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Editorial

It is encouraging to read of successful reports from a number of junior sports teams, netball, rugby and football; all of these activities depend on the dedication of the organisers and coaches.

There will be an opportunity for all villagers to participate in a wide range of sporting activities at the Heart of Harbury Games in June. Now is the time to start thinking about getting a team together.

The Village Hall is hosting a presentation on Tuesday 22nd February on photovoltaic cells and the part they can play in reducing your energy.

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

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| Sat | 5 | Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Junior Football |
| Sun | 6 | 5th BEFORE LENT
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Evening Taizé-style Service 6.00pm
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall |
| Mon | 7 | Marriage Week (7 th -14 th) |
| Tues | 8 | Toddlers Service 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Southam Children's Centre 1.45-2.45pm in Village Hall |
| Wed | 9 | Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10.00pm in Village Hall |
| Thurs | 10 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Members' Evening |
| Sat | 12 | Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Salvation Army
Moving Pictures 'Made in Dagenham' doors open 6.00pm, film starts 6.30pm at the Village Hall. Order your interval Fish & Chips from Cana Import on High St, Tel: 613716 |
| Sun | 13 | 4th BEFORE LENT
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall |

- Tues 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD
END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room -
Tony Stubbs: 'Chaplaincy at Myton Hospice'
Southam Children's Centre 1.45-2.45pm in Village Hall
- Weds 16 Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed 16 Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior
Citizens
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 20 3rd BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 22 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Talk on PV and Solar Panels by Eco2Solar 7.30pm in Village
Hall
Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
- Weds 23 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 – 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 24 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of
Ladbroke WI
Rummage Sale at Galanos House, Southam Tel: 812185
Harbury Society Social at the Crown Inn
- Sun 27 2nd BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall
- MARCH**
- Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 2 Holy Communion 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room -
Sheila Leach: "God in the Garden"
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am

- Thurs 3 Water colour day school 10.00am to approx 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room. Water colour Landscape. £15 per person. All levels of ability welcome. Contact Nick on 07870 352786
Men's Group Meeting 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room
Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club 8.00pm at Dog Inn
- Fri 4 Women's World Day of Prayer Service 2.00pm
WI New Year Party in Village Hall
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of The Harbury Society
Parish Quiet Day at Offa House
Twinning Association Hot Jazz and Hot Supper Event 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 6 **1st BEFORE LENT**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Service of Benediction 6.00pm
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
February	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	9	10	11	Grey Bin
	16	17	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	23	24	25	Grey Bin
March	2	3	4	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	9	10	11	Grey Bin
	16	17	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins

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MARCH EDITION – HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15th February
Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by 24th February



From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

The Kiss still works!

Not so long ago, I read about a couple who shared a very special kiss. The story comes from a book entitled, "Ragamuffin Gospel." It describes a rather solemn scene between a surgeon and a young couple. It reads;

"I stand by the bed where a young woman lies, her face post-operative, her mouth twisted in palsy, somewhat clownish. A tiny twig of the facial nerve, the one to the muscles of her mouth, had been severed. She will be this way from now on. I had followed with religious fervour the curve of her flesh; nevertheless, to remove the tumor in her cheek, I had to cut the little nerve. Her young husband is in the room. He stands on the opposite side of the bed and together they seem to dwell in the evening lamplight, isolated from me, the moment is a private one. Who are they, I ask myself? He and this wry mouth I have made, who gaze at each other so generously, so lovingly. The young woman speaks.

"Will my mouth always be like this?" she asks. "Yes, I say, it will. It is because the nerve was cut." She nods and is silent. But the young man smiles. "I like it," he says, "It's kind of cute."

All at once I know who he is. I understand and I lower my gaze. One is not bold in an encounter with a God moment. Unmindful, he bends to kiss her crooked mouth and I am so close I can see how he twists his own lips to accommodate to hers, to show her that their kiss still works."

Since reading this story, the image of the young husband contorting his mouth and twisting his lips for an intimate kiss with his palsied wife has stuck with me and has come to my mind again at this time of St. Valentine when we think about love. To me this story really shows what love is about and I have thought again about how God symbolically did the very same thing for us, when he fashioned himself in the form of flesh, and became human in his Son Jesus, something we celebrated not long ago at Christmas.

And what a love story this is! The God of the universe who stoops down from heaven, leans toward humankind, and shows his love to a very disfigured people. He contorted Himself (so to speak) in order to manifest his vast love to a fallen world. "For God so loved the World, that he gave His only begotten Son." (The Bible, John 3.16).

This love story is one we are all invited to share in, to be a part of and to enjoy. During this month when we think of Valentines, roses and soppy

pink cards, do take some time think too of the greatest expression of love from God who sent his only Son to show that the kiss still works!

With every blessing.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

9 January Caroline Roberts

23 January Katherine Lane

The funeral has taken place in Hull of Mrs. Nell Spencer, formerly of Wagstaffe Close, Harbury. She passed away peacefully, aged 94, on 16th January 2011 after several months of declining health.



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

In 'This is our Story', the Family Communion Service held on the third Sunday of every month, we're looking from time to time at some stories from The Old Testament and fantastic stories they are too! The Bible is the world's best seller for good reason!

Father Craig kicked off with the Creation with the help of the children and some artefacts, some of which stretched the congregation's imagination. He reminded us that though God's world is huge, beyond our comprehension, He, the Creator, chose to enter it at Christmas as something very small, a tiny, vulnerable baby.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

January saw us defying the winter gloom in party style; fun and games in the afternoon and a shared meal in the evening. Plus another entertaining talk by Mrs Innes Brett. "An apple for the teacher" described her life as a village school teacher from the post war years, when children came to school ill clothed and underfed; to the computer age.

Thank you for all your support of the coffee morning which raised a magnificent £185 for M.U. projects, and for the £164 in the overseas boxes.

Tuesday, 15th February: 8.00pm after 7.30pm communion in Church – Tony Stubbs: Chaplaincy at Myton Hospice.

Wednesday 2nd March: 2.00pm communion in the Tom Hauley Room, 2.30pm Sheila Leach: God in the Garden.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings.

Bread and Broth

You are invited to join members of the Mothers' Union for soup and a roll in the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 24th February from 12.30pm. There will be a raffle and bring and buy with cakes and produce.

Gillian Hare



Toddlers' Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

The first thing we did was to look at the Nativity which was still on display in Church. We saw Mary and Joseph and, of course, Baby Jesus.

Mrs Kitchener said she was going to tell us a story about another very special baby that was born a long time ago called Moses. When he was born the nasty King had decided that he did not want any more baby boys in his Kingdom so they all had to go. Moses' mother kept him with her for three months by which time he was getting too big for her to keep him a secret.

She knew that the King had a daughter and that she went down to the river every day to bathe. Moses' mother made a basket of reeds and put Moses in it and placed it in the bullrushes. His sister stayed close by to see what happened. The King's daughter, the Princess, found Moses and wanted him for herself. Moses' sister told the Princess that she knew of someone who would come and help look after the baby Moses. The princess said yes and Moses' mother went with the Princess and helped look after Moses until he was old enough to look after himself.

Mr Hare then played for us and we sang three happy songs together. We had some play dough and made a basket with a baby in it to take home.

We all had our drinks and biscuits and then it was time to go.

Our next Toddlers Service is on Tuesday 8th February at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us.



First Light in January was about the 4th Magi. It is a moving story of a Magi who "misses the boat" or more accurately the camel train to visit the infant Jesus. He spends all his life searching for Jesus in order to give him his gift of precious jewels. During his quest he uses all his treasure to help people in great need. He feels sad until God shows him that in using his treasure to help others he had given them to Jesus. The story was told very effectively through mime and music.

In February our theme is adoption and the joy of finding that you do have a place in God's family. Everyone is welcome, it lasts about 30 to 40 minutes, begins at 10.30am (coffee and tea are served before from about 10.00am) and we aim to make it interactive, thought provoking and relaxed.

Ladbroke News & Diary

FEBRUARY

Sun 6 5th BEFORE LENT

Christingle Service Family Communion
10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 8 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Hallsfield, School Lane

Wed 9 Yoga Classes start, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 12 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 13 4th BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion (Sung), 9.00am

Tues 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF HARBURY NEWS TO 31
BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM

Wed 16 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 20 3rd BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am

Wed 23 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Women's Institute, 7.30pm

Thurs 24 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND
EMAIL ARTICLES BY 5.30PM

WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall - Dogs for the Disabled

Sat 26 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 27 2nd BEFORE LENT
Holy Communion (Sung), 9.00am

MARCH

Wed 2 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs 3 WI Meeting, 7.30pm – Social Evening

Sun 6 1st BEFORE LENT
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments



Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

Despite the cold weather and slippery conditions it was wonderful to see so many young families at the Dressing of the Crib service on Christmas Eve. The atmosphere was full of excitement as the animals hidden around the church by Betty were found and placed in the stable. A fine start to the Christmas Services held over the next two days. A full congregation on Christmas day defied the cold and were rewarded by a beautiful service and sunshine as they left the Church.

The Carol Service as always was a treat worth waiting for to close off our Christmas services. Bill Bosworth and the choir were excellent as was the mulled wine and mince pies. A big thank you to everyone involved.

The New Year's Day coffee morning was surprisingly busy. A wonderful effort by a small team of helpers helped raise £160 for Church Funds.

Some notes on Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night, the secular aspect of Epiphany, was a really important festival which has lost its meaning in the modern world. For centuries Twelfth Night was a time for partying but the Victorians restructured Christmas and Twelfth Night rapidly faded out. The Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox churches also celebrate their Christmas day on Epiphany.

Twelfth Night was a final fling before the dark days of winter. The Tudor elite celebrated with masques, plays, pageants and expensive gifts to one another. The less well off held family parties, the Twelfth Night cake always the centre piece. Hidden inside the cake were items such as a clove, bean, coins and thimbles. These symbolised characters and whoever found one in their slice was given a role to play for the whole of the day and night - usually a King, Queen or Knave. As the Victorian Christmas became popular Twelfth Night cakes became replaced by Christmas cake, the coins put into puddings and parties began to take place on New Year's Eve. Nowadays Twelfth Night is simply the day we take down the decorations.

Ladbroke Flower Rota

6th & 13th February

Jane Rutherford

20th & 27th February

Helen Morton

Sue Lord



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Matters Arising: The enforcement notice has still not been served on the occupants of the caravan, in a field near the by-pass.

Windmill Lane: The Parish Council Chairman, having spoken to the residents who had responded to the questionnaire about parking and posts in the lane, stated that no further action would be taken.

The Monthly Financial Spreadsheet: having been circulated, was approved.

Request for HS2 Grant: This was discussed and, whilst the Parish Council may help on behalf of the community, it was agreed that this should not be in the form of a grant as this could be interpreted as a political issue. They will advise the HS2 Committee.

Request for Grant from Village Hall: This was discussed and it was agreed that a grant of £500 would be given towards the cost of the two chair storage cabinets.

Planning Applications: An application for the “pruning” of the yew trees in the Churchyard has been received – in some cases to reduce the height, and in others to reduce the growth at the base of the trees.

An application at 6 Hedges Close has been approved, to replace the existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension.

Permission to build a single storey side extension at the Old Well House was granted.

Highways and Footpaths: The drains have been cleared in Church Road and a broken pipe repaired. The drains along Banbury Road also need to be jetted.

Parish Plan: Volunteers will be sought at the Annual Village Meeting in April to review the Parish Plan as requested by Stratford District Council. No requests for hard copies of the Parish Plan have been received by the Clerk.

Millennium Green: Kip Warr advised the Council that, at their AGM, two trustees had retired and a new trustee had joined. Graham Lewis is the new Chairman. There will be an “event” on or about the day of the Royal Wedding. There will also be a fete and an autumn event – dates to be decided.

HS2: The consultation will run from February to July but there will be no involvement from the Councillors until 5th May when the District Election is held. The action groups are working very hard but there is little response from those living outside the planned route.

County Councillor’s Report: 1800 staff will be made redundant due to the reorganisation of the County Council. Of the 32 secondary schools in the area, 11 have shown interest in becoming Academies. Public Health will move to the County Council. The Localism Bill has been written but the implications are not yet known.

District Councillor’s Report: As from 1st January 2011, all planning application from Stratford District Council will be sent to the Parish Councils electronically – a saving in costs. A survey has been undertaken to determine the public’s view on the disengagement of services in line with budget cuts!

The travellers (at the entrance to the village), were visited and served with an injunction. They have been asked to leave the area in an immaculate condition.

The Community Forum will meet in Ladbroke on 16th March. The police are under notice to look at speeding on the A423 in March.

New Grit Bins: The Parish boundary is under investigation and the request for another grit bin in Ladbroke Road will be reviewed in March

The Chairman advised the Council that this is election year. This will be advertised in the E News, Harbury & Ladbroke News and on the notice board.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 9th March at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

From the draft minutes supplied by the Parish Clerk.

Ladbroke Parish Council Elections

Ladbroke Parish Council elections will take place in May. Would you like to become a Parish Councillor?

It is an interesting and fulfilling role and no special qualifications are needed. You must be able to attend Parish Council meetings, which are

usually held on the third Wednesday of the month and be prepared to spend an hour or two each week on keeping up to date with Parish Council business. The work is not onerous and you would be involved at grass roots level in making decisions which affect our local community. We need people of all ages and from all walks of life, so that we have a good mix of experience and skills to help us in our work. If you would like more information, feel free to have an informal chat to any of the Councillors or contact the Clerk at clerk-ladbrokepc@tiscali.co.uk or telephone 01926 613998.

Ladbroke Parish Council

	Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute	Carol Lane
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Our January meeting was all about Honey Bees. David Blower of the Warwickshire Bee Keepers' Association gave us a fascinating and highly informative talk about these busy insects.

We learnt how to tell honey bees from bumble bees (and wasps) and the differences in appearance, structure and lifecycle of the workers, drones and queen bees. As well as hearing how well adapted the bees' bodies are for the tasks they do, we discovered some amazing facts about them: they have five eyes, they can detect everything from smell to humidity and pressure by the thirty thousand sensors on their antennae and the workers do a waggle dance to tell their comrades the distance and direction to the best sources of nectar and pollen. Bees are very important for the pollination of some plants and in America millions of bees are transported great distances to ensure the Californian almond harvest. We also heard about the varroa mite endemic in Europe, which weakens the bees' immune system making them much more susceptible to disease. The WI was thanked for their support for getting more government investment into bee research. We can help bees by eating local (rather than imported) honey and by having bee-friendly plants in our gardens, especially those with lots of pollen in spring, before the oil seed rape provides a real abundance for them. For those that want to do even



more they can support Bees Abroad, a UK charity which introduces bee keeping into developing countries (www.beesabroad.org.uk) or even keep their own bees. The Bee Keepers Association has a strong branch structure to help those

interested and not only runs courses but has honey extraction equipment

which members can borrow. Details of our local branch are at www.warleambees.com.

The evening concluded with a honey tasting comparing two different honeys: a Derbyshire heather honey taken straight from the comb versus honey made by bees foraging unspecified Warwickshire flowers. The February meeting on Thursday 24th is about "Dogs for the Disabled" and the following Thursday, 3rd March we will have our postponed Social Evening, which includes entertainment by a Ukulele Band.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

Our January meeting looked at digital manipulation of pictures from subtle changes in the lighting to the down right impossible - how did Cyril get into that spacesuit? After viewing examples, we had a live demonstration to see how quick and easy it is to make basic changes using Picasa software, which is free.

A number of members brought along their own before and after shots illustrating how a flat seascape could be enlivened and how some pictures could be improved by removing objects, whether it was airbrushing away the electricity wires in front of Ladbroke Church, removing the adult's hand to add to the glee of a little girl on her scooter or transforming the horse in front of a muck heap into one surrounded by wild flowers.



Photo & digital manipulation by Jennie Daniels

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 8th, 7.30pm at Hallsfield. It will include our first AGM, programme planning for the rest of the year and a print competition on the subject PEOPLE. For more details please email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall

Question: What takes place on Saturday 26 March? Answer: The Ladbroke Quiz!

This popular and challenging event will take place in the Village Hall, doors open 7pm, quiz start 7.30pm. Teams of four as usual, £20 per team (to include light refreshments), bar available. To secure your table, please contact Janet on 817733 or Christine on 811606.

Janet Goldson

A Dandy Night Out



The fund raising event for Ladbroke Village Hall on Friday 21st January saw the Hall filled with an expectant audience for a "Black Country Comedy Night". Those of us not from that part of the Midlands were not too sure what to expect, especially when Glyn, who with husband Allan make up the comedy and singing duo

"Dandy", started their act telling us she couldn't really describe what Black Country Comedy was either! They entertained us with wry observations that rang so true – for example, we all know that when it snows in Britain nothing newsworthy at all happens anywhere else and every evening of the week, the Six O'Clock News has an update from the same reporter from a different village that has been completely cut off from the rest of the world for the last 5 days! Their observations often slipped into jokes such as the young lad on a cold February night running along the High Street trying to keep up with a lorry, shouting at the top of his voice to the driver "Yaw shedding yaw lowad, Yaw shedding yaw lowad" and finally, the driver hearing him shouts back "Noo A'rm not ya daft kid, A'rm gritting". Though many of the jokes were set in the Black Country, it didn't matter that you hadn't heard of the locations or were unfamiliar with the accent, though it did get a bit stronger during tales of *Aynuk* and *Ayli*.

The jokes were clean, very funny and much appreciated by the audience who also enjoyed a great pie & mash meal supplied by Chris and Viv from "The Bell" during the interval. Glyn and Allan also struck a high note by including some of the Ladbroke Rockers' play list in their singing numbers and at the end of the evening seemed genuinely surprised when their audience shouted for an encore.

So how to describe Dandy's Black Country Comedy – think Jasper Carrott performed by a couple who interact with perfect comic timing (in fact, it transpires that Glyn actually wrote some of the material used on Carrott Confidential). If your appetite has been whetted to go and see Dandy, you may get a chance quite soon as it is likely they will be appearing in Harbury before too long.

Jackie West

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draws for November and December 2010 were:

November	December
£80 Pete Edgar	Scott & Siobhan Roberson
£50 Pat Kennedy	Jill Norgate
£25 Geoff & Georgina Middleton	Pam Collins
£10 Christine Baker	Kim Bendzak
£10 Graham & Pauline Long	Wild Indians
£10 Susan Moore	Carole & Peter Loftus
£10 Linda Spence	John Lowman
£10 Helen Ballard	Malcolm Wray

Janet Goldson



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

Let's start with the bad news

County Councillor Bob Stevens announced that the County had to make cuts of £20 million a year for the next three years (out of a budget of £400m).

Eighteen hundred posts were to be "lost"; six Directorates were to be re-organised into three; the Youth Service would be cut, and the Rural

Transport Subsidy reduced (I am told by 75%!); the number of speed cameras cut to 25% of the current number which will be moved between the existing boxes; the music service had to be self-funding; street lighting and grants would be reduced.

Eleven million was to come off the Police Budget and they would use the PCSOs more. Southam Police Station would not close but police queries would be handled at the One Stop Shop. The “instant response team” would be based in Leamington (*surely then an oxymoron!*).

There would be one GP Consortium covering the whole of Coventry and Warwickshire. *Cllr Hancock was not present to give her views.*

There will be another consultation on Libraries but we were unlikely to have WCC maintaining the Wight School in future and may only have a Library Service if we ran it ourselves.

Reporting on the Big Society Meeting she had attended, Parish Councillor Jenny Patrick said the Parish would have to think about how it could take on all the local government functions that were being stripped out, but as the Chairman pointed out “with no money”.

In the light of this, and after considerable soul-searching Councillors agreed by 5:1 to increase this year’s precept by 1.5% (much below inflation and about £1 extra per household for the year).

Public Participation: Tony Stubbs for Village with a Vision reported that several sites had been identified for the sheltered accommodation they wished to see provided and they were to meet potential commercial partners who would decide which site was most suitable.

The Parish Council was generally supportive but wished to be consulted about the site.

Paul Quinney for the Pre-School gave some background to their request for a Parish Council grant for a fixed canopy for outdoor play in wet weather. Other grants were in the pipeline but PC grant approval would convince other funders to release theirs.

The Parish Council asked about the viability of the project given the uncertainty over the future of the Library and WCC support for the building. Mr Quinney said that the land-ownership was being “tidied up” and the Pre-school had a new lease and security of tenure. They were working with the Trustees and the Scouts to keep the Wight School for the community.

The Parish Council agreed a grant of £1,500 ring-fenced until the remaining funding was in place.

There was long discussion over donating £5,000 promised towards the

Village Hall upgrade and it was agreed to discuss this with the Committee.

Planning: Stratford granted permission for an extractor at the Dog Inn, treework to repair storm damage to three Cedar trees at Harbury House and the reduction to the crown of the Yew Tree at Lullington Lodge; and roof conversions at 40 Farley Avenue and Manor Cottage, Park Lane. The carport application at 4 Queen's Close was withdrawn.

The Parish had no comment on extensions at 18 Farley Avenue and 11 South Parade. The Chairman had passed on to Linfoot Homes the many complaints about the state of the verges in Bush Heath Lane and the mud on the road.

Deppers Bridge: The Council was happy to give permission for the hamlet to use their Playing Field for a picnic in celebration of the coming Royal Wedding. The notice-board is in need of repair but Cllrs suggested the Telephone Box could be used instead. It is lit at night.

Parish Properties: Cllrs agreed the quotation for the Basketball Court but the tarmac will not be painted.

The new timer for the Car Park Lights has been installed but is not working.

Five replacement street lamps lit by energy efficient LEDs were approved.

Discussions are on-going to solve the drainage problems around the BMX track and the Junior Football pitch is heavily poached. It may have to be re-sited but the Council will also look at draining that area.

There will be a presentation at the next meeting on plans for a Harbury Olympics on Saturday 18th June at the Playing Fields.

All Bollards: The Co-op bollard which had been uprooted has been replaced and the wooden bollards on the Pound have been straightened. The Binswood End bollard would be removed and re-erected in its intended position.

The Council had received a complaint about the parking in Crown Street which made it difficult to pick up or drop off elderly or disabled residents of Crown Close.

Energy: The Village Hall Committee will host a talk on Photo-voltaic cells in the Village Hall on 22nd February. They want funding for a stall at the Carnival.

Next Meeting: 24th February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Harbury Parish Council, Quarterly Report, January 2011

In the last three months the Parish Council have:

- Continued work on updating the Parish Plan.
- Begun to solve the drainage problem at the new BMX park (not yet finished).
- Decided on a new type of LED to be fitted to replacement streetlights.
- Organised various minor repairs to play equipment and for the resurfacing of the basketball court.
- Continued discussions with WCC regarding the future of the library.
- Agreed a budget for 2011-12 with a 1.51% rise in the parish precept (about £1 per household per year).

Dr Tim Lockley
Chairman, Harbury Parish Council



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Chedham's Yard

Charlie Gilbert is a founder member of the Friends of Chedham's Yard and has an intimate knowledge of the Yard, its artefacts and history. He ran through the background to their project and the history of the village. The Chedham family was first recorded in Wellesbourne in 1813 as blacksmiths, but by 1820 another relative was present as a wheelwright, and this is part of the Yard's importance as it combined both trades.

Bill Chedham started work at the yard aged 14 but trade there ceased in 1968 and the Yard was finally bought for the village by the Parish Council in 2002 to save it for posterity. They wanted to preserve it and make it available for visitors and education. They brought in contractors to do a conservation study and English Heritage estimated £2.5 million was needed to put it right. Then they saw BBC Restoration's Competition and made an entry, won their heat and sailed through the final. This gave them the opportunity to have £1,000,000 for the Yard. However, there were strings attached and it appears there have been many frustrations.

The Friends set up a Newsletter, visited other similar projects and began

cleaning and restoring the artefacts. They planted a hedge along the Yard boundary and had bat and archaeological surveys taken. Then on 20th July 2007 the Yard was flooded causing havoc, covering everything in mud and shifting even the heaviest of the artefacts which were all taken into store.

Their plans are to erect a timber building for education and storage at the end of the Yard, continue with the conservation of artefacts, hold events for the public, educational visits for school children and populate their website www.chedhamsyard.org.uk. Visits will be by appointment and parking will be provided away from the site.

Bill answered many questions from the audience and had a wealth of stories about the village and its characters to tell which were recorded for posterity.

Next Events

Saturday 26th February - Social at Crown Inn (booking essential – places limited)

Saturday 5th March - Fund-raising Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am-12.00pm

Tuesday 22nd March - AGM & Family History Introduction 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

	Harbury Women's Institute	Jeanne Beaumont
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January is almost over and the weather is somewhat improved.

We got to the panto and enjoyed the evening as usual. For a small theatre, the Talisman produces an excellent show. Thanks to Chris and Jo.

Our team entered the W.I. quiz at Stoneleigh on 24th January and have got to the next round in February – well done.

We look forward to our New Year party on 4th February with guest speaker Col. Lesinski, Master of the Lord Leycester hospital.

Future dates: Members' Garden Party, 16th June and the W.I. Harvest Supper, 23rd September.

Now, a few members were unable to attend the January meeting and missed a fantastic evening. Dean Walton, Ray Duffy and Chris O'Ryan came to talk on their business, Mask-arade.



Chris wanted to invent something as a child, started with a cut out of Bruce Forsyth's face and made a mask but the family were not impressed. The idea came again in the 90s with a photomask of Peter Bowles, but his wife did not find it funny. But undeterred, he bought magazines with A4 size photos, cut them out with a friend

and did Party Pieces. Later at a party, he had a mask of David Beckham, a photo taken on a mobile ("at party with David Beckham"). Dean is a West Brom supporter. As the last match was fancy dress, 350 masks of Kevin Phillips were given out.

Their appearance on Dragons Den came after two applications, a terrifying experience, with full cutouts plus masks of the "Dragons". Filmed in Manchester, the 45 minutes was condensed to 3 minutes and the Dragons were not impressed. However, two Dragons have since ordered masks. The BBC Midlands News wanted to film their headquarters so they had to find somewhere suitable as they were working in a garage.

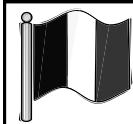
A mask was sent to America for President Bush. It was returned, signed with a personal letter to be hung on the wall with other personalities.

At a visit to the World Cup football in South Africa, masks of Nelson Mandela and Mr Bean were given out (Mr Bean is adored in South Africa).

Full sized cut outs of celebrities and friends are also used for parties, stag and hen nights and trade nights. Numerous business awards have been won. So it's great to see how well these "local boys" have done and we hope to see them in the future. All members were given masks and even had their photo taken.

Mask-arade: Cold Ford Farm, Welsh Road West, Southam.

February meeting: 10th February, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – Members' Evening.



Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

As I write this, the New Year seems well behind us and a very active year for the Association lies ahead. Our first activity of the year was the Twelfth night Party or Fete des Rois which was kindly hosted by David and June Eaves. It was great fun and well attended and a really good start for the year.

In March we are holding a Jazz supper in the Village Hall in support of the Village Hall Restoration fund, details of which are given below. The music will reflect the swinging jazz of the 30s and 40s as performed by musicians such as Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli and the Quintette du Hot Club de France.

The evening is open to all, and we hope you will join us, however **tickets are limited**, first come first served. For those of you who don't already know, Django Reinhardt the great jazz guitar player of the swing period lived his latter years in Samois sur Seine, the French village with which Harbury is twinned.

Sally Stringer has just received from France provisional details of those who will be coming to visit us in June, and is working on an itinerary for their visit which is not as easy as it may appear, with some coming with the group, some by car, others going back on a different day to the rest. However you will all be circulated with the full details when they are finalised.

Hot Jazz and Hot Supper in support of the Village Hall Restoration, Saturday 5th March Village Hall, 7.30pm until late. £15.00 including supper. Tickets from: Tony Thomas 612689, Sally Stringer 613214 or Colin Humphreys 612315.



Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

Another month on, and we are now just about ready to start our shenanigans again. We have selected 2 short comedies this time, both set at the turn of the last century.

The first – “Breakfast for One” by David Foxton is set in Paris, 1895. Marcel arrives at the Signac home hoping to see his beloved Marie-Céleste, a dancer. Instead he encounters the maid, Honorine, while Yvette, the lady of the house, mistakes Marcel for Claude, a marauding vagrant. A raucous, swiftly-moving comedy of mistaken identities,

shotguns and confusion with an unexpectedly happy ending for all concerned.

The second – “Nellie’s Nightlights” by Harry Austin is set a few years later in 1902. A Victorian/Edwardian comedy melodrama, Nellie Larkin becomes the “face that flickers in a thousand bedrooms”, thanks to her invention. But she has her work cut out controlling her father’s “funny turns”; an employer who doesn’t seem to know how to keep his hands to himself, and the unscrupulous landlord lurking in the background.

Rehearsals started at the end of January, but as I write, there are still parts available and plenty of help required to get these productions going. So if anyone is interested in taking part, either on or off the stage, please give me a call on 01926 613120. Or, just pop along to one of our monthly meetings at the Shakespeare – usually on the last Monday of any month at 8pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

The plays themselves will be staged on 14th, 15th and 16th April, and we’re hoping to include a supper during the Saturday performance. We hope to see many of you there. More details re ticket sales next month.



Folk Club

Steve & Maureen Darby

The official theme for the evening was “Songs for Friends”, however, Steve reminded us that, as it was Twelfth Night, it was still Christmas and explained the theme as being “for Friends, with Friends, Absent Friends or anything to do with Friendship”. He thanked the audience for their friendship and fellowship over the Christmas and New Year period – this seemed to set a very friendly and warming atmosphere for what turned into a wonderful evening’s entertainment.

Maureen and Janny started proceedings with “Two Little Boys”, a song made famous by the everlasting Rolf Harris and at the end of the tune Maureen made her debut on the Kazoo. Rik followed with a song based upon an A E Houseman poem about one friend speaking to another who was from beyond the grave and then sang a Bill Caddick number “You see, we were always here”. Next came Pete and Liz – Pete had nearly lost his voice but managed to tell us a joke from his new joke book (could this become a tradition) and they entertained us with a music hall number followed by “Just watch the Ivy on the old garden wall”.

Peter McDonald played two self-penned tunes, which he had written for friends. The first was in celebration of Doug Freeman’s 50th birthday called “1,2,3, Fudge” and the second was for the Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral entitled “Minuet for a MellowDean” (get it - MellowDean / Melodeon). These tunes were followed by the Carole King song

"You've Got a Friend" which transported many of us back to our teen years. We then had a surprise debut from Will who had cycled from Leamington on a bitterly cold night, borrowed Pete Bones' guitar then sang and played a wonderful Flaming Lips number followed by a Nora Jones tune. The first half closed with a set from Band of Friends with late arrival Celia sprinting into the room to join them with her melodeon and they proceeded to play "Rosie's Rant" and "Marche Nuptiale".

The second half commenced with Maureen and Janny making us all smile and laugh with Les Barker's version of Abba's "Dancing Queen" – just substitute Dancing Queen with Morris Team and you can imagine the rest. Pete Mason was next up and played and sang a delightful "Slip Jigs and Reels" followed by Stan Rogers "Pharisee". Will was invited back to sing again and he performed a self penned number called "Mornings" which reminded him of a time of day he and a friend always enjoyed. He then played Jackson C. Frank's "To Sing is a State of Mind". Sue and Ted sang "Our King" and Ted played tunes written for his visiting friends David and Judy, "Noble's Nautical Knots" and "Jettison Judy's Jolly Jaunt". Des beautifully sang "Will You Walk with me" and then gave a rousing chorus of "John Kanaka-naka". The second half closed with the Folk Club Choir performing the songs, which they had sung at the Church Christmas Eve family service, "Hark, Hark, What News" and "Rolling Downwards".

Sue and Ian opened the third half with "Winter Draws on" – with "Draws" referring to some form of underwear. They followed this with the reassuring and comfortable number "There's no Place like Home". Keith reminded us that friends help you move house but real friends help you move bodies. In memory of Gerry Rafferty he sang "Mary Skeffington" and then in keeping with the theme, "Friends like you". Double Up had reformed for the evening to make a welcome return and sang "Hard Times" and very fittingly "Friends Like These". The evening drew to a close with Maureen leading the audience with "Auld Lang Syne". It had been a great evening of bonhomie full of warmth and friendship!

The raffle made a superb £65 for the "Friends of Chernobyl's Children", <http://www.focc.org.uk/>, which will be doubled by the generosity of Bibby Group PLC to £130.



Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mike Steele

9th January 2011: Away to Old Silhillians

U13s: Old Silhillians 63 v Harbury 5: This was always going to be a tough match and unfortunately Old Sils played as well as feared.

However the game started very brightly for Harbury, dominating the ruck and maul with several strong runs from Harry Turnock-Rogers which culminated in a fine try, after he picked the ball up from the base of the ruck and crossed the whitewash to start the scoring and his first of, hopefully, many tries for Harbury. This was probably just what Old Sils needed to wake them up and Harbury struggled to keep up with their pace for the rest of the game. The whole Harbury squad continued to battle till the very end, never letting their heads drop and making it as hard for the opposition as possible. Special mention should go to James Darlison who gave both sides a demonstration in how to tackle.

16th January 2011: At home to Shipston

U7s

The U7s are continuously improving and this was evident against Shipston this Sunday with multiple games and combinations within the squad playing for the whole fixture. Improvements in tagging were evident making the opposition work for almost every try. Every player is developing their skills and improving week on week while having lots of fun along the way.

U8s

Harbury competed well against a good Shipston team winning 8v6, drawing 6v6 and losing 10v9 in the three match series. Harbury demonstrated excellent offensive continuity with the majority of the tries involving many of the players. Tries were scored by Max Dale, Millie Thompson, Ryan Alexander, Seb Priest, Thomas Betts, Thomas Lawley and William Lawley.

Away to Shipston

U13s: Shipston 14 v Harbury 12

Under heavy conditions Harbury fought hard throughout the game, just missing out on a draw by the narrowest of margins.

Harbury went down by a try and conversion early in the game, but came back strongly to equalise with a try from Neil Taylor, which was converted by George McGowan (no mean feat considering the wind conditions).

The second half saw Shipston score after prolonged pressure, but Harbury never gave up and a second try eventually came from Harry Turnock-Rogers who had led the forwards from the front throughout the game. Special mention to Jo Hughes with some excellent tackling and Ben Steele who showed a marked improvement with two strong runs and ended the game muddy!



Harbury U13s proudly wearing their number 1 shirts and ties, sponsored by DRS Commercial Insurance and Elliam Corporate Property Services.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer



After a virtual “white out” in December, activities resumed at the Club on January 2nd with the most popular Muffler Tournament for a number of years. Tournament organiser Peter Walshe made

sure nobody had too much time between their round robin matches but also ensured there were opportunities to sample the excellent punch on offer! The winners were Keith Thompson and Sue Panton who beat Celia Stockdale and Colin Mercer in the final.

The enforced rest seemed to have helped refresh the league teams, particularly the men's doubles. In the only match played in December, Steve Stark, Geoff Prince, Marcus Sharpe and Richard Everett travelled to Stratford and came away with a very creditable 2-2 draw. In the next match at home against Littleton, Jon Guy replaced Richard and the team

recorded its second win by 4-0. This was followed with a trip to Snitterfield where Steve and Geoff were joined by Colin Mercer and new member Daniel Morley making his debut in a hard fought match with 3 of the 4 rubbers needing a deciding third set. Steve and Geoff were on top form winning both their rubbers to secure a 2-2 draw which was good enough to move Harbury off the bottom of the league.

Steve also turned out in the Banbury league and helped the Club complete the double over near rivals Priors Marston Sports with a 5-3 away win. He was ably assisted by Caroline Morland and Sue and Colin Mercer. The floodlit team has yet to resume its programme and has a congested February and March in prospect!

Our Juniors have also started 2011 with excellent performances in a Warwickshire LTA Mini Red Tournament on 23 January with Harbury's trio of Millie Thompson, Rees Moor, and Edward Lockley winning all the matches they played. Well done!



Harbury Junior Netball Club

Beccy, Paula & Donna



It has been a while since we updated you on how our junior teams are doing. Last season was a great success, with our two under 13 teams finishing 4th and 6th in the Coventry League, a super outcome in a very competitive league. Both teams improved greatly throughout the season and showed great commitment at all times. Our under 16's had an extremely tough season

with some very close matches. However, we are very pleased to report that they ended the season as the Coventry under 16 Champions winning all of their matches. Well done girls; this really is a great achievement.

This season has started on a very positive note. It is brilliant to see so many talented and enthusiastic netballers in our local community.

At the beginning of September our under 14 team entered the Stockton Junior Netball tournament. This was a great pre-season warm up made even sweeter as the girls brought the trophy home with them. Well done to you all.

Training has been going very well. Whatever the weather the girls are there ready to improve their skills, play a bit of netball and catch up on each other's news!! Proving that sport can not only be good for your fitness but also very good for your social life!!

Our season could not have started better for both the under 14s and under 13s.

Harbury U13 v Highway U13 18-9 won

Harbury U13 v Ambleside U13 13-19 lost

Harbury U14 v Highway U14 25-15 won

Harbury U14 v Bulkington U14 43-5 won

We think you will agree that is a cracking start?

On to our newbies. We are very pleased to say that we have 2 under 12 teams this season! And what a lot of new talent there is locally. These Year 7 girls have huge amounts of energy both physically and vocally! They are proving great fun to coach and have had a super start to their seasons.

Harbury U12 red v LMR U12 14-6 won

Harbury U12 green v Ambleside U12 7-18 lost

Harbury U12 red v Ambleside U12 9-14 lost

Harbury U12 green v Leamington U12 11-20 lost

Harbury U12 green v LMR U12 18-6 won

We have been very impressed with the amount of improvement they have all made in such a short time. Keep up the good work girls. Also thank you to all the parents of our players for their support. It's just brilliant to see so many players and supporters involved with our club.





Harbury Toddler Group

Jemima Balcam

The new year has got off to a good start at the Harbury Toddler Group, with a visit from the Southam Children's Centre who ran a craft session on our first Monday back. The children all really enjoyed making paintings with cauliflower prints, and had even more fun using the rollers which had been brought along for putting the paint on the cauliflower! Ruth from the Children's Centre will be visiting us regularly this year to run craft activities, the next 2 dates being 7th February and 7th March.

We are also part of a group borrowing different toys from the Children's Centre. At the moment we have a good "threading activity" and various other toys will be lent to us as the year goes on.

We've had yet more new mums and grans joining us, which is wonderful, but it's a good thing that the weather is getting a bit better and we're starting to make use of the outdoor space again. We are now able to get the slides, see saw and ride-ons out and the kids love being back outside again. We also have more newborns joining us, as we cater for all ages and that's a great time for the new mums to get to know other mums in the village and surrounding area.

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. Everybody is welcome!



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

The New Term - Firstly we would like to wish a warm welcome to Lacey who joined us at Pre-School at the beginning of the term and has settled in very confidently with her new friends.

Winter Wonderland - The Christmas holiday came with all the snow that we could wish for and, although this had disappeared by the beginning of the new term, the children came back to Pre-School to find that the book area had become their own "Winter Wonderland". They soon set to work to make cold weather collages and paintings, using different items and paint in shades of blue and white, which was applied using rollers and sponges as well as brushes.



We talked about the weather conditions, investigating ice, snow, rain, puddles and wind, and discussed the sort of clothing that we might need to keep ourselves warm. The children spent time outside in their winter woollies, dodging the showers and running about to keep warm, and we sang winter songs and read stories about cold climates and wintry weather.

Role Play Winter Photographic Studio – Continuing the winter theme, a photographic studio was set up in the role play area, with lots of warm clothing and footwear for the children to try on and pose in for their photos to be taken by their friends. Price lists for the use of the outfits and the photography session were



drawn up at the graphics table and IT skills were



put to the test with the use of the till and the telephone, as well as when the children used the digital camera. This photo of Margaux was taken by one of her friends. **Music** – We were delighted to welcome Angela and David Thompson who very kindly brought in their flute

and double bass for the children to see, listen to and try out themselves. After explaining how the sound was made by the double bass, David encouraged the children to put their hand on the instrument as he played it to feel the vibrations, which could also be felt through the floor, and they each plucked a string to see what sound they could make on it. Finally, David accompanied the children as they sang along to very deep versions of “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” and “Baa Baa Black Sheep”.



After the visit, the children looked at pictures of different musical instruments, and demonstrated their knowledge - Charlie: “If you have a harp (bow) and you put it over the strings, it tunes a song”. Matthew: “You blow a trumpet”. Izzy: “You shake the maracas to make a noise”. William: “You beat a drum with the drum sticks”.



Sound Factory – By now, the children were inspired to make their own musical instruments and were supplied with a wide variety of pots, boxes, and other small containers, into which they put beads, rice, beans, pasta, corks or paper clips, before carefully sealing them and using them at circle time to create different sounds. Sam even decided to make a mini double bass using a small box and elastic bands for the strings!

For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail bud.jackson@btinternet.com or phone 07939 122087. The web site can be found at 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 and take children from the age of 2 years. If you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our web site at www.windmillsnursery.co.uk or call Katharine on 613084 or Tina and Sally on 07906 519148. We are now taking bookings for morning sessions from September 2011; for afternoon sessions there are spaces available now.

In January we welcomed two new children Daniel and Charlie to Windmills Nursery. Sadly we had to say goodbye to one of our managers Marie Kennedy who has been with us for many years though she remains one of our directors; we wish her every success and she will be sorely missed by staff, parents and children. From the start of this term we also welcomed back Sally Lines to the Windmills team who is re-joining as one of our nursery managers replacing Marie; she has already settled in very quickly and will be a real asset to the nursery. Finally thank you to Evelyn's granddad who cleaned our outdoor area.

Half Term Theme - Shapes and Winter

Our activities have included:

- Producing a collage of winter pictures and using different colours representing the cold.



Investigating materials by playing with ice cubes in a water tray and finding out about arctic animals such as polar bears and penguins:

- "It feels cold" said Joseph;
 - "It's ice and you will slip on it" said Charlie;
 - "An igloo is a house" said Freya;
 - "It's made of ice" said Joseph;
 - "And it's cold" said Evie.
- Learning about different shapes and designing pictures using them:
 - "It is a castle. It has lots of windows and roofs" said Niamhaina;
 - "It's a bird with a beak. It's a robin" said Evie;
 - Evelyn recognised a circle "it has no sides".
 - Showing awareness of shapes in the environment by finding shapes in the playground.
 - Having fun and playing circle games.
 - Visiting the Toddler Service where we listened to the story of Moses and built a basket and baby Moses from modelling clay.



Forest School



This term we are holding forest school once a week on a Friday. Children aged 3+ attend outside classrooms with Amanda our Forest Leader in the small

woodland beside nursery. This month children have made secret skeletons and done weaving with sticks and produced underworld reflections as well as exploring the woodland and other supervised free play. The younger children do activities indoors then join the older children for an outside snack.

Staff Training

During January Tina and Sally both went on refresher courses in child protection.

Dates for your diaries

Chinese New Year day during Nursery on Wednesday 2nd February celebrating the Year of the Rabbit.

Parent's Evening on Wednesday 16th February 7.30-9.00pm in Nursery.

Windmills Nursery will close for half term at 12.05pm on Friday, 18th February and re-open at 9.05am on Monday 28th February, 2011.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

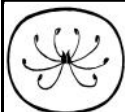
The Hall was festooned with lights, kindly donated by the Crown Inn; the tables were suitably decked out in black and white to complement the theme for the night's revelries and the festive decorations added to the welcome for the New Year's revellers. From the moment, they arrived and discovered the party horns, which were Harbury's answer to the South African vuvuzelas, it was obvious that everyone was determined to enjoy the evening, as the party was already in full swing before the **Likely Lads** had played a note! However, once the LADS twanged up their guitars and pounded the drums, everyone was ready for 'the off' – not least the party of Ballroom Dancers who were later invited to demonstrate a celebration tango! According to village discussions, it was a great night and several villagers who attended this time, have already booked their tickets for next year's event!

As always, the event is organised by the Village Hall committee who continually seek to raise funds; with the raffle alone raising over £250, which together with profits from the bar and ticket sales helped to 'swell the coffers' for the general maintenance of the property. Unfortunately in the meantime, the vandals who inflicted the damage pictured in last month's magazine, chose this month to write unacceptable graffiti about their involvement with the police on the back wall, so efforts have had to be made to remove the offending statements. Some you win; some you lose??

The Treasurer for the fund-raising group, which seeks to raise money for the various improvements to the Hall, has reported that, to date, the 'BUY a BRICK' initiative has raised a total of £32,525 - £26,500 from donations and £7,025 as a tax refund from the gift aid agreed by many of the donors. The separate fund-raising group, headed by John Hancock, is continually looking to raise the large sums which will be needed for the next phase of improvements, which will include improved changing rooms and storage areas. This month will see work on the sloping roof at the back of the Hall, which as previously reported, needs considerable structural repair, as well as improved insulation. The builder will need to erect a tower inside the Hall whilst the internal repair is carried out, but this will be removed to accommodate any hirers, who have already booked a session for their activity – badminton, choir or dance groups etc.

As this work is completed, the Management Committee, will be considering the installation of photo-voltaic panels on the rear roof, as they have studied information from solar panel suppliers. The FIT (Feed in Tariff) to the National Grid over 25 years (which represents the excess electricity generation over the electricity needed to supply the Hall), will be a potential money saver, as energy consumption constitutes the main part of the annual running costs. To this end, there will be a talk by **ECO2SOLAR** in the Village Hall on **February 22nd at 7.30pm** for anyone who wishes to find out about the proposals, but just as important, how the utilisation of solar energy might benefit their own property over the coming years. There are an increasing number of households in the village which have installed PV's, as they are known, and recent press releases indicate that the initial outlay will more than result in a payback on capital expense, compared with money invested in a bank or building society.

At the meeting, there will be displays showing the type of PV's which will be considered for the Village Hall and it is hoped that all those interested in sustainable options for future energy use will come and listen to the details provided by Ryan Mee from **ECO2SOLAR**. There will be a chance for questions regarding the Village Hall considerations, as well as on an individual basis.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Another great evening was enjoyed by almost 50 members on 11th January. Our speaker was local hero Bob Sherman who spoke to us about the work of Garden Organic. From acquiring old stables called Ryton Court in 1984, we were then shown how things have expanded since then and to the present day when the Organisation has such a high profile in the Organic and Green movement.

Originally called The Henry Doubleday Research Association it was formed by Lawrence D Hills in 1954 and has come a very long way since those early days. Today the Organisation, which is a charity, aims to continue research, innovate and educate and inspire us all to grow organically. Bob joined in 1986 and is very much involved promoting the benefits to schools. There are currently 3060 schools signed up to follow the Food for Life programme. A master gardener is educated who in turn passes off his knowledge to another and so on. There are currently 30 such gardeners under tuition in Warwickshire. Even Jamie Oliver got involved; you will remember his passion to get children to eat proper school meals.

Composting is also very much to the fore; I know not everyone's favourite topic but I find it so magical that you plant seeds, enjoy the crop, then put remains in the compost bin and when this has rotted down, add it to your soil and the whole cycle starts again. We can all do this by adding vegetable peelings, grass clippings and even shredded paper to our compost bins thus reducing the amount that goes to landfill sites. Compost bins can be obtained quite cheaply via the Local Council and you get a caddy for your compost too.

Another item on the agenda is called One Pot Pledge, an attempt to get everyone to grow at least one vegetable in a pot on the patio; this was seen at The Chelsea Flower Show in 2010.

There is a great garden at Audley End which we saw; this is part of Garden Organic. A wonderful walled garden with a very grand house for the head gardener. It dates from the 1750's and has 100 plus different apples - some sight when in blossom. As with other charitable organisations, volunteers play a vital part, last year saw over 11,000 volunteer hours.

The Organisation now has a new commercial partner, Webbs of Wychbold. (I can remember when this was a very small family concern, I went to Redditch High School with one of the daughters. It is a huge concern today.) This seems to be working well and last year saw a 19% increase in seed sales. Webbs also handle distribution and let's hope it continues to promote awareness of the Organic movement.

The Heritage Seed Library offers wonderful opportunities to sow seeds that have almost become lost. We can again all do our bit by trying new varieties of vegetables, saving the seeds and in turn passing these on to fellow enthusiasts. Some allotments hold seed Sundays - what a good idea. The gardens at Ryton are a wonderful showpiece for the Organisation, a chance to educate us and give us ideas for our own modest plots. The restaurant there features vegetables from the gardens and I can recommend it.

There will be a conference at Ryton on 14th May when again, the emphasis will be on promoting innovation, the benefits of organic gardening, peat usage, and many more topics. New at Ryton this year will be many interesting talks about such things as beekeeping. The Rose Gardens promise to be stunning as will be the biodynamic garden. So there will be something for everyone to experience and enjoy. Don't forget that I have two tickets, so beat a path to my door. Our thanks to Bob for coming along and giving us such an informative and, at times, amusing talk. There was a lively question and answer session afterwards.

Isn't it great to see catkins on the trees, daffodil bulbs coming up and aconites and snowdrops in flower, take heart Spring is not too far away now. There will be snowdrop days at Dial Park in Chaddesley Corbett (near Bromsgrove) on 20th February from 12.00 - 4.00pm and 23rd February from 11.00am - 4.00pm. These are fabulous gardens with other bulbs too, near to the home of Judy Berrow who gave us a talk last year. A little further away at Welford Park, Newbury (think Downton Abbey!) there will be another great snowdrop display during February, Wednesday to Sundays from 11.00am - 4.00pm - for more information go to www.welfordpark.co.uk.

Ragley Hall will be opening for weekends from 19th February and has recently undergone a massive programme of bulb planting so that promises to be another great experience. If you drive past the church at Chadshunt on the way to Kineton, the churchyard there is a fantastic sight in February, a carpet of white.

At the March talk on the 1st we will be welcoming a new speaker, another one included in the RHS list, Roger Umpelby (what a fabulous surname) and he will be talking about Friends and Foes in the Garden, another great talk to look forward to.

I will shortly be finalising day trips in June and July and will give you more information shortly. Not giving too much away but I know you will enjoy the Hampshire ones!!!! Something else to look forward to.

Enjoy the snowdrops, planning your vegetables etc for the spring and continue to enjoy Carol Klein's gardening programme on Friday evenings.

Hope to see everyone in February and March at the meetings.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season.

It's almost certainly going to be harder to get motivated enough to get your winter togs on and go outside and begin to make some sense of the

mess in the garden. You will be among a whole host of other gardeners who have to grit their teeth and remove dead plants. Try to think of it as an opportunity - to grow something new and different this year.

I have already started to dig up things which have succumbed to the winter including a fairly large *Cistus* just by the gate. I knew it would aggravate me each day as I locked and unlocked the gate so instead of giving it the benefit of the doubt, it has gone. Was it really dead? Maybe, maybe not but I wasn't prepared to wait for a long recovery. On the plus side I've felt quite invigorated just being outside in the fresh air; all those weeks and days indoors seemed to have a soporific effect on me.

Here are some reminders of things to do at this time of year:

- Cut back late flowering clematis (not the spring-flowering ones or you will have no flowers)
- Prune back willows and dogwoods which are grown for the coloured stems
- Cut back ornamental grasses and any perennials which you left for winter structure
- Sow sweet peas
- Chit seed potatoes in a light but frost free place
- Force rhubarb by covering with a bucket
- Plant bare-root trees and shrubs
- Put up nesting boxes

I could go on and on, who said winter was a quiet time???

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

After the snow in December, the month of January has been marked by periods of heavy frost and interludes of warmer conditions. Often, as the weather warmed up (13°C on 11th) we had fog to contend with. Now, (23rd January), daylight hours do seem that bit longer and some early flowers are blooming. The snowdrops in a pot outside Bill Griffin's house in Mill Street were out on the 17th January and I'd seen some in flower in Hall Lane on the 6th.

Bill told me that, perversely, the snowdrops in his back garden, which is on the north side, were a week earlier than those facing south.

We had a lot of rain in the middle of the month and the Leam was close to bursting its banks at Hunningham when Sharon and I visited the 'Red Lion' for lunch on January 14th. We decided to get onto the chalk for a less muddy walk on the 16th and headed for the Chilterns. We parked at Stonor alongside the deer park (GR 736889 OS Map 3. 1:25,000 Chiltern Hills South.) We went up through the short grass of the park on a delightful path with bits of flint lying here or there and chalk showing through where the ground had been eroded. The herd of fallow deer, roused by our presence, proceeded to cross our route and make for higher ground. Soon we entered the beech forest and, on a broad ridge, crossed from Oxfordshire into Buckinghamshire. Here, the vegetation was of acid loving plants: bracken, gorse and heather. It meant that the chalk was overlain by a cap of sandy soil, a remnant of the last Ice Age. Eventually we dropped down out of Combe Wood to the hamlet of Skirmett and reached the 'Frog Inn', which is thoroughly to be recommended, especially for its roaring log fire. A winter picnic does not take long but ours proved to be rather special. We disturbed an insect in the leaf litter that I had never seen before. It was obviously a ladybird but brown in colour with pale spots. In size it was much like the common sort being about 5mms in length. In Southam Library, I identified it as the Cream Spot Ladybird (*Calvia 14-guttata*). Yes - it's got 14 spots. We had disturbed its winter hibernation, so we covered it over with dead leaves and crept away.

Waxwings (*Bombus garrulus*) have been seen in the village. Martin and Amanda Randall saw one eating crab apples on the green near their home in Manor Orchard. These birds which are about the size of a starling have a distinctive head crest and red waxy tips to the inner flight feathers. They are a winter visitor from Northern Europe. Most winters, just a handful arrive, but in harsh times and when the Rowan berry crop fails in Europe, an invasion occurs. Has anyone else seen them this winter? Several readers have seen Redpolls, Northern European finches with distinctive red crowns.

At the U3A Natural History Group, I met a lady from Cubbington who told me about their famous tree. It has turned out to be the largest wild pear tree in the land and may even stop HS2 (the projected high speed train) in its tracks. She told me that I would find it in Cubbington Wood so on the 17th January I went to look. The wood is in two halves divided by the Leamington to Rugby road. I wandered about and found the pale green shoots of bluebells pushing through the leaf litter. I found a Crab Apple and lots of oaks but no pear tree. On closer questioning, it turned out the tree is in a hedgerow tapering away from the southern tip of the wood.

That is where I found it today. It's not difficult to spot even in winter. The crown is rounded, a confused mass of small branches. I met plenty of locals on the way. Follow the footpath leading off Mill Lane and you will find the tree. [map ref. 353682. Sheet 221. 1:25,000]. One man said he could remember bringing his baby daughter to see it in her pram and returned with a large quantity of fruit, boiling it down to make jelly. The trunk is some 12 feet in diameter though it soon divides into three limbs. Google 'Pear tree Cubbington' to see a picture and further discussion. Better still: make a visit in April/May to see the blossom.

Pannage sounds an interesting word. It's practiced in the New Forest and once would have been followed throughout the land. Cattle and horses are poisoned by acorns, but pigs happily ingest them. (Remember Piglet in Winnie the Pooh). The mediaeval practice was to allow pigs into the woods after the acorns had fallen. An article in my paper told me that over 30 ponies and cattle had died in the New Forest in the past 3 months because of their fatal addiction to acorns. It has taken some organising but now sufficient pigs have been released to cleanse the land. Pannage is an Old English word and was derived in the 13th century from the Old French word pasnage.

Country paths now are bordered by the vivid green of cow parsley. It is a member of the carrot family (Apiaceae /Umbelliferae). It is related to plants such as Marsh Pennywort (this has almost circular fleshy leaves) and Sea-Holly (with typical thick, spiny leaves). By May, most of our country roads are edged by the frothy white flowers of cow parsley held aloft on their typical hollow stems. Young leaves are a useful addition to a salad but beware as Hemlock, a relative, is highly poisonous. (It has purple spotted stems and a rank mousy smell). It is perhaps better to stick to dandelion leaves.

Now alder and hazel catkins are shedding pollen. Enjoy the lengthening days as nature unfolds before our eyes.



General Section

Calling All Warwickshire Open Gardeners

Two keen gardeners have hit upon a novel solution for publicising charity Open Gardens events - a website dedicated to town and village Open Gardens.

Run by volunteers, free from complex advertising, simple to use and with a clever search facility, the site allows people to find out about

Open Gardens events in your local area or indeed at the other end of the country.

The website supports the smaller event organisers, those volunteers who bring together gardeners and gardens, plant enthusiasts and hobbyists, Hosta lovers and Pelargonium fanciers - the melting pot of Middle England that is Open Gardens.

For the humble town or village Open Gardens organiser, the site offers a real opportunity to get much needed publicity.

Contributing information is also very simple - fill in your event details, press a button and your event is there for all to see.

For people who enjoy visiting gardens open for charity, the site gives full details of events happening in your area.

Go to **www.opengardens.co.uk** for more information.

Rachel Slater
Open Gardens National Directory



Upton House & Gardens - A Servant's Life for Me!

National Trust

This winter we're exploring what it was like to be a servant at Upton House and Gardens in the 1930s when Upton was the weekend country home of Lord and Lady Bearsted. Lord Bearsted was the Chairman of Shell from 1927-1943 and was the son of the founder of that company. He and his wife hosted house parties at Upton for their wealthy friends. "A Servant's Life for Me!" offers a fascinating insight into 1930s country house life.

Upton House was very much part of the local community and was a large employer in the area – as well as the house and gardens, the Upton estate also consisted of stables and a farm. The House Staff included: a butler; Lord Bearsted's valets; Lady Bearsted's maids; housemaids; and cooks. The Outdoor Staff consisted of: chauffeurs who chauffeured Lord Bearsted's Rolls-Royce Phantom III, farm managers, grooms, and a blacksmith. Many gardeners were also employed.

We've interviewed people who used to live and work at Upton in the 1930s. Their stories and photographs are displayed in our new Servants Exhibition which lets you into a few secrets about what went on behind the scenes!

Although the main house is currently closed for winter conservation work, the newly restored service areas of the house are open. The servants' rooms in the basement opened for the first time in November 2010.

You can experience life below stairs as you explore rooms such as the Laundry, Estate Office and the bedrooms of the male servants.

The attics are open for guided tours and they too opened for the first time in November 2010. The maids' bedrooms were here at the top of the house, located as far away as possible from the male servants in the basement. The Tour Guides will tell you some intriguing stories. Did you know, for example, that Upton House has approximately 130 windows? Each one had to be cleaned inside and outside by the maids – what a laborious job!

You can find more about “A Servant’s Life for Me!” on our new website “Local voices” which is available at: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse.

Anna Lawrence
Volunteer Marketing Assistant
Upton House and Gardens

Rotary Club of Southam – Tree of Light 2004 – 2010

The Rotary Club of Southam would like to thank this publication and all its readers for the excellent support received in our sixth year of the Tree of Light in Southam. This year raised £1859 for the Acorns Children’s Hospice. Over the last six years we have donated over £9500 to Acorns from the Tree of Light.

Southam Library staff have been extremely helpful to our cause by displaying the Book of Remembrance and receiving donations.

Acorns Hospice receives no subsidy from government funds and, at present, is sorely in need of money, so the help provided by all our supporters will give them encouragement and help in their vital work.

A final word of thanks to all who helped to distribute our leaflet and collect donations including Southam Carpets and Jacqueline’s Florists and to those who reproduced it in their parish magazines and of course our many donors.

A special thanks to DSI Southam who have supported us for six years with free printing and Southam Christmas Lights Committee for their assistance with the Tree of Light.

We look forward to your help and support in 2011 and hope to meet our annual target of £1500 once again.

Rotarians Peter Jackson and Mike Gaffney
The Rotary Club of Southam

Harbury Village Club

As Hungry Harbury, the village guide book records, the Village Club began its life as a Coffee House in the 1880s and parts of the present building date back to 1882. In 1919 the Club Trustees and Committee purchased the Club and its outbuildings from the then owners of Harbury Hall for £600. The Club as it is now, results from extensive modernisation which was undertaken in 1975, assisted by a loan from Ansells' brewery.

Today, the Club thrives, providing a wide range of facilities and pub sports to villagers. The facilities include a lounge bar and function room which can hold up to 130 and is available for hire. There is a snooker room with two full sized tables together with a television/meeting room which is available for clubs and organisations to hold meetings in - the only requirement being that at least one person in the meeting has to be a full member of the Club.



The Club is managed by a committee of 8 along with the Secretary and Treasurer. There are 4 bar staff, Anita, Pam, Bob and Darren who is also responsible for ordering stock; each has worked in the club for more than 5 years. Currently there are around 370 members of which the longest has been a continual member for over 60 years! Membership is £10 per annum, however pensioners who have had 5 years full membership pay a reduced rate of £2.50. Families are very much welcome in the Club and there is also a pool table available for youngsters to use.



There are several sports teams which all participate in local leagues – Darts and Crib, two Domino and two Snooker teams. A poker group also meets regularly. The Crib team has some 'younger' members so the game is not solely for more senior members.

The Club is also the venue for regular events, Slimming World meetings, a Thursday evening Bridge Club and Friday night Bingo. The function room (with its own private bar) is hired for a wide variety of uses which often include wedding



receptions, birthday and christening parties, as well as many charitable events. Hirers can arrange their own outside catering if required. The Club welcomes bookings for societies' meetings and is always open to ideas for new events.

The bar is well stocked with beers, wines and spirits. The three beers are

John Smiths draft - £2.40 a pint and Theakson's Mild - £2.20 brewed in Masham, Yorkshire which is very popular. Hook Norton's Hookey Bitter is the third beer selling at £2.30 per pint.

The Club opening times are:

Monday to Saturday - 6.30pm to Midnight

Sunday - 7.00pm to midnight

Saturday and Sunday - 12noon to 3.00pm

The Club is always looking for new committee members and urgently needs a new Chairman. These are vital roles for the success of the Club, so please contact the Secretary for more information. Tel: 614766.

Harbury Village Club is a hidden gem and very much a village asset which is worthy of our support.

John Holden

Southam Lions

Southam Lions have two events during February. There will be a Barn Dance on Friday 11th February, 7.30pm at Southam College, £9.00 per head to include ploughman's supper and bar. For further details contact peter.guy@princes-trust.org.uk. Southam Ladies Lions are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 25th February, 7.30pm at the Graham Adam's Centre, £10 for a team of four. For entry forms please contact Del Williams on 811443.

Peter Guy

Can you lead a Team to Olympic Gold?

How would you like to experience the thrill of standing on a podium in

front of hundreds of cheering people as a gold medal is draped round your neck, your team's flag is hoisted up the flag pole and your anthem is played over the PA system?

If London 2012 is out of reach for you, how about going for Harbury 2011? Your Olympic dreams could come true if you are in one of the ten teams of 6 men, 6 women and 6 children that will be competing in the Heart of Harbury Games on 18th June at the recreation ground. There will be events to suit everyone from welly wanging to 100m relays.

We now need ten people to act as team captains, taking the lead in building their teams. We will be approaching various people and organisations that we think might take on this role but if you would like to be one of those ten please let us know. In brief you would need to recruit your 18 people (6 in each category) and submit your entry form with a CD containing your chosen anthem and your flag design by 1st May, make sure your team members are trained for their events and act as their leader and representative on the day.

We are also looking for people to volunteer as officials (starters, judges etc) and for people or businesses that would like to sponsor an event (which would bear their name).

If you would like to be a team captain, an official or an event sponsor or you would like more information please contact a member of the steering group: Andrew Lawrence, John and Sharon Hancock, Peter Walshe, Trevor Montague, Jenny Patrick, Janet Thornley, Lyn Hayes, Andy Rutherford, Andrew Hunt and Terry Hunt.

Andrew Lawrence (Steering Group Chairman)

A Journey to the Holy Land

Lights in the Shadows

On our recent journey through the Holy Land, Tom and I visited a few Biblelands projects. They each offer unique and loving care, usually in desperate situations. What overpowered me were the love, grit and determination to carry on in the face of escalating difficulties. Christian and Muslim Palestinians are working together to provide light in the shadow places of the Holy Land.

Walk with me down a dusty Bethlehem suburban road and through the gate of a school. You can see groups of children happily picking olives from the half dozen trees in their playground. These are sold to augment school funds. Wander into clean, bright classrooms with no more than 10 children seated round a table, or working in home corners, or playing

learning games, or responding to enthusiastic teachers. All the resources and displays are homemade, positive, bright and encouraging. The children seem happy and eager to communicate – ‘So’, you say, ‘that all seems fairly normal.

Wait -- Laurette, the Principal, tells you the heartbreaking stories behind this normality.

Most of the children in the school are traumatised because of the bombings and violence; they arrive cowed and upset and have been through terrible experiences. This is one story about one little boy.

In the middle of one night his family was woken by Israeli soldiers; they were looking for his 18 - year old brother, who wasn't there. The family was thrown out into the street while the soldiers searched their home. It was winter; cold and wet. They were only wearing their night-clothes, not even allowed to take a blanket. The boy told Laurette, ‘Even my mother couldn't warm me, she was shaking so much. We just had to sit on the wet pavement, we were so tired.’ When they were allowed back in, the soldiers had tipped all their flour, sugar, lentils etc. into a heap on the floor and shot holes in all the kitchen and bedroom cupboards*imagine*....

There are 70 in the school, aged 6-16, and each has their own story. They are healed and helped by the sheer love and dedication of Laurette and her staff.

Sira School was founded by the Swedish International Relief Association in 1992 and is supported by Biblelands. It is the only school for children with learning difficulties in the West Bank. Their aim is to help the children for as long as they need and then return them to mainstream schools. Their success rate is huge and Laurette has become a vital lynch pin in helping these children, passing on her expertise to other schools in the West Bank to raise awareness.

Other Biblelands projects we visited were:

The Nazareth School of Nursing, a unique place; the only Arab Nursing School in Israel. It trains young Arab Christians and Muslims together, promoting deeper respect and understanding as well as providing vital medical care to Palestinians.

The Arab Evangelical School, Hebron: an oasis of calm in a place that often erupts into violence. It educates poor Muslim children whose fees are nearly all subsidised. A specialised unit for deaf children offers a vital service. Tensions in the city are high and basic supplies of water and electricity are often cut off for over a week at a time. They want a new school built on the outskirts of the city.

The Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany; a beautiful but heartrending place,

caring for people who are both severely physically and mentally disabled; in that culture, a category of people who would often be hidden from society. It gives 90 residents a home for life, ranging in age from 4 to 91. Often the Home does not know from where the next funding is coming and, sometimes, there is not enough money to pay the staff salaries. On the day we arrived, they were delighted to have received a container of diapers from a donor!

The Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation gives intensive treatment to children with serious physical injuries and disabilities and helps their families to cope. Remember, these people cannot access any Israeli medical facilities without permits to travel and have to struggle through humiliating checkpoints, where some have died. Very soon, the 9m high 'Wall' will be built right in front of the hospital windows, obliterating their view.

The Helen Keller Centre provides excellent education for up to 70 visually impaired children aged 3 – 13. The Centre liaises with other specialist diagnostic and rehabilitation centres in Jerusalem. The Israeli Security Wall is being built down the main road outside the Centre. This will make access from the West Bank almost impossible. The Centre is almost totally supported by Biblelands.

Lastly, Su and I slipped across the road from our hotel on the last morning in Jerusalem, into Rawdat el Zuhur primary school, to deliver some literacy Big Books donated by Wilmcote Primary School. I have never seen such excitement and joy.

It has been a most humbling experience to see such love and dedication in action in spite of enormous political, physical and psychological difficulties. I honour the work of Biblelands and would especially like to praise Su McClellan, their representative and my neighbour, who works so hard for these needy and vulnerable people.

Joan Smith

Bumps and Bundles

An opportunity for new parents or mums to be, to meet and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

Come along every Tuesday during term time, to the Tom Hauley room (behind the church) between 10.30am to 12.00.

For further information, please contact Helen (614150) or Kelly (611914).



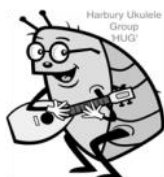
Gill Guilford

National Family Week 2009

In 2009, 139 people enjoyed a picnic at the Harbury Village Hall as part of the National Family Week's World record attempt, for the World's Largest Picnic across multiple venues. This attempt has been ratified and is included in the Guinness World Records 2011 book (page 101).

On behalf of the Mothers' Union Southam Deanery (Harbury and Southam branches) I would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who helped in organising the event, and to everyone who came along on the day and joined in the fun.

Gill Guilford



Harbury Ukulele Group (HUG)

The Harbury Ukulele Group (HUG) began at the end of last year and has got off to a strummingly good start. We meet once a month at the Shakespeare Inn and, once the beer is in hand, the strumming begins! We have around fifteen members and are enjoying learning our way around this fabulous little four stringed instrument. We are a mixed ability group so beginners are more than welcome. All you would need to do is get yourself a uke (you can get a reasonable uke for around £15) and turn up. We will get you on your way by providing a chord chart and songs. If you would like to join HUG or simply come along to one of our evenings, then give Craig a ring on 612377. It would be great to welcome you.

Father Craig

Hungry Harbury

When I moved to Harbury a year ago, I was given a booklet about the history of Harbury entitled 'Hungry Harbury'. It told of the hard working Irish workers who toiled on the railway cutting and the farmers who struggled with poor quality soil.

This stands in stark contrast with the Harbury that I have come to know and love since moving here. On the very day we moved in neighbours were popping by with homemade cakes, jams, breads, and warm welcomes. There is a plethora of clubs and interest groups in the village all of which revolve around a calendar of events bolstered by food and drink.

No-one would ever go hungry in Harbury if only they attended a few clubs!

This leads me on to introducing to you the idea of a 'Cascading Lunch'.

The idea is that a lunch is given for 5 people who all pay £10 to their host. The host can be as generous as she desires with the lunch, depending on her cooking skills and purse. £50 is raised. Now, each of those 5 guests holds their own lunch on the same basis, and when all 5 have held their lunches, they will have raised £300.

Now there are 25 new ladies to hold lunches.....you do the maths.

This is the easiest and most fun way I have ever found to raise a large sum of money. We all love food and good company, especially in Harbury.

I shall be starting a Cascading Lunch in Harbury to raise as much as possible for the Village Hall.

If you get an invite to a Cascading Lunch over the next few months, please consider it as a way to gather around a few friends and have a fun time, whilst helping your local community.

Bon appetit!

Jan Freeman

Garden Bird Watch

Many people join in the big garden bird watch run by the R.S.P.B. for just 1 hour on two weekends, one in January and one in the summer. Comparatively few people know that there is a weekly survey done by amateurs interested in recording the birds that visit their gardens. Until these garden bird surveys, run by the British Trust for Ornithology, little was known about our common birds in garden habitats. Work has been carried out on birds in their natural environment but not in domestic surroundings. Now, as the result of the work done by over 10,000 people recording week by week the birds they see in their gardens, considerable knowledge is being gained about the importance to birds of the many thousands of garden feeding stations throughout the country. This has enabled the scientists to study the local distribution of bird species throughout the country, and to try to understand the decline of birds such as the house sparrow.

The Garden Bird Watch was set up in 1995. I joined the survey 10 years ago and, by spending just a few minutes most days, I can make a weekly count of the birds that I see in my garden. Over the year I record between 33 and 46 species, from the tiny wren and goldcrest to heron and pheasant. More bird watchers are needed in Warwickshire as many areas of the county are poorly surveyed. You do not need to be an expert to take part in this work just an ability to recognise the most common

birds, such as blackbird and bluetit, and keep a record of the ones you see each week through the year. Your 'counts' can be sent to the B.T.O. on a form which they supply or through their website.

If you are interested in taking part in this vital part of the bird conservation programme, then write to – British Trust for Ornithology, The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2PU; or phone 01842 750050; or go online to www.bto.org/gbw. Initially if you want to know more, give me a ring on 612650.

Pat Smith

Harbury Energy Initiative

The Harbury Energy Initiative (HEI) is now a year old. We now have our plans in place for 2011. The school will play an important role in this. In February the children will prepare and distribute a survey of households in the village about energy use and what scope there is to make even more progress. This will be part of the lead up to a major event at the school in early autumn. Results will be analysed in the summer term and publicised at this event.

Some exciting and inventive ideas are in discussion and we hope that everyone will get involved with this to help us find solutions together for reducing our carbon 'footprint'. Based on current calculations we would need several planets as friendly to life as Earth is to sustain our current use of resources. When people talk about sustainability this is what they mean, one planet living or living within our collective means. Not only are we financially overdrawn but also ecologically in the red.

Alternative energy solutions are becoming more visible in the village and one suggestion is that we have a 'Low Carbon Energy Walkabout'. This might be either virtual or real. Do you have a super energy efficient house or low energy solutions that you would be prepared to discuss with other Harbury residents in some way? Please let us know if you can help with this idea. Contact Karen Bristow 01926 612536 or at bristowfamily@hotmail.co.uk.

In the meantime the Village Hall team, with whom we have a good link, are looking at photovoltaic cells as a part of their energy provision. You can hear about this technology and the potential for your home at a special presentation at the Village Hall on 22nd February. HEI will be there.

One of the popular immediate solutions to producing heat without coal, gas or oil (the 'fossil' fuels) is biomass. This is living material that is dried and burnt. Usually it is harvested from fast growing trees such as willow,

but it might also be from tall grasses such as *Miscanthus*. This kind of fuel is considered 'carbon neutral' because it has captured in its lifetime the same amount of carbon as it then releases, so it is considered an even equation. If the process of production is based on coppice (cutting back to a stool and allowing it to regrow) it can be sustained over a long time. In fact trees treated in this way often live much longer. Boilers using such fuel have become very efficient and are often used to heat quite large spaces, such as office blocks, small communities and schools. You might imagine that huge amounts of ash are created but actually this isn't the case. It is a good interim solution until a better technical fix is developed, such as, perhaps, hydrogen fuel cells. These can then become the power source to replace the biomass without major changes to the delivery system.

Bob Sherman

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Fuel Community Update

Harbury's 'buying group' has just taken delivery of its third supply of oil and more villagers are joining the fuel community each time. There is an approximate interval of two months between each delivery but, as each person's tank varies in size, not everyone wants to buy into the offer each time. The system is such that I include an article in the Harbury and Ladbroke News and advise the approximate time when I will make the next enquiries, so that next month's magazine will indicate that we might be looking for a delivery sometime at the end of March or beginning of April. I then wait for one or two people to ring me to say that they need a delivery in the next week or ten days and I then check 6 of the local oil suppliers to see the best price they will offer. Once I know the best price, I ring everyone in the fuel community to see if they want to take advantage of the price I have negotiated. On each occasion, I have managed to secure a price from RIX, which has been between 9p–11p cheaper than the most expensive quote. On December 8th, for example, we took a delivery of oil @ 53.50p per litre, where individual customers later said they had paid up to 70p per litre.

Again this month, the prices varied between 52p, the price secured from RIX and 61.5p from one of the largest oil suppliers in the area, which has featured in the press in recent weeks for its exorbitant charges. It is possible for any household to check the prices before ordering, but the advantage in having a 'buying group' is that the company will usually offer another 1.5p–2p reduction for the saving it gains from delivering to several houses in one locality rather than distributing to scattered properties across the countryside. This month the total amount of fuel

delivered to Harbury was 6,250 litres and I now have another oil company seeking to take advantage of the benefits to them and so the next order might be at an even more competitive price. As always, to join the group, a phone call to me is all that is needed, giving an address with postcode, telephone number and email address (if possible), so I can alert people to a possible delivery in a few day's time. Payment can be made by cheque, debit card or credit card to the company on the number shown on the delivery invoice. Telephone 612305, if you are interested in joining our fuel community.

Chris Finch

Harbury Parish Plan Review

This month the group responsible for organising the review of the Parish Plan has been refining the survey questionnaire and has also carried out a consultation with village voluntary and sporting groups aimed at finding out what their particular concerns are. Once the survey is completed it will be available online at www.harbury-pc.gov.uk but there will also be hard copies available at for those who prefer to fill in a paper copy. Watch out for the March edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News for full details on how to fill in the survey; please remember – the more residents who take the time (just a few minutes) to fill out the survey, the more representative it will be of our village.

Harbury Parish Council

Village with a Vision

We are delighted to be able to tell you that things have suddenly speeded up! There has been a great deal of discussion, visiting Extra Care Homes, trying to identify possible plots of land. In other words, it's been meetings, meetings, and more meetings with all kinds of knowledgeable people who can help us transform our vision into action. The Institute of Public Care, who are based at Oxford Brookes University, have put their expertise at our disposal and will continue to do so for some time yet. We are grateful to Warwickshire County Council for providing the funding for their work, which continues to be of tremendous help to us.

Now we are at the stage of looking for a "Partner" from W.C.C.'s approved list. The partner will be responsible for negotiating the purchase of a suitable plot of land, drawing up plans, applying for grants and putting up the building, all in consultation with us.

So! Things are now at a very exciting stage. We are most grateful for all the offers of help given to us by people in the village; all of which are carefully noted.

The time will soon come when we will need to call upon all that help, and of course the continuing support of the whole community.

Roll on the day when no villager will be forced to move away from our community to get the continuing care they need.

Tony Stubbs
612782

Blood Donors

The next session in Harbury Village Hall will be on Thursday 3rd March, 1.30–3.30pm and 4.30-7.30pm.

Our score last session was down; can you all make a real effort this time. Seasonal illnesses inevitably affect donations, but the need for blood products is relentless. Modern medical procedures make ever increasing demands on this precious and perishable resource. New donors can start at 17 years old and established donors can now continue for as long as they remain fit; if you have often thought about giving or have given and lapsed, why not make this time the first of many?

Gillian Hare, 614809
National Blood Service 0300 1232323



Wednesday Walkers

The Wednesday Walkers have been out twice

In sun and wind and mud and ice

Fifteen heads bobbing down the track

We counted them out and counted them back!

As you will see, poetry is not a prerequisite for joining the group - just turn promptly for a 9.45am start from the car park behind the Village Hall. And, if you like to, bring a flask; Thermos or hip is your choice!

The planned programme overleaf is as follows, although on a really bad weather day it could be changed to walking the road through Thwaites Estate.

February 9th - Bishops Itchington, 4 miles or, with a short cut, 3 miles



February 16th - Saxon Mill, 3 miles

February 23rd - Southam and the Holy Well, 4.5 miles

March 2nd - Stoneleigh, 3 miles

Pam Parton, 614188
Gillian Hare, 614809

SCAN – The Senior Citizens’ Action Network

S.C.A.N has been actively running in Southam for a number of years and, whilst the membership is comprised predominantly of Southam Seniors, there has always been a “sprinkling” of interest from other villages and smaller communities within the district.

Not least amongst these is Harbury, with two Society stalwarts regularly making the journey to our bi-monthly meetings and adding a much welcome, vocal contribution to the proceedings!

The Committee has long felt that other, eligible (aged 50+), potential membership from Harbury is possible and that many are perhaps not fully aware of either our existence or indeed the varied, interesting and helpful content of the meetings we organise and promote.

Our next meeting will be held at St Wulstan’s Court, St Wulstan’s Way, Southam on 17th February commencing at 10.30am for tea and coffee with the actual meeting getting underway at 10.45am and lasting until around midday. Meetings are normally held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month and all are welcome – for more information, please call Southam 817472. We look forward to seeing you there.

Senior Citizens’ Action Network

Know Your Rights! Advice from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service

The Digital Switchover

In the Central TV Region, the digital switchover is due to begin on March 30th 2011 (although the date will vary within Warwickshire).

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service is concerned that some rogue traders and dodgy sales people will use digital switchover as an opportunity to sell householders equipment, for example, new televisions, video recorders and aerials that they may not actually need.

They are also concerned that rogue traders may use the opportunity to

falsely claim their property requires other work doing while 'installing' a new aerial, for example, roofing or guttering work.

If you only have analogue TV Services (four or five channels) any TV you want to keep watching after the switchover will need to be converted with a digital box. If you already have more than five standard TV channels on all your TV sets, then you are probably ready for switchover.

Trading Standards advises:

- Most TVs can be converted by the use of a digital set top box - don't be conned into buying a new TV.
- Your video / DVD recorder should still work but you probably won't be able to record one channel while watching another - to do this you will need a digital TV recorder.
- If you're buying a new TV or recorder, look for the digital TV tick (to show it works with digital TV).
- Don't be persuaded to buy a new aerial from a doorstep trader. Most aerials will continue to work - check the strength first by visiting teletext p284. If you do need to upgrade, make sure you choose a Registered Digital Installer.

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

Pat Whorton
Warwickshire Trading Standards Service

Temporary Road Closure – B4451 Station Road/Kineton Road, Southam

The above road will be closed to through traffic from the speed limit sign at Southam to C140 Harbury Road, for approximately 2½ weeks between 21st February – 25th March 2011, for carriageway resurfacing works. This is the length of road between the Ladbroke junction on the far side of Deppers Bridge and Southam Country Pet Stores. An alternative route will be available via:- B4451 Deppers Bridge, B4452 Deppers Bridge Road, B4452 Ufton Road, A425 Southam Road, A425 Leamington Road, B4451 Kineton Road (and in reverse order). If you have any queries regarding these works please contact the engineer for the works Kevin Nugent, Programme & Delivery Team, Tel No: 01926 738931.

Lilian Wilkes
Warwickshire County Council



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support following Ron's sudden death. We were truly touched by the number of cards we received and by the attendance at the funeral.

Also, many thanks to John and Elaine at The Shakespeare for the lovely buffet and for looking after us so well, and to Mary at Mugleston's for the beautiful flowers.

Even though Ron lived in Warwick, he spent much of his time here in Harbury and he would have been moved by the tribute he received from our wonderful village.

Kind Regards

Andrew, Carole, Jean, Nathaniel and Jonboy Cleaver

Dear Editors

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped us through the very said time of Francis' death in December, particularly our Rector for his love and care and his beautiful service, to Carol and Geoff Lane for such a welcome to their home afterwards and to the "Ladies of Ladbroke" who did the catering.

We have received so many cards, letters and flowers, it has been overwhelming and we can only say "thank you and God Bless" to everyone, both near and far.

Very sincerely

Gwynne, David, Jonathan and William Badman

Dear Editors



Julie and Craig are delighted to announce the safe arrival of our son Harrison James at Warwick Hospital on December 27th 2010.

We would like to thank all of our lovely friends in the village for the support given during Julie's pregnancy, and the many cards and presents received since Harrison's birth.

We look forward to seeing you all in the village, and introducing Harry to you.

With love

Julie and Craig Balch
Chapel Street

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent 'Burns Night' at the Crown on 25th January. We raised £100 for Myton Hospice. (see website for pictures – www.crowninnharbury.co.uk).

Giuseppe and Cinda
The Crown Inn

Dear Editors

To all our friends in Harbury:

What a lovely surprise! Thank you Harbury friends and a happy New Year to you all.

Liesel and Thomas

Dear Editors



Hannah Todd, (daughter of Peter and the late Helen Todd) from Harbury married Rupert Parkin (son of Kate Parkin and the late Denis Parkin) from Wroxall at a candlelit ceremony on 5th November 2010. The wedding was held at Hampton Manor in Henley in Arden. The newlyweds enjoyed a city break in Bruges and will

be taking their honeymoon in California in April. Peter and Hannah would like to thank all from Harbury who sent good wishes and gifts on this wonderful day.

Peter Todd

Dear Editors

The Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers, Mike McBride, Gordon Bennett, Steve Dolley and Doug Freeman who once again worked hard to put the Christmas lights up - working in Arctic temperatures to brighten the village.

The Council would also like to thank the landlords of The Dog, The Shakespeare and The Gamecock, Harbury Library and Guv at the Harbury Supermarket for allowing the Christmas lights to be plugged into their electricity supply again this year.

Harbury Parish Council**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 Wednesday in the month (except in December) 2.30 to 4.30pm (612585)

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm – 8.45pm

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

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

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 6's – Year 1 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 01926 613330

Training: Saturday 9.00am Harbury School

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 12:30pm – 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm (613386)

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

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

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8.00pm (613831)

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

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

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

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK: St Wulstan's Court, St Wulstan's Way, Southam, 3rd Thurs of month bi-monthly in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct and Dec, 10.30am, Tel: 01926 817472

SLIMMING WORLD: Village Club, Wednesdays 6.30pm Sarah Edwards Tel: 07964 513 154

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

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

TENNIS CLUB: MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES:

Adults and Students:

Tuesdays: 6.30pm– 10.00pm, Thursdays: 6.30pm – 10.00pm

Saturdays: (Winter only) 10.00am – 12 noon,

Sundays: (Summer only) 10.00am – 12 noon

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

If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk)

Juniors and Minis (Reception to Year 11)

Group coaching takes place throughout the year. For up to date information contact Sue Mercer (613284 or email sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk)

NON MEMBERS - Courts should be booked at Country Fayre, Chapel Street (£4 per court per hour) **Floodlit bookings** £7 per court per hour. Ring 613284 to book.

COACHING – for individuals or small groups please contact Head Coach, Linda Casement (614734)

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

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

WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL: In the grounds of Harbury Primary School, Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.30pm (07906 519148)

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

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

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 st Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Communion
	10.30am	First Light contemporary style service in the Tom Hauley Room
	6.00pm	Evening Worship - a different style of service each month
2 nd , 4 th (and 5 th)	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday in the month:	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion Service
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Every Sunday: (except 1 st)	10.30am	Funday Club (in term time)
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion

Times of weekday services and any variations are displayed on the notice in the lychgate.

Priest in Charge: Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

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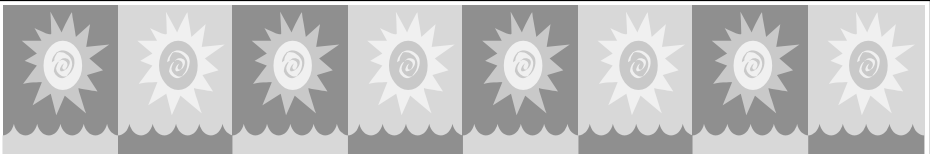
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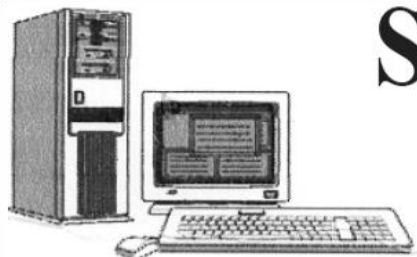
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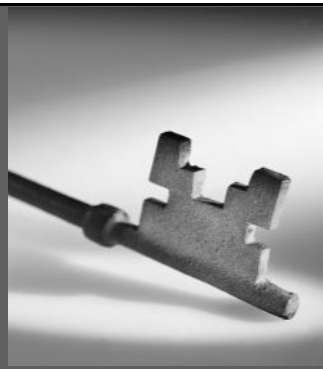
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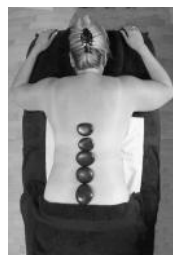
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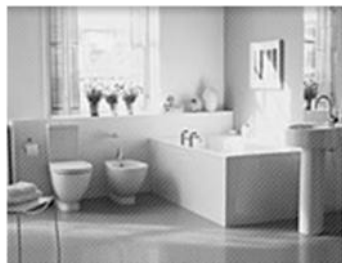
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