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Editorial

Ladbroke has a vacancy for a parish councillor and the clerk would be very pleased to hear from anyone who is interested.

The Remembrance Sunday commemoration will be on the 8th November at 10.15am at Harbury Church followed by the act of remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00am. This is the time that we remember all those who have lost their lives in the past and current conflicts.

Congratulations to Susie Tawney and Bryn for the medal they won at the European Canicross Championships in Hungary.

The next Theatre Group production, "Tons of Money" at the end of the month, promises to be a highly amusing production. Book your seats early!

Last month, the magazine carried the Harbury Helpline, which listed an old version and we apologize for any distress caused through this error.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

Sun **ALL SAINTS' DAY** 1 Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room All Souls' Remembrance Service 6.00pm Mon SCHOOL STARTS 2 Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society New Zealand, The Islands, plants, gardens and people, by Howard Drury 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room. Weds 4 Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10.00pm in Village Hall Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room "Life on the Mission Field" Yvonne Wheeler Thurs 5 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall Holy Communion 9.45am

Art Group 10.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

		Harbury School Choir 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall
		Folk Club 8.30pm in Dog Inn
Fri	6	Tai Chi 7-8.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	7	British Legion Coffee Morning 10-12 noon in Tom Hauley
		Room
		VILLAGE BONFIRE at Recreation Grounds. Bonfire Ignition
		6pm, Tickets £3.50 & £2.50 (child) at Muglestons.
Sun	8	III BEFORE ADVENT
		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Remembrance Service 10.15am
		Act of Remembrance 11.00am at War Memorial
		French Dance Workshop 9.30-1.30pm in Village Hall
Tues	10	Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Harbury Friends Bonfire Sausage Supper & Quiz, 8pm Tom
		Hauley Room
Wed		Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10pm in Village Hall
Thurs	12	Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
		Holy Communion 9.45am
		Harbury School Choir 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall
F-:	40	WI Annual Event 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Fri	13	Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall
		Twinning AGM & Wine Tasting in Tom Hauley Room PTA Quiz Night at School
Sat	14	Air Ambulance Coffee Morning 10-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
Sai	14	Craft Fayre in Village Hall
		Moving Pictures in Village Hall – "Harry Potter and the Half
		Blood Prince" (Cert 12A), Doors open 6.45pm, film starts
		7.15pm, tickets £3.50 each or £10 for a family – available on the
		door only
Sun	15	II BEFORE ADVENT
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Family Communion Service 10.30am
		Bishop Christopher presiding and preaching
		Evensong 6.00pm
		French Dance Workshop 9.30-1.30pm in Village Hall
Tues	17	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Mothers' Union Open Meeting 8.00pm in Church
		"Vestments and Colours" – Father Craig – All Welcome
		Senior Citizens Benefit Association 8pm in Village Hall
Wed	18	Family Craft Session 1-2.30pm for parents, carers & children in
		Village Hall run by Southam Children's Centre. £1 per family at
		the door.

		Tea 3.00 to 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	19	Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10pm in Village Hall BLOOD DONORS SESSION IN VILLAGE HALL Holy Communion 9.45am
0.	0.4	Harbury School Choir 6.30-8pm, Village Hall
Sat	21	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Alzhiemer's Society Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in the
		Tom Hauley Room
Sun	22	CHRIST THE KING
		SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
T	24	Songs of Praise 4.00 to 6.00pm (with refreshments)
Tues	24	Ladies Indulgence Evening 7.30pm at Village Club £1 at door,non-members welcome Raffle to B'ham Children's Hospital.
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
Weds	25	Family Craft Session 1.00-2.30pm for parents, carers &
		Children in Village Hall run by Southam Children's Centre. £1
		per family at the door.
		Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30to4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
		Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10pm in Village Hall
		Harbury Society – Jacky Lawrence on Community Action on
		Climate Change, 7.30pm for 8pm in Tom Hauley Room. All
Thurs	26	Welcome. ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET OR E-
THUIS	20	MAIL BY 5.30PM
		Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
		Holy Communion 9.45am
		Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
		PLAY "Tons of Money" 7.30 for 8.00pm in Village Hall
		Parish Council 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
	27	PLAY "Tons of Money" 7.30 for 8.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	28	Coffee Morning for "Biblelands", 10.00am – 12 noon, Tom
		Hauley Rooms PLAY "Tons of Money" 7.30 for 8pm in Village Hall
Sun	29	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Juii	_0	Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
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Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society Festive Fun 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Weds 2 Family Craft Session 1-2.30pm for parents, carers & children In Village Hall run by Southam Children's Centre. £1 per family at the door. Holy Communion 2.00pmMothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm

Tom Hauley Room

"Games we used to play at Christmas"

Thurs 3 BLOOD DONOR SESSION IN VILLAGE HALL

Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

Art Group 10.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room Harbury School Choir 6.30-8pm, Village Hall Men's Group 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room

Follk Club 8.30pm in Dog Inn

Fri 4 PTA Christmas Disco

Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 5 Coffee Morning for the W.I, 10.00am – 12 noon, Tom

Hauley Room

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2.00pm in Village Hall

Folk Group Concert in Church 7.30pm Tickets £7 612819 &

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Sun 6 ADVENT II

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room

Service of Benediction 6.00pm

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
November	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	4	5	6	Grey Bin
	11	12	13	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	18	19	20	Grey Bin
	25	26	27	Green & Blue Lid Bins
December	2	3	4	Grey Bin
	9	10	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	17	18	Grey Bin
	TBC	TBC	TBC	Green & Blue Lid Bins



From the Rector

Father Craig Groocock
The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

Remember, remember the 5th November

I remarked last month about the period of remembrance we are coming into as a church and society. I talked about All Saints and All Souls tide and Remembrance Sunday particularly.

This month of course we celebrate Bonfire Night where once again we don our woollies, venture outside and enjoy the sounds and sight of the fireworks – fantastic. I love Bonfire Night. There's nothing quite like eating a hot dog (with onions of course) whilst enjoying the display.

But what is it, on November 5th, that we celebrate? Well, as you know, Bonfire Night celebrates the downfall of the **Gunpowder Plot** of 5 November 1605, in which a number of **Catholic conspirators**, including **Guy Fawkes**, were alleged to be attempting to blow up the **Houses of Parliament** taking the King along with it. King James I was anti-catholic and under his reign, the practicing of the Catholic faith was virtually outlawed. The plotters, being Catholic themselves, wanted to respond through this act of terrorism. The plotters were of course discovered before they could carry out what they had planned. Guy Fawkes was executed and the King ordered bonfires to be burned each year as an act of remembrance.

For us today Bonfire Night is a family occasion and as we enjoy our village bonfire again this year let's all have great fun doing so. As we eat our hot dogs (with or without onions) none of us are thinking about the events of the seventeenth century and celebrating the execution of a group of Catholics who dared to stand against the King.

However, Bonfire Night is a celebration for the whole community as we come together, young and old having fun and enjoying the night simply for what it is we can complicate things too much can't we?

God bless and enjoy the hotdogs!

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

October 11 Regan Fairbrother

October 25 Grace and Sophia Grinson

Burial of Ashes, All Saints', Harbury

October 1 Chris Newbery

October 9 Denis Andrews



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

Yet another happy Harvest Supper! Thank you to all those helping



and organising for working so hard and willingly SO beforehand and on the night. We were very well fed and watered. the Village Hall looked wonderfully festive and the home arown entertainment had to be seen and heard to be believed! Thank you all very very much and thank you to all who came to enjoy the evening.

This month's Family Communion service fell on the festival of St Luke

the Evangelist who, in telling of the disciples who spread the good news of Christ's Kingdom, lived out his own story. Su gave the talk. She reminded us of the way this world works. It teaches us of the importance of the celebrity culture, of image, of how, in order to survive, if we mess up we should blame others and discard relationships of no "use" to us. Then she reminded us of the nature of God's Kingdom: a place where he values each one of us as part of his creation, where messing up doesn't mean we have to blame someone else but, because of his forgiveness, we can start again, a place where we can ask for the grace to work hard at our relationships and



First Light

Alison Abbott

treat others as we'd like them to treat us. So then, **there** is the good news of Christ's Kingdom! We thank Su for a powerful message.

We give thanks in this month of remembrance, for all those who, in the near and distant past have worked in this place to spread the good news that the Kingdom of God is near.

We are very blessed to have such a wide range of styles of worship here at Harbury; Benediction, regular Eucharist, Celtic style, right through to 1st Light to mention just a few. Quite a range and all happening at All Saints. Something we hope for everyone, whatever the way you like to meet God. 1st Light is definitely at the least formal end of all that. We don't have set words that we use, in fact we don't really have a set anything! Each month is different. First light lasts about 30 to 40 minutes and we aim to do things together with the opportunity for everyone to be involved and the freedom to just observe if you'd rather.

In October we celebrated harvest by borrowing some ideas from the Jews. We built a shelter out of greenery and sang and danced our praise and thanks to God. But it wasn't all noise, one of the best bits was sitting still and looking at an everyday seed or fruit really closely and seeing how beautifully it was made.

Hopefully you will read this before our November 1st Light and I would encourage you to come along. As the posters say "On yer Bike" what could that be about? There is only one way to find out!



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

In December our minds turn once again to Christmas and especially that incredible star. It's there for you, come along. We are very informal, children are very welcome and very much part of what we are because 1st Light really is for all the family.

10 am for coffee, and we get underway at 10.30 in the Tom Hauley Room behind Church.

Our two meetings in October have been addressed by members of the Diocesan board of the Mothers' Union. First, Jill Montgomery led us to look at disagreements – how we handle them in the family, among friends and in the wider community. Quite thought provoking. In the evening we were joined by members from other branches as part of training officer, Barbara Robert's series of courses. There, we thought about the various needs of our own locality and society at large, and

then at how these needs could be alleviated. Whilst often those were big problems needing professional solutions, it was most encouraging to hear of projects which many M.U members and branches were supporting. We were pleased to have the opportunity to meet our new Diocesan President elect – Di Slowenski.

On Monday 30th November at 11.00am, there will be the Advent Carol Service at St. Nicholas, Kenilworth. Transport will be arranged at our November meetings.

Saturday December 5^{th} – Christmas Fair – box of toiletries in Sue's garage or please bring to meeting.

Wednesday November 4th at 2.30pm – Yvonne Wheeler – "Life on the Mission Field".

Tuesday November 17th at 8.00pm – Father Craig will explain about the colours used for vestments and altar coverings in the different seasons. Visitors are invited to join us for this, after the 7.30pm communion service.



Toddlers Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite



Mr Tony Stubbs told us the story of how Zaccheus first met Jesus and how it changed his life! Because Zaccheus was a very small man, he climbed up into a tree to see Jesus as he went by. Zaccheus was a tax collector and very often took more money than he should from the local people for his own use, so he was not very well liked. However, when Jesus saw him in the tree he said "get down from the tree Zaccheus, I am coming to your house for tea!" This meeting with Jesus changed Zaccheus into an honest man and he said he would pay back all the excess money he had taken from the villagers. Accompanied by Mr Michael

Hare on the accordion, we sang "He's got the whole world in his hands" and "Zaccheus was a very little man".

To take home, we made a picture of a palm tree with Zaccheus sitting in the tree. Then we had our refreshments and played until it was time to go.

Our next Toddler Service is on Tuesday 10th November at 2pm in the children's corner of the church. Babies

and toddlers, accompanied by an adult are very welcome to join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

November

Sun	1	ALL SAINTS' DAY
		Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
Mon	2	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	7	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	8	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, Service and Holy Communion, III Before Advent
		In Church
Mon	9	Table Tennis, 8.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	15	II BEFORE ADVENT
		Holy Communion, 9.00am in Church,
		Preacher – Bishop of Coventry
Mon	16	Table Tennis, 8.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Sun	22	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
		Holy Communion,9.00am in Church
Mon	23	Table Tennis, 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	24	Village Hall Trust AGM, 8.00pm in the Village Hall
Thurs	26	Women's Institute, 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	28	Christmas Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	29	ADVENT
		Holy Communion, 9.00am, spoken service at

6.00pm, Advent Carol Service with choir

December

Sun 6 ADVENT II

Family Communion, 10.30am, Church,

followed by refreshments

Mon 7 Table Tennis, 8.00pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

Sunday November 8th Susan Moore (Remembrance Sunday)

Sunday November 15thSusan Moore

Sunday November 22nd Christine Payne

Advent Sunday Nov 29th No flowers during Advent



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Apologies for absence: Both District and County Councillors sent their apologies.

After several declarations of personal interest and the signing of September's meeting minutes, this meeting began with matters arising.

Change of Road Name: All the residents of Windmill Lane, south are to receive a letter asking for their preferences regarding the name change.

The caravan parked behind Ladbroke Farm: This item will remain on the agenda; an enforcement notice has been issued. The caravan in question has been at this site for two or three years, being lived in.

Parking in Windmill Lane: the Council discussed the possibility of a grant to make a "hard-standing" area in the lane. The Highways Department is to be contacted.

Dog Waste Removal: several complaints about this have been received. Notices are to be sited around the village.

The question of waste bins was discussed. It was suggested that it was now legal to put dog waste (in a plastic bag) in the black waste wheelie bins at home.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: An advertisement is to be put in the Harbury and Ladbroke News and on the notice board.

Emergency Plan: This is to go on the website and is regarding flooding, serious road accidents, fires etc.

The Precept for 2010/11 was discussed at some length, the general opinion was that there would be little change to the present precept.

Planning: The plans for a new Village Hall in Ladbroke is pending. The amendment to Tesco's planning application is also pending. Several applications for the pruning or felling of trees from several residents have all been granted.

Highways and Drainage: Rubbish has been cleared from around the base of the trees in Windmill Lane. The rubbish has also been cleared from the hedges at the entrance to the village. This was left by the recent travellers who had camped there. Concern was expressed about the condition of the roadside by Deppers Bridge Farm. The road is very narrow there and the hedges both sides of the road need cutting back. A charge to the owners will be made if the Highways Department have to do the work.

Flooding Equipment: the pump and piping bought by the Council has been tested out and proved to "work well".

Parish Plan: this should be satisfactory once the photographs have been inserted.

Village Hall: new chairs have been bought to replace the ones eaten by mice! The "Blues Night" evening raised £1000; this was divided between the Hall and the Church. The pantomime on December 18th and 19th in the Village Hall is also expected to do well.

Once the plans for the new Village Hall are passed they will go out to tender. We shall then know for sure how much it will cost – "IT WILL HAPPEN".

Millennium Green: £500 was raised at the Boules Tournament in September. The AGM is on October 28th, 7.30pm in the Village Hall – everyone is welcome to attend.

District Councillor's Written Report: this was about the house building expectancy in Stratford District from 2015 – 2020.

The number of houses to be built is 18,000; the worry of course, is will they be affordable?

The meeting closed at 8.56pm. Next meeting: November 18th at 7.45pm.

Councillor Vacancy - Ladbroke.

A vacancy has arisen in the role of Parish Councillor for the village of Ladbroke. This is an interesting, voluntary role where you will deal with various issues and really make a difference to those who live in the village.

The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of every month (except August and December).

Anyone interested in being considered for this position or requiring further information, should contact the Clerk on 01926 613998 or email clerk-ladbrokepc@tiscali.co.uk. Closing date: 23rd November 2009.

Jane Cove

Clerk to Ladbroke Parish Council



Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

Ladbroke Church Harvest Thanksgiving

Ladbroke Church held its Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 4th October with a family service. The Church looked stunning with beautiful flower



arrangements and creative displays of fruit and vegetables. Father Craig gave an appropriate and thought provoking presentation focussing on life giving water as an essential element in our lives

A Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall on Friday 9th October. Fifty five parishioners and

guests enjoyed a feast of Poulet Bon Femme followed by fruit crumble.



Father Craig entertained us on his guitar and featured his speciality song The Dog With No Legs. It was a very happy and successful evening significantly boosting Church funds.

Thank you to everyone for providing displays, raffle prizes, preparing food and assisting in general at both events. Castel Froma was very grateful to receive the harvest gifts.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Carol Lane

There was a good turnout of members on Thursday 22nd October to hear the reports for the last year, at the Annual Meeting.

Before the main business meeting, Sue Moore described the W.I. visit to the new Myton Hospice which has been built on the University Hospital site in Coventry. Women's Institutes have donated money for the design and construction of a sensory garden so this was of particular interest. The patient rooms, built in a horseshoe shape mostly looked onto this garden. Sue was impressed with the individuality of the rooms allowing very specific patient care.

Treasurer, Collette Batty, presented the accounts which showed a healthy balance; secretary Shirley Huxley gave an account of the speakers and outings over the year and President Lesley Jeffries thanked the committee members and many others who had helped over the year.

Warwickshire Advisor, Val Hill, gave information from the National perspective, then led the election of Lesley who will continue as president for the next year.



The picture shows the W.I. Committee for 2009/2010. Back row (from left) Val Hill, Lesley Jeffries, Kay Constable, Reidun Wilkes, Julie Harris, Sue Moore. Front row (from left) Shirley Huxley, Pam Collins, Collette Batty and Janet YeatesThe next meeting will be held on 26th November when John Church will give a talk on Wartime Memories.

Cinderella

Performances on will be held on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm, Saturday Matinee - 19th December at 2.30pm and Saturday 19th December at 7.30pm at Ladbroke Village Hall.

Ticket prices are - £8.00 – Adults and £5 – Children

Please contact – Christine Baker (01926) 811606, Janet Goldson (01926) 817733 or Alan Lochhead (01926) 810886 to purchase tickets or for more details.

Christine Baker

Ladbroke Village Hall Trust

Ladbroke Village Hall Trust A.G.M. will be held on **Tuesday 24**TH **November 2009** commencing at 8pm.

All Welcome

Ladbroke Bell Tower

Practice night is 7.30pm on Mondays and anyone is welcome to drop in and see what we do. We have welcomed two new ringers, Kay Constable (Ladbroke) and Krys Robinson (Deppers Bridge), who have are having one-to-one tuition at the Harry Windsor Ringing Centre in Kineton and are doing brilliantly. The team from Ladbroke have also had several mornings at Kineton to learn new skills and improve their understanding of bell ringing. We have welcomed back John Darkes who is fully recovered from his heart operation and is back ringing the big tenor bell and tolling for us most Sunday mornings. Laura Taylor, our tower captain, rang her first quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Claverdon on 24th September. A quarter peal is a ring of 1260 separate changes (order of bells), which takes about forty five minutes.

Ladbroke bells had a full inspection and maintenance check this year, which our bell fund paid for, with no problems to report.

The Harry Windsor Ringing Centre is based at St Peter's Church in Kineton. Individual tuition is offered and more advanced tutoring in groups. On the first Saturday of every month they run a 'Kids in Charge' morning, where young bell ringers get together and learn new skills. This is a growing group with two Ladbroke children learning and any children who would like to join the group would be most welcome, for more details www.harry-windsor-ringing-centre.co.uk.

Laura Taylor

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The results of the draw for September were:

- £80 Andy Bendzak
- £50 Carole & Peter Loftus
- £25 Sheena Healey
- £10 Trevor Jay
- £10 Lesley Loveday
- £10 Elaine Taylor
- £10 Roger Plaskett
- £10 Geoff & Georgina Middleton

Parish Council

🌠 Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Official minutes can be viewed in the Library on the Parish Council website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk

Firstly apologies to District Cllr Beverley Mann for reporting last month that she said Stratford had approved the mast application for Starbold. They **accepted** the application as valid and are still considering it!

This month's meeting passed in a flash – Tim Lockley got through a packed agenda in only an hour.

Public Participation - Mr Jess Stokes from Learnington outlined his plans to buy the old Post Office and change it into a residential property. The Cllrs were in general, sympathetic to this given the detrimental effect the empty property had on the street scene. They reminded Mr Stokes it was in the Conservation Area and advised him to talk to the adjoining householders.

Reports from other bodies - Cllrs were concerned there was no **Police** representative present again and would make known their disquiet.

Harbury School had been awarded the Green Flag for its Eco-school project and the Pool application had been lodged.

Village Hall upgrade of the toilets would start in January. The Golf Day made over £1,000 and the next Moving Pictures is the latest Harry Potter film.

Councillors Corner - District Cllr Andrew Patrick reported the District agreed to ask the County not to close the Stratford area Fire Stations.

The Tesco's supermarket planning application was being considered. District Cllr Beverley Mann said residents could give views on Stratford's budget at a meeting at Grange Hall on 10th November. A survey form was on the web.

County Cllr Bob Stevens reported the Cemex application was being considered and WCC Officers were told to reconsider the Library Review.

Planning - Stratford granted extensions at Stickle Rise, Temple End, 11 Penelope Close and 5 Pirie Close and tree works at Hill Cottage, Farm Street and the felling of a holly at the Courtyard House at Harbury Hall.

The Parish Council made no representation on either of the extensions at 18 Pineham Avenue or The Byre, 7 Greenhill Farm. They reported that the application for the Linfoot Homes in Bush Heath Lane had been submitted.

Rights of Way - The Parish Council supported moving the Pineham Farm path.

Wind Farm - Cllr Thompson attended the public meeting and considered the presentation was very professional although there is a lot of local opposition. People complained the turbines would be visible from the Burton Dassett Hills. Wind tests would take two years.

Properties - **BMX** - Cllr Stevens would endorse the £10,000 Community Development Fund application towards the cost of the BMX track.

Cemetery - A Faculty had to be obtained for the work to make gravestones safe. The Properties Committee would report on this to the next meeting.

Car Park - Cars were still accessing the Playing Fields at night and a further barrier/bollard was needed. The graffiti would be removed from the signs.

Village Improvements - A temporary solar powered "Speed Indicating Device" would be positioned in Mill Street. Eventually permanent signs which showed excess speed would be fitted in Binswood End and Temple End.

Finances - The Council agreed to give a donation to the British Legion and attend the Remembrance Day Service as usual.

Clir Mancell expressed concern that projects for which money had been set aside had not yet drawn down their funding but reminded Clirs they had agreed any under spend could be put towards the grants for local youth organisations.

Clerk Nicola Thompson complained gently about the paperwork necessary to qualify for the Power of Well-being (which in theory gives PCs the opportunity to take on a wider role) and for Quality Status and the Emergency Plan.

Chairman Tim Lockley suggested that to update the Parish Plan the Council should consider what had already been achieved. At Cllr Thornley's insistence he agreed that there should also be a Public Meeting.

Yes it was an effective and efficient meeting, but boring, with only one bollard!

Next Council Meeting - Thursday 26th November 7.30pm - Tom Hauley Room.

Parish Council Quarterly Report, October 2009

In the last 3 months the Parish Council have:

Granted an easement for the rising main for the proposed development at Bush Heath Lane

Continued to work on making safe various gravestones in the cemetery.

Finalised arrangements for the traffic calming measures

Worked on renewing our Quality Parish Status

Begun work on updating the Parish Plan

Updated the Emergency Plan

Co-opted a new Parish Councillor

Tim Lockley
Parish Council Chairman

Councillors Corner

Andrew Patrick

A reminder that the next Councillors' Corner will be on Saturday 14th November outside the Post Office, 10.00am – 11.30am.

County, District and Parish will all be represented. Hope to see you there!

Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Pete Bones, Structural Engineer, Morris Dancer and Musician, is practical and enthusiastic but first and foremost a performer as he told us about the history of Chesterton Windmill and its rescue from dereliction.

His first encounter with the mill (apart from dancing - in May Day with Hereburgh Morris) was in 2004 when he examined the structure.

The Mill's known history is scant. Sir Edward Peyto, a man with a wonderful library, and friend of Inigo Jones, commissioned the Mill 1632 – the date is on the leeside dormer of the mill, and corn was being milled there by 1634.

Although Jones did design the Manor House that stood on Image Hill, the Gateway and an ornate Icehouse for Sir Edward, it is not thought that the Mill was his work, but he may have influenced Sir Edward who possibly followed a design for a Tower mill with a tail-post and a circular retaining wall by Cpt Agostine Ramelli.

Whoever was responsible, by 1776 there had been major modifications with a winch inserted to turn the cap and by 1860 the sails were changed. Mr Haines was the last miller and the building ceased to function as a mill in 1910.

Some work in 1949 stopped the structure deteriorating but it was not until 1969-71 that the Country Council took on the job of restoring it at a cost of £11,500. It was back in use by 1975.

This is when the talk got very technical, but Pete had made a scale model to show how the sails attached to the windshaft and drove the grindstones. Most of the mechanism is of wood as sparks can explode a suspension of flour.

When the Mill was opened to the public on 9th September 2006 the outer stock broke and caused minor injuries to a bystander. The bolts, inserted to hold wedges in place, had rusted and allowed rot to set in.

There was great popular support for the sails to be replaced and Pete secured funds to do so, and made repairs to the floor of the mill. Quarterly inspections now quickly spot potential damage.

Future Events

24th Nov Tackling Climate Change - Jacky Lawrence 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

We had an enjoyable Harvest Supper. The food prepared by the committee and members was excellent as usual.

Ann has printed copies of the chicken recipe requested by members. The company and entertainment completed the pleasant evening.

Seven members recently went to view the new Coventry Myton Hospice that is finished and will open in November. We were so impressed and everything has been planned to perfection to provide hospitality and care for its visitors. The Butterfly Garden planned by a member from Baginton and sponsored by Warwickshire W.I s will give much pleasure.

A reminder to please bring decorated shoe boxes and fillers to the November meeting as they will be packed on the 18^{th.}.

The W.I coffee morning will be on Saturday 5th December with a raffle, cake stall and bric a brac.

The group service will be at Stockton on Tuesday, 8th December.

Our New Year's Party is on Friday 22nd January.

The speaker at our last meeting was Mr John Naish. Warwickshire Road Safety has produced a Drive for Life handbook with common sense information for drivers of all ages. John spoke of items covered such as eyesight, hearing, mobility and medication - all important when deciding whether one is capable of driving. Micro-sleep can last for up to 15 seconds often with fatal consequences so a rest stop is important and checking oil, water, tyres and clean windows inside and out is important too. When did you last look at the Highway Code? We are all guilty of not doing that but not anymore as we were given the latest copy. In-car assessment and advice can be structured to individual needs and is run by the Approved Driving Instructors of which John is one. Two 1 hour practical sessions at the cost of £52 can be attended using one's own car. To book, please call 412253. This talk was most interesting with members asking questions and voicing their opinions. It was most noticeable that John agreed with most of what was said

November meeting – Thursday 12th (Annual Meeting)

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Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

Harbury Theatre Group's Next Production: Thurs 26, Fri 27 and Sat 28 November – *Tons of Money*

Rehearsals are going swimmingly for the forthcoming winter production of *Tons of Money*, a farce written by Will Evans and Arthur Valentine, adapted and updated by that well loved playwright Alan Ayckbourn.

Aubrey Henry Maitland Allington is an unsuccessful inventor with a list of debts longer than his name. When financial relief arrives in the form of a large inheritance, Aubrey's exuberance is quickly quashed when he realizes that his creditors will certainly snatch up all of his newly acquired "tons of money" before he lays a hand on it.

With explosions, mistaken identity, twists, turns and a spot of near male nudity, what more could an audience ask for. Set in the 1920s, Harbury Theatre Group is set to bring a touch of glamour to the Village Hall in recreating a period drawing room on stage — which will be the home of all the action. With plenty of jokes and a great deal of action, it intends to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening out.

Ticket prices are £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for concessions, and will be on sale from Country Fayre from 9th November. They can also be booked <u>now</u> by calling 613488. The bar will open at 7.30pm and the curtain goes up at 8.00pm.



Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

As I am sure all members already know the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday the 13th November and we hope to see you all there (starting time 8.00pm).

As usual, the committee will be up for re-election and new members are always sought. Immediately following, what I hope will be a suitably short AGM, there will be a wine tasting from a selection of French wines presented by an expert to be accompanied by bread and cheese - not sure if the cheese will be French or English!

Cost to those wishing to stay for the wine tasting is £7.50 per head, and guests would be most welcome.



Folk Club

Ian Hartland

The Folk Club on October 1st was 299 meetings old. Or young, depending on your point of view. The chosen theme was "Clothes", which might seem a little obscure at first but it's actually amazing how many songs do contain references to items of clothing. This became apparent from the start and the theme was continued almost faithfully until the very end of the evening.

First up, The Harvesters with one of the more obvious songs "Where Did You Get That Hat?" complete with a selection of apposite headgear. Stuart was next to the front of house with "No Use For Him Any More" and his re-write of "Gipsy Davy", both with copious references to clothing. Ted and Sue followed with "Sovay, Sovay", about a girl disguising herself in man's apparel as a highwayman. "I was A Young Man" told of a man's disappointment with married life. Peter Mc gave us "We'll Sing Allelujah", by Richard Thompson and the popular "Carmarthen Oak". We then had Summer and Jenny "Washing The Miner's Clothes", this time in a Canadian version, and then "Old Horse". The first round of the evening was concluded by Keith Donnelly with his excellent "I Saw Jesus at the Airport" and his reply to "Blue Suede Shoes", entitled "You Never Trod On My Shoes".

A suitably attired Safari Choir, who performed three of the songs they had performed as part of a much larger ensemble during Warwick Folk Festival weekend, opened the second half. Des, one of their number, remained on stage to give us a Thomas Hardy poem "Ruined, Said She" and the superbly funny story of Belinda Brown sorting out the office computer. Maureen and Janny followed with the apt "Gown Of Green" and then "Two Brothers", a song about the American Civil War. Ron instructed us in "Regina v Collins" and followed it with the everpopular "Joan, The Leather Queen". Peter Mason was next with a couple of excellent songs, one about a Jolly Young Farmer with a modern tune, and another that mentioned rain (and clothes, I believe). To close the second round, we welcomed the Somerville Gentlemen's Band with their rendition of "Weyhill Fair" and the wonderful "Rout of the Blues" with ample references to soldiers' uniforms.

The third part of this busy but bountiful evening was opened with Pete Grassby playing a medley of Longsword tunes, which included the appropriately titled "Rachel Do Your Laces Up!" He followed that with the song "Barrack Street", and tacked a tune neatly onto the end of it. Our next performer was new to Harbury, having only recently returned from spending twenty years living and performing in Australia. Ferguson gave us two self-penned songs, "Dodger's Revenge" for all Oliver Twist devotees, and "The Antipodes Waltz". Accompanied on Octave Mandola, he played some accompaniment to his songs. He is over here travelling around looking for bookings and we wish him every success. Peter Mc brought the evening to an excellent close with a song about woad, to the tune of "Men Of Harlech". Who needs clothes when you can paint yourself blue?

The raffle, which was in aid of Cancer Research for whom Sue and I had run 10K the Sunday before at Blenheim Palace, raised a generous £48.00. The next meeting of the Folk Club will be the momentous 300th edition, on Thursday 5th November, and we expect fireworks from the performers too. Peter Mc will be the host and the theme will be "Celebration". Get there early as it promises to be a classic night with lots of old friends from the Club's back pages.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club got off to a perfect start in the Banbury Floodlit league at Deddington in Division 4. Caroline Morland, Sue Mercer, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer overpowered the home team and romped to an 8-0 win. The second match was at home and visitors Brackley provided much tougher opposition. Jon Guy and Sara Peters joined Caroline and Steve and battled to a 2-2 draw. All 4 rubbers ended 1 set each, the closest being Sara and Jon's mixed doubles. They won the first set on a tie break but couldn't maintain that against a determined Brackley pair and lost the second 5-7.

It wasn't such a good start in the Banbury Winter league with a defeat in the opening match against Banbury who were relegated last season from Division 3. The team of Sue Mercer, Rosemary "if I'm needed" Harley, Tim Lockley and Colin were second best against a strong home team who are clearly up for a quick return to Division 2 and lost 1-7. Rosemary and Tim played really well in their mixed doubles to gain Harbury's only set.

The men's doubles team, playing in Division 4 of the Stratford league also lost the opening match of the season against Alcester, although the 1-3 score doesn't reflect how close the match was with 3 of the 4 rubbers being decided on third set tie breaks, Geoff Prince and Jon Guy being in 2 of them. They won the first rubber and were 1 set up and 4-1 up in the second but allowed the home pair to fight back to halve the rubber. Kevin Moffatt and Mark Pavey had a similar experience in their first rubber which knocked them out of their stride and they lost their second rubber in straight sets.



Rugby Football Club

Michael Steele

Harbury RFC Mini and Midi Festival – 4th October

In unusually good weather, there was even some sunshine and definitely no rain, Harbury hosted it's 19th Mini and Midi Rugby Festival. 320 players and their families from Harbury, Banbury, Daventry, Kenilworth and Leamington descended on the club for a hard fought and extremely enjoyable day. Most of the honours went to Kenilworth, always formidable opponents, but all teams can be proud of the way they played and conducted themselves.

Harbury's teams fared as followed:

Harbury **Under 8s** fought 3 close contested matches. The first one against Daventry resulted in a draw, 4 tries each. Against Kenilworth it was another tough match and unfortunately lost in the dying seconds 5 -4. Kenilworth went on to win the whole festival for the Under 8's. However, in our final match we held our own against Leamington and drew 3 all. Although it is still very early in the season, the Under 8's are proving to play well as a team with some excellent tagging, passing and try scoring. William Banfield was our top scorer with 5 tries.

The top 2 teams in the **Under 9** age group both scored 7 points and could only be split by tries against. Kenilworth won with Leamington runners up and Harbury were a very close 3rd with 6 points. Great try scoring by Alex who scored 4 of the 5 tries, the other 1 scored by Dominic. The whole team played magnificently as for most of them it was at most the 3rd time they have played contact rugby. Some great tackling attempted in their first contact game. Well done everyone.

Harbury 1 - Leamington 2

Kenilworth 0 - Harbury 0

Daventry 2 - Harbury 4

The **Under 11s** started well enough against Daventry and only conceded 1 try. Play was hard and we gave a good account of ourselves. Kenilworth came out fighting and showed flair, with quick ball from the maul, which Harbury had no answer to - 3 tries to nil. Finally we played Leamington and again lost 3 tries to nil. Our best play came from the backs where we had flair from Joe Hunt and Bay Toner.

The **Under 12s** started the festival slowly but by the end were playing rugby they can all be proud of. We opened with a draw against Leamington and then lost by three tries to Banbury. A win against Daventry followed, Ben Taylor scoring the only try. In the final match Harbury put their hearts and soles into the game and were unlucky to be defeated one try to nil by Kenilworth, the festival winners.

A big thank you to everyone involved in putting the day together. It couldn't have happened without you.

11th October Away to Broadstreet

Under 9s

Match 1

9-1 win to Harbury with tries from Dominic 2, Lucas 1, Alex 5 and Finn 1

Match 2

5-2 win to Harbury with tries from Caellach 1, Tim Baldwin 1, Jay 1 and Alex 2.

Great play from everyone, very nice comments from parents of other team who said our squad looked like they had been playing contact for a very long time, rather than just a few weeks.

Under 11s

Our trip to Broadstreet was a bit of learning curve. We played 2 matches of 12 minutes each way and one of 7. The first game saw us sadly lacking answers to Broadstreet's ruck, maul and fast ball along the line. They ran in 3 tries of which they converted 2, without answer, from Harbury. The second game saw a completely different Harbury

team, enter the field, but different only in attitude as very few of the players had changed. Two tries were scored by Harbury's Bay Toner and JB (James Butlin) and converted by Matt Laity, before Broadstreet replied with a converted try. The third match saw us again go down to Broadstreet, but this time by two tries, which they also converted.

Our young team, with quite a few new and inexperienced players gave a good account of themselves, but often found that they had individuals isolated, so were not able to maximise on opportunities as the arose. All our players gave their utmost, but special mention this week to Saul Dyson and JB who were awesome as forwards.

11th October – Home to Kenilworth

Under13s

Banbury 56 v 5 Harbury

A very tough first home game for the U13s against a big , talented Banbury squad. Their left winger was particularly tall and fast running in 4 tries once overlaps had been created by their strong forwards. Finn Toner tackled well throughout and was nearly always first to the breakdown. Harbury's captain, Robert Rollason kep the team's heads up despite being on the back foot for most of the game.

Following two further tries after half time, some good rucking from the forwards, outside centre Aaron Ward burst through to score a consolation try for Harbury. Further tries were scored by Banbury with outstanding play from their hooker and fly half. Credit goes to all the Harbury lads for not letting their spirits drop and playing to the final whistle.

18th October—Away to Barker Butts

Match1

Harbury 4—Barker Butts 3, 2 tries from Alex and 2 from Ceallach

Match 2

3 tries for Danny, 3 for Alex, 1 for Ceallach and 1 for Lucas

Harbury were awesome, they played so well as a team and supported each other superbly, well done. Another comment from the touchline of "it's like REAL rugby"!

Under 11sFollowing our two previous weeks matches, we realised we had some serious uphill work to do if we were to stop Barker Butts avenging themselves against for the defeat we inflicted on them at their tournament last season.

We knew that Barker Butts would give "no quarter"! Harbury, being a happy side, started off laughing and joiking, but the smiles were soon wiped away as B.B ran in their first try which they converted. To be fair, ther was some hard work being carried outby the forwards and the backs were impressive, but Harbury lacked the finish and were too gentlemanly at ruck and maul, giving B.B every opportunity to steal the ball and move forward, which they did until they dropped another try. A missed conversion saw the final score at 12 to nil.

A more serious Harbury took to the field for the second match. Fired up by the single syllable, guttural utterances of J.B. (James Butlin), pack leader, the forwards were unstoppable. They drove and fought hard at every at every ruck and maul. Archie Dewhurst, charged into a maul, driving straight through and crossed the try line, unfortunately, without the ball. Jack Dennis and Saul Dyson at Second Row were impressive as was Lewis Connon, in his new role as a forward. Bay Toner was everywhere. Ryan Comyns had a superb match at Full Back as did Ben Jones on Wing, catching a difficult ball, bravely.

Eventually JB crossed the line to score, but Matt Laity missed the conversion. Joe Hunt then raced down the line from a good ball from Matt, scoring in the corner. The conversion was taken by Ryan, which came in close to the left post, but it was over.

And then, it WAS over. Harbury had won the second game by the same margin as Barker Butts had won the first, a great come back. Everyone played well and all were proud of their achievements. A great TEAM effort. Man of the match was JB. Well done Under 11's.

Under 12s

Harbury 7 v 7 Barkers Butts

Harbury held their own against a well organised team from a much bigger club. We played our full available squad on the day of 21 players during the course of the match, most of which finished in one piece. What never faltered was determination and mental strength which saw the boys come back time and again, eventually to score a well deserved try in the last few minutes of the game. Excellent performances from all with special mention to Josh Hill, Sam Casement and Connor Gladwin. Alex Marston played well throughout and scored our only try which was converted by George McGowan.

October 18th—Home to Alcester

Under 13s

A really good game of rugby which ebbed and flowed between two well matched sides. Harbury started the brighter of the two sides, getting first to the rucks and mauls in numbers, Reegan Gibbons, Robert Rollason, Sam Cave, Joe Webster and Bradley King all put in powerful runs and Josh Biggs put in his best game so far for the Villagers.

Following rucking to the 22 fly half Jack Hewson set inside centre Aaron Ward who powered through the defence to score his first try. All the Harbury forwards played well against a big Alcester pack drawing in extra players leaving gaps for Aaron Ward to break through and score his second try under the posts. Bradley King converted.

From the restart Alcester broke through the Harbury backs defence, the winger looked certain to score until Man of the Match Max Brown tackled him. Playing full back Max also put in some great runs, setting up Aaron for his third try. Outside centre Rory Pickin also put in some great drives forward. Alcester managed to get one try back just before half time. Alcester came out all fired up for the second half and ran in 3 unanswered tries. The result looked like going their way, but credit to the Harbury lads who came back strongly at the end, Bradley King and Sam Cave rucking up to the 5 metre line setting up second row Joe Webster who just made the base of the posts despite 3 players tryin g to prevent him from scoring.

Final score 22—22. Well done all the Harbury lads for a great effort and producing such an entertaining game.



₩ Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



The Bears theme continued throughout the month, linked to all the areas of learning, while the children used their imagination and ingenuity to bring to life through their own ideas the various stories that formed the basis for the theme. The Goldilocks story was reproduced in lots of different ways, using the puppet

theatre as well as dressing up and role play, drawing, painting and making furry collages, and the children enjoyed looking at a wide variety of books about bears. A teddy bears' hospital was set up in the outdoor play area and the children became very adept at applying bandages to teddy bears' limbs and to their friends, some of whom queued up to be "patients".



The children loved making teddy biscuits to take home and we are very grateful to Nuala's nana, and Poppy's, Charlie L's, Ruby's and Charlie K's mummies who came to help in the cooking activity. At snack time, porridge drizzled with honey (as preferred by the three bears!) was very popular. Dry porridge oats replaced sand in the

sand tray and lots of calculation was done to find out how many spoonfuls went into Mummy's, Daddy's and Baby Bear's bowls.

Physical development: Using the Teddy PEGS (Physical Education Games Scheme), the children worked towards gaining their Teddy badges at differing levels for hopping, jumping, skipping, running, catching, throwing and balancing. All the children are involved in this scheme and they have a great time earning their badges while getting lots of exercise in the fresh air.

Travelling Animals: Our soft toy animals have been on their travels again, with each going home with a child for a week and coming back to Pre-School with their diaries completed to let us know what they have been doing. This is a lovely way of providing a home-school link and the children take great pride in looking after the animals.

Diwali: During the last week of the half term, the Diwali story was introduced and the children made Diva lamps using clay, tried naan bread at snack time and used their hands to create Rangoli designs in powder paint. The designs were then printed ready for a display. The role play area was given an Indian theme, including Balti dishes, pretend food, and Indian costumes for dressing up.

Plans for Extension: Following a lengthy consultation process, the plans for the new extension will shortly be submitted to the planning department for approval.

Our thanks go to all those who have given their support and help to this project.

AGM – The AGM was well supported and the Chair was pleased to report that Pre-School had continued to grow from strength to strength over the past year. She proposed a vote of thanks to those committee members who were standing down and the new committee was formed. Pre-School is now looking forward to another successful year.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386. The web site can be found at www.harburypre-school.org.uk.

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

Firstly, a BIG thank you to all who supported us at our recent Barn Dance. A great set by Reel-to-Reel had everyone on their feet and a great time was had by all. We raised over £400. A huge boost to our Pre-School which depends on such events for its future.

We now have a new influx of enthusiastic parents with great ideas for village events. Our next is a Christmas event at the Village Hall on Sunday December 13th – this is an invitation for all to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies whilst enjoying some of the best village entertainment. This follows on from the successful Cream Tea Afternoon we hosted at the beginning of Carnival Week.

Activities for children include the chance to create unique Christmas gifts with Dragon Ceramics. For adults hoping to raise a bit of extra cash for Christmas or grab a bargain we will also be hosting a Nearly New Sale at the same event. Sell your unwanted children's clothes, toys and equipment or come and find some bargains - £5 per stall for sellers.

We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you!

Julie Young & Helen Gowland



Nursery School Staff & Committee

Forest School

We have held three Forest School sessions this term. During the first session the children went on a spider hunt, made spider catchers from willow and created mud spiders from the natural resources. During the second session the children looked at a different selection of textures then explored the forest looking for examples of them. Amanda also talked to the children about different kinds of seeds and helped them to plant acorns, the children then created a tree collage. During the last session Amanda showed the children a variety of different shaped and coloured leaves and the children made a sticky leaf book mark, used charcoal for bark rubbing and Sofia also brought in some snails to add to our minibeast hotel.





Other activities this month have included:

- * creating a 3d collage of seeds and autumn leaves
- * mixing autumn colours to make leaf prints
- * making and tasting porridge
- * using the story of Goldilocks and the three bears to investigate and explore size and size language
- * tasting food opposites such as sweet and sour, hot and cold, wet and dry
- * making observational drawings of snails and pumpkins
- * visiting church for the toddler service

Forest School Taster Session

Windmills Nursery is holding a Forest School taster session on Wednesday 11th November from 1pm - 2.30pm in our woodland setting. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to enjoy a

FREE taster session together at Windmills Forest School and find out more about our fabulous facilities. Places must be booked in advance and numbers are limited, so please phone Marie Kennedy or Tina Varriale on 07906 519148.

Open Afternoon - Stay and Play Session

Windmills Nursery School is holding a Stay and Play Session in the Nursery Classroom on Harbury Primary School site on Wednesday 25th November from 1pm - 2.30pm. This will be a chance for parents to look around the room, to meet the staff and join in with our activities.



Fundraising Dates for your Diary

Windmills together with Harbury Netball Club will be holding a Bonfire Disco for children at the Dog Inn from 7pm - 9.00pm following the fireworks at the playing fields on Saturday, 7th November 2009. Tickets are priced at £3.00 to include crisps, a lolly and unlimited squash. There will also be a raffle and glow sticks for sale on the night. All proceeds will be split between both organisations.

Ella Kenrick will be singing at the Old New Inn on Saturday 14th November. Windmills will be selling jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, and there will also be a raffle.

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, log onto our web site at windmillsnursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.

Free Taster Session at Windmills Nursery's Forest School

Come and enjoy a FREE taster session at Windmills Nursery Forest School and find out more about our fabulous facilities!

Windmills Nursery Forest School is one a slowly growing number of Forest Schools in the UK and offers a unique experience for the children who attend.

There are just a handful of Forest Schools in Warwickshire, and ours is proving popular not just with the children but also with people wishing to find out about this educational approach and learn from our experience.

Through play, children learn about the natural environment in a multisensory way, as well as how to handle risks and to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others. The programme runs throughout the year, going to the wooded area in all weathers. Amanda, the qualified Forest School Practitioner, says "There's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes!"

The idea for outdoor nurseries first developed in Denmark in the 1950s and has spread across Scandinavia and to Germany and Switzerland. In Germany there are 700 Waldkindergärten, or woodland nurseries. Despite the fact that the weather in these countries where woodland nurseries have taken off is not particularly mild, they are increasingly popular with parents worried about the cosseted, often sedentary lifestyle of today's children. Researchers questioned teachers in Germany about the performance of Waldkindergärten children in their first year at school compared with their indoor peers. In six categories, including cognitive tasks, creativity and physical ability, children from the woods outperformed children from ordinary kindergartens.



Children are encouraged to succeed through tasks. small. achievable leading development of self-esteem and self-confidence. Every session includes a creative (fulfilling Early Years Foundation Stage criteria) as well as the opportunity to get grubby and run around; free play is an important part of every visit. The session ends with a story at the log circle and a sharing of what everyone enjoyed most, developing the children's communication skills. Amanda has completed a risk assessment for the settina and also prepares risk

assessments for each activity the children take part in, ensuring their health and safety is never endangered. "Children develop their own sense of risk by being able to do things without going too far". For some children this might mean balancing on a fallen log, for others, it will be climbing one of the trees at Forest School unaided. "We encourage the children to climb trees without help. Sometimes we need to show them the best way to get up or down, but if you don't lift them into trees they won't go too high to get in trouble."

If you are interested in a joining our **FREE** taster session on Wednesday 11 November from 1pm until 2.30pm, please phone Marie Kennedy or Tina Varriale on 07906 519148. Places must be booked in advance and numbers are limited.

If you would like your child to join Windmills Nursery and take part in our regular Forest School, please contact Tina or Marie.





Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Sponsored Walks

Congratulations to all of the children who took part so enthusiastically in the two walks. Many thanks, too, to the parents who helped make the walks such a success. Could I now ask parents to help the children collect in the sponsor money as soon as possible – we really do not want the collection of money to drag on over a long period of time.

School Sport

Our sports teams are now starting to get involved in their seasons. The Football team played its first league fixture of the season recently, when they defeated Bishop Itchington 3-2 in a pulsating game. Well done, boys. Their next fixture is a four-sided tournament, hosted by us.

The Cross Country teams were also in action recently, with the girls' team continuing their incredible run of success with victory in the second Central Warwickshire Schools' league fixture of the season.

Remarkably, three of the girls (Chelsea, Paige and Nikki) repeated their performances from the first race, finishing 6th, 8th and 15th respectively, while fourth counter Sophie improved two places up to 23rd.

The boys' team has not really got going yet this season, but is showing great promise.

Unable to field a full team in the first fixture due to injuries picked up playing football, the team was unable to complete in the second fixture due to illness! However, our three competitors did us proud, with Saul leading the team home in 6th place (he won the first race, but paid the price this time of having run 10 laps of the sponsored walk the day before he raced!), followed by Lee in an excellent 21st place in his debut run, and Jamie, also running for the first time, in a promising 101st place. Well done to both teams.

School Meals

As we start to move towards winter, could I encourage parents to think about ordering hot meals for their children. The new menu comes into force on 16th November – details can be found by visiting www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals.

Southam Childrens' Centre

I had a meeting with the manager from the Children's Centre, which is based at the Graham Adams Centre in Southam (near Southam Primary School). She has asked me to invite our parents to two events being hosted by the Children's Centre:

- A "Together Time" for all mums, dads and carers with children under the age of 5, which will be taking place on the 7th and 21st November and 5th and 19th December from 10-11.30. If you are in Southam, why not pop along. The cost is £1 per family, which includes a snack for children.
- A new group for young parents (under 25s) is being set up at the Memorial Hall, Bishops Itchington. It meets every Thursday, from 1-2.30pm and is "an opportunity to meet other young parents while the children play in stimulating surroundings". Refreshments are provided.

If you would like further information about either of these two events, or other events based around the Children's Centre, please contact them on 814953.

PTA

Many thanks to those parents who attended the AGM – it was gratifying to see such a good attendance, and to have so many parents volunteer to help this year. The PTA is a vital part of school life, and my thanks go out to those who worked so hard last year. There is a full programme of events planned for this year including:

Friday 13th November Quiz Night, Friday 4th December Christmas

Disco (Primary School children only) and into next year, Easter Egg Competition, Raffle and 100 Club Draw, May Dance Celebration, Harbury Carnival, Beerwalk and Summer Fayre.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Fund raising continues to be at the forefront of the Village Hall committee's collective minds, with an event which has just taken place and events planned for the future.

At the end of October, Andrew Lawrence organised an excellent Golf Competition at the Coventry Golf Club for 79 players (including 16 from Coventry Golf Club). 17 of the 18 holes received sponsorship from individuals or organisations within the village and pairs of golfers teed off at different holes around the course on a 'shotgun' basis. Andrew expressed his gratitude to all those had supported this venture on the greens and fairways of the Coventry course and thanked Peter Rollason who acted as the MC throughout the day. The overall winners of the event were not, surprisingly (?), the Coventry Golf Captain and his wife, but our own Kathy Phelps won the Ladies championship with her partner from the Ingon Golf Club, Judith It was by all accounts an excellent day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks are due to Andrew and wife Sue for all the hard work they put in both before the day and during the day's proceedings, as it was their brainchild, which set the plans in motion.

This month, members of the committee have also been in discussion with John Crossling (committee) and other members from CAMRA about holding a mini-beer Festival – probably next March. The annual event, which is held in September, is so successful that it was thought that local beer aficionados might welcome another chance to sample local real ales in the early part of the year. Details will be publicised in the Harbury News when plans are finalised.

Also this month, Lana Long, who has worked tirelessly to offer the extremely successful 'Moving Pictures' for over a year, has succeeded in getting the latest 'Harry Potter' movie before it becomes available for general release in the shops. Tickets for the show and for 'real' hot dogs during the interval, will be available before the day and information is provided elsewhere in the magazine – see the advert for details.

There is also a reminder about the annual 'day before New Year's Eve' dance on December 30th. Reservations can be made by ringing 612305 (with answer machine facilities) and all requests will be acknowledged. The tickets, priced £22.50 will sell out fairly quickly, so early decisions are vital if you want to be part of the action. A decision about this year's special feature (last year it was masks) will be made at the next committee meeting on Nov 7th.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery Christine Dakin

Writing this in the second week on October, it feels like we've been blessed with a very late Indian summer. The skies are blue, the winds are light, the leaves are giving us a wonderful display of golds and reds, berries and fruits are plentiful.

BUT the ground is cracked and very dry, so unusual at this time of year but I am sure that we will soon be complaining of too much rain!

At work, we have been busy watering, weeding, potting up bulbs for next spring and summer and serving customers (not much different from any other time of year really!). Our second large order of plants was carefully loaded into the van and trailer (thank you Rex and Steve) and driven over to the Lower School at Bromham – a large village on the outskirts of Bedford. We unloaded the plants, helped lay them out according to the plan prepared by the garden designer and came home leaving the designer to supervise the children plant all 476 plants!

Do any of you watch and/or like Gardener's World on TV on Friday evenings? Several customers have said that they have given up on it/don't like the presenters/don't like the format and rather wistfully wish for a better programme. I'd be interested to know if you agree or, if you enjoy it, what you like about it. If I get some replies, I will pass them on to the BBC. Gardening programmes are few and far between now compared with 10 years ago.

Reminders for November:

Plant your garlic

Sow broad beans

Gather fallen leaves by mowing them (easier than raking!) – they will rot down quicker in the compost bin

Use that well decomposed compost you have been making all year on the ground to break up the clay soil. Spread it around as thick as you can, the worms will do the rest for you.

Clear off fallen leaves from the rockery to avoid alpines getting too wet over the winter.

Plant any bare-root plants between now and March, this includes: fruit bushes and trees, hedging, roses and ornamental trees (don't forget that trees will need staking).

Tel: 01926 812737

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Writing this on Monday 19th October, there is a decided nip in the air. Although we've had little rain, we have had a few days of drizzly precipitation and occasional frosts; enough rain for the wheat to germinate so that many arable fields are, on closer inspection, flecked with green. A mature frog ended up squashed in Mill Street one damp morning earlier in the month.

I've learned a new word -'gibbous'. Astronomically, it refers to a waxing or waning moon which is greater than half lit but not full (from 17th century 'Late Latin' gibbosus which means humpbacked). The giant planet Jupiter was shining brightly in the southern evening sky on 12th October. At first I thought it was a plane coming in to land but it remained stationary and checking a star chart gave me the answer. Stationary is a relative term as the planets move against the backdrop of the constellations and two hours later Jupiter had tracked 20 degrees or so across the heavens. Jupiter is nearly 800 million kms from the sun compared with Earth's 150 million kms, and takes 12 years to orbit.

Now, an apology. At the end of last month's article, I mentioned the Autumn Gentian (Gentianella amarella) at Harbury Spoil Bank. I did see a gentian-like plant with a blue flower seemingly about to open in September. I can't find the flower now and haven't sighted any others, a false alarm but I'll keep looking.

Remember the spate of crop circles that appeared in the summer? One was in the wheat field by Chesterton Windmill. The farmer, Mr Les Evans told me that the destruction probably cost him close to £250 worth of grain. He made the best of it by showing off the 'artwork' to the public and many other farmers followed suit. I suppose the aerial shots on regional television proved what a beautiful county we live in, raised morale and helped the tourist industry. Probably, like me, you were bowled over by the field of sunflowers next to Bendigo Mitchell crossroads on the Fosse way. Mr Evans planted these and is about to harvest them for birdseed. If you want to know more and /or purchase some seed try les@squab.co.uk

On 12th October, with a clear blue sky, I took off on the bike after a morning's gardening. The view from the Dassett Hills was possibly some 60kms with the Malverns standing sharp in the west some 40 kms away.

I wondered if the springs on the 150mts contour on the side of the hills were still bubbling after such a dry spell. The one I looked at was doing fine, water coming out of the hill via a cast iron pipe and filling an old metal trough. It looked clear, a good sign being the freshwater shrimps which swum into view when I disturbed the silt. Near All Saints' Church, Burton Dassett, is a well, approached down steps and roofed over with local stone by the Victorians. The grotto so formed is always Hart's-tongue delight, cool. with Fern scolopendrium] emerging from the dripping masonry. I couldn't decipher the words cut in the soft marlstone, probably a quote from scripture. Inside the church, preservation work was going on. The medieval wall paintings included an impressive king, perhaps one of the wise men as he carried a flask-like container. I was informed that 6 coats of lime wash were being applied, paintings excepted, to stabilise the interior decoration for future generations.

Has someone done a study of Warwickshire's ancient wells and springs? Lighthorne has an excellent example near the crossroads at the centre of the village. There are many more. Sharon and I had a walk to admire the autumn colours yesterday. We started in Stratford on the Greenway and then used the footpath beside the River Avon passing Luddington Lock before reaching Welford-on-Avon and lunch at the excellent Bell Inn. After, we crossed the river by the 'Four Alls'pub. Immediately across the bridge on the left is a small wetland nature reserve which aims to attract otters. Having never seen one in the wild, I'm anxious it succeeds.

We crossed the busy B439 and walked up to Binton village. Near the church of St Peter's is another covered spring. We entered the church to view the Scott window at the west end. It's dramatic and an excellent exhibition tells the story of the ill-fated South Pole Expedition of 1911-12. Why in Binton? Well, Captain Robert Falcon Scott's brother-in-law was the incumbent of St Peter's and the Vicarage was the last place the explorer stayed before sailing south, never to return.

An excellent free brochure has just been published entitled 'Royal Leamington Spa - its geology and building stones'. A map inside leads the way round 15 buildings and other structures with particularly interesting stonework on view. You can collect a copy at the Town Hall or the Library or visit www.wgcg.co.uk

A lime-green, hairy, caterpillar found outside the Library by Rosie Rainbow on September 8th was probably the larva of the Pale Tussock Moth [Calliteara pudibunda]. Surprise, surprise, when I turned up the November 2008 Harbury and Ladbroke news, the Pale Tussock got a mention. The caterpillar is eye-catching whilst the moth is a rather insignificant brown.

Michael and Margaret Thwaites saw a white Heron at Kingston. Geoff Thorpe and Rex Humphreys thought it might have been an Egret which is getting quite frequent locally but Michael is sure it was a Heron.

Down at Ladbroke Hall, the mature trees especially the beech are now entering their autumnal glory. What will November bring for us to savour?



General Section

All Saints' Harbury Christmas Fayre

It's that time of year again! The Christmas Fayre will open at 2.00pm on Saturday 5th December in the Village Hall. We have a wide variety of stalls which we hope you'll find inviting and a café where you can refresh yourselves and take the weight off your feet.

Father Christmas will be there, of course, and we hope to be entertained by the Hereburgh Morris if they are free on the day. Raffle tickets will be on sale for those who haven't already bought them and all the proceeds will go to Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Rotary Tree of Light

Thanks to the generosity of the Christmas Lights Committee the Tree will again shine out after the official "Lights On" on the evening of November 30th. The Rotary Club of Southam would like to thank you all for all that you do to make it possible to continue to support the Acorns Childrens' Hospice through the Tree of Light. We continue the work because it is so vital to provide care, comfort and help to these children and their families. Throughout December the Love and Memories of those who sponsor a light will be represented. The Book of Remembrance will again be on display at Southam Library. The Library staff have been most helpful to our cause.

The use of the Tree on land owned by Goodwin and Sons, (with power supplied by Southam Carpets Ltd.) is also much appreciated. For people who wish to record the memory of a person they still love and miss at this time of year, there will be leaflets with donation slips available in Southam from November onwards. Please let us know if you have any difficulty finding these. (Ring 864234 - Peter Jackson)

Peter Jackson and Mike Gaffney
The Rotary Club of Southam

Desperately Seeking

Merry Christmas! - I know it seems a long way off, but Harbury Guides and Scouts Support (GASS) are already planning the excellent GASS Post service that has become very much part of the run up to Christmas in the village.

For those that may not be aware, this service is an opportunity for you to get all your village Christmas cards posted for you by GASS helpers for a donation that goes to support the flourishing uniformed groups in the village. (Did you know we have over 130 children using the Scout hut every week??!!)

We have a dedicated and loyal bunch of deliverers that support us in this endeavour, but are in need of replenishing their ranks this year to fill a couple of open post rounds and lighten the burden on these stalwart deliverers. Cards are sorted into 'rounds' by the Scouts, and then passed on to the deliverers approximately once a week from early December until a few days before Christmas, so it is not be too time-consuming

So if you think you could help support this initiative and in the process, the young people of the village, please call me to discuss details.

Mark Clifton - 614085

GASS Chairman

Harbury Art Clases

The art classes are going really well and members of the group are making excellent progress. There are 8 of us at the moment. We have learnt how LIGHT is the key to good drawing and how to look for tonal changes on the object that we are drawing. We can all now draw an egg that looks so real that you could pick it up.

We have tried some 'extreme' drawing where we drew our hands without looking at our paper at all!! We have raided Muglestons for various pieces of fruit and veg to practice our new skills. Thanks Mary and Paul!

Finally, after only 4 weeks we have produced some technically superb drawings of some beautiful antique baby shoes. I hope that some of these drawings will get framed so that family and friends and can enjoy them too.

Classes are held in the Scout Hut every Tuesday morning 10-12 noon. All ability levels are welcome. Tel Jan 01926 614251 if you would like to join us.

Jan Freeman

Harbury Folk Club Choir presents a Christmas Carol Concert

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY

ADULT TICKET £7, CONCESSION £5 (16yrs & under or 60yrs & over)

A feast of traditional, West Gallery, modern, and original carols. The concert is in aid of Leamington Christian Mission and Harbury Church.

The Harbury Folk Club Choir has been singing carols in Harbury All Saints Church for over 20 years and 5 years ago staged a concert, which was very well received.

The Choir comprises 17 singers who would like to invite as many local people as possible to come and join them for its second concert to start the Christmas Season.

Tickets include refreshments and are available from: **Harbury Folk Club_Choir** (01926 612819) or **The Fragrant Room** (01926 613 332).

Harbury Folk Club Choir

Offchurch Christmas Fayre

Offchurch Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 5th December at Offchurch Village Hall, 2 – 5pm. Admission is £1.00 to include a glass of mulled wine, children under 12 are FREE. There will be a Santa's grotto, children's corner, tombola, raffle, seasonal plants and wreaths, greetings cards and gift wrap, homemade cakes and preserves, handmade gifts and much, much more...... Please do come along and join us – proceeds to be shared between Offchurch Village Hall and St Gregory's Church.

Liz Varnish

Ufton Christmas Fayre

Ufton Christmas Fayre will be held at Ufton Village Hall on Saturday 28th November 2-4pm. Please come along to sample:

- Gifts, Crafts, Toys, Plants, Cakes and home-made produce
- Tombola and raffle win a free range turkey!

Activities for children and

a surprise visit from Father Christmas on his way to Lapland!

Gillian Ingham

Harbury Co-op During The War

By 1939 the Co-op employed 18 people including Mr. Honiwell (the Manager), Mr. Carter (the Head Shopman), Mr. S. Knight (the Secretary), Mrs. Holder (the Draper), Mr. A. Austin and Mr. D. Robbins (Grocers), Mr. J. Bloxham (the Baker), and Mr. B. Fell (the Bread Deliverer).

The Co-op delivered to most outlying villages using three grey vans from Soans and a coal lorry. Mr. Honiwell would also stand in for Rev. Capps, during his absence from church.

PRICE LIST:

Bacon 9d. per lb.

Butter 6d. per ½ lb.

Salt block 1d.

Sugar 4d. per lb.

Bisto gravy 1d.
Cottage loaf 4d.

Beer 4d. per pint

Whisky 10s 6d. per bottle

Cherries 9d. per lb. Rice 4d. per lb.

Ladies shoes 12s.6d. per pair

Paper or comic 1d.

Liquorice ¼ d. per lace

Washing powder 2d.

Chocolate ½ d., 1d.,2d. Saucepans 10s.6d. for 6

Lux soap 2d.

Tea 4d. per quarter lb.

Milk 2d. per pint
Beef 2s.6d. per lb.
Dress £1.10s.0d.

Our thanks to Rosemary Harley for re-typing this list. I know we shouldn't compare prices from 1940 with those of today, but there are some strange anachronisms here. I don't go shopping unless I'm dragged screaming and shouting, but with my limited knowledge I think most of these products have multiplied in price by about 30 to 50 times. For example a loaf was 4d (2p) and is now about £1, which to my brain means it has gone up 50 times. Butter was a tanner for half a pound and is now about 70p, which means it's increased nearly 30 times. Whisky has gone up just over 30 times, but the appalling catastrophe which we probably haven't even noticed is that beer has gone up 130 times!

In the school's Heritage collection we have a large number of documents waiting to be digitized. If you think you can help please contact me on 813765 or contact the school.

Nigel Chapman

Harbury Casino Night in aid of Myton Hospice

Harbury Support Group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported the Casino Night on Saturday 17th October.Once again everyone had a great evening and despite the current economic climate we still managed to raise £623.00.





A big thank you also to everyone that helped organize and run the evening, especially to Jon & Karen Rankin who once again prepared a delicious buffet!

Another Date for your Diary!

Harbury Craft Fair

Saturday 14th November 2009

Free Entry, Lots of hand made crafts, tea/coffee and hot&cold lunches available.

If you wish to book a stall for this year's Craft Fair please contact me.

Fiona Cadwallader

ficadwallader@btinternet.com

Lands End to John O'Groats Charity Cycle Ride

On Thursday 24th September, Steve Harrold from Harbury and 3 of his



friends completed their 12 day trip from Lands End to John O'Groats covering 1033 miles. They all found challenge hard work, (more so at the beginning with the Cornish hills and headwinds) but all said that it would be hard to beat with the wonderful British countryside and

the warm welcome they had from every one they met on route.

They travelled the complete distance with only 3 punctures, 1 broken spoke and a split tyre and just one day of rain when they hit the Scottish Border.

They kept in touch via a twitter web site which was great as they took loads of photos of the places they visited and kept us updated with their daily events.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Harbury residents, friends and relatives who so kindly donated money towards the Feldon Stroke Ward at Leamington Spa Rehab Hospital. We would also like to thank Harbury Post Office for kindly allowing us to

put a collection box on the counter inside and updates of the ride in the window.

Between the 4 riders they have raised approx £3,000 for their various charities.

Thanks again for all your support.

Steve & Jackie Harrold

The 10:10 challenge: a personal message from Tim Lockley and Andrew Patrick

Many people, from all walks of life, are hoping that at Copenhagen in December our Government will sign up – and persuade other governments to sign up – to serious commitments on climate change.

Question 1: How can we bring pressure on our Government to do this? Question 2: What can we do as "ordinary" citizens to play our part?

Here's an idea that tries to answer both questions:- sign up to 10:10. That is, a commitment as individuals (or families, or organisations) to reduce our carbon footprint by 10% before the end of the year 2010.

The idea is less than 2 months old. Yet already it has attracted thousands of names, some of them very famous. The website – **www.1010uk.org** - lists them all. Stratford District is considering signing up, Warwickshire County Council already has, and so have all members of the Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet in London.

How can we calculate our carbon footprint? Lots of websites offer advice. Two of the best are the Energy Saving Trust and the World Wildlife Fund–www.energysavingtrust.org.uk and footprint.wwf.org.uk.

If you have children or grandchildren in school, they've probably asked you what you're doing to save the planet! Well, here's a (not too difficult) start. And it sends a message to people in power that we're not just asking **them** to do something — **we** are ready to do something, too.

For our children's sake, please give it a go.

Tim Lockley Andrew Patrick

1st Harbury Scouts



Nick Green

Leamington District Scouts recently organized a weekend for potential future Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders from all over the district. The aim was to develop leadership and team skills as well as to teach the scouts some of the practical skills they will need over the next few years. These included knots, first aid, navigation, use of axes and knives, pitching tents and of course lighting fires and outdoor cooking!

We were well represented by four scouts, and Tom describes below his highlights of the weekend:

'On the w/e of 10th October, Callum, Dylan, Taisia and I went on a patrol leader and assistant patrol leader overnight camp to Hatton. It was great fun! All of the scout packs from the district had chosen 2, 3 or 4 scouts to go.

When we got there, we were split up and put into groups with other scouts we didn't know. We then did loads of challenges. I did an axe, knife and saw tutorial which taught us how to use these safely. In the evening we sang around the camp fire. The next morning we cooked our breakfast and then did one individual challenge each which we were scored on. I had to tie several knots including a reef knot, double and single figure of eight and a clove hitch. Overall our team came second. After lunch we packed up our tents and went home for a warm shower and a long sleep!'

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

By the time you read this the clocks will have gone back, the evenings will be drawing in, or indeed already be very dark, so we have a little light on the horizon. That is the annual Christmas Party. We hope that those who plan to attend have the date in their diaries, but if not, then it is on Saturday 12th December 2009 in the Village Hall.

If you are new to the village and think you may be eligible to come along, or you think we may not have you on our list of invitations, please contact Margaret Taylor on 612903.

We look forward to seeing you there and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Mike McBride,

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Harbury Choir School – First Performances of the Year

On Saturday 17th October, The Chamber Choir had their first public performance of the year. We were invited back to join a choir of more than 70 people for a festival performance and award giving ceremony at Birmingham Cathedral, as we did last year. The music this year was even more ambitious and was to include Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" as part of the BBC's 'Sing Hallelujah' project. This project, led by BBC radio 3 and the English National Opera, marks the 250th anniversary of the composer's death. It aims to bring together singers of all levels of experience in the challenge of singing the demanding (and very high for the sopranos!) work.

As always our young singers did us proud – they always seem to end up being put right on the front row of anything we do! They were impeccably behaved and their unusual bright purple ties even attracted the attention of the dignitaries, who wanted to know which choir they were from and congratulate them on their performance.

As most of the children had arrived on the same train, I expect that the journey home was interesting for parents and other passengers, as everyone (including David and I) seemed to leave the event buzzing and unable to stop singing!

We are also looking forward to the first ever performance for the whole choir, including the new look 'Harbury Young Voices', who have now been rehearsing together for 6 weeks. We will be singing a Remembrance Tribute on **Saturday 7th November**: 'Songs of Remembrance and Hope' including some beautiful contemporary songs. The performance will begin at 12.15pm at the Harbury War Memorial and is a free concert open to all, lasing for approximately 45 minutes – hopefully it will be a good way to spend the afternoon before going to the bonfire and fireworks display!

Helen Iles Harbury Choir School 01926 614150

Village with a Vision

Two meetings have been held since our last report, and at the first on 28th September, we welcomed several residents, including members of the Parish Council, a member of Stratford District Council, and also Mr. Tim Willis of Warwickshire C.C. Care & Choice (Accommodation)

Programme, Mr. Stephen Day of SJD Partnership Ltd., and Professor Andrew Kerslake of the Institute of Public Care.

The main discussion at that meeting revolved around how we might be formally set up. We were told that there are several ways of doing this and we are now in the process of investigating them.

It is necessary for us to carry out a Housing Need Survey, with which both the County Council and Professor Kerslake will assist and advise and collate the results afterwards. This will enable us to formulate written plans regarding the type of care and the number of units required.

We are also pleased to tell you that the Parish Council has approved a grant of £100 to help with our immediate expenses, for which we are very grateful.

At our Committee meeting on 6th October it was reported that Professor Kerslake will give us two days in which we can work together on the project. This is still to be arranged.

Contact has also been made with Abbeyfield of St. Albans, who are Care providers and managers, and we shall be meeting with them in the near future.

Members of the Committee have been invited to attend a Care and Choice (Accommodation) Programme Conference, organised by WCC Care and Choice Department, on 12th November. On that day we shall have the opportunity to meet various interested parties, who may be able to offer help and advice.

Harbury's needs are to be kept firmly in focus, but also taking in the needs of any of the surrounding villages who may be interested. Your support is very important to us, and we will keep you in the picture as things progress. We hope to hold an open meeting early in the New Year, when your thoughts and feelings can be voiced.

Tony Stubbs & Karen Ellis-Greenway (Advisor) villagewithavision@hotmail.com

01926 612782,

NSPCC Quiz Evening

The NSPCC Quiz Evening will be held on the 6th December in the Village Club commencing at 7.30pm. Teams of 4 and a table cost £14 to include sandwiches. There will also be mince pies and a raffle. To book, please contact Pauline on 612179 or Sue on 612286.

Pauline Hayes



The Shoebox Appeal sends Christmas gifts to some of the world's most disadvantaged children – probably the only present they have ever had. There will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Rooms from 10am – 12 noon on Friday November 6th. At that, we shall collect completed boxes, empty covered boxes and individual items to fill them, also accept donations towards the £2.50 suggested cost of transport for each box.

Do check with the leaflets in the back of the Church as some items are considered inappropriate or may not travel safely. Or ring me and I will let you have a list. Thank you

Gillian Hare 614809

Tom Hauley Room Happy Hour

No, not that sort of happy hour! But between 3 and 4pm, come rain or shine, on the third Wednesday of every month, we serve tea and coffee and **homemade** cakes in the Tom Hauley Room.

Ever been to it? Ever forgotten it? Never tried it? Well, try it now! Haul in your husbands, shanghai your friends, or come on your own for good company, a good chat and a laugh.

If you can't be with us on November 18th, then please join us on December 16th for an early Christmas celebration. We look forward to seeing you.

Pip, Dorothy and Fliss



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

"Dear Men's Prayer Group (Harbury)

I would like to thank you for inviting me to speak on behalf of "Village with a Vision" at the meeting on the 1st October 2009.

You made me feel very welcome and I enjoyed the debate that followed the talk about providing care in the community within Harbury. I would also like to thank you for the wonderful gift presented to me of a fabulous photograph of Harbury Church. I will cherish this gift.

Thank you again.

Karena EA Ellis-Greenway

Green Chameleon on behalf of "Village with a Vision"

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday September 25th, and thank you to those who donated raffle prizes. We raised the fantastic amount of £401.00 for this very worthy cause.

Mary and Friends

Dear Editors

Another operation – another huge "thank you" to so many lovely people for cards, flowers and kind thoughts. I guess I am now "bionic" but feeling so much better!

Thank you all once again.

Sylvia Green

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

Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Caroline Hill	613780
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Sally Stringer	613214
Village Hall	Celia Neill	612819
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (614104)

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings 10:00am -12:00 noon (612877)

Mondays 7:00 - 9:00pm; (612627) Friday (Juniors) 6:30 - 8:15pm (612029)

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (612822)
BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church. Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

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)

BRIDGE CLUB: Thursday in Village Club at 7.00pm (612714) **BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538)

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm (612978)

CHURCH MEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612753)

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00noon (613214)

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm (614730)

DROP-IN TEA FOR THE BEREAVED: 19, Farm Street, last Wednesday in the month (except

in December) 2.30 to 4.30pm (612585) **GUIDES:** Scout Hut. Mondays 7.15pm – 8.45pm

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 7:00pm (07939 679533) **HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Dog Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm (613730)

HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534)

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 6's - Year 1 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 01926 613330 Training: Saturday 9.00am Harbury School

Under 7's - Year 2

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07912 578605 or lan Jones 01926 612201

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury School

Under 9's - Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803 Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Under 11's - Year 6 (Boys)

Coach: Carolyn Dorning Tel: 01926 612037

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Under 11's - Years 5,6,7 Girls

Coach: Judith Woodfield Tel: 01926 312021

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Under 12/13's – Year 8 Boys

Coach: Malcom Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm – 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm (613386)

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 (614858)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:00pm (612819)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)

8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Scout Hut, Saturdays,

10:00am - 12:00noon (612734)

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: Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm; (613163)

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Tom Hauley Room, 3rd Saturday in the month 7.30am

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in

the month 8.00pm (612427)

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

RAINBOWS: Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm, Unit Leader Bobbi Sharpe 614040

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SLIMMING WORLD: Village Club, Wednesdays 6.30pm, Sarah Bull 07989 901 973 **TAP & DANCE FOR ADULTS:** Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm (Jane - 07989 834416)

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THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of Village Hall 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm (612877)

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (614188)

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YOUTH DROP IN: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00pm in Village Hall (613207))

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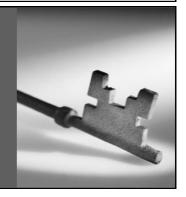
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