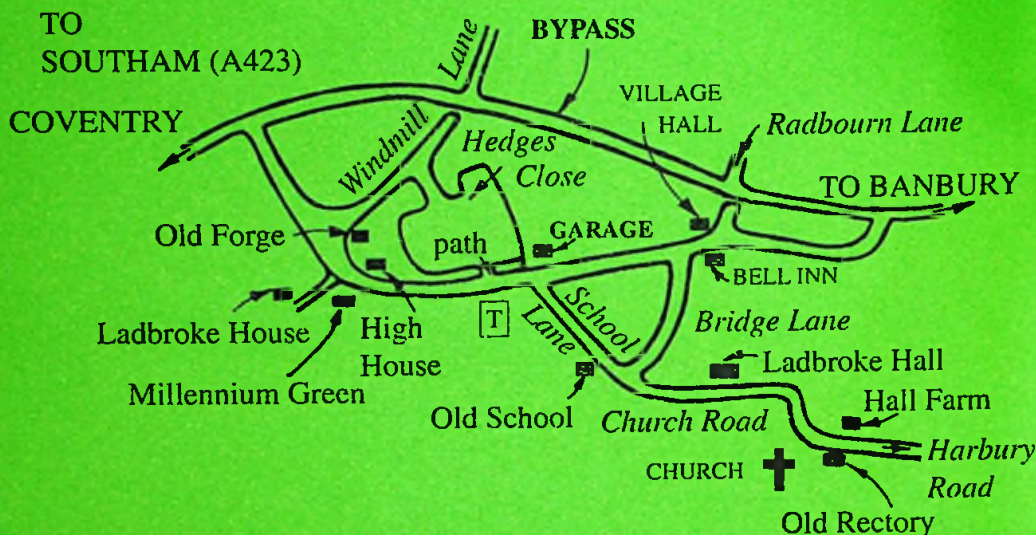


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## Editorial

The Editors were not quite sure how to phrase a caption for this photo, but we thought it was too good to omit. 'Spring is in the air' – **YOUR** captions for the photograph would be welcomed.



This month sees the Annual Parish Meeting which is your opportunity to come and meet your councillors. The guest speaker will be PC Nick Stephens, who will explain a unique method of crime detection for use by householders, plus advice on how to safeguard yourself and your property against crime.

Our congratulations go to Cyril Townend from Deppers Bridge, who reached his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last month.

The arrangements for concessionary bus travel have changed this year, with the token scheme ending. Anyone over 60 can apply for a bus pass which covers travel throughout Warwickshire and neighbouring towns. Application details can be obtained from the Grange at Southam or by telephoning 01789 260408.

Summer will soon be upon us with the annual village activities. Ladbrooke's Village Fete is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June followed a week later by Harbury Carnival on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Following on from the Harbury and Ladbrooke News AGM, the committee would like to thank Muggleston's Country Fayre for stocking the magazine, the Pharmacy for receiving articles and the efforts of all distributors.

Finally we express our sympathies to the families of Peggy King and George Perry

# Harbury Diary

## MAY

- Sat 6 REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Breast Cancer  
10am – 12noon  
Harbury Society visit to Fairford Church to see the Medieval Stained Glass.  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11am - 2pm on Dog Inn Car Park
- Sun 7 **FOURTH OF EASTER**  
Sung Eucharist 9am  
Evening Worship 6pm
- Tues 9 Toddlers Service 2pm in Church  
Holy Communion with laying on of hands 7.30pm  
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 10 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion 9.45am  
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 12 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 13 STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Macmillan  
Cancer Relief 10am - 12noon  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11am - 2pm on Dog Inn Car Park
- Sun 14 **FIFTH OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY  
5.30PM
- Tues 16 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 17 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am  
PLAY in Village Hall
- Fri 19 PLAY in Village Hall
- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Netball  
10am – 12noon  
PLAY in Village Hall  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11am - 2pm on Dog Inn Car Park



- Sun 21 SIXTH OF EASTER**  
 Holy Communion 8am  
 Family Communion 10.30am  
 Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after Service  
 Evensong 6pm
- Tues 23** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 24** "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 25 ASCENSION DAY**  
 Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall  
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 26 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**  
**SCHOOL ENDS**  
 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &  
 EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sat 27** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cricket Club  
 10am – 12noon
- Sun 28 SEVENTH OF EASTER**  
 Holy Communion 8am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 30** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 31** Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street  
 Walk Festival, Guided Walk to Ufton starts 6.30pm from Village  
 Hall Car Park
- JUNE**
- Thurs 1** Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room  
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn  
 Men's Society Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 2** NO RUBBISH COLLECITON TODAY
- Sat 3 RUBBISH COLLECTION**  
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Bell Ringers  
 10am – 12noon  
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11am - 2pm on Dog Inn Car Park
- Sun 4 PENTECOST**  
 Sung Eucharist 9am  
 Evening Worship 6pm
- Mon 5 SCHOOL STARTS**  
 Village Hall Committee 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 6** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 7** Holy Communion 2pm  
 Mothers Union 2.30pm
- Thurs 8** Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Men's Society 7.45pm  
 WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room  
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall



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## From the Rector

Father Roy Brown

Recently I heard on the radio how unstable the world seemed at this time. Other people agreed with the commentator.

Since hearing this comment, various people have been asking me, "is life worth living?" I then came across some words which may help the doubters. It comes from 'Is Life Worth Living?' by Alfred Austin.

"Is life worth living? Yes, so long  
As there is wrong to right,  
Wail of the weak against the strong,  
Or Tyranny to fight;  
Long as there lingers gloom to chase,  
Or streaming tear to dry,  
One kindred woe, one sorrowing face  
That smiles as we draw nigh;  
Long as a tale of anguish swells  
The heart, and lids grow wet,  
And at the sounds of Christmas bells  
We pardon and forget;  
So long as Faith with Freedom reigns,  
And loyal hope survives,  
And gracious Charity remains  
To leaven lowly lives;  
While there is one untrodden tract  
For intellect or Will,  
And men are free to think and act  
Life is worth living still....."

I hope that these words help you as they have helped me.



## From the Registers

*Holy Matrimony, All Saints Harbury*

April 21 Sarah Bennett to Matthew Jackson

*Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Ladbroke*

April 30 Elizabeth Clarke to William Murphy

*Marriage Blessing, All Saints Harbury*

April 8 Carl and Cathryn Wallington

*Holy Baptism, All Saints Harbury*

April 23 Ethan Michael Coulter

*Holy Baptism, All Saints' Ladbroke*

April 30 Joshua Regan Hill

*Funerals at All Saints Harbury*

March 30 George Perry (79)

*Funerals at Oakley Wood*

April 25 Hazel Iris (Peggy) King (83)

**Thought for the Month****Ancient Proverb**

THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT COME NOT BACK,  
 The sped arrow,  
 The spoken word  
 And the neglected opportunity.

**Sing for Life****Pam Brown**

A huge thank you to all those who took part, sponsored and came to support the sponsored Hymn – Sing.

The grand total of £760.50 was raised for the Anthony Nolan Trust.





## From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss



Procession

Lent and Easter are past and we were blessed by some inspiring services. Father Roy's Lent Addresses on 'Healing and Wholeness' were particularly moving and we thank him for the care with which he prepared us for a joyous Easter. The church was full and there was, as there should be, a real sense of celebration and new life – mirrored in the churchyard flowers whose timing was perfect. We do thank Father Roy and also everyone who gave of their time and talents to make this season so special.

Thanks to all who helped with and supported the Lent Lunches. A cheque for £166.25 has been sent to the Siloam Christian Ministry.

Congratulations to Pam, Clive, Mavis, the choirs and all who took part in the sponsored Hymn Sing. They raised a magnificent £760.50 for the Anthony Nolan Trust and those of us who were there had a splendid evening. Thank you to everyone who supported them.



"St George's Day"



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare & Mary Catt

April's afternoon meeting was our Lent service at which Tony Stubbs gave the address. His subject was Truth, and the freedom which it gives.

The evening meeting featured a talk by Graham Caldicott on the new charity, "Open Doors". It was started by Anglican and Catholic Churches in Coventry to help people recover from alcoholism. A house, given by the Catholic Church and supported by the Church Urban Fund, will soon open to take nine men. For six months they will be supported in their struggle with this illness, using the twelve steps of the Alcoholics Anonymous programme. Hopefully they can then prepare to return into society.

The meeting heard how much alcoholism affects not only the sufferers but their families and friends. There are 9000 registered alcoholics in Coventry and this is the tip of the iceberg. More houses are needed, including, eventually, provision for respite care for family members.

**Dates to note** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm – Julie Wakefield on 'Family Learning programme'.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm – Deanery Festival at Southam.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm – Chris Cooke on her visit to Kenya.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm – Ruth Lee from Mary Sumner House (the M.U. Head Office) will talk about our organisation's social policy. As she will travel from London for this, we hope to have a good audience. Please invite any non-members who will be interested to learn that M.U. is more than "tea and chat".

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Coffee morning and lunch. Help will be needed!



## Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

Mrs Gill Guilford came to the Toddlers Service in April to tell us about her occupation as an early year's practitioner. She likes to work in crèches, and at present is working with the Warwickshire Community Education Family Learning Programme. We heard how varied her work is and also how the job involves travelling to both town and rural locations.



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Gill gave a delightful and visual presentation of her work, using display boards and action boards which encouraged interaction with the children.

We sang He's got the Whole World in his Hands, accompanied by Katharine Giblin on the flute, and said two action prayers.

To take home, we made and coloured cardboard bookmarks, with the words 'He's Got the Whole World in his Hands' written on the bookmark.

We then had refreshments and played till home time.

Young children and babies, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome to join us. Our next service is on Tuesday 9 May at 2pm in the Church.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

### MAY

- Wed 10 Holy Communion 2pm  
Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
- Sun 14 **FIFTH OF EASTER**  
Sung Communion 9am
- Mon 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Thurs 18 PCC Meeting 7.30pm at Chapel Ascote Farm
- Sun 21 **SIXTH OF EASTER**  
Sung Communion 9am
- Fri 26 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

### JUNE

- Sat 3 Ladbroke Village Fete
- Sun 4 **PENTECOST**  
Family Communion 10.30am

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

- May 7<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Clarke
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Betty Winkfield
- May 21<sup>st</sup> Tricia Teverson
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Pam Barnett
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Jo Sowerby – Whitsuntide



## Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

The church looked beautiful for our Easter Morning Service which must have been appreciated by the very good congregation.

The Good Friday Service of Readings and Music was attended by an even bigger congregation. Michael Short always seems to get the best out of the Augmented Choir which with the readings gave a very spiritual feeling to the proceedings.



## Women's Fellowship

Betty Winkfield

Many thanks to everyone who held a Lent Lunch and to all who came and enjoyed all the wonderful homemade soups; they were delicious. We made £278 which is to be divided between Myton Hospice and the Siloam Christian Mission.

At our April meeting, John Eld came and spoke to us about the work the Siloam Christian Mission does – mainly in southern India. John was out in India last November, he saw the fishing boat launched that the S.C.M funds had bought to replace those lost in the Tsunami Disaster. This boat will be shared by three families, each using it in turn. They will catch enough fish to feed their families and some to sell in the marketplace.

The work that the Siloam Mission do is very varied. Apart from clinics in several towns for eye treatments, they run homes for homeless or orphaned children. Young girls are rescued from a possible life of prostitution, they get a proper education and some go on to get really worthwhile careers.

Many of the children get treatment for physical disabilities, including Leprosy. It is a wonderful Christian Mission which gets the love and respect of all the people it serves. The people who run it are from the area and are truly of the Christian Faith.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 10 May will be at 19 Pound Way, Southam, following the service in church at 2pm. This is by kind invitation of Hazel Sharples.





## **Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.**

**Sue Halsall**

The Meeting in March saw many members busy making fundraising craftwork, the speaker was Lorraine Whitehouse.

May 29<sup>th</sup> was the Annual Council Meeting in Leamington Spa Centre and 12 members attended. Almost a full house again. The Guest speaker, Pam Rhodes from the Programme 'Songs of Praise' gave us a very interesting insight into her life as a presenter. Tales of working with the great late Sir Harry Seacombe to the very moving story of the funeral of Princess Diana. She also gave us a brief story of the ups and downs in her own private life.

The Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> gave us Ray Sanders-Crook an ex Beefeater. Armed with wonderful slides and his magnificent coat and hats he gave a very lively and interesting tale about his life as a Beefeater. His own son is now enlisted as a Beefeater, the first time this has happened in 500 years.

Our good wishes go to Stella and Nancy who are in hospital at the moment, also Sheena who may also still be in hospital. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Raffle prizes were won my Jenny Barrett and Edith Spotten.

Next Meeting May 25<sup>th</sup> Resolutions.

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**

**Catherine Spence**

Here are the results of the February and also the March draw

£70 Ken Whiteley	£70 Cyril Spence
£25 K. Tancock	£25 Susan Moore
£25 Alan Stubbs	£25 Margaret Bosworth
£10 S & S Roberson	£10 Sue Halsall
£10 Chris Baker	£10 Richard walker
£10 Beverley Bradley	£10 Kevin Pickin

Next months draw will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## Ladbroke Quiz Night

Kipp Warr

Sixty furrowed brows and a hundred questions - there was a lot of brain activity in Ladbroke Hall for the Quiz Night on 26th March. Stimulated by Peter Baker's quizmastery, some of the finest brains in this corner of Warwickshire were put through their paces. But not all the questions came over



the microphone - some were in the form of drawings that gave clues to the names of television programmes. Coronation Street and Countdown were not too hard but Supersize Surgery defeated most people; visions of body sculpting, liposuction and gastric balloons fortunately did nothing to diminish our appetites and thirst, and quantities of food and drink were scoffed and quaffed to keep the grey cells active.

The winning teams were: The Four Tops, The Red Lion and The Pink Ladies. Wooden spoons were awarded to the team which seemed to be having the most fun!

In addition to combined intellect and enjoyment, the evening benefited from the customary generosity of the village. Contributions from raffle ticket sales, prize donors, punters who waived the change when buying from the bar and the winning teams who all kindly returned their cash prizes all helped to raise £418 for the Ladbroke Millennium Green. What an event; a great credit to the organising skills of the organising skills of Carol Lane (who also drew the picture clues) and to Peter Baker, whose dulcet tones came loud and clear over the sound system kindly provided by Alan Lochhead.



## Ladbroke Village Fete—Saturday 3rd June

Lesley Loveday

Come and join us for a fun packed day – live band, races for adults and children, guide dog display, tug of war, face painting, teacup rides for all the family, tombolla, plate smashing and lots, lots more.....

The Fete begins at 2pm followed by a *barbeque* in the evening at the Village Hall from 7.30pm– live entertainment by Loco Mundo, BBQ pack and buffet plus bar. £15 per person, please contact Nicky Lewis (815196) or Lesley Loveday (811449) for tickets.

Remember to have your teams ready for the tug of war... come and relax with a nice glass of wine in the evening.

## Ladbroke Table Tennis Club

Sue Halsall

Recently finished for the summer break Ladbroke Table Tennis Club has completed another successful year. Twelve regular members attended and the standard has continued to improve. Due to holiday commitments there were not sufficient members at the final meeting to hold an overall winners competition. I will save that for early in the new season.



I will notify everyone of the start day in September nearer the time when we will hold an open evening and hope that we can interest some new players. Many of the members had never played before so do come and join us and give it a try. Not only do we play table tennis, but we also have some evening nights out.



As the photos show we had a lovely Valentine's Dinner at the Bell and recently an outing to Hellidon Lakes for Ten Pin Bowling followed by a meal.





## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

*Official minutes can be viewed in the Library or obtained from the Parish Clerk*

As one gets older time speeds up, yet it does not proceed smoothly. Some things seem to clump together. You property watch for years and nothing comes on the market - then all the desirable houses are for sale at once. So it seems with community innovation. Groups go on for years extending, patching and making do with premises then suddenly everyone wants to build anew!

### Premises Improvements

The Parish Council heard that the School Swimming Pool is unusable and there are moves to fill it in or rebuild it. The Scouts came to ask for financial support to rebuild the majority of their premises. Chris Finch, for the Village Hall Committee, reported their revolutionary ideas to improve the men's toilets and provide disabled facilities in the short term with an upgrade of the changing rooms planned for the long term. A meeting for all interested parties will take place in May.

Initially Councillors had a grand vision for all three projects to be combined on the Village Hall site. Cllr Kevin (Biddle), standing in for Chairman Jenny Patrick, put into practice what he had learned on a "Chairing" course and gave positive approval for the whole initiative: **"A giant step forward, by pooling our resources"**, but the Scouts scotched the idea of using part of the Village Hall because of their requirement for a large storage area. They are actively seeking grants but have only a 12 year lease on their hut. Nevertheless the Parish Council promised £5,000 towards their £58,000 rebuilding fund.

### Planning

The Parish Council made no representation on plans for a conservatory at 25 Farm Street, a porch at 22 Mill Street and an extension to 1 Deppers Bridge. They listened sympathetically to Pete Hagan's suggestions that a proposed extension at 23 Manor Orchard be relocated away from his house, to give him more light.

The Parish had no objection, in principle, to the demolition of workshops off Ufton Road but wanted future use restricted to 'light industrial'. They asked the District Council to ensure that the Yew Tree at West End Cottage, Mill Street would not be adversely affected by tree and building work there.

The Parish Councillors made strong objections to the stationing of caravans at Bridge End Farm and to the amendments to permission for The Bungalow, Mill Street. The amendment application was for the roof-lights, chimney, and front extension; changes to the internal layout, conservatory, windows, front roof and entrance. The application to link the office accommodation at "The Lodge" Hall Lane to the existing house by another extension, when the new access demanded as a condition of the previous permission had still not been built, was a further objection.

They were truly incensed to discover that their views had been discounted and will demand that the planning authority fully explains its reasons. Your council, along with most other Parish Councils is losing patience with a system which it sees as allowing developers to circumvent the spirit of the regulations and especially to apply retrospectively for unapproved works.

Stratford District granted permission for a café at Churchlands Farm, Bascote Road; extensions at 10 Margaret Close, 33 Mill Street, Old Toms Barn, Hall Lane and 9 Hillside; pollarding of Limes and Sycamores in the Churchyard and the felling of one Lime; erection of an agricultural building at Middle Road Farm and the creation of a workshop at Springfield Farm, as well as approving the applications at the Bungalow and the Lodge. The extension at 4 Pineham Avenue was approved in part, the garage demolition and rebuilding was withdrawn.

Follett's application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for Distribution at the Quarries was rejected. The Masterplan group is to meet to discuss Follett's Ecological Survey.

The Council was pleased with Leamington Football Club's response to their concerns about light spillage at the Football Ground and reassured by the news that lights would be reduced from 36 to 16 and shielding would be installed.

### **Playing Fields**

Cllr Kevin Biddle is negotiating with David Clarke to deal with the flooding of the Playing Field and it appears that a mutually satisfactory outcome has been arranged so that a new drain will be installed and dead trees removed.

The Parish Council did not like the idea of the Netball Court perimeter being slabbed. Ace fund raiser and fixer Cllr Janet Thornley will help them secure cheaper quotes for tarmacing the area.

### **Village Improvements**

Cllr Tim Lockley exhibited two examples of a bus shelter for the village centre that would be part of the plans for improving this area.

The Council will congratulate the Old New Inn on the rebuilding of the stone boundary wall, although there were suggestions that the planners wanted part of it removed (over Cllr Karena Ellis's dead body!)

**The Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on 11th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**, where the new Chairman is elected will be on 25th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

### **Annual Parish Meeting - 11th May 2006**

Nicola Thompson, Clerk

"How can I make my possessions easier to track if they are stolen?"

"What can ordinary people do about crime – the criminals have it all their own way don't they?"

"I've never met my District or County Councillors – who are they anyway?"

"I've no idea what the Parish Council does with my Council Tax!"

If you have ever asked questions such as these please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, hosted by the Parish Council. This year's speaker will be PC Nick Stephens on "Smartwater", a unique solution that can be applied to possessions to give them a "forensic fingerprint" – hence making them more risky to steal, plus lots of advice on how to safeguard yourself and your property against crime.

There will also be the chance to meet and address questions to your District and County Councillors and to the Parish Council and to find out how your Parish precept has been spent in the last year.

Refreshments available – all welcome.

**BLUE WATER BOATS** - featured in last month's News.

Open Days 4th and 5th June. All welcome.



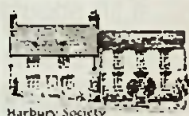
## Harbury Parish Council

### Quarterly Report—April 2006

Tim Lockley

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Arranged for a comprehensive survey of all the trees on land owned by the Parish Council with a view to establishing a rolling maintenance programme.
- Commented on WCC's recommended route map for HGV's with a view to reducing the number of lorries travelling through the parish.
- Contacted Network Rail about the railings on the Railway Bridge.
- Obtained a quote for the new bus shelter outside the supermarket.
- Liaised with SDC regarding new road signs for Chesterton Road.
- Given an initial grant of £5,000 towards the re-roofing of the Scout Hut.
- Responded positively to the plans for the expansion/ refurbishment of the Village Hall. An open meeting will be held to discuss these developments during May (date tba) but if you would like the Parish Council to put forward ideas for what you would like for the site please email me at: [cilr.lockley@harbury-parish.co.uk](mailto:cilr.lockley@harbury-parish.co.uk) or tel: 614532.



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Chairman, Alan Lord reviewed the events of the past year and thanked the Committee for their hard work and support. John Holden, Hon. Treasurer; presented the Finances and explained the Balance Sheet. Linda Ridgley, the Secretary outlined future plans, explained the progress towards a Masterplan for the Quarries and the growing concern about the number of Retrospective Planning Applications. The Officers and Committee were elected en bloc.

Speaker, Mr Fred Harding explained that he and his wife were "Explorers of England" and gave an illustrated journey up the Fosse from the Channel Coast to Leicestershire.

He explained that the Fosse existed before the Romans and for the first 100 years after the invasion had formed the limit of their rule. It was later straightened and surfaced and milestones were added. Some parts of the Fosse are now just tracks and bridleways.

The talk was peppered with anecdotes and illustrations of quirky and unusual features. Mr Harding pointing out the Three Shires stone – a large stone tripod supporting an even bigger capstone – bemoaned the loss of the Shires as administrative districts.

Getting closer to Warwickshire we saw the old Curfew Bell in Moreton in Marsh before we arrived at the Four Shires Stone, an elegant square pillar where Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire meet.

We galloped on past tasteful Honnington with its Georgianised Church and listed Bridge, briefly visited Wellesbourne Watermill and glimpsed Chesterton Windmill before crossing the Grant Union Canal near Offchurch and stopping at Eathorpe Church to see the grave of Samuel Shepherd who founded the famous Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo used as the British HQ in both World Wars. Thence to the moving memorial to the 29th Division on the A45 roundabout near Princethorpe (the avenue of trees commemorates the fallen).

Ed Wilson's Pub Walk was well attended and much appreciated. Apart from a sharp shower at the end, the weather was sunny and the countryside beautiful.

John Hancock's tour of Fairford Church on Sat 6th May leaves at 9 to arrive 10am. Anyone who wants to go and/or who needs a lift should contact him.



**Harbury Women's Institute**

**Jeanne Beaumont**

We were pleased to welcome guests to the official viewing of our Wall Hanging in the Village Hall. President Pam Parton has written in this month's Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Nora gave a super account of the Spring Council Meeting and said the speaker, Pam Rhodes, was very good.

Members enjoyed the Van Gogh exhibition at Compton Verney and the outing to Calke Abbey in Derbyshire.

There are trips on offer to the Warks/Lancs match at the W.C.C. Club at Edgbaston in June, the Houses of Parliament in August and a Caravan Rally at Radway in September.

A reminder to members to order their bulbs, diaries and calendars.

Mr Nigel Bishop came to talk on Jephson Gardens. He said he was Head of Parks and Gardens although the modern terminology is Parks and Open Spaces Strategic Manager. His father had a similar position way back in the 40's and the family lived in the lodge in Jephson Gardens. In fact Nigel says he tells everybody he was conceived in the gardens. Dad supervised the removal of the iron railings during World War II and 53 years later, Nigel supervised their re-erection. Nigel is also responsible for all the parks, the cutting of the highways and the crematorium covered by the Warwickshire Council. Plans have been drawn up for Jephson Gardens and altered over the years especially to accommodate the present health and safety rules.

The history of the gardens, buildings and monuments has been researched and the buildings have been renovated to their original state. The fountains, styled on those at Hampton Court, were removed, the lake drained and cleared of tons of silt then the fountains restored to their former glory. Wildlife is now prevented from straying from the lake as they caused so much damage to the nearby grounds. The swans are kept nesting on the small island by providing straw bales for their nests.

Shrubs and trees have been pruned, lopped, relocated or removed where necessary. Some people do not want change and there have been complaints, but Nigel said most of the shrubs were choked with weeds and had to have attention but they will grow again.

These days there has to be reasonable access by law. The toilets alone cost £11700. What to do with the original restaurant was solved as it burnt down, but the insurance helped towards building the present grand one. The modern glass house with its exotic plants is a popular structure. Weddings are even held there.

The Mill Gardens play area was designed with the children's needs given priority. Unfortunately it had been vandalised by a crowd of youths the evening before Nigel's talk. We were shown before and after slides and were very impressed with the work done. We strongly recommend Nigel's talk.

**Next meeting - Resolutions**





## Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Dormer

### Spring Spectacular and Supper from Harbury Theatre Group

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Harbury Theatre Group present for your entertainment an evening of not just one, but two outstanding productions.

The performances take place at Harbury Village Hall at 8pm with a bar open from 7.30. The featured plays are "The Hitch Hiker" by Lucille Fletcher and "The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley" by David Tristram. "The Hitch Hiker" is an eerie tale, written for and first performed by Orson Welles in the 1940s. It is the tale of Ronald Adams, an average motorist, who sets out to drive from Brooklyn to California and who early on his journey begins to encounter a strange and inexplicable hitch-hiker. His efforts to explain, then avoid, and finally destroy the constantly appearing figure along the highway carry him through several episodes and many states until the adventure finally culminates in an amazing and terrifying climax in New Mexico.

"The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley" is another of the hugely hilarious Little Grimley series. Audrey, Margaret, Joyce, and Bernard are back to tackle yet another threat to their survival – this time in the shape of a rival amateur dramatics society, newly formed in their village, and determined to upstage them with an award-winning musical. The querulous quartet pull together to devise an ingenious military-style plan that doesn't, well, go quite to plan. When their subterfuge is discovered by the rival society's psychopathic front-of-house manager, violence ensues. Add in a major emotional complication for Audrey, and things really look very grim for Little Grimley. Could this finally be the end of their society? Don't be too sure. It's never over...until the fat lady sings. This production contains a small amount of strong language.

A two-course supper will be served on the Saturday performance only during the interval between the plays. A bar will be open on both evenings.

Tickets cost £5 (£3-50 for concessions) for Friday evening without a supper, and £8 (no concessions) including a two course supper for Saturday evening. Tickets can be bought at Mugleston's Country Fayre Greengrocers or by telephoning 01926 612029 or 612150.



## Folk Club

Des Patalong

Harbury Folk Club rocks! If you don't believe me, you weren't there. Be there next time.

The club started with some furniture moving because there was not enough seating and there was more furniture moving during the first break to make even more room. In part this was because the club needed more room but in part because the pub was having a "Hen" party and disco in another part. We can't begrudge them a hen party on the day avian flu arrived in the isles (there may be precious few in future).

This did not detract from the fabulous array of talent available during the evening. For the cost of a raffle ticket and whatever you buy in drinks this has got to be the best value folk entertainment venue for miles around. During the evening I managed to get 18 acts on over the three parts, each doing two songs each (there was sadly not enough time to ask any of them to come back and give another one). I did remember this time to make a note of the titles performed but I'm not going to list all of them for the sake of brevity.

The theme for the night was "Alpha and Omega" and reflects the liturgical calendar. This loosely translates into beginnings and ends or start and finish or whatever and most of the contributors managed to hit the theme with at least one of their offerings. I began the proceedings with a joke. Now normally when I tell a joke, I am greeted with groans or worse but on this occasion the audience burst into unrestrained laughter. I don't know which of us was more surprised, them or me. However, this set the tone for what, for me, was one of the best Harbury evenings, relaxed, convivial, appreciative. The Harbury crowd are always a wonderful audience and for a change I felt quite relaxed in my role as MC for the night (though I'm glad I don't have to do it again until November).

After a "Calling On" song and a rendition of "The Good Old Way" from me, the first session proceeded with offerings from the Harvesters, Maureen and Janny, Martin (who wanted to be on early but stayed to win the raffle), Summer with her dulcimer and Rick who closed the session with the poignant "If the Sun should tumble from the sky". During the evening we were to find the boundaries of folk further pushed as other artists proved that folk is truly eclectic.

Following the furniture moving workshop during the break, the second session began with Ron who forsook the theme to give us "St. George" but then followed this with "Everlasting Circle". Then the first of the young Harbury talents of the evening, Dan and Will, were followed by Miriam. Miriam is over from South Africa for several months and soaking in as much of the tradition as she can get so I'm confident she will return. She gave us "The week before Easter" and "First Song". Barbara had crept in just before the start and indicated to me that she might have to leave early so I squeezed her in at this point before Sue Harris and then Maggie. Maggie had never performed in a folk venue before or indeed (if I understood her correctly) anywhere, but gave us two self-penned songs with some assurance, "Have you got time" and "Special wedding day", and I look forward to her return. Her dog was making friends too. Time for more young talent as Harriet closed the second spasm ably accompanied by Ian (who would like to think of himself as young talent).

Bernard Overton seems to be becoming a more regular visitor and I asked him to open the final session. One of his offerings was "Careless Love". I'd not deliberately planned this but I'd left all the Petes or Peters until the end so that we had four in a row - Peter McDonald, Peter Mason and Pete Grassby who gave us a rendition of "If", again stretching the bounds of folk but a great improvement on "Telly Savalas". Pete Bones closed proceedings with the "Alphabet Song" which wasn't at all Greek and then sent us home in fine style with "Rolling Home".

A packed and joyful evening to be repeated again on the first Thursday in May when Peter McDonald invites you to consider the theme of "Down Memory Lane".

The raffle raised a very respectable £44 for the "Peace Research and Education Trust" which is part of the work of the "Peace Pledge Union". To know more about either of these organisations, follow the two links.

<http://www.ppu.org.uk/>

<http://www.pret.org.uk/>







At the March Folk Club, cheques for £100 each were presented to Jeff Devlin (for Leamington Christian Mission) and Tony Stubbs (for Harbury Church) from the sale of the Folk Club Choir's Christmas CD.



### **Harbury Cricket Club—2005 Season**

**Ed Russell**

Paul Bennett told the club committee that he would be unable to remain as skipper for this year's season. Paul led Harbury to one of the clubs most successful and enjoyable seasons to date with 14 wins out of 19 games. As an opening batsman Paul was prepared and willing to play his shots against the new ball and finished the second highest run scorer. Fellow opener John Wilkinson made 200 valuable runs which provided an excellent platform for 15 year old Phil Mugleston who scored his maiden 50 against Snitterfield which was the finest innings by a Harbury player all season. Phil also contributed well with his off-spin bowling under the watchful eye of his older brother Stuart who managed to outdo him with the bat, scoring 393 runs but not quite with the ball!

Fiery opening bowler Greg Neale picked up player of the year award with some outstanding all-round performances and leading wicket-taker 15 year-old Jamie Newport was voted young player of the year.

However, to be dismissed is a disaster for any batsman and in veteran Wicket Keeper Richard Carr's case the last game of the season was crucial. To counteract his public shaming at being run out without facing a delivery which robbed him of the clubs highest batting average, he blamed feeling genuinely aggrieved a younger player with faster legs for his missed opportunity! Richard had batted 11 times and had been out but only once totalling 46 runs at an average of 46 suffice to say he finished the season with a paltry average of just 23!

Harbury Cricket Club play 'friendly' 40 over games on Sunday afternoons at the Harbury Rugby Club ground, Middle Road. The grass wicket is widely regarded as one of the best in the area and with special thanks to the Rugby Club we have the use of first rate facilities.

The Club also sports an occasionals XI for players young or old who may only want to don their whites once or twice a season!

If anyone is interested in joining the club, supporting us or playing please contact Ed Russell on **01926 612684**.

Finally, sincere thanks to our Vice Presidents and Sponsors whose generous support each year ensures local cricket is available for us in Harbury.

### Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Total Runs	Highest score	50's	Average
Stuart Muggleston	17	5	393	*67	2	<u>32.75</u>
Ed Russell	14	0	<u>444</u>	76	<u>4</u>	31.70
Paul Bennett	16	0	421	<u>87</u>	2	26.31
Richard Carr	13	11	46	*15		23.00
Greg Neil	15	6	200	*31		22.22
Graham Newport	17	3	273	77	1	19.50
Jamie Newport	17	0	275	36		16.18
Phil Muggleston	18	0	262	58	1	14.55
John Wilkinson	16	0	194	32		12.12
Ian Brieley	7	1	54	*32		9.00
Richard Holmes	14	2	73	35		6.08

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Economy	Strike rate	Best	Wickets	Ave
Ian Brieley	42.4	8	172	4.09	19.69	<u>4-24</u>	13	<u>13.23</u>
Ed Russell	91.1	18	261	<u>2.87</u>	28.79	3-17	19	13.74
Phil Mugleston	58	2	299	5.15	<u>18.31</u>	4-39	19	15.74
Greg Neil	126	22	478	3.79	28.00	4-27	27	17.70
Jamie Newport	103.4	6	536	5.20	22.21	3-20	<u>28</u>	19.14
Richard Holmes	107	12	448	4.19	27.91	4-32	23	19.48
Stuart Mugleston	118.2	14	450	3.18	37.37	4-29	19	23.68
Richard Lowe	54.4	4	227	4.20	46.86	2-14	7	32.43

**Harbury Juniors**  
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**Harbury Junior's Football**

**Mike Evans**

## U16's

The U.16's last game of the season took them to Crick Colts. On an afternoon when the weather demonstrated sun, rain, sleet and snow Harbury produced their best performance of the year with a resounding 8 - 0 victory. The largest victory in four years. First half goals from Richard Thompson and Jake Lee (2) were added to after the break by another (2) from Richard, Matthew Jackson (2) and Matthew Edwards.

A great and deserved end to an enjoyable season.

We are already preparing for under 17 football starting in September. Anyone can join us at training, which is held on the Myton school all-weather pitch on Tuesday evenings between 8.30 pm and 9.30 pm.

Alternatively give Keith Edwards a ring on 01926 421414 if you're interested in playing

**Keith Edwards**



**U10's****Fenny Compton 3 - 10 Harbury**

Harbury put in an excellent performance. George Hendry did a great job in goal and Adam Miles was outstanding scoring 7 goals. John Van Kestren scored one and put in a superb performance along with Angus Murray who was strong in defence and contributed with two goals.

**U9's****Harbury Eagles 1 - 3 Tysoe**

The Eagles put in a fantastic performance and were unlucky to lose the match after holding Tysoe back. Jack Groves was outstanding in defence and Aidan MacAuley was excellent in goal. Our goal was scored by Cullen MacAuley.

**Neil Murray**

**Harbury Under 11's v Napton.**

Harbury played a great game at Napton, a good early start saw us take the lead but Napton soon equalized to keep us on our toes, with Mark & Taylor playing well in midfield. This allowed Ash to score three goals. Harbury kept the pressure on throughout the game & good defensive performance stopped Napton from getting back into the game Harbury finally won 6-1. Other goals came from Nathan, Mark & Taylor.

Last game of the season was played at home against Priors Marston, after a positive start by Harbury Priors took the lead. Harbury continued to play well and really gave Priors a tough game. A great free kick by Adam brought us back in the game, Priors continued to push hard but some great defending by Ash & Angus kept them out. Priors finally won 4-1 but it was a great team performance from Harbury Under 11's.

**Andy Dickson**

As we come to the end of another terrific season we look forward to the Kineton and Harbury Tournaments on the 7th and 14th May respectively. Two great days of football - Kineton providing a last chance to play the league teams and hopefully win a cup or two, our own club tournament day being a fun day for all the age groups with many side stalls and hopefully sunshine!! Held on the Harbury playing fields this is a great day out for all the family with mums and dads matches to boot!

Good luck to all our teams!!


**Harbury RFC**

## Midi and Mini Rugby

**Mark Easton**

### **Old Coventrians v Harbury**

Another tough fixture for Harbury, Mini and Midi's away at Old Coventrians.

**Under 7's** lost both their games 30 – 10 and 30 – 25 despite some good play by Aidan and Saul.

**Under 8's** were just beaten in the first game 25 – 20 by a side which had only lost once all season to Earlsdon. Sam Tutt and Morgan Hickman played particularly well, scoring a try each. The other scorers were Molly Fisher and Keegan Williamson.

In the second encounter, Old Coventrians were pinned back on their line for much of the game knocking on and being a little over-physical in their tackling. The game finished 10 points each with Molly Fisher and Sam Tutt getting the Harbury Scores.

**Under 9's** unfortunately lost both their games to a strong Old Coventrians side. The first match finished 15 – 5 with William Winchester getting Harbury's consolation try.

In the second game Coventry scored 4 times without reply. Man of the Match went to Sam Cave.

**Under 10's** just lost their game 25 – 20 despite playing really well. Reece scored 2 tries, Corey got one and Savannah Williamson scored in her last match for Harbury.

### **Keresley v Harbury**

**Under 7's** bounced back from defeat at Old Coventrians with two good wins away at Keresley.

In the first encounter Harbury were 15 – 0 up at half time with two tries from Saul and one from Aidan. Despite Keresley getting two tries in the second half, Harbury ran out winners 30 – 10 with Aidan and Sam Pitton adding scores and a lovely individual running try from Jamie.

In their second match Harbury again ran out winners 25 – 10 with three tries from Saul and two more for Sam Pitton.

**Under 8's** on a tight pitch against enthusiastic opposition Harbury did well to also win both their matches. Despite being 25 – 20 down at

half time the team came back to win 30 – 35 thanks to the side stepping and turning skills of James Darlison who scored 3 tries. The other scorers were Morgan Hickman, Sam Tutt, Thomas Bembridge and Henry Mancell.



The second match was also very close Harbury winning 35 – 25 due largely to good passing work between Henry Steele and Sam Tutt, who scored two tries after the sixth tackle, turnover would have occurred at the 7<sup>th</sup> tackle. Molly ran quickly to score two tries with two also for Henry Steele and one for Alex Lewis.

**Under 9's** were undone by a good team performance from Keresley losing 20 – 0 in the 1<sup>st</sup> match. However they went much closer in the second match narrowly losing 20 – 15 with tries from Finn, Rhodri and Aaron.

### **BARKER BUTTS – FESTIVAL under 7's, 8's and 9's**

**Under 7's** lost narrowly in three games, drew 1 and won 1 with all the players putting in a good effort for the day's festival.

**WELL DONE:** Jamie, Luke, Saul, Daniel, James, Lukie, Bay and Sam.

**Under 8's** started with a fine 30 all draw against last years winners in their section Silhillians the scorers were Molly Fisher and Henry Mancell with 3 tries each.

Second match for Harbury was against a very useful Birmingham/Solihull side who went on to take the Under 8's Tournament winning



every match on the way. Harbury struggled losing 50 – 25 despite 3 good tries from new boy Luke and one each for Sam Casement and Ben Giles.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> fixture was against the hosts and we put in one of our best performances this season to narrowly win 35 – 30. All the players ran and supported well with 3 good tries from Henry Steele, 2 from George McGowan and one each for James Darlison and Henry Mancell.



Pontypridd played us next with the game finishing 7 tries each. Another good result for the villagers considering the Welsh side won the Under 7's 9's and 10's sections. Sam Casement scored 3, George McGowan 2 and one each for Molly Fisher and Henry Mancell.

Our last match was against Tamworth and a win would put us in runners up spot so everyone put a big effort in, with Harbury eventually winning 40 – 25. Some excellent tagging saw a number of turnover balls and good support play going forward led to 2 scores each for George, Thomas and Henry Steele and one each for James and Molly.

**WELL DONE:** Under 8's second spot, a trophy and runners up certificates.

Morgan, Henry S, Henry M, James, Luke, George, Molly, Ben G, Ben S, Alex , Sam and Thomas.

**Under 9's** lost their first match against Silhillians 20 – 5 with the score not reflecting a close game, Harbury supported well with Finn getting their only score.

Second match Harbury drew 10 each with Old Leamingtonians with tries from William Winchester and Sam Cave. Robert Rollason and

Rhodri Howell tackled well and Finn tried really hard to bring Harbury back into the match after a poor start.

Next the hosts, Harbury losing 25 – 0 to a much stronger Barker Butts side, despite some good tackling.

Pontypridd scored seven times with no reply from Harbury but the Welsh side have not been beaten in 15 months, Harbury supported well with some good tackling from William and Finn preventing further scores.

In their final fixture Harbury lost 25 – 0 to a strong Tamworth side.

A tough day of games for the squad but everyone put in a great effort.

**WELL DONE:** Finn, Sam, Edward, William R, William W, Willem, Ben, Thomas, Aaron, Jake, Bradley, Robert, Simon and Rhodri.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scout Group Beavers

Bud Jackson

Firstly, on behalf of all those who have enjoyed and benefited from Beavers over the past three years, I would like to pass on a huge "thank you" to Sheila Malin and her two stalwart assistants, Rebecca Groves and Christine Miliken. They organised fantastic activities and outings, giving a lot of boys a massive amount of fun as well as teaching them many new skills and helping them to gain awards. They will be a very hard act to follow.

Sadly, as reported in the March issue, they have decided to bow out now, but Bud Jackson has agreed to take over as leader to maintain the success of Beavers in Harbury. The first meeting of the new term will take place at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May and all boys between the ages of 6 and 8 are welcome.

As Scouting is an international organisation, capitation and registration fees have to be charged, but broken down over the whole term, this amounts to only around £1.50 per session – a very small amount for an hour's fun every week!

We look forward to seeing old and new faces at Beavers on Thursdays and would also welcome any offers of assistance from dads, mums, granddads, grandmas, or any other friends and relations in whatever capacity they feel they could help. If you are interested in offering even a small amount of time each week or even each term, please contact Bud Jackson on 613434.



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## Harbury Toddler Group

Toddler Group committee

We hope you all had a good Easter break, a bit of sunshine makes all the difference during the holidays doesn't it? As spring finally seems to be here, it is time to start planning activities for the warmer months.

### Easter

For Easter this year we thought the toddlers might enjoy making Easter Baskets. In the two sessions during Easter Week there were materials available to make the baskets. The children enjoyed decorating the paper baskets with coloured pencils and crayons and then to their delight the baskets were filled with chocolate eggs to be enjoyed during the Easter period (or on the walk home that day...).

### Summer Trip

Every year we try to arrange a trip for the toddlers and their parents/carers and this year is no exception. We are planning to visit **Twycross Zoo** on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July so please make sure you book the date in your diaries. More information will be available nearer the time but it promises to be a fun day and we hope lots of you will come.

### Carnival

This year's Harbury Carnival is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June and the theme for our float is to be 'Noah's Ark'. We will be asking for help nearer the time with making the float, which is always a chance for us adults to put our creative skills (or lack of them) to good effect. We are also on the look out for materials to create the float over the next few weeks so please think twice before flinging out any leftover paint, brown in particular! We are also planning to do a 'jar tombola' stall this year. For this we will need as many jars as possible filled with anything you think appropriate. Some ideas include; sweets, dried fruit, nuts, biscuits, small toys, crayons or marbles (if using edible contents please ensure they are in original wrappers or sealed packets, i.e. fun-size chocolate bars or packets of nuts for hygiene purposes). Let your imaginations run wild and fill your jars with anything you think appropriate. Now might be a good time to start saving empty jars (including the lids).

### Night Out!!

We occasionally organise social nights for toddler mums/carers and now seems like a good time! We are meeting in the Shakespeare Pub



on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. It rarely seems possible to finish conversations during toddler sessions so this will be a good opportunity for a chat over a drink or two. We hope to see lots of you there.

If you've not been to Toddler group before but are thinking about it here are a couple of details. Sessions are held at the Wight School behind the Library on Monday mornings 10-11.30 and on Wednesday afternoons 1.30-3.00. There is a craft activity going on at each session, toys for children from birth to 3 years, all for the tiny sum of 50p per person which includes refreshments. For more info or to discuss any of the activities mentioned above please call Emma on 613093.



**Windmills**

Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

Harbury Village Hall could easily have been mistaken for a Las Vegas casino on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March when Windmills Nursery held their James Bond themed casino night. The gaming tables were busy all night and everyone looked stunning in their evening dress. There was a delicious buffet during the evening as well as a raffle. Thank you to the fund raising group especially Hayley, Sue, and Sharon. A BIG thank you to Alison and Rebecca who kindly ran the bar all evening, Emma for organising the James Bond themed quiz and finally to everyone who supplied some superb prizes to help make the event such a success. The total amount raised was a fantastic £901.00!

Our last week at Nursery before the Easter holidays was taken up with lots of Easter activities. The children's mathematical, and knowledge and understanding skills were demonstrated when they made chocolate crispy nests with Mrs Kennedy. They also had great fun producing some stunning Easter cards, which were created by experimenting with different coloured marbling inks and water.





Easter week was also a good excuse to do some experiments on real eggs. The children had great fun rolling the eggs and testing them to destruction. They had to place weights on them until they broke, which obviously caused great amusement.

The highlight of the week was our Easter Coffee Morning held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Tom Hauley room. The children visited during the morning and proudly paraded around the tables, wearing the Easter bonnets they had been artistically creating all week, with copious amounts of glue and a variety of collage materials. They then entertained everyone with some wonderfully enthusiastic singing and dancing. On arrival back at the nursery the children were greeted by the Easter bunny, who presented each of them with a chocolate egg. Edward was especially pleased to see the bunny and invited 'her' back to his house to play with his cars! Thank you to everyone who helped during the morning and also everyone who came and supported us we raised a total of £117.00.

The weather for our monthly visit to the toddler service at church could not have been better. It was a beautiful spring day that made the visit all the more enjoyable.

This half term our theme is water. We will be finding out about water, how we use it to keep ourselves clean, how we need it to drink and to make the plants grow, as well as what fun we have in water. This week we also visited the school for their May Day celebrations rehearsal. The children were entertained by the infant children, who enthusiastically skipped and promenaded around the school hall. The highlight of the morning was the maypole dancing and everyone enthusiastically clapped along with the music. Thank you to Mrs Rathbone for inviting us.

## **Training**

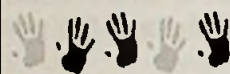
Tina, Marie, and Cassie have all now completed 'Birth to Three' matters training enabling them to fully implement this framework for the younger members of the nursery.

Suzanne Baillie our Early Years advisor visited the nursery to provide in house training for all members of staff on planning and observations. She also spent a full day in the nursery playing with the children, and providing valuable feed back for future development.

A big thank you to Marcus Birch for supplying and installing our new computer, at a very reasonable cost. The children always eagerly await the arrival of Mrs Casement, who helps them to use it. This week

they have been playing in a virtual sandpit where they can build roads, bridges and small towns and cities. Mrs Casement and the children then had to get down on their knees to build the same model using old fashioned materials such as card board and blocks. See our aerial photograph!

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. If you would like to register a place for your child or require any information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at [info@windmills-nursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmills-nursery.co.uk) , call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Easter activities** - At the beginning of April, the children were very busy getting ready for Easter. They produced some wonderful observational drawings of a daffodil which they used to make Easter cards for their parents. A cooking activity, making chocolate crispy cake nests, was extremely popular, especially the part where they were able to scrape out the mixing bowl! Before they left Pre-school, chocolate eggs found their way into the nests and it is doubtful that any of them actually reached home before they were devoured!



**Caring** - The theme of caring for others continued right up to the end of term, with the role play area turning from a

vet's surgery to a grooming parlour for the soft toy animals. The fine weather enabled the children to spend much of the outside play time

bathing, drying and dressing dolls before taking them around the play area in pushchairs or making beds for them to sleep in. It was particularly good to see all the boys and girls joining in with equal enthusiasm.



To round off the caring theme, we were very grateful to Cassie Houghton for bringing her lovely guinea pig Toffee to Pre-school and for talking to the children about how he is cared for.

**New starters** - After the Easter holiday, the children returned full of chocolate and enthusiasm. We were delighted to welcome Katie, who settled in immediately on her first full session at Pre-school, as well as Sophie, Jenna and Ione who came with their mums for a short visit to get to know us.

**Buildings** - The theme for the first half of the term is 'buildings' and the children have already started experimenting with construction materials. Brick rubbings have produced some lovely designs, with stickle bricks and duplo proving excellent materials for buildings of all shapes and sizes. 'The Three Little Pigs' story has been very popular, with lots of enthusiastic huffing and puffing by would-be big bad wolves!

**Fundraising** - We will be holding a traditional "Pub Quiz" on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8 p.m. at Harbury Primary School. Teams need to be made up of four people with a cost of £4.00 per person. This event has always proved very popular and tickets can be bought from Kate Scothern on 614633. Kate will also require an original and amusing



team name, so get your thinking caps on! All proceeds from the quiz will go to Harbury Pre-School.

**Thanks** – Once again we say thank you to Jonathan Jennings for mending our gate. The new handle now makes it much easier to use.

**Activities** - We are now looking forward to a busy half term with our summer outings and preparation for the carnival taking place. We are hoping to introduce woodwork as part of our early years' curriculum and would therefore appreciate any donations of off cuts of wood suitable for the children to use with their tools. If you are able to help please contact Nicky Kirk, chair of Pre-school, on the number below.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Nikki Kirk, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 614316.



**Harbury Primary School**

Denis Daly

This month's literary offering comes from Elliott Tawney in Year 5; we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did!

### **Billy Goats Gruff: What happened next?**

Once upon an after, on the green side of the bridge, the three Billy Goats were lying down in the meadow watching a baseball game and eating the grass. "Oh, gee-whizz!" exclaimed Middle goat, "I'm sick of grass! Say, Little goat, I dare you to go to the industrial side of the bridge....."

".....and buy us all a pizza!" interrupted Big goat.

"Sounds like a challenge!" bleated Little goat, and off he went.

The bridge was old and creaky, and Little goat (or L.G. as his brothers called him), was frightened. Trippety Trot! Trippety Trot! went his hooves. Then, a familiar voice yelled. "WHO'S WALKING ON MY BRIDGE?!" It was the Troll. In his fright L.G. managed to blurt out something that sounded like. "Don't eat me, I'm small and insignificant!" but as he finished his sentence, he had been swallowed whole.

Trippety Trot! Trippety Trot! Now it was Middle Goat's (or M.G.'s) turn. He ran on to the bridge. "Don't eat me, the meat on me is old and gamy!" but even so, in he went. The troll was singing.

"Over the lips and past the gums,

Look out tummy, here it comes!"

with a nicely timed burp at the end.

Big goat (or 'Bee Gees', his favourite band) was furious. He charged at the troll, knocking him out. He cut the troll open, and looked for his brothers. "Oh, this is like 'Animal Hospital' all over again!" he cried, just as found his brothers.

"Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh, you're stayin' alive, stayin' alive,

"Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh, you're stayin' aliiiiii-live!"

he sang, joyfully. Together, they threw the big Troll into the river, and they lived happily ever after (without the pizza!)

**Mrs Sykes** – I am delighted to inform parents that Mrs. Sykes has successfully completed her teacher training course, and qualified as a teacher on 28th March. As you are aware, Mrs. Payne began her maternity leave two weeks earlier than planned, and I thank Mrs. Sykes for stepping in to take the class for these last two weeks before the Easter holiday, giving up the opportunity to take a couple of weeks to relax after what has been a very intensive course.

**Model Exhibition** – Congratulations to everyone involved in the recent exhibition – it was a wonderful event, which certainly showed off the design and technology capabilities of a large number of our pupils. Many thanks to Mr. Chapman for organising the event. Photographs from the exhibition should be appearing on the web-site soon.

**Swimming Pool** – A working party made up of Governors, staff and the PTA are currently looking at the development of the swimming pool. The working party is still in the early stages of its work, but the decision has already been taken to up-grade the current facilities. In the meantime, because of the need for repairs to the pumping systems, which caused problems last year, we have decided that no swimming will take place this summer.

**Mrs Payne** – I am delighted to inform parents that Mrs Payne gave birth to a beautiful baby son on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Both Jamie Kieran and his mum are doing well.

**Many Thanks** – to all of the parents who helped to transform the corner of the infants play ground. They have made a wonderful woodland walkway which the infants can enjoy exploring.



## Horticultural Society

Muriel Grey

As we anticipated, Linda Egging gave a very interesting illustrated talk of her three week trip to N.W China. She is interested in the area where many of our garden plants are indigenous. She became intrigued by the period in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when most of the plant hunters were busy. She read a book on Ernest Wilson, booked a place in a group trip in 2002 to the same area and went to see for herself. They travelled in a small bus up the Min River where all the vegetation was very lush with cultivated land growing cabbages, and there were the most beautiful meadows with various different species of flowers growing side by side. There were many groups of black poly tunnels, in these were mushrooms. Everywhere there was the most beautiful scenery with herd after herd of yaks – plenty of grass for them – the Nomads depend on them for milk, meat and hides. She was fascinated to see primitive dwellings and tents with satellite dishes, solar panels and other modern technology side by side! There was also much Bee Keeping. They went on to the Tibetan Plain, again many Nomads, plus modern technology even solar panels. The people certainly like bright coloured clothes for day wear – not national dress – in keeping with the bright coloured flowers, particularly the poppies. Being Buddhists there were Prayer Flags everywhere – bright red of course! The lush conditions meant everything grew well, wild lilies, clematis, peonies etc. in profusion on the hillside and uncultivated areas – even pepper plants. In this area the main commercial crop was Chinese leaves.

They went mainly to find and marvel at the plants and flowers but obviously Linda was very observant of the general way of the people and their culture. They climbed to over 10,000' at times, but were not bothered by mosquitoes in spite of the damp warm climate. A fascinating talk – thank you Linda.



The list of folks willing to open their garden this July – 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – is being compiled, so if yours is unusual and interesting – and new, please phone Judy on 613103 or Daphne on 612829 before the end of May.

The Show Schedule is well in hand – something for everyone we hope. If you enter Begonias, the size of pot must be no larger than 6" while fuschias and pelargoniums an 8" pot is allowed. Should you intend to exhibit fruit, do not polish it, as you will lose points.



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

The daylight hours are lengthening inexorably, but as I write, (25th April-Anzac Day), it's hardly the weather to 'cast a clout'. Still, there's time yet, as although the Blackthorn is well out, the 'May' (Hawthorn) is only in tiny leaf. On April 20th, I cycled to Ratley at the back of Edgehill. The pull up onto the ridge was an effort and I realised it won't be long before I have to dismount and push. In the wood running along the crest of Edgehill, Primroses, Violets, Dog's Mercury and Wood Anemones were in flower. Bluebell leaves were 6" high, but the flowers will be a week or two yet, probably as the 'News' drops through your door. Ratley is an attractive village of Hornton stone with the church of St Peter ad Vincula (St Peter in Chains) dating from 1250. Next door, so to speak, is the Rose and Crown pub dating, if the sign is correct, from the 11th century. Both are well worth a visit. In common with most local rural churches, the door was not locked. As I pedalled back towards Harbury, I heard a Cuckoo near Parson's Farm. Last year, I heard the cuckoo on St George's Day (23rd April)-it's useful to keep a diary to consult on these matters.

Now, an apology. Last month, I ended my article by saying 'Have you seen the Llamas in the field near the water tower site?' Mr Cecil Bloxham rang me a few days after the article had gone to press to say the animals were actually Alpacas. Similar to Llamas, and also from South America, they are bred for their wool. When lying down, they look quite camel like and of course, they are related. There was a time when South America and Africa were joined and therefore the flora and fauna have similarities. They started to drift apart 120 million years ago and life has evolved separately since then.

This time of year is a delight for lovers of shades of green. There is a seemingly infinite variety of unfurling leaves though the Oak and Lime

are still to show their hand with buds swelling before the burst. The dark green of ivy, holly and yew are set against the lighter greens of their deciduous 'cousins'. It will take months for the new growth to take on a more 'uniform' look, so now is the time to enjoy the wide range of nature's palette.

Down at the Spoilbank, I found the familiar spotted leaves of Early Purple Orchid-just a few as this flower has not been common here for many years. During May, take a trip to Draycote Meadows (OS sheet 140, ref 449706) to see the Green Veined Orchids which can be found in profusion, carpeting both meadows and reminding us of what we have lost over most of the countryside since the advent of intensive farming practices. The old ways of cultivation and land management could not produce the quantity of food of today but extinction of some flowers, birds and insects is a heavy price to pay. Once lost, the habitats are difficult to reproduce, so let's conserve what we have left of our endangered species. Close to home, we need, I think, to be watchful over further degradation of such sites as Bishops Hill (the species rich terrain on the old cement works site). Here, the Small Blue Butterfly has one of its very few Warwickshire sites. It requires very special conditions in which to thrive and at Bishops Hill, its food plants, Birds Foot Trefoil and Kidney Vetch grow in profusion. The last part of May and the month of June is the time to see this butterfly locally.

Pond dipping is something children love. A net to trawl through the water and a plastic container to hold any specimens found is all the equipment you need. Wellington boots are essential wear and some form of identification chart would be useful. At the series of pools in the Leam Valley Nature Reserve, the warden Jack Watkins gave my U3A naturalists' group some instruction before letting us loose. Finds included two Newts, (one being identified as the rarer Great Crested), a Tadpole (just one), Caddis Fly larvae in their distinctive 'homes' made of bits of wood, a large Ramshorn Snail, Water Boatmen, Pond Skaters, Springtails, Water Fleas, Mosquito larvae - the list goes on. We were careful to place the 'animals' back in each pond before moving to the next.

A few days before, at the same reserve, on a sunny afternoon, I counted 6 species of butterfly - Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Orange Tip, Speckled Wood, Small White and Comma. Ros Wilson told me that she had seen a Water Rail in the pool by Chesterton Church and a white heron-like bird. I'm always interested to hear of any unusual sightings.



## General Section

### Harbury Hopes To Go The Extra Mile To Help People Living With Cancer

I am organising another "Macmillan Miles Challenge" - raising money to Help Macmillan Cancer Relief support people living with cancer.

Last year saw almost 3,000 people being sponsored to walk, cycle, and line dance or lay a mile of coins. Nationally over £400,000 was raised in thousands of events across the UK. Harbury's contribution was £433.25

On Friday and Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> along with willing supporters we are hoping to achieve a mile of coins on the footpath in the centre of the village. It's a simple way to support Macmillan nurses in our region and we ask that you give generously.

In the UK one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime and over a million people are affected. Macmillan Cancer Relief is a UK charity which helps to provide the expert care and practical and emotional support that makes a real difference to people living with cancer.

For cancer information and support contact the Macmillan Cancer Line (Monday - Friday, 9.00am - 6.00pm) by free phone: 0808 808 2020, [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY WHEREVER YOU SEE THE MACMILLAN SIGNS**

**Ann Mayer**

### Advance Notice

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbury Art Exhibition will be held in the Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Please ring me on 614104 if you are interested in exhibiting original artwork and or helping over the weekend.

**Bill Davies**



## Blood Donor Session

Thank you to everyone who went to the session in April. The result was 90 donations; 19 more than the previous visit and a big improvement.

The next session will be on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note and maybe bring it to the attention of any young people (age 17 upwards) who could be available then. They are the donors of the future, on which an ageing population will depend. And a correction from the previous notice – donations cannot be collected from anyone who has themselves received blood AFTER 1980.

If you missed this session, you can give blood at Grange Hall, Southam on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.15pm.

Gillian Hare

## Warwickshire Walking Festival – A Guided Walk – 31<sup>st</sup> May

Harbury Parish Paths Team is again leading a guided walk as part of the Warwickshire Walking Festival. This year we are walking across the fields to Ufton and back with optional excursions to the bar of the White Hart and round Ufton Fields Local Nature Reserve. The walk is on the evening of Wednesday 31st May. It starts at 6.30pm from the Village Hall car park and will take about two and a half hours. All are welcome. Dogs must be on a lead.

Warwickshire Walking Festival runs from 27th May to 4th June. There are guided walks in our historic towns as well as in the countryside. For further details telephone 01926 413427 or look on the County Council web site <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk>

John Ridgley

## Harbury Parish Map

Harbury W.I. and their friends spent a very pleasant time at a 'Cheese and Wine Evening', held at the Village Hall on Thursday 30th March.

It was arranged by the W.I. Committee so that they could show their appreciation to all of the organizations and individuals who had generously donated money to help raise funds to pay for the 'Framing and Hanging' of the 'Harbury Parish Map'

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This was beautifully embroidered some years ago by a group of dedicated W.I. members. Unfortunately, because of its size, it has only been exhibited to the general public on a few occasions.

Now, I am pleased to say, with the kind permission of the Village Hall Committee, it holds pride of place on the wall of the Village Hall, where it is on permanent display.

Our thanks go to the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council, the Horticultural Society, the Heart of England Co-operative Society, Compton International, Neville Ellis and Lin Hayes and to the members of the W.L all of whom helped to make this achievement possible.

**Pam Parton.**

## **Harbury Village Hall News**

The 44<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Management Committee of the Village Hall was held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 when 7 committee members and 4 members of the public attended. The Chairman (Peggie Middleton) included in her annual report several areas of improvement with the purchase of new chairs, an upgrade of the heating system and replacement guttering. The Committee had been successful in obtaining grants throughout the year and thanked the Horticultural Society for their generous donation towards new tables. The Village Hall now holds a full licence under the new Act which came into force in November last year. She thanked the committee for their support and Ann, the Cleaner, for the continued cleanliness of the premises.

The committee was re-elected en bloc in view of no new nominations. There had been two resignations; Chris Finch agreed to be nominated and was elected to the committee. The same officers were also re-appointed namely, Peggie Middleton (Chair), Geoff Thorpe (Vice-Chair), Bill Middleton (Treasurer), Janet Thornley (Secretary) and Wendy Hawkes (Booking Secretary).

The Chairman, Peggie Middleton, referred to the resignation received from Ethel Sollis after 44 years since the committee was set up in June 1962. She was one of the founder members who, along with others, had the foresight to see the need for a community hall and has been on the committee until this year. In fact she has devoted nearly 50 years of commitment to the provision of a Village Hall. The committee expressed their grateful appreciation to Ethel for so many years of loyal dedication.

The Treasurer, Bill Middleton, gave his financial report for the year up to December 2005, which is summarised as follows :

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Hire of Hall	9897	Carnival proceeds 2005 –	
Building Soc. interest	276	put towards new staging	150
"Orange" microcell	2123	General & water rates	777
Donation from Carnival		Repairs & Maintenance (after	
Proceeds 2005**	150	transfer of £3,600 from reserves)	1798
Sundry income	66	Cleaning	2212
		Electricity	1451
		Insurance	1473
		Grass cutting,	
		hedge trimming etc	579
		Depreciation	903
		Costs re new Licensing Act	420
		Subscriptions etc.	149
		Sundry expenses	387
		Transfer to reserves	1500
		Net Profit for year	713
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Geoff Thorpe, Vice Chairman, stated that at the last management meeting a sub committee had been appointed to look at the long-term development of the premises and to arrange a village consultation meeting with representatives from local village groups. It is hoped this can be organised in the near future with a convenient date to suit a majority so that ideas and needs of the community can be aired and a development plan drawn up to provide maximum facilities in future years.

At the closure of the AGM, all those present were invited to a tour of the premises when the facilities were highlighted.

A management committee meeting followed. Again the future development plans for the village hall were discussed and it was suggested that a steering committee should be set up at the proposed consultation meeting from representatives of village organisations. The next management committee meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June in the Committee Room of the Village Hall at 8.00.pm.

Following the above AGM and committee meeting, Geoff Thorpe circulated invitation letters to various local groups suggesting two dates in May (8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>) when it is hoped representatives will attend this important meeting to air their views and recommendations. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

**Janet Thornley,**  
**Secretary, Village Hall Management Committee**

## **Harbury Carnival June 10th, 2006**

### **King and Queen**

Congratulations to Jack and Tammy who have been selected as our King and Queen for Carnival 2006.



### **Wheelbarrow Race and Pub Games**

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 4 June at 12-30pm and will be hosted by the Dog, **not** the Crown as previously advised (our mistake, it is the Crown's turn next year). We will again be running separate events that will not require the consumption of alcohol (at least not during the race!) and we will be presenting a trophy to the



winning ladies team. Can I please ask you to help us out by registering your participation prior to the day. Entry forms are available in the pubs and from Dan Killian. Please call him on 612265.

This will be followed by the usual pub games competition during the week. Please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends (this is not just an inter pub competition). Entry forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian. If you want more information you can call either Dan on 612265 or John Broomfield on 614258.

The timetable is:

Monday June 5	–	Aunt Sally at The Shakespeare
Tuesday June 6	–	Horseshoes at The Gamecock
Wednesday June 7	-	Skittles at The Old New Inn
Thursday June 8	-	Quiz at The Crown

All events start at 7-30pm.

### **Other Business**

The Kids Club will be providing the teas etc on Carnival afternoon and would welcome the usual donation of cakes to the Village Hall in the morning.

Will all those holding trophies from last year please return them to me at 6 Pirie Close before Carnival Day.

And finally, if you still need to organise a stall please get in touch with Mike McBride on 612421 as soon as possible. Please do not leave this until the last minute.

**John Broomfield**

## **Are you finding it difficult to visit your local library or mobile library?**

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**Debbie Sly**

## **The Three Arch Bridge**

In a recent newspaper report a complaint was made against a metal fence fitted upon the parapet of the Three Arch Bridge. Surely it is a storm in a teacup, a trivial matter.

The fence in question is there for the reason of security, being only nine feet in overall length measured on the parapet. A small item compared to the road bridge span of 93 yards as pictured. The bridge was built to serve the Bull Ring farmstead beyond the track, since prior to the rail link the land was like a level playing field. Even now when the bridge is viewed as pictured, from the front elevation to show the arch design no metal fence is visible. During my days at the Wight School there were no fences as such on the 'banks' as we would call them only an access stile which led over the stream crossed via a couple of sleepers. The stream, now long gone, was divided and piped below ground level.



There was always danger to playful children not supposed to trespass on the 'banks'.

The railway company should be given credit when it is due and also recognition for work carried out along Harbury cutting and in making the fences secure and safeguarding the railway.

Located near the bridge, the pedestrian gate leads to a nice walk eventually to Mill Lane or vice versa which is very handy. A comment in a news report from Network Rail states that 'railways are not playgrounds; neither a short cut'.

The Great Western Company originally wanted to run the rail line by Southam. The plan was shelved because a few landowners would not sell G.W.R. the land required for this purpose. From the standpoint position on the Three Arch Bridge a few moments spent in silent reflection may bring back images of the past. Can you hear the noise of picks and shovels digging out the cutting from an age long ago? Men suffered hardship during their toil in the cutting, whilst the women and children struggled in everyday life, which was not easy. What a cruel hard life to be born into. Would people of today be able to handle that existence? Rather them, not me!

Unfortunately there was not a Joseph Cyril Bamford's famous product to lessen donkey work. There was a saying among railway workers and buffs on G.W.R. It goes like this. GONE WHEN READY and GOD'S WONDERFUL RAILWAY.

**Mike Bloxham**

## **Harbury Network Group**

I am interested in setting up a Harbury Business and Home Working Network and wondered if there has been one in Harbury before, that maybe needs resurrecting?

If not, would anyone in business be interested in meeting either weekly or monthly? Maybe a breakfast meeting? I could speak to one of the public houses in the village who might be interested in doing breakfast for the Group.

This is just at the start but I believe in using local trades and professions where possible. I am sure that there are many businesses in the areas that people do not know about. And home workers that would appreciate support with the chance to meet other like minded people.

Please contact me by email [the3elizabeths@hotmail.com](mailto:the3elizabeths@hotmail.com) to discuss and plan a way forward for local business and business people in Harbury.

**Karena EA Ellis**



## Ethel Sollis — a true villager



The term 'village character' is only applied to a very few residents in the community and none deserve the accolade, which is always used affectionately, more than Ethel who has been 'part and parcel' of the village for eight decades.

Ethel was born in Tollgate Cottage in Deppers Bridge, which used to be located on the bend in the road which leads off to Ladbroke. She moved to Harbury when she was four years old and lived in the end cottage which faces the small green at Binswood End where her mother ran a sweetshop which was accessed from the road.

Ethel attended the Wagstaffe School when she was five and continued her education at the Wight school. She passed the 11+ exam, which would have allowed her to continue her education in Leamington, but her mother had been widowed during the First World War and could not afford the necessary money for books and transport, so she remained in the Village school. She enjoyed Maths, which was taught in the main school building and sewing, cookery and carpentry which were held in the 'annexe', which is now the Scout Hut. She left school at fourteen and for a while took any local job available, including pea picking and harvesting the potatoes from the surrounding fields.

At fifteen, Ethel went into service in Leamington, where she was the 'live - in' maid for Dr. Mason and his family for several years. She biked over to the house in Willes Road which still has its characteristic turreted tower and came home every alternate Sunday for half a day, before returning to her employers early on Monday morning. When she was twenty she went to work in the Bryco Ammunition factory in Warwick during the Second World War and came home to live with her mother when her two brothers (Geoff and Harry Boynton) were killed in the war. She married France, the 'boy up the road' who she had known from the time she moved into the village and to begin with they lived in the 'family' house bringing up daughters, Leone and Fran before they eventually moved into their own 'two up, two down' house

on Farm Street when Fran was still a baby. Son, Geoff completed the family and France and Ethel bought the adjacent tenanted property when it became available to accommodate the growing family.

As a young adult growing up in the village, Ethel went with Flo Byrum to the square dances in the Wagstaffe School, which were well patronised by the 'locals'. She was also a regular at the 'pictures', which were shown in the W. I. hut, located on land at the back of the Club and afterwards she and her friends enjoyed a fish and chip supper in the shop run by Derek Lowe's mother.

Ethel's husband, France 'joined up' during the Second World War and went out to Italy with the Durham Light Infantry. He was commended three times for his bravery under fire and was eventually awarded the Military Medal for his action as a sniper in Alexandria, North Africa when his actions resulted in the capture of a German machine gun point. He contracted malaria whilst in Africa and instead of being sent home, as promised, with his comrades who were also in a military hospital, he was sent back to Salerno, Italy to support the American action in the region. Over 120 soldiers in the regiment mutinied as a result of the 'unreasonable demands' on soldiers already debilitated by months of continuous fighting and disease. France was one of the men who saw the mutiny through to the end, resulting in one of the notorious incidents of the war, which has been the subject of a BBC documentary.

Whilst France was away 'fighting for his country', Ethel took part-time jobs going back into the fields as she had done as a young girl, but she also worked for Dr. Swaffield in Leamington on a Saturday. Eventually she took a permanent job as one of the village post ladies in the Sixties and became a very familiar sight around Harbury as she went on her rounds with her 'trusty bike'. When she retired at 70 years old, the Head Post Office Manager for the region came to make a presentation and commented that in all her 21 years on the post, she had only missed 2 days through sickness — a remarkable record. Throughout her time in Harbury, Ethel has made a fantastic contribution to village life as she has been involved with several organisations. She was one of the founder members of the committee, which worked hard to raise the funds for the development of the Village Hall and for years, she collected the weekly tote of one shilling and ensured that prize money was paid out. She organised the Bingo sessions and dances in the school, which were also fund-raising events, so that when the Hall was opened by John Profumo, she was one of the honoured guests who witnessed all the excitement



generated by having the local M.P. and his wife carry out the official ceremony. She continued to run weekly Bingo sessions for several years in the Hall once it was opened, again to support the funds as well as provide a pleasant evening's entertainment for the regular supporters.

Ethel has also been a member of the Harbury Senior Citizens committee for 30 years and has baked more than her 'fair share' of baked potatoes for the annual Christmas dinner, as well as producing wonderful home-made apple pies for the meal or bakewell tarts for sale at the Senior Citizen's coffee mornings held in the Tom Hauley Room. In between times, she has also been involved over the years in cleaning Harbury Church with Mrs Jennings, her erstwhile neighbour and she remembers how the two of them would move all the pews and 'scrub the blocks' thoroughly once a year. She also spent some years cleaning the Doctor's Surgery when it was based on the corner of Farm Street and Sutcliffe Drive before she went to work as post lady.

Throughout her life, Ethel has enjoyed the horse racing scene and she hardly ever missed going to Ascot to appreciate all the colour, finery and action of the celebrated occasion. She has also had a life-long interest in music and ballet and has visited Covent Garden and the Albert Hall regularly over the years. Unfortunately, Ethel suffered a major health set-back just before Christmas last year, but the good news is that she is back home in her favourite room and can watch all the day's activities pass before her eyes, as well as receive countless visitors who can marvel at her strength of character as she recalls 'village happenings' from decades ago. It is hard to think that she is in her eighties, as she has such vivid memories of all that she has been involved in during her lifetime. Harbury owes her and other public spirited people like her, a debt of gratitude for all they have achieved. Ethel is well and truly a 'village character' who has always been determined to do 'her bit' to make Harbury a vibrant community and for those who know her, she has done it 'her way' — that's what has made her the character she continues to be.

**Chris Finch**

## **Spotlight on Local Businesses**

Two businesses at the centre of the Village have changed hands recently, but the transition has been so seamless that many people may not have registered that there are new owners. The Harbury Foodmart was taken over, as another family-run business, in January of this year, whilst the Bull Ring Garage has been under new ownership since last Summer.



## Harbury Foodmart

Following the departure of Malcolm and Bobby, the new owners took over the organisation of all the services immediately with Dal and Lakha Theara involved in running the shop, whilst Lakha's brother, Guv Salh, took on the role of Postmaster. Dal and former owner, Malcolm met whilst they were both in the same group at Warwickshire College some years ago and they have remained in close contact ever since.

Whereas Dal and Lakha live locally, Guv currently lives in Wolverhampton and has to leave by 5.30am every day in order to arrive at the shop in time to 'open up' with either Dal or Lakha in time to receive the morning papers. The 'early birds' in the village know that the shop is open for business by 7.00am, as those who have placed newspaper



orders arrive to collect their 'daily', so that they can peruse the latest news and revelations before departing for work. Two young villagers, Ali Rollason and Richard Bloxham arrive to sort the papers in the morning, whilst Richard also acts as the evening paper-boy who delivers the Coventry Telegraph to those who have placed an order. As with all aspects of a village business, Dal identifies that the shop provides a service to its customers and he and Lakha would be quite happy to bring in new products, including magazines, papers or food products, if any villager identifies a particular need which is not currently addressed. In addition to the freshly baked cakes which were available previously, there is now a range of fresh bread from Bread and Co. Banbury on the shelves.

The main change for the Post Office, which has not filtered through to all the village community is that Guv keeps the all the services open until the end of the afternoon each day, whereas many people still consider that Wednesday afternoon is half day closing for the P.O. as it has been for many years. Guv provides all the main range of services offered in larger Post Offices and can facilitate the receipt of payment for most utility bills, including telephone and Council Tax,

which obviates the need to post cheques for those who do not wish to make payments 'on-line'. There are also facilities linked to several main banks, including Alliance & Leicester, Barclays, the Co-operative Bank and the T.S.B., so that private customers can pay in either cash or cheques over the counter and they, as well as local businesses can make deposits to their accounts. The 'behind the scenes' service of the P.O. has continued, as before, with the four post ladies and one man arriving by 6.00am to sort the post for Harbury and the outlying villages. Barbara, Eddie, Leone, Margaret and Mary, the main "post persons" are supported by Norma, the relief 'postie' when needed.

So far, the business appears unchanged, but Dal hopes to renovate the interior of the property and carry out some modernisation. He has already extended the range of wines and spirits and would be happy to offer drinks on a sale or return basis for local parties, as well as offering a glass hire service. He is also considering stocking an increased range of Indian products and authentic spices and would welcome any comments from existing customers. The shop still offers D.V.D.'s for rent and there is an impressive range of cards for all occasions, as well as vital stationery needs and an opportunity to be 'in it, to win it' with Lottery tickets sold for the national and Euro draws.

Dal, Guv and Lakha would like to thank all those in the village who have been so welcoming to them since their arrival and in turn, the Harbury and Ladbroke News is pleased to place a spotlight on the services offered, which continue to make Harbury a delightful (and convenient) place to live. The Foodmart is open from 7.00am to 8.00pm throughout the week and on Saturdays and from 8.00am until 3.00pm on Sundays.

## **Bull Ring Garage Limited**

Steve Munson took over the running of the garage when the former owner, Dave Holyoake retired last August. Although Dave is no longer involved with the garage trade, he is still continuing with the Sunbeam Mail Order business, which he previously operated from the premises in Church Terrace.

Steve originated from Ipswich and his first introduction to Leamington was through the acceptance of an invitation to an engagement party when he was twenty. He liked the area so much that he has been here ever since and is currently living in Whitnash with his wife Lynn, a nurse and son, Simon who is studying for his 'A' levels at Myton School.





Steve attended college in Ipswich, but having made the decision to live in Warwickshire, he first worked for 14 years for Stevron Bodies in Wellesbourne where he operated, STEC, his own business within the company. He carried out body work and mechanical repairs on all types of cars, as well as attending to modern motorcycles. Eight years ago he came to Harbury to work alongside Dave and his team of mechanics and when the opportunity to buy the business was mentioned last summer, Steve took up the challenge to become the boss of the village enterprise. He bought the property on the corner of High

Street with his friend Tony Adams who is a local builder and together they have set about refurbishing some parts of the premises. So far, they have created a new reception area at the side of the building, as well as office accommodation and they have set to work upgrading the service areas, so that the motorcycle business is operated from the rear of the building, whilst cars are serviced towards the front of the premises.

Steve has taken on two young mechanics to assist with the expanding business, as Geoff who had previously worked for Dave moved out of the area and Robin secured another job before Dave's departure. The new recruits are "Harbury lad", Sam Wilkins, who went to Southam College and Adam Stephenson from Whitnash who both do a 1-day release on an automotive course at the Trident Centre, (part of Warwickshire F.E. College) situated opposite the Heathcote pub. Another vital member of the Bull Ring team is Ricky Leek, an independent engineer operating R.M.L. Engineering, who is able to produce a range of mechanical components in the machine shop currently housed in the annexed building at the side of the main premises. It is hoped to re-house Ricky in a new engineering shop once essential re-wiring has been completed.



Steve identifies that all the workforce are vital for the efficient functioning of the business and he is planning to purchase corporate gear for the employees in the near future. He also has plans to improve the overall appearance of the property as seen from Church Street and so far has painted the main entrance to the workshop with the new livery for the Bull Ring Garage, which advertises that work is carried out on Class 1 & 2 motorcycles as well as Class 4 – private cars and vans up to 3kg.

Steve has installed the latest computer technology, which is vital for diagnostic testing on the latest models and the company is registered for M.O.T. work. Although no bodywork is carried out in Harbury, Steve is willing to oversee any requirement for 'cosmetic' or other damage with local contacts, which he knows he can trust to do an excellent job. He has also made an arrangement with Southam Tyres to sell and fit tyres at a very competitive price, so that customers can leave a car at the garage and return to find that tyres have been collected and fitted in the workshop without the need for them to travel to the main warehouse. Steve also offers a 'total service' for any car which might need specialist treatment, including those which may need to be taken to the relevant dealership. He will arrange a complete package of behalf of any of his customers, so that once a car is left with him at the Bull Ring Garage all the negotiation is carried out through him, so that the perceived 'hassle' felt by discussing unfamiliar needs are left in professional hands. Steve recognises that a local garage has to offer a good service and he is willing to go the 'extra mile' to ensure that the garage is recognised for the quality of its service.

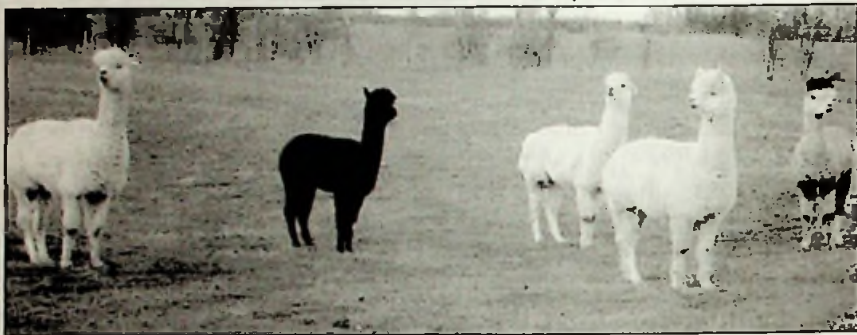
In his spare time away from the garage, Steve enjoys the freedom of the 'open road' and has motored to all parts of England as an 'independent traveller' both on his motor-scooter in the early days, as well as in his car, which doubled as his sleeping quarters by night. At one time he used to race motor cycles as an amateur, but now he travels across Europe to watch the world superbike championship and to experience the Nurburgring circuit in Germany. The old circuit in the Mosel valley was featured by Jeremy Clarkson in a Top Gear programme and enthusiasts from throughout the world descend on the area to try out the bends on the former racing circuit, which has been replaced by the new Formula One circuit alongside. As the original circuit is now a public road, any form of transport can use the track for a quick 'burn up' and it is not unusual to see motorbikes, cars and even coaches hurtling around the steep banks and chicanes. Steve

enjoys the buzz he gets from speeding round the 14 mile circuit on his motorbike and returns several times a year. The thought of driving his business in Harbury forwards over the coming years is another challenge and since he is a 'man on the move' he will undoubtedly make his mark in the motor trade whilst based in Harbury.

**Chris Finch**

## **Llamas out and about?**

'When is a llama not a llama — when it is an alpaca'.



The five animals, three white, one brown and one grey, in a field in on the Ufton road out of Harbury, which have been the subject of fascination to all those who have seen the resident 'llamas' are, in fact, alpacas. For anyone who hasn't yet seen the unusual livestock which have prompted so much discussion, they are located in front of Cecil (Bonzo) Bloxham's property, which is adjacent to the Churchiands Business Park. It is possible to get a good close-up view of the animals by walking a short distance up the sign-posted footpath, as they are an inquisitive species of Camelid, which has adjusted well to life in the U.K. The group of New World Camelids, includes alpacas, camels, guanacos, llamas and vicunas and for anyone interested in finding more information about them, several web-sites are dedicated to the origin and history of all the species. There is even a British Association for alpacas with its main farm situated at Roseland, near Tiverton, Devon.

For the uninitiated, it would seem that one of the main obvious differences between alpacas and llamas is that the former have woolly hair on their heads, whilst llamas have close cropped hair. Certainly, on close inspection, the five animals just outside Harbury look as though their owner has stuck a roughly crinkled wig between their ears, which gives them a somewhat amusing appearance. The

alpacas have all been brought to this area by Michael Kent who hopes to breed from them, as the wool is softer than cashmere, but stronger than wool and is a highly desirable fibre. At present, there are insufficient numbers in the country to make production of alpaca wool a viable proposition, but eventually the intention is build up the population to a sizeable proportion. The five local residents are all males, whilst the females are separated during the breeding season and are located in a field in Rugby. The species originated from South America and are mainly found in Peru and Bolivia where they are bred in sufficient numbers to make the production of their wool an important part of the local economy contributing to the exotically coloured hats, ponchos and gloves worn by the local people. Alpacas don't have claws, horns or hooves and are considered to be excellent herd animals, which survive with very little attention needing only an outdoor open shelter and supplies of grass and hay to keep them going. The alpacas have certainly been a talking point to travellers along the road to Southam, but it may need someone to check whether the llamas which are supposed to inhabit fields in Deppers Bridge are really llamas or more alpacas. Remember the dishevelled wig between the ears and you will be able to tell!

**Chris Finch**

## **Southam Carnival**

This year's theme is 'The World of Entertainment.'

Southam Carnival to be held on Monday 29th May 2006 will set off from Wood Street Car Park at 12.30.mid-day, arriving at the Recreation Ground at approximately 1.30.pm, led by a matching band and The Town Mayor.

The six aside football starts about 12.30 pm at the Recreation Ground and continues through out the afternoon.

We have a Punch and Judy Show, family entertainment, a big Fun Fair, hot and cold food and drinks.

If you would like to book a stall please call Malcolm on 814294

To take part in the procession phone Joy 812718

For all general enquires ring Terry on 817744

Hope to see you all there, enjoying a wonderfully fun packed day.

**Terry Grey**



## Take Time Out – Ufton

A wide variety of events including archaeology, painting, upholstery, jewellery and genealogy feature in the 2006/07 programme, please call for your copy or see the notice board in Ufton.

The 'Transfer any Image' workshop in April was most fascinating with Pat Osborne showing how to print onto candles, fabrics and wood using Lazertran film.

### Next Events:

**Friday 19th May** - Who Do You Think You Are? - 7.30 – 9.30pm – Ufton Village Hall

With many people currently researching their family history – or intending to – we have invited expert lecturer Maggie Loughran to Ufton. She specialises in the best use of the internet and will illustrate her power point lecture with lots of examples of how to find out who we are. We will have a question and answer session, leaflets to take away and refreshments. In response to requests this is an evening event – please do come along. Cost £4.50.

**Thursday 15th June** – 10.00am – 12.30pm – 'Vintage Jewellery' – making event.

**Thursday 6th July** – Archaeology Day Out – morning visit to a local private dig.

To book these events contact Karin Kirk on 613003.

**Gillian Ingham**



### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

*Dear Editors, we would like to thank all the many friends and neighbours of Rene for their help and kindness over the last few years.*

*It was nice to see so many at her funeral on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.  
Sheila, Peter, Emily and Grant*

Dear Editors, we would like to say many, many thanks to everyone for their wonderful support at our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Easter Saturday.

You all made this event such a tremendous success that we have been able to send a cheque for £323 to the warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Appeal.

Well done Harbury.

Our special thanks go to Helen for her unstinting help with the raffle and to Doreen and Hayley for the extra pairs of hands we always need.

We would also like to thank Harbury Pharmacy for supporting this appeal and to Harbury's First Responders for their promotional attendance.

Pat & Sylvia.

Dear Editors, Thank you to all who so generously contributed for the R.N.L.I. in April. £288.33 was raised in Harbury.

Ann Ainscow

Dear Editors, A Huge 'Thank You' to Harbury - from the Alzheimer's Society!

I felt I must write on behalf of the South warwickshire Branch of the Alzheimer's Society to say how delighted we were with the magnificent support, which the village gave to our fund-raising coffee morning on April 18th. We have been aware for some time of the remarkable programme of Saturday morning charity events which have been running in the village for some years and were delighted when we were awarded a precious slot in the programme. We were determined to make a success of it and for some weeks our team of volunteers were assembling what we hoped would be a good selection of cakes, raffle prizes, books videos, plants and other good quality

gifts. The help which we received from Anne and John Moore, Joyce Windsor and other residents both before the event and during the morning was superb and many new friendships were made. However the most delightful aspect was the way in which the village rallied round the Society. By 10.30 there wasn't a spare seat to be had, all our cakes were swept up with amazing speed, the ladies on the raffle table worked their fingers to the bone and every stall did splendid business. 120 cups of coffee were served and there was a real sense of villagers enjoying being together and at the same time offering a warm welcome to visitors.

But I shouldn't be surprised at this - for my family and I were lucky enough to be part of it all in the 1970s. Connie and I together, with our children David and Jane, lived in Harbury from 1971 to 1976 and nothing before or since has quite equalled the feeling of being part of a vibrant and caring community. But life moves on and sadly 8 years ago Connie was diagnosed with Dementia and has recently had to move into long term care. We joined the South Warwickshire Branch of the Alzheimer's Society very soon after she became ill and the support and professional help we have received has been marvellous and has in so many ways helped us both to deal with the problems which come with a serious illness. I am now a volunteer and help to organise musical events, fund raising initiatives and advise on research applications to the National Society. If anyone in Harbury has family members or friends coping with this illness and feels that they might benefit from the support of this fine organisation I do hope they won't hesitate to contact the local Branch Office in Leamington (01926 555599).

I almost forgot! - we raised £320 at the coffee morning. Thanks to everyone. We would love to come again.

John Goodfellow

Dear Editors, we thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning for Multiple Sclerosis Society and our helpers who made it a success. The amount raised was £441.51, which has been sent to the society. Again, thank you.

Doreen Bloxham & Brenda Turner



Dear Editors, Deppers Bridge now has a centenarian – congratulations Mr Cyril Townend on receiving his Telegram from H.M the Queen for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Muriel Grey

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Dear Editors, Further to Mike Bloxham's article about the crow. Years ago there were big rookeries at Harbury House and between the parks, now the school and Manor Orchard. The nests were in big Elms which grew in abundance. The Elm tree was known as the warwickshire weed, the biggest grew at Sutton under Brailes where the skeleton can still be seen. Rich people were buried in oak coffins, the poor Elm. Mike makes a lovely case for crows, but the 'crows' following the plough are usually rooks. The carrion crow is a predator and mates for life. They take young birds eggs and in fact any eggs, chickens, young rabbits and they will peck the eyes out of weakly lambs. They also love road kill.

I was once fortunate to see a crow's court with defendant in the middle of a ring of crows which would take it in turn to peck it. During the 39 - 45 war, farmers were asked to hold crow shoots.

The Crow

upon the naked Ash tree top the crow  
with rakish eye and plenished crop  
oblivious of the farmers gun

The crow

Yours, The rural Raconteur  
(Bonzo Bloxham)

#### **JUNE EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

**Adverts to 31, Binswood End** by 15th May

**Articles to Harbury Pharmacy** by 26th May

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

## **Bookings for:**

Scout Hut	Lesley van Kesteren	613411
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Sally Stringer	613214
Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

## **Regular Diary Dates**

**ART TUTORIALS:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Monday mornings (612877) 10:00am-12:00noon  
Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;  
Friday (612029) (Juniors) 6:30-8:00pm;

**BELL RINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS** various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm  
(613207); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30-12.00 Noon (612864)

**BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm

**CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES** Farley Room Wednesday 4.00-8.00pm (01789 290733)

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm

**CHURCH NEN'S GROUP:** Tom Hauley Room 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 7.45pm

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

**DROP-IN TEA:** (612585) 19, Farm Street, 2.30 to 4.30pm, Last Wednesday in the month

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Shakespeare Inn 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 8:30pm

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:** Chairman: Mike Jones Tel: 614040

**Year 1 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury playing fields  
Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

**Years 2&3 -** Training: 10.45am Saturday at Harbury School  
Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

**Year 4 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School  
Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

**Year 5 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School  
Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

**Under 12s -** Training: 10.30am Saturday at Harbury playing fields  
Coach: Andy Dickson Tel: 612192

**Under 15s -** Training: 11am Saturday at Myton School  
Coach: Keith Edwards Tel: 421414

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm – 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm (614316)

**HARBURY RAINBOWS :** Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm

**HARBURY THEATRE GROUP** Last Monday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612150)

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm (613311)

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** (613730) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Tom Hauley Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00noon

**LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

**NETBALL CLUB:** (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Tom Hauley Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month 7.30am

**MOTHER'S UNION:** Tom Hauley Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month 8pm

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

**PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP:** (612792) Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at the Shakespeare 8:00pm

**TENNIS CLUB: CLUB MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES**

ADULTS: Tuesdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Thursdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Wednesdays: 1.45pm - 3.15pm

Saturdays (Winter only): 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sundays (Summer only): 10am - 12 noon

Club Members may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked. Guests playing with members should pay £1 an hour.

If you would like to become a member, please contact Angie Dean (secretary) on 614513 or Colin Mercer (Chairman) on 613284.

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



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