers to help him raise more sponsorship most welcome (not to mention sympathy if he looks tired after his training runs).

## **All Saints' Ladbroke Lent Lunches**

As is our custom we will be holding lunches during Lent at various venues in the village. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a bowl of delicious homemade soup and bread and cheese and enjoy convivial company.

The dates and venues are:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Carol and Margie will host at The Old School

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Jane and Sue (Wright) will host at The Old Rectory

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Jenny and Sue (Moore) will host at Chapel Ascote.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Joan and Sue (Lord) will host at 3 Hedges Close.

All lunches will be from 12.30pm unless otherwise stated. It is suggested that donations of £5 are made for the All Saints for All Generations campaign.

**Margaret Bosworth**

	<p><b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Carol Lane</b></p>
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At the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Frances Freeman informed us of many aspects of the care of woodland areas with specific reference to her own 78 acre wood which she and her husband bought in 1986.

I was surprised that the area covered by woodland in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century was only 15% which slowly decreased until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. However in the 1980s the National Forest environment scheme saw 200 square miles of the Midlands planted with millions of trees.

Woodlands create wildlife habitat at different levels, with grasses at the lower level, bushes at the intermediate level and tall trees forming the canopy.

Having spoken in general about trees and their characteristics, Frances showed a fascinating video of the logging on their own woodland from the

cutting down of the trees to the preparation of the wood into suitable sized logs for burning.

Frances gives any fees for these talks to the Charity, Sight Savers whose motto is that no-one is blind of unavoidable causes and that visually impaired people participate equally.

Anyone wishing to contact Frances can do so at [Frances@OrchardsProducts.co.uk](mailto:Frances@OrchardsProducts.co.uk)

In the business meeting, Dianne and Joan reported that they had spent an interesting day at the President's meeting where individual WI Trustees were able to give information about their different areas of expertise.

Following the successful campaign last year to collect for ACWW we are asked to bring any unwanted items of jewellery and watches, currency/coins, mobile phones, cameras, sat navs, laptops/tablets and stamps to the March and April meetings.

### **Future events for the diary:**

Annual Group Meeting - Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July - Napton Village Hall.

Group Carol Service - Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - Ladbroke Church.

Theatre trip to Spa Centre - Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April to see Legally Blonde - £18.

Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room - Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Strawberry Tea - Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30 - 4.30 in Ladbroke Village Hall.

Pudding Party - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI's 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WI members are encouraged to refer to the longer list which Dianne has sent to everyone on Email.

The next meeting will already have been held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March by the time this magazine is distributed. Our following meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm when Bryan Davis will talk about the Special Escort Group and his experiences accompanying VIPs. All welcome.



## **Ladbroke Matters**

**David Wright**

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



Our next **Supper and Film Night** will be on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. We'll let you know more details soon. Further film nights are planned for 14<sup>th</sup> July, and a Christmas special on 8<sup>th</sup> December. These events

are always very popular and sell out very quickly, so diarise now to book early! Contact Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) if you would like to be added to the film night news email list.



We have more events planned for later this year including a barbeque with live music, a quiz night, and an amateur dramatic production, so watch this space for more information!

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

Here are the results of the draw held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017:

£50	David Rose	£50	Pete Edgar
£25	Richard Walker	£25	Tracy Lochhead
£25	Helen Ballard	£10	Joley Malby
£10	Joan Perry	£10	D & C Batty
£10	C & K Constable	£10	G Timms

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**

Such is the attraction of an AGM that we had a good attendance and some new people at our February meeting. We reviewed another active year of competitions, phototopics, workshops, an outing, talks and an exhibition. We had two speakers during the year. Russell Griffith spoke about the commercial photography of his business, Prestige Photography, covering everything from sports to food to housing developments. He then ran a workshop on portrait photography with plenty of professional advice from his 32 years' experience. Another professional photographer, Peter Alvey, showed us examples of his work and told us some of the tricks he used to get great results.

Graham Gee arranged a great outing in June to photograph open gardens in Dorsington. We were particularly taken with the late Felix Dennis's Garden of Heroes and Villains which is full of bronze statues of famous people, both real and mythical. Once again we exhibited at the John Turner Exhibition in Southam in November. We had two social events that have now become a tradition: a winter meal at the Bell and a barbecue in July, and a regular treat when David Geary provides delicious cakes to keep us going during our meetings. The climax of the AGM was Jackie's presentation of the coveted

trophy for Photographer of the Year. This year's joint winners were Mike Todman and Sally Simmons with Graham Gee as runner-up.

For the coming year we have a varied programme including outings to Farnborough Hall, Oxford and Batsford Arboretum and a visit to the CEWE laboratory where they produce photobooks. The meeting re-elected last year's committee: Jackie West (Secretary), Mike Todman (Treasurer), Jennie Daniels, Graham Gee (Committee members) and Kip Warr (Chairman).

We rounded off the evening with an indoor photography session. One rather surprising subject, as the rain hammered down outside, was beach photography for which Jackie had laid out a beach mat and towel, flippers, mask, snorkel and vicious-looking pink knife.

Visitors and guests are always welcome and the 7<sup>th</sup> March meeting should be particularly interesting - a talk by Rusty Aldwinckle titled "Challenge" about taking photos outside her comfort zone. On 4<sup>th</sup> April we shall visit the CEWE processing laboratory in Leamington. Our usual meeting time is 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. 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)



## General Section



## Free Concert

"An Evening of Song" will be held in Ladbroke Church on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm. Pianist Krystal Tunnicliffe and soprano Sian Dicker are making a very welcome return and will be joined by Harriet Burns and Brian McAlea. Don't miss the opportunity to see these talented young musicians - who are giving their services free - before they embark on their professional careers later in the year.

Admission to this concert is free though donations will be gratefully received for Ladbroke Church's 'All Saints for All Generations' campaign for building repairs.

All welcome. Please do join us.

Carol Lane



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For out of hours emergency service call: 111



## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

### Reports

Legal issues about land ownership were likely to delay the Southam College Multi-Academy project.

Village Hall - The next film "The Girl on the Train" is on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Rural Cinema and the Steamchicken's Concert have raised money for the Hall's planned insulation/heating upgrade.

### Planning

"No Representation" was made on a single storey extension to 18 South Parade, a two-storey extension at 9 Greenhill Farm, removal of all vegetation and trees beside 1 Crown Close and reserved matters on landscaping of the nature reserve at the Quarries.

There was considerable debate about details of retrospective plans for extensions at 4 Pineham Avenue concerning drainage and use of the allotments path, which is a footpath not a highway. The PC agreed not to object to but requested sight of the drainage plan.

Cllr Summers reported there had been no responses to the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, a "hard" copy of which was available in the Parish Council Office and the Library.

Warwick District were looking for emergency sites to house Gypsies and Travellers but Chairman Tim Lockley thought politicians were too embroiled in Brexit to care much about this.

### Properties

**Crown Green** - A complaint was made that owners were letting their dogs foul the area round the War Memorial which residents saw as an insult to the fallen.

**Playing Fields** - Owners were reported to be letting their dogs into the fenced children's play area. Cllrs Lockley and Summers met Ridgley Way residents who objected to having a bench on the field near their properties. Another resident offered to provide labour and machinery to extend the path and position the bench for free, but quoted over £800 for materials. Another quote is to be sought.

**Burial Grounds** - Linda Ridgley complained that deadwood and debris in the yews on the present site had not been cleared out nor were the trees properly wired into shape. Cllr Summers explained that her contractor had worked on

them for two days and had to source an extra 100 metres of wire to complete the job.

She reported that “Doris” had done a lot of damage that was too big a job for her volunteers. There were two large branches down and the top of one tree cracked. Cllr Knowles agreed that this task would need someone with the “right equipment”.

Cllr Thompson suggested a new risk assessment should be carried out. There was no news on the search for a new burial site.

**Noticeboards** - The Council had budgeted for the new oak notice boards and Cllr Lockley hoped they would last for at least 20 years. Cllr Gibbs was disappointed that David Wilson Homes were only paying for the one on their Estate. However, it was reported elsewhere that they were liable for repairing the damage to Bush Heath Lane’s verges.



### **Environment**

A request for a footpath from Churchlands to Western House was not in the PC’s gift as this was the County Highways responsibility and at £25K was far beyond the Parish’s purse.

They had, however, organised the subsidised bus travel. Cllr Gibb had negotiated with Stagecoach for a travel voucher scheme for one month from 9<sup>th</sup> April, to be publicised in the Harbury News. There would be vouchers for teenagers too from the beginning of April.

### **Finance**

The Cllrs agreed to some tidying up of their agreements with Sports Clubs over VAT recovery; the payment of the Village Hall’s Energy Plan professional fees, and minor changes to the grounds maintenance contract. Apparently the moles are back on the playing fields.

### **Other Business**

Harbury and Bishops Itchington have agreed to move the Parish Boundary so that all of the new homes at the Quarries become part of Bishops Itchington.

The next Councillors’ Corner will be on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 10am outside the Post Office.

**Next Parish Council Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

**Harbury & Deppers Bridge  
Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Planning Regulations  
2012 (as amended)  
Regulation 14 - Pre-submission consultation and publicity**

Harbury Parish Council as the Qualifying Body has prepared a neighbourhood development plan entitled the 'Harbury & Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan' for their parish with the help of the local community. The Pre-submission Draft Plan was first published in August 2016 and a public consultation ran from 1 August 2016 to 26 September 2016. The comments received from this consultation have now been reviewed by the parish council and have resulted in a number of amendments being made to the draft plan.

The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and the planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications within the neighbourhood area. In accordance with Regulation 14 of Part 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the parish council must now publicise the Pre-submission Draft Plan (amended) for a further 6 week minimum period inviting feedback from organisations and residents.

A copy of the Pre-submission Draft Plan (amended) and supporting documentation is available on the parish council's website [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk). Alternatively, hard copies of the documents are available for inspection at the parish council office (Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 12 noon) and Harbury Village Library (Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Saturday from 10.00am to 12 noon).

**The consultation starts on 6 February 2017 and runs until 5pm on 20 March 2017.** Representations on the Pre-submission Draft Plan (amended) may be made to the parish council by no later than 5pm on 20 March 2017. You are encouraged to submit your representations electronically. This can be done by using the online form available on the home page of the parish council website at [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) and emailing it to [harburypc@btinternet.com](mailto:harburypc@btinternet.com). You may also post or hand deliver your response to Harbury Parish Council, 2 Bull Ring Business Centre, Church Terrace, Harbury, CV33 9HL.

All representations received will be collated and will inform possible future modifications to the Pre-submission Draft Plan prior to submission to the Local Planning Authority. **There is no need to re-submit previous comments as these will continue to be taken into account.**

**Alison Biddle  
Clerk to Harbury Parish Council**

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We had a wonderful talk on the Guys Cliffe walled garden by Tony Brown, one of the Trustees.

Not only did he explain what the army of volunteers have done to bring this garden relic back into use but also sketched out the history of its life as part of the Guys Cliffe Estate.

The site lies north of Warwick on the Coventry Road just past the Saxon Mill. Guys Cliffe House is on the east and its walled



**2014**

garden is hidden behind Hinton's Garden Centre on the west. The area was occupied from the Stone Age and was an early Christian site. Myths and legends about Guy of Warwick abound for he is reputed to have lived as a hermit in a cave in Guys Cliffe. Henry V had a Chantry Chapel built there.



**2016**

There was a Tudor House, long demolished on the site but the Greatheeds and particularly Bertie Greatheed were responsible for developing what is now Guys Cliffe House and the walled garden with its canal. The Estate was finally broken up in 1949. The site was taken over by Mr Harwood and then Hinton's but the walled garden gradually became derelict.

The restoration project began in 2014 when the walled garden was in a very sorry, overgrown state. Since then 12,000 hours of volunteer labour have seen a transformation. Ivy, tree stumps and pernicious weeds have been removed; the original layout of paths reinstated and paved; the melon and peach houses revealed and much replanting achieved using plant, tree and shrub types as close to the originals as possible.

In only 2½ years this neglected gem has been transformed and will continue to be improved by the volunteers. And this year the gardens will be open to the public much more often with half a dozen formal open days and from March more informally on every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. There is no entry fee but you can buy produce in season and donations are always welcome. Parking is available in the Hinton's Car Park.

The next Harbury Society Event is the AGM (Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room) when we will be entertained by Mr David Howe. All are welcome.

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p><b>Julia Fowler</b></p>
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GeesePeace - no, not a typo - is the aptly named, US-based organisation advising on Stratford-upon-Avon's Canada Goose problem. Former Mayor, Maureen Beckett, talked to us recently about the town's goose-management project, explaining what a nuisance geese can be - over and above the constant need to scrape their droppings off the grandchildren's sandals - and how the town is reducing their numbers. Everyone loves the iconic swans, but the Canada Geese were creating territory conflict with them, and potentially driving them away. Waddling about with their undeniably cute goslings, fouling the grass and eating the Stratford in Bloom plantings, chasing anyone in possession of bread - not good for business or the look of the town. And not good for the birds themselves.

Signs now warn visitors not to feed white bread to ducks and swans as it could kill them, though the special duck food sold nearby is acceptable. The geese are not to be fed at all. Maureen explained that if waterfowl eat white bread, which contains too much protein and too little vitamin E for them, they can develop a condition called Angel Wing: "Ducks and swans normally eat leaves, seeds and aquatic plants and if you feed them white bread it causes their wings to grow too quickly. They develop before the rest of their body so the wings droop and stick out, which stops the bird from flying. This means they can't escape from predators, so have to be put down."

Another prong of the humane management plan entails coating goose eggs with paraffin oil. This stops them hatching, thus reducing the population. It also means that female geese can fly away to moult, instead of walking goslings to a safe place.

So we have the conventional signs. We have the somewhat more eye-catching sight of volunteers brave enough to disturb a sitting goose. And best of all - we have what GeesePeace has termed "goose-pestering". Does this mean the grandchildren can now chase geese with impunity? Well, no, the method uses sheepdogs.

Sadly, Stratford doesn't call it 'goose-pestering', but a dog was a vital part of the town's campaign. The idea is to use Border Collies prior to the moulting season, or summer migration, to establish an exclusion zone. The dogs draw on their herding instinct and swimming ability to worry the geese into migrating to another habitat. Stratford's first goose-dog, Sam, could "differentiate between swans, ducks and Canada geese. When he was in the water he could segregate the swans, cygnets and ducks from the geese, and just scare the geese away. He never tried to catch them - he knew his job was just to scare them into taking flight."

Stratford-upon-Avon was the first town in the UK to control geese in this way. Maureen says, "We were a bit sceptical to begin with, but it's working exactly like we were told it would." The annual oiling will continue until a stable and manageable population of Canada Geese has been achieved, after which selective breeding will be permitted to ensure that the remaining birds have a suitable age distribution.

A fascinating talk enjoyed by all at our New Year Party, along with the usual spread of home-made dishes.

Also lots of fun was our Members' Evening in February, when Lin, Terry, Mary, Betty and Sue achieved pin-drop silence during one of the games, and had us racking our brains over a quiz they'd devised.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 for 7.45pm at the Tom Hauley Room. Richard Brice will run through "A Brief History of Freemasonry". An opportunity to find out about an organisation which, amongst its similarities to the WI, has about 250,000 members in the UK, and is secular, apolitical, charitable and volunteer-oriented.

Then on 13<sup>th</sup> April we welcome Alison Byrne to talk about some of the issues around FGM, or Female Genital Mutilation. The WI nationally has been concerned about FGM, and calling for government action, since the 1970s. It has now been illegal in the UK for over 30 years and so, since 2003, some have been aiding or procuring FGM abroad. But many WI members feel more could be done to measure, disclose and reduce its prevalence in the UK, in order to help those women who have suffered or may be at risk of suffering it. In fact, one of the Resolutions we'll discuss in May relates to it. Our speaker on this sensitive subject is a specialist midwife who runs a service for women who have undergone FGM.

Harbury WI meets at the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30 for 7.45pm, on the second Thursday of the month. All women are welcome, whether it's to hear a particular speaker, or to see if WI is for you. Contact us on [harburywi@gmail.com](mailto:harburywi@gmail.com), or 07834 667 523. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/harburywi](http://www.facebook.com/harburywi)



## Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge

**Next Production - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>, Fri 19<sup>th</sup>, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May**

For your entertainment we have selected a variety of short comedy sketches and another visit to Little Grimley's failing drama group, I hasten to add unlike Harbury's! The sketches are varied and provide neat comic scenarios on living in the twenty first century. We are also planning some musical entertainment. Loyal audience members may remember we have performed others in the Little Grimley series by David Tristram: "The Last Tango in Little Grimley", "The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley" and "The Last Panto in Little Grimley"; all were hugely enjoyable. This time the dedicated foursome who are the sole members of the Little Grimley drama group, hatch a plan to get bums on seats by producing their very own version of X Factor and Strictly-called "Strictly Sex Factor (On Ice)". The word sex in the title is purely a marketing ploy by the foursome, and though we have talented members they will not be going that far on stage! However, will the Village Hall stage be turned into an ice rink? Is nothing beyond the ingenuity of our technical team? To find out please enter 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> May in your diary, i-Phone etc. More details to follow in the next Harbury & Ladbroke News.



## Folk Club

Steve & Maureen Darby

The theme for Folk Club No. 287 was "The last two songs you would choose to sing ..... ever." Steve opened the evening by clarifying the theme as it could have been misinterpreted. With the number of iconic musicians who passed away in 2016, the idea was to have a theme based upon the last two songs you would sing on your death bed or the two songs you would sing at your own funeral but, as they sounded a little macabre, the theme needed to be toned down.

Maureen and Janny stepped up first to perform "Horncastle Fair", a song from their all-time favourite singers, The Threllfalls. Sue and Ted then accompanied them on percussion and bass as they sang the comical "The Hot Water Bottle Cover". Des followed with a self-penned Neo Liberalist anthem called "Rolling Back the Welfare State" and we then all joined in with "Babylon has Fallen". Pete and Liz chose a new favourite, "Kings Navy", which told a Jack Tar story about the Navy not being as glamorous as it's made out, particularly when you have your legs blown off by a cannon ball. They then sang an old favourite that brought back memories of the last 35 years from when Liz was pregnant with Daniel, "Little Man". Pete Mason chose songs that invoked memories and influenced his singing and so he performed Ralph McTell's "The Setting" and Steve Tilston's

“Slip Jigs and Reels”. John Hill from Kineton made his debut at the Folk Club and sang two Leonard Cohen songs, “My Secret Life”, followed by “Dance Me to the End of Time”; both were well sang. Ray was on his own as he sang “Grey Cock” and “Butcher Boy”, a depressing song of a girl spurned in love who ends up hanging herself. Sue and Ted closed the first half with firstly a song written by Sue’s friend called “Kill me a Dragon” and then, in keeping with the theme, Ted just had to do a Flanders and Swan song, “The Slow Train”.

Sally and Robin opened the second half and they told us of Sally’s three children’s brilliant weddings where at the last one they sang “Lean on Me”. They followed this with the first song they ever performed at Warwick Folk Club, Keith Hancock’s “Absent Friends”. Peter McDonald performed a song from his favourite songwriter Paul Metsers, “Farewell to the Gold”, and then the very poignant Dougie MacLean number, “Talking with my Father”, a song many in the audience could identify with. Sue Harris accompanied by Robin sang “Rosemary’s Sister” and then told us how she sings a song to all the new children born into the family, “Welcome to the World”. Ian and Sue chose two random songs, one by Iris Dement, “Let the Mystery Be”, and the second by Rick Nelson called “Garden Party”, as it’s all right now. Martin surprised us when he told us his first song, about following in dad’s footsteps when first starting work, “Dead men’s boots”, was written by Sting and then sang, “Absent Friends”. The half closed with the rich sounds of the ever-improving Rumble-o performing Green Day’s “Time of your Life” and ended with John Tams’ familiar, “Over the Hills and Far Away”.

The third half saw Keith Donnelly in fine tune as he sang, “Jesus at the Airport” and then the very sad song which was inspired by the killing of a swan in Leamington by jobs, “Swan Song”. Next, Pete Grassby played a tune on his melodeon that had taken four years of practising such is its complexity, “Sir Sidney Smith’s March” and then sang a true tale which he wrote himself, “The ballad of Orca the Cat”. Des closed what had been a full evening’s excellent entertainment with “Windmill in Old Amsterdam”; as we all joined in with the chorus, we all thought we saw a mouse with clogs on running across the floor.

The raffle raised a very generous £95 for the Warwickshire Air Ambulance Service and next month’s Folk Club will be hosted by Pete and Liz Bones when the theme will be “Spring”.



**Harbury Twinning Association**

**Tony Thomas**

When this edition goes to press, and providing that the Crown Inn will have reopened, we will have had another film night. The film chosen was 'La Vie en Rose', by Olivier Dahan and starring Marion Cotillard as Edith Piaf.

Edith Piaf was the daughter of a street singer and a circus acrobat who, when still a baby, was discarded by her mother and dumped on her father who subsequently dumped her with his mother who ran a brothel. Childhood diseases rendered her temporarily blind and deaf but she claimed to have been cured by St. Therese, whose shrine the prostitutes took her to. One of the prostitutes adopted her, until her father returned, snatched her away, and put her to work in his act. During her years in the brothel she had learned many songs from her mother and the prostitutes, and one day when his sidewalk act was doing badly, her father commanded her, "Do something." She sang "La Marseilles." And the Edith Piaf we know was born. Who hasn't heard her famous rendition of 'La Vie en Rose'?

	<h2>1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts</h2> <p>John Rea, Richard Tonge &amp; Paul Quinney</p>
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With a capacity troop of twenty-five Scouts aged between ten and fourteen, 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury continues to flourish at capacity. We've been up to all sorts of activities, but most recently have just returned from our weekend away in the Peak District, where we stayed in the Edale Youth Hostel. One of our Scouts Jed takes up the story:

*On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts met at 8 o'clock. We left in the minibus with our vast load of bags. Finally, the two-hour journey ended and we reached our destination, The YHA in Edale, which is a small village in the Derbyshire Peak District surrounded by plenty of steep hills.*



*As soon as we got off the minibus we discovered*

*we'd be hiking up and down these hills! We set off and started our ten-mile hike. We made it up to the top of our first hill despite the steep climb. Although some may have found the short segment of the walk hard, the view was rewarding. After a short rest we made our way down the hill and hiked up another. We found an ideal spot to have our packed lunches. We spent a while eating, then carried on with our walk.*

*The next stop was the Blue John Cavern. We went down into the caves and were treated to a guided tour. We learnt a lot of facts - one of them being that the Blue John Cavern is the only place in the world where you can find the*

*semi-precious Blue John Stone. We came out of the cavern and walked on for about five minutes and reached the village of Castleton. We split up into groups and wandered around the village visiting shops as we went. Some had bought some extremely sour sweets which we all ate. Rhys and Jamie were definite we had killed quite a few taste buds!*



*We then hiked all the way back to the Youth Hostel. We trudged through the door with sore feet and into our rooms. We found that we had to do our own sheets, some were better at it than others. We then had a bit of free time in our rooms to unpack and rest. After that, we went to the main YHA building where we ate our supper.*

*Later we split up into two teams for a quiz, Y7s against everyone else. After two rounds the non-Y7 team won by one point. The leaders then set up a projector so we could watch the movie 'Grown-Ups'. The leaders then sent us to our rooms hoping we would go to sleep (but nobody got much!)*

*In the morning we had a full cooked breakfast. With a good meal down us we set off again in the minibus for a 45 minute drive to a place called the Roaches. We walked around and over huge rocks. The leaders then organised a sweet/chocolate coin hunt. Everybody got a lot of sweets! We sat in a field and ate our packed lunches.*

*Next, we were back on the minibus and went to Water World (a water park in Stoke) with slides and flumes. Everybody enjoyed themselves a lot. After an hour or so of fun we drove back to Harbury, getting there for 5pm.*



## **Harbury Junior Netball Club**

**Beccy McDaid**

### **Harbury Netball Club is 40 years old!!**

To celebrate this fantastic milestone we are holding a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Harbury Village Hall from 7pm. Tickets are selling well and we would love for as many past and present netball players and supporters as possible to join us on the night. It will be a fabulous chance

to catch up with old friends and meet the new generation of players and their supporters.

If you would like to be part of the celebrations please contact Dayle Adams 07976 361619, Beccy McDaid 07969 071544 or Jenny Harwood 07796 146413. Tickets are £25 per person which includes a four course meal and dancing to local live band 'The Lost Boys' and Bishops Sound Disco.

Over the last 40 years Harbury Netball Club has been extremely successful at both senior and junior level; with the introduction of two new flexi teams this season playing on a Wednesday night, the club is going from strength to strength.

So, if you have had any connection with the Netball Club, please get in touch. It would be great to see you there! Also if you know of anyone who may not get to read this but has been part of the club in the past **PLEASE** pass this information on. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to reminisce and celebrate the ongoing success of our club.

It promises to be a great night and one not to be missed.

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury Tennis Club</h2> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;"><b>Colin and Sue Mercer</b> <a href="https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC">https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC</a></p>
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The weather might have been miserable but February has been the Club's busiest month for a long time with both Senior and Junior teams in action.



Harbury's Mini Reds Team (8 and under) lost their first match against a very experienced Warwick Tennis Club, also coached by *coolsportz*. However, they quickly bounced back and had a great win at the Virgin Active indoor centre against Beechwood, one of the biggest clubs in Coventry. Audrey, Ewan, Wilbur and Dylan are pictured after the match rightly looking very pleased after their efforts!

The Mini Red Group is coached on a Thursday evening by Rob West and is a very enthusiastic group. Coach Rob recently organised Benenden Australian Open-themed tournament, coincidentally on Australia Day! They all enjoyed themselves and are pictured opposite with their certificates and medals.

For the seniors the Banbury Winter League season fixture backlog has proved a very testing time for the teams (and knees!!). The floodlit "B" team



was first in action in Division 4 with a trip to runaway leaders Brackley "B". Before this match the home team had lost only one set all season but Sue Panton, Debs Brookes, Josh Marshall and Ollie Wiltshire gave a very good account of themselves before going down to a 2-6 defeat. There were then five matches in a six-day period. It started in great style when the floodlit "A" team entertained second placed Kings Sutton "B". Caroline Morland, Debs Brooks, Steve Stark, and Colin Mercer dominated their visitors and secured an 8-0 win to consolidate their position at the top of Division 3.

The floodlit "B" team then faced away matches scheduled on two consecutive nights. They headed back to Brackley to play their "C" team where Sue Panton, Eira Owen, Ollie Wiltshire and Nigel Eaton were too strong for the home team and secured a 7-1 win. The next opponents, Deddington "C", were unable to raise a team. That gave Harbury an 8-0 walkover and puts them in the second promotion place with two matches left.

The weekend "B" team had the worst of the weather when they entertained Kings Sutton "B". Caroline Morland, Katy Wiltshire, David Bristow, and Joe Robson played through rain and snow and lost a very close match 3-5. The floodlit "A" team then finished with an away match against Towcestrians "A". It was a keenly contested match with Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer overcoming their opponents 6-2. This win virtually guarantees promotion with two matches to play.

The Junior winter coaching programme, delivered by *coolsportz*, is on Monday and Thursday evenings, and there are also sessions for adults on Monday evenings and a ladies' group on Friday mornings. For more details contact Lianne Candappa on 07919104093 or email her at [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)

If you'd like more details about the club just give me a call on 01926 613284 or visit our website at [clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC)



## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Harbury Toddler Group is a warm, welcoming group which is fully inclusive and open to children with additional needs and those who need little or no support. All activities on offer are accessible and, for much of the morning, children are free to choose from the selection specially arranged to encourage them to engage with new things, learn new skills and play with others.



We always have a shared drink and a snack, finishing the session with a short story and a few familiar rhymes.



Emily Robinson, mother to Florence and Monty provided the children with a lovely clay activity making hedgehogs, see the picture right. If you have a skill or interest in sharing an activity with the children and their parents, carers or grandparents, please come in and see us.





Chelly, a local Mum, is a weekly volunteer at Toddlers. This is Melissa (on previous page), one of her daughters who attended Toddlers regularly in 2015 and has now moved on to a 'grown up class' at Banana Moon. She just popped in to see Lynne, Selina and Reg during half term. My how you have grown in such a short space of time!

We are hosting our Annual General Meeting during the session in February, this will be the second year we have tried this approach as it gives everyone the opportunity to have their say. The children are often quiet when they are munching and drinking juice so it provides us with a 'window', albeit a short one. We will report back in the next edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.



Miss Lorraine from Love Ballet is always a great hit with everyone; she brings fantastic energy, lots of props and music so the children can't wait to join in.

It may be much too late now to wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day, but certainly a lot of love and affection went into making these fabulous biscuits and we think that is worth sharing.

Lynne, Selina, Chelly and Reg 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)

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**Chinese New Year and the Pre-School curriculum** – Learning through play is our ethos at Harbury Pre-School and being inspired to try new things helps everyone practise new skills and, in turn, build self-esteem. There is so much fun to be had when finding out about different cultures or customs and Chinese New Year gave us many opportunities to experience new activities. The children had a chance to experience rhythm and dance, try new foods and listen to stories based around cultural beliefs and exciting mythical tales. In the picture below you can clearly see the joy they experienced when making their homemade 'dragon' move around to the rhythm of the drums played by the children.



The Early Years Foundation stage is embedded in the curriculum here in Pre-School and continues into the reception year of a child's education. The 'characteristics of effective learning' underpin a child's ability to learn, therefore, through effective planning these characteristics can be reinforced and monitored carefully to help children develop and learn. Every child is an individual and all children learn differently and, of course, at differing ages and stages. However, forming good relationships with their peers and the adults around them will help to bring about the necessary environment to develop their learning, positively and most importantly, happily, and at their own pace.

Here are just some of the many examples of characteristics of effective learning children regularly display when learning through play at Pre-School:



Creating and Thinking



Active Learning - *motivation*



Playing and Exploring –  
*engagement*

Lastly, we wish Lesley van Kesteren the very best of luck as she moves along her career path and fulfils other ambitions. Lesley has been a wonderfully caring and valued member of our team for many years, taking a break to have her son in 2010 and returning to us in 2015. Staff, committee and parents would all like to wish her success for the future.

*If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton, Business Manager, e-mail [enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) phone 07939 122087 or look at the website [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk)*



## Village Hall Update

**Chris Finch**

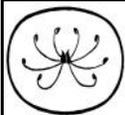
The solar panels on the roof have been a financial boon for the Village Hall since they were installed, BUT some of the problems which have developed along the way, have been a nightmare for chairman, Geoff Thorpe, for several months.

Our supply is linked to Scottish Power, which provides the F.I.T. money (feed in tariff) and it was realised some time ago that the electricity meter should be

replaced when it was realised that the day / evening rates were being monitored incorrectly, so that we were not receiving the cheaper rate for the night storage heaters. As a result, Scottish Power made arrangements for their contractors, G4S to send an engineer to rectify the problem. This is where the system has completely broken down, as four hour slots when Geoff was asked to be at the hall to meet the engineer arranged by G4S not ONCE, but SIX/SEVEN times have NOT been honoured. Admittedly, sitting in the hall and reading the paper and doing the crossword for several hours may not be seen as a complete hardship, but it has tied up hours of Geoff's time since last summer. As of now, he is still waiting for an engineer to arrive to carry out the alteration to the equipment. It's not all bad news (apart from for Geoff), as Scottish Power has given £1,000 in compensation for all the missed appointments and time wasted.

Two events, which proved most successful in February were the Pre-School Fashion Show and Pamper evening and the Sunday afternoon entertainment organised by Ted and Sue Crum. The organisers of the Fashion Show expressed their delight at having a 'proper catwalk' leading from the stage out into the hall, which was created using the older temporary stage fittings retained for future use for such an event. The Steamchicken concert, with tea and cakes, was also thoroughly enjoyed by lovers of country/folk music who supported the event.

The next main village get-together will be for the film, Girl on a Train - on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets can be bought in advance, as usual from the Harbury Pharmacy - see advert elsewhere in the magazine.



## Horticultural Society

**Judy Morrall**

What a wonderful start to the 2017 talks last month. Howard Drury made a return visit and his topic was My Cottage Garden Story. Howard's presentations are superb and the opening sequence with the surround sound was just magical. We were shown a glimpse back to Howard's childhood at his cottage garden in Lincolnshire. The garden, which was half an acre had flowers together with fruit and vegetables. Chickens and rabbits were kept too so that they were self sufficient. Of course no chemicals were used and the soil was very good even though there was clay surrounding the village. Runner beans were salted and stored over winter in huge sweet jars. In 1959 a greenhouse was built and it is still there today. A gentleman called Herbert Exton from Grantham gave Howard advice on all aspects of gardening. Obviously, gardens are smaller now but there is still scope to replicate some of the practices today.

We were then taken on a journey of all styles of cottage gardening starting in the Elizabethan era when knot gardens were a huge feature through to the

great plant hunters of the Victorian era who changed the way we garden. The Tradescants brought back *Primula auricularis* which make lovely displays on the steps of ladders. Gooseberries were a great success; who can forget the super standard gooseberries we saw on our visit to Hanbury Hall last year. Over 200 varieties were introduced together with rhubarb. Ernest Wilson who came from Chipping Campden brought back over 3000 varieties of plants from his expeditions.

A great example of cottage style is at Great Dixter and we saw some amazing pictures of the garden created by the late Christopher Lloyd and now maintained by Fergus Garret. In Herefordshire at Eastleigh House, a seven sided garden full of yellows, greens and mauve blending together beautifully. At Hampton Court Gardens, which we visited too a few years ago, the picket fences are an essential feature added to the colours of dahlias and kniphofias. There are sweet peas twining up sticks, the old fashioned varieties, just among the vegetables, a combination well worth trying. We went to Parr in Cornwall to a lovely garden featuring forget-me-nots with herbs in between the traditional lupins and hollyhocks. On Treco in the Scilly Isles, even though the planting is more exotic, it is still in essence cottage garden style on a grand scale. Huge blue echiums alongside aeoniums - pure magic. In Penzance we got a birds eye view of the private hillside garden at St Michaels Mount where the gardeners have to abseil down a steep cliff to do any maintenance. We saw many more gardens in this county, too many to mention. In Devon, the Garden House has prairie style planting but there are two huge borders with wonderful plantings of tall, medium and low growing shrubs and perennials. Not to forget the RHS garden at Rosemoor, Howard didn't seem too impressed with their cottage garden but when I was last there I thought it was incredible. In Wessex we went down Shaftesbury Hill, do you remember the advert with the boy on his bike - I think it was for Hovis? We saw Chesil Beach, Thomas Hardy countryside and some really good colour combinations from pastel to vivid shades.

In Gloucestershire, Rodmarton Manor and of course Hidcote featured, not forgetting The Stone House. All examples of the way the cottage garden has evolved. Then a quick visit to Dublin to Helen Dillons garden, a great plantswoman with rills and so many clematis that entwine with flowers. Then we took a quick visit to New Zealand to South Island where we saw some incredible examples of cottage gardens, from some small to the grand ones. The planting is so similar to ours but with a few more exotic ones mixed in. Howard ended his talk by saying that it is essential that we all keep gardening as with houses being built with such tiny gardens we need to educate the next generation. We need to plant more bee friendly plants and become more self sufficient by growing even on a small scale vegetables among flowers. We all agreed with him. He then ended as he usually does with a montage of all the gardens we saw with music from Andre Rieu and a wonderful lady singer who sang 'I Belong to Thee'. I wrote just one word down when it

finished.. WOW. It was a memorable evening enjoyed by about 30 plus of us and we all went home feeling happy.

I have arranged a day trip this year on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Mottisfont in Hampshire a National Trust property which is famous for the irises in June. There is so much to enjoy in the gardens as well as the river Trent running through it. The house is well worth a visit too with one room painted by Rex Whistler a hero of mine and this year in June there will be an exhibition of Shell Posters. It is under two hours away and we leave the Village Hall at 8.30am as I booked the last slot available in that week for 10.30am, believe me it is well worth the early start! The cost is £20 and if you would like to join us you will be very welcome, please contact me and I look forward to hearing from you.

The crocuses and snowdrops are in abundance now. In Mill Street we have blue irises, a huge patch of tiny pink cyclamen, marigolds still out and huge pink leaved bergenias. My magnolia is bursting with buds and I think it will not be too long before it flowers. If you feel like visiting places of interest don't forget to go to Bodenham Arboretum near Wolverhampton post code DY11 5TB, only just over an hour away. Open in March from Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 5pm, admission £6.50. As you will remember from our trip there three years ago the food is fantastic and the arboretum is a delight with the huge lake surrounded by trees and shrubs. At Ashwood Nurseries in Kingswinford near Stourbridge, post code DY6 0AE there will be a private garden tour on 18<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 10am and 4pm and entry is £5 with proceeds donated to charity. This garden runs along the canal and is called a garden for all seasons. The food is good and the nursery sells some good value plants.

At Little Malvern Court in Little Malvern, post code WR14 4JN they will be open on every Friday in March from 2- 5pm and entry here is £5. The 14 acres are attached to a former Benedictine priory and the panoramic views over the Severn valley are awesome. There are garden rooms, terraces, lakes, an abundance of spring flowering bulbs and much more.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March do go to Trench Hill, Sheepscombe in Gloucestershire, post code GL6 6TZ to see the woodland views and an array of spring bulbs and hellebores. Open from 11am to 5pm, cost is £4. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Monks Head on Weston Road, Bletchington near Kidlington, post code OX5 3DY is a plantaholics garden with all year interest, some lovely bulbs and much more. Open from 2-5.30pm, cost is £3 and teas are available. Also on 26<sup>th</sup> March in Oxford, Trinity College in Broad Street will be open to view the gardens from 1-5pm and entry is £2.50 with teas available. Here you can see the historic college gardens with huge specimen trees, spring bulbs and borders and the garden Quad from an original design by Christopher Wren, also the President's garden amongst other delights so savour. When I worked in Oxford this was one of my favourite colleges to

explore and much favoured by Morse. Now that spring is almost here do go out and see what nature has to offer.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Tom Hauley room at 8pm but we will be there from 7.30pm onwards. We have a new speaker, Will Scott, who is going to talk about the Restoration of the walled garden at Worcester; do come along and make sure he has a wonderful Harbury welcome. New members and visitors are most welcome. After our talks we enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits and an excellent raffle. In April on the 4<sup>th</sup> Duncan Coombs is making a welcome return visit to us and he will be talking about 'A First visit to Tibet and its Plants'. Something for everyone and I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.



Over the last three years our sales have dwindled. There have been many plants which haven't sold, leaving me feeling bewildered and uncertain about the future. Watering the same pots day in day out in the summer is demoralising. Normally at this time of year I would be growing and potting plants for the coming season but my level of enthusiasm was more or less zilch and there seemed little point in continuing to grow plants which may not sell.

I might be getting on in years but I'm not ready to give up and retire. Gardening and producing plants is in my blood and I have no wish to stop doing what is important to me. Luckily my lovely daughter came up with an idea at Christmas which caught my imagination and I'm putting it into action. She asked if I'd ever heard of black garlic? Huh? Since then I've ordered some online and sampled it and decided it's the thing to go for. I offered some to a number of friends (not one of them has tried it before) and the feedback is very positive. It is slowly (over a number of weeks at a low temperature) cooked. We are trying to work out the best way to achieve this. The first batch dried out but now we have a thermostat so that should help.

The garlic as you know it changes dramatically. It becomes gooey, caramelised and sweet. It can be eaten as a snack without lingering odours on ones breath. It is apparently much sought after. The two prepared bulbs I bought were quite expensive and are not always easily available.

My next step was to order some garlic bulbs to plant. Initially I ordered 7 kilos. Two days later I increased the order to 20 kilos. Topsoil was delivered. So in the last week or so and with some help from Tom we have filled half the sale beds with topsoil and planted all the garlic. We've put netting over to stop George using the area for a convenient cat litter tray and to stop the rabbits digging them up. There are five or six different varieties of garlic. Approximately half are hard neck (so we get the 'scapes') and the rest are

soft neck. Inevitably there will be weed seeds in the soil but it should be easier to weed than our heavy clay soil.

So, for customers coming this year to buy plants there will be a much reduced selection but there will be a happier nursery owner. Watch this space!



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Bristol is the headquarters of Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity that plans and puts together cycling routes. Often they use redundant railway lines and two of the best lead from Bath where our daughter and family live. While Sharon and I were staying with them at the end of January I cycled parts of the local network. One route follows the Avon Valley and an old Midland Railway line. It has been tarmacked and is heavily used by commuters. At other times of the day it's quiet with plenty of wildlife to enjoy. In one cutting through the limestone, a search reveals fossils such as ammonites dating from some 150 million years ago when the area was a shallow sea. The river had flooded over the meadows and a pair of swans was foraging in the watery ground. In summer the trackside trees provide essential shade but the only leaves apart from Yew and Holly were those just visible on Elderberry. Catkins on Hazel, Birch and Elder had made an appearance. The Cotswold outlier of Kelston Roundhill beckoned me home. Up there, the Cotswold Way long distance footpath makes its way out of Bath in a generally north-easterly direction to its terminus in Chipping Campden. It's a grand walk at any time of year. Going south out of Bath is the Two Tunnels route on part of the Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway. This takes walkers and cyclists through more limestone. The tunnels are lit but still need care as not everyone coming in the opposite direction carries a light. A country lane crosses the track after four miles. It leads to a house where lived William 'Strata' Smith, the 'father' of British geology. He developed the idea, from his coal mining experience, that rock layers could always be found in the same relative positions and that similar fossils dated the strata they were found in. His map of Great Britain now hangs proudly in the Geological Society's imposing building in Piccadilly. His theories together with his map were integral in finding coal and other minerals.

We travelled to Farnham in Surrey recently for an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party. It's a delightful small town on the upper River Wey tucked into the Surrey Hills. Much of the land to the south of the town is on Greensand and heavily wooded. We walked round Frensham Great Pond. This is surrounded by common land and is internationally important lowland heath. The Great and nearby Little Pond were created in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century as fishponds by the Bishop of Winchester. Now, they blend into the landscape and provide an area for recreation. It's a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The flora such as Heather, Gorse, Bilberry and Cowberry together with its fauna such as

Sand Lizard, Woodlark and Nightjar make it special. Thanks to the National Trust and other groups it has been safeguarded from development and preserved for the nation.

I had always wanted to visit Frensham as one of my earliest memories is of my elder brother Bill parting the curtains of our village hall in the interval of a play and reciting from memory a poem about Frensham Ponds.

The next day, on the way back to Harbury we visited Guildford with its Norman castle and cobbled High Street. The River Wey here is one of the oldest navigations in the country. Just a few miles further on it terminates at Godalming. During the Napoleonic Wars when ships in the Channel were subject to attack, a scheme was hatched to link London with the fleet in Portsmouth. The route chosen was to link the River Wey between Guildford and Godalming with the River Arun near Pulborough and thence by a new cut to Portsmouth Harbour. It was completed in 1816 after the war was over and was not a success. Now, in the woods of the Weald, if you know where to look, you might find a wide ditch and the remains of a lock chamber.

Yesterday (20<sup>th</sup> February), the U3A Natural History Group visited Batsford Arboretum. The weather was spring like with long spells of sunshine and a light breeze. Banks of snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils enlivened the scene. Some saw a rather battered butterfly in flight. It was a Red Admiral, an unusual sighting in the British Isles at this time of year. After migrating here from Southern Europe between May and September the insects then turn south again. Probably some do escape, as it were, over the Channel but most perish in our cold wet winter. A relative few survive in hibernation. Witch Hazel was in bloom and its relative Persian IronWood (*Parrotia persica*) was clustered with red flowers. Bees were busy on early flowering honeysuckle. In one small area were a group of tiny red Elf Cup fungi. All in all it was a great day to be out and about.



## General Section



## Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

We have run two successful Ancestry start up courses in the Library in February, but if you missed them and are still interested, we will be running more in April. Please leave your name at the Library desk. In the meantime, the Ancestry software is available to be used freely on any one of the three public computers in the Library, and while there you can also take advantage of the book stock and Biblio's café. Library opening hours are 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday, 10am – 12 noon Saturday; Biblio's 9.15am – 12 noon Wednesday - Friday, 10am – 12 noon Saturday.

Are you one of the approximately two thirds of adults who haven't made a will yet? Some people assume that they don't need one, but even if you don't feel you have much to leave it is better to have your own wishes carried out than allow the law to distribute your property according to the intestacy rules, which happens to about one third of the population who die before 'getting around to it'.

To help out with this, the Library will be having a session run by specialist lawyers on the question of exactly why it is a good idea to have a will and how to do it. It will also cover the issues around drawing up a power of attorney, which ensures that someone close to you can deal with your financial and other matters on your behalf if you become unfit to do so for yourself. Although this is something else that people put off, it is well worthwhile doing before it is too late, as the legal and personal ramifications can be complex and uncertain - just what you don't need at a difficult time.

Please see the details of this session in the item below.

As the Library is an entirely voluntary community enterprise, we are always looking for new volunteers to help on the issue desk or baking for or serving in the café. If you can spare some time to help us continue to run this successful undertaking, please contact us as below.

library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk    biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk    01926 258776



### **Wills and Powers of Attorney**

Are you being put off making your Will or creating a Power of Attorney because you think it is:

- Too difficult
- Too expensive
- Too soon

Come along to an informative evening to hear about the benefits of forward planning and the methods to use to get everything in order.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm at Harbury Village Library.**

**Janice Montague**

### **Harbury Community Library AGM**

The AGM will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Library and any villager is welcome to attend.

**Sharon Hancock (Chairman)**



## Beginner/Improvers Ukulele Players

Are there any people who would like to get together to practise or get some group tuition? If you are interested please call either Rosemary Harley 613402 or Nita Waddell 613850.

**Rosemary Harley**



### Harbury Heritage Room

As usual the Heritage Room, with its hundreds of Harbury-related documents and photos, is open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30-8.30pm. You are welcome to come and browse at your leisure. We would be delighted to see you. We are always open on the first Tuesday of the month, and other times by request.

Looking at street names that have disappeared, and trying to find where they referred to in the village, led to the following investigation. In 1851 there used to be a group of houses known as South Side, and a road called Cross Street. It was very likely that South Side became what we know as South Parade, but what happened to Cross Street?

In 1851 there were 22 properties listed as South Side in the Census.

In 1851 there were 9 properties listed as Cross Street in the Census.

This makes 31 properties altogether.

In the 1881 Census there were 31 properties listed as South Side, and Cross Street has disappeared as a street name. This would imply that South Side and Cross Street had combined. But to add to the evidence.....

In 1851 some of the names in South Side were:

Thomas Beasley, age 19 (1881- age 49)

John Parrish, age 37 (1881 - age 66)

In 1851 some of the names in Cross Street were:

John Smith, age 34 (1881 South Side - age 68) perhaps he didn't know when he was born!

Henry Sheasby, age 36 (1881 - South Side - age 65)

Elizabeth Whateley, age 53 (1881 – South Side - age 85) close enough!

Joseph Hunt, age 25 (1881 – South Side – age 55)

This is compelling evidence that South Side and Cross Street both became South Parade.

**Nigel Chapman**



## Harbury Energy Initiative

### Steve Dolley

When Harbury Energy Initiative first burst into life just over seven years ago, one of the first to step forward to attempt to make our plan a reality was Steve Dolley. Steve added a level of professionalism to our quirky but enthusiastic group because he actually knew something about managing money and was happy to volunteer himself as Treasurer. Not that we had any money at that stage but large grants were to follow; I don't think, however, that our accounts ever taxed his skills greatly. His sense of fun and humour fitted perfectly with our general desire to act positively on carbon reduction whilst having a good time doing it.

When cancer disrupted and distorted his life in 2016 he wasn't able to support the work of the organisation any longer; he needed all his strength to cope with the loss of health and struggle to regain it. He never did, dying peacefully a few weeks ago, and we miss him greatly. I would have liked to say thank you, so am saying it here. He may have better things to do than listen to me now.

### **Flick the switch**

There has been a lot of talk for several years encouraging customers to switch suppliers of energy to get the best deal. Despite all the advice 60% of consumers have never switched and are still on standard variable tariffs, the most expensive way to pay for your energy. Switching has become very easy with online comparisons readily available on several websites. It now takes just three weeks to switch and you don't have to do anything except apply. The energy company does the rest. Try it. If you don't have internet access or skills, ask a friend who does to help. Some of the smallest companies offering very low tariffs are now finding it difficult to make a profit on the low offers they have been making. One or two have foundered. It pays to check the reputation of any company of which you are uncertain. The cheapest option isn't always the best.

HEI, not surprisingly, is keen to encourage people to switch to a greener option to encourage energy companies to buy or build more renewable energy. This is something not available to you from one of the 'Big Six' (sounds like a variation on Enid Blyton's Secret Seven or Famous Five but without the charm and by no means friends with each other), because they are only allowed by government to offer four tariffs and green energy tariffs aren't popular enough to deliver a big profit. This doesn't mean that they don't invest in renewables at all.

The green tariffs are usually slightly higher cost options, when they are available, but rarely if ever are they more expensive than standard variable tariffs. The companies offering these green tariffs are generally smaller but not necessarily that small; all of them have a strong ethical desire to play their

part in creating an environmentally benign energy supply. We have been talking to Cooperative Energy, for example, recently. This is not a 'minnow' but also not one of the steep-priced Six. They aim to be buying 75% of their energy to sell to customers from renewables within three years. Others such as Good Energy, Ecotricity, Ovo and others already source 100% of their electricity from renewables.

Energy prices are about to go up. Now would be a good time to have a look at switching.

### **Keeping our wheels rolling**

There are just a few weeks to go before e-Wheels special folk music extravaganza on 31<sup>st</sup> March. See our advert in this magazine for details of 'Music to Keep e-Wheels Rolling', an informal concert by the famous Harbury Folk Choir and Orchestra.

The 820 hours of free 'green' transport provided to people in need locally - often desperate need - has only been possible through grant funding and can only happen in the future through external financial support. Do come and support this local Harbury venture and help to keep our wheels rolling well into the future. You get a glass of wine with your ticket; surely you can't turn that down?

**Bob Sherman - Tel: 612277**  
**Email: [info@harburyenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@harburyenergy.co.uk)**

### **Harbury Village Club & Institute**

Hello everyone and welcome to my monthly update. I have had some really good feedback and I do appreciate all your comments. Another busy month for us with five new members and a total of 14 so far this year – brilliant - and four new bookings for our concert room. Don't forget you can take advantage of this facility and hire it for free - yes I did say free - come and have a look and meet our friendly bar staff.

We have a new recruit who some of you may know, Kerrie, and she is working alongside Anita, Bob and Kate. They all work so hard in order that you get the best from your Club. What with other pubs in the village closed and closing it is so important that we continue to support our community. There are many associations/clubs from the village who make use of our facilities and it is great to see you all. I am still building up a memory board of past members and events and if you do get the chance to look through old photos and come across something of interest do get in touch with me. We have some lovely old black and white photos in the snooker room.

The ivy which was growing at an alarming rate up the power lines surrounding the car park has now been removed by Western Power Distribution and it is so much lighter now. I have plans to brighten up the car park with tubs and baskets of flowers and will see what I can do to make the

entrance to the car park more colourful and welcoming. We are also thinking about more activities so if you have any ideas again feel free to contact me - but nothing too over the top!!! Be careful I may bring back beetle drives. Maybe a three legged race, egg and spoon and a sack race...only joking.

As you can see we really want our community to come together and enjoy our village life while we can. Hope to see you all soon.

**Judy Morrall**

## **Patient Participation Group, Harbury and Bishops Itchington Surgeries**

The surgeries have been formally inspected by the **Care Quality Commission** and have been rated 'Good'. You can read the full report at: [http://www.harburysurgery.org.uk/info\\_form.aspx?p=16](http://www.harburysurgery.org.uk/info_form.aspx?p=16) but approach it with care. Neither subject recorded in my conversation with the lay inspector arose. Instead we discussed the role of the PPG, how to attract younger members, and the limitations of the Bishops Itchington surgery building. It's a mystery who he thought he was talking to.

The surgery staff deserve congratulations for the report outcomes. Remember as you read that the same inspection criteria are applied to surgeries in many different situations and some are not as appropriate to rural communities.

Officers from the Warwick Hospital Trust spoke at a regional meeting about **hospital appointments and parking**. They are clearly taking both in hand. 98% of phone calls to the hospitals are already answered within two minutes; you should no longer find that you share your appointment time with others; and you should be able to make your next appointment as you leave the clinic, rather than waiting for a letter.

Staff recognise that some appointments, especially for the eye clinic, the ear, nose and throat clinic, and urology, will take more time because tests have to take place before you see the specialist; but they are working to reduce the wait.

There is little possibility that more car parking will be provided at Warwick, but the recognised problem will be tackled by making appointments more efficient, so that cars spend less time in the car park. Shorter stays - fewer cars - more spaces.

Finally, a couple of useful tips on **hospital visiting**:

If you visit someone in hospital, and you don't know their ward, try to find out and remember their **date of birth**. The hospital records list all the Jane or John Smiths registered with the hospital; but the DOB will identify the right one!

Despite every effort, the ward **hand wash dispensers** are sometimes empty. Clean hands are essential to prevent the spread of norovirus and avian 'flu. Either wash your hands at the door with soap and hot water (hum a verse of the National Anthem as you wash, to ensure that you are thorough), or take a pocket bottle of antibacterial hand wash with you to use before you enter the ward.

Warwick is in the **top 2% of hospitals** in the country. We are fortunate to have such good local care at every level.

**John Stringer, Chair of the Surgeries' PPG**  
**john23stringer@gmail.com**

## Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to everyone who supported us at the Burns Night in January. We made £332 which is excellent.

Thanks too to everyone who attended our coffee morning on 11<sup>th</sup> February. It was a very cold and miserable morning but we managed to raise £145.45; a very good result.

Our next event is a Ladies' Lunch in the autumn.

**Elaine Bruce**



## French Street Market

*(Brought to you by 'France At Home' in partnership with Southam First)*

Southam Town Centre, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 10am - 4pm

The sights, sounds and tastes of a traditional French street market are coming to Southam High Street!

Featuring: French bread, croissants, patisserie, cheese, sausages, tartiflette, charcuterie, prawns, crêpes, chocolate, olives, spices, dried fruits, garlic, onions and shallots. Also soaps, leather goods, basketware, knitwear, accessories, vintage music and lots more.

Everyone welcome. Free parking.

*For more information see: [www.franceathome.com](http://www.franceathome.com) or [www.southam.co.uk](http://www.southam.co.uk) (What's On)*

**Pam McConnell**





## Children's Play Area

Dog owners are reminded that no dogs are permitted in the children's play area.

Harbury Parish Council



## Warwickshire Police – Inconsiderate Parking

Every year we receive numerous complaints from residents and businesses in relation to the inconsiderate parking by residents and visitors to the village. Dealing with these issues takes up a huge amount of police time that could be better utilised elsewhere.

Some of the offences regularly being committed are

- **Parking on or within 10 metres of a junction**
- **Causing an unnecessary obstruction i.e. parking across pavements and drop curbs**
- **Parking on the restricted zone outside a school**
- **Parking on double yellow lines**

It is appreciated that most residents and visitors coming into the village park in a safe and considerate manner. If continual repeat offenders come to our attention then further action will unfortunately be unavoidable. This will normally result in a fine or summons to court and in cases where vehicles are causing an unnecessary obstruction or are parked dangerously the police can have vehicles removed. **You will then have to pay the recovery costs.**

Please ask yourself before choosing your place to park

1. **Am I parked causing a danger to others?**
2. **Am I parked illegally?**
3. **Am I obstructing anyone?**

If the answer is "Yes" to any of these questions then please find somewhere else to park.

If you have any further queries relating to the content of this letter, please contact our Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 815158 or email [southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

PC 1638 Jamie Cramp





## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### *Dear Editors*

I should like to thank all the well wishers who sent cards, good wishes and flowers after my "incident" on Farm Street. I appreciate the concern of friends in the village and assure them that although I am not exactly up and pedalling again I was very fortunate not to break any bones. Hopefully by the time Spring weather arrives I shall be ready to greet it.

Could I take this opportunity to ask motorists to give cyclists more consideration on the roads as frequently I feel we are invisible to the cars. As always I was wearing my helmet so was saved from any head injury. I urge cyclists, young and old to always wear a well fitting helmet.

**Pat Smith**

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

 <b>All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month:	9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Sung Eucharist Little Saints Various/Ad hoc (see pew sheet)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Said Communion Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service Evensong
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8:00am 10:30am 12:30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8:00am 10:30am	Said Communion Sung Eucharist
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion followed by coffee

## Harbury Parish Council VACANCY

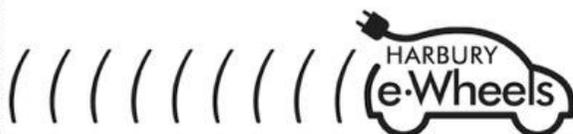
**Minute Secretary**  
**£10.00 per hour**  
**Approximately 6 hours per month**

The role will involve attendance at the regular monthly Parish Council meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month), taking the minutes of the meeting and typing them up afterwards and providing occasional administration support to the parish clerk. We are looking for someone with a good standard of education, competent IT skills and excellent written English. You will be working from home and will need access to a computer and email.

For more information and an application form, please contact Alison Biddle on 01926 614646 or visit our website: [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk)

**Closing date for applications is 17 March 2017.**

Alison Biddle, Clerk to Harbury Parish Council, 2, Bull Ring Business Centre  
Church Terrace, Harbury, Leamington Spa CV33 9HL



# Music to keep e-wheels rolling

An informal concert of songs and melodies **by the Harbury Folk Club Choir and Orchestra** to launch Harbury e-Wheels' appeal for small annual donations to maintain this essential community service.

Friday 31 March 2017 at  
All Saints Church, Harbury CV33 9EY

Concert 7.30-9.30pm approx;  
Doors open 7pm

**Tickets £8** (including a free glass of wine or soft drink) from  
Bob Sherman 01926 612277  
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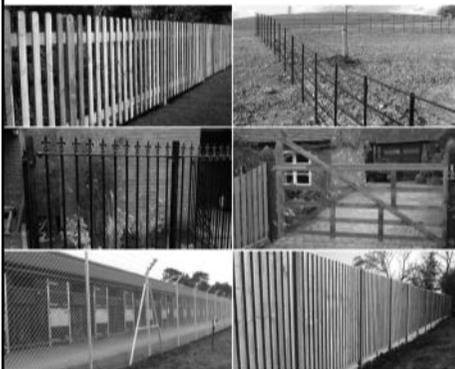


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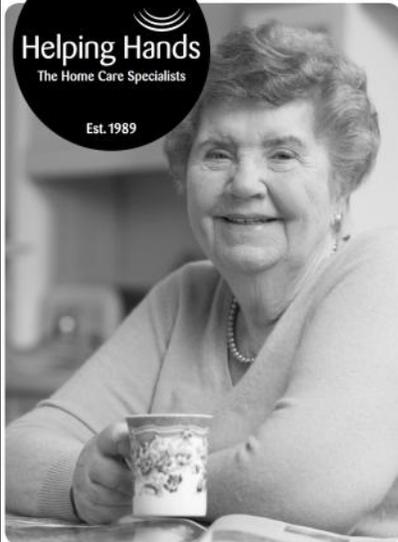
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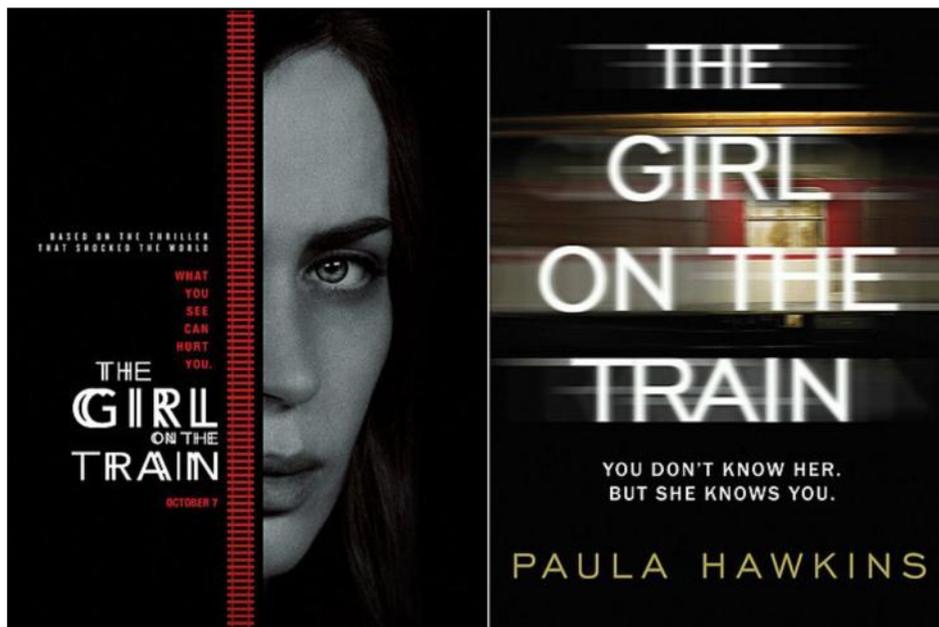
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