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## Editorial

Now is the time to prepare for Harbury Village Show which will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. There is a wide range of categories that can be entered, ranging from vegetables and flowers through to photography.

Ladbroke's annual fund raising event – The Party on the Green will be held on the 20th August. We hope that there will be fine weather which will encourage a good turnout.

Joe Griffin and his daughter Michelle staged their last Sounds of the Sixties Night at the Rugby Club Grounds last month. Over the ten years that the event has been running, a total of £66,000 has been raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust. This is a truly wonderful effort by them both. Congratulations also to the PTA on raising over £2,000 at their recent Summer Fayre. Well done to all those involved on the day.

Fly tipping is both illegal and dangerous and recently one of the horses – Petal that lived in the Paddock in the village centre, put her foot through a glazed window frame that had been discarded in the field. Sadly, this resulted in the horse having to be put down.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Joyce Burgess and Richard Turner.

## Harbury Diary

### AUGUST

- |       |    |  |
|-------|----|--|
| Sat   | 6  | Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tennis Club<br>Summer Lunch, in aid of Senior Citizens 12 noon – 2.30pm in Village Hall                                    |
| Sun   | 7  | <b>TRINITY VII</b><br>Sung Eucharist 9.00am<br>First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room<br>Quiet Contemplative Service in the Celtic Tradition 6.00pm<br>Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall |
| Tues  | 9  | Holy Communion 7.30pm  |
| Thurs | 11 | Holy Communion 9.45am  |
| Fri   | 12 | "Little Softies" 9.00am Village Hall<br>Bingo starting at 8.30pm Harbury Club - non-members welcome.<br>Tel 612498   |
| Sat   | 13 | Coffee Morning 10.00-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of First Light  |

**Sun 14 TRINITY VIII**

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM

Tues 16 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wed 17 Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room

Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am

Fri 19 "Little Softies" 9.00am Village Hall

Bingo starting at 8.30pm Harbury Club - non-members welcome.

Tel 612498

Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room

Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of the Village Hall Development Fund

**Sun 21 TRINITY IX**

Holy Communion 8.00am

Family Communion Service 10.30am

Evensong 6.00pm

Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon 22 Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage stay overnight in Village Hall

Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church

Thurs 25 Holy Communion 9.45am

ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND  
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

Fri 26 "Little Softies" 9.00am Village Hall

Southam Children's Centre meet 12.30pm in Harbury Village  
Hall if wet!

Bingo starting at 8.30pm Harbury Club - non-members welcome.

Tel 612498

Sat 17 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of CINDI

**Sun 28 TRINITY X**

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall

Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm

**SEPTEMBER**

Thurs 1 **NB:** No 9.45am Service today

Harbury Art Group Workshop, "Fur or Feather" using watercolour  
and coloured pencils. 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Tom Hauley  
Room. £15 per person, all levels of ability and new members  
welcome. Phone Pam on 01926 814923.

Folk Club at Dog Inn 8.30pm

- Fri 2 "Little Softies" 9.00am Village Hall  
Beer Festival 7.30pm to Midnight in Village Hall  
Bingo starting at 8.30pm Harbury Club - non-members welcome.  
Tel 612498
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning 10.00-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of the Tom Hauley Room  
Beer Festival 11.30am - 4.00pm and 6.00pm to Midnight in  
Village Hall
- Sun 4 TRINITY XI**  
Sung Eucharist 9.00am  
Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall  
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Hash 1.30 for 2.00pm at Chesterton  
Evening Service 6.00pm
- Tues 6 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 8 W.I Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – Liam D'Arcy Brown,  
"Grand Canal of China"
- Fri 9 "Little Softies" 9.00am Village Hall  
Bingo starting at 8.30pm Harbury Club - non-members welcome.  
Tel 612498
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in  
Aid of Netball Club  
Village Show 2.00pm at The Club, Crown Street (details from  
Patrick Clarke 612066)

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

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
August	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	10	11	12	Grey Bin
	17	18	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	24	25	26	Grey Bin
Sept	31 Aug	1	2	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	7	8	9	Grey Bin
	14	15	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins



## From the Rector

**Father Craig Grocock**

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

### Harry Potter – reflects another story!

I write this article on the day that the last Harry Potter film opens across the country and, like the seven films before it, 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pt 2' will undoubtedly be another massive hit at the box office. I feel quite sad if I'm honest as this last film finally brings the curtain down on the young wizards' adventures at Hogwarts spanning the last ten years. I remember with fondness queuing, with Su and my daughter Jess (then only nine) outside the Apollo cinema in Leamington in 2001 to watch with great anticipation the first instalment 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'.

As we know, the Harry Potter books by J.K. Rowling, have been deeply instrumental in getting young children to read novels as young imaginations have been captivated by the world of Muggles, wizards and witches. But something else has taken place over the last decade. Through the Potter books and films, millions of us have encountered and engaged in the single greatest story of all: the willing sacrifice of the one for the salvation of the many. Harry's very survival, as a baby, is down to his mother's willingness to sacrifice herself for his sake. We are reminded throughout the series that it is Harry's capacity for love, and nothing else, that will enable him to defeat 'he who must not be named': the evil Lord Voldemort.

The Potter saga reminds me of another story, the one which stands right slap, bang in the heart of Christian belief; the ultimate power of love, and the story of the one who dies (Jesus Christ) and lives again and because of his life darkness and evil is overcome.

I am not lucky enough to have got a ticket to see the film tonight, that'll have to wait a couple of weeks I guess. Jess though, now nineteen, is off to see the film this evening with a group of friends - the 'Potter generation' – and I am sure they'll enjoy it enormously as of course will I when I eventually sit down with my pop corn and watch the final part of the saga as it concludes.

I don't know how many of you are Potter fans, quite a few I should imagine. For those of you who are equally excited about this final instalment, let the Potter story remind you too of the great truth of Jesus and his sacrificial love. But unlike Harry Potter, His story will never come to an end!

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

17th July      Harrison James Balch

26th July      Reggie Roy Wright

### *Funerals at All Saints', Harbury*

7th July      Richard Turner (66 years)

21st July      Joyce Edris Burgess (92 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Will & Fliss**

On the first Sunday in July the congregation upped sticks and went to Coventry Cathedral to witness the ordination, as Deacon, of Annie Goldthorp. She returns to us, after a twelve week placement here some time ago, as Curate to Harbury and Ladbroke and is now resident in the village. We returned to welcome Annie with a bring and share faith lunch with her family, friends and all the people of Harbury and Ladbroke. The on-going floor project has been delayed slightly over the past month on account of high moisture readings in the new wood. The planks are due to be blocked and stored at the back of Church to acclimatise so they can be laid in September.

The All Age Communion service this month saw, possibly for the first time ever, John Stringer use puppet theatre to tell the story of Moses and the Israelites complete with the parting of the Red Sea. An enthralling watch.

During August there will be no monthly lunch in the Tom Hauley Room. If you have been to these lunches you will know that they are fabulous value for money in a rewarding social environment. However we do need a few more people to help organise them so if you are able to help please make yourselves known to us.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the clergy who have ministered to us during Craig's holiday.

### **SEPTEMBER EDITION—HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

**Adverts** to 31 Binswood End by 15th August

**Articles** to Harbury Pharmacy by 25th August



## Mothers' Union

**Gillian Hare**



July is a social month for our members. On the 6<sup>th</sup> we visited the old church at Chesterton, where Jo Spurr gave a most interesting talk about the building and its association with the Peyto family. The family were so important in times past that they are commemorated with several fine memorials, but the two mansions that they built and the village the Church served, are no

more. Afterwards we returned to the Tom Hauley Room for a delicious tea, which we were pleased to share with Father Craig and Annie – a chance for us to get to know her and welcome her.

On the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>, we took delivery of fish and chips, enjoyed by twenty eight members and friends. The evening was rounded off with hilarious games of Beetle, Uno and Boggle.

There will be no meetings in August so the committee wishes all members a refreshing break and maybe some good weather.

We start our autumn season on 7<sup>th</sup> September with a communion service in Church. During this, Gillian's granddaughter Lizzie will be talking about her time in Calcutta with the Baptist Missionary Society, working in a school for children who live on the streets. There will be an opportunity to hear more and see her photographs over tea and cake afterwards.



## Toddlers' Service

**Lorna Bedford**

At our service in July, Mrs Celia Neill told the children the story of Jesus feeding 5000 people with only two fish and five loaves, which had been given to Jesus by a little boy. She demonstrated the story by setting up a picnic with a rug, table cloth and picnic basket, and once the children were sitting around the rug she showed them all the food in the basket and emphasised the need for us all to share with each other. We recited and did the actions to a poem about making a sandwich; this was great fun.

The story told of how Jesus was not only able to feed 5000 people, but there was even some food left over. At this point Mrs Neill showed a basket containing loaves and fresh fish.

We sang a song called 'A boy gave to Jesus two fish and five loaves' accompanied by Mr Michael Hare on the accordion. We also sang our prayer, 'Thank you for the world so sweet,'

As a treat before we broke up for the summer holiday, we had a picnic tea and afterwards played with the toys.

There will not be a Toddler Service in August so we look forward to seeing babies and toddlers, accompanied by an adult, at our next service on Tuesday 13th September at 2pm in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the Church).

	<p><b>First Light</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Alison Abbott</b></p>
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We were a select few who met on 3rd July as a lot of people had gone to Coventry to join Annie as she was ordained. Never-the-less we had a good time as we considered the value of perseverance. From art and music, through Olympic champions, to motorbike stuntmen, we discovered that perseverance pays. We might not win the gold medal but we can all finish the race.

Hopefully we will see a bit of that golden sunny stuff soon. Everything always grows so quickly in the summer, so in recognition, August's First Light is about the things that help us grow. It will be at 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room on 7th August. It doesn't matter whether you are old or young, a frequent visitor to Church or not, we would love to see you. Come a little early and enjoy a cup of coffee and see what we do.

## **Ordination of Annie Goldthorp**

To celebrate the ordination of Annie Goldthorp and welcome her as our curate, ringers from around Warwick rang a peal on 9th July.

Saturday 9th July 2011 - A peal of 5040 changes Stedman Triples rung in 2 hours and 46 minutes.

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Annie Hall        | 2 Lucy J T Gwynne      |
| 3 Karen M French    | 4 John W G Gwynne      |
| 5 Richard J Taulbut | 6 Richard Lewis-Skeath |
| 7 Christopher F Mew | 8 Jacqueline A Hands   |





First of Stedman Triples for 2, 3 and 4.

Rung to mark the ordination of Revd Annie Goldthorp at Coventry Cathedral on 3rd July and to welcome her as curate at All Saints, Harbury.

**Alison Abbott**

## Ladbroke News & Diary

### AUGUST

**Sun 7**

#### TRINITY VII

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Wed 10

Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 13

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Sun 14**

#### TRINITY VIII

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Mon 15

ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM

Wed 17

Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 20

Party on the Green (Music Event) 6.00pm – 11.00pm

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Sun 21**

#### Trinity IX

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.00am

Wed 24

Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 25

ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

Sat 27

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Sun 28**

#### TRINITY X

Holy Communion, (sung), 9.00am

Wed 31

Yoga Class, 6.30pm, Village Hall

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 3

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Sun 4**

#### TRINITY XI

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 5

Photography Club, 7.30pm in the Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

A reminder that the next Ladbroke Safari Supper will be held on Saturday 3rd September. This is in aid of Church Funds. Further information and application forms from Sue Lord 815153 (sue.lord4@btinternet.com) and Jackie West 810331 (jackieszone-supper@yahoo.co.uk). Closing date 12th August.

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

August 7th - Beryl Ross

August 14th - Sue Collins

August 21st - Jean Clews

August 28th - Jean Clews

September 4th - Carol Lane / Carolyn Taylor

September 11th - Carol Lane / Carolyn Taylor



## Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

**Public Participation:** This was the first main item discussed. The grass cutting along the bypass was still the concern of a member of the public, although a member of Warwickshire County Council did examine the work already carried out and declared that it was satisfactory; however it still wasn't good enough. The visibility onto the bypass from Radbourne Lane was still not clear enough; also the grass/weeds were growing up the road signs. Our County Councillor made a note of the complaint.

**Matters Arising:** With regard to the caravan and containers on a field behind Ladbroke Farm planning permission had been applied for and rejected, an appeal had ultimately been dismissed. Enforcement will now be issued.

**Windmill Lane:** Changing the name of part of this lane is apparently not that easy. It will probably take months/years (!) to get permission. There are many legal problems to overcome; on-going.

**The Emergency Plan:** This mainly concerns flooding and is being updated. The Parish Council is studying new details.

**Planning Matters:** Mr Brian Moore has applied for permission to install 180 33.3kw photovoltaic panels to an existing farm building at Starbold Farm, Banbury Road, Southam. The Council had no objection or representation in relation to this.

**Gritting Bins:** There was discussion about an additional bin along Harbury Road. This related to the number of bins that the village owns, which are supplied by Warwickshire County Council. As this is quite a dangerous corner in icy conditions, the bin was finally agreed to.

**Highways, Footpaths and Drainage (including Flooding Review):** As the Parish Council is now updating the Emergency Plan there was much discussion about the clearing of ditches east of the bypass which are still overgrown. They are owned by Warwickshire County Council. The “flap” at the end of the drain under the Banbury Road which was going to be removed is also outstanding. At this time of year it could be an “underpass” for vermin if removed. However, during heavy rains, if the flap was removed it would allow a freer flow of rain water along the brook.

There was no report from the Village Hall. The Millennium Green report reviewed the fete success and the forthcoming event ‘Music on the Green’ on 20<sup>th</sup> August. The Parish Council has submitted their HS2 questionnaire and hoped that everyone in the village – and their friends and relations – had also filled their response. **THE DEADLINE IS 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY.** It is reported that all HS2 responses will all be studied individually and thoroughly.

**County Councillor’s Report:** The Big Society Bill is going ahead. No one knows exactly what it all means. It is going through the House of Commons and House of Lords now. Everyone is just “second guessing”.

The next local forum is on 21<sup>st</sup> September, (as is our next Parish Council meeting). The Forum is just for the whole of Southam area to put forward ideas; it cannot make decisions as it is not an elected body of people.

The majority of schools in this area are interested in becoming Academies – 22 out of 36.

The restructuring of the Police and the NHS are all going through similar changes to Education.

Southern Cross residential homes – all residents in this area have been found new accommodation.

Tesco has apparently funded a bus service around the Southam area to take customers to their store, but no one seems to know anything about it.

Resurfacing of Harbury Road and Church Lane is to go ahead. This follows on from the resurfacing of Harbury Road from Ladbroke Road a few years ago. The date that works will start has not been disclosed but the work site will be from the Old Barn Farm/Manor Farm drives and it will continue from there to beyond the double bend past the Church.

There is a grant available of £75,000 as from the end of July. Applications must be in by the end of September for improvements and new equipment – not for maintenance. There is also a small grant available for areas prone to flooding. Organised by the communities involved, it will be on a “points” system basis.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

	<b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b>	<b>Carol Lane</b>
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July 14<sup>th</sup> witnessed seventeen members driving off to Kenilworth Golf Club for the Annual Summer Dinner which appeared to be enjoyed by all.

The July meeting was held in the Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> with Sue Moore, president, in the chair. She was delighted to inform the meeting of two Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. successes. Rachel Thomson had two of her photographs accepted for the Warwickshire W.I. calendar and Heather Brooks' duck had forged its way into first place in the duck race!

Christine Baker then read a piece of hand-written work entitled 'Think it over' which she had found when looking through her aunt and a former W.I. member Elizabeth Rutledge's belongings following her death earlier this year. A full transcript may be obtained from Christine on request.

The talk for the evening was given by Mark Talbot who became a volunteer for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance following the involvement of emergency services in his son's serious motorcycle accident.

Mark's presentation showed the interior and exterior of the helicopter and amazing pictures of some of the incidents it had been called to. He also gave many facts which made us all think: the WNAA covers an area of 2,000 square miles and one million people as well as the transient population on the counties' many motorways; it has flown 7,000 missions since the start in 2003 (we were aware that three of these had helped people in Ladbroke.); it can be airborne in forty five seconds from the call and takes between six and twelve minutes to reach the incident.



It costs £1.6 million per year to lease the helicopter and pay the medical, paramedical and administrative staff. This service receives no government support or lottery grant monies and relies solely on donations.

Anyone wishing to find out more or make a donation

should visit the web site on [www.wnaa.co.uk](http://www.wnaa.co.uk).



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Jackie West**

Our July meeting started with conventional photographs, a black and white print competition. Although not the usual medium for most of our photographers, many had had a go and the subjects included views, architecture, people and an owl. A well deserved 1st place went to Tony Mancell for his uncluttered and symmetrical shot of "The Pier". For the rest of the evening Emily Ballard, a local lass who has just finished her photography degree, showed us some of her work. One of her early projects was of people in Ladbroke at work and play - these were the sort of pictures we could all achieve with a little bit of time and effort. After that she showed us a large canvas print with bold swirls of colour apparently coming from a silver disc; initially I thought it was partially mixed oil paint being squeezed out of metal tube but she told us it was paint being washed down the plug hole of the bath and, on closer inspection, you could see water drops on the white surface. I'm no fan of abstract art but this was one of those exceptions that really I could appreciate. Then Emily talked us through her final year project, which was on the interface between photography and art, and stunned us by the effort she had put into researching work done by other photographers with similar ideas and also the number of iterations as it developed. We couldn't see the final piece - a huge black and white print of her own face covered with pins and fine thread - in real life as it was packed ready to off to an exhibition in London. However we did see many photos of it in progress as well as one of finished work with Emily standing beside it, cleverly taken with her in glorious technicolor against the black and white picture.

For our next meeting on Tuesday August 2nd we have fingers crossed that it will be dry evening as we'll be walking along the canal between "The Boat" and the "Blue Lias" pubs, no doubt taking refreshment in one or both in addition to taking pictures of life on the water. For more information about this or the club generally please email [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk).



## **Ladbroke General Section**

### **Party on the Green, Ladbroke, Saturday 20th August**

Tickets for the Party on the Green, Ladbroke are now on sale in Mugleston's and The Bell as well as outlets in Southam. This outdoor charity music event (6-11pm) should be a great and varied music evening and we are looking forward to hosting a crowd of all ages. There will be a bar and barbecue and shelter in case of rain. More details from [kip@kwarr.co.uk](mailto:kip@kwarr.co.uk) or 815004.

**Kip Warr**

### **Ladbroke Safari Supper, Saturday 3rd September**

We have decided the format will be a slight twist on previous ones with participants having the first two courses in a number of different homes within Ladbroke and then everyone meeting up together in the Village Hall for dessert and coffee.

Friends living outside Ladbroke are welcome to join in too, making your own arrangements with a village resident to use their house for your course (unless it is dessert). Invitations have been delivered around the village but if we missed your letter box by mistake or you want more information please phone Sue and Alan on 815153 or email [jackieszone-supper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-supper@yahoo.co.uk). **If you wish to join in please return the completed RSVP slip on the invitation by Friday 12th August.**

**Jackie West**

### **The Warwickshire and Coventry Trust "Ride and Stride"**

It's that time of year again, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Do you fancy having a go? – maybe again. You can walk or cycle as far as you like. From Ladbroke to Bishops Itchington and Harbury, walk or ride – you have from 10am to 6pm. If you really feel energetic why not try the

"Dassett Route". I have maps for you to follow and it covers about thirty miles.

It is a worthy, local, lesser known charity which needs our support. Please have a go – even if you only take up my baton; over the years I must have done it about a dozen times. One year I took the car to Rugby and myself and a young friend walked around the Rugby Churches, in and around the town; it is amazing how many there are.

**Betty Winkfield**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**

The results of the draw for June were:

£80	TK and ED Surgey
£50	Mary Coley
£25	Richard Walker
£10	Brian Whitehouse
£10	Jim and Pauline Laidler
£10	Kevin and Kate Pickin
£10	Carol and Peter Loftus
£10	Andy Bendzak

**Margaret Bosworth**



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley**

*Official minutes can be viewed in the Library, on the Parish Council website [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) or obtained from the Parish Clerk Tel: 01926 614646*

### **Notes from the June 2011 meeting.**

**Public Participation:** Village Hall Improvements - In Geoff Thorpe's absence Chris Finch outlined the plans which had just been lodged with SDC. These covered the east side of the building and would include changing rooms and one office space, but would only be realised when sufficient funding had been secured. At present, work was continuing on the upgrade to the southern roof and suite of rooms. When this was completed Photovoltaic Panels would be erected to generate electricity.

The Village Hall would pay for these and a grant of £2,000 from Southam Vision would be used to provide new kitchen shutters. More money would need to be raised to complete the kitchen upgrade.

Cllrs were concerned that designs for the eastern extension showed a gully over the entrance which could be vulnerable to vandalism and water ingress.

Dovehouse Autos - The Parish Council had expressed concern about the number of dwellings and the lack of on site parking on the plans for the site. Pre-application consultation continues and Richard Wright suggested to Cllrs that the development might now feature four maisonettes.

**Reports from other bodies:** Harbury School will have thirty new pupils in September. It was hosting a visit from a Spanish School. An external consultant will cost the plans for the School Pool which have at last been passed.

Twining - the French Visitors took part in the Wheelbarrow Race and were treated to a trip to Broughton Castle.

The Village Hall benefitted from the £1,300 raised by the Heart of Harbury Games. Cllr Thompson reported they were a great success and Cllr Hancock asked the Clerk to thank Andrew Lawrence and the Committee for their efforts.

Stratford District - Cllr Bev Mann reported on a visit to the Recycling Centre at Ettington. It had greatly reduced the amount of waste sent to landfill. Cllr Hamburger expressed concerns about the functioning of the Community Forum. County Council - Cllr Bob Stevens said the Forums and Area Committees might be abolished, depending on the final version of the Localism Bill.

Rationalisation of County services continued. There would now be five Youth Club Hubs. He warned that 50% of schools would change status and stop using County Services so that those schools that remained would have to pay more. Cllr Stevens hoped that in the next round of highway improvements, the 30mph sign on Bush Heath Lane could be moved beyond the new development and the footpath extended to join Manor Road.

**Planning:** Stratford granted with conditions permission for an amended house type on the Hereburgh Way development and a time extension for Stapenhall Farm.

Harbury PC made no representations on the tree work at Dennys Close, Temple End or the side extension at 14 Constance Drive. They did comment on plans for continued business and general industrial use at Bull Ring Farm saying that the lane was narrow and not suitable for large,



frequent vehicle movements. They asked for a weight check on the Three Arch Bridge with, if necessary, a weight restriction and they wanted conditions imposed on hours of working (9-5.30 weekdays only) to minimise noise and disruption to neighbours.

High Speed 2 - Cllrs approved a draft response to the proposed new railway.

**Properties:** BMX Track - Cllr Thornley said she would need to look for grants for £20,000 for improvements and safety work.

Playground - Repairs and painting of the equipment had been undertaken and the Play Area surface would be levelled.

Cemetery Repairs - Quotes had been received for this work. The Harbury News would carry an article to explain what will happen to staked monuments.

**Environment:** Improvements - Cllrs will undertake a pavement inspection and provide a report on path condition, but Highways will not do anything about the camber.

Lighting - Five new LED Lights (saving 80% of the previous electricity costs) had been installed and no-one had noticed. Cllr Lewis suggested there should be a rolling programme to retro-fit induction lamps to the 35 Windsor Standards which would save 60% on the electricity. Seven old concrete standards would need to be replaced and it was decided to do these first.

Energy Group - Cllr Amanda Lewis attended and reported on the Green Futures and Heritage Centre Launch planned for 8<sup>th</sup> October. She asked her colleagues to adopt further parts of the group's Action Plan. They agreed to set an example by auditing and monitoring the Council's energy use and to take energy efficiency into account when assessing planning applications, but not to revise the Village Design Statement to encourage energy efficiency. Amanda said the School Children's Energy Survey had over 300 responses.

Parish Plan - The Council has now received the 98 page report on their survey. Cllr Patrick suggested they "tailored" it to the Neighbourhood Plan – when they know what it was about! In response to a question from the public about when the village would see the results, Chairman Tim Lockley said there needed to be "careful management of the data". The Council might put this on the website but they would not do it hastily!

**Finance:** Donations - Harbury Rugby Club applied for £1,000 for a shed in which to store junior Rugby and Cricket equipment. This resulted in much discussion as the Council had given grants to the Club previously

and such a grant would use up a large part of their budget early in the financial year. The Council agreed to award a £500 grant to the club.

The Clerk's printer was, said Cllr Mancell, "Dead. It is no more!" and the Councillors agreed to buy her another which would cost half the previous one.

## **Harbury Parish Council - Quarterly Report, July 2011**

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Installed the first LED lights in the village, which will save energy and reduce costs.
- Completed the resurfacing of the basketball court.
- Continued to make minor repairs as required to equipment at the playing fields.
- Awarded a grant to the Rugby Club.
- Begun to process the results of the Parish Plan update questionnaire.

If you have a hedge that is now encroaching over the footpath after the spring growth, please take the time to trim it back so that wheelchairs and those with pushchairs can pass easily.

**Dr. Tim Lockley**  
**Chairman, Harbury Parish Council**



What, for a group of members could have been better than spending a summer July evening being taken round a local farm on the back of trailer? Well, during the tour of the farm land it started to rain and there is no shelter to be found on an open trailer; the result being we all got a soaking - so much for the great British weather! Never mind it did not dampen our spirits and certainly not the enthusiasm of Jean, John and their son Robert Hadley who farm at Chesterton Fields Farm, off the Fosse Way.

They have a mixed farm of 930 acres, keeping the South Devon breed of beef cattle, a small flock of sheep and then, on the arable side, they grow wheat, barley, beans and oil seed rape. They have been farming here for twenty five years, starting with fifty cows and originally extending the herd

with semen from Australian bulls. They now have 160 cattle and Robert explained how over the years they bred polled cattle; this being through the selective breeding of non-horned cattle in a breed that normally has horns. This saves the cattle having to be dehorned and helps their welfare.

TB is an issue which every cattle farmer has to be alert to and their herd is tested



**Before the rain came!**



**South Devon Cattle**

every two years (the frequency being set parish by parish on incidents occurring), Harbury is tested every four years and some other nearby parishes are yearly.

On the tour we were shown an area where seed trials are being undertaken. There are around forty varieties of wheat that a farmer can choose from when planting seed, all with different characteristics to cope with soil, weather conditions and

harvesting times. Typically a farmer will sow 4 - 5 different varieties of a cereal crop so as to stagger the harvest. The seed trials are to show which varieties perform best in this locality and the evening before our visit local farmers had visited the farm to see for themselves the results of the trials.

The Hadley's are very proud of the work they do on the farm to help sustain wildlife and in one area they are supporting Operation Bumblebee. Here they have given over a corner of a field to provide a clover rich area and help to re-establish the missing vital pollen and nectar food source of our bumblebees. Elsewhere a network of wide field margins and farm tracks connect a series of copses and other natural areas across the farm so that wildlife can thrive and move about freely.

After our soaking we headed back to the lovely farm house, where we enjoyed a cup of tea and a wonderful selection of home made cakes. By the time we left we had more or less dried off and had learnt more about the farming way of life.

Our next event is on the 27th September when Craig Chalmers will be speaking on the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 7.30pm for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p><b>Jeanne Beaumont</b></p>
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Hard to believe that July is over and half the year gone.

Our Garden Party in the home of Janice Siddle was great. The weather was in our favour apart from a three minute shower so we were able to sit in the garden. We did not bother to count the calories as the refreshments were super, helped with Pimms. Thanks to Janice and the committee.

Members who went to see "We Will Rock You" in Birmingham had a wow of a time. They were well rocked, joining in the moving and waving. Thanks to Christine and Pam for organising the event. Next year it has been suggested there could be Dirty Dancing so I am first on the list.

We now look forward to 6th September and the visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Our young tree is looking good with the rain and watering by some members – Margaret Blair chugs up Ivy Lane with her watering can and Janice waters from the allotments.

Our speaker this month was Dr Gillian White who has spoken before on Bess of Hardwick, but this time on Elizabethan Textiles and she certainly knows her subject. She spoke of the various textiles and we were shown works still in existence that are centuries old. There are still many textiles in various properties and museums and the colours have kept well considering wool, silk, silver and gold thread was used.

Wall hangings, furniture and yes, carpet wall hanging and table carpets were all the rage at one time. Some recycled church vestments were used and oil paints on linen. Gillian spoke of needlework of 400 stitches to an inch. How on earth could that have been done without affecting one's eyes?

This is just a little of what she spoke to us about but so interesting.

September meeting: Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm, 8th September.

Speaker: Liam D'Arcy Brown – the Grand Canal of China.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Keith Hayes**

This year, in my attempt to cast "Toad of Toad Hall", I am very pleased to say that I may have more people than there are parts for. At a meeting here at Corner Cottage a couple of weeks ago we had twelve people reading for main parts plus apologies and a declaration of interest from another three. This is a really good sign for the future, although it does leave me with the horrible job of telling some people that they haven't got parts (the task I hate the most). Luckily there are lots of other jobs to be done to get this play off the ground and, hopefully, we will be able to involve everybody.

We have also had interest from several other people who weren't able to come to the meeting. It is very important to us that we keep them interested. The group won't survive without a large pool of people to draw on, after all not everybody wants to be in every play, people need time off.

However, there is something we can all do to keep in contact. We can go to the meetings, (usually held in the pub, so a chance for a drink and a chat afterwards,) we can go to play readings (just for fun or to help choose the next play,) and we can join in the social events.

We don't usually hold a meeting in August as so many people are away on holiday, but we do have a barbecue coming up for all members, potential members, partners and children to be held at Jane and Chris Beaton's house on 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 4.00 pm onwards. Please contact me or Chris if you are not on holiday and would like to come.

And now the appeals:

"Toad of Toad Hall" will need a small chorus of children to play weasels and stoats. Hopefully Lin (my wife) will be arranging for this and will run the initial rehearsals. Please email or phone with the names of your children if you would like them to be in it. As you see, I have said small chorus so we might not be able to take them all but we will try.

Secondly, we are looking for storage. We are very much in debt to David and Pam Clarke who allow us space in their barn, but they are moving in October and the new owners may not want us there. The space we are looking for is about the size of a single garage. Can anyone help?

Please contact us on any point at [keith.hayes@which.net](mailto:keith.hayes@which.net) or phone 613488.



At the 320<sup>th</sup> session of Harbury Folk Club on 7<sup>th</sup> July, the theme was 'Sun, Moon and Stars'. As I studied my notes from the evening, I couldn't see many songs which were an obvious fit for the theme but many performers (including yours truly) are happy if just one of the keywords makes any sort of appearance in a song.

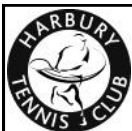
I started the evening with 'Once in a very blue moon', a song I sing only very occasionally, then Pete and Jess Mason did a thorough job with the theme, singing 'Blue Skies' and 'Planets' (the Kate Rusby song, not the suite by Gustav Holst). Rik did likewise with 'Skylark' (a song requiring considerably more than three chords on the guitar) followed by the very educational 'Galaxy Song'. Ted and Sue brought the first half to a close with 'John O' Dreams' and 'The Poacher's Fate' – I'm sure the theme got a mention in there somewhere.

Pete Grassby got the second half off to a promising start with 'Everyone's Gone to the Moon' followed by something completely different – a very catchy mazurka played on the melodeon. Des felt a bit uneasy singing Keith Donnelly's song 'Heave away, Harry' while the composer was in the room so, for his second, he chose one of his own greatest hits, 'Deep Blue Sea', with the customary hearty chorus singing from the audience. The Harvesters sang one of their greatest hits (in my humble opinion), 'Dance of the Harvest Moon', followed by 'I Don't Believe you met my Baby'. Then it was time for the aforementioned Keith to take to the stage with a couple of sensitive songs, including 'The Meaning of Life'. To finish off the second half, the Harbury Folk Club Choir squeezed in three songs which all included one or more of the theme words – 'Early One Morning', 'After the Goldrush' and 'Unison in Harmony'.

Starting the third half, Band of Folk (missing their leader, Janny) played two medleys of tunes, including 'Man in the Moon' and 'Morning Star'. Pete Bones was persuaded to deliver his John Conolly monologue, 'Albert goes to Cleethorpes', and was followed by Band and Ragged Folk (Tina, Rosie and David) playing a delightful tune 'Granton Fishbowl'. To my shame, I couldn't resist finishing the evening by going back to the piano and singing a cheesy arrangement of 'Moon River'. I'm sure the audience never doubted my sincerity!

The raffle raised a splendid £60 to be split equally between Ovacom (a support organisation for people affected by ovarian cancer) and Cancer Research UK.

By the time you read this, the next meeting of the Folk Club will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September, starting at 8pm in the Dog Inn, hosted by Steve and Maureen Darby. For more information about Harbury Folk Club, please visit: [www.welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub](http://www.welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub).



## Harbury Tennis Club

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

The men's doubles team completed its Stratford League fixtures with an excellent 3-1 win against Shipston and a good 2-2 draw with FISSC. Against Shipston Marcus Sharpe teamed up with Lewis Jay who was making his debut in this league, and formed a very good pair to win both their rubbers with the loss of only three games in four sets. Geoff Prince and Daniel Morley won their first rubber and nearly made it a clean sweep for Harbury but lost the final set of their second rubber in a tiebreak. They also played against FISSC and again won their first rubber with the second going to a third set tiebreak which this time they won! Adam Crossling and Colin Mercer were the second pair and lost both rubbers. Unfortunately the late flurry of points wasn't enough to avoid relegation from Division 3.

In the Banbury league there were two defeats in away matches at Banbury West End and Hook Norton which puts Harbury in one of the relegation positions with two games to go. Caroline Morland, Eira Owen and Sue Mercer, Keith Thompson, Steve Fitzgerald and Colin Mercer played and suffered a 2-7 defeat. Caroline was in good form and played in the two rubbers Harbury won, partnered first by Eira and then by Colin. Three of the remaining seven rubbers were lost by the narrowest of margins 5-6 so, with a little more luck, it could have been a very different result. In the Hook Norton match Caroline, Sue, Keith and Colin were joined by Karen Bristow and Steve Stark. This was another close match with Harbury again losing three rubbers by 5-6. Caroline again won two rubbers, this time with Karen and Steve, with Keith and Colin securing Harbury's third rubber.

The Midsummer Strawberry Tournament was a rain interrupted affair but was completed under floodlights. Organiser Peter Walshe again came up with an excellent format for the evening and was in fine form on court and, with his partner Josh Marshall, overcame Karen Bristow and Keith Thompson in the final.





Mathieu Savin won the Club's "Road to Wimbledon" tournament which qualified him to play in the County finals where he came up against some older and very strong players, but he gave a very good account of himself in both matches played, particularly the first match. This was a marathon 1 hour 45 minute match and Mathieu pushed his opponent to the limit in the first set before losing in a tie-break. Although he lost both matches Mathieu enjoyed himself and will be eligible to play in this event for another two years, so plenty to look forward to.

Junior Summer Camps, led by Head Coach James Marsh

(j.marsh@tennisolutions.co.uk tel: 07867785213) run until 2<sup>nd</sup> September and are open to all children from four to sixteen years old. Please contact James for more details.



## 1st Harbury Guides

**Jane Minchin**

The Guides have made the most of the summer weather by being out and about most of the term.

Time has been spent up at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve building dens and learning about the plants and wildlife. Our camping skills have improved from evenings spent pitching tents and lighting cooking fires to cook camp doughnuts on – very yummy!

The inquisitive nature of the Guides was satisfied by our science night – messy but fun! And a tour of Harbury windmill which is an incredible piece of village history.

The Guides have all participated in giving service to the community by helping with refreshments at the Heart of Harbury Games, and delivering surveys for the Domesday survey update.

We took to the water on the River in Leamington to try out canoeing and ended the term with a Fish n' Chip walk to Bishop's Itchington.

We have also taken part in a county Guiding competition called Orbit. The teams had to collect as many 'Orbs' as possible as they went through Physical, Water, Mind and Initiative zones.



All the girls who took part had a great time and are keen to sign up for next year's competition!

We're all looking forward to the Autumn term which includes a trip to Wembley Arena for the BIG GIG – a pop concert with all the big stars performing just for the Guide Association!

We'd all like to say "Congratulations" to Caitlin Gibb for completing her leadership scheme, but also thank you and goodbye as she goes off to university.

Many thanks to all who have helped us enjoy such a great term!

If you are a girl between 10-14 and would like to try Guides, please contact Jane Minchin (07974 447512 or jeminchin@hotmail.co.uk) or Nicky Kirk (01926 614316).



## Harbury Toddler Group

**Jemima Balcam**

We are open all summer (apart from the August Bank Holiday) and older brothers and sisters are welcome to come along too. We hope to keep everyone amused with some fun activities:

1<sup>st</sup> August - we're finally taking our summer trip, to Cotswold Farm Park

8<sup>th</sup> August - messy play - water, sand, jelly, pasta, shaving foam

15<sup>th</sup> August - pirate theme activities

22<sup>nd</sup> August - seaside theme activities

5<sup>th</sup> September - normal session followed by a picnic at the park – bring a picnic along and finish the summer holidays in style!

If you would like to come along to the Toddler Group we run every Monday from 9.30am until 11.15am at the Wight School (behind the library), and cater for children from birth to school age.



## Harbury Pre-School

**Staff & Committee**

Well, what a busy time we have had at Pre-School during the last three weeks of the summer term!

**Transport:** During July, we looked at transport and different types of vehicles. The role play area turned into a ticket office, where the children

took orders and wrote out tickets for all kinds of journeys. They made their own vehicles and trains in the outdoor play area, as well as building vehicles out of cartons, selecting their own resources to make wheels and other important parts. They also did some fantastic



observational drawings and paintings of a bicycle and a large bicycle wheel.

**Drama:** Later, the wooden blocks were used to build a stage, and the children enjoyed dressing up in their favourite costumes to perform song and dance routines, magic, acrobatics and Batman sketches, to an enthusiastic audience. The transport ticket office turned into a box office for the theatre, with telephoned orders for tickets coming in thick and fast!



**Garden:** The plants in the garden areas of the outdoor classroom continued to grow very well and the children have been harvesting the first of their vegetables. They particularly enjoyed being able to share out the home grown potatoes and salad leaves.

**Physical Development:** Making the most of the fine weather, the children were able to spend a good deal of time outdoors during July, with the climbing frame and vehicles being put to good use. The children also

put their fine motor skills to the test as they used hammers and pins at the woodworking bench, to fasten brightly coloured cloth to wooden battens.



**School Visits** – To give the Pre-schoolers a taste of what to expect in Primary School, Miss Maher, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Batchelder came to visit them at Pre-School, to meet them in their own familiar environment. Then they were invited to spend time with Miss Maher and Mrs Batchelder in the Reception class at school. After exploring the classroom, they joined the school children in the playground at their break time, and were made to feel very welcome.



### **Teddy Bears' Picnic:**

Despite a rather dodgy weather forecast, the sun shone and the annual Pre-School Teddy Bears' Picnic was held in Harbury Park as planned. The children and their parents and carers enjoyed a lovely morning, playing in the park with their friends, as well as sitting together to have the picnic

with their teddy bears. Towards the end, everyone got involved in the games with the parachute.

**Farewell** – We have now said our very sad farewells to our older children who will be starting at Primary School in September. However, Amelia, Benjamin, Charlie, Cleo, Isabelle, Matthew, Ruby, Toby, Todd, and William are now confident individuals and we are sure they will enjoy their new adventure and we wish them well in this very important step in their young lives.

**And Finally** ..... We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all the parents for their wonderful words of thanks, cards and gifts to all the staff.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail [enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) . The web site can be found at [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk).



**Windmills**  
Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

Windmills Nursery is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School and has the benefit of its own Forest School and qualified Forest School Leader. We are open all day between school hours and take children from the age of two years. If you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at [info@windmillsnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmillsnursery.co.uk), visit our web site at [www.windmillsnursery.co.uk](http://www.windmillsnursery.co.uk), call Tina/Sally on 07906 519148 or Katharine on 01926 613084. There are still a few places available for **2012** so please contact Nursery if you would like to reserve a space for your child.



**Windmills' Staff at the Ball  
(Mr McVeigh, Mrs Varriale, Mrs  
Lines, Miss Middleton &  
Mrs Houghton)**

**Summer Ball:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June was our annual ball in Harbury Village Hall. The theme this year was Black Tie & Bollywood and the ball committee along with Wayne and his team at Jasmine Spice plus some local help from Declan O'Sullivan, Finlay Russell, James Barker and Tom Howard decorated the hall in an Indian theme which looked superb. From all the feedback received the evening was the best ball we have organised and despite lower ticket sales than hoped, we raised £1000 for the Nursery. Thank you to all the

parents, staff and local community who supported the event and to Cana for running the bar; Jasmine Spice for the wonderful Indian banquet they produced; RetroEvolution who had everyone on the dance floor from the first song they played; everyone who donated rattle prizes or sponsored the event and finally to the Windmills Fundraising Group who worked so hard to put the event together.

**Events in Nursery:** July has been action-packed in the Nursery with different visitors coming to see the children and those leaving to start school in September starting their transition process. The last week of term saw a celebration week with different activities organised each day.

29<sup>th</sup> June – Miss Maher, the reception class teacher at Harbury Primary School came to visit Windmills Nursery.

5<sup>th</sup> July – the children starting school in September visited the school.

12<sup>th</sup> July – visit to Church where the children were told the story of the feeding of the five thousand. William – “You can get a knife and cut them to share them” about dividing the fish between the people.

14<sup>th</sup> July – Gill Guilford visited Windmills to tell the story of the creation; the children acted out the story.



19<sup>th</sup> July – Deacon, Annie Goldthorpe, visited the Nursery to meet the staff and the children. In the evening we held a parents' evening for our children leaving for school 20<sup>th</sup> July – Mr Daly invited Windmills to join in with Junior Sports Day.



Freya – “Mr Daly blew the whistle and then we ran. I ran with Phoebe, Sophie and Joseph. The school children watched us.”

Phoebe – “I ran down the line and the school children cheered for us”.

Weekly tennis has been running throughout the month which has been a huge success. Thank you to James Marsh the head coach at Harbury Tennis Club for running the sessions. This month in Forest School the Squirrels and the Badgers have been producing leaf slides for a leaf show and have been minibeast detectives.

**Celebration Week & Farewells:** The last week of term contained an abundance of activities for the children including biscuit making, sports day with the school, making crowns, the end of year party including tattoos with Rosina and Chris Rigby and a music class with





Jo Lockley and games on the school field ending with presentations of certificates and presents. Thank you to everyone involved in making it a very special celebration week.

We say goodbye to Phoebe, Sophie, Evie, Joseph, Sam, Freya, Megan, Evie, Molly, Reuben and Niamhaina who will be starting

primary school in September. Many of these children have been at Windmills Nursery since they were two years old and we will miss them all.

We wish Freya and her family good luck and a safe trip to America where they will be living for three years. "You have to go there on a plane – it takes a long time. I am going to live in a house with a swimming pool. It is in Florida. It is sunny and very hot, but sometimes it rains at night. My daddy is there already. All our things have gone on a boat, but some of my toys are still here. Evelyn is coming to visit us. The aeroplane is really fun – it goes really slowly and then really fast and then it goes zoom up in the air." Goodbye and good luck from us all at Windmills Nursery.

Finally a big thank you from all the staff for the wonderful cards and presents they received from parents/children.

**Windmills Nursery is closed over the summer holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9.05am.**



**Harbury Primary School**

**Denis Daly**

**New Beginnings** – While tomorrow sees the start of a holiday for most of us, it is the start of a new era in the lives of the children in Year 6, who transfer to Secondary education in September. They have been an excellent year group, and many of the children have achieved very high standards in a range of activities. We wish them all the very best for the future, and hope that their time at their new school is a happy and successful one. A number of our "long established" families leave us this week as their youngest child leaves the school. We wish these families

every happiness for the future and hope that they will be able to look back with fond memories on their association with the school.

**Miss King** – Miss King will also be (temporarily) leaving us tomorrow as she begins her maternity leave during the holidays. On behalf of the whole school community, may I offer her and her partner our very best wishes for the future.

**PTA** – We are incredible lucky at this school to have such a magnificent PTA. This has been one of their busiest periods of the year, with the Beer Walk and the magnificent Summer Fayre among the highlights – see separate article.

May I add my personal thanks to everyone involved with the PTA for the outstanding work that they do on behalf of everyone at the school.

**Multi-Cultural Festival** – Congratulations to the children in Years 3 and 4 who took part in the multi-cultural festival at the Spa Centre recently. All of the children who performed were magnificent and brilliant ambassadors for our school. Well done everyone.

**Summer Holiday Activities** – Information on a range of events in the area should be found on the [www.southamschoolsextendedservices.co.uk](http://www.southamschoolsextendedservices.co.uk) website. Parents should note, however, that the school is only acting as an information supplier, and can take no responsibility for the activities themselves.

**Dinner Money** – The school has been informed that the cost of school dinners is to increase from 1<sup>st</sup> September to £1.85 per day, or £9.25 per week.

**Thanks** – As the school year draws to a close, now is the time to say “Thank You” to all those people, far too many to mention, who have helped in any way over the past year. Your efforts and your commitment to the school are fully appreciated by all the staff. Many thanks.

**School Uniform** – As the summer is the usual time for buying new school uniform (as a teacher it is great to see “Back to School” posters on display in shops from Monday!), may I take a second to remind parents that all uniform should be clearly labelled with your child’s name. May I also ask parents to remember that if they are buying uniform to last for the whole year that their children will grow over the course of the year – it has been noticeable this term that a number of skirts have become very short and a little impractical for school life! I do ask for your co-operation in this matter.

**And Finally** ..... Have a great summer holiday and we’ll see most of the children again at the start of next term, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

**Have a great, but safe, summer holiday.**



## Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee



Just to say a bit “THANK YOU” to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre this year – we raised just over £2000 which is a brilliant result and means the PTA can buy more for the school.

A special thank you has to go to our entertainers –

Warwickshire Young Voices and Harbury Ukulele Group – both groups were performing at our Fayre for the first time and definitely made the afternoon more special.

On a more general note we’d like to thank the extended school family for all your support over the year – without the school, families and village behind us we wouldn’t be able to achieve as much as we do – so thank you.



See you all in September!



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

At the recent committee meeting, the Management Committee agreed to keep the current charges for hiring the various rooms at the Village Hall for the next twelve months. The Treasurer, Lyn Edwards reported that the income from local hirers had covered all the maintenance costs for this year and it was hoped that the provision of photo-voltaic panels in the coming weeks would reduce the energy bills, as a result of the FIT (Feed in Tariff) paid for electricity which could be fed into the National Grid.



The decision might be reviewed for profit-making businesses outside the parish, since the cost of hiring the Hall is significantly below those of other local community/commercial buildings.

The new curtains have been fitted and there have been many favourable comments about the overall improvement they have made to the appearance to the Hall. Fortunately, they were in place for a recent wedding reception and the colour scheme was appreciated by the bridal party!

There are several fund-raising events planned for September, including the CAMRA Beer Festival on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> September; the scarecrow workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> September and the Big Band Concert on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Information about all these events will be mentioned elsewhere in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, so check your diaries and make sure that family members don't miss out on the event which might have a special appeal.

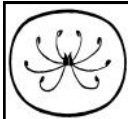
Unusually this year, two overnight events have been booked by groups, which have checked the Harbury website and decided that the Village Hall provides all the facilities needed for both young and old who need a 'stopping off' place for weekend activities. It is certainly encouraging to find that the updated information about the Hall is attracting bookings from new groups at different times and it all helps the overall budget.

## Lost Property at the Village Hall

There are several items of **good quality clothing** which have been in the corridor next to the toilets in the Village Hall for several weeks. A complete list is appended and if anyone recognises a lost item, it would be appreciated if it could be **collected before the end of this month**. Any items which remain uncollected will be given to a good cause or placed in the village recycling containers.

Blue striped fleece M&S 2-3yrs; Grey M&S jacket 15-16 years; Grey fur lined fleece M&S 9-10 years; Child's NEXT jacket, black with piped detail 7 years; blue cardigan and a purple/silver long scarf. In addition to the clothing, there are several headbands; two pairs of gloves; a child's pink sandwich bag and a drinking bottle. If you wish to see the items, please call in to the Hall when it is open or ring a member of the committee from the numbers provided on the notice-board by the entrance to arrange collection.

**Chris Finch**



We all enjoyed our second and last day trip of this year on 6<sup>th</sup> July and already it seems ages ago!! Unfortunately Martin our driver for the last few years had left Cheney coaches and we had another very pleasant driver called Stuart. He did struggle on the way to the second garden but we stayed an extra half hour to make up for time lost. It certainly didn't spoil the day.

The first garden visited was the Dorothy Clive Garden at Market Drayton in Shropshire, set in acres of lovely countryside. The garden was created by Colonel Harry Clive for his wife, who he adored, called Dorothy. He bought this particular spot, having lived very close by at Elds Gorse, (which you can see from the top of this garden) in 1940 and began work on the disused gravel quarry to create a haven for Dorothy who suffered from Parkinson's disease. Although she sadly died in 1942, work continued and he gained more land in 1958 and the Hillside Garden was created. A trust was then set up (Willoughbridge Garden Trust) to preserve the garden as a memorial to Dorothy and for the public to enjoy "rest and recreation". Since Harry's death in 1963 many gardeners have had an input to the gardens to ensure that the legacy lives on.

It consists of over twelve acres on a south facing slope with tremendous views and is made up of two distinct areas, the Quarry and Hillside Gardens. The Quarry Garden is really a two acre woodland with nooks and crannies and a surprise around every corner. There are many unusual trees and a fine selection of azaleas and rhododendrons. It was noticeable though that some of these had been infected by the syndrome known as sudden oak death. Some had been dug out completely ready to be burned in order to stop the spread of this horrid disease; let's hope it works. I can imagine how this area would look in the spring with hundreds of bluebells and other bulbs. Ferns were much in evidence and just looked magical in the woodland setting. There is a superb waterfall which tumbles over huge rocks as if it has been there forever. At the top of the waterfall is a superb bronze feature of a life size stag which again looked quite at home. Lots of colour too from the bark of some of the trees. Well worth the climb up and down to experience how an old quarry can be cleverly used to create an area of surprises and calm and tranquillity.

The Gravel Garden had some lovely hardy exotics (my particular favourites) the tetrapanax had come through the winter unscathed and was enormous. The melianthus were stunning too and many more

structural plants interspersed with grasses, eryngiums, yuccas, Californian poppies and many more. The laburnum tunnel too must be a marvellous sight when in full flower.

The Hillside Garden below the quarry runs right down to the road and car park. What clever planting combinations, the castor oil plants interspersed with colourful dahlias and other annuals were at their peak. Each colourful bed had obviously been given a lot of thought with regard to height, structure and long lasting colours. As you wend your way to the pool at the bottom, butterflies and other insects were enjoying the free feast of nectar. I particularly liked the echinaceas of all colours and the red hot pokers, wow!!! There were fish in the pool and water boatmen skimming along the surface, so restful. All in all it is a superb garden and even better on this, our second visit. The food was very good which we ate in the gazebo as the rain was coming down at this point but it didn't spoil the moment. Once it passed over the sun soon came out. We then left after our very filling lunch (I lived on two portions of cheese from my ploughmans for days after!) and went to the second garden.

This was Biddulph Grange Garden near to Congleton and is another National Trust treasure. If you have never been before what a surprise is in store. The Victorian garden was created by James Bateman and consists of various elements of gardens from Italy, China, Egypt and the Himalayas. Very Victorian but also very cleverly done. You go through tunnels and come to splendid views - the Chinese garden with the little red bridge, a sacred bull with golden horns and delightful pavilion is a particular surprise. The stumpery has much matured since my last visit three years ago. The traditional dahlia walk is so colourful planted with over twenty thousand plants of all shapes and sizes. If you are feeling energetic the long walk to the huge wellingtonia trees is truly awesome as are the monkey puzzle trees in the garden. The Geological Gallery will be restored but is most interesting, the Victorians did love all things to do with fossils etc. There is also a kitchen garden, bedding plants galore and some very good plants for sale. What more could a Horticultural Society wish for? Oh yes I almost forgot, a very good cream tea which of course was available. Another superb garden visited - can't wait for more trips in 2012.

I have finalised the programme of speakers for 2011/12 and I'm sure that you will enjoy all of them. A return from some favourites but again a mixture with new speakers and topics. It seemed to take me a lot longer to finalise things this year but there will be something for you all to enjoy.

Lots of NGS gardens are open in August here are just a few of them. Do visit the botanic gardens in Rose Lane in Oxford, just by Magdalen bridge, the oldest botanic gardens in the country. When I worked in Oxford it was

a place of sanctuary and so much to see and enjoy. Then go to Waterperry gardens not too far from there and always a treat. Brook Cottage at Alkerton is another good garden and very close, a four acre hillside garden full of novel planting ideas.

Baddesley Clinton near Solihull (I'm sure you all know it) has lovely gardens at this time of the year and a wonderful moated house. My friend Doreen who volunteers with me at Upton House and Gardens (yes another plug!!) always says that if Baddesley Clinton was just a bit closer we would be volunteering there as well so perhaps it is a good thing that it isn't twelve miles away like Upton or we would never be at home!!! Have you visited the Masters Garden at Lord Leycester Hospital this year? Do go and link this with a visit to the Mill Garden by Warwick Castle for a great day out. Ragley Hall Gardens, Coughton Court both close to each other with great tea rooms - I can personally vouch for these!! Near Baginton the Quarry garden (bit of a theme here) near to the Lunt Fort is another place to visit. I'm sure you will find somewhere to visit and get ideas for your own gardens; just enjoy our summer, it does seem to be warming up at long last.

A quick mention about the Show on 10<sup>th</sup> September, any queries etc. please contact Patrick Clarke or Jane Giddings - let's give them all our luck for a great show this year. Whatever you do if on holiday or visiting closer to home do enjoy our superb variety of gardens and wildlife, as I have said before we are lucky to live in such a great environment.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

*Your local Hardy Plant Specialists*

*Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season*

Some gardens can start to look rather tired at this time of year. There are many plants which will help you to have plenty of colour in August. One of the easiest and most reliable is Crocosmias (or you may know them as montbretia). They come in a range of 'hot' colours and will grow in most situations in most gardens although are probably best in full sun.

Rudbeckias are also wonderful for late summer. They are bright yellow, very easy to grow and will increase each year. Try planting them with Verbena which can flower from June through to October. Verbena attracts bees and butterflies and seeds itself around to give a haze of tall purple heads for weeks on end.

Asters (Michaelmas daisies) are an absolute must for giving a riot of colour. There are so many to choose from. The colours include pure white, vivid pink, dark purple and blue. There are short asters no higher than 15cm and statuesque clumps of 1.2m. Fortunately they need no staking and are immune to wind damage. They are extremely hardy and will reward you with more flowers each year.

Roses are sometimes overlooked but if you have hybrid teas and floribundas and keep dead-heading then you will have scent and colour for a very long time.

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## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

The blackbirds' nest in the Clematis at the back of our house which we had thought was deserted in June came back to life so to speak. A pair of blackbirds moved in and have now reared a family which have fledged and flown. We watched the parents coming back and forth with food while the gaping beaks of the young clamouring for sustenance pointed skyward.

High summer has arrived and has a parched feel to it. The hay crop is in and combines are moving. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July, tractors pulled carts brimming with a cereal crop up to the silage clamp in the field next door. They kept this up all day and I discovered it was wheat with finely chopped stalks as well as grain which was being laid down for winter cattle feed.

Now, (25<sup>th</sup> July), blackberries are ripe for picking on some favoured bushes and I'm eyeing up small plums alongside Wasperton Lane, the narrow road which climbs out of Barford towards Oakley Wood. It's a time of year I love despite the ripening fruit being a harbinger of autumn and another year closing down.

Our wild Orchid flora numbers 56 species according to Anne and Simon Harper in their authoritative 'Orchids of Britain and Ireland' published by A & C Black. Most have set seed by the end of June but a few flower later into July and August. I had never seen a pyramidal orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) flowering in this county. It is the county flower of the Isle of Wight and chiefly found south east of a line drawn from South Devon to North Yorkshire. Sharon and I had seen some at the side of a minor road on the chalky hills of north Hampshire in 2001. So, with a gap of ten years, could I find the plant in Warwickshire? My copy of an essential

book when searching for the rarer species to be found in our county [Discover Wild Warwickshire – A Guide To Local Nature Reserves] advised me to visit the nature reserve at Grove Hill, 4kms south east of Alcester between Exhall and Ardens Grafton. (OS sheet 150. Grid Ref. SP 112547). This is one of the largest areas of semi-natural limestone grassland in the county with a chequerboard of habitats including grass, scrub, woodland and ponds. It was a long day on a bike with the compensations of glorious weather and the suspense engendered by the search ahead. I had almost given up when I came to an area on the steep slope of the hill with several seeding Common Spotted Orchids. The adage 'where one species of orchid grows, it's likely others will be found' held good. I climbed to inspect some flowers which, from a distance, looked like red clover, to find a perfect Pyramidal Orchid. Later, down by a pool, there were some more. I celebrated with a picnic after taking photographs, and suddenly Harbury on my bike seemed a lot nearer.

How to cap that? Well, the really amusing bit is that as I cycled up Middle Road two hours later and neared the left hand bend at the steepest part of the hill, a pink flower on the wide verge growing amongst thin tall grasses caught my eye. It was a mint Pyramidal Orchid 300 metres from home. That plant has now set seed. Perhaps we may have a good show there some years down the line. Since, I have found more Pyramidal Orchids on the sides of the A429 road cutting at Ettington.

The Broad-leaved Helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*) is relatively common but easily overlooked. Typically, it grows in quite shady spots amongst tall grass along woodland rides. The flowers are not showy like many orchids but have a characteristic shape and are a mixture of pale green, pink and purple making it surprisingly hard to spot. On 11<sup>th</sup> July, I visited Welford Wood near Moreton-in-the-Marsh with David Brown's Butterfly and Moth Group. One of the party spotted two broad-leaved Helleborines flowering on the edge of a ride. I had walked right past them. We were of course looking for insects and had seen the magnificent Silver Washed Fritillary in some numbers. More locally, you can see this insect at Ryton Wood (OS sheet 140; SP 386728). That same morning, when with Warwick U3A Natural History Group at Oxhouse Farm, we had walked through a cornucopia of summer flowers and grasses between which flew Dark Green Fritillary and Marbled White butterflies as well as more common species. Flowers included Restharrow, Yellow Rattle, Toadflax, Lady's Bedstraw, Field Scabious, Self Heal and Tufted Vetch-evocative names from an earlier English landscape of our dreams.

Now, we must count the days remaining this year when the swifts scream back and forth down the narrow old roads of the village. Yesterday, at Tithe Barn Farm near Marton, courtesy of Graham Robson, a group of us

walked his fields which are geared up to attract wildlife. A pool dug some years back seems very natural now though the water level was low. Several species of Dragonfly including large Hawkers were hunting low over the weedy surface. We came across Prickly Lettuce (*Lactuca seriola*) which, once restricted to the extreme south-east, is spreading north. It can grow over one metre in height and has a row of spines on the midrib of its leaf's under surface. Its other name is Compass Plant as its upper leaves are held vertically; in full sun they point north and south which is intriguing. There's more out there to discover and you don't have to go far.



## General Section

### Richard and Brenda Turner

Paul and Sarah and their families would like to say a special thank you to all those of you who donated money to Multiple Sclerosis following the tragic loss of their mother and father, Brenda and Richard Turner. The monies you have raised for Multiple Sclerosis will be very much appreciated. They would also like to say a special thank you to friends and family who made cakes for Brenda's wake. This was a really great help and much appreciated. The cards of sympathy that have been sent are very much appreciated, and should keep the village post office open for a few more years. A big thank you also goes to all those that helped mum in caring for dad; they were both very fond of all of them.

Brenda and Richard Turner, who sadly passed away in June, lived in Harbury together for forty years. Brenda, a born and bred Harbury girl, never knew anywhere else as her home and Harbury was always a special place for her, full of friends, family, and memories. Having lived in Harbury all of her life Brenda had seen it change and develop. What once was her marital home with Richard eventually was to become the new family home for her daughter Sarah and her family, as Brenda and Richard finally moved into their new bungalow on Frances Road, for which they had waited many years. Brenda was always seen about the village whether on the way to the shop or perhaps up to Manor Road to see her brother Sid. She was involved in village life and loved taking part in the Victorian Street Fayre and at the Harbury Carnival.

Richard, who perhaps was not seen about the village so much in his later years due to his MS, also had a special place in his heart for Harbury and all the friends and family who lived there. He had been coming to Harbury since 1960 and always felt welcomed and at home. They lived together for forty years on Chapel Street happy and content with their lot

and, although very happy to be moving, sad to say goodbye as they moved to Frances Road. The friends they had made over the years have always been very special to them and an important part of their lives. They shall both be fondly missed.

**Paul and Sarah**

## **Spirit of Harbury Award 2011**



The 'Spirit of Harbury' award for 2011-12 was presented last month to John Moore who was the subject of a profile in 1982 in the 100th edition of the Harbury & Ladbrooke News. John was one of the original editors of the Harbury News, which in its early days was a Parochial Church Council publication, started in 1974, to replace an earlier Harbury Diary – a two sided sheet of information about the main 'happenings' in the village alongside an events calendar for the local churches. The earlier profile referred to John as "the one with the wry comment and the calculator – judgements vital in keeping the News broad and independent and not

controversial – all important qualities in a community magazine". Many contributors from the early days of the magazine will remember posting hand-written articles through John's door in Mill Street on a Sunday evening where the editorial committee enjoyed several hours counting the number of words in each article and then waiting while John announced how many pages would be in the following edition – a factor which had to relate to a double sided four page spread – hence the calculator! If there were too many articles or a contributor had been too verbose, a decision was made by the editorial committee to trim the paragraphs or hold an article over until the following month. The articles were then typed up on an electric typewriter by John's wife Anne and a former Harbury resident, Diana Holt with whom she did a job-share. The whole exercise took over a day to complete and is a far cry from today's production of the current Harbury and Ladbrooke News, which receives articles by email and is computer processed. As John readily admits, Anne has always been a vital part of his success throughout his life and he recognises the part she has played in supporting his activities within the community.

John was born in Surrey and brought up in Yorkshire and says he enjoyed the best of both worlds from opposite ends of the country.



He joined the Royal Air Force in 1951 and spent some time in Winnipeg at Navigation School as part of his National Service. He was eventually involved as a navigator on Canberras based at Scampton, Lincs - on the site from which the Dambusters flew and which is now home to the Red Arrows. There, he took up an option to extend his service by another two years and it was during this period that he was inspired to build his first racing car – based on an Austin 7. This proved to be a turning point.

After leaving the R.A.F. John moved to Leamington to work at Automotive Products as a trainee draughtsman – quietly hoping to become involved with the Competition Department

Anne was born and raised in Warwick and she met John when he came to buy part's spares from the breaker's yard run by her brother behind their parents' grocery shop for the (next) racing car he was building in his spare time. Anne thinks she may be one of only a few people whose romance began in a scrap-yard and certainly, after their initial meeting, John returned for parts very regularly! John and Anne married at St Nicholas Church in 1960 and moved into the end cottage facing the green on Binswood End. After four years, they purchased a newly built semi-detached property in Mill Street and eventually bought the adjacent property when the family needed more space for their two girls – Carole and Gail. For many years, Carole worked with her husband Andrew at the Shakespeare Inn and they still live in the village, as do Nathaniel and Jon-Boy with his daughter Eliza. Gail now lives in London with her partner and young son, Alec.

Over the years, many villagers walking into the village centre must have admired the large white horse, which used to be visible in an upstairs window. It was such a characteristic sight that it was even included in one of Harbury Society's annual Christmas quizzes about recognisable village landmarks. It has now been moved downstairs, but it is intriguing to know that this was one of many trophies John won in his time as a racing driver – latterly under the auspices of Richard Groves from Claverdon, who, effectively, ran the second Austin Healey Sprite team in long distance sports car races on the Continent, including Belgium, Germany and Italy (either 500km or 1,000km).

As might be expected, John was a professional engineer in his working life and became General Manager of A.P. Racing for many years, supplying Brakes and Clutches and providing technical support to the Motor Sport Industry – including F1. Later, he founded Alcon Components Ltd. producing specialised components to the same market. Despite spending time travelling in Europe, America and Canada in connection with his high-powered job, John has always found time to be very active in village life, especially with his strong links to All Saints' Church.

As Churchwarden for many years, he was the Church representative on the Governing Body of Harbury School and also acted as one of the trustees and the treasurer of the Wight School - when the 'new' school was built in the mid-sixties. At that time, the Playgroup used the room behind the Library and at other times, it was used as the Parish Meeting room before the Tom Hauley room was built. Anne helped out with the Saturday coffee mornings, started by Joyce Windsor who began fund-raising to support the planned church room, which is a vital community facility used for many events every week.

John also helped with the annual Bonfire Night, which was again a P.C.C. initiative and in the early days drove Ralph Gurden's tractor and trailer round the village collecting the surplus wood and garden trimmings as well as setting off the fireworks on the Recreation Ground. As always, Anne was also involved on the night, making the soup and cooking the hot dogs for the ravenous hordes!

In the seventies, with his interest in all things mechanical and engineering in particular, John set up a motor bike club with Danny Killian and Tim Millington for the 'village lads' and they regularly arranged talks and film shows for the young enthusiasts. He recalls that Richard Wright (now owner of Car Consultants at Ufton Garage) was one of the 'stars', as he could perform spectacular wheelies at the outdoor get-togethers! At the same time, John also arranged an annual cycle race around the Thwaites estate for all the children, teenagers and adults who turned up on the Old New Inn car park to demonstrate their fitness for pedal power in a mass ride – not quite the Tour de France, but Harbury's answer to it!

Nowadays, John is still involved with the church and can be seen doing odd jobs in the church yard, removing cob-webs, replacing the fluorescent tubes and setting up and removing the tables used for the weekly coffee mornings. Until recently, he was Chairman of the Men's Group, which meets each month. It's not surprising given the range of community activities he has supported over the years that he was nominated to receive the shield presented by the Hunt family at a recent coffee morning – fittingly arranged in the Tom Hauley room. Anne was there to see the presentation of the Spirit of Harbury shield by Linda Ridgley and to hear John pay his tribute to her for her unflinching support in his many ventures.

**Chris Finch**



## **Shoobox Appeal**

No, it's not that near Christmas yet but to raise money for the transport of the boxes there will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Offers of help, raffle prizes

and cakes will be welcome and there will be suggestions of items to collect ready for box packing in November. Thank you.

**Gillian Hare and Chris Jones**



## **Funnel Cloud Seen over Harbury**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July I saw this funnel cloud from my back patio. This was one of two pictures which I forwarded to BBC Midlands Today.

**William Tranter**



## **Wednesday Walkers**

I love to go a-wandering

My knapsack on my back

And as I go I love to sing –

But the others don't much like it!

Another month of dry, cloudy days; just right for walking and seeing the countryside reaching its summer glory. Very green now, apples and cobnuts already filling out, hay and silage cut and corn ripening. One happy couple spotted a hare and Widget enjoyed everyone's snack!

Our guest leaders have done us proud with some interesting routes. If you would like to join in, just turn up at the Village Hall before 9.45am. Don't worry if you haven't a car; there are always plenty of spaces.

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| 10 <sup>th</sup> August | Chesterton, led by Celia Neil (4 miles)              |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August | Offchurch – Leamington, led by John Smith (4½ miles) |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August | Mystery tour! Led by Liz Gardner                     |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> August | Long Itchington led by Sheila Scott (4 miles)        |

- 7<sup>th</sup> September                      Newbold Comyn led by Jan and Lyndon Thomas  
4½ miles)
- 14 September                      A treat to round off the summer – a day walk  
carrying a picnic from Hidcote Gardens (6 miles)
- Queries to Pam Parton, 614188 or Gillian Hare, 614809.

**Gillian Hare**

## **Village with a Vision**

We have happily taken a big step forward in making our vision a reality! We have now met with our chosen Partner, Bromford Housing Association, a company which has been providing care accommodation for a number of years. They are now conducting feasibility studies on the various sites we've identified within the village, and we plan to meet in September to look at those preliminary results.

Then, all things being equal, things will move into the next stage of the process; the negotiations, drawing up plans, discussions with planning authorities etc., etc. etc. Bromfords are very keen to provide an Extra Care Home that will blend into the village, one of which we can be proud.

In the June 2011 edition of Saga Magazine, Dr. Ros Altmann interviewed Andrew Dilnot, who is Chairman of the independent Commission on Funding of Care and Support. In the closing paragraph of that interview Andrew Dilnot says, "I'd love people to have a more positive attitude towards the provision of care. To get everyone, including policymakers and the media, to stop thinking this is a terrible burden and reflect instead that it's fabulous and exciting that people are living into their eighties, nineties and even hundreds, and having independent and fulfilling lives".

Amen to that!!

On the same subject and also in the June edition, reader Margaret Crowther from Cheshire wrote: "If sheltered accommodation were available in every city, town and village, the elderly could remain independent for much longer. At present people often have to move away from family, friends, and familiar facilities; but if they only need to move down the road, the whole attitude to such accommodation could change. There would be no social isolation, services could be concentrated in one place, and the burden on the state would be hugely reduced."

Our thoughts exactly!

**Tony Stubbs**

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## Sounds of the Sixties – The Grand Finale



The final SOTS evening had all the ingredients for a great night – good weather, superb local bands, a great raffle and a good turnout of local Sixties enthusiasts. Joe and Michelle had left no stone unturned for the last event, which has raised money for the Teenage Cancer Trust for eleven consecutive

years. It is expected that the amount collected this year will take the total over £66K, which has made a splendid contribution to the development of specialist units for teenagers suffering from cancer in the West Midlands. Most of the money has been used at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Birmingham, which has installed teenage ‘sanctuaries’ where they can go to socialise, watch TV, play DVD’s and video games, as well as play pool and make their own snacks. Over the years, many testimonies have been received from young people who have taken advantage of the facilities and feel that their recovery was helped in no small way by the units, which are specially designed for teenagers.

During the evening, Michelle was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Joe and Michelle were called on stage to receive thanks for all their hard work, which has resulted in such a splendid outcome. They, in turn, thanked all the bands who have provided their services free over the years, as well as the volunteers who prepare the stage, the dance floor and set out the seating arrangements. It has been an incredibly successful venture, which was started in 2001 in memory of a local girl whose parents are friends of the Griffin family. It’s been a fantastic effort from many people and the final programme acknowledged all the firms and individuals who have sponsored the event, including several of the local pubs, builders, farms, Leamington shops and wholesalers. Many thanks to everyone – your support will be valued for years to come by those who need your help most.



## Harbury Energy Initiative

There are just two months now to our **big autumn show *Green Memories, Green Future* on 8<sup>th</sup> October** at Harbury Primary School. Will you be there to see how our village children will be contributing impressively to this event? If your child keeps switching the lights off at home it is because they are really switched on. It's their future world but we, the current generation, need to make the difference. Thank you to all those children who worked so hard on the energy survey and to the impressive five hundred or so people who completed it. Year 5 pupils, with the help of Julie Linforth, have now worked through all five hundred returns and collated the results. We will be revealing the results of this survey on **8<sup>th</sup> October** and there will be much more on this theme to see. At the same time Nigel Chapman will be revealing, with his archive heritage trail of pictures through the school, some of the secrets of the past (when we used a lot less energy) as a preview of the permanent Heritage Room that will be established in the school building. Come and see him and our MP Jeremy Wright open the two elements of the day.

Supporters of our Energysure bid will know by now that, with your help, we made it through to round two of the process. By the time you read this we will know what we have to do next and will be hard at it submitting our (winning) application. We still need people to sign up to support us on [www.energysure.com/harbury-energy-initiative](http://www.energysure.com/harbury-energy-initiative), so please do keep the support coming. It all helps because, as we have only just been informed, in the final round anyone registered on Energysure.com can vote, i.e. anyone who registers on-line as a supporter. Our aim is to reduce the energy bills for as many of our community buildings as possible by gaining a big share of this funding to either reduce the need for energy by better insulation or introduce new energy systems that harness the services of nature. Don't worry; we have no plans for a wind turbine in the middle of the village!

There are several very good deals around on solar panels to generate electricity. EOS, a company based just round the corner in Southam, is able now to offer free photovoltaic (PV) panels, a deal well worth considering if you can't afford to buy outright or think the payback time is too long. Look out also for the government's new Green Deal, also aimed at helping those with no savings to invest in the new technologies. Other companies are offering variations on the 'free' theme, so it is worth checking out the options. E.on, for example, offer you the option of free installation and the possibility of buying back their investment to gain the incentive payments yourself for the rest of the twenty five years. Despite all these deals, the best thing by far that you can do is to ensure that you reduce your use of energy, especially for heating the house, by being

more careful about what you use and by insulating the home effectively. Don't forget that the Harbury Energy Advisors are there to help (see last month's issue for contact details).

Our next meeting is at 7pm in The Old New Inn on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us.

**Bob Sherman – Tel: 612277**  
**bob@churchterrace8.freemove.co.uk**

## **Notice of Disruption to Access to Wight School Car Park**

Please note that work will start on the access road to the Wight School car park on or around the 14th August and will last up to ten days. At times, access to the car park for library users and any others using the Scout Hut or Pre-School room will not be possible. We regret any inconvenience.

**Bob Sherman**



## **Harbury Art Group**

For our July workshop we tackled a still life of vegetables and bread rolls in watercolour and coloured pencil. The bright vibrant colours of the beetroot and tomatoes looked great against subtle pale green celery, green/white spring onions and rustic brown bread. The first challenge was to create a good composition from the various materials to hand, and then of course, to keep everything well balanced colour-wise for a pleasing picture. As always, the group produced a wide range of different pictures in different styles – no two pictures looked alike.

On 4<sup>th</sup> August our workshop is titled 'The Sea', which sounds like an interesting challenge! This will be working from a photograph, (supplied by our tutor, Nick Baldwin). It is billed as a watercolour session, but we can choose a different medium if we prefer. In September (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>) the workshop will be coloured pencil and watercolour and is titled 'Fur or Feather'. If you have never used coloured pencils in artwork, you will be amazed at the lovely effects that can be achieved – a long, long way from the 'crayons' we all used at school.

Harbury Art Group members are now eligible to enter items in the Harbury Village Show on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, and we are hoping you will all make the effort to enter at least one painting. Show schedules

are available now (contact Pat Clarke on 612066). The two painting classes are in Section H, Nos 87 (watercolour) and 88 (any medium). Please note, the paintings may be mounted, but must not be framed, and you must complete and return your entry form by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

To find out more about Harbury Art Group, or to book a place on a workshop, please telephone Pam on 01926 814923, or the tutor, Nick on 01295 276465. Alternatively, simply turn up at our regular monthly workshops – the first Thursday of every month 10am to approx 3pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Happy painting!

**Pam McConnell**

## **Horses in the Paddock**

Many villagers, and especially children, will have enjoyed seeing and even talking to the two horses – Petal and Lily that have lived in the paddock – opposite the Bull Ring Garage for the last few years. Sadly Petal, who was only four years old, recently put her foot through an old window frame that someone had thoughtlessly dropped into the field. She suffered a cut tendon which, in a horse nothing can be done for, and therefore there was no option but for a vet to put her down. Lily has been moved to a new field where she should be quite safe.

**John Holden**



## **Harbury Ukulele Group**

A fantastic turn out once again at July's meeting. Thanks to Ian for leading us through rehearsals for our first ever gig at the PTA Summer Fayre.

On 19th July we gave our first ever public performance at the PTA Summer Fayre. We played New York Girls, I Wanna Be Like You, Summertime, King of the Road, Five Foot Two - Eyes Of Blue, You Are My Sunshine and finished with Hey Jude.





We had a fantastic time playing for everybody and hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at the Shakespeare Inn. For further information email [harburyukulele@gmail.com](mailto:harburyukulele@gmail.com) or see our website at <http://www.harburyukulele.me.uk>. Next meetings: Monday 1st August, Monday 5th September, 8pm onwards.

## **Harbury NSPCC Committee**

Many thanks to all who attended our Wine Tasting Evening on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July in the Tom Hauley Room. We raised £855.60 – magnificent!

Thanks to Rob and Libby from “Cana” who hosted the evening, letting us sample ten of their delicious wines and gave us 10% of wine sales from the evening.

Our next event is a Ladies Lunch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the Tom Hauley Room

**NSPCC Committee**

## **Lip Reading Classes in Coventry**

My wife Janet and I both have a hearing loss and wear hearing aids. Even with the aids, conversations can often be very difficult. We decided to try to learn to lip read and both attend classes in Coventry on a Tuesday morning. It's not an easy skill to acquire, but we have both benefited a lot from the classes. Apart from the lip reading itself we are learning a great deal about ways of coping with difficult situations when we are not able to understand what someone is saying. We also get a great deal of moral and practical support from the other students, who all have similar difficulties.

The course is suitable for beginners and is due to start again in September. Last year, the classes were free, but there is no guarantee that they will be free again this year. If anyone is interested in knowing more about the class, please feel free to contact us (tel: 614873 or e-mail: [lyndon@harbury.me.uk](mailto:lyndon@harbury.me.uk)), and we would be happy to share our experience with you. If you want to have a go, and transport is a problem, we usually have two free seats in our car.

**Lyndon Thomas**

## Harbury Village Show

Once again, the Village Show is nearly upon us. This year it is being held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Club. On the day, the Club opens for exhibitors from 8.00am until 11.00am and then re-opens at 2.00 pm for general viewing. Schedules, containing all the usual classes, have been placed around the village - in Mugleston's, the Library and the Village Club.

We are running a tombola stall and a raffle and, as always, are in need of prizes. If you are able to donate items, we would be extremely grateful. These may be dropped off with Kath Ellis at 2 Chapel Street, Margaret Commons at 10 Chapel Street, Jane Giddings at 11 South Parade or Patrick Clarke at 32 South Parade.

Tea and homemade cakes are being served throughout the afternoon. If you would like to help, either by making a cake or by assisting with the teas, Jane Giddings would love to hear from you - plus a big thanks to those of you who have already offered your help via Janice Siddle.

Please remember to return your completed entry forms to Patrick Clarke or Jane Giddings by 6.00pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

And finally ..... if you have never entered anything in the show before, why not have a go? To persuade you, there is even a **Novice Class Trophy** for Vegetables to be won by an exhibitor who has never before won a prize.

**Patrick Clarke - 612066 and Jane Giddings - 614266**

## Fuel Community Update

The next order for fuel will probably be requested for mid-September at the earliest. If anyone on the current list of interested members of the buying group requires a delivery of oil before that time, please ring 612305 and I will check by email or phone to see if anyone else needs a 'top up'. The price usually goes down at the end of summer, but this may not be the case this year, as problems with Libya are cited as a reason why the oil prices are remaining higher than usual. If any private householder or farmer wishes to join the fuel community, please let me know (as above). There is no commitment to buy a minimum amount, no charge for getting involved and no particular date when a delivery is requested – it all depends on the need of customers who decide if they want to buy at the lowest price quoted by local distributors on a certain date.

**Chris Finch**

## Steel Pans and Morris Dancing – an Unlikely Alliance?

Perhaps – but this interesting fusion of cultures will be presented at a beer festival near you in the not-too-distant future.

Some months ago, during a pub conversation with local steel-pan expert, Brian Noon, we cooked up the idea that Hereburgh Morris, Harbury's own Morris team, could experiment with dancing to the Caribbean sound of the pans, instead of our usual squeeze-boxes and fiddles. Unlike some pub conversations, this one didn't get forgotten and Brian arranged three suitable tunes for us and has rehearsed them with his bands, including Harbury's Steel Pan Academy.

Before the summer break, we managed to have three short rehearsals with the band and dancers together and, all being well, we're now all set for our performance – at Harbury's CAMRA Beer Festival on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, around lunchtime at the Village Hall.

Could this be a first for a Morris team – and also for a steel pan band? Don't miss this historic occasion!

**Peter McDonald**  
**Hereburgh Morris**  
[www.come.to/Hereburgh](http://www.come.to/Hereburgh)

## 2012 - Hereburgh's Silver Jubilee



Not to be outdone by The Queen, Hereburgh Morris will also be having a special celebration next year - our 25th birthday.

8th April 2012 marks the 25th Anniversary of Hereburgh's very first practice evening, which took place in the Wight School. Little did those founder

members realise that many of them would still be dancing twenty five years later.

Since then, some members have moved away, others, recently, have retired due to stiffening limbs. Happily, new members have joined us along the way and in the last few seasons we have welcomed in yet another group of younger members who are already established members of the side. We are looking forward to organising some special events for our Jubilee year, including a Day of Dance when we will invite our Morris friends from other teams in Warwickshire and elsewhere to dance with us in Harbury and some other favourite spots.

Keep an eye out for announcements of events to come. In the meantime, once the summer season of dancing draws to an end, we will be returning to the School Hall for our weekly practices. September is an ideal time to come along if you fancy having a go at dancing, playing or both. We practice every Wednesday evening between 8pm and 10pm, repairing to the Shakespeare afterwards for some light (liquid) refreshment.

You may well have spotted us at the Warwick Folk Festival or will see us at the coming Beer Festival!

**Alan Guy, Squire**

## **Ballroom Dancing**

Just a preliminary reminder to all those interested that the next session of ballroom dancing will begin on Wednesday, 14th September. We are hoping to run a beginners' group from 8.00pm to 8.30pm and the normal session from 8.30pm to 10.00pm. Please contact me if you want to know more.

**Joan Smith (613680)**

## **Swing Comes Back to Harbury**

Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September is a date to remember as Harbury Village Hall will be presenting an evening entertainment with the sounds of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, and Buddy Rich.

Coventry Consortium Big Band is a twenty piece jazz and swing band, with five saxophones, five trumpets, five trombones, four piece rhythm section, and an excellent female vocalist. You can sample their music at [www.coventrybigband.co.uk](http://www.coventrybigband.co.uk).

Tickets for the event will include a light meal, and a bar will be available. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall Development Fund. For further details contact; Andy Rutherford 01926 613757.

**Andy Rutherford**

## **Loss of the Flexibus 497 Service to Asda**

Harbury has lost another of its bus services, the 497 operated by Flexibus. This has hit some of the villagers very hard, leaving them with no means to shop out of the village if they wish to.

My company operates the local Community Links Vehicles on behalf of Warwickshire Council, and I would just like to remind people that for a very nominal charge (currently £1.30 single) we offer a door - to - door service for people who have difficulty accessing public transport. Our vehicles are also wheelchair accessible.

We are able to offer a weekly trip on a Monday to those people in the village who would like to visit ASDA. Places are more limited; as the vehicles are smaller so early booking is advisable. Call Elaine for further details on: 01926 613255.

**Elaine Dunn**  
**CoachLinks**

## **Fun for all the Family in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital**

Harbury residents are in for a weekend of fun on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September, all in the name of a local charity and to coincide with the ever popular Harbury Beer Festival! The first event is a charity pub quiz in The Dog Inn on Friday 2nd September at 7.30pm. Teams will be made up of a maximum of four people per team and entry is only £10 per team! Jasmine Spice at The Dog Inn will kindly provide food and nibbles on the night and there'll also be a raffle with fantastic prizes up for grabs including; a pair of full hospitality tickets in the Honours Suite for the Leicester Tigers game on New Year's Day 2012, a round of golf for four people at the Forest of Arden and The Belfry, as well as many many more. Look out for leaflets and flyers in the village for an update on prizes in the coming weeks! Tables for the quiz are limited so book early to avoid being disappointed either directly with Wayne at The Dog 01926 613037 or via email with [derbhile.flanagan@mvkelly.co.uk](mailto:derbhile.flanagan@mvkelly.co.uk). Then on Saturday 3rd Sept there's family fun galore in The Dog Car Park throughout the day including a bouncy castle, exciting pub garden games including penalty shootout and the ten yard golf bucket challenge and much much more!

The fundraising events have been organised by local resident Derbhile Flanagan, who works for M V Kelly Ltd Groundworks and Civil Engineering. The company has set a fundraising target of £30,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital and are arranging numerous fundraising

events including the 24 hour three peaks challenge (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike & Snowdon). So far, staff have raised £12,500 through various donations and sponsorship and Derbhile hopes to add a considerable amount to this, with proceeds all going to this amazing local facility which helps so many sick children and their families. Birmingham Children's Hospital treats some of the sickest children in the country and relies on legacies and charitable donations to fund additional facilities, equipment, and medical research, and to provide the extras that make being in hospital a better experience for their young patients. So please support this worthy cause and have some fun at the same time! If you are unable to attend but would like to donate a prize please email Derbhile or sponsor the M V Kelly team on the justgiving website: [www.justgiving.com/mvk](http://www.justgiving.com/mvk).

**Derbhile Flanagan**

## Setting off for France



Here is a picture at the start of my epic trip. I did get transport to Leamington Station where I got the train to Marylebone and then cycled to Victoria for the train to Dover. All this in perfect weather. After a good rest at Calais Youth Hostel (very well appointed), I set off and with a few minor hills reached my target for the day, a camp site close to

Teneur S.E. of Calais by 90 kms - slightly further than I had estimated and somewhat later than I had hoped. I set off bright and early the next day and was well on the way by lunch time, overnight this time near Bapaume. My tent (small) and I cope with each other remarkably well for one night in the dry. Wet nights are yet to be tested.

For those of you who have donated, thank you very much, I am 1/3 towards my target. For those of you who would like to support my efforts for Cancer UK, I have a just giving page [www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Patrick](http://www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Patrick) or you can post it through our letterbox.

I will try to get an update to the next Harbury & Ladbroke News by then I should have reached the Mediterranean!

**Andrew Patrick**

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are joining in the “World’s Biggest Coffee Morning” on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Tom Hauley Room, 10.00am until 12 noon. There will be a raffle and Bring and Buy.

So please come and join us; have a coffee, meet your friends and have a chat. Help us to make this our biggest coffee morning.

**Mary & Friends**

## Southam Police Station and Operations

There have been changes to local police services; this is the information that has been supplied. The Police station front office has now closed. There is a dedicated desk and service in Southam Library part of Warwickshire Direct.

The trained staff members can enable access to Warwickshire Police front office services including: - crime and incident Reporting; lost and found property; access to the Safer Neighbourhood Team, reporting anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance; application for pedlars certificates; firearms licences; data protection requests.

**The Safer Neighbourhood Team** is still based at Southam Police station.

The new structure is as follows:-

- Three Police Community Support Offices (PSCOs)
- One Beat Manager, Police Constable James Butler
- A small team of Specials who volunteer to work as Police Officers (but this is something they do in their spare time)
- This team covers 100 square miles.

**Neighbourhood Protection Team:** - **two** teams of four police officers that cover the whole county on specific jobs.

**Incident Response Teams** which are police officers and dispatch from Leamington, Rugby Greys Mallory (Leamington) and Nuneaton on twenty four hour cover.

**Rugby Incident Response Team** covers Southam and the area down to Gaydon, Farnborough and including Priors area.

**The Investigation Team** comprises police officers and is where all crime and incident cases are sent.

## **Police Drop in Sessions in Southam Library**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 3.00pm - 1 hour

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 3.00pm - 1 hour

Information and contact with District and County Council Services and the Police Service is provided by Warwickshire Direct. Further information is available on 01926 415000.

Warwickshire Direct Southam opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 09.00am -5.00pm

Tuesday & Thursday 09.00am -7.00pm

Saturday: 09.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday: Closed

**Marian Millington**

## **Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Southam Police cover an area approximately 100 square miles with almost 20,000 people living in the area. The Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team covers the following wards: - Long Itchington, Southam, Stockton and Napton, Fenny Compton and Harbury. The Team consists of Sgt. Richard Thomas, Beat manager PC Jim Butler, also on the team is PCSO's Katrina Taylor, Claire Murray, Matt Hodgetts and Ally Streatfield.

The main switchboard telephone number for Warwickshire Police is **01926 415000**. When phoning the switchboard you need to clearly state that you wish to report an incident and ask for the Control Room. The Control Room can identify if an officer needs to attend and what response is needed. The controller can pass on the relevant details to the Safer Neighbourhood Team once if required an incident has been created. The controller will ask you relevant questions in relation to the incident. For example they will require the address of incident, who is involved, description of offender(s) and whether they still at the scene. The description could be white, male, glasses, 5'9", heavy built, local accent, white jumper, blue jeans, and white trainers driving a green Renault Clio registration number K888 KKK. If you wish to report a crime and the offender is not at the scene, ask the main switchboard for the Crime Desk.

The Team email address is **southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk**.



**The Team voicemail: 01926 684984** if you wish to leave a message for a team member or discuss an issue with a member of the team - **DO NOT USE THIS NUMBER TO REPORT CRIME.**

**PCSO Katrina Taylor  
Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team**

## **Help Needed – The Siloam Thomas Eye Hospital**

Do you value your sight? Most of us take it for granted, until something goes wrong, especially if it is sudden and dramatic. I have twice been in danger of losing my sight, but thanks to immediate access to a free and efficient Health Service, my sight was saved.

That is why I have great concern for those who live in areas where eye disease is rife or where poor workers who have little protection from Health and Safety procedures are exposed to eye injury. Even if eye-care is available, many people are too poor to afford it. For them, loss of sight inevitably means loss of work, and reduction to the state of beggar, with the associated loss of dignity and self worth that affects the whole family.

The organisation with which I work supports the Siloam Thomas Eye Hospital in Coimbatore, South East India. I have visited this hospital, run by a mother and son. They are both surgeons (the mother having been trained in London) and could have had quite illustrious careers. However, they have chosen to serve the poor of their country. Whilst they do have paying patients, the income does not cover the cost of caring for those who cannot pay, so they also rely on charitable donations.

As I walked through the doors, I was met by about fifteen young nurses who had been sent by their hospitals to receive training in eye care, such is the regard that Siloam Thomas is held in by general hospitals. I went with Dr Sarojini Thomas and a team to a clinic at a leprosy community some seventy miles away, where they gave treatment, checked on those who had had surgery and selected others who needed surgery.

The thing that most impressed me was their compassion; they currently treat a larger number free of charge than they do those who pay for the treatment. But it goes much further than just giving free treatment. This is not a second-class service, as the Thomas family who run the hospital believe that we are all equal before God, so why should those who are poor be given lesser treatment with sub-standard equipment just because they can't afford to pay?

India is billed as one of the fastest growing economies in the World, so many people will think that the need for help has gone away. No so – as with many other rapid rises to economic “success”, it is only a relative few

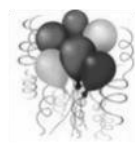
who benefit, certainly in the short term. The gap between the haves and have-nots grows, as I saw for myself, and as you yourselves may have seen on television when some young people who like to buy cheap clothes in the UK went to see where and how they were made.

You will see that there is still great need among those who cannot afford healthcare, and particularly those ostracised from society, or those exposed to high risk in factories that produce cheap goods with non-existent Health and Safety procedures. This need is being met by the Siloam Thomas Eye Hospital, but the work can only go on if we are prepared to stand with them.

Now the Siloam Thomas Eye Hospital would like to become a centre of excellence for the treatment and detection of glaucoma - the 'silent vision killer' - suffered by as much as 8% of the population in India. To become self-sufficient and provide high quality treatment normally beyond the reach of patients with little or no income, they are seeking to buy a Zeiss Nerve Fibre Analyser model GDX priced at £18,300. We have raised over half this amount, but would like some assistance to raise the balance.

So, as a token of thanks for your eye sight and the care we can get in this country, would you be willing to help us buy this machine or to help the hospital to continue their work? If so, you can send a cheque to Siloam Christian Ministries Ltd at PO Box 4198, Leamington Spa, CV31 9BP (Please mark your gift "project 009"), or go to [www.siloam.org.uk](http://www.siloam.org.uk) where you can donate on line and also obtain more detail of our activities (Click on project 009 on the left of the home page for this specific project).

**John Eld**  
**Trustee, Siloam Christian Ministries Ltd**



## **Party Time**

Southam and District Lions Club present the 2011 Ken Graham Party for Senior Citizens, to be held at Southam College on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 2.15pm. We are pleased to invite all Senior Citizens. Please contact Roger Lane: 01926 813075 or Malcolm Jakeway: 01926 814294.

**Peter Guy**

## **Lions' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1971 – 2001**

In May 1971, Southam Lions Club held its formation meeting at the Stoneythorpe Hotel which then became the Lions' base for 32 years. For the past few years the Lions' home has been Galanos House in Southam.

Lion Peter Guy, reckons that the club has raised well over £450k for good causes during this time.

Lions is more than just a local club raising money for good causes, it is an international organisation with clubs established all over the world. Lions Clubs International is the largest service organisation in the world so you know when you join that tens of thousands of like minded individuals are doing their bit for people less fortunate than themselves. Take the Tsunami in 2004 - when the Lions in Southam saw the enormous devastation, money was immediately put aside to help the victims. We found out that a club in Droitwich had adopted a village to help directly with the disaster and we then agreed to support a special eye hospital project in Hikkaduwa. The project was for a modest £2k but it meant that the poor people of the village could have life changing 'interocular lens' operations. This became known as 'Seeing through Southam's Eyes' and the project is still ongoing even today! One of our Lions, Steve Hoyle visited Hikkaduwa with his wife earlier this year and he really was very well received by everyone. He was particularly impressed with the children, their education and their behaviour. I guess we were lucky with this project, but the village would be a poorer place without our intervention.



Back to the present! Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Handover took place on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and we wanted the people of the area, Southam in particular, but all over the UK to know who we are and what we all do. Basically we are a bunch of ordinary guys who get on well together and enjoy having fun and friendship. Oh! - and by the way we raise money for good causes! It was great to welcome a former Lion and Founder Club

Member Mr Peter Swaby to the dinner and the local press were quick to link him to the article which was published shortly after the dinner.

If anyone is interested in joining our Club and having a giggle twice a month at meetings, or indeed would like to visit us, then please call Jim Steele on 01926 813577.

**Southam Lions**

## **Upton House & Gardens offers Students Volunteering Placements for the Summer**

Open to new applications now, the National Trust at Upton House are offering students and young people new volunteering opportunities. Volunteering at Upton is a great way to gain work experience in a national charity and spending time supporting a busy, local tourist attraction during the summer holiday can be great fun.

There is a diverse range of opportunities for volunteering, such as Website Assistant, Gift Shop/Restaurant Assistant, Front of House Assistant, Events Assistant, Marketing Assistant, as well as Room Guiding where you can gain valuable experience working in a busy, friendly team with people from all walks of life. Or maybe you have a skill you'd like to share? Do you play an instrument, perhaps you'd like to play at Upton for all the visitors to enjoy?

Volunteering can really enhance your CV, give you the chance to gain confidence in meeting and talking to people, problem solving and working with the public. You'll learn about your local National Trust property and discover what goes on behind the scenes and what's involved in the running of Upton House. It's a brilliant opportunity to learn about heritage management and to kick-start a career in the charity sector or heritage industry – or simply improve your skills, get out of the house and have something different to talk about at interviews for university or employment.

Get in touch with us to find out more, download details from the 'join in pages of our website or by e-mailing: [Uptonvolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Uptonvolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk), [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse)

Entry to Upton House and Gardens is free for the under 5s and National Trust members. Garden only admission £5.95 adults and £2.90 kids and £14.75 family. You can join the NT at Upton when you visit to enjoy free entry. For full details and opening times please visit our website. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse).

**Haidee Williams**  
**Visitor Service Manager**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

**Dear Editors**

**Joyce Edris Burgess**

*A thank you to all our friends and neighbours for their kindness and support since my Mother, Joyce Burgess, passed away at Bromson Hill Nursing Home on 7th July. Thank you also to Father Roy Brown for the lovely service and the many kind helpers on the day, especially Sue, Pauline and Marie.*

**Corina Bennett**

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**Dear Editors**

*Thank you to all the organisers of the Harbury Olympics. We had a really great day.*

**Julie Taylor**

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**Dear Editors**

*We thank everyone who supported the Myton Hospice coffee morning at the end of May. The donations of cakes, raffle prizes, plus bring and buy were very much appreciated. The total amount raised for the hospice was £391.*

*Thank you once again.*

**Harbury Support Group**

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**Dear Editors**

*We would like to send a big thank you to all those who helped at, and supported the coffee morning on 16<sup>th</sup> July in aid of the Raynaud's and Scleroderma Association. We raised £243.90 for the charity. Many many thanks to you all.*

**Jill & John White**

**Dear Editors**

*Although there are house groups and prayer meetings in the village, “All Saints” is the only visible place of formal worship and, therefore, when “church” is mentioned, most will think of that building and the activities that take place in it.*

*However, for believers, “church” means the sum total of all those who believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This includes not just those who meet in the Anglican building in the village, but also those who prefer to worship in a different style as offered by other denominations (or churches that are not affiliated to a specific denomination) and therefore go out of the village to attend communal acts of worship.*

*Nevertheless, wherever we worship, we all live in Harbury, and so are all part of the Church (or, to use a theological phrase, the “Body of Christ”) in the village. Therefore, it would be good, from time to time, to join together in some village activities and to get to know each other.*

*I’ve already spoken to a number of people who have recognised the importance of this, but if there’s anyone else out there with whom this strikes a chord and who would wish to be involved, please contact me on 613340.*

**John Eld**

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**Dear Editors**

*Someone dropped off a pair of ladies size six brown sequined espadrille wedge shoes to Church House, Crown St, under the misapprehension that they were mine. I had recently been to the Bastille night with the Twinning Society and to the 60’s fund raiser at the Rugby Club. So if anyone can lay claim to these very pretty shoes, please come and claim them.*

**Jan Freeman**

BOOKINGS FOR		
SCOUT HUT	TOM HAULEY ROOM	THR COFFEE MORNINGS
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## 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)

**BUMPS & BUNDLES:** Tom Hauley Room, Tuesdays, 10.30am – 12 noon  
(Term Time only) Tel: 614150

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

**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 Tuesday 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

**Under 7's – Year 2**

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

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury School

**Under 9's - Year 4 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

**Under 11's - Year 6 (Boys)**

Coach: Carolyn Dorning Tel: 01926 612037

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

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

Coach: Judith Woodfield Tel: 01926 312021

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

**Under 12/13's – Year 8 Boys**

Coach: Malcom Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12 noon – 3:30pm, Tuesday & Thursday — 9.00am — 3.30pm, Wed & Fri—9.00am—1.30pm (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. Open Mic from 8pm, every last Saturday in the month. All welcome. For more information please ring 07799 896891.

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

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

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2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> (and 5 <sup>th</sup> )	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday in the month:	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion Service
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Every Sunday: (except 1 <sup>st</sup> )	10.30am	Funday Club (in term time)
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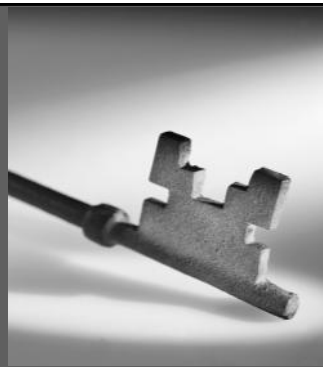
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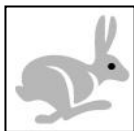
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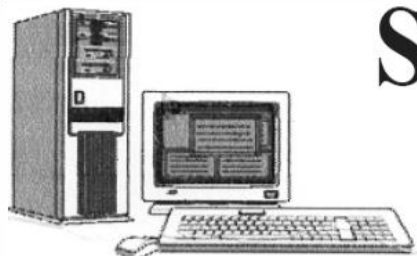
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**SOUTHAM COLLEGE EVENING COURSES BEGINNING:**
**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

Cake icing and sugar paste flowers  
 Mandarin Chinese for beginners 7.00 - 9.00pm  
 Patchwork and quilting for beginners 7.00 - 9.00pm (6 weeks)  
 Reiki for beginners - 6 weeks  
 Salsa - 8.00 - 9.00pm  
 Spanish for beginners  
 Woodturning for beginners 6.30 - 8.00pm  
 Woodturning - improvers 8.00 - 9.30pm  
 Yoga in later life 7.00 - 8.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

Basic sign language and deaf awareness (6 weeks)  
 Family History research - starts 2/11/11 (5 weeks)  
 French for holidays  
 Indian Cookery 6.30 - 8.30pm (6 weeks)  
 Introduction to Photoshop 7.00 - 9.00pm (6 weeks)  
 Yoga - 7.30 - 9.00pm

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

Cake Icing and sugar paste flowers  
 Meditation and Relaxation 7.00 - 9.00pm (6 weeks)  
 PTLLS - Initial Teacher Training 6.30 - 9.30pm (10 weeks)  
 Textile Art (6 weeks)  
 Vincent and Theo Van Gogh 7.00 - 9.30pm 1 week art history talk

Most classes commence week beginning Monday 12th September. Evening Courses run from 7.30 - 9.30 for a maximum of 11 weeks (excluding half term break beginning 24th October) unless shown otherwise. There are no courses at Southam College on the evening of Thursday 22nd September due to the College Open Evening. Please arrive 15 minutes early for the first session to allow time for enrolment. For further information and to register to guarantee your place, please contact Sue Hawthorn or Chris Dudley on 01926 810942 or [commmed.s@we-learn.com](mailto:commmed.s@we-learn.com)

**PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT. FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF MOST OF THESE COURSES PLEASE CONTACT US OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.southamcollege.com](http://www.southamcollege.com) AND FOLLOW THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION LINK.**

**DAYTIME COURSES IN SOUTHAM**
**GRAHAM ADAMS CENTRE**

Getting the most out of your camera - Mondays 10.00am - 12 noon (6 weeks)

Movement to music - Wednesday 9.30 - 10.30am

Water Colour Painting - Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00pm

Water Colour Painting – Thursday 1.00 - 3.00pm

Water Colour Painting - Friday 1.00 - 3.00pm

The real Jane Austen - a literary talk week date and venue TBC

**SOUTHAM LIBRARY**

On line basics - a free 6 weeks beginners IT course Monday 1.00 - 3.00pm

An introduction to Local History study starts 1/11/11 Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00pm  
(5 weeks)

**COURSES IN THE VILLAGES**
**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Cake decorating for beginners Monday 7.30 - 9.30pm

**TOM HAULEY ROOM, HARBURY**

Yoga - Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm

**OFFCHURCH VILLAGE HALL**

Upholstery & soft furnishing -Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30am

**STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL**

Upholstery & soft furnishing - Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00pm

**UFTON VILLAGE HALL**

Pilates - Monday 9.30 - 10.30am

Pilates - Wednesday 2.00 - 3.00pm

Cake Icing and Sugar craft - Tuesday 10.00am - 12 noon

Cake Icing and Sugar craft - Thursday 10.00am - 12 noon

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