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## Editorial

Just when we thought that spring was round the corner we had another snowfall and the photograph sent in by Louise Stanley is of a very large igloo! Fortunately, the snow did not last for long and we hope to have seen the last of the Beast from the East!

With our thoughts turning to daffodils and spring lambs, at Bull Ring Farm, Mick Austin has had a busy March with his flock of sheep lambing. This year one of his ewes was expecting quads and many of the other mothers were expecting triplets. The odds of a ewe having quadruplets are about one in 400, so a set of four in a small flock is fairly rare. The photo below shows the quads with their mother, taken the day after they were born.



Talking about youngsters, the Toddler Group is looking for a new home – does anybody have a suggestion?

The Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at the Village Club; all are welcome.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Don Kennedy, Theodora Wilne, Gladys Hutchins, Arthur Turner and Bertha Kettle.

# Harbury Diary

## APRIL 2018

- Sun 1 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**NO** Holy Communion service, 8.00am  
 Easter Communion service, 9.00am  
**NO** Evening Service, 6.00pm
- Tue 3** MeetingPoint Easter lunch, 12.30pm at The Crown Inn,  
 (booking required)  
**NO** Holy Communion this evening

- Tue 3 Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, The School
- Wed 4 Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
(there will be NO Communion service today)  
No Wednesday Walk
- Thurs 5 **NO** Holy Communion service this morning  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Save the Children  
Tennis Club AGM & Chequebook Tournament, 10.00am
- Sun 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Holy Communion & Children's Church Service, 10.30am  
Messa Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Mon 9 Martial Arts Class, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 10 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -  
Coombe Abbey (5 miles)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Prof Fred Lockwood -  
'From a hobby to new career'
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury Senior Citizens
- Sun 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Holy Communion, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Mon 16 Martial Arts Class, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
Village Hall Committee AGM, 7.45pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Tue 17 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM, 7.30pm, Village Club  
Harbury Society - Archaeological findings in Harbury,  
7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 18 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -  
Ryton Woods (4 Miles - flat)  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall

- Fri 20 Bread & Broth Lunch, 12.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
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- Sat 21 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Guide Dogs  
Paul Winchester's Potters Quiz Night VII, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 6.00pm, Church  
All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Mon 23 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall  
Martial Arts Class, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 24 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 25 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -  
Hampton Lucy - Wasperton (3½ miles - flat)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room,  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
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5.30PM  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Saints Alive
- Sun 29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Mon 30 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall  
Martial Arts Class, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- MAY**
- Tue 1 MeetingPoint, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, the School
- Wed 2 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Wootton Wawen & bluebells (4 miles - some hills)  
Mothers' Union Meeting & Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley  
Room
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School
- Sun 6 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am  
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Fawsley - Badby Woods (3½ miles - hilly)
- Thurs 10 Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Resolutions Meeting

<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>			
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury, Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge outlying properties</b>	<b>Collection Week</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	4	6	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	11	13	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	18	20	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	25	27	<b>Grey Bin</b>
<b>May</b>	2	4	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	9	11	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	16	18	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>

	<b>From the Rector</b>	<b>Reverend Craig Grocock</b>
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### **Easter - a message worth pondering?**

Once again Easter is upon us, earlier this year on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Now there's a thought - we celebrate Easter Day this year on April Fool's Day! It's what many people would say when considering belief in someone risen from the dead – it's nonsense, all for fools!

Two thousand years ago, a young Jewish leader fell into disfavour with the established authorities. He was executed, declared dead, wrapped up like a mummy and placed in a tomb. A large stone was rolled against the tomb's entrance and a unit of Roman soldiers guarded the tomb against potential grave robbers.

Christians believe that two days later, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty. The man's closest followers, most of whom had abandoned him during his arrest and trial, reported seeing him alive again. Many later died terrible deaths for their faith in this man. These followers had been transformed through their experience and it affected every facet of their lives, giving them inner strength, freedom from guilt, love for their enemies, and boldness to stand (and die) for what they believed was right. You may write off the Easter story as fit only for fools but this story changes lives because through it we encounter something amazingly real - a God who shows us the power of love and that nothing, not even death, can defeat that.

Sometimes life's challenges can seem so huge that we don't want to go there. Yet that first Easter offers each of us real and lasting hope. As we enjoy the chocolate eggs, some holiday and Springtime this Easter, might this be a message worth pondering?

Easter blessings.

## From the Registers

### *Funeral*

19<sup>th</sup> March                      Theodora Wilne (80 years)

### *Memorial*

20<sup>th</sup> March                      Gladys Hutchins (92 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

The life of the churchwarden is a varied one with our attention now being turned to the weather vane located on top of the church tower roof. The vane is about 9 feet tall and has been blown about in recent strong winds and is now leaning at an angle and the base has slightly moved causing damage to the tower roof.

We have been advised that this should be taken down before it does any further damage to the roof. The PCC has agreed to have this done in the most cost effective manner. The roof of the tower will then be made good. If anyone is interested in this project or has any thoughts as to what we can do with this weather vane please contact either of the churchwardens. We will, of course, apply to the Diocese of Coventry for permission for its initial removal. Whether the



vane is re-gilded, repaired and put back into position is very debatable as it will probably be much cheaper to simply remove it and make good the roof. Do we need a vane to know which way the wind is blowing?

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting i.e the AGM of the parish will take place at 6pm in church on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. All parishioners are most welcome.

Should you have any questions about Harbury church please contact either of us. Liz McBride (tel: 612421) or Michael Vincent (tel: 614806).

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Mothers' Union</h2> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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Unexpected artistry was revealed at our March meeting as members decorated eggs with a wide variety of paints, glitters, flowers and stickers. Good fun was had by all.

Also in March, Chris Rutherford led the Mothering Sunday service, explaining that we all (of either gender) have a mothering instinct to care, protect and nurture, so mirroring the Lord's caring for us. She told a vivid version of Moses' rescue from the riverbank after his mother hid him from Pharaoh's order, so leading to the rescue of the Hebrew slaves when he grew up. Daffodils were then distributed to everyone in church.

By the time you read this, our April meeting will have heard from Pat Mott about her role as a volunteer in prison.

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April the Lady Day service will be at Finham at 2pm. If you would like to go contact Chris immediately.

Our next meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> May with a talk about Save the Children Fund. This will be at 2.30pm following communion at 2pm. Visitors will be very welcome.



### **Bread and Broth Lunch**

Everyone is invited to a bread and broth lunch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This will be in the Tom Hauley Room from 12.30pm. There is no charge, but donations will be welcome towards the purchase of Bibles which Mothers' Union are pleased to gift to couples married in Harbury or Ladbroke.

**Gillian Hare**

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by 5.30pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

# Ladbroke News & Diary

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## APRIL

### Sun 1 **EASTER DAY**

Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Wed 4 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 8 **EASTER 1**

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Mon 9 Heritage Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tue 10 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 11 Annual Village Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 15 **EASTER 2**

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 16 Annual Vestry meeting (to elect churchwardens) and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30pm, Church

Wed 18 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 20 **ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK**

### Sun 22 **EASTER 3**

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am,

Mon 23 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Wed 25 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 26 **ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM**

Sat 28 Churchyard Working Party from 9.30am

### Sun 29 **EASTER 5**

Holy Communion (said), 9.00am with feedback on the 8 EQs

## MAY

Tue 1 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 2 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 3 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 6 **EASTER 6**

Family Communion, 10.30am, including baptsim, followed by refreshments

Wed 9 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Thurs 10 Ascension Day service, 7.30pm





## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March the church was packed by people whose lives had been touched by Don Kennedy and had come to remember him and support Pat and the family. Don was a farmer all his working life, and his and Pat's home was always full of people of across at least three generations. He was a keen ballroom dancer and liked to join in everything.....provided the cows got milked! As his daughter, Susan Moore read the tribute those of us who had only known him a few years learnt some surprising things about Don, did you know he had been born in Argentina, his family wanted him to be a bank manager and he had bred and shown Shire horses? Don was real character who will be much missed by his family and all of the friends he made during his long life.

We are very grateful to the hosts and cooks at the three delicious soup and cheese lunches held during Lent which were much appreciated by those attending and raised quite a sum for our All Saints for All Generations campaign raising funds for building repairs. As I write this, Easter Holy week has not yet arrived but I'm sure by the time you read it we will have had our moving services on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday thanks to Rev Craig, Kate, Bill and the choir and have celebrated Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning with glorious flowers in church and an Easter Egg hunt for the children thanks to many others. We are so grateful to everyone who helps support the life of our church. You can come and find out what has been happening in the last year at our annual meetings on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, in church, starting at 7.30pm with the election of churchwardens. I am standing down as churchwarden to focus on the repairs to the building and associated activities.

I hope that many readers, whether you're a church goer or not, will be able to come to the Heritage Group meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, see details on page 16.

Some more dates for the diary are:

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April - another churchyard working party - come any time after 9.30am with your own tools, drinks and cake will be provided.
- Sunday 29th April - Rev Steve Hood will be feeding back our results for the eight Essential Qualities of healthy churches during the 9.00am service, I think we'll be pretty safe from it being postponed again due to snow and we plan to have refreshments afterwards.
- Thursday 10th May - Ascension Day Service at 7.30pm.

Finally, as the last one was such fun and very good for the All Saints for All Generations campaign coffers, there will another Auction of Promises this summer. The date is still to be agreed but do start thinking about what you could offer to give.

## From the Registers

### *Funeral*

22<sup>nd</sup> March

Donald Kennedy (96 years)



## Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

**Official minutes can be viewed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn or on the parish council page of the website. <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/parish-council/pc-meetings>**

With apologies from the SDC and WCC councillors, as our meeting clashed with the community forum, and from two of our parish councillors, the five members of the public present outweighed the members of the council at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Public participation:** The owner of The Lares thanked the council for their support in obtaining permission to demolish and rebuild. However, whilst looking for somewhere else to live while this happens they have found a property with open views and have decided to stay there, although they hope to remain involved in village activities.

**WCC & SDC (written reports):** We are a popular place to live and new homes are putting pressure on infrastructure; savings need to be made; there is lack of continuity in some services as older people leave and most primary schools are moving towards Multi Academy Trusts. Please report potholes but expect a wait until they are repaired; with the Fosse Way overloaded there is more traffic through villages. Grants of £6000-30,000 are available for small road safety projects (apply by June) and the total for small community grants in the Feldon area has increased to £6000 this year (apply by August). The WCC component of council tax is rising by 4.99% and SDC component by only 1% as it will use reserves. As SDC needs more social housing the core strategy may change, also Birmingham City Council has asked if any land in our district can be considered to meet their housing needs - the only possibility is greenbelt land in the north. There will be a consultation on a Transport Strategy for the district with the documents available from the SDC website in late April.

**Planning:** The council made no representations on the extensions and changes at Woodlands nor on treeworks at Hallsfield. Permission had been granted for treeworks at the Lares and changes to windows and doors at 16 Ladbroke Hall and at Swanick Barn.

**Flooding & Drainage:** work on individual property protection has started; the report with calculations concerning the Village Hall is still awaited.

**Village Hall & Millennium Green:** The recent Film Night was a sell out despite atrocious weather. There has been favourable feedback to the application for an HS2 community grant for a new entrance and disabled toilet at the Village Hall. The Norgates were thanked for repairing the gate to the Millennium Green - they advised that the mechanism was weak and it's likely to fail again.

**Broadband:** It will eventually arrive, but we are now being told in May. A group of 30 farmers/outlying properties are investigating a private wireless system.

**Streetlights:** We should not need new poles but the cost information on LED fittings is still awaited so the decision on a grant towards the stage lighting was deferred again.

**Housing Needs Survey:** It transpires that this would be quite a lot work for the Parish and, even if we are out of line in Stratford District for not having one, 19 of the 80 parishes in Warwickshire (24%) have not done a survey, so our councillors were reluctant to do one.

**Ladbroke Footpath Group:** The group are writing to local farmers explaining what they are doing. They have been looking at the footpaths radiating out from the village - posts and markings have gone and some footpaths just stop. HS2 will cross a number of footpaths, the environmental statement says what is happening to each - the footpath on Windmill Hill will be diverted to use the new bridge but we will lose the one to Southam near Starbold Farm. The E roads at the end of Ladbroke Hill Lane and Radbourne Lane are not shown on OS maps but are available from WCC. The group will ask for funding for signs, posts and gates (which will be donated to the landowners).

**Recategorisation of Ladbroke Village:** Due to the loss of the bus service (which didn't come through the village!) we have dropped from Category 4 to 5 so are less likely to get housing developments forced on us.

**Next Meetings:** Annual Village Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> May at the usual 7.45pm.

	<p><b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Carol Lane</b></p>
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We were very sorry that the meeting which was due to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March had to be cancelled because of the icy conditions which prevented the safe passage of our speaker travelling from Stratford.

The Lady Denman competition this year is to write 500 words about 'The Day that changed my Life'. Entries need to be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Please make sure that the date of 12<sup>th</sup> May for our next coffee morning in the Tom Hauley is in your diary and start assembling items for the book, bric-a-brac and cake stall!

Our April meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30pm when Alan Winterburn will give an illustrated talk on 'Little Known Warwickshire.'

We will be discussing the resolutions at our May meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. As always, new members or visitors are most welcome.

	<h2>Ladbroke Photography Club</h2>	<p>Kip Warr</p>
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Andy Hay, diving instructor and Ladbroke resident, gave us a fascinating talk on underwater photography with the assistance of his wife, Helen, and daughter, Caroline. Together they have dived in some very exotic waters (think of the Red Sea, West Indies, Maldives and beyond). He described the joy of weightlessness and the three-dimensional feeling of



being able to float at different depths and see things from varying angles. Many of their dives are on old shipwrecks which are fascinating in themselves and provide dark corners for sea life such as shoals of glassfish - so transparent that you can see their bones. They seemed to be on first name terms with some very unattractive-looking species, stroking some and even being caressed by another - which turned out to be a ten foot long octopus!



For the more technically minded Andy demonstrated the diving gear which looks so cumbersome and yet provides such liberation. His camera is a very tasty SLR in a sturdy casing with a very wide-angle lens. When photographing through water the focal length of the lens is increased, in effect, making it ideal for close-up shots. A longer lens is of limited use because of the lower visibility in deeper water.

At depth various colours are absorbed by the water: first reds and yellows, then blues until there is only a murky green. At such depths the rich colours of

the marine life blend into monochrome so a strobe (flash) is essential to show the full range of hues in the corals and the many species that live amongst them. At a practical level, Andy told us about things to watch out for such as water currents, depth limits, the bends, not forgetting your diving buddy and where not to put your hand - such as on a scorpion fish! As he said, diving can become an obsession - it certainly caught our imagination.

Inspired by this talk, our next meeting, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, will be a competition and phototopic discussion on water. It will be held as usual at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings; 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)

### **Photos by Andy Hay**



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



We braved the Beast from the East to present our film night on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and happily there was plenty of warming comfort food available when we arrived. Thanks to the organisers and cooks who battled with the blizzard conditions to make the evening a success. Most of our filmgoers managed to get there too.

**Coming Soon!** Our next film and supper evening is scheduled for **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** when we hope the weather will be better. The film has yet to be decided, but we will let you know as soon as we can.

As always, you'll need to book early as places are very limited, so if you would like advance notice of our films make sure you are on our email circulation list. Email Nicky ([nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk)) to be added.

We have a number of events planned for later this year, including another live band/barbecue evening, a wine tasting evening, and more film nights. More details soon!



Don't forget the **Annual Village Meeting** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** at **7.30pm** in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to hear about our village activities; to bring your ideas; and maybe even get involved? See you there!

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

£50	Steve Morten	£50	Nicky Lewis
£25	Sophie Kendall	£25	Kate Liverton
£25	Pam Collins	£10	Steve Copley
£10	John Bicknell	£10	Genaro and Tina Varriale
£10	Barbara Bicknell	£10	Linda Spence

Margaret Bosworth



## Ladbroke General Section

### Stained Glass Windows in Ladbroke Church

Our series of occasional articles continues this month with **The Two Marys**.

In 1875—76 the interior of Ladbroke Church underwent a grand restoration led by the eminent Victorian architect Sir Charles Gilbert Scott, who worked on numerous churches but is better known for the front of St Pancras Station and the Albert Memorial in Hyde Park. When our church was reopened in 1876 there were several new stained glass windows including this pair, on either side of the chancel arch. The Two Marys were made by Hardman and Co. who also made the Great East Window at the same time. There is no maker's mark or dedication in the windows, but we know this company made them as they are listed in the Hardman and Co. records, now in Birmingham's archives.

#### The Annunciation (left of chancel arch)

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she has been



chosen by God to give birth to his Son, Jesus. The angel holds a scroll with the words "Ave Maria..." and the inscription reads "Behold the handmaid of the Lord..." her reply to the angel's news, as described in Luke 1 v26-38.

### Imagery

Mary stands by a lily in a pot. The lily is Mary's symbol and the flowers within the decorative panels, above and below the figures are also lilies.

### Don't miss

The ornate gothic arches in the architectural background which are similar to the carved sedilia (seats) in the wall to the right of the altar in our church.



### Jesus and Mary Magdalene (right of chancel arch)

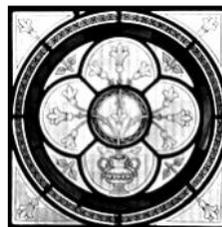
Mary Magdalene meets Jesus in the garden after the resurrection. At first she thought Jesus was a gardener until he spoke her name. The inscription "Touch me not for I am not yet ascended to my Father" was his reply when she recognised him, see John 20 v 15-17.

### Imagery

Mary carries an ointment jar. Jesus has a halo with three arms of a cross, representing the Trinity and pierced hands and feet.

### Don't miss

The decorative panels above and below the figures, in this window they contain thorned roses in place of the lilies in the other one.



## Heritage Group, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Do you value Ladbroke? Do you like having fun? Are you interested in doing things? Do you have ideas or contacts? Are you curious? Do you want somewhere to go on 9<sup>th</sup> April and the pub's closed? If the answer to any or all of these is yes, come and join us in the **Ladbroke Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** to find out the results of Ladbroke Heritage Survey, discover how learning and sharing Ladbroke's heritage is key to Ladbroke Church's application for a repair grant and hear about ways you could get involved. All welcome, whether you are keen to be involved or just vaguely curious and have heard there will be wine or hot drinks and cake! If you cannot make that evening please let Jackie know (810331) and we'll set up a further meeting at the most convenient time for those that cannot come on that date.

**Jackie West, Nicky Lewis & Linda Doyle**



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley  
Harbury News Correspondent**

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### **March 2018**

A longer meeting than usual, watched over by the District and County Councillors and three members of the public.

Parish Cllr Janet Thornley's proposal for a Parish Satisfaction Survey in view of recent adverse comments by the public was greeted with enthusiasm by some. Chairman Tim Lockley did not "have a problem" with the idea but thought they already had "lots of ways" for the public to contact them, including at the Parish Office and on the website. It was pointed out that many of those who needed help might not be able to use these resources.

Parish Cllr Andy Rutherford supported the idea of a survey but also liked the "Councillors Corner" where he could explain to people which Council (Parish, District or County) did what! In the end they agreed to the Chair's suggestion of a survey in the May Harbury News and appointing a Councillor to handle queries in the Library once a month.

Stratford District Cllr Jacqui Harris was involved, along with Cllrs Rutherford and Summers, in discussions with Orbit Housing Association over their intention to relocate elderly tenants from Crown Close. She said the local support was really useful to the pensioners. The Chairman thanked all for their efforts in preventing the relocation.

Parish Cllr Chris Gibb expressed everyone's exasperation that the road improvements at Junction 12 on the M40 had not eased congestion with traffic heading for the Jaguar Land Rover site and on the Tachbrook Road.

He wanted JLR to provide public transport for their workforce. District Cllr Harris promised to raise the problem at the JLR Liaison Meeting.

Harbury is due substantial sums from Section 106 Agreements. The housing developers have to pay to mitigate the impacts of building work and the increase in population. Cllr Chris Gibb was exercised by the time taken for these sums to be released to the Parish by the County. Harbury School needed the money so work could be done in the Summer holidays. County Councillor Stevens said budget reductions and early retirement had taken experienced staff out of local government, when the Chairman challenged him on why the S106 process was so drawn out.

## **Planning**

There was no objection to plans to remove a redundant oil tank at Wissett Lodge. There was some concern about the noise to be generated by the Energy Storage machinery at Walworth Farm especially as it was so close to Bishop's Itchington Cemetery. Cllrs asked for acoustic fencing to be installed.

PC Chair Tim Lockley found the Government's latest revision of the National Planning Policy Framework "very depressing". He feared it would make Stratford District raise still further its housing targets. Already developers were adding their comments to the new Policy. Tim suggested the Parish make no response apart, he said, from "joining the revolution".

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan was proceeding and Harbury and Bishops Itchington had worked together to ensure that the granting of part of the Cement Works development to our neighbouring parish would not hold up the Inspector's approval of our plan.

Tim Lockley and the Planning Group raised the problem of parking in Chapel Street with the potential buyer of Country Fayre who intended to convert the building into four flats. Cllr Gibb had made neighbours aware of this.

## **Amenities**

The Clerk had managed to find a fabricator who could replace the mini goal for the playing field. After much discussion it was agreed to purchase another to go on the Green in Manor Orchard. BOGOF! said Cllr Cristou with glee.

The dragon's teeth will be reinstalled at the playing field entrance but Parish Cllr Summers was concerned about teenagers who "messed about" there after school. The PCSOs would be asked to look into the complaint.

Cllr Summers also complained that the tree contractors' vehicles had knocked down some of the daffodils she had planted in the Burial Grounds, but the Clerk explained that they had to have access to the trees they were dealing with and that they had discovered that the beautiful copper beech at Cemetery Corner had been damaged when the fencing was installed.

There then proceeded extensive debate about the potential costs to the Council of the new Burial Grounds. To precis this: they are not obliged to provide a Burial Ground but they did want to. They need to pay £600 for a survey to find if the proposed ground is suitable for burials and only then

commit to the project. The full costs could be about £100,000 spread over several years. At present the charge for burial plots is £160 but they don't know how many spaces remain. Some Cllrs wanted to increase the charges but no decisions were taken.

## Environment

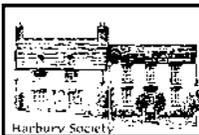
The condition of the greens and verges were a concern for many but the Chairman seemed confident that developers would honour their promise to re-instate them after construction finished. Cllr Thornley relayed a Crown Close resident's complaint that the stumps of the frontage trees were an eyesore but Cllr Summers said they were chopped down because they caused subsidence. Cllr Gibb had ordered an extra two waste bins; one for Co-op recycling and one for dog waste at Thwaites. Optimistically, the Chairman was seeking volunteers to remove the bags of dog waste that walkers left on the trees there.

## Finance etc

Stratford seemed to have forgotten to deal with Harbury's application to have the Village Club included as an "Asset of Community Value".

The Annual Parish Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May (7.30pm in the Village Hall) will include a talk on "Women's Suffrage in Warwickshire". In relation to this the Chairman is planning a public meeting in the Tom Hauley Room later in April to apply for funding from the Centenary Fund, for a project similar to the WWI Commemoration. Cllr Gibb is working with Chesterton to have a Commemoration Beacon lit on Windmill Hill on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, Farley Room Village Hall.



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our AGM was well attended but we didn't persuade any more members to join the Committee. It seems to be the fate of many of the organisations set up in the late 70s to 80s. We are all getting older and perhaps it is our long experience that frightens off younger people. The answer of course is to split jobs up into smaller tasks so they are not so daunting. As it is, the present Committee will have to soldier on for a bit longer.

So, the AGM proper was soon over but members did express concerns about recent housing scares. It appears the residents of Crown Close may not now be decanted elsewhere but pressure for more development continues.

The Parish Council has been approached for its view on proposals to turn the former Mugleston's shop into four single bed flats, and Spitfire, who want to develop the Wissett Lodge Paddock, now say the old ash tree is rotten and they want to remove it. But no harm would come if it did fall. However, removing it would allow the developer to overcome some of the objections to

their previous housing lay-out. The question is: what benefit to Harbury would there be if it were removed?

Given that the Paddock is a haven for wildlife, it was appropriate that our speaker was Graham Robson from Marton, who narrated his own video showing the wide range of wildlife to be found within ten miles of his home.

We saw an amazing number of butterflies and moths, lacewings, damselflies and other insects. Kingfishers, great northern diver, blackheaded gulls, a little egret, whinchat, curlew, rooks, swallows, long tailed tits and sparrows followed. The shots of the sparrowhawk, kestrel and buzzard were remarkable.

He had shots of wild animals like the brown hare, squirrels, an otter, badger, and a cock pheasant, but best of all were the barn owls that have been in Graham's barn raising their families for at least ten years.

Our next meeting (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room) will feature a talk on "Recent Archaeological Findings in Harbury and District by Bryn Gethrin - appropriate given we are still threatened with more development, some of it in the core of the historic village.



We started our March meeting remembering Bertha Kettle, whose funeral a number of members had attended that day. Bertha was a very active member of Harbury WI for a number of years.

Our speaker was Cheryll Rawbone, the vice chairman of "The Friendship Project for Disadvantaged Children". This is a Warwickshire based organisation started in 1986 by Charles Raeburn who was a County Councillor and heavily involved in the scout movement. The charity started as a pilot scheme in Warwick and now supports 62 children aged 6 to 16 across Warwickshire. The organisation is dependent on volunteers who support children on a one to one basis for two to three hours a week. Volunteers have to be over 18 years old and have their own transport; they are very carefully vetted and trained. Children are referred to the organisation by social services and schools; volunteers provide children with the continuity that some don't get at home because of family problems, health issues etc. They also organise "get togethers" for volunteers and children such as treasure hunts, Christmas parties and visits to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. The organisation spent £47,000 last year and raise money through all sorts of events; they received some funding from "Children in Need" last year and were featured during the programme. They received the "Not for Profit Charity of the Year Award" for 2017. Members found this talk really interesting and during coffee were able to talk to Cheryll and a local volunteer about the work that they do.

We continue with additional events as part of celebrations for our centenary. On 12<sup>th</sup> March members attended a Jigsaw Challenge. We met in small groups of up to 5, at various homes around the village. We then spent an hour and a half - plus refreshment stop - working on a jigsaw. At the end we counted up the pieces left. There was a huge variation in numbers, probably because some partook of wine during the evening and pieces became more indistinct as time went by!! Gillian Hare's group were the clear winners (obviously tea drinkers) and a good time was had by all.

On 19<sup>th</sup> March six members joined 684 women at the Warwickshire Federation annual meeting at the Chesford Grange hotel. The first Federation meeting was held in Leamington Town Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1918 so this was a very special occasion. The main speakers were Heidi Meyers, the first female Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital and Dame Jenni Murray, best known for presenting Women's Hour since 1987; both inspirational speakers. Our President, Ann Mayer, was presented with certificates to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Harbury WI.

On 30<sup>th</sup> April we shall be pleased to welcome past and present members to Afternoon Tea in the Tom Hauley Room from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. If you would like to attend please contact Lin Hayes (613488) or Julia Fowler (614896).

We shall be going to the Spa Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> April and for a Bluebell Walk on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June we shall be holding an event in the Village Hall between 2pm and 4pm where we shall showcase the many crafts and other activities that the WI engage in. More details in the May Harbury News. Everyone is welcome.

Have you been to see the display of WI pictures in the Heritage Room yet? Last chance will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May between 6.30 and 8.30pm before the display is changed.

The speaker at our meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April is Professor Fred Lockwood, talking about a hobby that has influenced a new career as a writer. He will be bringing his books with him. New members and visitors are always welcome.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Chris Barber**

Save the date! Our Spring production will be on Thursday to Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May. We are performing Alan Ayckbourn's "Gosforth's Fete" together with the equally brilliant "Between Mouthfuls", both from his clever set "Confusions". We have coupled these with some short sketches and even a song or two, so there is plenty to enjoy!

There is still lots of work for us to do but already we can see that these plays are so well written, they are going to be tremendous fun both for us to perform and of course for our audience!

The Village Hall will be set out in café style, so you have a table for your drink, and on Saturday evening we shall provide supper. Tickets will soon be available from the chemist, so watch out for posters! In the meantime, did I say "Save the date"?!



## Folk Club

Peter McDonald

I had expected that the **400<sup>th</sup>** session of Harbury Folk Club on 1<sup>st</sup> March would be a massive music party - perhaps a reunion of far too many performers to fit into the evening. I'd heard from so many people who were planning to come but, alas, it wasn't to be. Strong winds, ice and severe drifting snow made it so difficult to move about, even on foot in the village, that a great many stayed at home. Even a relatively local journey from Leamington was a challenge. In the circumstances, the evening might appear to have been doomed but it was nothing of the sort. Instead, the 15 singers and musicians who braved the elements, presented a superb evening of quality music to an audience of about the same number.

Perhaps I was tempting fate but my theme for this special evening was 'Magic Moments'. I started the first half recalling a personal magic moment, singing the song that I used to start Folk Club number one on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1984 - Alan Taylor's "It's Good to see You". Janny and Maureen once again demonstrated their ability to sing in perfect unaccompanied harmony with two of their greatest hits, "Two Brothers" and "Cupid's Garden". Pete and Liz Bones, who had also been at the very first session in 1984, interpreted the theme by performing "Puff, the Magic Dragon" and then, to balance the emotions, "Number Two Top Seam" about a mining disaster. Keith Donnelly had bravely struggled from Leamington specially so that he could perform some real (?) magic - yes, like a proper magician, with a proper multi-coloured coat! We had scarves of many colours appearing from nowhere and Keith even managed to produce a hat from out of a rabbit! He followed this dazzling display of sleight-of-hand with a song, "The Magic Goes Away". To take us up to the interval, Sue and Ted sang a favourite, "Come by the Hills", then Ted obliged with Flanders & Swann's "Song of the Weather" which seemed appropriate, to put it mildly.

Despite the grim weather, most of the Folk Club Choir were present to start the second half, singing another relevant song, Brian Bedford's "The Weather Man Says", which suggests that we put our complete trust in his every word. Our second choir song was the popular "You Raise Me Up" which nicely describes the effect that the Choir has on me. I indulged myself a bit more by singing one of my all-time favourite songs, "Farewell to the Gold", which relates a sad tale of fruitless panning for gold in New Zealand which ends in tragedy. Then it was time for a rare appearance by the Daft Dames (alias Janny, Maureen, Sue, Celia and Lynne) with one of the first songs they ever inflicted on a defenceless audience - a rewrite of "My Favourite Things" for seniors! Keith returned to the stage for one more song, the philosophical

“Overlapping Stories” (“... we are just stories and songs ...”) and he was followed by the Harvesters with two great numbers, Iris Dement’s “Let the Mystery Be” and one of their own songs, “One Step Forward”.

On this wintry night, we were very fortunate to be joined by that fine trio, the Somerville Gents, especially as Phil had travelled from Stratford and Jem from Daventry. They sang two songs as a trio – “If I Had Wings” and their original, hilarious “Crassanova” – and then, for a finale, they were joined by Ian, Sue and Sue to form the super-group, Gentle Heart. As a six-piece band, they finished the evening in fine style with “Hallelujah”, “Goodbye Liza Jane” and a particularly fine version of “Parting Glass”.

It didn’t seem appropriate to extend the evening with our traditional ‘third half’ so we finished a little earlier than usual, reflecting on an evening of such good music. So, it was a memorable evening after all, but perhaps not in the way we were expecting.

The raffle raised a terrific £116 (boosted by a donation from the Folk Club Orchestra) for Cancer Research. I must thank everyone, performers and audience alike, for coming out on such an evening and the staff at the Club for ensuring that we were well looked after. The next Folk Club session will be at 8pm on 5<sup>th</sup> April when the hosts will be Des and Debbie with their theme, ‘Foolish Behaviour’.

	<h2>Hereburgh Morris</h2>	<p>Peter McDonald</p>
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### The Windmill comes to The Windmill

On the afternoon of Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, Hereburgh Morris, Harbury’s local dance team, had a new experience. By the invitation of Jeremy Atkins, the current owner of Harbury’s windmill, we were able to dance our own original ‘Windmill’ dance *inside* the mill. We would normally dance outdoors but the snow and ice on the ground made that unsuitable so dancing indoors was the only option. Fortunately, by removing most of the furniture from the hexagonal ground floor, we had just enough space for our stick dance without causing any damage.

The occasion was Jeremy’s family gathering and, in particular, the visit by his aunt, Liz, from Suffolk. He had explained to us that Liz was the second wife of the late Douglas Kennedy (1893-1988) who succeeded Cecil Sharp as director of the English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) and dedicated his life to the revival and encouragement of folk dance. Jeremy was intrigued to find out that Harbury’s Morris team had a ‘Windmill’ dance and, having discovered that it was not traditional, he thought that his aunt would be interested to see it. We also took the opportunity of performing our other original mill-related dance, ‘The Miller’s Ghost’, and Jeremy confirmed that, in fact, *two* millers had lost their lives while it was a working mill. For some photos and a video, see our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/pages/Hereburgh-Morris/305395656151257](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hereburgh-Morris/305395656151257)

For more information about the team, visit our webpage:  
[www.hereburghmorris.org.uk](http://www.hereburghmorris.org.uk)

Hereburgh Morris would like to thank Jeremy and his family for their hospitality, their interest and also for the fascinating conducted tour of the mill from top to bottom.

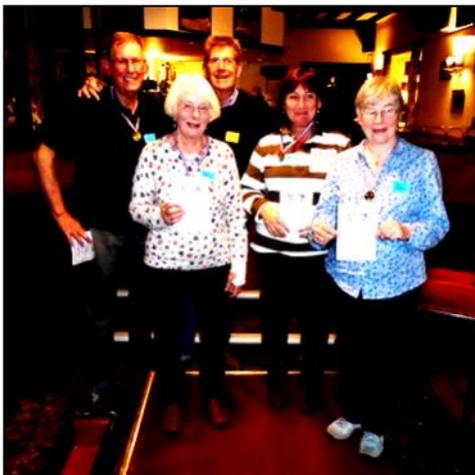


On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March we made our annual trip to the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen for an enjoyable evening of “Supper & Skittles”. This is the seventh time that Margaret McDonald has arranged this Twinning Association social event and this year we decided that the five teams should be identified by colours; Rouge, Bleu, Vert, Jaune and Orange.

After three rounds, where the lead changed after each round, the Bleu team of; Celia Neill, Jan Freeman, John Stringer and Margaret McDonald were declared the winners having knocked down 79 skittles, having been greatly aided by Margaret McDonald, the evening’s highest scorer, who had personally knocked down 25 skittles. Only one skittle behind and in second place with a score of 78 skittles was the Vert team.

The evening was concluded with the elimination game of Killer which was won by the game’s co-ordinator and scorer, Tony Thomas.

The members of the winning team and the Killer winner were presented with certificates and medals by Richard, the Association’s Chairman. The lowest scorer, having previously been awarded the wooden spoon on a number of occasions, was for a change, presented with a cabbage!



This is a fun evening, supplemented with good food, in a most hospitable public house, but it is a great pity that there is not an alternative venue nearer, ideally in Harbury, where this event can be hosted.

As mentioned in last month’s issue of the Harbury and Ladbroke News we will be travelling to Samois-sur-Seine for our bi-annual visit on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, on this occasion, because of our channel crossing difficulties and having to travel a day earlier than planned, we will be making an overnight stopover *en route* at the IBIS Hotel, Albert.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Guides

Kayleigh Barrett



**Needs You!**

This year we will be holding a fundraising summer fete to raise funds for the unit and would like to ask for donations of: **good quality second hand clothing, shoes and accessories; bric-a-brac items; raffle and prize items.** Closer to the time we will also ask for **donations of baked goods** to sell.

Please spread the word to all your friends and neighbours, and drop any items at the Scout Hut on a Monday night from 7.00pm, or contact Kayleigh on 07730 470641 to arrange collection! We will be aiming to raise at least £150 for the unit, so all donations will be greatly appreciated!



## Harbury Heritage Room

Nigel Chapman

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

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

We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

The children of Harbury Combined School (as it was then), interviewed people in the village to add to our collection of memories. Below is an interview with Stan Smith who used to run the cobblers shop next to what used to be Mugleston's in Chapel Street.

Interview with Mr Stan Smith, Erstwhile Village Cobbler, c. 1985 – HM184

*"I worked for six days a week. Most footwear, suit cases, straps, belts, harnesses, school satchels etc. were all made out of leather before plastics became available.*

*Patching and new toe caps were regular jobs.*

*Years ago, all labourers and farm workers would wear boots with hob-nails, studs, toe plates and iron tops (like horse shoes). Rubber and stick-on soles came much later.*

*Time taken depended on the job. Soles could be sewn, stuck or nailed on. I would point out that a sole went from toe to heel. What we commonly call a sole is a half sole.*

*The metal lasts remained much the same with more modern ones later on. One was kept for hunting boots.*

*Rivets, tingles (super tin-tacks) and nails were all used, but in recent years adhesives and solutions were very much to the fore. Many jobs were done without a nail being used.*

*I did the job for fifty years.”*

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p><b>Bob Sherman</b></p>
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### **Salty Water**

Following the talk in February about battery energy storage, Sure Power did a complete assessment of the Village Hall potential to store and save energy and quickly provided some options on what type of batteries might be best. They ranged considerably in price but their recommendations were based on the overall amount of energy stored per pound. One fascinating option is an Aquion salt water battery. This type of battery involves no mining of rare minerals and all parts are recyclable. Before you get too excited, these batteries are hard to come by and existing stock is selling out quickly. The company that developed them failed owing to mismanagement and the only supplies left are those bought up by companies that recognise the excellence of this system. I can't believe that this idea won't get revisited at some time in the future.

In the hope that we might secure a bit of this remarkable technology and on behalf of the Village Hall, HEI has started the process of bidding to the People's Postcode Lottery Local Fund, which begins with an expression of interest. Now we have to wait to see if they are interested in our expression.

### **Air Apparent**

Last month we started our awareness programme on air quality and car exhaust by putting up signs asking people not to leave their engines idling. These signs may migrate a bit as the lampposts to which they are attached are due for repainting soon. We have also been talking to the school about Years 1 and 2 doing some experiments later in the year on air quality in the village, using simple monitoring devices supplied by Friends of the Earth. Prepare to be impressed by small children.

### **Green Investment**

If you are looking for a slightly different sort of investment to boost your savings, take a look at [www.abundanceinvestment.com](http://www.abundanceinvestment.com). This site provides opportunities to buy (and sell) debentures in green technology. You can put the investments into an ISA or SIPP and the rates of return (varying from 6% to 12%) are not subject to market fluctuations or jittery traders. The term of investment can vary from as little as one year to 20 years. The short term offers tend to have higher rates of return.

It is nowhere near as confusing and daunting as the average investment site.

Plastic

Plastic waste is one of the current news media targets and it is not 'fake news'. I hope that you are all finding ways to reduce plastic use in the home. It isn't easy; the stuff is everywhere. Have you signed up for the county's Slim Your Bin scheme yet? It costs nothing and involves one email a week.

Waste can be a resource. HEI member Ted Dowdeswell came across an interesting product called Plaxx®. The company concerned, Recycling Technologies, offers to chemically recycle the majority of waste operators' unsorted plastic waste back into a valuable low sulphur hydrocarbon called Plaxx®.

There is always a solution, but isn't it better not to have the problem.

	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<b>Bob Sherman</b>
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### **5<sup>th</sup> May, Village Hall - Race Night is coming!**

If you missed the Gold Cup, don't despair. Harbury e-Wheels Race Night on 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall will be just like the real thing - almost. Own a horse, back a winner, win a rosette, so much excitement. No horses will be harmed and it won't be spoiled by rain. There will, of course, be a bar - and food. Tickets are £10, price including a fish and chips supper.

If you have attended any of Harbury e-Wheels events before you will know that they are brilliant. Don't miss this one. All proceeds will go to keep e-Wheels rolling and helping our local community.

Doors open at 7pm; under starters orders for the first race at 7.30pm prompt.

Tickets are available from Harbury Village Library and the Pharmacy or from Doug Freeman (612002) and me (612277).

### **Some maths-type stuff**

Since the beginning of 2018 the e-Wheels volunteers have provided around 310 hours of free transport to local people. Over 55 of those hours have been for Harbury residents plus our regular Food Bank run.

Since we started in late 2015 we have clocked up a total of over 2,250 hours of free transport for people referred to us by local social agencies. All of this has been funded by private donations, our Parish Council and various trust funds. You too could be a supporter. This doesn't involve investing your life savings in e-Wheels; small monthly donations of as little as £5 a month help us. For details of how to support us have a chat to Liz McBride (612421).

### **Some relief from Comic Relief?**

I spend quite a bit of time now punching keys on my computer as I draft bids to anyone who might like us. By the time you read this we will know if we

have successfully reached the second stage of application to the Comic Relief 'Core Strength' fund, aimed at helping smaller charitable operations and community groups to cover their core costs. If you heard a muffled cheer from Church Terrace around 28<sup>th</sup> March, that would have been me. Mind you, stage two will be harder than stage one. Wish us luck.

	<h2>Harbury Rugby Football Club</h2>	<p><b>Steve Kittendorf</b></p>
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Rain and snow persisted causing several, but not all, matches throughout the Club to be cancelled in March.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Harbury 28 Tenbury 12 Midlands 4 West (South)**

A deserved and very much needed league win for Harbury. This was a game against a side that had beaten Harbury in Worcestershire - an outcome that seems to have hung over Harbury since.

### **Harbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 13 Shipston 3<sup>rd</sup> XV 5 Alan Padbury Memorial Match**

Skipper Adrian Exton drew together an excellent side to celebrate the life of Alan Padbury ('Paddy') who died from cancer at a young age twelve years ago. Special thanks to all the players, Shipston and referee Steve Challis for overseeing this very special game.



The day culminated with "Beer Olympics" being held late into the evening. The games being fought in the usual good competitive spirit by all, although I am not sure everyone would have been quite so bright and breezy the following morning!

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Harbury 15 Birmingham Civil Service 14 Midlands 4 West (South)**

This was a tight, unforgiving game with the elements making handling difficult for both sides. Penalties were traded and the score at half time was level at 6-6. Penalties continued before Service scored a try to go into the lead 12-14. Harbury dug deep and with the last play of the game scored a penalty 35m out to take a well-deserved win.

### **U13s Report**

The U13s are having a good season, developing a reputation as one of the strongest teams in South Warwickshire. Unfortunately, the recent snow and ice has caused us to miss some fixtures, but we are looking forward to three more matches against Shipston, Banbury and Long Buckby.

As a season finale the squad are excited to be going on tour at the beginning of May. We have entered "West Coast Rugby Rocks", which is the UK's biggest mini, junior and youth rugby festival, taking place in North Devon and attracts teams from all over the UK. We will be travelling down to Devon on the Friday and then have two full days of Rugby fun on Saturday and Sunday.

We have a couple of training sessions remaining at our normal time of 10.00am on Sundays. We also run a fitness session on Tuesday evenings at 6pm and will be continuing this through the summer. We are always on the lookout for new players so if you are interested in joining a friendly and successful squad, please get in touch.

### **Forthcoming fixtures**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April - The Vice Presidents and guests will sit down to a lunch before the 1<sup>st</sup> team against Claverdon. A 2<sup>nd</sup> team game is also being arranged with opponents to be confirmed – KO at 3pm.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Harbury away to Coventrians – KO at 3pm.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Last League game of the season, Harbury home to Coventry Welsh – KO at 3pm.



## **Harbury Tennis Club**

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

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

The weather has been awful but we've still managed to do plenty! As reported last month, coach Rob West had been nominated for the Warwickshire LTA Club Coach 2017. The great news is that, at the awards dinner at Villa Park, Rob was announced as the winner! This was thoroughly deserved for Rob's great work at Harbury, Henley in Arden and Warwick tennis clubs.



Warwickshire LTA has now nominated Rob and other category winners for a British Tennis Award. This is the LTA's national scheme which starts with the Midlands Regional round and includes all counties in the West and East Midlands. Good luck Rob!

We actually managed to find a sunny day to run our Quorn Family Tennis Cup. This is aimed at children aged 10U who team up with a family member in a doubles format. Everyone had great fun, with Dylan and his dad winning and Luca and his mum runners-up.



On the league front, we are really struggling to get the winter fixtures completed before the summer season starts! In the weekend format we got our Division 3 match against Towcester played just before the “Beast from the East” arrived. It was a very cold, but sunny morning, and after an early morning inspection it was decided the courts were fit to play the match. Olly Wiltshire and Colin Mercer found themselves up against Towcester’s top coach and unfortunately suffered a “double bagel” so found themselves having an early cuppa while Debs Brookes and Katy Wiltshire battled superbly to win both their sets. The mixed matches were keenly contested and both finished 1 set apiece, giving us a very creditable draw to keep us top of Division 3 with one game to play.

In Division 2 of the Floodlit Leagues the “A” team have had two difficult away matches against league leaders Kings Sutton “A”, and then Middleton Cheney “A”. Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Steve Stark and Ben Fish played in both matches and made Kings Sutton work very hard with numerous close sets before the home team ran out 6-2 winners. It was a similar story for the Middleton Cheney match, winning one more set in a 3-5 defeat. Despite the 2 losses, the team is in with a very good chance of finishing mid table in our first season in Division 2.

In Division 3 the “B” team of Eira Owen, Helen Cooper, Nigel Eaton and Josh Marshall had an excellent win against Middleton Cheney “B”. It was all square going into the mixed doubles. Eira and Josh won both their sets, Nigel and Helen halved theirs so Harbury secured a 5-3 win. The Division is incredibly close with Harbury currently bottom but only 4 points off second place – this one will go to the wire!

The *Coolsportz* coaching programme has sessions for Juniors on Mondays (coach Elizabeth Holding) between 4.30 and 7.30, with a session for Adult Beginners/Improvers at 7.30. On Thursdays coach Rob West runs Junior sessions between 3.45 and 5.45, and on Friday mornings (9.30 - 10.30) has a Ladies’ Group. For more details email Lianne Candappa at [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)





## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Hello Harbury Readers. We thank you for your continued support for our busy Toddler Group. Some families have told us recently that it has been a lifeline for them, not only somewhere to go as a great start to the week but also playing an important role in making and cementing new friendships which help to sustain family life. We all need a circle of friends.



**Well what have we been up to?**

As the cold weather seemed to be continuing and Spring, although declared, seemed destined not to appear just yet, we decided to make bird feeders. Using the recipe from RSBP with cheese, bird seed and lard we made lots of squidy mixture and spooned it into plastic cups with string, an hour in the fridge and then ready for mummy or daddy to hang outside.



Kelsey from Gymboree joined us for one of our sessions, such enthusiasm and vibrancy - he really should be on Cbeebies. With songs, props and movement, the children certainly warmed to his style. A good male role model for all to see.

Thank you Gymboree, please come again.

### Storytime

We are creatures of habit at Toddlers and so usually end our session with familiar rhymes and a short story. Reg has been volunteering with us for a couple





of years now and we are blessed to have him! Please do read his blog on our Facebook Page but here is a flavour of the content.

“My joining the Harbury Toddler Group has been a life-enhancing experience for me. How did I become involved? you might well ask that question; it’s one I’ve often pondered myself. It all started with

a casual visit to see Lynne Barton on a matter totally unconnected and it was not until after bidding her goodbye that I realised that I had committed myself to something I knew nothing about. My impression of Lynne was, and still remains, is that of a one woman “press gang” of the gentle persuasion.

So when I duly arrived on the Monday morning at Toddler’s having no idea regarding the age of the children, imagine my surprise when I pushed open the door to see tiny tots crawling on the floor, older ones wobbling on their new found legs and the 3 to 4 year olds eyeing me up with a degree of



suspicion only matched by my own feeling of apprehension. Lynne greeted me and introduced me to Selina, I’ve since formed an impression that their partnership is akin to the Cagney and Lacey duo but without the guns!

My duties are not strictly allocated as we all work as a team, however, it hasn’t escaped my notice that I now seem to specialise in tea, coffee, soft drinks and washing up liquid! But I absolutely love being part of the team and now having been accepted by the children, I get involved in playing games, assisting with the project of the day and reading stories. Remembering names is quite a challenge for me as any errors are quickly pointed out in no uncertain manner by elder siblings “Reg, why do you keep calling my brother Tim when his name is Sam?” Occasionally, I assist in putting on coats at going home time; it may be a man thing but I do seem to get arms in the wrong sleeve on regular occasions - much to the amusement of the children”.

## Shout Out

Sadly our Toddler Group has to vacate the room at the Wight School at the end of Summer term, so the annual trip on 16<sup>th</sup> July will be our very last session. However, before we leave we have plenty to look forward to including ‘Stop and Smell the Roses’ therapy sessions, our ‘Circus Party’, the book session ‘Wild Things and Gold Rings’, as well as ‘Paint and Glaze’.

We will also try to fit in a 'Through the Magic Door' as the children have so enjoyed listening to Sue and John.

We are looking for other suitable venues in the village and are engaging with families as part of this process, but at the time of writing this article we have not found a new home. If you have any ideas please, please do get in touch.

We need a room that is available on a Monday morning with space for activities, a kitchen, toilets, space for pushchairs, storage, small tables and chairs if possible, outside play area and with a reasonable rent. We know this is a big ask but after 42 years of operation there clearly is a need.

### Come and join us

If you want to join us at the Toddler Group then Lynne, Selina, Chelly and Reg look forward to welcoming you - come on round, the kettle's on!

We are currently 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)



**World Book Day:** Although World Book Day is officially 8<sup>th</sup> March, at Pre-School, we decided to hold a World Book Week to ensure all the children were included, regardless of the sessions they attend.

Children (and staff!) were invited to dress up as their favourite book characters during the week and Pre-School became home to a Little Red Riding Hood, the Mad Hatter, the Gruffalo, a selection of Princesses and the odd Superhero!

Children were invited to bring in their favourite story books to share in the session and we were delighted to find that some children had brought in three or four favourite books from home which ensured we were never short of a story to share at circle time. The children took pride in being able to talk about their favourite parts of the story and the characters they liked best.

Our role play area became a 'story area' complete with dressing up clothes and a puppet theatre with



puppets. The children were thrilled and excited to use the puppets to re-enact stories to their 'audience' of friends and staff.



**Mothing Sunday:** The children always enjoy creating something special for their mothers for Mothering Sunday and this year was no exception. They used chopsticks in paint to produce a representation of Chinese blossom for the front of their card and then used their name card to support them in writing their name inside.

Inspired by the Puppet Theatre, every child created a puppet of their mother, using wooden spoons, pens, fabric, ribbon and wool. Children were encouraged to think about what their puppet would wear as well as their hair colour, before getting busy with the glue and creating their puppets. We had some pretty accurate representations and hope that our Pre-School mothers agree!

We also shared books about mothers and discussed what we love about our mothers and why they are special to us.



**It's all about Dinosaurs:** In response to the interests of our children, one of our topics this month has been dinosaurs. We have been digging for dinosaurs in the sand, creating dinosaur footprints in the paint and creating a 'dinosaur habitat' out of boxes and collage materials. At the beginning of the week, the dinosaurs were looking a little bored in their relatively bare habitat but thanks to the children's inspiration, within days their habitat was teeming with dens and mountains of all different shapes and sizes and our dinosaurs were looking a lot happier!

**Forthcoming events:** The Committee have organised some exciting events over the next few months to help raise funds for our Pre-School. The next event is a Speed Quiz on **20<sup>th</sup> April**. Further details can be found elsewhere in the magazine, on our website and on our Facebook page.

**New hours:** Please note that due to increasing demand from existing and prospective parents, we will be increasing our opening hours from the next academic year. **From September, the Pre-School will be open from 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday.**

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Deborah Williamson, Administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org) You can also find us on Facebook.



## Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

**The Village Concert Venue!!** This year the hall has seen Harbury Folk Club's wonderful annual concert, Ted and Sue Crum's equally wonderful Steam Chicken Tea Party and, in March, The Ben Holder Jazz Quartet kept the audience on the edge of their seats for a very entertaining evening. I would like to thank The Folk Club especially for their generosity. Their concerts have raised in excess of £5,000 for the hall since 2011.

One little hiccup! We have a roof leak again. It appears to be associated with the brackets supporting the photo-voltaic panels and is possibly to do with expansion and contraction. **The Beast from the East** strikes again!? Fortunately we have a warranty still in place. Please do not move the strategically placed bucket in the Windmill Room!

**The AGM** is at **7.45pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** this year and, as I wrote last month, we would be pleased to welcome new committee members to help with this valuable part of the village community. If you want to know more please ring Geoff on 613801.



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

Our AGM was held in March, reflecting on a successful year, and the reports are available on our website (see below).

We hope you have had the opportunity to visit our refurbished Library. Even if you have never visited before (so have nothing to compare it with), we think you will be impressed by the light and bright environment and the lovely building in which it is housed. There are thousands of books to choose from, ranging from up to date bestsellers and thrillers to lavish cookery and travel books, including Large Print and audio books. In addition to free WiFi, the two public computers, one of which can be booked in advance, have Microsoft Word and also free access to both Ancestry, the family history website, and the British Newspapers Archive, which makes researching pretty much anything accessible from within the village. Additionally, we sell cards and artwork by local artists, and on four mornings a week you can enjoy the freshly brewed coffee or tea and home baked cakes and other goodies in our on-site café, Biblio's.

We have lots of plans for activities to be held at the Library in the coming months, including a Local History week in conjunction with the Heritage Room and a brand new Murder Mystery, so keep your eyes open for news about these - you can find information about an upcoming antiques valuation event elsewhere in this issue.

If you have any ideas about what you would like to see taking place in the Library, please let us know. We are always looking for new volunteers to help us run the library or café, so if you would like to help - no experience is necessary, as you will be trained - please contact us as below or through our Facebook page.

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## Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

Has it really been four weeks since my last article? Time does fly by when you are having fun as the saying goes. I am obviously having far too much fun! The clocks go forward this weekend (24<sup>th</sup> March) so lighter nights to look forward to and hopefully warmer weather. During the very cold and snowy weather, aka "The Beast from the East", John and I went to the club from the Tuesday to the Sunday to clear paths up the steps from Crown Street to the front door and from the car park to the door. To say that it was back breaking is a bit of an understatement, but we wanted to make sure for our members who came that it was safe to do so. Needless to say a good remedy was a strong drink or several! Thank you to all who expressed their thanks to us.

The pots and the plants at the entrance to the car park have survived and are looking really colourful with lots of flowers still to come. I have plans for summer pots and planting but not for a couple more months. Plants really are amazing as they huddle up under the snow then emerge to dazzle us.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their current year subscriptions; only about 15 have not, and I suspect that this is because of health problems but we still have over 300 paid members. When we approve new members at our committee meetings I then send a confirmation letter and advise that, once payment is received, the new cards and, where requested, key fobs will be left behind the bar for collection. Whilst checking through a folder today I see that I have about a dozen approved application forms where letters have been sent and no response. Please do come along and leave the payment behind the bar as we do value your support. On the same subject there is a box full of paid membership cards behind the bar ready for collection. There must be at least 30 to 35 so please don't be shy - come and collect them and chat to other members and enjoy a drink too. Lecture over, you will be pleased to know!

Janet and I have been busy collating all of the information about the club from 1919 onwards, well, Janet has been the driving force. Once all done it will be placed in the Heritage Room for everyone to come and enjoy browsing through. If anyone does have any old photos of the club we would love to receive them as it is so important that we keep a record as things change so

very quickly. As you know, the club will be celebrating 100 years next year, so another milestone to enjoy.

One of our team of bar staff, Kerrie, is currently recuperating from a big operation on her foot. We all miss her happy, smiling and friendly manner and I am sure that you will all want to wish her a speedy recovery. Come back as soon as you are fully fit again. Meanwhile, everyone, do support the other bar staff who will be doing the extra shift; we really are so fortunate that we are able to rely on them. If you know someone who would fancy the odd shift to cover any absences and join our team do get in touch with me.

I will report back in my next article about the forthcoming Easter family bingo - I know three young girls who are really looking forward to it. We still hold our weekly bingo sessions on a Friday evening so, as the nights will be getting lighter from now on, do venture out and join us for a nice way to spend a few hours and - who knows - win the jackpot of £100. I look forward to seeing some new faces.

Several functions have been held recently in the concert room, mostly children's parties and it is so good to see the energy and enjoyment that the children have. Where else could you hold a party, quiz night or other function for free and enjoy the odd drink as well. The booking forms are behind the bar so I anticipate a flurry of bookings! Other clubs and societies enjoy our amenities for meetings etc and after our last committee meeting it was lovely to emerge into the lounge and enjoy the ukuleles playing.

At the committee meeting we approved two more new members and two more bookings which is great. I forget to mention that the cyclists who visit us every year will again be doing so on 19<sup>th</sup> May so expect to see a splash of lycra on that day. We usually receive 150 plus throughout the afternoon. Clive was again able to confirm that we have a healthy bank balance so the finances are still good. Unfortunately, due to the fact that the annual accounts have still not been received we have to cancel the AGM which was scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and it will now take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. So as before, come along to see how our finances are and use your chance to raise any issues or even give the odd snippet of praise. I will put up the sheets for nominations of officers and committee on the notice boards in the lobby in the next week. We really do value your support and look forward to meeting everyone on that date. We would like more members on the committee so now is your chance to have your say.

I have been getting so many positive comments and thank yous about my monthly articles. It is so encouraging and I even got stopped in the street and thanked. I looked around thinking that there was someone well known behind me. It is very flattering and if this keeps up I shall soon have a halo!!! It is a pleasure to write these articles and to meet you all - my turn to say Thank You.





## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

It's been an awful winter as I'm sure you are all aware. Snow, strong winds, lots of rain and frosts. We recorded minus 15 degrees centigrade one night. Some of my plants in pots have had the roots frosted so there may be many which don't survive. I can see the compost heaps filling slowly with dead plants much like the winter of 2010/2011. So dispiriting. Bearing all this in mind there might not be a full range of plants to buy when spring finally does arrive. Beware of 'soft' grown plants which have come out of heated greenhouses. They will look good on the shelves but might get a shock if planted straight into the garden. If you do get lured into buying one of these plants then you will need to protect it from late frosts and cold winds by putting horticultural fleece round it or better still, wait until it is warmer before planting out.

Many of you will be sad to hear that my chief mouser and customer greeter, George, is no longer with us. He was such a character and I will miss him following me around while I worked.

Jobs (if the weather ever warms up):

- Trim heathers after flowering.
- Prune buddleias, fuchsias and caryopteris and roses.
- Divide snowdrops and re-plant.
- Plant early potatoes but wait until the ground dries out a bit.
- Sew some carrots, lettuce and radish seeds.
- Split up and re-plant primroses after flowering has finished.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*  
[www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

The days are warmer by degrees but the dampness seems to be all pervasive and a bit more sunshine would be good. The U3A Natural History Group did get some when we visited Boddington Reservoir and Meadow on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Snow still lay against the north side of hedge lines and was piled in dirty heaps alongside gateways where it had been left by snowploughs. The reservoir is one of the feeders for the southern half of the Oxford canal with a leat some three miles long joining the waterway. We had intended to do a circuit of Clattercote Reservoir near Banbury, but the path round that is a

raised boardwalk which we thought would be too slippery. Great Crested Grebes, Little Egrets, swans and a variety of other water fowl were seen. Lesser Celandine were in flower on the sheltered southern side of the earth and rock dam. Later, this is the place to find Wild Chicory, a plant in the compositae (daisy) family with an intense blue flower. In past times on the continent it was used as a coffee substitute.

On one side of the meadow (a Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust Reserve) is an ancient barn which has been reconditioned. Its walls are of highly fossiliferous Jurassic limestone blocks. On the dry floor someone spotted a perfectly preserved wren. Close by was another one but this was rather mangled. We postulated that the birds had been huddling in a group, perhaps in a bird box or hollow tree when the cold snap became too much for them and they succumbed to the freezing conditions, or had been pulled from their communal roost by a predator. The needle sharp beak had a slight downward curve and was some 1cm in length. In my hand the bird had negligible weight. A harsh winter such as they have experienced this year can mean a mortality rate of over 50%. All being well the population will recover in a year or so.

The reservoir was topped up and surplus water was flowing down the slipway. Often in summer in drier conditions we had walked over the sand to cut the corner. This is hard to imagine in March when squelching over rough grazing but a pleasant prospect.

There was plenty of surface water on the Fosse when we drove to Bath to visit one half of the family. Snow was pushed into piles by snowploughs which had been struggling to keep roads open just a few days before. The temperature had risen to 12C at midday and blossom such as blackthorn and cherry was appearing in sheltered places.

Not far from Bath in a quiet Cotswold valley where Midford Brook has cut down into Oolitic limestone lies Tucking Mill. At the turn of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century this was the home of William Smith. He was the son of a blacksmith and had been born in the village of Churchill in Oxfordshire. Largely self-taught, he was naturally observant and devoured books. He became a surveyor's assistant and worked for the Somerset Coal Canal often inspecting coal mines. In this work he found and recorded many fossils in the layers (or strata) of rock. He realised that a certain group of fossils were associated with a particular rock and he went on to produce the first geological map of England, Wales and the southern part of Scotland. It hangs today in the Geological Society's headquarters at Burlington House in London. Smith's work was timely and aided canal and railway construction as well as the boom in mining and quarrying throughout the land.

David and Jean Geary invited me to come round and view a flock of Fieldfares in their back garden. We stood in their living room and looked out at the birds, perhaps 50 in number, busily devouring a crop of crab apples. They seemed quite happy to share their bounty with other birds. This was in contrast to the single Fieldfare in Michael Thwaites' garden which spent a lot of time shooing away other species such as blackbirds and a robin.

When walking beside the River Leam I asked a fisherman what species he was hoping to land. He said zander, a fish of which I had not heard. I checked when I got home and it seems to look like a cross between a pike and a perch with bulbous eyes and therefore thrives in the murky waters of canals and waterways churned up by boats. It can see its prey before they realise they are being hunted. In clear water it does not have this advantage. Apparently it's excellent to eat, with flaky white flesh and is farmed in Europe. It was introduced to the Woburn Estate in 1878 and has since spread across the country.

Coming along Welsh Road West on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March I saw a fair sized bird lying in the road. I stopped to examine it and found that externally it appeared uninjured, presumably succumbing to internal injuries or the cold after being struck a glancing blow by a car. It was a fine looking bird with a white throat and bars of chestnut, black and white on the flanks. Its legs were red and, after showing it to Alan Barr, he identified it as a Red-legged or French Partridge, now more common than the Grey or English Partridge.

Rooks are busy repairing their nests. Birdsong is in the air. I saw several bumblebees on a sheltered grassy bank together with the flowers of coltsfoot and red dead-nettle. As Easter nears we await an explosion of life.



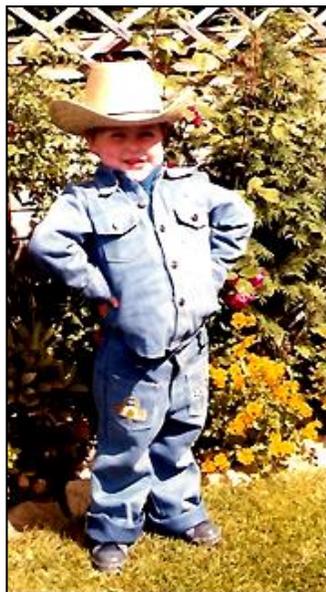
## General Section

### Urgent request....

Greetings Harbury! Mr Mark Thorburn here. Or rather Mr Forburn as the kids used to call me back at Harbury School between 1972 and 1992. Remember me? I certainly remember you all, although I am sure you are a little older and many of you will have other persons "you made earlier" by now..... (now I feel old!).

Nigel Chapman has suggested that just one of you may be able to help me. Many years ago Mark Pallott emigrated to Australia with his family. But he returned and visited School whilst Nigel was still there. We 'spoke' on email as I was unable to connect directly with him as I now live outside London.

I have lost contact with him over time and am about to make a trip to Australia with my wife. Might be fun to catch up with him but **I need Mark Pallott's email address please?!? Can you help?**



Mark as a toddler

Mine is mark\_thorburn@tiscali.co.uk. If any of you can help I would be delighted to hear from you, asap please, as I would be equally delighted to hear from any of you who might like to say hello anyway. A couple of 'then' and 'now' pics with full names (pre-and-post marriage girls!) would also help this old, old man!!

I also want to say a massive 'thank you' to all the children I taught back then. Last year I was one of six inaugural 'Be Inspired Champions' Olivier Award Winners, which was presented to me at the Royal Albert Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> April. You may have read the story in the Leamington Courier. My wife nominated me and a major part of her submission was the fact that my teaching (I hope) included 'inspiring' a love of theatre in you. We created productions together, we went to the theatre to see plays, pantomimes, musicals and ballet. I hope you continued to love it and have taught your own children to do the same? I have spent my entire life encouraging those I come into contact with to love theatre. Thank you for helping me to win my award.

**Mark Thorburn**



## Free Antiques Valuation

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 **Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers** are planning to visit the Library and Biblio's Café for another Antiques Valuation. The session will commence at 4.00pm and finish at 6.00pm. **Adrian Rathbone** - Director of Hansons will be the Valuer.

Bring along your antiques, jewellery, silver, gold, paintings and collectables. Hansons are now consigning for their Summer Jewellery and Fine Art Auctions.

Visitors will be able to buy refreshments in Biblio's Café. All proceeds will go to Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café.

**Jill Baker**



## Prepare for Carnival – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

It's not too soon to be thinking about Carnival and how you might dress up and join the Parade which will as usual be led by the Shirley Pipe Band.

It will assemble in Sutcliffe Drive (and we are making sure the waiting time there will be as short as possible).

Watch out for announcements about new attractions this year including the Appalachian Dancers who are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Your participation and visits to the many stalls and games are what makes Carnival so successful. To book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 or email [mike\\_mcbride@talk21.com](mailto:mike_mcbride@talk21.com) (**games and equipment available on a first come first served basis**).

To advertise in the Programme, call Julie Marshall-Hardy on 613355 or email on joolze.mh@gmail.com

To support the Raffle, **(we would be delighted to receive any raffle prizes)**, call Haidee Powell on 612044.

And, for any questions about the Carnival, please call John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.



Don't delay, put it all in the diary today!

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

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

### Summer Outing

This year we are heading in an easterly direction to go to Lincoln. The trip will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** and we will be leaving the Village Hall at **8.30am**.

Just a reminder: Lincoln is a city in the English East Midlands. It's known for the medieval Lincoln Cathedral, with early printed books in a Wren-designed library. Lincoln Castle houses a Victorian prison and a copy of the Magna Carta. The Museum of Lincolnshire Life has social history exhibits in the Victorian barracks. The Collection is a museum displaying local archaeology and nearby, the Usher Gallery has works by Turner and Lowry and much else.

We will be sending out invitations in late April or early May. So we can get a good idea of the numbers of people who will be coming, we would like you to return them to Harbury Village Library by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**.

More details will follow in the coming months but if you want to know anything about the outing please contact Julie Clarke on 612066 or me on 612421.

**Now some important information.** Some people may be familiar with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)? If not, this is an EU directive which replaces the UK data protection act and regardless of Brexit will continue to ensure that any organisation that has personal data protects it from any misuse.

The Harbury Senior Citizens Association keeps the following data on its "members" - names, addresses and some phone numbers. This list is not shared or used for any purpose other than inviting you to our events.

We only keep this information for as long as it is required. Therefore, when you get your invitation to the summer outing we will also ask if you want to remain on our mailing list. It is important that you let us know what you want to do. If you want to stay on the list, please return the invitation with your authorisation to keep your data. If we do not receive a reply, we will assume that you no longer want to be a "member" and your name will be removed.

This means that you will no longer receive any invitations to our events. Should you want to go back on our list you will then need to contact us.

Finally, our next coffee morning in the THR is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to see many of you there.

**Mike McBride**  
**on behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



### Wednesday Walks

We have been surprisingly lucky with Wednesday weather so far this year, only being rained off once. Signs of spring are cheering us on with lots of lambs, snowdrops, catkins and recently, skylarks. We have twice rewarded our efforts with a pub lunch. This group is quite informal and anyone is welcome to give us a try. Just turn up in the Village Hall car park before 9.40am with suitable footwear and a drink for half time. Walks are listed in the diary at the beginning of the magazine, with distance and an indication of the geography. Good exercise, good company, good scenery: what's not to like?

**Gillian Hare**

### Harbury Local Produce

Our first pop up market went ahead in pouring rain on 9<sup>th</sup> March with Napton Buffalo; Lambisilous and Nick the Fish. Donation of £10 to local charity.

This was so well received that another was booked for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 31 Manor Road between 9.00 - 11.00am.

Attending: all above plus soups, cider, eggs, books, pork.

Raffle for local charity - small donations from any producer attending. Coffee and teas available.

If attending, try to walk or park considering neighbours in the street. This would be appreciated.



I am looking for a better location; please contact me to discuss. Pub car park? Also, other local charities that would benefit from the raffle.

Please join the Facebook Group - Harbury Local Produce. Producers of local items and buyers all welcome.

Thank you for supporting.

**Karena Ellis-Greenway, Jane Durman & Jane Ekins  
Harbury Local Produce**



**Southam  
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## **Southam College Community Education Centre**

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## **LETTERS TO THE EDITORS**

### **Dear Editors**

*It is with great sadness that I wish to advise of the passing of my father, Mr Arthur Turner.*

*My Dad was a familiar figure around the streets of Harbury for many years, occasionally wandering up to the shops, or getting the bus into Leamington to do what he needed to do, always having his "white stick" to assist him. He had lived in Harbury for over 50 years and I know that both he, and my late mother really loved the village, it's people, and the community spirit.*

*There is so much I could write about him, I could comment about his jokes, most of which we as his family heard time and time again, and didn't get*

*better, or I could say how compassionate he was as a father and grandfather. Trouble is there is just far too much to say about him, that I probably wouldn't do him enough justice. He was always a very friendly man, and he remained so even though by the end he was very poorly.*

*On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018, he suffered a fall at home, and was then taken into Warwick hospital to recuperate. Sadly, he passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> March suffering from congestive heart failure, chronic kidney disease and pneumonia. Needless to say, his passing is a huge loss to us all, and he shall be greatly missed.*

*His funeral will be held at Oakley Wood Crematorium on 9<sup>th</sup> April, at 12pm. There will be a hearse, and a family car following that will leave 19 Sutcliffe Drive at 11.30am approximately, and will route around the village as follows:*

*Sutcliffe Drive, Farm Street, Mill Street, Ivy Lane, South Parade, Park Lane, Temple End, and out towards Chesterton.*

*After the cremation, we will be heading back to The Shakespeare Pub, Mill Street, Harbury, for the celebration of his life. Anyone that wishes to pop in will be most welcome.*

*Any donations would also be welcome, and my Dad had asked for these to be given to The Myotonic Dystrophy Support Group.*

*<http://www.myotonicdystrophysupportgroup.org/donate/>*

*Finally, I know my Dad would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone in the village that knew him, that helped and supported him in any way they did. Both Ian and I know absolutely he very much appreciated it.*

**Paul and Ian Turner**

### **Dear Editors**

*On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April my daughter Hayley is holding her 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball "My Dad's Do", at the Chesford Grange Hotel in aid of Brain Tumour Research, the Aylesford Cancer Unit at Warwick Hospital and to help with the rehabilitation of her friend Jackie when she returns home after a road traffic accident two years ago.*

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*Please contact Hayley for details – e-mail [hayleygreen7611@outlook.com](mailto:hayleygreen7611@outlook.com) or telephone 07702 683788.*

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**Sylvia Green**

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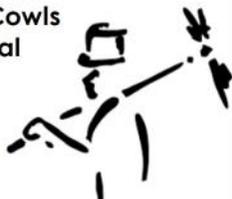


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10.30am - 11.15am  
**Musical Theatre (9yrs+)**  
11.15am - 12.45pm  
**Acro Gym (all ages)**  
11.30am - 12.30pm

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