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Editorial

The proposed high-speed rail link passes very close to Ladbroke on a viaduct which will be four kilometres long. The Government are holding a consultation period and, in the Harbury Society article, the web address is given.

There is an opportunity to join the Theatre Group – their next performance is in May. The Village Hall Committee is seeking new members. Following recent losses of equipment from the Village Hall, will it become necessary to ask hirers to bring equipment for their own events?

GASS are also asking for helpers with the Rainbow, Brownies and Scout groups.

The Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM will be held on Monday, 12th April at 8.00pm in the Shakespeare Inn. Villagers most welcome.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Helen Pratt.

Harbury Diary

APRIL

Sat 3

HOLY SATURDAY

Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of 'Work with Children in Church'

The Blessing of the Paschal Candle & Service of Renewal
8.00pm

Sun 4

EASTER SUNDAY

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light 'Celebration of Easter' 10.30am in Church – everyone welcome

Mon 5

BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 6

Holy Communion 7.30pm

Horticultural Society 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room - Irish Gardens - Dr John Page

Weds 7

Holy Communion 2.00pm

Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room

Michael Porter from Traidcraft reports on the work so far

Ballroom Dancing, 8.30-10.00pm in Village Hall

Thurs 8

Holy Communion 9.45am

WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Hats and Fascinators – Mary Davis

Fri 9

Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall

- Sat 10 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room for Meningitis Parish Quiet Day at Offa House
Hereburgh Morris Film 7.00pm – 11.00pm, 'A Life with Bells on' in Village Hall
- Sun 11 EASTER II**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 12 SCHOOL STARTS
Duke of Edinburgh Group 7.45-9.45pm in Farley Room
Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM, 8.00pm, The Shakespeare Inn
- Tues 13 Toddlers' Service 2.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 14 Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30am in Village Hall
Harbury Choir School, 6.30pm in Village Hall
ADVERTISEMENT TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
Village Hall Committtee AGM 7.30pm in Farley Room, Village Hall
- Fri 16 Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St. James Ministry
Harbury Pre-School 'Diamonds are Forever' Evening 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 18 EASTER III**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 20 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm
Christopher Lamb: "Monitoring the Palestinian Situation in Jerusalem"
Senior Citizens Committee 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Weds 21 Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3.00pm
Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 22 Table Tennis 9.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Harbury Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 23 Quiz Night at School 7.30pm for DoE Award Group - Caroline Hill 613780
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of "Village with a Vision"

Moving Pictures in Village Hall "Fantastic Mr Fox"
open 4.00pm)

4.30pm (doors

Sun 25 EASTER IV

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Spring Fayre, 2.30pm at Galanos House, Southam – everyone welcome. Tel: 812815 for details

Tues 27

Holy Communion 7.30pm

N.B. No Julian Meeting

Southam Children's Centre Coffee Morning 9.00-12 noon in Village Hall

Harbury Society Archive Film of Rural Life 7.30 for 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Weds 28

DROP-IN-TEA is LUNCH at 'The Gamecock' (Ring Alison Hunt 612931)

Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 29

Table Tennis 9.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

Harbury Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall

Fri 30

Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall

MAY

Sat 1

Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Heart Foundation

"God's Wonderful World" in Slides & Music Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm

Sun 2

EASTER V, 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
April	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	7	8	9	Grey Bin
	14	15	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	21	22	23	Grey Bin
	28	29	30	Green & Blue Lid Bins
May	5	6	7	Grey Bin
	12	13	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	20	21	Grey Bin



From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

Easter hope

The Easter message centres around the death and resurrection of a Jew two thousand years ago. But why did Jesus have to die? Why should the perfect Son of God suffer such a horrendous, torturous death on a brutal Roman cross so that we can have life? Scholars have debated this question for centuries and will continue to do so but I think the answer is quite simple; the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter shows us God's ultimate victory over the very worst that the world can throw at us – pain, abuse, betrayal, torture and even death. The first Easter day shows us very clearly that death is not the end and that it is life that has the final say.

My brother is a chaplain in the Army. He is currently serving at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan. He was recently invited to Kabul to open a school for girls. He said it was a great privilege to 'cut the ribbon' and it struck him that amidst the horror and death of this troubled country there are shoots of new growth and life. Girls who had previously been denied the right to go to school under the Taliban were beginning new lives in the education system.

We know that many soldiers and civilians have given their lives in Afghanistan for a future hope. This school is one example of hope amidst hopelessness and a remarkable illustration of how death will never have the final say.

We are Easter people because of what Jesus has done. He lives so that we might have hope, a future and life too.

God bless

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

March 14 - Jack and Grace Dixon

Funerals, All Saints' Harbury

March 18 - Helen Pratt (86 years)



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

We had a wonderfully attended Mothering Sunday service. Thanks to our School who led the presentation. The congregation particularly enjoyed the recipes written by the children for a good Mum: love, patience, kindness and just a pinch of crossness seemed to come into most mixtures!

Thank you to Fr. Craig who organised the Thursday evening Lent course, "Into the Wilderness" – and to all who have attended the sessions. Thank you too, to those who have led the Friday lunchtime meditations based on material written by Sue and her Biblelands team. Both courses have been rewarding and thought-provoking. Last but not least, thank you to those who have provided the Lent lunches. Proceeds will be given to "Send a Cow", a charity for which Beryl and Betty's grandson Jonathan's wife, Sarah, works. We'll give you the total raised in next month's magazine.

Finally, a date for your diary: Saturday 1st May, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room – "God's Wonderful World" in slides and music (with wine and nibbles). Admission free by tickets from Beryl Checkley and Felicity Harris. Donations requested, all proceeds to Church funds.



First Light

Alison Abbott

Last month First Light was all about temptation. We enjoyed a thought provoking drama which reminded us that Jesus faced the same temptations as us. Keith was a very persuasive devil but Jesus resisted and stood firm; we can too with his help.

On the 4th of April we will be in church to celebrate Easter in style. Everyone is very welcome. We will be back in the Tom Hauley Room on the 2nd May.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

In March we benefitted from the skills of two local speakers. Charles Catt called his talk "The Lilies of the Field" and illustrated it with lovely slides of British wild flowers.

What beautiful things lie almost unnoticed by our roadsides, varying in size from the giant Hogweed to the flower of a hazel – and such variety of shape and habit. The names also tell us a lot about bygone uses: Lady's Bedstraw, Fleabane, Wintergreen, Feverfew.

Our evening meeting was taken to Spain by Bill Davies as he described his cycle ride to Santiago de Compostella. He followed the route of pilgrims who, since 959 AD, have visited the tomb of St James. He slept in monasteries, huts or his tent, met all nationalities, suffered some discomforts, but achieved his pilgrim's shell and certificate. Well done Bill.

Members extended their sympathy to the family of Mick Cooper.

A reminder that M.U members are running the Tom Hauley Room lunch on April 17th. Two other forthcoming dates are April 7th 2.30pm – Traidcraft and April 20th 8.00pm– Palestine. Visitors are always welcome.



Toddlers' Service

Lorna Bedford

At our service in March Mrs Barbara Thistlewaite, with the help of a hand puppet called Fred the Ted, talked to us about the importance of saying thank you when people are kind to us. She told us the story from the Bible where ten men, who were suffering from a dreadful skin disease, met with Jesus and asked him to make them better. Jesus did as they had asked and they were very happy. However, nine of them went on their way and only one man took the trouble to come back to see Jesus and say thank you.

We said our toddler thank you prayer and sang the song "Thank you Jesus" accompanied by Mr Michael Hare on the accordion. We then brought out the children's instruments and played them while we sang "Thank you for every new good morning".

We coloured in a drawing of Fred the Ted to take home. On the picture it said that we must always remember to say THANK YOU. We had our drinks and biscuits and played with toys until it was time to go home.

Our next Toddler Service is on Tuesday 13th April at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Please go through the Church to the THR. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

APRIL

Sun 4

EASTER SUNDAY

Family Communion, 10.30am in Church followed by refreshments

Sun 11

EASTER II

Holy Communion, 9.00am in Church

Mon 12

Table Tennis, 8.00pm in Village Hall

Thur 15

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Sat 17

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

Sun 18

EASTER III

Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am in Church

Mon 19

Table Tennis, 8.00pm in Village Hall

Wed 21

Parish Council AGM, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 22

Women's Institute, 7.30pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST.
HARBURY, E-MAIL DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

Sun 25

EASTER IV

Holy Communion, 9.00am in Church

Mon 26

Table Tennis, 8.00pm in Village Hall

MAY

Sat 1

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

Sun 2

Family Communion, 10.30am in Church followed by refreshments



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Mrs Valerie Copley was welcomed on the Council as she took her seat.

As was anticipated, the main concern of the council and indeed the seven members of the public present, was the proposed high speed train line which will slice through the heart of Ladbroke.

The meeting began as per the agenda until the Public Participation item. It became clear then that there was "fighting talk" about the said railway – not against the Council but in conjunction with them. The Chairman decided at this point that item 10 on the agenda should be brought forward. Councillor Clews had an extended map of the area affected by the railway so that properties and land affected were clearly identified. Members of the public were keen to become involved with any action the Council thought necessary.

A public meeting was agreed – this took place in the Village Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 30th March.

Back to normality – also during Public Participation, the Village Hall Committee asked for a copy of the Parish Plan in its present form, so that it could be studied in connection with the Hall.

Change of Road Name: This has now reached its second stage and Warwickshire County Council Highways Department will have it on their next agenda.

The enforcement notice to the occupants of the caravan behind Ladbroke Farm was discussed. There is concern that “time is running out” on this situation.

Parking bays in Windmill Lane could cost “several thousand”. The removal of hedges and filling in of ditches was totally opposed.

Grit Bins: It will be cheaper to replace these than to have them repaired. It was agreed that new bins should be investigated (£161 including VAT). Placing them where they wouldn't be damaged again was given some thought. Councillor Bennett will look into this.

Dog Fouling!!: Complaints have been received from Ladbroke Hall residents about fouling in their back lane. They would like a bin. This is a footpath as well as the tradesman's entrance to the Hall. Whether the Hall would be asked to buy their own or whether the Council should buy one was discussed. Emptying of the bins is included in the original price. As is the usual problem of where to site the bin.

Flooding: There was much concern about the water flowing down Harbury Road from the drains/ditches on the corner of Ladbroke Road (Folly Road). During recent icy conditions there, a cyclist was apparently injured when the said water spillage was frozen. It was concluded that the situation was more serious than just a blocked ditch. The Highways Department has been contacted and Patch Byrne has been made aware of the problem. On inspection it has been found that there is still some blockage in the brook beyond Farmyard Field.

Parish Plan: Photographs are to be set in place and the whole completed document will be presented to the Parish Council. This hopefully will then be sent to the District/Warwickshire County Council.

The Millennium Green: The District Council has made its inspection – some low risk comments were made which had been addressed. The committee's recent Safari Supper was profitable. There is a St. George's Day event being planned. The Fete is on June 19th and an autumn event is being discussed.

District Councillor's Report: The high speed rail route was only heard of by the District County Councillor on 10th March. It will cost 10% of the National Debt and some very famous people will have the railway running through their gardens. There is a meeting in Southam on the 6th May. It was said that the trains will run every four minutes (the nightmare gets worse!).

Housing: Stratford area is to provide 7,500 new homes. Two parcels of land have been identified in Southam for building. The housing will be a mixture of private and social types. Stratford is to find land – 5 sites – for travellers. The increase in Stratford's budget is 1.5%. There has been a reduction in staff and a pay freeze.

The Fire Service Report: This will be out at the end of March.

The Parish Council AGM is on the 21st April. The next Council meeting is 19th May at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Carol Lane

The March meeting held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday 25th March was entitled 'God's Wonderful World' and Richard and Pauline Higginbottom provided evidence of this in a series of slides shown to music. They were divided into sections with the music chosen to complement this so we had beautiful English landscapes to the strains of Jerusalem - very appropriate for the W.I. - a spring selection to Cherry pink and Apple Blossom White and a wonderful rose collection accompanied by Songs of the Auvergne. The set of firework slides, some taken at the celebration of the opening of the new mosque in Leamington, were spectacular and showed what an excellent photographer Richard is. As the evening progressed I couldn't stop the phrase 'this is seriously relaxing' coming into my head.

Anyone wishing to organise such an evening can contact Richard and Pauline on 01926 491854 or at Richard@richandpoll.plus.com.

In the business meeting, Lesley Jeffries, President, encouraged members to bring a contribution of things containing chocolate suitable for the Tombola at the Strawberry and Chocolate Experience which is to be held on June 24th.

Our Midsummer Meal is to be at Kenilworth Golf Club on 1st July at a cost of £20. Those wishing to go to this should bring the fee to the April meeting which is to be held on April 22nd starting at 7.30 p.m. when Sheila Jones will be talking on Natural Health and Beauty.

Hope to see you there.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for February were:

£80 Beverley Bradley
 £50 Graham and Pauline Long
 £25 Margaret Whitehouse
 £10 Sue Lord
 £10 Jonathan Ford
 £10 Christine Payne
 £10 Geoff Lane
 £10 John and Heather Wright

Janet Goldson



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

Planning (There was an awful lot on Planning this time!)

Stratford granted extensions at 8 Pineham Avenue and Westfield Cottages, Westfields Farm, Fosse Way and the installation of solar panels on the south facing roof of Bethren's Barn, Mill Street.

The Parish Council made no representation on an extension at 7 Chapel Street, treeworks at Wissett lodge, Church Street, an Oak Orangery at Old Mill House, Mill Lane or a greenhouse at Harbury House, Butt Lane.

The Parish Council commented on the plans for internal changes at the old Grocer's shop in Church Street, making it plain that they would not want the premises to be divided into two dwellings in the future.

Cllr Jenny Patrick explained why **Biffa** was applying for planning permission on restoration at the **Tip**. Waste had risen above the level set, because it had not been possible in the aftermath of the fire to use the area for which permission had been granted. The recent bad weather meant that landscaping had had to be postponed. She urged anyone to report to Biffa any lorries exiting the tip in the direction of the village.

Jenny was praised by her colleagues for providing a report on the contents of the **SDC Core Strategy** which was out for consultation. Harbury had been re-designated as a village in which development would be allowed and it was likely that it would have to provide about 25 homes in the next 15 years. The new development at Bush Heath Lane would count towards this.

The Quarries were classified as Brownfield Land (which could mean they were targeted for development) and at present the Core Strategy made no reference to the Masterplan for the Quarries. The Parish Council will insist that the Masterplan forms part of the Core Strategy which would ensure that there is adequate control over what can be built there.

Consultation on the **High Speed Rail Link** which is proposed to pass close to the village north of Ufton Tip will not take place until August.

Mr Chiles from Ufton and Harbury resident Richard Wright were present to sound out Parish Councillors' thoughts about the development of the old **Dovehouse Autos** site which has been deteriorating for some time.

Mr Wright said that to be a viable industrial site there would have to be multiple users. The partnership was considering building two sets of semi-detached houses instead for the benefit of the village, and also to tidy up the area. The grass area on Francis Road might be used for parking.

Richard Wright answered a number of questions. A terrace of small two-bedroomed homes was a possibility and could be for rent rather than sale. A Housing Needs Survey would give any application a greater chance of being approved but at present there was a moratorium on any development other than for affordable homes.

Councillors agreed that if development plans were drawn up they would like to have sight of the designs as the plot was adjacent to the Conservation Area.

Reports from School Governors

Harbury Junior Cross Country Team had been successful in the Warwickshire Championships and a decision on the **School Swimming Pool Application** was pending.

Southam College had celebrated securing £644,000 in grant for an all-weather pitch for both school and community use. They also intended to undertake some work on the main building to update it. They were proud that the office ball for the World Cup had been designed by Julian Wade, a former pupil.

Village Hall

The recent **Beer Festival** had raised £2,450 for the Village Hall refurbishment.

Councillors' Corner

County Councillor Bob Stevens reported that surrounding parishes had complaints about policing similar to Harbury's own.

He hoped that access for the milk tanker to **Mrs Trice's Farm** would be safeguarded once neighbours had been consulted.

There would be a maximum of £8,000 available per project in the next Area grant round.

District Councillor Andrew Patrick was pleased to announce that the cost of a return fare on the new **Evening Bus** to Rugby or Leamington was £2.

Parish Council Properties

At last there seems to be movement on the construction of the **BMX track**. It will be moulded into a basic shape in the summer and then left to settle for several months. After that a decision will be made about whether it needs further work. If so, further funds will be sought.

The surface of the **Basket Ball Court** will be renewed and the safety surface for the new **Seesaw** will be extended.

The number of **street lights** proposed for the Bush Heath Lane development did not meet with Council approval (they have to pay for their maintenance and power). They agreed to tell the developer that three white lights on the standard columns now used around the village would be adequate and will investigate whether they can be low energy ones.

Cllr Mancell asked what progress had been made on plans to switch some street lights off at night to save energy. WCC is to be asked for a view on the costs and the effectiveness of LED lamps which might be more economical.

The **Traffic Management Scheme** is progressing slowly. Coloured tarmac is being installed at entrances to the village but the speed detector sign, bollards and dragons teeth have yet to materialise.

Sustainability

Cllrs were pleased with the **Energy Saving Event** they organised and thanked the Harbury Society for providing refreshments. Over fifty people had attended and there had been great interest in the air source heat

pumps and the recycling team from Stratford answered many questions on what could be put in the various recycling bins. Many people had signed up to join the Harbury Energy Group.

Grants

The Cllrs decided that **Stratford CAB** had not given enough information on their service to Harbury residents to justify making them a grant and they had made a rule that surplus funds would be targeted on projects that benefitted Harbury young people.

The **Football Club and the Duke of Edinburgh Group** acknowledged grants previously given.

Next Meeting: 22nd April 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall.

Free to Good Home!

The Parish clerk understands that there are 2 x small sized refuse bins, ideal for single people or couples available to be collected from a property in Harbury. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 01926 614646 or e-mail clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk. Bins will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

Sat 6th March

It was one of those Harbury mornings, when everybody needed to be in 3 places at once: the Twinning coffee morning, the 'Save Money, Save Energy' event at the Village Hall, and Councillors' Corner. Despite the competition, Bob Stevens, Bev Mann, Tim Lockley and myself were given lots to think about.

Top of your agenda (again) was **Roads, Drains and Pavements**.

Action needed:

Chapel Street - The temporary repair at the junction has indeed been improved. But now there's a serious hole across the middle of the street. (BT??)

Junction of Bush Heath Lane / Park Lane

For several days, the flooding was dangerous and extremely inconvenient. What action is needed to stop it happening again?

Wagstaffe Close pavement – resurfacing needed.

Bull Ring Farm Road – to be included in the regular Road sweeping schedule?

We are trying to find out expected time-scales for all these items.

The bad news:

Dog mess in Vicarage Lane is at times appalling. **Someone** must know which dog is causing it. If you know, **please** inform the Police or the Parish Council.

On the other hand, **action achieved:**

Request for 'No Parking' signs outside Chesterton Farm

We have gently but persistently kept on at Highways, and it now looks as if Mrs Trice will get her signs after all. *Good news!*

Faded white lines and lettering

Appreciation was expressed for the quick action taken by Patch Byrne at Highways to renew the markings across the end of Mill Lane. *Thank you!*

Concerning **plastics recycling**, there are still lots of questions about what can and can't be put into the blue-lidded bin. In general –

If it's hard plastic **packaging**, or clean food **containers** **Yes**

If it's flimsy plastic **wrapping** **No**

And has everybody heard about the evening bus £2 return fare to Leamington (first announced in March Harbury News)? If enough people take advantage of it, it could become self-financing, and permanent! (Use it, or lose it!)

Best wishes

Andrew Patrick (SDC member for Bishops Itchington, Chesterton and Harbury)



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

The Committee was re-elected en bloc at the recent AGM where Chairman John Hancock reprised the year's events, Treasurer John Holden announced a good year financially for the Society and Secretary Linda Ridgley expressed relief that the High Speed Rail line would pass to the north of the village and not down the Chesterton Valley.

The proposed Rail line cuts across the by-pass near Ladbroke, swings south of Southam, crosses the Itchen skirting the northern end of Ufton Tip, enters a tunnel by the Polo Grounds to pass beneath Ufton Wood. You can see the maps at:

www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/highspeedrail/hs2ltd/route/map20.pdf

The evening featured a talk on Warwickshire Building Stone by Hugh Jones who gave us a quick recap on how geological strata are formed before describing the landscape this produced in south Warwickshire.

A photograph from the Welcome Hills illustrated how the harder rocks stand out as escarpments trending south-west/north east with first the White Lias ridge near Wellesbourne, then the Hornton Stone of Edgehill and finally, in the far distance, the Cotswolds and in between these the clay vales.

As a geologist, Hugh finds Cotswold villages rather boringly similar but he revels in the diversity that can be found amongst the Lias villages where a greater variety of stone is used. He illustrated this with a picture of the entrance to Harbury Church showing Coventry & Warwick Sandstone, White Lias, Hornton stone and even Cotswold limestone.

He said that the Lias villages supplied lime to mortar the sandstone used down in the Avon Valley and the wagons probably brought sandstone back here. At Harbury Quarries the Rugby Limestone and the clay are exposed in bands "beautiful geology under your feet" Hugh said. The high clay of the Blue Lias combined with the purity of the White was idea for cement manufacture.

Limestone with a lot of clay in it is not a good building stone. Ettington's old Church, the tower of which stands in ruins to the north of the village, shows what happens when such stone is exposed to the elements. Kineton has many buildings that also show this erosion. Their Church has Hornton Stone Quoins which help to protect the vulnerable edges of the building.

NEXT MEETING: Tues 27th April 7.30pm for 8.00pm - Archive Film of Rural Life in Tom Hauley Room.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Thank goodness the snow has gone and we have had a few nice days.

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of a member; Mick Cooper had not been with us for that long but was a lady of character.

Peggie, Dorothy and Midge represented us at her funeral in Kenilworth. We were most impressed with the flower arrangement that Gillian and Diana produced at the Annual Federation Meeting - more of that next month.

On Wednesday 14th April in the morning we are doing our Big Tidy Up in Harbury and we will not fail to be noticed.

We are going to see the Calendar Girls on June 30th and together with the visit to the Lord Leycester Hospital on May 5th, Jo and Chris are doing a great job.

Member's Night is always enjoyable with fun and plenty of humour. "Our gels" provided a musical quiz, picture quiz, "food for thought" and "matches, hatches and despatches". Brains were tested but we got through the ordeal! Many thanks to them.

April Meeting: 8th April, Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm, speaker Mary Davis – "Hats and Fascinators".

	<h2>Harbury Theatre Group</h2>	<p>Jo Banbury</p>
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The show will go on! Rehearsals are well under way for the next production (May 13th, 14th, 15th) but we have had a slight change of plan. Unfortunately the number of members available in the group has dwindled of late, so we have been unable to cast two one-act plays as intended. But never to be thwarted, the ever flexible core members are standing strong, and are now feverishly producing a full, three act play for your delectation.

"My Mother Said I Never Should", written by Charlotte Keatley, is a triumphant play, telling the tale of four generations of women. We glide from war torn Lancashire, through the swinging sixties and the even more liberating seventies, to explore the changing pressures society puts on courtship, marriage and motherhood.

It will make you laugh; it will make you cry – it will certainly make you think! Interspersed in the "real" action, are fantastical scenes which bring all of the generations together – in a place "where magic happens". The group are working really hard to make this a show to remember, and hope that you will support us and enjoy it as much as we are.

Without the support of the village, we cannot survive, and so do ask that, if you would like to see the Harbury Theatre Group continue, that you get involved. We are remaining positive, and will endeavour to produce a Panto/children's play this November. So please, if you would like to take part in helping us make this happen – actors, set builders, technical etc. – then please contact us on 01926 613120.



Folk Club

Peter McDonald

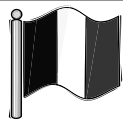
The theme for the 304th session on March 4th was 'Legends' and many of our performers had gone to considerable trouble to find out what a legend actually was. Very laudable, I'm sure, but I was quite certain that Bob Dylan is a legend so I started with one of his songs, "Don't think twice, it's alright". Summer Joy and her daughter, Jenny, were next up with their final performance at the Club for the foreseeable future – as Summer and Jim start a new life on Vancouver Island. It's been a pleasure to have them as regulars for the last six years and we'll miss their original contributions with more than a hint of Canadian influence. We'll particularly miss Jenny's baby, Freya, who has provided much additional entertainment during the last year. They said their farewells with three excellent songs: "Now I'll never see you again", "Both Sides the Tweed" and, with a special significance, "The Parting Glass". The Club presented them with some Harbury souvenirs to remind them of their time spent with us.

Ron chose his songs wisely, including the unlikely story of "The Derby Ram", Pete and Liz did likewise with "Bread and Fishes" (I wish I'd thought of that one) and Janny and Maureen brought the first half to a close with a song about the legendary midges in "The Curse of Scotland" (why don't they mention those in the holiday brochures?).

There were many more legends in the second half including "Marilyn Monroe" from Ted and Sue, "Joseph Baker" from Pete Mason, "The Widow of Brid" from Rik, "The Legend of Lady Godiva" from Pete Grassby and "John Barleycorn" from Des. The Harvesters closed the second half with the rousing "Sweet Sunny South", a well-known American Old Time song. In a short third 'half', Stuart sang a novel arrangement of "Wild Rover", we had an extra song from each of Ron, Pete Mason and Des, and Ted finished the evening with a spirited performance of that legendary Flanders & Swann song of seduction, "Madeira M'Dear".

The raffle raised a magnificent sum of £66 for Ovacome, to coincide with their BEAT campaign for ovarian cancer awareness (see www.ovacome.org.uk).

By the time you read this, the next meeting of the Folk Club will be on May 6th, starting at 8pm in the Dog Inn, hosted by Steve and Maureen Darby. For more information about Harbury Folk Club, please visit: www.Welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

The highlights for March were the Saturday Coffee Morning in aid our funds and our Annual Quiz competition the next day. We wish to give our grateful thanks to all of the kind people that supported us. And especially to the committee of the Village Club who provided us with an excellent venue for the quiz.

The quiz, with interesting and memory stretching questions set by Sally Stringer, was won by 'Bladderwrack' (a type of seaweed I've been informed). This team, which consisted of Sharon and John Hancock and Margaret and Peter McDonald, won a closely fought competition winning, after a recount, by a single point.

We will be holding a Long Alley Skittles Evening on Friday 20th April at the Navigation Inn at Wootton Wawen.

The last weekend in May will see us making our bi-annual trip to reunite our friendships with our many friends in Samois-sur-Seine.

The Twinning Association is a community activity open to all Harbury residents and once again we take this opportunity to invite anyone interested to join us; young families are especially welcome.



Harbury Junior's Football

Malocm Tanner

Under 12's/13's

March 7th v Napton

This match had all the excitement of the FA Cup and Harbury had to work hard to win this closely fought game. Napton were much the better side in the opening encounter and were outplaying Harbury in all areas of the pitch, so it was no surprise when Napton went into a 1-0 lead. Whilst Harbury tried to play passing football, they could make no impact and did well to keep the score to the one goal deficit at half time.

However after "words of encouragement" from the coach at half time, Harbury were a changed side, and a long range shot from Aaron gave Harbury the equaliser. Napton scored another goal to make the score 2-1, but Harbury showed their character and Aaron scored another equaliser with Will adding the third.

However, the game was still in the balance. Napton were still very much in the game, and with minutes to spare were awarded a penalty.

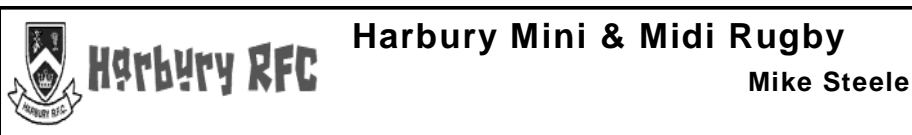
Fortunately Aiden made a brilliant save to deny Napton the equaliser, and Harbury managed to hold out for a 3-2 victory to remain unbeaten this season and 10 points clear at the top of the league. Much of the better play in the second half was due to the work rate and enthusiasm of Thomas and Taran who gave the spark to the team that was lacking in the first half.

March 20th v Cropedy

In the initial stages, this match was played in heavy rain, and Cropedy adapted to the conditions, playing good football, being quicker to the ball and generally dominating play. However whilst Harbury could not get into the match, they battled well and only went into half time, 1-0 behind from a questionable goal. In the second half, Harbury started to play the quick passing football which resulted in a great goal opportunity which unfortunately was missed and seemed to demoralise the team.

With Cropedy in inspired form, whilst Harbury showed glimpses of what they are capable, they were never really in the game and finally lost their first game this season, 4-0. One bright spot from this game was the performance of Ollie who was sharp in goal often coming off his line to deny goal scoring opportunities to the long balls from Cropedy.

Thanks to Neil Murray for refereeing the match in difficult conditions.



28th February - Away at Leamington

Under 9s -Match 1

This was a tough match and we were soon 3-0 down, but thanks to Lucas and Alex we finished with a 3-2 loss.

Match 2

Harbury U9s were awake, what a difference, we were very quickly 4-0 up with tries from Dominic, Lucas, Ceallach and Tim Baldwin. This super lead finished with a 4-3 win; it was a very good game. Well done everyone.

Under 12s

Leamington 7 v Harbury 19

A tremendous performance from Harbury and an exceptionally high work rate from the whole team giving them another well deserved win.

Having to play up hill in the first half, Harbury had the better of the possession, but found it hard to make headway up the slope despite strong runs from Joseph Hughes and George McGowan. Unfortunately Harbury conceded the only try of the first half, with Leamington making good use of the slope.

In the second half the Harbury boys piled on the pressure led by several devastating runs from Sam Tutt, and, with the advantage of the slope, they scored three hard earned tries. A special mention goes to William Higgins who had his best game to date and Henry Mancell who seemed to be in the middle of every ruck and maul. The three tries came from Ben Taylor, Henry Steele and a final joint try from Henry Steele and Neil Taylor, both having hands on the ball as they powered their way over the line. Two conversions from George McGowan.

Under 13s

Leamington 40 v Harbury 5

In the first half Harbury had no answer to Leamington's superior pace. The backs created many overlaps and were 33 - 0 up at the interval with the last try a great interception in their own 22. Harbury were much improved in the second half and spent most of the period camped in Leamington's half despite good tacking, Harbury forwards finally created a try for Finn Toner. Leamington grabbed a score back in the last minute of the game.

March 7th - At home to Earlsdon

Under 9s

Match 1

Harbury 7 - Earlsdon 0 with tried from Caellach, Danny, Lucas, Muarry and Alex (2)

Match 2

Harbury 6 - Earlsdon 0 with tried from Caellach (2), Alex (3) and Lucas

Match 3

Harbury 4 - Earlsdon 2 with tried from Ralph (his first ever try, well done) Danny, Dominic and Lucas

Away to Earlsdon

Under 10s

Harbury enjoyed two well contested games against Earlsdon, with the honours being evenly matched with one win to each team.

The first game saw Harbury win by 6 tries to Earlsdon's 3. In the second game Earlsdon just had the upper hand winning by 7 tries to Harbury's 5.

Harbury started the first game very well and were quickly 3 tries ahead. However, Earlsdon fought back mid way through the game and recovered much of the points difference. Harbury regained the upper hand in the last quarter. In the second game, the situation was reversed with Earlsdon having a 5 try lead at half time. Harbury recovered and fought back but too late to avoid the Earlsdon win.

Both games saw excellent passing and teamwork by Harbury and the team took their opportunities well. Missed tackles meant that on a number of occasions Harbury needed to "dig deep" and successfully defend on their own try line.

Tries were scored by "Crash" (3), Jim (3), Mario (2), Jamie, Kyle and Tiernan. This week, whilst there were a number of contenders for Player of the Week the award went to Crash for his consistent teamwork, skills and opportunity taking throughout the games.

Under 11s

Earlsdon 0 v Harbury 28

Following a heavy defeat at Leamington last week, Harbury came to Earlsdon to prove a point. With the sun on their backs, a positive attitude was apparent prior to kick off and the boys were determined to put in a performance to show how well they can play. And how they delivered.

From the kick off an outstanding Harbury pack were keen to win the ball and lead the way with an uncompromising performance to secure ball, winning the scrums with ease, plus excellent ruck and maul. The loose ball was fought hard for and Harbury won most. Linked with some fantastic passing, good hands and running ball through the whole team, all the boys were playing to their positions, their strengths and with good discipline. Earlsdon were shell shocked and were losing both ball and discipline. An outstanding first half per was well rewarded with an excellent solo run and try from Bay. Ryan duly converted with ease.

Second half was more of the same and better. Lineouts, scrums, rucks and mauls won by hard work and the rewards were more excellent passing and running rugby and three more converted tries. Bay again skillfully losing his marker to run through to score, Luke powering through the line and Matt coming in off blindside following another excellent Harbury scrum to cross the line. Ryan converted each try with calm assurance.

An outstanding team effort, brave and hardworking with all the boys giving 110%. However some deserve special mention, Lukje had his best match

of the season, Luke fought hard, Ryan kicked brilliantly and man of the match Saul put in a sparkling performance.

Under 12s

Earlsdon 43 v Harbury 14

Harbury were over powered by a very strong physical side. The under 12s faced a team in the first half that wanted the ball more than Harbury. Unfortunately the under 12s stood off the opposition letting them run hard and fast at their defense, allowing them to score 5 times without reply in the first half. All that was left was to regain some pride in the second half and that they did. A big pounding rumble by Neil and Ben Taylor put some bite back in to the team and scored Harbury's first try with Neil going over the white wash. This spurred the rest of the team into action, they tightened up their defence and started to run the ball back at the opposition, trying to move the ball out wide into space. Harbury's second try came from the best solo run of the year from Harbury or any opposition side. Joseph Hughes gathered the ball deep in his own half and ran the ball back at the opposition down the right wing going past 6 or 7 Earlsdon players, leaving them standing in his dust to score a fantastic try. The Harbury tries were converted by Harry White.

Away at Balsall and Berkswell

Under 13s

Balsall and Berkswell 17 v Harbury 31

With only a small squad, Ted Easton, Max Brown and George White kindly agreed to play for the other team. From the start Harbury forwards made good ground and Bradley King evaded tackles to score. Driving forward, the Harbury pack mauled and broke off a number of times, getting close enough to the try line for Joe Webster to use his strength and weight to reach the line. Following some good passing and handling skills, Rory Pickin ran through a gap in the opposition defence to score under the posts; Bradley converted the kick. On a large pitch Shane Fennell, the Harbury winger, was able to use his pace to break through and score under the posts. Bradley again converted. Half-time 24 - 0

After the break Balsall and Berkswell came back strongly helped by the addition to their team of Rory Pickin and Simon Fisher. The team scored 3 tries in quick succession and I feared the worst, but Harbury kept Balsall on the back foot, thanks to some good tackling by Max Brown and Jack Hewson. We were awarded a penalty after Shane Fennell had a hand off in the face, he took revenge by carving through the opposition and scoring under the posts. Bradley converted the kick.

21st March - At Home to Alcester

Under 11s

Harbury 30 v Alcester 10

The momentum was definitely with Harbury following their fantastic away win at Earlsdon and the boys were determined to build on their success, and they did in style. A fantastic turnout and great squad effort gave Harbury the win over a very tough Alcester side. From the kick off the Harbury pack were quick to win ball, and pressed forward with purpose. Coming out of a maul Jack Dennis spotted a gap and drove through to the line. However this was not going to be plain sailing and some missed tackles lead to Alcester immediately bouncing back and levelling the scores.

All credit to Harbury they learnt from this and made amends quickly, excellent ruck and maul, great passing, good safe hands and running rugby and three more tries followed. Halftime and the win was all but secure. Alcester had a very tough pack to contend with, however Harbury were resolute and brave to a man, winning ball, making tackles and continuing to play some intelligent running rugby involving the whole team. Good quick thinking, good discipline, and Harbury won penalties, took them quickly and two second half tries followed for Harbury. Alcester continued to press to their credit and managed a further try but Harbury had secured an excellent win, 6 tries to 2. Try scorers: Bay Toner 2, Joe Hunt 2, Jack Dennis 1, Lewis Connon 1

Under 12s

Harbury 47 v Alcester 5

Harbury dominated the game from start to finish, lead by their forwards especially Josh Hill, Conner Gladwin and William Morton who continually ran hard and straight at the Alcester defence opening holes all across the field which in turn gave the Harbury back line room to move the ball around and run the Alcester defense ragged. Tries came from Harry White, Sam Tutt x2, Henry Steele x2, George McGowan and Conner Gladwin. Conversions from George McGowan x 3 and Henry Mancel x 3.

Under 9s - Match 1

Harbury 7 - Alcester 0 with tries from Alex 3, Tim 2, Danny 1 and Murray 1

Match 2

Harbury 7 - Alcester 1 with tries from Danny 5, Caellach 1, Alex 1. An outstanding day for Danny scoring 6 tries, great play from everyone. Steve (Cain's Dad) commented to the team that they are now playing 'real' rugby. Well done everyone.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

Floodlit league fixtures have continued to be affected by the weather and the season has been extended to mid April. At the moment Harbury are top of Division four and are one of four teams vying for the two promotion places. We have two fixtures to play including a "crunch" match against Brackley who have several games in hand over us. The weekend league team managed to complete its fixtures, finishing with a 2-6 defeat at Byfield who clinched promotion with the win. Caroline Morland, Karin Kirk, Steve Stark and Peter Walshe were all involved in some close rubbers but Byfield managed to win the important points. Steve and Peter and Caroline and Steve had the most success for Harbury halving their matches.

The men's doubles completed a rare win with a 3-1 success over Littleton, with Geoff Prince, Jon Scothern, Jon Guy and Marcus Sharpe proving too strong for the visitors. This was followed by a long trip to Pershore with Geoff being joined by his son Sebastian and Jon by Colin Mercer. In the first matches Geoff and Sebastian gave the home team a good run for their money but lost in straight sets. Jonathan and Colin kept Harbury in the match with a 6-2, 7-5 win but unfortunately Pershore proved too good in the second round of matches winning both to complete a 3-1 win.

Juniors

It hasn't been the best of terms weather wise and several coaching sessions since mid January have had to be cancelled. However nearly seventy children (and their hardy coaches!) have been battling against cold, windy or damp conditions and turning up to improve their tennis strokes and practice some match play. By the time you read this, those who have braved the winter should know their times and groups for next term.

We have some new coaching courses starting on Saturday mornings after the school Easter holidays for children aged 5 to 13 at the following times (these times could change, depending on numbers) -

9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Children born in 2002, 2003 or 2004

10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Children born in 2000 and 2001

11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Children born between 1996 and 1999

If you are interested, please email sucol-ercer@tiscali.co.uk with your child's details or ring Sue on 01926 613284.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Mothers' Day – In preparation for Mothers' Day, the children made delightful gifts using paint and tiny shapes and ribbons to decorate small frames containing photographs of themselves. 'Kind hands' Mothers' Day cards were produced, with the children painting each other's hands to make lovely multi-coloured hand prints. They

then drew pictures inside the cards and to these were added inscriptions of why they thought their mummy was special.

Pets and Vets – We were pleased to have several pets visiting Pre-School, including Hollie's guinea pigs, Giggles and Alien and Lesley's gerbil and finch, Shadow and Fire. The role play area was transformed into a vet's surgery, including a consulting room with an operating table, uniforms and medical kits. The graphics area became the reception room with a desk, telephone, appointment book, prescriptions and keyboard and the book area was the quiet waiting room. The children loved choosing a soft toy animal, booking it in to see the vet and then waiting until it was their turn. Vets and nurses were then



on hand to apply bandages, listen to hearts through stethoscopes, give injections and generally offer excellent treatment for the sick animals. The pets and vets theme was complemented by the Animal Hospital small world play sets, appropriate books and songs and the Simple City vet's surgery computer programme. The children also used



their creative skills to make carry boxes for their pets and painted some truly wonderful observational pictures from photographs of their own pets.

Visit to Primary School - We were very grateful to Miss Maher for inviting us to the Reception Class assembly. It was a delight to see so many of our 'old friends' taking part in the assembly. The 15 children we took behaved impeccably and really enjoyed the lovely presentation all about vehicles and road safety, practising the road safety rhyme they had learned as they walked back to Pre-School.

Easter and spring– During the last week of the term, the Easter story was introduced and the children were delighted with the cooking activity, which involved melting chocolate over warm water and mixing it with crushed shredded wheat to make Easter nests. They were even more pleased when they found that the Easter Bunny had filled the nests with mini chocolate eggs while they were setting!

With the weather becoming less wintry, we looked at the new growth in the garden and the children enjoyed digging over the soil and removing the weeds, ready for planting a variety of vegetables and flowers at the beginning of next term.

Open Morning – Pre-School will be holding an open morning on Saturday 17th April from 10–12 noon. This will be a drop-in stay and play session for parents and children who wish to find out more about us and there will be an opportunity to book your child's place for the future.

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.

Pre-School Fundraising Committee

Wow! What a fantastic 2010 Harbury Pre-School is having. Firstly an outstanding OFSTED Report and now-one of our most ambitious fundraising events so far-is a **sell-out!!** 100 tickets sold by 27th March!

Thank you so much to all Pre-School supporters who have helped us distribute posters and leaflets, to Mary and Paul Mugleston for selling them, to all of you readers who have bought tickets and to local businesses such as Karena Ellis-Greenway, Thomas Greenway and Stagecoach who have very generously offered sponsorship.

Warwickshire College will be doing all the catering on the night - great practical experience for the students on their catering course (also awarded Outstanding by Ofsted) and delicious food for us!

With the promise of great songs by popular Rat Pack artist Antony Ferraro, '**Diamonds Are Forever...**' should be a great night for all!

If you missed the chance to get tickets please don't worry. We will be doing a **Carnival Dance** on Saturday June 12th with, for 'One Night Only', Elvis Presley!!! A fitting end to a week of fun! Look out for details soon or contact Julie (614050) or Helen (614858) for further information.

Please also note that we will be celebrating the launch of Carnival Week on 6th June with our **Cream Tea afternoon** which proved such a success last year. Entertainment from Hereburgh Morris Dancers is promised and we will also be running balloon races, face painting and children's activities alongside a **Summer Fayre**.

May 7th is **Quiz Night** at Harbury Primary School-always a popular event.

In October we are proud to be putting on the **Victorian Street Fair** with **Windmills Nursery**. A popular event for many years we are very grateful to Dan Killian for his help, support and knowledge in getting this off the ground again.

Please also look out for our blue '**Bag2School**' bags. We will be collecting any unwanted clothing, bedding or shoes at the end of April 2010. The contents are distributed to countries in need while children of Harbury Pre-School benefit from cash raised. A great way to donate results of your Spring Clean and help a great local cause.

Thank you and a very Happy Easter to all!

Julie Young

On Behalf of the Pre-School Fundraising Committee



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee



Our theme this term has been Spring and Growing. The children have learnt a new song about daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses, planted herb seeds to give to their mums for Mother's Day, and planted sunflower seeds to look after at home.

Forest School

We have held two Forest School sessions this month. During the first session the children discovered a letter from the three little pigs inviting them to build new houses to keep them safe from the wolf. We talked about how to build a good strong house and the children then carefully constructed their own. The children then retold the story pretending to be the wolf trying to blow each other's houses down to see who had built the strongest one. During the second session we investigated



and explored some real bird's nests to see how the birds had made them and then used the natural resources in the woodland to build nests of their own.

Other activities this month have included:

- ⇒ visiting church for the Toddler service
- ⇒ visiting School to watch the Reception class assembly
- ⇒ setting up a vet role play area
- ⇒ using observational drawings of spring flowers to create a Mother's Day card
- ⇒ composing a Mother's Day poem using the children's comments:



My Mummy

My mummy doesn't go to school, she goes to the shops.

She cooks me waffles and fish fingers - she makes hot chocolate.

I help her do the washing, she lets me put the powder in.

My mummy is like a little mouse. She is really cuddly,
She lets me sleep in her bed and gives me hugs and kisses.

Mummy wears blond hair and black clothes.

She's got lips and a mouth, she has a circle face, pretty
She smells nice, mummy teaches me how to do letters and numbers.

She tells me a story with princesses she plays with me

I love my mummy because

I just do.

Written by: Jacob, Bella, Sofia, Evie H, Giorgio, Mia, Finley, Joseph
Coulter, Millie,
Frankie, Sophie B, Emily and Joseph
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- ⇒ using their hand prints to create an Easter Card
- ⇒ helping the children to develop their understanding of positional language by enjoying an Easter Egg hunt outside in our Forest School
- ⇒ making chocolate crispy nests and Easter bonnet biscuits.

Thank you

Thank you to Debbie Gee for her donation of toys and paints. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent Indulgence Evening a success, especially Heidee Powell for organising this event - we raised almost £350. Particular thanks to the fundraising group and those parents who provided food, and raffle prizes, and to everyone who turned up on the evening to support Windmills.

Dates

Windmills Nursery School will be holding their annual Summer Ball in the Village Hall on Saturday, 26th June, 2010 at 8.00pm. This year the live band playing will be the "Screamin Abdabs" who are a covers band from Middleton Cheney, Banbury (they can be heard on their website <http://www.screamin-abdabs.co.uk>). There will also be food and a raffle during the evening, so please put the date in the diary - more details next month.

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.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

School Sport – Congratulations to the Girls' Cross Country team, who last week won the Central Warwickshire Primary Schools Cross Country Championships, to complete, for the second year running, the League and Championship double – a magnificent achievement. Pride of place must go to Chelsea Kempton (3rd), Paige Adams (9th) and Nikki Simpson (16th), who have all been selected to represent Central Warwickshire in the County championships next Saturday, and to Sophie Green (24th), who has been selected as a reserve for the team. However, they were brilliantly backed up by our Year 5 runners, who were competing in their first race – Evie Davey (30th), Connie White (31st), Nina Chand (39th), Claudia Ellis-Greenaway (47th), Sophia Adams (48th) and Francesca Hadley (54th) – well done, everyone.

Three pupils represented Central Warwickshire in the county championships, with Chelsea Kempton finishing in an outstanding 9th place. Saul Groves, who has only recently left the school, finished in 6th place in the boys' championship.

The football season has now resumed and the team has met with mixed fortunes – in their first match, the rustiness showed as they were beaten 1-4 by St Peters, but the form returned in their next match, when they beat Shrubland St 4-0. Their next matches are on Monday, away to St Mary's, and on Thursday, at home to Our Lady's.

The netball season resumed last week, with the annual area competition held at Long Itchington. Well done to our team who played superbly to finish as runners up.

Easter Holiday Projects – The school has received details of various projects that are available to children over the Easter break. We will be posting these details on the school website in the next day or two. Other events will also be posted on the Southam Extended Services website – www.southamschoolsextendedservices.co.uk While I am happy to circulate details of these events, the school can take no responsibility for them or for children attending them – it is for parents to ensure that any event is appropriate for their individual child.

Haiti Appeal – The total raised towards the Haiti Disaster Appeal was a staggering £1,117. Many thanks to all who organised the events which supported the appeal, and thanks to everyone for supporting them.

Comenius - The second meeting in the school's Comenius Project took place in Germany from 10th-14th March – three teachers from the school attended.

Emergency Evacuation - The school was evacuated on Friday 19th March when the fire alarms went off. The alarm was caused by a fault in one of the push button switches. However, the evacuation was carried out efficiently and all children were safely accounted for well before we knew it was a false alarm.

And Finally ... Thanks for your efforts in making the characterisation assembly, celebrating World Book Day, such a success. All who attended the assembly could have been nothing but impressed with the costumes that the children came in.

	1st Harbury Scouts	Nick Tawney
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This year we have done three week-end residential trips (to the Peak District, North Wales and Horley) and a summer camp to North Wales. All scouts have had a chance to get out into some mountainous country and over half the troop had a chance to climb Snowdon.

Activities have included:

- A day's cycling in the Forest of Dean, grass sledging, ice skating, go-karting both motorised and on scout made karts, water sliding, aerial tree climbs, wide games, cooking on fires, aerial runway and a trip to the beach.
- Making electronic buzzers, Christmas puddings, woggles and whittling.
- Gardening for the School and Parish Council, litter picking for the local Point to Point.
- Visits to Upton Farm and Russell's to learn about farming and ecology.

First Aid, knots, map work and navigation.

This year we have been to the Peaks again and are away to the Lake District soon. We plan to do some kayaking in the summer. One of our scouts, Callum Panton, has been selected to represent Warwickshire at the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden.

Troop numbers remained at 30 throughout the year. I am extremely grateful to the team (Neil and Carole Shuttleworth, John Rea, Nick Green, Sue Peacock, Ian and Sue Panton) who have enabled me to run a troop of this size. Likewise, the enthusiasm and efficiency of the GASS team have been exemplary. I shall be leaving at the end of summer although I will still be around to help with mountain walking/wild camping.

Scout Camp in the Peak District

A few weekends ago (Saturday 13th Feb - Sunday 14th Feb to be exact), the 1st Harbury Scout troop went on a trip to the Peak District. We stayed in Ravenstor Youth Hostel for one night, all of us in different dorms. Every single one of us had an awesome time and was sad to leave.

It began with an early start at the Scout Hut car park. After our goodbyes, most of us crowded into the minibus whilst a few others went in John's car. Soon we were on our way with Kerrang radio to listen to and the minibus being expertly driven by Nick Green. After two hours of gorging on sweets, singing joyful (not to mention annoying) songs, and never-ending chatter, we arrived at Dovedale car park. In case you don't know, in Dovedale there is a hill called Thorpe Cloud, a hill so steep that even some of the leaders found it hard. After a long climb, we finally scrambled to the top, feeling immensely proud (until we were told by Nick it was actually just the *first* hill!).



You get the message - lots of walking was done, however when we arrived at a random cave we had two options; we could either walk a steeper route or go back the way we came. The majority took the simpler route but a few brave volunteers did take the harder route. The walk back was easier and the two groups reunited. Ravenstor was finally near!

After a long trek, opinion was divided about how to rest weary legs. The girls: spraying deodorant in the boys' rooms, playing blindman's buff and having a warm shower. The boys: shouting and screaming, playing pranks on people and running around. Dinner and games afterwards sorted all of the troop out and we went to sleep instantly. Well, most of us anyway!

The next day we went to the Roaches, which is a good place to rock climb. Nick Tawney hid some chocolate coins and (in teams) we had to find them. However, he hid them in cracks in a group of rocks so it was hard to get to them. All of us got two mini chocolate bars each for trying. We headed for the minibus, ready for our lunch.

On the way back we stopped at Waterworld which was brilliant! The rides varied from rubber rings to falling into a deep pool. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and was almost silent on the way back home. We were warmly welcomed and were very tired having had an eventful few days. All of us had the most fun-packed weekend ever!

Sophie Green — Falcons



1st Harbury Beaver Group

Emma Masefield

What have we been up to this last year?

We have had a fantastic year with many highlights. Here are just a few:

Shortly after taking over last year, we introduced the theme of Africa, linking in with Comic Relief. The boys had an opportunity to taste African food such as Uji Porridge, learn some Swahili and dress and dance like Masai Warriors. We also sang campfire songs, good old Scouting ones and some Swahili ones. It was great fun. The tag phrase for the Comic Relief campaign was "Do something funny and raise some money" and so the boys made their own 'joke machines' from which they then sold jokes to family and friends. We raised £155 for Comic Relief.

During the Summer Term, our theme was Health and Fitness. Activities included Pilates, Water Olympics (very wet and great fun), Circuit Training and a 'Hike Away' from Harbury to Ufton and back which we did with Bishops Itchington Beavers.

For me one of the biggest highlights of last year was our Circus Show. During the course of just one session, we managed to put together a Circus show of Lion Tamers, Strong Men, Trapeze Artists, Jugglers and Clowns introduced by Ring Masters. All the boys and the helpers took up the challenge with enormous enthusiasm and sense of fun and the result was a hilarious performance for parents and siblings at the end.

We now have a Night's Away Permit, which means we can do overnight events. In October we held a Sleepover for our oldest Beavers at the time. We 'camped' in tents in the safety of the Scout Hut, had a torch lit walk and learnt about Morse Code. The boys especially enjoyed the midnight feast! Another one is planned for April.

Being part of Leamington District enabled us to take part in whole day of exciting activities at Blackwell Adventure as part of the District Camp. The Beavers got to build chariots and race them, defeat a Dragon and slide down the biggest Grass Slide and much, much more.

It's been a brilliant year and we have done so much! Want to find out more? Get your name on the waiting list!

If anyone is interested in becoming a Leader (or Young Leader) for Beavers, then please contact us. We will soon be losing two of our Leaders. It is hugely rewarding and a valuable part of Harbury life. Help to keep it running!

Emma Masefield, Beaver Scout Leader, Tel No: 01926 612822

For waiting list info contact: Hayley Bennett on 01926 614494



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Yet again, items have disappeared from the cupboards and fridges in the Village Hall and it defies belief when one of the losses was a large block of cheese? The Village Hall committee joined with CAMRA in March in organising the Beer Festival to raise funds in support of the modernisation plans. Hot dogs, bacon sandwiches and cheese were on sale to keep the inner men (and women) well supplied with food, but the single remaining cheddar cheese was unused and left in the 'dew bin' of one of the fridges in the kitchen. By the time someone checked all the surplus food, the cheese had 'walked', along with bottles of ketchup and mustard! Some of the Hall's cooking utensils were also no longer in evidence, so the volunteers headed home to bring in their own equipment. The losses add to the list of 90 cups and saucers, water jugs and trays, which were all purchased by the management committee to assist hirers who plan to offer food for their events. A decision will have to be made at the AGM this month as to whether the items will be replaced AGAIN – or whether it will be necessary to ask hirers to bring the utensils they need for their own event? It all adds to the ongoing expense of maintaining the Hall, which the committee aim to keep as low as possible for the benefit of all.

However, the good news is that thanks to the teams of volunteers who worked from 'morn till night', a profit of just over £1K was made and when added to the generous grant of £1,250 from Stratford District Council for the promotion of local businesses, the event raised approx. £2,250. The committee also learned recently that a further grant of £2K has been awarded from the Southam Vision fund and this will allow further modernisation to take place. This is to support the plan to open up the Farley Room into the Youth /Storage room, so that it can be used to serve drinks for the many events, which will need a separate facility - now that the Wagstaffe Room has been converted into the new ladies toilets. The new facilities, which were well and truly 'christened' at the Beer Festival, have drawn nothing but praise for the standard of workmanship from local builder John Warner and his team. Someone even likened the colour scheme to that of one of the terminal buildings at Heathrow – delicate turquoise walls and tiling, black surfaces around the wash basins, wood grained doors and a light mottled floor covering. The new disabled facility should also make life a lot easier for those who found difficulty manoeuvring a wheelchair into the limited space offered behind the sliding door in the former 'Ladies'.

There will be a chance for any villager to air his/her views about the current organisation and future plans for the Village Hall at the AGM on Thursday 15th April in the Farley Room. There has already been a change

in the position of the Treasurer in the past month, as Martin Randall, who had struggled valiantly to analyse some payment and booking discrepancies discovered from previous years, found that it was an excessive demand on his time after a full-time demanding job. As mentioned in previous articles, the majority of officers on the Management Committee are retired or semi-retired, as considerable time is needed for processing requests, sending out invoices, applying for grants and maintaining the premises. Lyn Edwards has now risen to the challenge of managing the books, after acting as an auditor previously, so he has a 'head start' on understanding the complexities of a busy booking schedule. Chairman, Geoff Thorpe, thanked Martin for all his efforts and from Geoff's own commitment to the needs of the Village Hall, he fully understood why it is not a job which can be taken lightly – and far too much for a busy person to undertake.

Over the years, there have been many people who have dedicated an incredible amount of time to looking after the community Hall and at Helen Pratt's funeral last month, Father Craig mentioned her superb devotion to duty and her pride in caring for the premises where she was the main cleaner - with help from husband, Jim (Curly) Pratt for many years. Former Chairmen of the Management Committee recall her as a stalwart of the community who ruled her domain with 'a rod of iron'. She was there every day and woe betide anyone who didn't respect the building as she thought they should – it was her 'other home' and she maintained it as such. Harbury has been fortunate in depending on these selfless people over the years and their contribution should be recognised and lauded.

For anyone who wishes to join the current band of willing volunteers, remember – the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of your Village Hall is on THURSDAY 15TH APRIL AT 7.30PM. Your views and efforts are needed as much now as they ever were. Please attend!



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

I have just read my March article when I said that fingers and toes were crossed for March meeting. Well that obviously didn't work as when I finally contacted Nicholas Clark to confirm all OK etc he told me that he had just got back from South Africa and thought that he may not be able to come for the March meeting as he probably wouldn't be well enough!!!! He was so unconcerned too, so I have reported this incident to the RHS at Pershore who advised that he had done this before and would no longer be included on their speakers list. That was on the Monday so,

as I didn't want to cancel yet another meeting, I spoke to Christine Dakin from Bridge Nurseries and she readily agreed to come and give a talk the next day, even though she was going out for the day to Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire. Phew a very close run thing!!!

Christine and Philip duly arrived with a very welcome display of plants for sale too and we all enjoyed a wonderful evening. There was a record attendance too so hopefully this will encourage those present to visit Bridge Nurseries and take advantage of the 10% members discount.

The topic was all about extending the season in our gardens from July onwards to create colour and a backdrop to all the amazing plants that are available. Christine showed some superb slides to demonstrate that there is so much colour we can add to our borders. Echinops are fantastic with a superb range of blue colours. Add a huge Yucca and you have an instant feature. Sedums don't have to be the same old boring one - there are some lovely colours now available from bronze through to deep red. Put these in front of a hedge of hardy fuschias together with Verbena Bonarensis and you have a shock of colours to rival Great Dixter. Grasses can add much glamour and substance to a border and need very little care, Christine has several different species in her borders.

The old favourite, Cerinthe, is very under used and another plant easy to grow, mix this with some annuals such as Cosmos and you have instant colour for months on end. Penstemons, Caryiopsis, pink Verbenas mixed with hardy geraniums also put on a good show in front of a willow hedge. Heleniums are wonderful for vibrant yellows and oranges planted with crocosmias and Zebra grasses, my kind of border! The list goes on, not forgetting climbing roses and clematis. Japanese anemones are always good value plants as are Phlox. Hydrangeas can sometimes be boring but the paniculata varieties are stunning.

Salvias have such a diverse range and these too last well into October and November. The annual Nicotiana Sylvestris, a huge plant with panacles of white flowers is another spectacular plant, again easy to grow from seed. Christine's knowledge of all of the plants shown together with tips on propagation just added to the enjoyment of the evening. I have probably left out many plants as I was so impressed by the slides but Christine demonstrated that we can have a riot of colour in our gardens right up to November.

We all enjoyed the talk and expressed our thanks for her standing in at the last minute. As I said earlier, do go and visit Bridge Nurseries soon and look for the progress on Philip's project (his rather large shed).

The speaker at the April meeting on 6th is Dr John Page who will be talking about Irish Gardens and the May meeting on 4th will be a talk about kitchen gardens focusing on vegetables and the speaker will be the

lovely Tim Miles who was at the Lost Gardens of Heligan and is now at the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Thank you for your support for the two day trips; the second one on 7th July is fully booked but as of today (23rd March) there are 5 places left on the trip to Hestercombe and East Lambrook Gardens on 9th June so if you would like to come please give me a ring, this trip costs £18.

I was most remiss by not including in last month's article the fact that we have had a volunteer to take over as Show Secretary. Patrick Clark has stepped forward and we all are very grateful to him, the Show does go on now - a very big thank you to Patrick.

Plans are now well underway for the Open Gardens on 19th and 20th June. As you know we were unable to hold the event last year so this year we plan to come back with a vengeance. If you are interested in opening your garden and we haven't contacted you yet just get in touch with me or any committee member; we would welcome some new gardens. As usual we will be joining with members of the Church and will be serving lunches and teas in the Tom Hauley room, so at the next 2 meetings I shall be looking for volunteers to help on the 2 days and for contributions of cakes. We always have some fabulous cakes but never seem to have enough help on the days so that committee members end up doing 2 or even 3 shifts - don't be shy, we need you.

Lots of places to visit now that Spring has finally arrived. There is a garden open under the NGS on Sunday 11th April at 19 Church Lane Lillington from 2.00pm to 5.30pm with plants for sale as well. Also opening in the Yellow Book, on 18th April, Ivy Lodge at Radway from 2.00 to 6.00pm with homemade teas available in the Village Hall. Diane Cole from Meadow Farm (she and her husband have given a talk about their move to the nursery at Inkberrow) will be at lots of plant sales as follows: 18th April Specialist Plant Fair at Chatsworth House 11.00 to 5.00pm, 25th April West Derbyshire Spring Plant Fair at Culland Hall Brailsford 11.00am to 4.00pm, 1st May Village Garden Club Plant Sales at Bradley Green Village Hall near Redditch 10.00am to 12.30pm and lastly May 2nd at Pump Room Gardens in Leamington for the Plant Heritage (Warwickshire) Plant Fair 11.00am to 3.00pm. There are more throughout May and I will bring details to the April meeting.

On 17th and 18th April the gardening team from Anne Hathaway's Cottage will be there from 2.00 to 4.00pm to answer gardening queries and demonstrating how to make willow cabins. The title of the talk is "How does your Garden Grow?" Don't forget Shakespeare's Birthday celebrations at all of the properties on 23rd and 24th April. On May 1st and 2nd at Mary Arden's Farm, young Tudors will prepare garlands and dress in their finest in the hope that they will be chosen as Queen of the May. I have had a new brochure from Spetchley Park near Worcester which is now open for the new season. New this year is a renovated

kitchen garden and a redesigned rose garden and much more, always worth a visit. I have also had brochures from Birmingham Botanical Gardens, lots of new attractions there too.

At Pershore College, Noel Kingsbury will be giving a talk entitled "Wild about Perennials" on 28th April at 7.30pm, includes tea and coffee. If you are interested, contact 01386 554609 to book.

Do plan to visit a garden nearby and support the NGS which raises about 2 million pounds each year for cancer charities; Joe Swift is the figure head this year. I will bring along some more Warwickshire Gardens booklets to the April meeting. Whatever you do just enjoy our wonderful Spring as it promises to be a good one and don't go too mad in the garden!

Look forward to seeing everyone at the April and May meetings.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

An item in the news in February said that Spring was arriving 11 days earlier on average. It seems to me that it is at least 11 days later this year! Although there have been some wonderful sunny days in March, it has stayed cold with frequent frosts at night which seem to be holding a number of plants back.

The change in the weather enabled me to fulfil a long delayed trip with my parents and friend Pat to Anglesey Abbey near Cambridge. The winter garden is full of colour and scent. There were Viburnums, Cyclamen, Sarcococca, Willows, Dogwoods, and many different varieties of Snowdrops. But the most stunning was a group of *Betula Jacquemontii* – the Silver Birch with pure white stems. I would definitely recommend a visit there next winter.

Meanwhile, back to the aftermath of the harsh winter: barrow loads of dead plants have been consigned to the compost bin – a really hateful job. Plants in the garden have survived pretty well as far as I can tell but maybe it's a bit early to know yet.

Philip pushes on with the Visitor Centre. We have been lucky enough to secure a Rural Enterprise Grant towards the cost of the fit-out. Our first group visit is on the 14th of this month, so hopefully it will be ready to accommodate them.

Jobs for the month:

- Plant potatoes
- Sow beetroot, carrots, lettuce, peas, perpetual spinach, spring onions.

- Deadhead daffodils and tulips but let the foliage die down naturally.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs e.g. Alliums, Gladioli, Lilies

If you mow the lawn, have the blades set high.

Plants looking good now:

Pulmonaria*	Bergenia*	Doronicum*
Forsythia	Carex elata Aurea*	Tulpis
Spirea arguta*	Daffodils*	Anemone blanda*

Plants marked with a * are available at Bridge Nursery.

PS. We do like to receive any feedback; you can email us via our website.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton, Tel: 01926 812737 www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

The snow went towards the end of February with the snowman in the garden opposite finally melting away on the 26th. There was a long series of frosty mornings through to mid-March with often sunny days making cycling a pleasure when warmly clad. On Mothering Sunday, (March 14th), in Welford-on-Avon having a post lunch stroll with the family down the village's footpath network, we saw Lesser Celandine (Ranunculaceae ficaria) in bloom as well as plentiful Snowdrops and Crocus. One of Lesser Celandines' defunct local names is 'Spring Messenger'. Removing it from the garden is a thankless task as its tiny tubers break off and get left in the ground to sprout again the following year. Pilewort was another common name due to the resemblance of the tubers to haemorrhoids. Consequently, it was given by herbalists to treat the condition based on the 'Doctrine of Signatures'. For instance, yellow flowers would be used to treat jaundice and the blotchy oval leaves of Lungwort might help in diseases of the lung. Not a modern scientific approach, but placebos can be quite powerful. Greater Celandine (Chelidonium majus) is a yellow flower of the Poppy family and not related to the Buttercups. Its leaves are lobed and it blooms later in the year, Oxford being a good place to find it as it has a liking for stony ground. I'm indebted to Flora Britannica by Richard Mabey for some of these facts.

The butterflies mentioned in last month's article have emerged from hibernation with the warmer days since the middle of the month.

Several readers have reported seeing the Brimstone (*Gonepteryx rhamni*) and single sightings of the Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell. It will be August before the life cycle of the Brimstone produces fresh adults. Search for the distinctive pale bottle shaped eggs in May or June. They may be found attached to the underside of Alder and Purging Buckthorn bushes in sunny sheltered spots.

On March 15th the weather was cold with fitful sunny spells. I visited Coombe Abbey with the U3A Naturalists' Group. The bird hide is well appointed and overlooks the lake from the north bank. The heronry is on a small wooded island close by. Here, an average of 55 pairs breed each year (60% of Warwickshire's Heron population). Perhaps because of the prolonged cold weather, this is going to be a 'bad' year or most birds had not yet arrived. I do not know. We saw only about 6 herons competing with numbers of cormorants. I'll return in April to see what is happening. On one side of the hide were bird feeding posts attracting a large number of small birds including Long Tailed, Willow, Coal, Blue and Great Tits. A Nuthatch showed off its climbing skills. This bird always feeds by landing towards the top of a tree and working down searching for insects whilst the Tree Creeper does the opposite, a useful way of telling the birds apart.

The weather on March 16th, after a cold spell, became quite warm so that I managed to sit outside with a cup of tea during a break from gardening. Brimstone butterflies were disporting themselves and bees were going in and out of the hives next door. John Stringer had told me that one colony had not survived the winter. The following day, I found Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*) on the left hand side of Chesterton Road as it climbs out of the village. This compositae is early to flower. It has a characteristic scaly stem, the leaves appear a month or so after the yellow flowers, hence an old name 'Son-before-Father'.

We had a new moon on March 17th followed by rain, heaviest on March 20th. Frogs had been lured from hibernation evidenced by several squashed amphibians on our roads. I've yet to see a live one or frog spawn this year but several readers report activity in their garden ponds.

Hugh Jones' talk on Warwickshire building stones to the Harbury Society had a good attendance and was well received. I took his advice and visited the ancient St. Nicholas Church at Loxley [as featured on the front of his small book – *A Ramblers' Guide to Building Stones in Warwickshire*]. Here you will see a patchwork of different rock - Blue and White Lias, Arden, Warwick and Kenilworth Sandstone to name some which have gone into its construction. Hugh made the point that a lot of the different colours would have been hidden as in an earlier age coatings of lime wash were applied inside and out.

A Muntjac deer stared back at me across a field from the edge of Bascote Wood as I cycled past on March 21st, the first day of spring. It seemed a suitably propitious day on which to visit a favourite local spot; namely the towpath leading to Bascote Top Lock. I risked a puncture as the way was sprinkled with hedge cuttings but luck was on my side. Just before bridge, I found the patch of White Violets I was looking for coming into flower. Perhaps there were not as many as in previous years but certainly worth the effort. A few tiny leaves are bursting forth on roadside hawthorn hedges. Today [22nd March], Wild Arum leaves were like pennants in the wind. Somewhere a little different to feature in next month's article after Sharon and I pay a visit to Suffolk.



General Section



“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 21st May 2010

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 21st May 2010 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 80 suppers taking part in England and Wales. In 2010 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 ext. 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk.

Elizabeth Wright
Donor Development Officer



South Warwickshire Caring with Confidence

Do you look after someone?

FREE Confidence Building, Informative, Relaxing, Fun sessions!

South Warwickshire Carers Support Service are now delivering the Caring with Confidence programme which is part of the Government's New Deal for Carers – an initiative aimed at improving support for Carers. There are seven **free** generic sessions you can choose from and these sessions will:

- Build on your strengths as a carer

- Give you the opportunity to share experiences and learn from others in similar situations

- Give you useful information, ideas and tips about looking after someone

- Help you decide what you might like to change about your caring role

Carers have said that these sessions truly make a difference to their lives and so improve the quality of life and independence for the person they care for.

We provide free refreshments throughout the sessions and travel and alternative care costs for those that need it.

To find out more Contact Gill or Carole on 01926 485581, www.swcss.org.uk

Blood Donors

The session in March produced 90 units of blood; special thanks to the 8 new donors. Hopefully they will all be back for the next session on July 1st.

Gillian Hare

Art Classes

This term we have banished the winter frosts by concentrating on several boat scenes.

We have been honing our skills in pastel and have learnt how to use them in several different ways. Pastels are very much like chalk sticks but they have much more pigment in them held together with gum. They come in a huge range of gorgeous colours and vary in softness. The softer the pastel, the better the quality and the higher the price.

Most people will automatically rub their pastels to blend them. This is a very useful technique but it can dull the vibrant colours of the pastels. We have learnt to use them by making many small marks of similar colour on our paper to build up a rich texture of colour. Our corn field paintings shimmered with light and colour.

We will continue to evolve our skills in pastel until July, by which time we will all be experts!

Anyone who is interested in joining the class can get more information from Jan on 01926 614251.

Jan Freeman

Southam & District Lions Club



We are holding an 'EXTRA' Furniture Sale in April! As well as the normal 2nd Saturday of the month, April 10th, we are having another one on **Saturday 24th April 2010**. Hopefully the weather will be warm with lots of spring sunshine so do come along and see us at the back of the Co-op - normal times 8.30am – until about noon.

Our May Day Fete is on Bank Holiday Monday May 3rd at the Library Grounds in Southam. We have lots of stalls to tempt you with, cakes, plants, ice cream, refreshments, tin can alley books and a dancing display plus the Grand Draw and more! Lions will be selling tickets any time now, so if you see one – a Lion that is – do stop and buy a ticket since all the money raised goes to good causes in and around Southam. There's lots of things for the children to enjoy too, so remember to give them lots of pocket money to spend!!

The Southam Carnival is taking place on Bank Holiday Monday May 31st. This is an event organised by Southam Lions, Southam Round Table and Rotary '2000' but many other local groups get involved too. This is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy themselves either watching the Carnival Procession or walking around the stalls and Fair at the Rec. – maybe both! The fun starts at 12.00 noon (assemble time) at the Wood St Car



park and as usual the procession will be led by the Carnival Princess at 12.30pm. The theme of the Carnival this year is 'SPORTS AND GAMES' so dig out those shorts and colourful tops and join in the fun. To enter a float in the procession, call Jackie on 817744 or Richard on 814066. Let's hope for good weather!

Peter Guy

Southam Windmill Singers - Tribute to Choirmaster, Ken Nordon

Southam's Windmill Singers remember their long-time musical director Ken Nordon in a memorial concert to be held at St James's Church, Southam on April 24th.

Ken, who died last October, was well-known in East Warwickshire and led the choir for some forty years. He was responsible for developing the choir's repertoire to include not only church music but rural English folk music, war-time favourites, Gilbert & Sullivan and songs from popular musicals. His last public appearance was conducting the choir in a performance of his favourite mass, John Stainer's The Crucifixion, last Easter.

Under Ken's stewardship the Windmills annually performed at UK cathedrals during summer months. Last year the choir took part in services at Birmingham Cathedral and this August it will visit Derby Cathedral.

Recently appointed musical director, Gary Beman, says:

"It is a privilege to be able to continue in Ken's footsteps and to conduct his beloved Windmill Singers in a concert to his memory".

The memorial concert at St James's Church, Southam, on 24th April will commence at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a retiring collection.

For further information please contact: Musical Director, Gary Beman, on 01926 498264 or Chairman, Bill Buckler, on 01926 633409

Bob Teers

Saving Money - Saving Energy Day

During the course of Saturday March 6th over 55 people came to the Village Hall to sample what was on offer from various stall holders and to gain an idea of how to proceed with saving money and energy at home. There was a lively discussion at the recycling stall with many of us finding out exactly what we can put into our bins. One or two questions that could not be answered were referred for further information. The general rule for soft paper items was "If you can crunch it up and it stays in a ball then it can be re-cycled", BUT "please make sure it is clean." Dirty, used, aluminium cooking foil is not appreciated.

Money saving recipe cards were given out with interesting uses for all those odds and ends you get left with that sometimes get thrown out. Interesting light bulbs using less energy for every use in the home, garage and garden were demonstrated as well as meters for measuring your electricity use. These meters can be bought from your energy supplier but it was suggested that maybe the Parish Council should buy some to loan out for a short period for people to test out things at home. That computer left on standby overnight uses as much as a microwave heating up 6 meals.

Air source heat pumps were demonstrated which took up several people's attention as they can be added to whatever system you have already. Some of those tubes and flat plates you can see around on some roofs in Harbury were displayed with members of the community present to answer questions.

We would like to thank all the children at school who produced an

excellent display of ways to cut down energy and who have gained a national award for their work. Thanks must also go to all the stall holders and members of our community who gave up their time to be there and answer questions.

We all need to work towards saving energy and reducing our dependence on the supplies that we take for



granted. A member of the public who came suggested we might have an energy page in the Harbury and Ladbroke News each month. If this is worth doing we need some ideas of what YOU would like to see printed. You can drop into the Parish Office with ideas or send to the Harbury News directly.

Things you can do to start with that were offered on March 6th by members of the public were:

- Buy local foods from local farm shops; there are 2 good ones close by
- Filling the fridge and freezer-half full is not

economic

- Use fresh food in season rather than buy frozen. Use leftover vegetables to make soup. It does not take long and has no additives.

Switch all hi-fi, radios,TVs off at the mains. Standby uses power.

Jenny Patrick

London Marathon 2010 – Ian Hartland

Let me start by thanking all of those people who have generously sponsored me so far for my run in this year's London Marathon. I still have a way to go to my target. Training for London is always a challenge as your place is confirmed in November and you have the pleasure of piling on the miles through the darkest and coldest time of the year.

This year has been particularly fraught, what with snow in January and February, icy roads and rainy and windy runs. I do most of my serious miles around Draycote reservoir, usually as soon as it opens on a Sunday morning, but still run around Kingston Farms and Harbury whenever convenient.



I'm running for PHAB Kids, which is the leading national charity committed to promoting and encouraging disabled and non-disabled children and adults to take part in a wide range of social and sports activities. If you would like to sponsor me on-line by credit or debit card, just go to: **www.justgiving.com/ihartland**. You will receive an immediate receipt and the money goes straight to the charity. Job done!

If you're not keen on Internet transactions then why not drop a cheque, made payable to PHAB Marathon, through the door of 45 Mill Street. All donations are welcome. Cash can also be put through the door, (preferably in an envelope!), but it would be nice to know from whom it comes so I can thank you.

You may ask why anyone in their mid-to-late 50s would want to run another marathon? It's a good question. My answer is: why not have a go yourself and experience the buzz of being cheered on every yard of the way by friendly and encouraging strangers, crossing the 26+ miles line in the Mall and then proudly sporting your very own Finishers' medal for all to see? It works for me.

Ian Hartland
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Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Award Group



Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Award Group is having a QUIZ NIGHT.....with well-known quiz masters Mark and Linda Casement!

To help us raise vital funds for this new village group, we are holding a quiz night in Harbury School Hall on Friday 23rd April at 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Canal Imports are running the bar, there will be a light supper and a raffle, and of course prizes for the top teams.

Cost is £20 per team of four. To enter a team please call Caroline Hill on 613780 or email caro.hill@btinternet.com soon – places are going fast!

Caroline Hill

Harbury Carnival 2010

Extra! Extra! Harbury Carnival Bonus 30 Minutes (Saturday June 12th, 2010)

What's the bonus?

This year we are going to start Carnival **half an hour EARLIER**.

15% Extra!

So that we can fit in a packed and fun programme of events the Carnival Parade will set off at 1pm instead of 1.30pm – full details will be revealed next month.

So make sure YOU come and participate and help us continue the great carnival tradition. Get together with your local organisation, pub, street or friends and see what ideas you can come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession. The more participants there are the more fun it is for everybody and I promise that you will enjoy the experience. Here is the list of categories:

- Trade Float
- Independent Float
- Children's' Float
- Decorated Bike/Pram/Car
- Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead
- Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons
- Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons
- Walking Tableau Family
- Walking Tableau Adults
- Walking Adult
- Walking Child

If you would like to book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 and, if you have any questions about the Carnival, please feel free to call John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.

Special Offer – More Carnival for nothing

Remember we will start 30 minutes earlier this year. Put it in your diary now.

Peter Walshe

On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Harbury Heritage Group

Recent Developments ... well, *they're recent to someone my age!*

As you are probably aware, the school holds a large collection of information about Harbury, gathered over the past 30 years or so. Hopefully this archive is going to be made accessible to the village in the near future. There are gaps though ...

Like all settlements, Harbury has developed gradually over centuries. However, it is now one of the largest, if not THE largest in Warwickshire. Obviously there are Victorian and Edwardian buildings, notably in Ivy Lane, and Church Terrace, but the majority of buildings are 20th century, usually built as estates or single street developments. We are trying to find out more precise dates for each development so a picture can be built up of how the village has expanded. Does anyone know for example when Pineham Avenue was constructed, or Manor Road, or Percival Drive? When were the larger estates developed? Exact dates would be helpful, plus any information as to the builder or whether they were initially RDC houses. Is it true that each village in Southam RDC was expected to have a quota of council houses? If you have any information along these lines, please write it down and send it into the school for the attention of Nigel Chapman, who, having nothing better to do, will collate it.

Nigel Chapman

WRVS – Meals on Wheels

From 1st May 2010 the WRVS will no longer be organising the delivery of the Meals on Wheels. A company called "County Enterprise Food Services" will be taking over. The WRVS would like to thank all the volunteers who have generously given of their time to deliver these meals for the last – is it 30 years?

I, personally, would like to add my thanks to everybody for their time and commitment to the residents of Harbury and Bishops Itchington who have been grateful for this much needed service.

Gill Thorpe

Streetview comes to Harbury & Ladbroke

Did you see the camera car? Neither did I but Streetview has been to Harbury and Ladbroke.

Streetview is the new way of exploring without leaving your computer.

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Put your own address or postcode into Google Earth (you will need to download the programme first) or select Streetview from Google Search by selecting Maps in the top left of the screen and entering your postcode, then dragging the little yellow man onto your street (John Travis tells me) and you see an aerial picture of the target.



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Linda Ridgley

Harbury Pre-School - Open Morning

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Anna Wilson

Village with a Vision

This month we have three things to tell you!

Firstly; the Housing Needs Survey will be delivered to everyone in the village later in the month. We ask you to please complete the questionnaire, whatever your age and circumstance, and return it as directed. All of your views are important to us.

Secondly; we've had a wonderful response from the children at school to our Logo Competition. All of the entries are now with the Judging Panel.

Finally; we're holding a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 24th April; offers of Raffle Prizes and cakes will be gratefully received. We shall also display the winning entries of the Children's Logo Competition.

Tony Stubbs
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District Council Elections – 6th May 2010



Richard Hamburger the Conservative candidate for the Stratford District Council, ward of Harbury, Bishops Itchington & Chesterton writes: "I have lived in Harbury for the past 10 years. I work from a home office. My dog (Benji) and I roam this largely rural ward daily. "Aren't we lucky!" - the countryside here is beautiful, the village is clean and well kept. The people are hard working and friendly and usually content. The country is in the middle of a deep economic depression and unemployment looms large and real on every doorstep.

So what can Richard Hamburger, bring to the District Council? My partner's family has been all Harbury for many generations. I am a people person, with strong negotiating skills, and a desire to help and understand. I am a self employed, commercial surveyor and my principle clients are Civil Engineers, seeking work sites and office accommodation, across the country. So I know something of construction and its impact on the environment, planning and its side effects. I have worked on the West Coast Main Line and Motorway projects.

The question: Can we maintain the standards we have achieved with the inevitable cut backs and economic decline that the District Council is currently facing? "We can" and that's what the Conservatives for this district are saying. Cutting services is an easy option. It reduces the manpower required and rapidly reduces our quality of life. Alternatively we can compromise, by sharing the work closely with other agencies to keep those same services running. Yes we have to cut wasteful administration and unseen back office functions but each move has a human cost which we cannot ignore.

Please support me and, as a new Councillor, my new approach will help me to steer the District Council through, this very difficult period. In this way we will keep the standards we have achieved so far, under Conservative Control and be more efficient at maintaining them. You can't forget the name so please vote for me on the 6th of May 2010 ".

Richard Hamburger



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Carol and Samantha would like to thank everyone for all the cards, letters, messages of sympathy and flowers received after the loss of Andy. In Andy's memory a total of £960.53 has been forwarded to Cancer Research and the British Heart Foundation. I wish to thank in particular Matt, Allie, Gill, Chris, Julie, Betty and Alan, plus numerous other friends, too many to mention, who helped and supported Andy and myself over the past nine months. Samantha and I would also like to thank Mary for the beautiful flowers and to all who attended Andy's funeral.

Love, Carol and Samantha Meredith

Dear Editors

Jim, Una, Shirley and all the family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service for Helen, and for all the cards, messages of condolence and donations to Myton Hospice. Thank you to Fr. Craig for a lovely service. Our thanks also to Grosvenor Catering for doing a great job with the refreshments.

Jim Pratt

Dear Editors

As an avid reader I would like to say what a good idea the book exchange facility outside the Library has proved to be.

However, I am concerned that it could have a detrimental effect on Library use, possibly to the point where the need for the Library facility was questioned.

So can I make this plea to all readers? Anytime you choose a book from the shelves outside the Library can you please make sure that you also choose one or more books from the Library proper because Library usage is measured by the number of books checked in and out on the computer system.

Sadly, the old saying "use it or lose it" probably still applies and if we were to lose the Library in Harbury, we might never get it back again.

Betty Barr

Dear Editors

Please may I thank everyone who contributed to the "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People" Coffee Morning held on 13th March, especially my friends Jeanne, Ann, Dorothy, Chris, June & Eileen who helped on the stalls.

I was overwhelmed by the generosity of you all and by a very welcome donation from a villager who presented me with cheque for £250! All in all I shall be sending to the Hearing Dogs organisation a cheque for £450. It will, I know, be very much appreciated.

Peggie Middleton

Dear Editors

We would like to say what a fantastic job Harbury people do in fund raising for all sorts of reasons.

Within one week, we have been to the Village Hall Fund Raising Beer Festival - please make this a regular event! Great beer, cider and wine and it was lovely to be able to have the children join us during the day - making it a family trip!

Then on Friday of the same week, I set up my Neal's Yard Remedies stall at the Windmills Indulgence night the Village Hall. Great night with super stalls and nibbles - shame if you missed it!

A lot of hard work goes into making such events happen and we would like to thank those who put in lots of hours to ensure the event runs well. Often unsung heroes!!!

It is lovely to be part of a supporting and enterprising village - long may it go on!

Regards and thanks

Karena & the Ellis-Greenway Family

Dear Editors

Like me you may have been puzzled by this sign on the road leading to Bascote.

Well now the puzzle has been solved. It is clearly a warning of what is planned to come in a few years time just a short distance along the road. Whoever put the sign up must have had remarkable foresight!

Although the sign indicates that the train may be steam powered it has been suggested that to keep the train running at 225m.p.h. would require an extremely energetic fireman.

Gordon Bennett



Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning on 27th February, it was a great success - and raised over £260 for the Raynaud's & Scleroderma Association.

With best wishes

Jonathan Small

Dear Editors

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us at our recent Indulgence Evening and special thanks to Bob Sherman for moving his Tai Chi class; we raised £347.79 for Windmills Nursery School. Our next fundraising event is our Summer Ball on Saturday 26th June in Harbury Village Hall so please join us if you can.

Thank you from

Windmills Nursery School Fundraising Committee

Dear Editors

Cana Wines: How great it is to see another family run business set up in Harbury!

For me personally, it is lovely to see Bank Chambers now occupied as going back into the shop brings back fond memories of working with Ralph Jones.

The shop looks fantastic and we are sure that Rob, Libby and family will make a success of the new wine shop.

Long may we drink and they prosper!

All the best Rob & Libby

Karena & Thomas Ellis-Greenway

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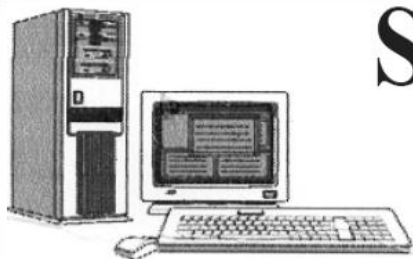
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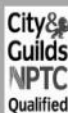
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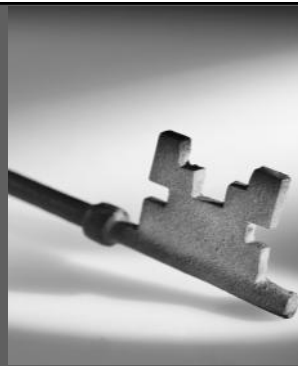
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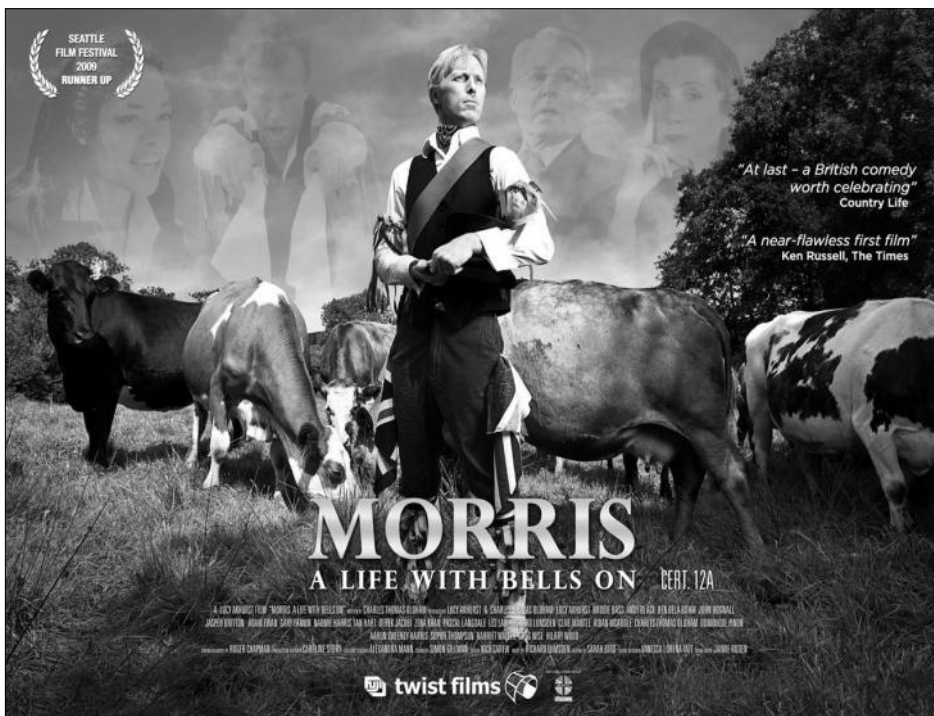


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Sir Derek Jacobi, Greg Wise, Harriet Walter,
Ian Hart (Professor Quirrell in Harry Potter),
Sophie Thompson

Starring in

Morris: A Life with bells on (film certificate 12A)

Harbury Village Hall, Saturday 10th April

Tickets:

£10 to include fish and chip supper

£8 To Include smaller portion or Vegetarian option

£5 (without food) and on the Door

Advance tickets from Celia Neill, Tel: 01926 612819

Doors open at 7:00pm

Preceded by

A display from Hereburgh Morris and Friends at 6:30pm

There will be a bar!