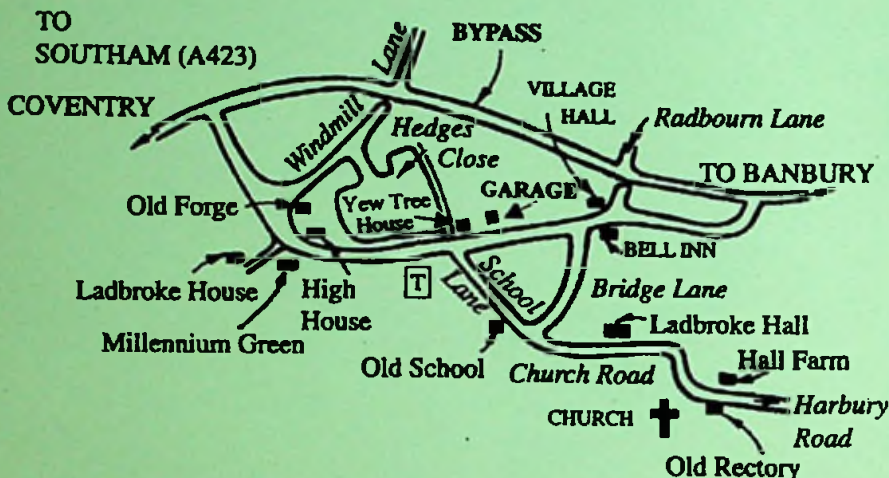


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Editorial

As we go to press, three of our local pubs have had changes of licensees: the Bell in Ladbroke has re-opened, and there has been a change of hands at the Crown and the Shakespeare. Cana Imports have also opened a shop in Bank Chambers. We wish all the proprietors success in their new ventures.

After a public meeting in Ladbroke regarding the proposed high-speed rail link, an action group HS2 with a website (see article) has been set up. This will monitor and review developments.

The Harbury Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th May. This is your opportunity to raise any issues with your Parish, District and County Councillors.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of John Wright.

Harbury Diary

MAY

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|-------|---|--|
| Sat | 1 | Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Heart Foundation
"God's Wonderful World" in Slides & Music 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room |
| Sun | 2 | EASTER V
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Service of Benediction 6.00pm |
| Mon | 3 | MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues | 4 | Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room -Tim Miles,
Delights of the Kitchen Garden focusing on vegetables |
| Weds | 5 | Holy Communion 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room
Chris Rutherford: "Relationship not Rules" (Bible Study)
Ball Room Dancing 8.30-10.00pm in Village Hall
W.I. Group Meeting - Long Itchington |
| Thurs | 6 | POLLING - 7.00am - 10.00pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
Art Group 10.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room |

- Men's Group Dinner 7.00 for 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club 8.00pm in Dog Inn
- Fri 7 Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddlers
- Sun 9 EASTER VI**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 11 Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Rogation Service, 3.00pm at Deppers Bridge Playing Fields
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 13 **ASCENSION DAY**
Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room - Resolutions
Theatre Group 'My Mother Said I Never Should' Bar opens 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 14 Theatre Group 'My Mother Said I Never Should' Bar opens 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Brownies
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
Leamington Music return to Harbury for Concert in Church 7.30pm (see separate article)
Theatre Group 'My Mother Said I Never Should' Bar opens 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 16 EASTER VII (Sunday after Ascension Day)**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 18 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room:
Zoë Parkin – Team Leader for South Wks Carer Support Service
Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Weds 19 Tea 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
- Fri 21 Tai Chi in Village Hall 6.30-8.30pm
PTA Skittles Night
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of W.I.
Moving Pictures 'Avatar' doors open 4.30pm film starts 5.00pm in Village Hall

Sun 23 PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Mon 24 Village Hall Management Cttee 7.30pm in Village Hall**Tues 25** Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall

Holy Communion 7.30pm

Julian Group Meeting 8.00pm in Church

Weds 26 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street**Thurs 27** ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET
AND EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE
BY 5.30PM

Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall

Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall

Fri 28 SCHOOL ENDS

Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 29 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of
the Netball Club**Sun 30 TRINITY SUNDAY**

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Mon 31 BANK HOLIDAY**JUNE****Tues 1** Holy Communion 7.30pm**Weds 2** Holy Communion 2.00pm

Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room:

Margaret Backhouse – Meditation with Music

Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am

Art Group 10.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Folk Club, 8.00pm in Dog Inn

Men's Group Outing (TBA)

Fri 4 Carnival Barn Dance 7.30pm – 12 midnight in Village Hall**Sat 5** Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the
Men's Group**Sun 6 TRINITY I**

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room

Quiet Contemplative Service 6.00pm in the Celtic Tradition

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
May	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	5	6	7	Grey Bin
	12	13	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	20	21	Grey Bin
	26	27	28	Green & Blue Lid Bins
June	2	3	4	Grey Bin
	9	10	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	17	18	Grey Bin
	23	24	25	Green & Blue Lid Bins

From the Rector



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Christianity and politics - they don't mix!

As you read this, the Election will probably be over and we will have a new government in power.

I have heard the comment above many times as it's a view held by many in our land. Whilst some may feel there is a need for the Church to give a strong moral voice in society, they also feel that the Church shouldn't stray into areas that are of no concern to them, particularly politics. A few years ago Alistair Campbell, Tony Blair's former press secretary, when asked about the faith of the Prime Minister replied; 'We don't do God!' We all knew that the PM had a practising Christian faith but the two weren't to be seen together.

Compare this to the famous comment made by Archbishop Desmond Tutu when asked about politics and faith during Apartheid in South Africa; 'When people say to me that politics and Christianity don't go together, I wonder what Bible they read!'.

I believe that Christianity and politics do mix and are in fact intrinsically linked together.

Christianity believes fundamentally in what we call incarnation – it believes that God has become intricately involved with the world and its issues through the life of Jesus, the Son of God. Incarnation means, in other words, God is down to earth and we celebrate this particularly at Christmas.

We believe as Christians that this is 'Good News' because it's God's grace changing the world so that it might conform to God's reign of justice, peace, love and mercy.

The Church community therefore has the responsibility to work alongside that divine grace and so be in the forefront of the business of, as the Bible has it, "turning the world upside down" because of God's hopes and plans for it.

The Christian life of witness in the world and every community must therefore have this same mark, and engage the thorny issues and complex challenges of life together on this planet and turn it upside down – that is, the Christian life must be politically engaged.

God bless

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints', Harbury

April 9

John Wright



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

The splendid Family Communion service was led by Leslie. She talked about the gospel for that day; Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him and Lesley pointed out that Peter was quite hurt by Christ's persistent questioning. The important message of Easter hope for us is that, despite Peter's denial and betrayal of Christ on the night before his death – and that is something with which we can all identify – Christ forgave him and commissioned him to serve in his Kingdom. Thank you to Lesley, to the children and to those who led the congregation in the Communion hymns.

As a result of the proceeds from the Lent lunches, we've been able to send a cheque to the value of £146.23, which has already been

gratefully acknowledged, to "Send a Cow". This is a charity, with local connections, that sends, not only cows, but also sheep, goats, chickens and fruit trees to Africa. The recipients are asked to give the first born of the animals to other people. The message obviously follows the principle of "give a man a fish and he eats for a day; teach him to fish and he feeds his family for life". Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make this donation possible.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard for the Church at Easter and before. It was splendidly celebrated.

Please remember the event on Saturday, 1st May at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room: "God's Wonderful World" – amusing, touching and all beautiful. An evening of slides and music. Wine and nibbles in the interval. Tickets available (free) from Beryl (612519) or Fliss (612395). A donation towards costs would be appreciated.

Star American Performers for Harbury

Saturday 15 May sees the fourth concert promoted by Leamington Music at All Saints Church in Harbury in the series Concerts in Warwickshire Churches. The baroque group Florilegium and the Badke String Quartet were followed last year by Kosmos and percussionist Guy Schalom. This last concert attracted an enormous audience who thoroughly enjoyed some sensational playing of klezmer and gypsy music, plus some tangos.

This year there is more baroque music by Arne, Handel, Bach, Albinoni and Telemann and two well known American soloists are featured with the six instrumentalists of The Musical and Amicable Society. The concert starts at 7 30pm.

The soprano Emily van Evera, who will sing arias by Arne, Handel and Bach, is often called the American Emma Kirkby. She and the oboe soloist Gail Henessy have appeared with the Academy of Ancient Music, Les Arts Florissants, Hanover Band, Taverner Consort and other leading groups. The Musical and Amicable Society is a revival of the eighteenth century equivalent in Birmingham of London's Academy of Ancient Music.

Tickets cost £10, with £1 for students and children and are on sale from Felicity Harris on 612395.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our afternoon meeting coincided with Father Craig's post Easter break so, instead of communion, Sue led us in a very thoughtful act of worship based on the life of Mary Magdalene.

We then heard Mr Porter tell us about Traidcraft. This is the commercial supplier of the Fair Trade goods which are sold at coffee time after every Family Service. He explained how they have achieved consistent standards of quality as well as a professional appearance which can stand its ground on a supermarket shelf. Producers are helped to set up projects and manage their businesses, so leading to greatly improved conditions for whole communities.

In the evening it was the turn of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. The Rev. Christopher Lamb explained how their peaceful presence at checkpoints reminds the Jewish authorities that the eyes of the world are on the violations of human rights which they, as the occupying power, should be upholding. As many Palestinians need to cross into occupied Jerusalem each day for work, they often have to leave home at 4.00am in order to get to work for 7.00am. They also need to cross for medical facilities, education or to work their land, but are all herded like cattle and treated as potential terrorists. E.A.P.P.I is staffed by Christian volunteers from many countries who, by their very presence, encourage peace activists from both sides of the divide. We were left with a strong feeling of injustice and helplessness, but hope that, in the end, right will prevail.

Thank you to everyone who supported the lunch on 17th April. We raised £194 for Church funds.

On Wednesday 5th May, 11.00am at Coventry Cathedral, our past Diocesan President, Felicity Hawkes, will be commissioned as President of the Canterbury Province. If anyone would like to go, please contact Chris Rutherford.

Thursday 10th June, 7.15pm, St James, Southam: Deanery Festival. It is hoped that our new members will be enrolled.

The next afternoon meeting will be on 5th May at 2.30pm after communion at 2.00pm – a study on "Relationships not Rules".

The next evening meeting will be on 18th May at 8.00pm following communion at 7.30pm – Warwickshire Carer Support Service. As always, visitors are always welcome.

Advance notice: Wednesday 2nd June, 2.30pm: Margaret Backhouse – “Meditation with Music”.



Toddlers Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mrs Kitchener told us the story of “Jesus asleep in the boat”. Jesus’s friends decided that Jesus needed to get away from people for a while as he was always being asked to do things for other people and he needed some time to himself to have a rest. His friends took him out in a boat to the middle of a huge lake so no one could disturb him and he fell asleep in the boat.

Whilst he was asleep a huge storm blew up (we all had lots of fun imitating the storm with musical instruments) the storm got worse and worse and his friends thought the boat would sink. The friends woke Jesus up and asked him if he could do something before the boat sank and Jesus said to the wind and the rain “be still” and they were.

We should remember that however stormy our lives become that Jesus is always there to calm things down.

Mr Hare then played for us whilst we sang two songs. We then made a musical instrument with rice inside to shake and make a noise like a storm. The Mummies then had their tea and we had our drinks and biscuits until it was time to go home.

All toddlers and babies accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us in our Toddlers Service. The next service is on Tuesday 11th May in the Tom Hauley room. We look forward to seeing you there.



First Light

Alison Abbott

What is First Light? That question was overheard at our Easter Celebration, and is a very good one. If you have ever been you will realise that it isn’t a traditional Church service, neither is it a children’s service, or Sunday school. It is a chance, once a month, to make a bit of room in your life for God in an informal and gentle way.

It is visual and interactive, but also gives you something to think about. It is not just for children or families – it is for people of all ages. In many ways it has a family atmosphere, but that doesn't mean you are excluded if you are single - a real family encompasses everyone. The best way to find out is to come and see - we won't sign you up for life!

We held our Easter Celebration in Church; it was a good job as so many people came that the Tom Hauley Room would have been very crowded. The combination of music, drama, readings and an Easter egg hunt left us in no doubt that we don't search for Jesus in a tomb because He is alive. Jesus is the winner and so we do not need to be afraid of anything.

We are back in the Tom Hauley Room on May 2nd and "All you need is love!" If you don't read this in time then put 6th June in your diary – 10.30 am Tom Hauley Room with coffee and tea first.

Ladbroke News & Diary

MAY

N.B: Table Tennis has finished for the summer and resumes again at the beginning of September.

Sat	1	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	5	EASTER V Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
Sat	8	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	9	EASTER VI Holy Communion, 9.00am Open Air Service at Deppers Bridge – please see Harbury Diary
Sat	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
Sun	16	EASTER VII Holy Communion, 9.00am B.C.P
Wed	19	Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Thurs	20	Women's Institute, 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	22	Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Sun	23	PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am in Church
Thurs	27	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST., HARBURY, E-MAIL DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sat	29	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	30	TRINITY Holy Communion (spoken) 9.00am in Church

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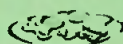
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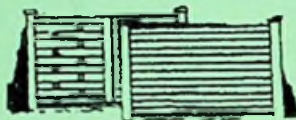
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JUNE**Sun 6****TRINITY I**

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

**Ladbroke Flower Rota****May**

Sun 2	Margaret Whitehouse
9	Kate Todman
16	Betty Winkfield
23	Tricia Traverson (Whit Sunday)
30	Jenny Barrett

June

Sun 6	Jenny Barrett
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Sue Lord**Ladbroke Church News****Sue Lord**

Ladbroke Church has had a busy Easter period. The Church looked wonderful thanks to the hard work of all people providing flower arrangements. Many thanks to them all. Good Friday came to a close with a devotional service of music and readings. The choir, led by Bill Bosworth, sang splendidly.



Easter Day was a joyful occasion with a full congregation Family Service. 17 children attended and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the Churchyard made even more special as the sun shone. Thank you to Catherine and Cyril Spence and Hazel Sharples who provided refreshments and Carole Loftus for donating the Easter eggs and baskets.

On 17th April 30 guests enjoyed a casserole and quiz evening at the home of Jean and Jim Clews. A fun evening in good company with excellent food and wine. The event raised £400 for church funds. A big thank you to Jean and Jim and everyone who provided food.

The wonderful Lent Lunches were again well supported. Thanks go to all hosts and those attending.

On Sunday 9th May at 3.00pm there will be a Rogation Day open air service at the Deppers Bridge Recreation Ground. We hope to see many people from the surrounding area and pray for fine weather. Ascension Day is 13th May and there will be a Communion Service at 7.00pm.

The scaffolding is down and lead still intact. The various leaks have hopefully been repaired. Downspouts are now clean together with the top part called saddles.

The next fund raising event will be the Village Fete on June 19th followed on Sunday 20th when Jane and David Rutherford will be opening their gardens at The Old Rectory. A great weekend to look forward in prospect.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Carol Lane

There had been quite a few events attended by members of the W.I. this month which we heard about at our meeting on April 22nd in the Village Hall.

At the end of March a group of 9 ladies enjoyed the production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at the Spa Centre.

Feedback on the Federation Meeting, also held at the Spa Centre in March was given by Raidun who made particular mention of the welcoming style of the Chairman Jan Wade, prior to telling us of the speakers for the day. These included James Prentice representing Taylor's Yorkshire Tea. This company is a long time supporter of WIs nationally and provide free tea bags for our meetings. The afternoon speaker was TV vet, Steve Leonard, who talked about his family – his father and brothers are also vets – and many of his experiences round the world.

Shirley Huxton had represented Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI at the meeting to discuss the resolution for this year.

The preferred option is to promote clearer labelling of beef, veal and fish and this will be discussed at a future meeting.

A short discussion was held during the business meeting on the HS2. Members voted unanimously to support the Ladbroke Action Group in their aims to prevent the high speed train coming through Ladbroke. Members also agreed that the money raised by the sale of teas at the Fete should be given to help defray the expenses of the Action Group.

The topic for the evening was 'Natural Health and Beauty' and Sheila Jones talked about and then demonstrated Forever Living products which are all based on the gel from the aloe vera plant. The beneficial effects of this plant have been known for hundreds of years. They were supposedly used by Cleopatra - and Napoleon had a field of plants specifically to treat the wounds of his soldiers. Even though there have been no specific trials proving its efficacy, no adverse reaction to any product either applied or ingested has ever been reported. There is endless anecdotal evidence of the benefits for people and animals.



Rachel Tomson volunteered to be the model for the evening and, while explaining the uses of each product, Sheila applied a light face mask followed by a serum, moisturiser and toner, which Rachel clearly enjoyed. Members were then invited to test and purchase from the range. Anyone wishing to learn more could contact Sheila on 01295 670674.

The next meeting is a visit to Chesterton Church where we will be given a talk by David Adams on archaeology. **Everyone is to assemble at Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.10 so that lifts can be arranged.**



Ladbroke General Section

High Speed Rail Link

A lively and very constructive meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday 30 March to discuss the proposal for a High Speed Rail line (HS2) from London to Birmingham which will pass within 100

metres of houses in the village. The meeting was called by the Parish Council (PC) and chaired by Derek Batty, Chair of the PC. Derek explained that the purpose of the meeting was to inform residents in more detail than they may already possess about HS2 and to seek views and suggestions as to how we might ensure our voice is heard at national government level.

Graham Long gave a presentation with illustrative slides to help residents understand the scale and probable impact of the proposals. It was clear from many reactions and questions that there was no common level of understanding and that this informational presentation was welcomed by the assembled residents.

Subsequently an Action Group has been formed and many residents from Ladbroke and surrounding villages are now actively involved with fighting these proposals. Any resident who was unable to attend the PC meeting but wishes to get involved with the Action Group will be most welcome! Similarly we know that whilst a high proportion of residents have access to the internet and email not everybody is in this position, so please let neighbours and friends know what is happening.

The village HS2 website www.hs2-ladbroke.net is now up and running with links to the general village/Parish Council website and many other links to more detailed information; please visit regularly as it will be one of our main means of communication.

Liaison with other action groups is now well underway as is political lobbying and active pursuit of media coverage in all forms. These HS2 proposals will affect all residents in Ladbroke and surrounding villages to varying degrees through their visual impact - you can't ignore a 4,000 metre long viaduct which is up to 11 metres tall in places - and noise pollution as trains speed through at up to 400kmh (250mph). Property owners are already suffering from 'blight' and whatever compensation may be provided is many years away. In the meantime property values will have been substantially reduced. All this and the construction noise and pollution hasn't even started!!

Of immediate vital importance is that as many residents as possible lodge their views on the proposed Exceptional Hardship Scheme (EHS), where the final date for submissions is **20 May 2010**. Contact details: High Speed Two Ltd - Exceptional Hardship Scheme Consultation, 55 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU. 0207 944 4908. e-mail ehsconsultation@hs2.gsi.gov.uk

To paraphrase the late John F Kennedy **"Ask not what your village can do for you but what you can do for your village"** and get involved please.

Graham Long can be contacted on 01926 811376 or 07786 322332 or by email at *chairman@hs2-ladbroke.net* A more detailed list of Action Group contacts is available on the website.

Deborah Brown

Ceilidh/Barn Dance

At Ladbroke Village Hall on 15th May 2010. Casual dress, bar, from 7.30pm to 11.30pm. £12.50 per head. For tickets please contact, Janet Goldson on 01926 817733 or Christine Baker 01926 811606.

Christine Baker

Cinderella

I realised recently that we had not reported the profits made on last December's Pantomime in Ladbroke Village Hall. Apologies for this. Profits made over the three performances were £1600. However, the costumes will be to be put on sale on Ebay which will then increase this amount.

Many thanks again for all those who gave so much time to this very enjoyable fund raiser.

Christine Baker
LVHT - Secretary

Ladbroke Bell Reopens

On Saturday 27th, The Bell had its official reopening. The Ladbroke Rockers played two sets to a packed house and donated their fee to three village charities. The Millennium Green, Church and Village Hall also benefited from a raffle that was generously supported by the attendees.

Martin Neal

Ladbroke Village Fete

The Millennium Green Trustees are busily working away preparing for the popular village fete. This year it will be held on the 19th June. All the usual favourite attractions will be there including the pet show.

A new addition this year will be a stand being manned by the Ladbroke Action Group campaigning against the current proposal for the High Speed Rail Line.

Anybody who would like to volunteer to help with the Fete should contact Martin Neal on 01926 812668.

Martin Neal

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for March were:

£80	Graham Lewis
£50	Geoff Lane
£25	Susan Moore
£10	Steve Copley
£10	Malcolm Wray
£10	Helen Ballard
£10	Derek & Collette Batty
£10	Jim & Pauline Laidler

Janet Goldson



Harbury Parish Council

Dr. Tim Lockley

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Quarterly Report, April 2010

In the last three months the Parish Council have:

- ⇒ Successfully applied for a grant from WCC towards the BMX track.
- ⇒ Successfully applied for a grant for updating the Parish Plan.

- ⇒ Commented on the new Draft Core Strategy plan that will control new development in Stratford District from 2011.
- ⇒ Continued to investigate how to reduce our energy consumption in the village, including holding a Save Money: Save Energy Day.
- ⇒ Made grants to various village organisations including the Duke of Edinburgh group and the Harbury Choir School.

Can we please remind villagers to trim back their hedges at the front of their properties as they start to grow. The pavements need to be wide enough for a pushchair or a wheelchair, and if you live on a road junction then drivers need to be able to see clearly. Please do your bit!

Harbury Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

This year, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25th May** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Following closely on from a District Election at which one of the current District Councillors, Andrew Patrick, is retiring after many years working for the village, this will be residents' chance to meet their new representative at Stratford District Council as well as the existing representatives from Parish, District and County levels. There will also be a presentation on plans for the Village Hall renovation plus a full update on what has been happening in your parish over the past year.

Everyone is welcome; light refreshments available. Parish reports are available either at the meeting or by contacting the Parish Clerk, Mrs N Thompson on 614646, e-mail clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk or visit our website on www.harbury-pc.gov.uk.

**Nicola Thompson, Clerk
Harbury Parish Council**



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

This year for the Carnival, we will be recycling jewellery and ornaments

Jewellery of all types will be welcome and we welcome broken items.

Anything you have to donate will be gratefully received. Please leave donations at 16 Farm Street or ring 612792 – thank you.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Firstly, a reminder that bulb orders have to be in by the May meeting. Our Coffee Morning is on Saturday 22nd May with the usual raffle, cake stall and bric-a-brac.

Another trip has been arranged to Harbury Hall for the 11th August.

The recent walk was around Kenilworth Castle and Abbey Fields on a nice day with lunch to follow.

Please save your Yorkshire Tea coupons for Peggie Middleton.

Janice Siddle, our delegate, gave an excellent report on the Annual Federation Meeting 2010 at the Spa Centre.

James Prentice from Taylor's Teas spoke of their 20 years' partnership with the W.I. Their aim continues to be to plant millions of trees in Peru and with Trees of Life. The family business supports ethical trading with growers and a social and environmental project with farmers.

The morning speaker was Emma Cunningham from Bramley Lite, Hampshire. She was the instigator of a breakaway group to form the new Bramley Lite W.I, opening up W.I to new generations. At the start, it did not meet with approval from the traditional Bramley W.I. Their meetings are formal and have a lot of socialising time which include dancing and life art classes. She said their male model was 60+. Their own calendar (wearing clothes) raised money for the local Children's Hospice. That got good and bad publicity. She was featured on the front page of the Telegraph with the headline, "Is this the Sexiest W.I in Britain?" and with generally much publicity which resulted in other W.I Lites around the country, the nearest being in Stratford on Avon. She won a national search to find the ultimate W.I member and became a W.Icon. Not only the original place of the Bramley apple but the Bramley Lite.

The afternoon speaker was Steve Leonard, "That Vet off the Telly". You will remember him and the other trainees at the Bristol Vet School on the T.V programmes in 1996. As he says, he has been on T.V ever since. He wanted to be a vet since age 5 so followed his three brothers and father who are also vets.

We were told of the many places he had been to and his experiences. How, in Ethiopia it was 50 degrees Centigrade and he lost 25% of

body weight but how the camel was a fantastic animal. His orang-utan diaries worked to highlight issues of deforestation in Borneo. He has worked with spiders, scorpions, killer bees and said the box jellyfish is the most venomous creature on the planet. He visited polar bears in intense cold. He went up in a balloon to 16 thousand feet strapped to a tandem skydiver to look at the speed of a peregrine falcon – 200 miles an hour. There was also the story of a great whale which came up to a boat to be petted and mums bringing babies to be stroked: they are curious about us. Steve is dedicated to human/animal relationships. When told we missed seeing him in shorts, he appeared with his jeans rolled up, which went down well.

Our speaker at the April meeting, was Mary Davies on Get Ahead Hats, the milliners, who have branches all over the country. Mary has been a milliner for 10 years and certainly knows her job. She runs the business from her home in Clifton, Rugby and says the hats are taking over her home. The hat industry revolves around Luton. Quite a surprise when she said, "Why do you think the Luton Football Club is called The Hatters?"

The special straw has always been grown in the area and ordinary family homes always supplied the hat decorators. A lot of factories from Luton are now in China, but one can still get hat trimmings from a few houses.

Mary showed us how she makes hats and fascinators and the material she uses. One is called sinamay, which is a by-product of the banana industry. She is always very busy for Ascot etc and weddings. One can visit but she always advises clients to take their outfit with them. Everybody loved trying on the super hats. The good thing about Get Ahead Hats is that one can buy or rent a hat. An enjoyable talk.

The next meeting in the Tom Hauley Room is on 10th May at 7.45pm. It is Resolutions meeting.



Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

"My Mother Said I Never Should", by Charlotte Keatley
Thursday May 13th, Friday May 14th & Saturday May 15th – 8 p.m.
Harbury Village Hall

With only 3 and half weeks to go (at time of writing), rehearsals are moving at pace for the upcoming production - "My Mother Said I Never Should", by Charlotte Keatley. The play tells the story of four

generations of women, and explores the themes of marriage, children and the role of women in society through the ages.

Doris, a child of the early 1900s strives to be a good wife and a respectable mother, but at what cost to her happiness? Margaret, craving approval, tries to make her mark and be a working wife and mother, but can she really have it all? Jackie, liberated by the 60s and 70s, wonders whether having more opportunities is actually all it's cracked up to be. And light hearted Rosie – finally reveals the buried truth that will change her life forever.

Full of fun, laughter and tears, this play is a wonderful portrayal of real life, and shows that somehow when we all try to do the right thing, it sometimes is still the wrong thing for someone else. Interspersed in the "real" action, are fantastical scenes which bring all of the generations together – in a place "where magic happens". The group is 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.

Tickets are now on sale from Country Fayre and The Fragrant Room in Harbury, and are also available by calling 01926 613120. Tickets cost £6 for adult, and £4 for concessions (although we do not recommend this production for young children).

As well as all of the hard work going into the play, the group have been fundraising for the Village Hall Committee, and are pleased to say we raised £137 at the Sausage and Mash Lunch held in March – all of which will go towards the re-building activity. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, and who bought tickets.

As part of the re-build, the group needs to clear out its belongings which are currently stored in the Village Hall loft space. And so a lot of effort is currently going into finding new storage space, and then organising the move! It's going to be a big job – watch this space!

See you all in May!



Folk Club

Peter Bones

With April's meeting falling on the first, finding a theme was not difficult. Unsurprisingly I chose "Fools and Humour" for the evening. As most folk club meetings have a good number of items that are amusing, I don't think there was much difficulty in the participants selecting relevant material.

During the course of the evening there was a wide variety of songs and poems delivered by the 12 different acts who took part. Some of the material was familiar and others less well known, but they all contributed to another magnificent evening's entertainment. If I had to nominate a favourite item it would either be Ted Crum singing the Flanders and Swann song entitled "Transport of Delight" all about the Routemaster Omnibus, or Ian and Sue singing the parody of the well known Opera song "O Sole Mio".

It was particularly good to welcome Mike and Kathleen Kestle to the club for the first time and hear their contributions. They were well seasoned folk singers from Cornwall and visiting family in Southam. It is hoped that they will make repeat visits to the area to coincide with future folk clubs so they we can welcome them again.

The evening concluded with a relaxed informal music session which seemed a fitting way to end a splendid evening.

For a complete list of who sang what, please visit the Folk Cub web site, [www//Welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub](http://www.Welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub).

Many thanks to all who took part, to the audience who provided a good atmosphere, and to Mark and Carol, the proprietors of the Dog, for making us so welcome.

Thanks also to those who contributed to the raffle which raised £60.00, which was donated to Auditory Verbal UK. This is a charity that provides a specialist speech therapy to profoundly deaf children, and for whom our daughter Susannah works.

The next folk club will be on May 6th, and will be hosted by Steve and Maureen Darby. With it also being General Election day, the theme will be Winners and Losers.

Hereburgh Morris

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Hereburgh's film screening of Morris: A Life With Bells On in the Village Hall on the 10th April. As a result, we were able to make a donation of £570 to the Harbury Village Hall Development fund. Thanks also to Lana for her help with the projection equipment, to Geoff Thorpe for collecting it and helping us to set it up and to Doug and his team for running the bar. We hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did and now fully appreciate the effort we put in to become the extreme athletes you see about the village.

Hereburgh Morris welcomed the summer at 5am on Saturday 1st May at Chesterton Windmill. If you dragged yourselves out of bed at that unearthly hour, we loved your company.

This is just the beginning of a busy summer season's dancing. If you're interested in knowing more about what we do, please feel free to come along to a practice evening any Wednesday evening between 8.00pm and 10pm in the School. Hall or call into the Dog afterwards for a chat over a drink.

**Lynne Cooke
Hereburgh Morris**



Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mike Steele

April was a busy month for the club with five teams going on tour. The Under 10s travelled to Worcester for coaching at Worcester Warriors and then watched Worcester play Leicester, having formed the guard of honour at the beginning of the match. After an overnight stay they returned to the ground the following day to play a match against Worcester Wanderers.

The same weekend, the Under 13s ventured a little further afield to Osmington Bay PGL in Dorset. Their tour was concluded with a match against Bridport RFC.

The Under 11s and 12s had an action packed weekend at Caythorpe Court PGL. This was topped off with a match against teams at Paviers RFC where the boys were introduced to traditional rugby drinking games - strictly non alcoholic for the younger members of the party! The Under 12s had obviously over exerted themselves the previous day losing their match 20-0. The far more disciplined Under 11s had a magnificent win 40-0.

11th April - Away to Alcester

Under 13s: Alcester 47 - 22 Harbury

A high scoring match due to both sides showing good skills and possession going forward but defensive frailties. The Alcester backs, particularly their outside centre were really quick and swervy.

Their forwards did not commit in numbers in the rucks and mauls which worked well going forward but gave Harbury opportunities in attack.

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Captain Sam Cave and Finn Toner were always involved, Bradley King was dangerous from close in scoring two good tries. Other scorers were Finn Toner and Robert Rollason, but Harbury never looked like winning the game as too many tackles were missed and minor mistakes made going forward created a scrappy game.

Special mention goes to Jack Hewson who had a good game at fly half putting in some big tackles and creative play.

18th April - Home to Old Leamingtonians

Under 13s: Harbury 22 - 42 Old Leamingtonians

A really great game of Rugby. Old Leamingtonians started brightly but good tackling by Bradley King and Max Brown pinned them back. Robert Rollason stole the ball on the 22 line and set Bradley on a powerful run forward, finished off in the corner by Finn Toner to score. Old Leamingtonians' backs were always dangerous going forward and they scored under the posts. Harbury forwards mauled straight back to the 22 and Joe Webster set Captain Sam Cave up for a try. Excellent team work made this try.

Old Leamingtonians backs worked the ball out wide again to score under the posts, adding the conversion. Old Leamingtonians continued to press forward and, but for some outstanding tackles from full back Max Brown, Willem Davies, Rory Pickin and fly half Jack Hewson, would have gone further ahead; finally O.Ls picked up the ball from the back of the ruck to dive over the forwards and score. Finn Toner made a fine individual run and burst through the Old Leamingtonians defence to get his second try. Finn Toner and Max Brown continued to tackle well but Old Leamingtonians ran in 3 further tries, all converted. From the kick off Robert Rollason caught well and Harbury drove forward getting a penalty inside the 22 from which Harbury got the ball out wide to winger Shane Fennell to get the last try of the game, beautifully converted by Bradley King.

Old Leamingtonians Festival - 18th April

Harbury sent six teams from Under 7s to Under 12s to an excellent festival at Old Leams, made all the more enjoyable by the wonderful weather.

A magnificent performance saw the Harbury RFC Under 7s win their age group. The team won every match scoring 22 tries and conceding only 7 against strong opposition including Old Coventrians, Old Leamingtonians and Alcester (see photograph overleaf).



Harbury's Victorious Under 7's Team



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

Important Date for your Diary

On **Saturday 8th May** between **1.30 and 4.00 p.m.** the Club is opening its doors to anyone with an interest in tennis, with club coaches and members on hand to tell you what the Club can offer. It's a great opportunity for singles, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbours and of course children and their friends to come along to the courts, have fun and get some exercise – adults can play with other adults or children on the full sized court, or anyone of any age can try some Mini Tennis using lower compression balls. If you're feeling lazy, then just come along, have a "cuppa" and biscuit or cake (free of charge!) and watch what's going on. You might just find you want to join in!

If you are interested in joining the club, we cater for 5 – 105+ year-olds (although our oldest player at the moment is only 79 years young!) or would just like to find out more about it please contact us at the email address at the end of this article.

Juniors

The Junior Summer programme started on 19th April with 84 children

playing in the first week. The new Saturday morning groups are now starting on 1st May and there are still places left in the 9.30 – 10.30am group for children born in 2002 or later (sorry, this is not for children who haven't started school yet) and the 10.30 – 11.30am group for those born in 2000 or 2001. We still have spaces in some of the weekday groups which take place after school (Mondays to Fridays) but these groups aren't always ideal for complete beginners.

On the coaching side Lewis Jay and Richard Howell are now qualified Level 1 Coaching Assistants and Marcus Sharpe is currently taking a Level 2 Community Coach course. Liam Crossling has completed his Young Leaders Award and he, along with Lauren Brough and Eleanor Clarke are volunteer helpers at the tennis club as part of Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Cheque Book Tournament



Spring seemed to have arrived when we opened the new season with our traditional "Cheque Book" Tournament ("Online Payment" Tournament just doesn't have the same ring to it!) Peter Walshe was in charge and ensured everyone was kept busy in the round robin stage. Marcus Sharpe and Keith Thompson (pictured) beat Colin Mercer and Steve Stark in the final.

The best player of the morning (most games scored) was Marcus Sharpe, with 25 out of a maximum 28 games, and the runner-up was Steve Stark with 24 games.

Matches

The winter Floodlit league Division 4 campaign finally reached a successful conclusion with matches against Buckingham and Brackley, both of which had previously been postponed twice. The Buckingham was nip and tuck throughout. Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer lost their opening match but only after a close tie break in the second set. Steve Stark and Colin Mercer won both their sets to level the match going into the mixed doubles. Again it was close with one rubber each, Caroline and Steve winning theirs to secure a 4-4 draw for the team.

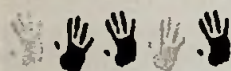
This left Harbury needing to win 2 sets in the final match against close

rivals Brackley to clinch promotion. The omens were not good when Steve was marooned in Dublin due to volcanic dust and Eira Owen's car broke down preventing her from playing! Fortunately Adam Crossling was at home from university and he replaced Steve with Sue standing in for Eira. Brackley, with home advantage on their artificial grass, got off to a better start in the men's doubles with a 6-4, 6-2 win. Caroline and Sue fared better, halving their rubber after winning the first set. That meant Harbury needed to get one more set for promotion! Colin and Sue duly obliged with a first set win and Caroline and Adam put the icing on the cake with a tie break win in their second set. So despite a 3-5 defeat on the night, promotion was achieved! At the time of writing other clubs have not completed their fixtures so we don't know whether we go up as champions or runners-up.

Court Booking Fees

At our recent AGM it was decided that we need to increase the court booking fees to **£4 per court per hour** from 1st May. This is the first increase since 1997 and we think it compares very favourably with the cost of using public park courts (e.g. £3.50 per adult, not per court!)

See you on 8th May! Sucol-mercet@tiscali.co.uk



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

New Term - With the Easter holidays behind them, the children returned to Pre-School full of enthusiasm for the new term. We are delighted to welcome Cleo and Amelia who are already settling in with their new friends.

Mini-beasts – The theme for the beginning of the term was Mini-beasts and a variety of bugs buried in a tray of bark caused great delight as they were unearthed. Continuing this theme, the children made some lovely collages, paintings and drawings of mini-beasts,



with some producing very scary examples! Play dough was also used to make some great insects, and live bugs were found in the garden areas of the outdoor classroom. The book area was stocked with topical story and factual books and the children were able to create their own mini-beasts on the computer.

In keeping with the topic, the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar gave lots of opportunity for using numbers, as the children joined in to count all the fruit, vegetables and other goodies eaten by the caterpillar along his life's journey.

Garden – The fine weather during April has encouraged lots of growth in the garden areas and the children have enjoyed weeding and digging the soil. Hollie and her family produced a number of vegetable seedlings and seed potatoes which are now growing in the raised troughs and we look forward to seeing them develop and, hopefully, harvesting at the end of the summer term.

Visits - In the second week, we were delighted to be invited to two different homes. The first was to Abi's house where eight gorgeous six week old black Labrador guide dog puppies were waiting to play with the children.



Two days later we went on a mini-beast hunt in Poppy's lovely garden and, with the sun shining, the children had a wonderful time collecting bugs and other interesting items in their buckets and after



studying them through their magnifying glasses, carefully replacing them. They were all delighted to eat bug biscuits with their milk, kindly provided by Poppy's Mummy. Finally, we had a visit to Pre-School – from two pet snails belonging to Hollie! They came to stay for a couple of days so that the children could see how they moved about and what they had to eat.

Thank You - Our grateful thanks go to Abi's and Poppy's families for letting us enjoy their properties (and their puppies) and to all the volunteer helpers who walked with the children on each day. Also to Hollie's family for their work in producing and planting vegetables for the children to watch and tend during the summer and for allowing us to look after the snails. Thanks also to Daniel's dad, who prepared the ground so that the gift of an apple tree from the Panèk family could be planted. And finally a huge thank you to all those who were involved with the 'Diamonds Are Forever' night.



A fantastic time was had by all and many wonderful comments have been received.

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

Harbury Pre-School Fund Raising Committee

Wow! What a fantastic evening everyone had at the '**Diamonds Are Forever...**' night, on Saturday 17th April in the village hall. Stratford Catering College kindly did the catering on the night and really did us proud providing absolutely delicious and stunning food!

Rat Pack artist Andy Mawbey and his beautiful show girls brought glamour to



the whole evening with great songs and entertainment. Thank you so much to all Pre-School supporters who helped make the evening so special, including Sarah Gulliver, Ian Cuthbertson, Jes Hunt, Jason Burrows and Bob Hodge for all their hard work and to all of you readers who bought tickets. We would also like to thank local businesses such as Green Cameleon, Serenity,

Southam Bouncy Castles and Stagecoach who very generously offered sponsorship.

If you missed the chance to get tickets please don't worry. We will be providing more entertainment and frivolity in the near future!!!! 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**. We have been donated some really generous raffle prizes for the Summer Fayre from businesses like Stagecoach, Boden, Green Cameleon, TM Grey (Builders) and Aubrey Allen etc, again thank you so much for your support.

Later on in the year 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 in the middle of May. The contents are distributed to countries in need while children of Harbury Pre-School benefit from cash raised. A great way to donate the results of your spring clean and help a great local cause.

Thank you again for all your support!!!

Julie Young and Helen Gowland



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee



After learning all about baby animals, Windmills children were delighted to see local farmer Ed Russell with a 3 day old lamb at the end of last term. The children were able to stroke it and feel the lambs' heart beating.

We then began this term with a visit from Sofia's grandma and mummy with a day old gosling. Helen showed the



children a picture of the baby gosling's mummy and daddy, the goose and the gander and then explained how it hatched out of the egg. The children learnt what the gosling eats and were able take a turn to hold it.

Our theme this term is water and we have been discussing how we use it and where it comes from:

"You turn the tap on and get water" - Freya "It comes from the rain down a pipe and goes down a plug hole" - Bella "we need it to ...swim in it" - Joseph Curren

.....to put fire out and to make a waterfall" - Joseph Coulter

.....for flowers to grow" - Evie R

.....wash our hands" - Sofia

.....for drinking" - Finley

- Some other activities this month have included :
- visiting church for the Toddler Service
- water play with the sea creatures in our outdoor play area
- using water to paint pictures on the playground
- making the most of the spring sunshine by having picnic lunches outside on the school field
- painting wave pictures and then making observational drawings of sea creatures to collage them.

Forest School

The wonderful spring sunshine helped to make our first forest school session this term extremely enjoyable. The children began by discussing their senses-first playing the listening game and then finding things to scratch and sniff. They also made pots of



spring perfume and they then used photos to join in with a spring treasure hunt of the woodland. " liked playing hide and seek and finding bugs" - Finley "I liked making mud pies and a pine cone cake" - Mia "and I liked making perfume" - Frankie

Building Bridges

This term we were extremely pleased to receive an Early Excellence outdoor play kit provided by Warwickshire Early Years to promote our outdoor play. This kit, worth over £400.00, was provided free of charge to those early years settings on a school site, and consists of an assortment of milk crates, carpet tiles, bread crates,



planks of wood, lengths of rope, a selection of tubing and a sack truck. The children have had great fun investigating and exploring these items which have helped to develop a fantastic range of imaginative scenarios in their play.

Thank you

Tracy Pettifer for donating a huge white board and markers for use in our outdoor play area. The Coulter family for their donation of some ride on toys and to Tracy Bastin for her donation of an assortment of table top games. They are all very much appreciated by both the children and staff.

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 a fish and chip supper with a choice of desserts and a free glass of bubbly on arrival, we will also be holding a raffle during the evening. Tickets are priced at £15.00 and are available from Windmills, Mugglestones or Katharine Giblin on 01926 613084 with a special offer of a free bottle of wine for those booking a table of 6 or more by the 12th of June.

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

Riding Bikes to School – For the remainder of this school year, the children in **Years 5 and 6 only** will be allowed to ride their bikes to school. Whether individual children in these classes actually come to school on their bikes is, of course, a matter for parents! However, the children have been told that if they do bring their bikes to school, they must wear a cycle helmet, they must chain their bikes up against the fence near the swimming pool, and they must not ride their bikes on the school site. Parents should also be aware that the school can take no responsibility for bikes that are brought in to school.

Reception Class, September 2010 – The meeting for parents with children starting school in September will be held on Tuesday 25th May at 7.30 pm. All parents on our list will be receiving an invitation in the next day or two – if you have a child due to start school in September, but have not received an invitation to this meeting by the end of next week, please come in to see me, as it may mean that we do not have your child registered to start!

E-Safety Parents' Meeting – One of the biggest challenges for parents in the coming years is around the issue of internet access for their children, and particularly around the area of e-safety. I have therefore arranged for a representative from the Local Authority to talk to parents at school Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm, with the theme of how to keep children safe at home on the internet. This will be followed up with special assembly for children on the Wednesday morning.

If you are unable to attend on the 27th, the Southam cluster of primary schools have agreed to organise a talk on e-safety for all parents in the area. This is scheduled for Southam Primary School early next half term – I shall forward the date as soon as it is confirmed.

I do urge all parents to try to attend one of these meetings. If you intend to attend the meeting here, it would be very helpful if you could

complete and return form sent home, so that we have some idea of numbers attending.

Parents' Maths Evening – Feedback from our last parents' evening suggests that some parents would appreciate advice on how Mathematics is taught to children at the school, so that they can "sing from the same hymn sheet" at home. We will therefore be holding a meeting for parents on Thursday 27th May at 7.30 – all are welcome.

School Prospectus – The school is currently redesigning the School Prospectus and the "Starting School" booklet. Part of the new designs include photographs of pupils at the school (un-named, of course) undertaking a variety of tasks. It will be too unwieldy to try and get individual permissions for all the children in the photographs – however, if you **do not** want your child's photograph to be used, please let me know **in writing** by the end of this week.

Visits - On Monday 19th April, Year 5 visited the Library and wrote letters of thanks to the Librarians; we have chosen one to publish in this month's magazine:

Dear Des and Michelle,

I was delighted with our visit to the Library, as I am sure everyone else was. You have inspired not just me, but all of us to come to your library and read, with your widespread selection of different genres. Also, with your free internet access, DVD's, tapes and audio books, it's amazing it's free to join your great library!

I hope I can visit again soon,

Yours sincerely,

Morgan Hall



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The AGM last month was well supported and attendees heard Chairman, Geoff Thorpe, give a report on the work which had gone into securing funding for the much appreciated toilet block, which became fully operational in time for the Beer Festival. He reiterated his thanks to John Warner (builder) who had made such a splendid job and stated that this was just the first stage of plans by the Management Committee to improve the Hall premises. He also introduced Lyn Edwards, as the new Treasurer, who provided

up-to-date information about the state of the Hall finances. On these occasions, it is always important to reflect on the contribution of those who have maintained the Hall premises over the past years and if Geoff is the Brian Ingram of previous years, Lyn will undoubtedly prove to be an embodiment of all that was best about a previous treasurer, Bill Middleton. Geoff is regularly to be found entering the hall on a daily basis with tool kit in hand to fix a minor problem with cupboards, lights or fridges (as per Brian), whilst Lyn has already established a reputation as an extremely well organised treasurer in the same mode as Bill. As mentioned last month in the tribute to Helen Pratt, these willing volunteers care almost as much about communal property and finances, as they do about their own, which is vital for the everyday successful maintenance of the building. Following the re-election of Geoff Thorpe as Chairman and the new appointment of Lyn as Treasurer, the rest of the committee was returned 'en bloc'.

The next fund-raising event to keep the finances in a healthy state will be the Carnival Dance on Friday June 4th. 'Reel to Reel' have agreed to lead a programme of dances, which will keep dancers on their feet throughout the evening. As usual, a buffet will be provided and tickets price (£12.50) can be purchased from Geoff (613801) or Chris (612305). We look forward to your support.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

What a wonderful evening we all enjoyed in April. A return visit from Dr John Page, who spoke about Irish Gardens, and some breathtaking slides. Where to begin! We were shown all around the coast from North to South returning to Dublin. The coastline gardens benefit from the water draining inland to the bogs. The temperature due to the close proximity to the sea and the influence of the Gulf Stream is high in Winter and low in Summer. Obviously there is a large amount of rainfall too, 100 plus inches, hence The Emerald Isle.

Because of the climate there are many types and styles of gardens. In Belfast we were shown the alpine gardens designed by Harold McBride of huge size and content. We then saw more alpine beds at Brocklément House together with island beds, huge trees to give ground cover and lots of bulbs, a spectacular sight all through Summer.

There are many Wild Gardens which are actually cleverly managed to create colour throughout the Seasons. Wow! We then saw the magnificent gardens at Mount Stewart created by Lady Londonderry (a name familiar to us at Upton House and Gardens as she was a friend of Lady Bearstead). Over 90 acres with parterres, rose gardens, sunken gardens, many statues and great vistas. Fantastic.

Rowallane Gardens have a wonderful display of rhododendrons having the right conditions to grow these ericaceous loving plants. Huge plants, some well over 50 feet. The Victorian plant hunters who brought these to the British Isles would be amazed to see how well they have adapted to our climate. Some of the gardens we saw were very reminiscent of Cornish gardens, the tree ferns, gunners and dells etc. The Blue Mecanopsis Poppy thrives in Ireland in all shades of blue plus mauve and a newly introduced yellow variety.

There are also Japanese gardens which somehow survive the harsh frosts.

We then moved to The Burren Bay, a mecca for botanists. It is a huge limestone plateau with the most exquisite plants such as gentian growing in the cracks, a vast area unlike anywhere else. On to County Cork which is very regency in style with cottage style planting similar to English gardens. Also more wild gardens and a splendid house called Ames Grove. The owner bought the neighbouring stream and diverted it to his own garden and built huge bridges over it. It could only happen in Ireland!

The Ring of Kerry has many rare wild flowers which are carefully conserved. Bantry House has the most wonderful views over the Bay which complement the Victorian style. We also saw Italianate gardens at Garnish Island with the distant views of extinct volcanoes, very much like New Zealand. In Tippereray at Mount Congreve, there is a huge magnolia forest which stretches for a mile and a half, what a picture when these are all in bloom. Some South African plants do very well here too, particularly restios, together with geranium madarense from Spain and white and yellow bottle brush plants. The water gardens at Mount Usher were striking and beautifully planted.

To Dublin, in particular to Helen Dillons garden. I have seen many articles about this talented plants-woman who has completely changed her garden to a very modern style. It was stunning. I know not everyone's taste but what flair and imagination; I thought it was brilliant. A truly memorable evening, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

The last meeting of the current season is on Tuesday 4th May; the lovely Tim Miles who has been in charge at Lost gardens of Heligan will be talking about the delights of the Kitchen Garden and will be focusing on vegetables, again it promises to be a memorable night. Please come along and just enjoy.

Due to cancellations, I have 4 spaces left for Hestercombe and East Lambrook Gardens on our first day trip on 9th June. If you would like to join us please give me a ring; the cost is £18 (such good value includes entry to both gardens and coach fare). We will leave the Village Hall at 8.30am.

Just a few suggestions of visits etc in May. At Hall's Croft, one of the Shakespeare Houses, between 29th May and 6th June there will be potting up etc of herbs under the general topic called Herbs and Healing. A specialist plant fair is being held on 16th May at Renishaw Hall in Derbyshire from 10.30am to 4.00pm. At Pershore College three lectures in May, the first on 11th from 2.00 to 4.00pm from Carol Smith called Planting Interests throughout the Year, the second on 18th, same times, by Maggi Brown called Successful Composting, the third on 21st is from 10.00am to 4.00pm called Photographing Gardens and Plants and is by Graham Light. For details of all of these contact the College on 01386 554609.

Gardens open in the Yellow Book in Oxfordshire in May areon 9th Charlbury Gardens, from 2.00-6.00pm, on 16th Adderbury Gardens again 2.00-6.00pm, on 30th Salford Gardens once again 2.00-6.00pm. If you want more details just give me a call. I have seen all of these gardens and they are well worth a visit and not very far away. Nearby at Warmington on 23rd May there will be 7 gardens open from 1.00-6.00pm. All proceeds go to charity and you can usually get tea and cake.

Lastly why not make a day of it and visit the Malvern Spring Show. It is on from 6th to 9th May and with such a magnificent backdrop of the Malvern Hills and a lovely atmosphere plus you can buy all sorts of plants - it is not to be missed.

Whatever you do, enjoy and don't forget our own Garden Walkabout in June on 19th and 20th - more of that next month. Look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting and on the trips.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists. Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season

After such a long wait for the spring to begin, suddenly it all seemed to happen in a frantic rush. A daily walk round the garden has been necessary to keep up with the rate of change of the buds and flowers erupting boisterously everywhere. Except, of course, for those sad, brown, dead plants which have succumbed to the winter frosts. There are plenty of ladybirds about to eat the inevitable green fly. Bumble bees are everywhere. I heard a cuckoo on 12th April – surely this is rather early? (Though for some reason Philip did not!). Skylarks soar up above the next door field.

The pressure is on to get all the planting and weeding done as well as mowing, sowing and even watering.

Reminders for the month:

- Plant up your hanging baskets and containers with summer bedding but don't forget there can be frosts until the end of May.
- Continue to sow carrots, beetroot, beans, peas etc etc.
- Earth up potatoes.
- Plant out your runner beans, courgettes and tomatoes at the end of May.
- Prune early spring flowering shrubs after they have finished flowering e.g. Forsythia, Spirea arguta, flowering Currants.
- Re-pot houseplants using fresh compost
- Weed and feed lawns

During a recent visit to a large local garden centre to exchange a suitcase of all things (what's this got to do with gardening??), I was rather shocked to notice the price of some of the plants. Yes, I know you can buy clothes and scented candles, handbags and books, even suitcases, but if it's plants you want, you could easily save yourself several ££'s per plant and get some advice thrown in free by buying from your local nursery. They might even tell you where the plant has come from!

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



Writing this on the 19th April, we have had a prolonged spell of high pressure with often cold, frosty mornings warming up later to produce very pleasant outdoor conditions attracting butterflies and bumble bees out of hibernation. Sharon and I travelled to Suffolk over Easter to explore an area we had not visited before, do some family history and cycle the lanes where the extensive heaths come down to the North Sea. We stayed at an excellent inn at Westleton, a quiet village about 5kms inland. The church, dedicated to St. Peter, had a thatched roof and could have doubled as a barn. Dating to the 14th century it had been built by the monks of Sibton Abbey. We were close to the National Nature Reserve at Minsmere and I cycled over early on a couple of occasions. Behind its pebble ridge, the area is protected from the sea in all but the most adverse conditions of high tide and storm surge. The extensive mere is home to many birds considered rare. Bitterns are frequently seen and I had hoped to hear their distinctive booming call but was disappointed. I did see my first Marsh Harrier hovering over the reed beds. The bird, which in 1971 had been reduced to a single breeding pair due to pesticides, is now thriving. Many now overwinter so whether the one I saw had just flown in from Africa or had remained at Minsmere through the winter is questionable. The wing of a bird is a highly sophisticated piece of evolutionary equipment. Some feathers produce lift while the primaries produce propulsion. Many of the techniques used to achieve slow speed manoeuvrability in aircraft are paralleled by birds. The slots which delay stalling on a plane are catered for in birds by small quills attached to the 'thumb' - the so called 'bastard' wing. Of course aeroplanes have to use copious amounts of fuel to achieve the same effect.

At Minsmere, in a sandy hollow, I saw my first pair of Avocets. This black and white wader with a distinctive upturned bill has become a symbol of the R.S.P.B. Coastal and marsh drainage coupled with the collection of eggs as a food source had driven it to extinction in England during the 19th century. Wartime flooding in East Anglia as an anti-invasion move provided the right conditions of shallow coastal lagoons for breeding. Today, there are at least 650 pairs breeding along the east and south coasts of England. (I'm indebted to Mark Cocker and Richard Mabey's superb 'Birds Britannica' together with Tony Soper's book 'Birdwatch' for some of the above).

The gorse was coming into bloom and catkins of hazel and alder unfurling as we cycled down a lane to Dunwich. Above what remains of the place was a medieval friary. Here, a flint wall encloses several acres of rough pasture. One building from earlier times survived Henry VIIIth's depredations, becoming a farmhouse and now stands ruined in splendid isolation. The precursor of this friary disappeared into the North Sea along with much of Dunwich, once the third largest port in the kingdom. The harbour silted up and the sandy cliffs on which the town was built tumbled into the sea.

Now, the shades of light green foliage on hawthorn, elm (there are still some hedgerow specimens about), larch, hazel and horse chestnut, to name but a few, are simply stunning. Oak buds en masse give the trees a purplish hue; look across to the railway line from Middle Road to see the effect. Most Ash leaf buds are still firmly closed though the flowers are out. Coming home over the Thwaites Estate one morning a skylark rose high above the wheat field in full voice. I lost the bird against the sun but could still hear its melodious call.

In Derbyshire's limestone country last weekend, attending a wedding, we heard the Skylark again and the evocative bubbling note of the Curlew. The lanes were hilly, so a great way to travel on a bike is to use the track bed of the Ashbourne to Buxton railway, now the Tissington Trail. Primroses and Coltsfoot were blooming and we also came across Cowslips, Dog's Mercury and Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*). The flowers of this last named are a delicate veined white. They usually appear between Easter and Whitsun and have trefoil (Shamrock-like) leaves.

Rex Humphreys reported seeing a house-martin on April 5th while Amanda Randall told me of a swallow seen on April 4th at Ufton Nature Reserve. These birds are not here in great numbers yet to thrill us with their aerial acrobatics, as they pursue insects, but perhaps by the time the Harbury and Ladbroke News is distributed, they will have arrived.

A small white butterfly seen on the Tissington Trail was probably a Small White [*Pieris rapae*] but could have been a female Orange Tip [*Anthocharis cardamines*]. I have had a fruitless search for frogspawn in Warwickshire so was delighted to find some on the National Trust's Longshaw Estate in Derbyshire. In fact, a small boy caught some in his fishing net to show us. Not only frog spawn but toad spawn which has an unmistakeable threadlike structure. Soon, I advise a trip to Draycote Meadows Nature Reserve to see the spectacular display of Green Veined Orchids (*Anacamptis morio*). Numbers vary but in the best years, it is a sight to savour.



Stratford District Election Statement from the Liberal Democrats

First elected Stratford District Councillor for the Harbury ward in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, Andrew Patrick (Liberal Democrat) is stepping down in May.

As he puts it, "I have really enjoyed my eight years, and I count it a privilege to have served my fellow-residents in Bishops Itchington, Chesterton, Deppers Bridge and Harbury. It's the right time for me to move on to different things, but I will continue to support the community in every way I can. And it's the right time to hand on to someone younger, with children at school here, and who has energy and youthful enthusiasm.



"Which is why Bev Mann and I wholeheartedly endorse **Richard Tonge** to be the next Liberal Democrat member for this ward. With his professional experience in problem-solving, his commitment to this community, and his passionate belief in a better future, we are convinced he will be an excellent councillor."

Richard writes: "I'm 32. I was born in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and raised in a small rural community. I moved to Harbury in 2007 with my partner Abigail and two sons aged 8 and 10 years. I'm proud to say they both attend the local primary school.

"I've been impressed by the inclusive community spirit and the people of all ages who make this a very special place to live. This is something I would protect and nurture if I am elected.

"I work as an IT specialist in the automotive industry. My training and employment make me an active problem solver, finding innovative ways of resolving issues to a positive outcome.

"I've always taken a keen interest in politics at both national and local levels, and I'm proud to stand for the Liberal Democrats who have

clear leadership on issues close to my heart, namely the **environment, education and rural affairs** which are pivotal to the resolution of this country's problems.

"At a local level, I will work to ensure that each voice matters and that all residents of the community are consulted in local issues and decisions.

"I can assure voters that I will bring fresh thinking, good communication and energetic commitment to all issues in the local community, as I believe passionately in a better future for this and succeeding generations."

Bev Mann says about Richard:- "I am very pleased to endorse Richard as our Lib Dem candidate in the Harbury Ward for the District Council. I have been very impressed with Richard's energy and enthusiasm and would be very happy to work alongside Richard as our District Councillor in Harbury Ward."

Last month's News carried an address from the Conservative Party candidate; there may be other candidates standing in the District Council elections but the Editors have not been made aware of them.



Parkinson's
Disease Society

Affected by Parkinson's and looking for support?

Leamington & District Parkinson's Disease Society hold meetings at the Syndi Centre, Cottage Square, Marloes Walk, Leamington on the second Monday of the month.

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm. Contact the President and Welfare Officer, Marion Grimwood on 01926 337695, the Secretary, Margaret Holland on 01926 853023 or the Information Support Worker, Anita Hallet on 0844 2253649.

The Parkinson's Disease Society has a Freephone helpline: 0808 800 0303 or web site www.parkinsons.org.uk.

Do you live in Warwickshire's Best Village?

Warwickshire's Best Village Competition provides an opportunity to win prize money as well as to share ideas with other communities facing similar challenges.

Anyone living in a village with 5,000 inhabitants or less can enter and there are hundreds of pounds to be won. There are six categories to choose from –

- Community Buildings *sponsored by Galliford Try*
- Environment
- Communication *sponsored by Yorkshire Bank*
- Community Projects
- Community Heroes (or businesses which benefit the community) *sponsored by NFU Mutual,*
- History & Heritage *sponsored by CEMEX*

All kinds of evidence are welcome (photos, DVDs, publications etc) and the closing date is Sunday 31 May.

The WRCC is also seeking volunteer judges who live in a village and have local knowledge to select the best at a meeting in July.

Competitions Organiser, Ariadne Uslu from the Warwickshire Rural Community Council said "we're looking for the village people enjoy living in because there's so much going on. We hope the prize money will be used to fund more activities in the future."

Lyn Kesterton, a volunteer judge, said "judging the Best Village Competition was a great experience and provided a fascinating insight into the way our villages are developing and thriving right across the county. It was really inspiring to learn about so many worthwhile and innovative projects."

For more information about how to enter the competition or to volunteer to be a judge, visit www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk or telephone Ariadne on 02476 217390.

Ariadne Uslu

N.S.P.C.C – Any Questions?

"Any Questions?" (based on the BBC programme) to be held on Friday 11th June in the Tom Hauley Room. Panel of 4 and everyone who attends is invited to submit a question on a postcard with your name on. Tickets to cost £20 to include food and wine. Prompt 7.30pm start. Ring Elaine on 614664 or Margaret on 612345.

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Harbury Art Exhibition

19th and 20th June at All Saints Church. Anyone wishing to exhibit their artwork for sale/display, please contact me for details as soon as possible on 614104 or billdavies48@googlemail.com.

Bill Davies

Skittles!

Harbury School PTA invite you all to our Skittles evening to be held on Friday 21st May in the School Hall. Please look out for our posters around the village for further details.

Other dates for your diary this term are our Beer Walk on Saturday 19th June and, of course, our Summer Fayre on Saturday 3rd July.

Harbury School PTA Committee



Offchurch through the ages

A Festival Weekend of Open Gardens and Scarecrows

19th & 20th June, 12.00 – 6.00pm

Entertainment for all the family!

Come and learn about the history of this ancient Warwickshire village depicted by imaginative wacky scarecrow displays, plus a scarecrow maypole. Enjoy wandering around cottage gardens, opened for your pleasure.

Plant and craft stalls, bee-keeping, heritage cars, fun golf croquet.

Live music in the gardens and the church.

Lunches, teas and ice cream, children's quiz.

Something for everyone!

Treat Dad to an afternoon out on FATHER'S DAY! Come and join the fun – just turn up.

Adults £5.00, Children under 16 FREE. Proceeds in aid of Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, St Gregory's Church and Offchurch Village Hall.

Wendy Farquharson

Galanos House, Southam – Frock Swop

We are holding a Frock Swop on Wednesday May 12th at 7.30pm. Entry is £3 which includes a glass of wine and nibbles. Bring an item of clothing that you've out grown, or you don't like, or you wished you never bought and swop it for something that takes your fancy. We will also have facials, makeup, handbags and good quality slightly used or new shoes. It's a very nice girlie night so please come and join us.

Jan Finch, Activities Co-ordinator
Galanos House, Southam

Evening Bus Travel for Just £2 Return

Stratford District Council and the County Council have teamed up to provide residents of Harbury with the opportunity to travel anywhere in Warwickshire for just £2 return on journeys after 1800 on Mondays to Saturdays. The scheme started on 6 April 2010. For example, at present the adult return fare from Harbury to Leamington Spa is £5.70. Even the adult single fare is £3.35 so you can see what a bargain it is. Phone 01926 412987 to request a Stratford Area Evening Bus Service leaflet which gives details of evening bus journeys.

Dennis Young
Warwickshire County Council

Kenilworth & Southam Conservatives

Friday 25th June 2010: Kenilworth & Southam Conservatives Grand Summer Ball at the Draycote Hotel & Golf Course, Thurlaston, Nr Rugby. Black Tie. Live music and dancing to the very popular *Likely Lads* band. Carriages 1.00am. Tickets: £50 from James Holloway, Conservative Office, 3 Trinity Street, Stratford-on-Avon, CV37 6BL. Tel: 01789 292723.

Anita Wright

Mask-arade Receives Civic Award

The Maskateers from party mask company Mask-arade are celebrating after receiving the **Warwick District Council Civic Award for Best New Business.**

The company shot to fame last year on Dragons' Den and has recently expanded its premises and taken on extra staff to cope with the massive demand for their personalised and celebrity masks. Mask-arade now stock over 100,000 masks featuring the current top 60 celebrities and, with the wedding season coming up, orders for personalised masks for stag and hen nights have increased dramatically.

Director Ray Duffy said, "Mask-arade is now an established brand name in the party and fancy dress industry, our celebrity masks are now being stocked in more than 200 shops all over the UK". Ray added, "We are extremely proud to receive the Warwick Civic Award and it certainly makes all the hard work worthwhile; I would like to thank everyone for nominating us and would confirm that the money will go towards an additional laser cutting machine".

Mask-arade received an engraved glass trophy, a certificate and a cheque for £250.

Mask-arade's masks have recently been featured on BBC TV programmes, The Culture Show and This Week.

Contact www.mask-arade.com 01926 814292 for further details.



Photo shows the Maskateers: Ray Duffy, Dean Walton, Joe Alsop and Simon Hughes

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

Once again I am organising another "Macmillan Miles Challenge" - raising money to help Macmillan Cancer Support aid people living with cancer.

Last year we raised **£641.79 - the best ever collection.** Can we beat it this year?

On Friday and Saturday May 21st/22nd, along with willing supporters, we are hoping to achieve lines of coins on the footpath in the centre of the village. It's a simple way to support the Macmillan Charity in our region and we ask that you give generously.

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

For cancer information and support contact Macmillan Cancer Support
Tel: 01676 535452 www.macmillan.org.uk.

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

Ann Mayer, 612708

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

The summer outing this year will be to Southport on Wednesday 16th June, leaving the Village Hall at 08:30. The invitations will be issued shortly.

At our AGM, we had two longstanding committee members retire; Mrs Evelyn Woodfield and Mrs Margaret Taylor. Thank you both, for all of your past efforts and contributions to everything you have been involved in. We would like to specifically record our thanks and appreciation to Margaret for her role as Treasurer and chief organiser for the events that we run during the year. She was on the committee for 34 years and hers will be a hard act to follow. I am sure that the committee members, past and current, and also the hundreds of senior citizens who have been to our events would like to pass on their thanks to Margaret for all of the energy and hard work that she has put in over many years. We wish her well.

Also at the AGM, we recorded our thanks to all of the volunteers and helpers who give up their time to help us run the lunches and parties.

We have one new committee member joining us – Mrs Julie Collier. As a result of the changes, we have a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Julie Clarke will take over the role of Chair, Julie Collier will be the Secretary and Mike McBride will be the Treasurer. The other committee members are Thelma Gulliver, Sue Exton, Margaret Sherrington and Linda Roe.

We still need a few more people on the committee. Have you ever thought of supporting our senior citizens by becoming a committee member? What will you have to do? We meet seven or eight times a year for about an hour to discuss fundraising, the annual outing, the summer lunch and the Christmas Party. Apart from the meetings, you will also be expected to give some hands-on help at the events along with the other committee members and volunteers. Your total effort will be three to four days a year – not a lot of time to put aside for something that makes a difference and is really appreciated by the people who benefit from the activities.

If you want further information or are interested in joining us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or one of the committee members.

Mike McBride,

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Harbury WI "Big Tidy Up"



On April 14th, 20 members of WI, as part of the National Campaign "Big Tidy Up", collected rubbish from around the village. With litter picker ticks borrowed from WCC and tabards/waste bags from Big Tidy Up, the WI team collected rubbish along the

roads of the village, across the playing fields and through the cemetery. It became evident there was an excessive amount of

rubbish on and around the playing fields and in several areas "dog poo" had been correctly picked up in appropriate plastic bags which were then discarded in the hedge. We all know these will not biodegrade. Would dog owners PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!

Ann Mayer
WI President



Bishops Itchington Community Project

We are very pleased to announce that the Community Centre has now been opened in the building that used to house the British Legion in Bishops Itchington. Refurbishment has been undertaken using funding from the Lottery, Orbit Housing and our Parish Council.

The project has been set up to give a dedicated facility to the young people of Bishops Itchington, but it also has a volunteer-run café, "The Blue Butterfly" (named after a rare species that can be found on the old quarry site) which has been beautifully decked out and which offers homemade cakes, fresh teas and coffees to eat in or take away. The café is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and already we are considering extending opening hours to meet the demand of local workers and villagers.

The function room is also available for hire and we are receiving enquiries from local groups wanting to hold consultation meetings, yoga and IT classes, and weekly bingo. It won't be long before Bishops supports the rural cinema as Harbury and other villages do, and has a community garden for locals to come and grow vegetables and plants.

For more information you can call Michelle Tuerena on 613117 or visit our website www.bicp.co.uk.

Sam Farrall

Harbury Carnival - Saturday June 12th, 2010

(Parade Judging Starts 12.15pm from Sutcliffe Drive)

Carnival = FUN

F is for **F**estive, **U** is for **U**ltimate and **N** is for **N**ano-Ace-Brilliant and together they spell **Happy Cheerful: Harbury Carnival.**

So make sure YOU come and participate and help us continue the great carnival tradition. *(NOTE: We start half an hour earlier this year: Vehicles in position in Sutcliffe Drive by 12 noon and judging begins at 12.15.)*

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 a reminder of the list of categories for the Parade: *(NOTE: Parade leaves at 1pm as we are starting 30 minutes earlier this year.)*

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.

We think we are the only Carnival in the World with a Wheelbarrow Race. So, uniquely, the Wheelbarrow Race on Sunday 6th June will commence from The Dog. Please assemble at 12-30pm for a 1-00pm start. Again, can I please ask you to make sure you complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian on 612265. And Pub Games Week follows (details in next month's Harbury News).

There is still time 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.

Many thanks to our SPONSORS who so far include: Avondale Veterinary Centre, Braeside Bed & Breakfast, Communication & Me, The Door Store, Fitzgerald Marshall-Hardy Advertising & Design, Fosse Garage, Green Chameleon, Harbury Pharmacy, The Kitchen Kompany, Miles of Tiles, Rollason's Solicitors and The Salon.

So remember Harbury Carnival *(NOTE: Starting half an hour earlier)* on Saturday 12th June is Fantastically Unbelieveably Nice (FUN!).

**Submitted by Peter Walshe
On behalf of the Carnival Committee**

Active Summer Term Ahead for Harbury Choir School

We start back for an action packed summer term this week at our usual rehearsal time in the Village Hall.

We have several performance dates to look forward to in the coming months – particularly the whole choir singing for a local wedding and the chamber choir, again, travelling to Birmingham to sing at the Lord Mayor's inauguration.

At the end of last term, 5 young singers were chosen and auditioned to move up into the Chamber Choir. They rose to the challenge of being given printed music and being asked to sing in harmony for the first time in their group audition. They should be very proud of their achievement! The hard work starts now though, as they only have a few weeks to prepare to sing for the Lord Mayor of Birmingham – there is nothing like being thrown in at the deep end!

We are also planning a public summer concert to showcase all of our work from throughout the year, so watch this space.

Helen Iles
Harbury Choir School
www.harburychoirschool.org

Village with a Vision

We had a wonderful response from the children at school to our Logo Competition, and we would like to say a big thank you to them all, and to their teachers. We would also say thank you to the Editorial Team of the H & L News, who were the competition judges. It must have been a difficult job.

Karena and I attended the School Assembly on 16th April, when we presented the winners with their Easter Eggs. Well done to Chloe, Evie, Evie, Holly, Jack and Lucinda.

Our Needs Questionnaire has now been delivered to everyone, and we would urge you all to complete and return them by 7th May as requested. If by any chance you haven't received a copy, or you need another one, then please let me know and I'll get one to you.

The next step will be to send them for analysis and, once that is done,

we can begin to formulate plans. We also plan to hold a public meeting to present and discuss the project.

Tony Stubbs
Village with a Vision

01926 612782, e-mail:villagewithavision@hotmail.com

Spirit of Harbury Award

The Presentation of the Spirit of Harbury 2010, will be made on May 8th at the Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

Andrew Hunt

Teenage Cancer Trust Charity Event 2010

The organisers of the annual 'Sounds of the Sixties' event, which takes place on the Rugby ground on Middle Road, are in the process of making all the necessary arrangements for this year's mammoth undertaking. There will be the usual variety of rock 'n roll bands; a huge raffle and an auction for those items, which money can buy. All the profits go to the TCT charity, which funds specialist units for teenagers undergoing cancer treatment at Birmingham Q.E. hospital. The date for the diary is July 10th, so make sure you look out for all the latest information, to be sure of attending the superb evening's entertainment. More information about the bands playing this year will be given in next month's magazine.

Chris Finch



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Enid, Mark, Karen and David would like to thank everyone for the love and support they gave after the sad loss of John Wright.

They found great comfort in the many cards and messages of condolence received, and were touched by the many friends and neighbours who attended the beautiful funeral service led by the Reverend John Haynes.

Special thanks to neighbours who helped Enid on the day John died, in traumatic circumstances. Also, the support of the staff at Harbury Surgery is much appreciated.

Enid, Mark, Karen and David

Dear Editors

Please, please, please could dog owners who pick up after their dogs either take the bag home or bin it – NOT throw it in the hedges!

It certainly was not a pleasant job picking up so much of it on our recent W.I Big Tidy-Up of the village, especially in Hall Lane and Butt Lane!

Many thanks.

W.I Big Tidy-Up Team

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

Bookings for:

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

Regular Diary Dates

ART CLASSES: The Scout Hut, Tuesday 10am - 12 noon (614251)

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

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

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

Mondays 7:00 - 9:00pm; (612627)

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (612822)

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

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

BRIDGE CLUB: Thursday in Village Club at 7.00pm (612714)

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538)

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

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

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

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

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

DROP-IN TEA FOR THE BEREAVED: 19, Farm Street, last Wednesday in the month (except in December) 2.30 to 4.30pm (612585)

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm – 8.45pm

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 7:00pm (07939 679533)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Dog Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:00pm (613730)

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 6's - Year 1 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 01926 613330

Training: Saturday 9.00am Harbury School

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Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury School

Under 9's - Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Under 11's - Year 6 (Boys)

Coach: Carolyn Dorning Tel: 01926 612037

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

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

Coach: Judith Woodfield Tel: 01926 312021

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Under 12/13's - Year 8 Boys

Coach: Malcom Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

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

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

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00 - 11:30am

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

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

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

KEEP FIT FOR LADIES: Harbury Primary School, Thursdays (term time) 7.00-8.00pm, contact Sue Hawthorn (810942)

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

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

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

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

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8.00pm (612427)

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

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

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm (614062)

SLIMMING WORLD: Village Club, Wednesdays 6.30pm, Jessica Fitzgerald (07775 678772 or 612164)

TAI CHI: Village Hall, Friday, 7.00pm – 8.30pm (612277)

TAP & DANCE FOR ADULTS: Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm (Jane - 07989 834416)

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(613284 or email: sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk)

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COACHING - For individual or small group coaching, please contact Linda Casement (614734).

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

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

WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL: In the grounds of Harbury Primary School,

Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.30pm (07906 519148)

YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgey (817904)

YOUTH GROUP-ICON @ All Saints': Tom Hauley Room, Sundays 7.00 – 8.30pm (612377)

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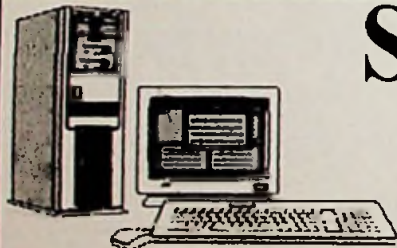
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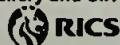
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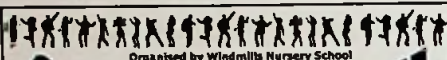


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