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## Editorial



**The winners' podium at the Heart of Harbury Games**

There is much to celebrate in the two villages this month; the Heart of Harbury Games were an outstanding success and raised over £1200 for the Village Hall, the Ladbroke fete raised more than £1000 and the Carnival Committee are still counting the proceeds!

The Editors would like to thank Anthony Allcock and Gael Conway for

providing photographs for the centre pages of the magazine.

Two Harbury residents, Joe Greenwell and Justin King, have been awarded C.B.E.s in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. Congratulations to both.

The Harbury Village Hall Committee is working hard to improve the facilities for everyone, and is looking for new committee members.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Graham Freeman and Brenda Turner.

## Harbury Diary

### JULY

**Sun 3**

#### **TRINITY II - St Thomas**

**NB** No 9.00am Service today

(Annie Goldthorp's Ordination as Deacon at Coventry Cathedral)

First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room

Evening Eucharist Service, 6.00pm at **Ladbroke**

Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

**Tues 5**

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

WRVS Training Day, 1.00pm, Farley Room, Village Hall

Mother and Toddler Music & Dance, 1.30-2.30pm in Village Hall

Harbury Society Farm Visit, 7.00pm

- Wed 6 Mothers' Union Outing to Chesterton Church followed by Strawberry Tea in the Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 7 **NB** No 9.45am Service today  
Harbury Art Group Mixed Media Art workshop using watercolours, coloured pencils & ink. 10am to approx 3pm in the Tom Hauley Room. £15 per person, all levels of ability and new members welcome. Contact Pam on 01926 814923 for details.  
Choir School, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Men's Group AGM, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Club, 8.00pm at the Dog Inn
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union  
Harbury School PTA Summer Fayre 12 noon – 3.00pm at School  
Sounds of the Sixties fund raising event at Rugby Club, Tickets £10 Tel: 613151
- Sun 10 TRINITY III**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Duke of Edinburgh Group, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Tues 12 Mother and Toddler Music & Dance, 1.30-2.30pm Village Hall  
Toddlers' Service, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 14 **NB** No 9.45am Service today  
Choir School, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – "Elizabethan Textiles" – Dr Gillian White
- Fri 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room raising funds for Raynauds and Scleroderma Assoc. 01295 771148
- Sun 17 TRINITY IV**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Family Communion Service 10.30am  
Evensong 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Tues 19 Mother and Toddler Music and Dance, 1.30-2.30pm Village Hall  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Mothers' Union Social Evening, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Weds 20 Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 21 **NB** No 9.45am Service today  
Thursday Club, 2.30pm, in Village Hall  
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall


- Fri 22 SCHOOL ENDS
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of P.C.C.
- Sun 24 TRINITY V**  
 Holy Communion 8.00am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Village Hall Management Committee, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Tues 26 Mother and Toddler Music and Dance, 1.30-2.30pm,  
 Village Hall  
 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street  
 Julian Meeting AGM, 8.15pm, 14 Manor Orchard
- Thurs 28 Holy Communion 9.45am  
 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST AND EMAIL  
 ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of  
 Thursday Club  
 Harbury Club's Open Mic Night from 8.00pm, Tel: 07799 896891
- Sun 31 TRINITY VI**  
**Holy Communion, 8.00am**  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- AUGUST**
- Tues 2 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion, 9.45am  
 Harbury Art Group Watercolour Workshop: "The Sea", 10am to  
 approx 3pm in the Tom Hauley Room. £15 per person, all levels  
 of ability and new members welcome. Contact Pam on  
 01926 814923 for details.
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of  
 Tennis Club  
 Summer Lunch in aid of Senior Citizens, 12.00 noon – 2.30pm in  
 Village Hall
- Sun 7 TRINITY VII**  
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am  
 First Light Service 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
 Quiet Contemplative Service in the Celtic Tradition 6.00pm  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:  
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**Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
July	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	6	7	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	14	15	Grey Bin
	20	21	22	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	27	28	29	Grey Bin
August	3	4	5	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	10	11	12	Grey Bin
	17	18	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins

 <b>All Saints HARBURY</b>	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<b>Father Craig Grocock</b> The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377
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### Welcome to our Curate, the Rev'd Annie Goldthorp.

The Churches of Harbury and Ladbroke, are delighted to welcome the Rev'd Annie amongst us this month. Annie was ordained in Coventry Cathedral on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July by the Bishop of Warwick and comes to work alongside me for the next three to four years as she trains to be a parish priest. Annie moved into Sutcliffe Drive last month and is very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone in due course.

I'll let Annie introduce herself:

"I was born in Cheltenham in 1959 and was adopted as a baby. I grew up with my older brother and we lived with a loving family in Olton, Solihull. I attended an all girls' grammar school and when I left, fairly typically, I wanted to be earning and learning at the same time. I managed to secure an apprenticeship at Land Rover, specialising in what was then known as the 'Personnel Department'. In fact I made history – I was the first female apprentice Land Rover had ever employed, and I enjoyed every minute of it – the greater the challenge, the happier I was. I left there in 1986 having had a wonderful time.

I was married in 1983, but unfortunately it was not to be a lasting one, and we parted in 1992. Our son Jeremy was born in 1987 when we were

living in Hull, and he has lived with me ever since – although he is shortly off to London to do his degree.

We came to Warwick in 1998, and I very quickly got involved with youth activities at both St Nicholas' and St Mary's – briefly under the direction of a certain Craig Grocock, who was Youth Officer at the time. In fact it was Craig who led the preparation classes when Jeremy was confirmed!

I had been working for a magazine publisher for the last ten years, and then in 2004 had my own design magazine. It was around the same time that thoughts of ordination were beginning, with 'nudges' from various members of the clergy, and by 2007 I found myself at the start of the vocations process. I was recommended for a Bishop's panel the following year, and started training in the autumn of 2008. It has been tough working full time and training over the last three years, but it has definitely been worth it!"

So, do look out for another 'dog collar' around our villages and do stop and make yourself known to Rev'd Annie when you see her.

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Burial of Ashes, All Saints', Harbury*

8th June Ruth Merrick

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

19th June Brenda Turner (65 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Will**

For the past ten years we have been extremely fortunate to have Fliss Harris as one of the Churchwardens. At the PCC AGM in April she chose to step down.

We are not losing her wealth of knowledge and experience however, as she officially takes on the role of Verger. Over the years Fliss has really been doing this job too, but without the recognition.

On behalf of the congregation, thank you Fliss for all the energy and dedication you have put into your warden's duties. During June, at a service in Exhall, Liz McBride was installed as Churchwarden to fill the role left by Fliss.

Vicky Hall now fills the Treasurer's role left by Liz (a veteran of a commendable twenty five years in the job!) so we ask that money matters be directed to Vicky whose details can be found in the Harbury Directory.

You may have noticed that over the past month the Church building has been closed to the public during the week. The first stage to replace the rotten wooden block flooring is now complete; the heating pipes have been replaced and lowered into trenches. So, no more burnt toes this winter! Work will continue for the next two months and we will be left with a lovely new wooden floor by the end of it. Sunday and Tuesday evening services will not be affected and will continue as normal.



## Mothers' Union

**Gillian Hare**

Our afternoon meeting left us feeling very humble, after listening to Steph and Geoff Devlin describing their work at the Leamington Christian Mission. It is distressing to realise how much desperate need there is right on our doorstep; men and women of every age sleeping rough, cold, hungry and unsafe. L.C.M helps in lots of ways; the primary help is the obvious one of food and blankets but the team go much further than this to try to find housing, medical care and help with form filling. Great sadness, yes, but often great joy when they see someone standing on their own feet with a home and a job. The needs are so many and gifts can be put in the box in Church where there is a notice of the sorts of things most urgently required.

In the evening we were lucky to have Fliss speak from personal experience about the way our school teaches the children about faith. Our children in the village are so lucky to be educated in such a strongly Christian ethos.

Remember: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Coffee Morning for M.U projects. Help, cakes and raffle prizes needed.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Social Evening – have you returned your invite?

And you may just be in time to tell Sue if you want to go to Chesterton on 6<sup>th</sup> July.



## Toddlers' Service

**Barbara Thistlethwaite**

We started by Mrs Checkley asking us to sing a funny song called "Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick" and Mr Hare played the

tune for us. Mrs Checkley then introduced us to her granddaughter's toys which lived at her house. The toys had had accidents and were not feeling very happy. There were six toys including a big penguin, who had his flipper in a sling, down to a little chick who did not really have anything wrong with him but because he felt out of it he had a bandage around his tummy.

She then told us the story of Jainus's daughter who was a very sick little girl at the time that Jesus lived here on earth. The little girl's parents were very unhappy and sad because she was so poorly. Jesus was their friend and they asked him to make her better and Jesus did. They were all very happy and loved Jesus even more.

Mrs Checkley said that we should remember that if we ever get poorly that Jesus is always there to hold our hand and help us get better.

We then made a lovely picture, had our drinks and played with the toys until it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers' Service is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July which will be our "picnic" at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley room.

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

See you all then.



**First Light**

**Alison Abbott**

At first light in June we used balloons, flags and jigsaws to help us think about Jesus' ascension into Heaven which prepared the way for the Holy Spirit to come at Pentecost. Gill produced a drama about the a message going global which Lesley and a fearsome Vanda delivered with style and humour. (Vanda would make a terrifying traffic warden).

The next First Light is on 3rd July when perseverance is the theme. Most of us must feel like giving up at times but only those who complete the course get the medal. Who doesn't need and appreciate a little encouragement? First Light is open to everyone. We aim to encounter God together as a family of His children. We have fun and laugh but there is time to be still and listen. There isn't a sermon, but there is a message that runs through the whole thing. We would love to see you whatever your age and whether you come alone or with others. We meet in the Tom Hauley room on the first Sunday of each month.

There is coffee from 10.00am and we get underway at 10.30am.



# Ladbroke News & Diary

## JULY

<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TRINITY III</b> Holy Communion, <b>6.00pm</b>
Tues	5	Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed	6	Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	9	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TRINITY IV</b> Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Wed	13	Yoga Class, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Fri	15	ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>TRINITY V</b> Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am
Wed	20	Yoga Class, 6.30pm, Village Hall Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>TRINITY VI</b> Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Wed	27	Yoga Class, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs	28	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST. AND EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sat	30	Women's Institute, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat	30	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>TRINITY VII</b> Holy Communion (spoken), 9.00am

## AUGUST

Tues	2	Photography Club, evening walkabout - location to be decided
Wed	3	Yoga Class, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Sat	6	Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>TRINITY VIII</b> Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments



## Ladbroke Church News

**Sue Lord**

The Village Fete was a great success on 18th June in spite of a few showers. The bric a brac and book stall raised nearly £100 for Church funds. All left over items have been taken to various charity shops.



The scarecrow competition saw a number of excellent entries including Craig's twin (pictured together) who also decided to show up for the Sunday service. It was a close call as to who should deliver the sermon. In the end the scarecrow watched on from the base of the pulpit.

Perhaps his appearance was the reason for such a good congregation.

A reminder that the Sunday service on 3rd July is an evening service at 6.00pm. This follows the ordination of Annie Goldthorp our new curate earlier in the day at Coventry Cathedral.

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Hazel Sharples
10th July	Jenny Barrett
17th July	Jenny Barrett
24th July	Sue Lord
31st July	Sue Lord
7th August	Beryl Ross
14th August	Sue Collins



**Sue Lord**



## Ladbroke Parish Council

**Betty Winkfield**

The meeting began in earnest with Public Participation. A resident complained about the verge grass cutting policy in Ladbroke. The visibility from Radbourne Lane onto the bypass is still not good and he felt that the grass was not cut far enough back from the main road. Our Warwickshire County Councillor promised to look into the matter.

Another resident was pleased that we had got a Parish Council without the expense of having an election; however he would like more information about his new Parish Councillors. The chairman agreed information would be published on the Web or via the E news.

In reply to another question, we are to have an update to our Ladbroke Directory and there will be more Welcome Packs available. Much of the information is on the parish website.

**Matters Arising:** An appeal has been made regarding the land behind Ladbroke Farm, where the illegal caravan is parked.

There is still no further information relating to this.

**Emergency Plan Update:** The Clerk has this in hand.

**HS2 Response:** The Council discussed at length their reply to the HS2 consultation document. In some cases, the answer to the questions on the consultation form was a resounding “no”. The Council decided that they needed a special meeting to get full agreement to their response – soon.

The financial spreadsheet and payments were discussed and agreed.

**Planning Applications:** Stratford District Council has granted the first floor extension over the existing at 4 Hedges Close.

**Highways, Footpaths and Drainage (including Flooding Review):** The “flap-trap” to the brook as it flows under the road by the Bell Inn is to be removed. Otherwise the work on the brook regarding flooding is done. The work on potholes in the village is outstanding and the subsidence of the road in Radbourne Lane is to be examined.

There was no report from the Village Hall.

The Millennium Green group are holding a musical event on the Green on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Surveillance has been carried out on the A423 near the football ground. An application has been made for development there.

**Warwickshire County Councillor’s Report:** No children in care homes in this area have been involved in the recent child abuse scandal. The changes in the NHS will begin in two months. Money from Tesco’s is available for a forensic department in the old Magistrates’ Court in Southam. Mergers with other Police forces is “off”, but working with other police forces is strategically sensible. Buses will continue to go along the by-pass; residents had asked for buses to come through the village.

**Stratford District Councillor’s Report:** Monitoring of speed, particularly of motorbikes is to continue, although the monitoring of motorbikes at the

moment is unsatisfactory especially at weekends. A new camera is now available for monitoring motorbike registration number plates.

**Wind Farms:** An application for a wind farm has been made in Wormleighton. This will be discussed at the next planning meeting. The Parish Council will be reading documents about the spread of wind farms – are you for or against?

**Chairman's Item:** Coventry University is studying the speed of broadband – the details are on their website.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

	<b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b>	<b>Carol Lane</b>
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Sue Moore, president, thanked members for providing the cakes and helping at the Ladbroke Fete. Those who helped on the day felt that, while the tea stall was mainly successful, thought needed to go into the siting of the stall and the tables for next year.



**Photograph by Jackie West**

After the business meeting, the rest of the evening became much more physical as the chairs were cleared for American Line Dancing led by Nicky Andrews. Nicky was joined by thirteen other regular line dancers so Ladbroke W.I. members were well supported as they were

invited to join in such routines as the Cowboy Charleston, Elvira and the Texan Stomp. The 'professionals' demonstrated a dance showing much more intricate steps before we had a break in proceedings. We had all been commenting on the smell of barbecue coals but all was revealed when members of the committee came round with hot dogs.

Anyone wishing to pursue Line Dancing could go to The Grange in Southam on a Tuesday morning.

July's meeting, on the subject of air ambulances, will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.



## Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

June saw us out and about with cameras at our regular meeting, taking pictures inside Ladbroke Church as well as exterior shots there and around the village, before we met up at The Bell to discuss things photographic and otherwise. Hopefully everyone came away having learnt something new whether it was gaining ideas for artistic shots inside a church, the benefits of a powerful zoom at a sealed knot re-enactment or how to zoom in on a picture displayed on the back of the camera to see those elusive dolphins, taken on holiday in Wales; they weren't sighted in Ladbroke, I hasten to add.

Our exhibition at Ladbroke fete showed pictures by eighteen of our members, some of whom had been taking pictures for years, others only for a few months. We received lots of positive comments about the high standard of the individual pictures and professional look of the exhibition, so well done to everyone. We also gave £24, the profits from the sale of our photocards, to the Millennium Green Trust who organised the fete.

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 5th July, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Emily Ballard will be showing us some of her work, we'll have a competition of black and white prints (open subject) and our exhibited prints will be on view again for those that missed seeing them at the fete. For more information contact **jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk**.



## General Section

### Ladbroke Fete 2011

Not quite a "Midsomers Murders" fete as there was some ethnic diversity and no bodies were discovered during the proceedings, but we definitely gave people a taste of a traditional English fete. Many thanks are due to everyone who helped behind the scenes, ran stalls or events on the day and all those who came along and made it all worthwhile.

Jennie Daniels gave us a fine display as an elegantly dressed Victorian Lady riding side-saddle and those whose appetite for history was whetted could see census information for homes in Ladbroke during the Victorian era. The winner of the "Match the Church to the Village" competition was Anthony Gulliver; his prize is research, by Linda Doyle, on his family tree

back through the Victorian period and, as he hasn't a clue who his ancestors are, he's thrilled to have won. By contrast, the fete's most topical stand was by the HS2 action group, helping people with their consultation responses – remember these need to be sent in by 29th July.



Around the Green there was a wide range of stalls, including games of chance and skill, and a colourful selection of plants, a few home grown but most from Greenleaf Nursery. There was also a good choice of food and drink on offer thanks to those providing the teas, hot dogs, beer and crepes, ingredients for the latter kindly given to us by Tesco. Throughout the afternoon children were seen searching for knitted mice of different colours scattered around the various stalls; they must be a sharp-eyed bunch as some mice were pretty well hidden. As the afternoon progressed we were treated to great live music on the keyboards and sax by Jacob Stone (what a talented lad he is, except at smashing crockery!), followed by

an energetic dancing display by Learning Curves.



The scarecrow competition showed just how creative people can be and made things very hard for the judge; the winners in the adult, under 12 and family categories were Ladbroke Rocker by Andy Crompton, Eco-freak by Southam Brownies and the Jockey by the Daniels family respectively. The vicar was also most impressed by his doppelganger, made by the WI committee - the likeness was amazing (see page 10)..

MC for the day, Peter Baker, did a sterling job all afternoon, especially with the auction for the lovely picture of the Church in snow and also during the almost never-ending raffle draw. After that marathon he looked glad to hand over the microphone to the sports commentator who kept us

amused with his unscripted comments as the kids redefined the rules for a relay collecting coloured balls into team buckets - the yellow team decided it would be much more efficient to take their bucket to the balls and the blue team had a nice pile of balls with no bucket at all!

Then it was time for Dodo and her belly dancers, four ladies in brilliantly coloured costumes with great moves to the exotic music. They had barely finished when the heavens opened (it was an English fete after all) and all the umbrellas came out. Yet five minutes later the sun was shining for the closing event, the adult's races where some minor cheating was observed in the duck and spoon race and there was stiff competition in the three-legged race.

All in all it was a most enjoyable afternoon and raised over £1000 for the Millennium Green and other village charities. If you are interested, there are lots more pictures of the fete and the scarecrows on the village website [www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk/index.php/photogallery](http://www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk/index.php/photogallery).

**Jackie West**

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

There will be great music on Ladbroke Millennium Green from 6.00 - 11.00pm featuring Rocky Road, Ella Kenrick and others. There will be a barbecue and bar (and shelter if it rains!) and free parking. Tickets from Mugleston's, The Bell Inn or [kip@kwarr.co.uk](mailto:kip@kwarr.co.uk) - £7 (or £8 on the gate) and £5 for under-12s, in aid of the Millennium Green and Parkinson's UK. For details of the band line up, sponsors and ticket outlets in Southam, see the Ladbroke Village website ([www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk)).

**Kip Warr**

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

One of the village institutions, the Safari Supper, will be running again on the first Saturday in September, this time organised by the Church. The format will be similar to previous ones with participants taking each course of a meal in different homes within Ladbroke. That way everyone will get the chance to host one course and dine out for two others. Friends living outside the village are welcome to join in too, either arranging to serve their course in someone else's home or, depending on numbers and dining table spaces, we are considering having some larger groups for the dessert course. **Contact Sue & Alan (815153) or Jackie ([jackieszone-supper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-supper@yahoo.co.uk)).**

**Jackie West**

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for May were:

£80 Siobhan and Scott Roberson

£50 Geoff and Georgina Middleton

£25 Margaret Bosworth

£10 Carol Lane

£10 John and Heather Wright

£10 Kay and Colin Constable

£10 Helen Ballard

£10 Susan Moore

**Margaret Bosworth**



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley**

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

### **May: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Public Participation:** The Councillors offered their support to Ufton, represented by Dr Wilkinson, who are trying to get a footway/cycleway from their village to Harbury, largely for the benefit of the children who attend our school.

Ufton got funding for a feasibility study and, of the three options that resulted, a cycleway on the west side of Hall Lane to the Ufton Fields Road costing £94,500 is seen as the most achievable as it could be incorporated in future repairs to the carriageway.

Richard Wright, who wants to develop the old Dovehouse Autos site, informed Councillors that he had been in pre-application talks with the Planners, who had wanted on-site parking which would necessitate a reduction in the number of properties and possibly an increase in the individual size of the houses. When plans were finalised there would be a meeting with SDC and Harbury Parish Council.

**Reports from Other Bodies:** Tim Lockley updated colleagues on the Business Plan for the Library. The PCC members were to discuss the possibilities with the Diocese, but it would be July before the County



decision on the plan was known. Councillors agreed a formal response to the Library consultation.

Cllr Hancock announced that she would be retiring as a Governor of Southam College in October. Work had started on the all-weather pitch at the College and a fourth House was to be created as pupil numbers had increased.

The Village Hall curtains will be hung by the beginning of July; plans have been submitted for the next phase.

**Planning:** Stratford granted permission with conditions for an agricultural barn at Chesterton House Farm, Mill Street.

The Parish Council commented that the Planning Officer should make a site visit to 6 Chapel Street, to assess the potential impact the extension would have on daylight to neighbouring property. They were concerned about the potential for even more traffic on the B4452 and Butt Lane by lorries servicing the planned composting plant and tip at Kingston Grange Farm. They would ask the Area Surveyor to extend the footpath from the new development along Bush Heath Lane to Manor Road.

**High Speed Rail 2:** After a close vote the Councillors decided they should respond to the current consultation on HS2 and Cllr Patrick was volunteered to draft their letter!

**Properties:** BMX - The drainage work has been done and the area strimmed. There was concern that the track was not well enough defined so that riders could be cycling in opposing directions. Bishops Tachbrook which also has a track has been contacted for advice. Our Council were concerned about unofficial tipping of topsoil on the track.

The aerial runway has been repaired and the basketball court was finished. £525 was agreed to paint the play equipment. A permanent repair would be made to the safety surface in the children's play area at a cost of £2,000, rather than a temporary one, which soon would have to be done again.

Burial Grounds - Cllr Hancock said they had made strenuous efforts to identify relatives responsible for the staked graves but the PC should now apply to the Diocese for permission to lay the memorials down.

The Children's Play Area is once again plagued by moles!

**Sustainability:** The new LED lamps on the Manor Orchard estate have been installed and no-one seems to have noticed the difference. Cllr Patrick announced that MP Jeremy Wright would open the School Energy Event in October and that there were now over twenty sets of solar panels installed in the Parish.

**Finance & General Purposes:** The Councillors declared themselves satisfied with the Internal Audit process, and will re-introduce quarterly budget monitoring. The Council will try to negotiate a good deal on the lease renewal for the Parish Office.

**Parish Plan:** Chairman Tim Lockley announced that the Parish Plan Survey had officially finished. The council agreed that SDC would analyse the completed forms.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## Harbury Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

### Finance & General Working Party Report 2010 - 2011

The current year's precept, 2011/12 has been increased by £1004 (1.51%) to £67,256; this gives an increase of around 5p per year on a Band 'D' property within our Parish.

The F&GP working party recommended to the full Parish Council that this small increase in the Parish Precept would enable the Parish Council to fully fund its plans for the year 2011/12.

A Budget of this level will allow our plans to be carried out in the following areas:

- **Play areas** – While some of the existing equipment has already been replaced and this is ongoing, there are several repairs taking place at this time. The replacement of the picnic table and resurfacing several areas with a more contemporary surface are in the Properties Group's plans.
- **The Power Of Wellbeing** – The Council has adopted this power in place of S137 of the Local Government Act; it allows Councils to spend an unlimited amount (subject to budget) on any item provided that it is considered "*likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area and providing the proposed action is not prohibited by other legislation*". The payments made in the last financial year are shown in the Notes to Accounts. We have reduced this budget for this year to £3750 and the Council intends, as in previous years, to spend these funds by targeting, not just local groups, but with priority for the local youth groups.
- **Village Hall Development** – Again, this year we have set aside funds to directly support the development plans for the Village Hall, these funds are set at £5,000.

- **Cemetery** – The risk assessment is still ongoing and funds are available to cover the works required to make the headstones safe; because this process involves contacting the owners of each grave involved it is taking a longer time than originally planned.
- **Street Lighting** – The budget for street lighting is being kept the same as last year, with £4000 to cover new and replacement columns with an additional £4000 for maintenance, with the budget for electricity also being set at £4000 in anticipation of the rises that may be imposed by our supplier, E-On.

A summary of the accounts for last year (2010-2011) are shown below. These are well in line with our planned budgetary controls. Copies of the full accounts are included in the Parish Council Annual Report.

INCOME	
Precepts	66252.00
Interest Received	137.30
Allotment Rents	875.00
Burial Ground Fees	1215.46
Playing Fields Hire	200.00
Wayleave	33.96
Grant Funding	11,000.00
Sale of Computer	50.00
Sports Club Contribution	310.00
Grass Verge Contribution	1251.20
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>81324.92</b>

## EXPENDITURE

General Administration	16052.08
Training	236.80
Purchase of Office Equipment	1054.00
Parish Office	3835.85
Power of Wellbeing (Grants to Village Groups)	8465.00
Contribution to Village Hall	5000.00
Concessionary Travel	45.00
Allotments	865.35
Burial	2194.06
Open Spaces	4354.07
Playing Fields & Car Park	9953.20
Re-surfacing of Basketball Court	9458.00
Non-Estate Roads	1605.00
Street Lighting	13275.97
BMX Track	4347.50
Purchase of Village Assets	575.72
Contribution to Sport's Club Fund	1870.00
Councillor's Allowances	1756.14
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>84943.74</b>

The Parish Office, which is open four mornings a week, gives us all access to the Parish Council, via the Clerk, to minutes, reports, planning applications etc.

The Harbury Parish Council website provides yet another means to keep in touch with the Parish Council, with online viewing of the minutes, meeting schedules, quarterly reports and the contact details for all of the Council.

The current Harbury Parish planning applications can be viewed via our website, along with the information from many other Harbury Community Groups. Please note the web address: <http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/>.

On a personal note I would like to thank our Clerk, Nicola Thomson, for all of the help and support she has given to me and all of the Parish Councillors in the last year.

My thanks also go to my colleagues on the F&GP Working Party, Councillors Tim Lockley, Sharon Hancock, Amanda Lewis and Steve Ekins for their help, contributions and commitment throughout the past year.

**Tony Mancell**  
**Chair, Finance & General Purposes Working Party**



**Harbury Society**

**Linda Ridgley**

Our Carnival Stall with its Sustainability Display attracted a lot of interest as did Bat the Rat which is harder than it looks!

Our Display showed the cheapest ways to make homes more energy efficient and save money. The quiz asked how much people thought the Harbury homes illustrated cost and how energy efficient they were. Price did not necessarily indicate energy efficiency and the least expensive home for sale was second most efficient.



Chris Redstall give us an excellent guided tour of Bishops Itchington "Yellow Land" pointing out the wild flowers and finding us the Small Blue Butterfly (which is very small and not very blue!).

On the way we met Steven Falk out hunting bumble bees for research, extracting pollen from rare Bumblebees' pollen sacs so that the plants they prefer can be encouraged there.

Watching him catch bees and handle them was amazing. He found that several rarer Bumble Bees are now colonising the site. Sadly WCC is making this enthusiastic and inspiring expert redundant.

The range of flora and fauna re-colonising the Quarries is diverse and not all of it would be considered "wild". Prostrate Cotoneaster was mixed with teasel, quaking grass, strawberries,



hawthorn, clover and the Kidney Vetch, on which the Small Blue and its caterpillars feed.

Our next outing - a Visit to John & Jean Hadley's farm - **starts at 7pm on 5<sup>th</sup> July.**



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Much work was needed to organise the Carnival which was the usual great day and the weather was in our favour. All the entries were excellent and must have been hard to judge. We came second in our class as the "Celebrity Chefs". Our cake stall sold out and Ann Mayer's "Guess the Weight of the Cake" was won by Alan Barr. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the day a success.



The Theatre Trip on the 13<sup>th</sup> July will leave the Village Hall at 12.30pm.

Ann Mayer, the group delegate, and Janice Siddle attended the W.I 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at the Echo Arena in Liverpool. Ann gave an excellent report of the very full day starting out at 6am.

Ruth Bond, National Chair, welcomed the 4587<sup>th</sup> member. She spoke of 21,000 new members and 101 new institutes. She gave information on past, present and future campaigns and events. Ruth believes the new logo looks so good!

S.O.S honeybees – there are 40,000 bees that live on the roof of the Liverpool W.I office.

The first speaker was Erwin James who spoke of his disturbed childhood which led to crime, living rough and eventually prison. He was given prison tuition in English and became a contributor of prison articles in The Guardian. On leaving prison, he continued to write for the paper and today works for the Prison Reform Society.

Resolutions were discussed and voted for.

The second speaker was Dr. Rita Gardener, C.B.E., Director of the Geological Society, who has travelled extensively worldwide to gather information on living standards, climate and land condition. There is more

carbon expelled now than ever before. There are more homes with two cars than there are with none. Every day, 1 million tons of rubbish is created, enough to fill the Albert Hall every hour for twenty four hours.

The next guest speaker was Sir Steve Redgrave who is Foundation Director of Fairtrade and Trustee of Comic Relief. He has travelled to Africa and India on behalf of Fairtrade to witness family cotton farms and aims to get fair prices for their goods. Steve has his own cotton clothing range, 5G outlet, in Debenhams, which helps to fund and provide water systems.

It was a very full day and we thank Ann and Janice for going. Their super chauffeur, Philip, spent the day looking at Liverpool, even visiting The Cavern.

The speakers at our June meeting, Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg, came to talk about the Ifakara Bakery Project. They went to visit their doctor son and family in Ifakara, an isolated place in Tanzania and met the Sisters of St. Francis who had a vision to run a bakery. The weather hugely influences African harvests; it can quickly turn into a life or death situation.

Although having no help from major charities, they managed to raise £30,000 which was necessary to buy all the machinery, oven and equipment, even a generator. It was not easy but, with effort and many donations from individuals and various organisations, they were able to install the equipment and also to teach the Sisters the art of making bread and the safe handling of the machinery in 2001. The bakery is a great success and a lifeline. They set up the "Free Bread Fund" for those who could not afford daily bread. To help maintain the free bread £20,000 is required in 2011.

These wonderful people have worked to ensure that this food continues to be available to all people in Ifakara and the best thing is that **every** penny raised is used for the project.

Do have the wonderful Schellenbergs visit you as they are so interesting.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm, Speaker: Elizabethan Textiles – Dr Gillian White.



**Harbury Theatre Group**

**Chris Beaton**

Another busy month for Harbury in general and the Theatre Group in particular, what with the Carnival and the Harbury Games just a week apart!

Carnival day dawned bright and dry, and we were soon busy down at the recreation ground setting up our stall. A variation on the previous years, thanks to Bob Hodge it now featured laser cut Perspex obstacles of local landmarks for players to get past and most impressive they were too! Congratulations to Peter Rollason and Meg Johnson on winning a bottle of whisky and a large bar of chocolate respectively.

Our "Wallace and Gromit" recruitment poster was much admired as well – special thanks to Pete Clark for hand-painting it, although we were all praying it wouldn't rain as the paint would've run if it had!!

The Heart of Harbury Games was another magnificent effort by the village and even if I am a bit biased, the Theatre Group sponsored "Throwing a Tantrum" event was definitely a highlight of the day! Everybody entered into the spirit of it with enthusiasm, and some truly magnificent screaming, yelling and pounding-of-the-ground took place - quite what the bus passengers passing by thought of it is anyone's guess!!

Thanks to Janet Thornley for presenting the medals and congratulations must go to Seb Priest for his storming performance to take 1<sup>st</sup> place, Rosemary Harley's impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> and our own Emily Jackson's fantastic efforts to secure 3<sup>rd</sup>.

At the time of going to press our next meeting is likely to be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, (8pm at the Shakespeare) although we are looking at alternating the last Monday and Tuesday of the month to see which suits people best, so please contact me on 611930 if you'd like to come along.

And finally it's over to Keith...

### **End of November Play**

It doesn't seem like a year ago that I was appealing to you all for help to put on the Harbury Pantomime but time flies when you are having fun. Now I am back again needing your help.

Not for a panto this time, (we only do that once every two years due to the amount of work and resources involved), but, as it will be fast approaching the Christmas period, we are hoping to put on a play for children.

We have had a meeting and looked at a few options, but the one that has bubbled to the top is "Toad of Toad Hall" (adapted from Kenneth Grahame's "Wind in the Willows") by A. A. Milne, so it ought to be good!

Now I know that this has been a favourite of the RSC's from time to time for their Christmas production, but I don't think that should put us off. Harbury can match their performance can't we? Well maybe not, but we can try.



Now, this has four main parts but lots and lots of small cameo parts, it also has a requirement for field mice and a pack of Stoats and Weasels. So, if we are to cast it, we will be looking for help again from you and your children. It also has loads of scene changes so needs a lot of work from the back stage crew, both in the weeks before and also during the show.

Let me know if you can help, and we will try to get it off the ground.

**Keith Hayes (phone 613488, email: [keith.hayes@which.net](mailto:keith.hayes@which.net)).**



## **Folk Club**

**Sue Hartland**

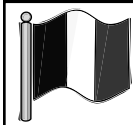
The theme for Folk Club Number 319 was Home Sweet Home. Ian and Sue opened with "Who will watch the Home Place" and "No Place like Home". Rick followed up with an Australian song called "Cock of the North" and a Billy Joel song. Pete Bones sang "Welcome Home" and Liz joined him for "Rosebuds in June" (cos it's June). Stuart gave us a version of "Gypsy Davey" and then "Rhondda Grey", Richard closed the first half with "We lived over yonder banks over there" and "When the snows of Winter fall".

Peter Mason started the second half with "Across the Hills of Home" and "Who knows where the time goes". Maureen and Janny sang a beautiful version of the Simon and Garfunkel song "Homeward Bound" and then they were joined by Margaret for the best performance of the night, a Shetland cradle song which I can't spell.

Debs gave us a couple of her poems, "The Journey" and "Under the Radar – part 2 – The Meeting". Peter McDonald sang my favourite song "Home for me is anywhere you are" and then he was joined by his glamorous assistant, Margaret for "Home in Pasadena" to which we all contributed. Ted and Sue finished the second half with two instrumentals and "Coming Home to Me".

Ian and Sue kicked off the third half with "Spencer the Rover". Then, with some gentle persuasion, Maureen and Janny sang "The Whitby Maid". Ted and Sue sang "Our Captain cried all Hands", Stuart gave us "If wishes were fishes", Peter Mason contributed and then Pete Grassby, who had just arrived, closed the evening with "The Cottager's Reply" and two Irish Set Dance tunes.

I'm sorry if this is a bit jumbled but I was very jet lagged! The raffle raised £34 for Cancer Research; I will be running the 5k Race for Life later in June. Peter MacDonald will be hosting the July Folk Club when the theme will be Sun, Moon and Stars. Be there or be square!



## Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

The month of June was the high point of the year for the Twinning Association as our French friends from the village of Samoie sur Seine with whom Harbury is twinned came to visit us. This was the sixth time the French have been here and this time about 50 came, all staying with friends in the village. They arrived mostly by coach at 5pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and we welcomed them to the village with a reception in the Tom Hauley Room where we served them Pimms and strawberries which went down very well indeed - the French having never tried Pimms before! Everybody then went home with their respective hosts to spend the evening with dinner parties and visits to the pubs etc.

For Saturday morning we had arranged for most of our guests to visit Broughton Castle (just outside Banbury for those who, like me, have never been). We arrived there in individual cars, met up at about 10am, and were taken round the castle in two groups, the French in one with a translator. It was really superb and very interesting and well worth a visit for anyone. It was made even more so by the fact that it coincided with the Broughton Village Fete which was held in the castle grounds and was a lovely aspect of English village life for our French guests to see. Most had taken a picnic with them for lunch, and others went to a pub.

Those that had not been on the visit to Broughton Castle had been booked to visit the Staverton Golf Club where some had a round of golf and others who were less proficient received coaching and the use of the driving range and other facilities. A lunch was also provided.

Quite a few, both English and French, had decided to return from Broughton Castle to Harbury by bike and had loaded their bikes in the cars before they left that morning. Peter Rollason had planned a return route which took them back to Harbury cross country via Edge Hill so they had some lovely views of Oxfordshire/ Warwickshire. After that ride I am sure they were very ready for the dinner and disco which we held in the Village Hall that evening.

Sunday was again something special as it was the day of our annual Wheelbarrow Race. I am sure that this confirmed to our French guests that the British were indeed a breed apart. However I am pleased to say that they really entered into the spirit of the event and eight combined British/French teams entered for the race. A special prize was awarded for the best combined British/French result, which was awarded to Andrew Patrick/ Sebastien Acosta.

In the afternoon many of our guests visited various members' gardens and were very impressed with the high standards that they saw, English gardens being quite a bit different to those in France.

Sunday evening was spent with the host families, ready for an early return to France next day.

On Monday the group departed for France at 7am from the Dog car park.

Don't forget 14<sup>th</sup> July Bastille night dinner at the Crown Inn.



**Harbury Junior's Football**

**Ian Jones**

### **Under 6s' End of Season Report**

This is the first season this group have been together and having learnt the magic words of "control", "look", "shout" and "pass", have made steady progress with their overall playing of the game. Through the repetition of practising a variety of routines, all of the players have improved their "touch" on the ball. The group is particularly competitive with several players unafraid to go in for strong but fair tackles, which bodes well for the future. The group played and enjoyed several friendly matches and took part in the Three Counties football festival which was a great day out for all - they acquitted themselves very well indeed. At the Club presentation evening we celebrated the award of trophies to Jamie S as "Most Improved Player", Jack K as "Clubman" and Ben H for "Player of the Season". We currently have only eight year 1 players and two from reception so next season Stephen Darby supported by Liam Morgan will continue to lead the coaching but will combine next school year's Years 1 and 2 into one coaching session, as we want to get about fifteen players so we can have a strong foundation for a team. The group will start each session at 9.00am on the first Saturday back at school at the start of September. All children, regardless of ability, are welcome so, if your child (boy or girl) wants to develop their football skills, just turn up for a few weeks in September to see how they settle in (just ensure they wear shin pads).

**Steve Darby, 613330**

### **Under 7s' End of Season Report**

The group have now been together for two years and since the middle of February we have seen a significant improvement in their overall abilities, which has been reflected in their performances at the friendly matches they have played during the last couple of months. We have seen strong

performances against Wellesbourne, Tysoe, several games at the Three Counties Football Festival and at the Southam Football Tournament where they were up against some very talented local sides including Southam, Leamington Hibs and Norton Lindsay. At the club presentation evening we celebrated the award of trophies to Kieron C as "Most Improved Player", Sam C as "Clubman" and Joe C as "Player of the Season"; also special recognition goes to Charlie C for his terrific goals and Josh W for outstanding defensive performances.

Next season Steve Cummings will lead the group coaching sessions with help from Paul Rothwell-Sykes and Courage Ndlovu and we hope that they will participate in their first competitive league competition.

### **Chairman's Report**

As the 10/11 season draws to a close, it's time to reflect on another great season of kids' football. Firstly, thanks to the kids, the parents/guardians, the helpers, the coaches and the club officers - it all happens because of you, it's your club. It's been a great year with various teams playing in three different leagues and an on-going healthy in-take of the Under 6s. The Club is in good shape and forging new ground with the U14s continuing on with the mid-Warks league next year (It's not often that the club has been able to field teams at this age group). We had over 100 kids registered this season.

This year we've been able to make real progress with our Safeguarding Children efforts culminating in the FA running a bespoke course in Harbury for our club officers, coaches and regular helpers.

As is often the case, at the end of the season we see members of the club hanging up their boots. After many years of service to the club and having seen her age group develop through the years Carolyn Dorning is retiring from HJFC. A massive thanks from the kids and the Club and all the best of luck - just think of what you'll be able to get done with all that time!

Looking to the future we are working on plans for next season that will see us looking to develop further the kids' skills, the coaches' skills and ensure we have the necessary equipment to progress. With that in mind, we are actively seeking kit and equipment sponsors which will allow us to better target our limited funds to meet our plans. If you can help with sponsorship or want to discuss, please contact me. As always, we encourage people to get involved and the club needs people to step up so we can continue. Please contact me or speak with your child's coach to find out ways in which you can help.

One of the most satisfying aspects for anyone involved in the club is the Presentation Evening. I am pleased to report that this year's event was a great success. It's a great time to recognise the achievements of all

involved in the club. Here's the details of the award winners for 2010/2011 season:

U6 Club Man: Jack K  
 U6 Most Improved Player: Jamie S  
 U6 Player of the Season: Ben H  
 U7 Club Man: Sam C  
 U7 Most Improved Player: Kieran C  
 U7 Player of the Season: Joseph C  
 U8 Club Man: Ryan H  
 U8 Most Improved Player (Harriers) : Liam O  
 U8 Most Improved Player (Hawks) : Millie T  
 U8 Player of the Season (Harriers) : Edward L  
 U8 Player of the Season (Hawks) : Jack P  
 U8 Golden Boot: Morgan J  
 U10 Club Man: Adam D  
 U10 Club Man: Rosie H  
 U10 Most Improved Player: Jack L  
 U10 Player of the Season: Matt W  
 U10 Golden Boot: Riley B  
 U12 Boys Club Man: Jay M  
 U12 Boys Most Improved Player: Daniel H  
 U12 Boys Player of the Season: Josh S  
 U12 Boys Golden Boot: Lee D  
 U12 Girls Club Man: Connie W  
 U12 Girls Most Improved Player: Indiana L  
 U12 Girls Player of the Season: Ella F  
 U12 Girls Golden Boot: Nikki S  
 U14 Club Man: Kane H  
 U14 Most Improved Player: Sam H  
 U14 Player of the Season: Oliver N  
 U14 Golden Boot: William A

Thanks again to all, have a great break and see you next season!

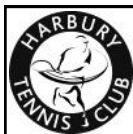
**Ian Jones, Chair - HJFC**

### **Harbury Games**

Junior Football nearly fulfilled its motto of a combination of youth and experience dribbling their way to victory with a creditable Silver medal.

Thanks to all the team members for their commitment and enthusiasm resulting in a great team effort. Also a big thank to Andrew Lawrence and his committee for their hard work and organisation for making the games such an enjoyable and successful event.

**Malcolm Tanner**



## **Harbury Tennis Club**

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

At the time of writing the roof is on Centre Court at Wimbledon (again!) so at least some of the members who were successful in the Club's ballot for its allocation of twenty one pairs of tickets were guaranteed tennis!

May and June are usually very busy months for the Club and this year has been no exception. On Carnival Day the Club converted the clubhouse to a café offering traditional strawberry and cream teas with games including a speed gun for the fastest serve on the courts. As last year we had a really busy day.

In the leagues the two teams played fourteen matches in six weeks which really stretched our resources. In the Banbury League the team occupies 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division Four despite losing five of the seven matches played. This is because a point is awarded for each rubber won and as three of the defeats were by narrow margins we continued to collect points. The league position may be a little false as we've played more matches than some clubs but we'll enjoy our lofty status while it lasts! It was pleasing that in the away match at Tysoe, teenagers Lewis Jay and Richard Howell made successful debuts and hopefully will play many more matches for us.

In the Stratford Men's Doubles league the team is now able to call on Marcus Sharpe and Adam Crossling who are home from University, and Jon Guy who has returned from his South American journey. Sebastian Prince has also played to provide young legs to support the more mature players! Adam and Marcus joined Geoff Prince and Daniel Morley to record an excellent 3-1 success against previously unbeaten Alcester. The undoubted highlight of the match was Geoff playing in socks after forgetting his tennis shoes so it was a good job Alcester's courts are carpet and not clay! Of the other five matches played there were good draws against Ilmington and FISSC and defeats against Aston Cantlow, Shipston, and Wildmoor leaving Harbury second from bottom of Division Four but only a point below the next two clubs so it will be an interesting second half to the season.

For the first time three of our Juniors were invited to play in Warwickshire LTA organised tournaments at the Aegon Classic at Edgbaston, one of the leading pre-Wimbledon tournaments for ladies. Alexander Sabin, Gwyneth Jones and Millie Thompson were in the combined Harbury and Shipston teams that played against teams from around the county. Gwyneth and Millie's accounts of their day are below:



Gwyneth (Age 10 yrs) - I was chosen to represent Shipston and Harbury Tennis Clubs in the Aegon Classic in Edgbaston on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. There were eight teams from all over Warwickshire playing over two days and my tennis partner from Shipston was a girl called Abi. Although we didn't win the tournament it was a great experience playing with other

girls from other clubs. Also, it was the first time I had played on a clay court which was different and quite slippery when it rained. I felt I learnt a lot from my first real tournament and, although I didn't win all my matches, I found it was a lot of fun.

Millie (Age 9 yrs) - I played in the Mini Orange competition (8-9 years) on the first day of the Aegon Classic Tournament at the Edgbaston Priory Tennis Club on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. The atmosphere was very exciting because some of the women players preparing for Wimbledon were arriving to play in the tournament over the next few days. There were three more people in my team, from Shipston and Harbury tennis clubs. For each game we had a five minute warm up, then we had to play for 15 minutes. A whistle was blown at the start and the winner was the one with the highest score when the whistle blew again at the end. All the points won in the games were added to make the teams' final total score. In my best game, I lost by only one point. The score was 16-17. Unfortunately my team lost overall, but we had a great time all the same.

The Junior Summer Programme is in full swing catering for children between the ages of five and sixteen. In addition we're running Summer Camps, led by Head Coach James Marsh ([j.marsh@tennisolutions.co.uk](mailto:j.marsh@tennisolutions.co.uk) tel: 07867 785213) starting on 25<sup>th</sup> July until 19<sup>th</sup> August. Sue Panton's successful "Tiny Tots Tennis" for three and four year old children runs until 18<sup>th</sup> July. Sue's details are: [suepanton@hotmail.com](mailto:suepanton@hotmail.com), tel: 07979 691471.



## 1st Harbury Guides

Jane, Caitlin & Nicky

### 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Guides needs you!!

In 1986 the BBC launched an ambitious project to record a snapshot of everyday life across the UK for future generations, called the Domesday Survey. Now, twenty five years later the survey is being renewed and, as part of giving service to the community, the 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Guide group are helping to update Harbury's entry. We will be posting survey sheets to a cross section of properties throughout the village and we would be very grateful if these could be completed and returned to the survey boxes (locations of the boxes will be provided on the survey sheets). More details of the survey can be found at [bbc.co.uk/domesday-harbury](http://bbc.co.uk/domesday-harbury).

1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Guides is open to all girls aged 10 – 14 years. We meet every Monday evening from 7.15pm – 8.45pm, so if you want some fun and fancy trying a session please feel free to ring Jane Minchin (Guide Leader – 07974 447512 or Nicky Kirk (Assistant Leader – 01926 614316); we'd love to see you.



## Harbury Toddler Group

Jemima Balcam

We held our coffee morning at the Tom Hauley room on 21<sup>st</sup> May and it was a huge success. The children had all been growing plants to sell on the plant stall, which went down very well, and the cakes sold out as usual. The raffle was great, with lots of prizes donated, and we especially thank Tesco's for donating yet again. Thanks to everyone who came and helped run it, who raised their seedlings and baked cakes and provided raffle prizes. I won't mention them individually in case I embarrass them or forget someone. Thanks of course also go to everyone who came, bought the plants and cakes, entered the raffle and had a cup of coffee. We raised a lovely amount to put towards our annual summer trip, date and venue to be confirmed.

At the Toddler Groups themselves we're still busy as ever. We have had more visits from the Southam Children's centre, running outdoor painting activities, and we really appreciate the time and effort they put into running those. We are also running craft activities ourselves as usual, with summery themes in particular at the moment, and the outdoor play area is getting lots of use now that the weather is warmer.





We also participated in the Harbury Carnival recently, winning 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for our 'Ye Hereburgh Toddlers', Medieval themed walking tableau. Many thanks to all those who took part in this, we were particularly proud of the castle and horse and carriage pushchairs which were just brilliant! The children thoroughly enjoyed waving at everyone as we went round

the village, and we all had a fabulous time.

Over the summer holidays we plan, as usual, to try to come up with some different activities so that those with older children can bring them along too. Hopefully we'll fit in a picnic and some messy play again this year.

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



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Welcome:** After the half-term break we were delighted to welcome Felix and Annie as they began their Pre-School careers.



**Mini-Beasts:** The children set forth across the road to the Bosworth-Brownes' garden, armed with buckets, magnifying glasses, observation pots and clipboards. There, they collected woodlice, slugs, snails, ants and assorted other creatures all of

which were later released into suitable habitats. Benjamin and Amelia particularly enjoyed searching the depths of the tiny pond, where they were delighted to find tadpoles, two fish and even a frog. On their return to Pre-School, the children made some wonderful pictures



of what they had found. Many thanks to Janine for not only letting us roam around her beautiful garden, but also for providing delicious home-made butterfly shortbread biscuits for the children, who ate them sitting on their logs at snack time. Thanks too, to the parents, nannies and grandparents who helped.

**Cooking:** The children had a great time making (and eating) butterfly shaped biscuits made to Janine's delicious recipe. They used their measuring and calculating skills as they weighed out the ingredients, before mixing, rolling out and cutting the biscuits ready for the oven.



**Carnival:** Wow! What a result! Harbury Pre-School's wonderful "Celebrations" float, designed, painted and assembled, using lots of the children's own work, by Emily, Andy and their team of parents, looked amazing and won first prize! Very many thanks to all those who helped to make it such a success, not least Rob Hadley, who not only loaned us his trailer, but also towed it

with such care with his tractor in the parade.

**Summer Outing:** Our visit to the Butterfly Farm in Stratford was a great success. We saw all sorts of caterpillars, butterflies and moths as well as all the other insects and mini-beasts that were on show. The children were particularly thrilled when butterflies chose to land on them.

"The butterfly stayed on me for 100 hours" Ruby.

"I went on the bus to the butterfly farm with my Pre-School friends" Margaux.

The rain held off so that we could have our picnic in the Butterfly Farm's garden and have a play in the park, before climbing back on the coach for the journey home.

Once again, the visit inspired some fabulous butterfly and insect paintings which went on to adorn the Pre-School walls.



**Fathers' Day:** Following the Butterfly Farm visit, the children practised their IT skills as they designed, printed and wrote in some very

'handsome' caterpillar Fathers' Day cards using our computer programme and printer.

**Transport:** Towards the end of the month, the children's attention turned to vehicles and transport. They made 3-D models and paintings of vehicles and used large cardboard boxes, crates, chairs and cushions for making cars and trucks outside. Books, songs and rhymes took on a transport theme and the builders' tray was covered in a layer of paint through which the children made tracks with plastic vehicles.



**And finally: Pre-School is in urgent need of an under-counter fridge with a freezer compartment. If you happen to be re-fitting your kitchen and have a redundant but serviceable fridge, we would be delighted to give it a good home!**

*For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail [bud.jackson@btinternet.com](mailto:bud.jackson@btinternet.com) or phone 07939 122087. The web site can be found at [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk).*



**Windmills**  
Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

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

**From September 2011 Windmills Nursery will be open Friday afternoons.**

**Carnival:** This year the Carnival float theme was Windmills of Harbury. The float looked fantastic with a central windmill and a whole array of flowers and windmill artwork adorning the trailer, all produced by the children at Windmills Nursery. The children were dressed as flowers and held paper windmills which they had all made. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> in our

category and the children had a wonderful time being involved in the parade.

We would like to thank Mick and Gwen at Bull Ring Farm for the use of a barn for float building and for the loan of the trailer and hay bales and to Wally for towing the trailer during the parade. Thanks to the Carnival team of parents who helped build and decorate the float which took a lot of work and to the children who produced some beautiful artwork with the help of the staff in nursery. Thank you finally to all the parents who made such lovely costumes for the children.



As well as all the work that went into building the float, we also had a bottle and jam jar tombola at the carnival. Thank you to all the parents who donated items for the tombola and to Katharine Giblin who organised the stand and to all the volunteers who helped man the stand during the carnival; we raised £220 for the nursery.

## Events In Nursery



Continuing our theme of journeys and travel, Windmills Nursery had a visit from Chris Rigby on 9<sup>th</sup> June who talked to the children about being a pilot and flying.

Joseph – “It needs an engine, like a car”.

The children all made their own paper planes and took home a gift

aeroplane. Thank you to Chris and Rosina.

In nursery the children have been creating a wonderful under the sea display and also looking at travelling and being travel agents. On 14<sup>th</sup> June there was the monthly journey to Church for the Toddlers' Service. The children have been making the most of the school facilities and summer



weather by practising for sports day on the school field and balancing on the log circle on the infant playground.

The children all enjoyed making cards and gifts to celebrate Fathers' Day.

"Mummy cooked us all breakfast and she cooked daddy a special breakfast. I gave him his presents." – Sophie.

"My daddy put his card by the sofa and his keys on his key ring. He said it was lovely." – Chloe W

**Staff News** – on Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June the staff had a day of training delivered by the Early Years' Advisor.

### Forest School & Sensory Garden

This month in Forest School the children have been exploring their senses. They went on a sensory walk to feel and smell plants and objects in our woodland.

Thank you to Mr Chapman for donating the raised bed and herb plants and for creating the beautiful sensory garden for the children and others to enjoy. Thank you also to Evelyn's grandparents who have planted a lovely border next to the sensory garden and supplied all the plants. Thank you to the school children who visit Windmills every day to help water the plants and keep the play area clean and tidy.



### Tennis



Some of the children at Windmills Nursery have just started a series of tennis lessons with James Marsh the head coach at Harbury Tennis Club. The lessons are held in the school hall and the children already love these weekly classes.

"We hold tennis rackets and we try to hit a ball. We play a game and it is fun. We pretend to be fishes and the

teacher rolls the balls and we have to run as fast as we can" – Freya.

“We went in the school hall. We balanced the ball on the racket while we were walking. Someone rolled the ball to us and we had to whack it with the racket. We had partners and we took turns.” – Phoebe.

### **Dates for Your Diaries**

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> July – Children starting school to visit Reception Class

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July – Windmills end of term party

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Nursery Closes for Summer Holidays at 12.05pm



## **Harbury Primary School P.T.A.**

**PTA Committee**

### **Carnival**

Well done to all the children and adults who joined in with our “A Royal Wedding” walking tableau as they won first prize! We had some fantastic outfits and were honoured with a visit from Kate and Will – although they seemed a bit smaller than they do on the telly!

### **Beer Walk and BBQ**

Hurray! The rain held off and over seventy people joined us for our beer walk which included an en route beer stop hosted by the PTA, providing hungry and thirsty walkers with Slaughterhouse beer, soft drinks and snacks. The atmosphere was fantastic and this continued through to the late afternoon BBQ at the Old New Inn. Thank you to all those that joined and supported us.

### **Summer Fayre**

A reminder that you are all invited to our annual Summer Fayre on Saturday 9th July, 12 noon – 3pm, held at the school. Harbury Choir School will be performing at 12.45pm and Harbury Ukulele Group will take to the stage at 1.30pm. There will be a BBQ, café and bar and lots of fun stalls and games for all ages – we look forward to seeing you there.



## **Village Hall Update**

**Chris Finch**

If you missed the Heart of Harbury Games last month – you missed a treat! Nine teams entered for the day’s activities, which were superbly organised by Village Hall committee member, Andrew Lawrence who had an excellent support team who assisted with the sports on the field and prepared a range of mouth – watering refreshments to keep the inner men and women fit for their events.

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# Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2011



The line-up at the start of the Wheelbarrow Race



Winners of the Men's Beer Race



Winners of the Ladies' Beer Race (left) and Winners of the Water Race (right)



Winners of the combined oldest age (left) and the Anglo French Prize (right)

# Harbury Ca





# Carnival 2011



# Heart of Harbury Games 2011



Start of the children's one mile race



Wheelbarrow race



Throwing a tantrum



Ladies' one mile race



Overall winners - Duke of Edinburgh Team with David Moorcroft



Ladies' 400m Race

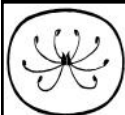
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The spirit and enthusiasm engendered by the activities was incredible, with all participants encouraging their own team members and those of other teams, especially in the challenging events, including throwing a tantrum, gurning, the mile and the tug of war! It was especially heart-warming to see the complete range of ages involved in the games from 8+ to young teenagers, young adults and the not-so-young adults! It was a great day and a more detailed report will be included elsewhere in the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

The Village Hall committees are still exercising all their energies in moving on with the next phase of development, which will include an extension on the east side of the building (next to the children's playground). The planning application has already been submitted to SDC by the Village Hall architect who has drawn up a layout which will provide all the essential requirements needed for the continuance of the wide-ranging activities offered at the premises, without the excessive costs outlined in the original plans.

Once the repairs to the Farley Room extension have been completed to the satisfaction of the committee, an application will be made to Veolia for the promised grant and this will then allow funds to be released for the purchase of the photo-voltaic panels. The refurbishment of the kitchen is also high on the 'wish list' of hirers and with this in mind, four members of the committee viewed the kitchen at Great Alne's Village Hall, which was completely modernised with commercial catering facilities resulting in increased hiring for public and private events. The modernised fittings definitely provided 'food for thought'!

Other forthcoming activities include a working party of committee members to wipe down the woodwork and paintwork around the windows before the new curtains are fitted and the preliminary meetings with GASS about the annual CAMRA Beer Festival, which also brings in much needed funds for supporting the Village Hall. If anyone feels they would like to join any of the activities set up by the committee, there is always a place for a committed worker who would like to lend their support to the on-going efforts maintaining the Village Hall as a pleasant place to hold community events. Please ring 613801 if you would like to join the Village Hall team – the ability to gurn is not essential!!



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morral**

Can you believe another month has quickly gone by and as I write this today is the longest day!!!

The day trip on 8<sup>th</sup> June was another great success. We went firstly to a lovely National Trust property in Hampshire called Hinton Ampner. If you have never been you are in for a treat. The house was rebuilt after a very bad fire in 1960 by Ralph Dutton who had remodelled it but, not to be put off by a mere fire, he did it all again! It is a lovely, welcoming house complete with amazing furniture with a lot of Pietra Dura tables which are stunning. He collected a red marble type stone called porphyry and it is much in evidence in various forms throughout the house. Since my last visit more rooms upstairs have been opened up and there is an amazing bathroom which was Ralph Dutton's.

Onto the gardens which overlook miles and miles of open fields and trees with stunning views. The paved terrace outside the back of the house very much reminds me of a Lutyens design. There is a lily pond which then leads to a sunken garden with topiary features. The planting is superb with perennials including penstemons and salvias and wonderful dahlias. There was a terrific white rambling rose which was at least eighteen feet high and still going strong. The Long Walk is 180 metres long with clipped Irish yews and the most fragrant display of roses in the very wide double borders - musk roses, old fashioned ones and all exuding the most wonderful scent. At each end of the Walk are statues which create great focal points. The Temple, built as a folly, gazebo and resting place, was somewhere to sit and admire the views across the Park. Lots more hidden paths with something to focus on around every corner. Exuberant planting with structure, form and so much depth of colour.

Then to the walled garden which was abounding with fruit, vegetables and shrubs with restored glasshouses. The vegetables all looked good in lines with lettuces from green to red, huge cardoons, carrots and much more. The fruit bushes were laden and all interspersed with lovely paths from brick to wood chippings. Everything looked healthy and well cared for. Companion planting works as I didn't see any slug or snail damage. An orchard is nearby between the clipped formality of the hedging and topiary and must have looked good when all the spring bulbs were flowering. In the Autumn there are carpets of crocus so something for most of the seasons. Reluctantly after a very nice lunch (apart from a coach party of Belgians!) we took our leave by which time it was raining quite heavily but on our way to the second garden it stopped and the sun did put in an appearance.

Onto West Green House Garden leased from the National Trust by that great gardener Marylyn Abbott. She is an Australian lady who spends six months of the year in Australia then six months in England. What a way to divide your time; unfortunately a visit to her garden near Melbourne is

just a bit far although it was suggested!!! As a second best why not buy her latest book, *The Resilient Garden* which has stunning photos.

I was really looking forward to this garden and in spite of a deluge which did clear up I was not disappointed. The 1720's manor house is surrounded by busts of gods, emperors and dukes which look down from the walls onto two major gardens. The inner gardens enclosed by 18<sup>th</sup> century walls are devoted to parterres. One is filled with water lilies, another of classical design with box topiary and a third enacts the tale of Alice in Wonderland with the characters in ivy and box topiary surrounded by red and white roses.

The main walled garden is planted in subtle hues of mauve, plum and blue, contained in beds that have been faithfully restored to their original outlines. A decorative potager is centred around berry filled fruit cages. The strawberries just wanted to be picked and eaten! Herbs and flowers are designed into colourful patterns. The rows and rows of neat vegetables are in fact used, when ready to be picked, in the restaurant. However the pigeons had been at the brassicas and eaten most of the new leaves; even in an organic garden they do their worst!!

All this is surrounded by a second garden, a remarkable neo-classical park studded with follies, birdcages and monuments. A Red Paeony Dragon garden now joins with the Garden of the Five Bridges. A stunning garden with so much to see and appreciate and so much you could copy yourself - on a much smaller scale of course. The tea room was well used and the cake really delicious. Then on the way to the coach there is a remarkable greenhouse on a very grand scale, vibrant colours and plants and much to see and enjoy. We were most reluctant to leave but what great gardens we enjoyed. We got back to Harbury by about 7.00pm where it had not rained!!!! Thanks to our lovely driver Martin and to Cheney Travel; we will be enjoying more of the same on 6<sup>th</sup> July when we go to Dorothy Clive Gardens in Market Drayton and then to Bidulph Grange Garden - hope to see you all then. Leave the Village Hall at 9.00am.

On 16<sup>th</sup> July at Evenley Wood Garden (near to Brackley) there will be a celebration of Lilies at the Annual Lily Festival, with plants and craft stalls in the marquee and a talk and demonstration by garden owner Tim Whiteley and Richard Hyde from the specialist lily nursery. It takes place from 11.00am to 5.00pm and is only £5 or £4 for concessions. I hope that you are tempted. On 10<sup>th</sup> July Avon Dassett Gardens will be featuring seven open gardens, admission £4 from 2.00 to 6.00pm, proceeds to Myton Hospice. At Broughton Castle, a moated castle near Banbury, where Shakespeare in Love was partly filmed, there is an open garden day on 24<sup>th</sup> July, admission £3 from 2.00pm to 5.30pm.

There are lovely gardens here and the meals at the nearby pub, the Saye & Sele are very good, so go and spend an enjoyable Sunday with no cooking, doesn't get much better than that!!!!

Just a mention about the Village Show which is on 10<sup>th</sup> September. As you are no doubt aware, the Horticultural Society is no longer involved in the organisation etc. and it is now solely run by Patrick Clarke with help this year from Jane Giddings. We will obviously help if we are asked and are able to do so. Our Society has made a donation to Patrick who now has a separate bank account for the show to help him on his way. I have printed off the schedules as my contribution and have not charged for this. The schedules will be available at Mugleston's and various outlets throughout the Village. Unfortunately my name appears on the schedules (I know I get everywhere these days!!!) but I will be away from 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September so PLEASE do not put your completed entry forms through my letter box, also if you need to know anything at all please contact Patrick or Jane. I wish them every success this year with lots of entries; look at the schedules there is something for everyone so start preparing now.

Whatever you do, either in your gardens, allotments or garden visiting just enjoy, everything seems to be so forward and colourful this year.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

*Your local Hardy Plant Specialists*

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

Although we (and everyone else) lost a lot of plants this winter, I thought I should do a bit of an update about some of the plants which did survive against all the odds. The first surprise was *Salvia Uliginosa* which is a beautiful sky-blue, late summer perennial which the books say isn't hardy. There is slightly less of it than before but it is growing well. Next I discovered the *Agapanthus* in the garden is thriving although the one in the pot is dead. Even more unexpected was the *Eucomis* (pineapple plant) which has popped up in the last two or three weeks. The *Escallonia* was brown from top to bottom so I sawed it off at the base and that too is sprouting. Aren't plants amazing?

It is 11<sup>th</sup> June as I write this and it is raining and will maybe rain again tomorrow. We had all that lovely rain on Bank Holiday Monday but, since then, the wind has been strong and it simply wasn't enough. Quite what we shall do at Bridge Nursery if a hosepipe ban is introduced I have no

idea, in fact I'd rather not think about it so will move on to jobs for the month.

- Remember to dead head flowering plants especially roses.
- Pick beans, peas, courgettes regularly before they get too big.
- Take cuttings of rockery plants e.g. Helianthemum.
- Don't forget to fertilize tomatoes and hanging baskets.
- Remove side-shoots and some lower leaves on tomato plants.
- Pot up runners from strawberry plants so you can have more next year.

Enjoy the fruits of your labours.

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



## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

As I write (19<sup>th</sup> June), with the longest day fast approaching, we wait for settled, high summer weather. Several wet days have done something to alleviate a very dry April and May but all the signs point to low cereal crop yields. A blackbird was vigorously cleaning out one of the gutters at the back of our house after rain on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. It would then come down and take beakfuls of wet leaves and mud and fly up to line its nest in a Clematis. Later we saw it sitting on the nest but a day later it had gone and has not returned, perhaps a victim of a road accident or seized by a cat.

I enjoyed an article in the newspaper by Richard Mabey (author of the encyclopaedic Flora Britannica published in 1996 by Sinclair-Stevenson). He praised the common names given to our flora and fauna and used some telling quotes to make his case. In Shakespeare's play 'Cymbeline' for instance the lines

'Golden boys and girls all must

As chimney-sweepers come to dust'

seems strange to modern audiences who are not aware that chimney-sweepers was the Warwickshire name for the brush-like seed 'clocks' of the dandelion. I have the article filed if anyone would like a copy.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> I visited Whitacre Heath with the U3A Natural History Group. This North Warwickshire Nature Reserve is situated in the Tame valley near Coleshill. (Map ref.OS sheet 139. SP 209931). It's a little difficult to find but well worth the effort; with several pools overlooked by bird hides. We saw a Little Grebe and a couple of Grey Herons as well as a Great Spotted Woodpecker. The tall spikes of Southern Marsh Orchid clustered in some damper spots. Ragwort was being 'pruned', so to speak, by those black and yellow banded caterpillars beloved by children. They are the larvae of the Cinnabar moth and concentrate the poisonous alkaloids in ragwort. Instead of blending into the background like most caterpillars, they advertise themselves as a poor choice of meal to predators and are consequently left alone. A similar technique is used by the Burnet moths; the black and red colouration of these day-flying moths warn predators to stay away.

Down at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve, the Man Orchid has had a good year in its only Warwickshire location. Each flower strongly resembles a small human figure with head arms and legs. Here we are at the northern limit of its distribution and to see it in greater numbers, a journey to the chalk of Kent or Surrey would be advisable. I suppose my interest in our wild orchid flora was triggered as a schoolboy on a field trip to Box Hill near Dorking. Our biology teacher was a disciplinarian but also an enthusiast and we found the Man Orchid growing in the short turf and wondered at its amazing form. Later, in a beech hanger on a slope covered in dead leaves, the saprophytic Bird's Nest Orchid seemed the only living flower poking through the humus. It gets its name not by its flower shape but by the tangled root mass which can be fancifully likened to a bird's nest. The roots are strongly infected by a mycorrhizal fungus and through them the plant obtains all the food it needs, hence the virtual absence of chlorophyll from the aerial parts and its ability to grow in almost total shade. I've found this orchid growing on one occasion in Ufton Woods some years ago and, as it is easily overlooked, a closer search of our area might reveal more sites.

The Yellow Land in Bishops Itchington is full of interest. It's a tiny part of the old Harbury cement works site given to the village by Blue Circle. Go down Ladbroke Road past the school and where the road makes a right-angled bend you will see a track immediately ahead. This leads after fifty metres to a metal gate on the left and access to the public open space. A lot of work has been put in by Chris Redstall and his team from the 'Friends of the Yellow Land'. They have cleared some of the invasive scrub, laid paths and included schoolchildren in designing stepping stones and a carved seat. Wildflower seed was scattered on nutrient poor, spoil heap soil after minimal rotivation and now a cornucopia of flowers has taken over. Sharon and I accompanied a group of Harbury



Society stalwarts and were shown round by Chris on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. We were lucky enough to meet Steve Falk, an entomologist, looking at the bee population. We watched him catch a bee in a net and remove its collected pollen stored in a basket on its hind legs. The pollen will be sent for analysis and the result will help to unravel the complex feeding habits of our native bees some of which are in decline. There are twenty four species of Bumblebee in Britain. About half are in serious decline hence Steve's research. Names are descriptive with Buff-tailed, Common Carder and Red-tailed bumble bees. We had timed our visit well as summer species of butterfly were emerging. We watched entranced as a Marbled White spread its wings. Ringlet, Common Blue and the nationally rare Small Blue (*Cupido minimus*) were also seen amongst the array of wild flowers which included Kidney Vetch, Bird's Foot Trefoil, Field Scabious, Salad Burnet, Centaury and the intriguingly named Weld. This last is a traditional dye plant sometimes known as Dyer's Rocket. A member of the Mignonette family, it has a tall spire of yellow flowers and was once grown as a crop in Kent, Essex, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Its smaller relative, Wild Mignonette was also growing on Bishops Hill which has been described by David Brown, our county moth expert, as being like a small Sussex chalk down. Other highlights included a group of bee orchids which Chris Redstall had not seen growing there before.

My sightings of the month were an impressive Scorpion fly at Whitacre Heath which despite its name is completely harmless. It's a member of the Lacewing family. At Ufton fields I watched a group of Whirligig beetles doing what they do - whizzing about on the surface of a pond. Sharon and I were captivated when, coming home late one night, we caught a family of foxes in the headlights of the car. There were about five in all and they seemed to be practising 'how to cross the road' near Chesterton windmill. Enjoy the coming months with their bounty of fruit.



## General Section



### **The Loss of a True Villager and Friend of Many**

The passing of Graham Freeman is a great loss to Harbury Village Club as he has been a great asset for over 30 years.

He has been the Captain of the Domino Team for the Club for some years, a member of the Club for many years and also a committee member for a while.

He has helped in the past by being involved in the Harbury carnival when he dressed up as Freddie Mercury on a float in 2003 and did a wonderful job of it too, but most of all he has been our “Mr Bingo” and has given his services to the Club for over thirty years calling the bingo numbers at the Club every Friday night.

He has also been a pillar of the community as he was born and has always lived in Harbury, known to most people in the village.

The passing of Graham has been a great shock to all who knew him, bingo most probably won't be the same without him and we could never do the job as well as he did, but we will do our level best to continue the bingo on Friday nights at the Club. We hope that people will still come as Val Thorne, our Chairperson, will attempt to do the job of caller in memory of Graham but knows she could never do it as professionally as he did. He will be a very hard act to follow.

In Graham's memory we are hoping to erect a Memorial bench at the Club and, if anyone - friends, villagers or Club members - wishes to donate towards this, please feel free to do so by way of a donation box to be found at the Post Office and the Club.

We all send our condolences to Graham's widow, Grace, his daughters and son-in-laws but most of all to his beautiful grandchildren who worshipped their Granddad and they will miss him badly.

**Val Thorne – Harbury Club**

## **Wheelbarrow Race and Pub Games**

### **Wheelbarrow Race**

This year the race was hosted by The Crown and there were thirty two entries – is this a record? There was also an international flavour with participants from our twinned village of Samois-sur-Seine. There were twenty entries for the Men's Beer Race, two entries for the Ladies' Beer Race and ten entries for the Water Race. The results were as follows:

**Men's Beer Race:** Winners – Trevor Gibbs and Mark Easton with a time of 8 minutes 57 seconds (the record still stands at 8 minutes 2 seconds) and they were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £25.

**Ladies' Beer Race:** Winners – Abbie Harding and Cheryl Satchwell with a time of 17 minutes 24 seconds and they were presented with the Gibbs and Simpson Shield and £25.

**Water Race:** Winners – Ben Tawney and Jacob Hunt with a time of 9 minutes 9 seconds and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10.

The team with a combined age of eighty or over was Andrew Patrick and Sebastian Acosta who were presented with the Rollason Tankard.

An additional trophy was awarded by the Harbury Twinning Association to the fastest English/French team and etched beer tankards were presented to Andrew Patrick and Sebastian Acosta who completed the course with a time of 13 minutes 41 seconds.

Congratulations to all the winners.

## **Pub Games**

This year there were seven teams taking part – Shakespeare, Dog, Twinning, Old New Inn, Girls r Loud, Gamecock and W.C. The individual event winners were as follows:

Skittles:	W.C.
Aunt Sally:	Shakespeare
Horseshoes:	Gamecock
Quiz:	Gamecock



The overall winners, who amassed the most points over the four events, were The Dog and Wayne was presented with a cardboard replica of the Pub Games Shield as the original (which was kindly donated) has “gone missing” – if anyone knows of its whereabouts we would be very pleased to hear from you – please ring Dan Killian on 01926 612265 or return it to The Bungalow, Chapel Street, Harbury.

## **General**

The Carnival Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the above events, the participants, the spectators and, of course, the landlords of the various hostelryes who supply the liquid refreshment for the Wheelbarrow Race and also let us use their premises for the Pub Games.

Hope to see you all next year!

**Dan Killian**  
**Harbury Carnival Committee**

## A Classic Carnival



A great turnout on a wonderful sunny day that held off its downpour until right at the end, dousing the hardy 'JKP' Band who gamely played on undeterred.

The Carnival King (Brandon) and Queen (Claudia) broke with tradition and headed the Parade in a smart new Audi giving a modern touch to Carnival!

The day started with floats and walking tableaux of all shapes and sizes cramming in to be judged in Sutcliffe Drive.

### Parade Winners

Sue Andrews Cup (Best original Adult costume): Moira Rollason 'Sudoku'

Tim Percival Cup (Best original Child costume): Caitlin "Tin Man"

Decorated Float – Trade: 1<sup>st</sup> Old New Inn "Old New Knights of Harbury"

2<sup>nd</sup> The Dog "Benidorm"

Decorated Float – Private: Darlison Family and Friends "Rogues Gallery"

Children's Float: 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Pre-School "Celebrations"

2<sup>nd</sup> Windmills Nursery School "Windmills of Harbury"

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car: Rob Cooper & Mark Clifton "Wacky Races"

Walking Tableau Children: 1<sup>st</sup> "Potato Heads"

(2-8 persons) 2<sup>nd</sup> "Where's Wally"

3<sup>rd</sup> "Ostrich Racers"/Jedward (joint)

Walking Tableau Children: 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury School "Royal Wedding"

(More than 8 persons) 2<sup>nd</sup> Harbury Toddler Group "Hereburgh Medieval"

3<sup>rd</sup> "Japanese Festival/St Trinians" (joint)

Walking Tableau Family: 1<sup>st</sup> The Hunt Family "Wacky Races"

2<sup>nd</sup> The Rollason Family "Bored Games"

3<sup>rd</sup> The Ridgley Family "Batman & Robin"

Walking Tableau Adults	1 <sup>st</sup> 'Bumps & Bundles'
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harbury WI 'Chefs'
Walking Child	1 <sup>st</sup> 'Ragdoll'
	2 <sup>nd</sup> CD
	3 <sup>rd</sup> CD Player
Walking Adult	Isobel Grimes 'Dancing with Wolves'

Then the Parade wound its way through the Village and with great applause entered the Recreation Ground with its many stalls, roundabouts, games and Entertainment Ring.

### **Fancy Dress Competition**

The Carnival Chairman, John Broomfield, led the judging of the Fancy Dress Competition and we saw a recurring theme of the Royals following the recent Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton:

Under 5's	1 <sup>st</sup> Liam "Prince William"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Martha "Chick"
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Benjamin "Pumpkin"
5 – 7 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Rosie "Shaun the Sheep"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> James "The Penguin"
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dainty "Princess Beatrice"
8 – 10 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Lauren "Corgi"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Joe "Royal Mug"
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Alice "CD"
11 – 17 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Megan and Jo "Two Bees or Not Two Bees"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> James & Daniel "Ostrich Racers"
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth "Daisy the Cow"
Adult Group	1 <sup>st</sup> The Chiba Family "Japanese Festival"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> The Rollason Family "Bored Games"
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rob Cooper & Mark Clifton "Wacky Racers"
Adult Individual	1 <sup>st</sup> Libby Darlison "Cruella de Ville"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Moira Rollason "Sudoku"
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Andrew Hunt "Cave Man"

### **Thank you!**

To all of you who attended, supported and took part, as well as to the many helpers and particularly Mike McBride, who was the key organiser on the day and who ensured everything went smoothly. We are still counting the money raised for the village organisations and charities....

And of course to our Sponsors:

Avonvale Veterinary Centre, Braeside Bed & Breakfast, Cana Import, Mr Brooks The Chimney Sweep, communication & me (Bev Walshe), The Crown Inn, The Door Store, Fosse Garage, The Gamecock, Green Chameleon, TM & JM Grey, Harbury Pharmacy, Harbury Supermarket & Post Office, Jasmine Spice at the Dog Inn, The Kitchen Kompany, Miles of Tiles, Mugleston's, Nifty Needle, The Old New Inn, Rollason Fencing, Rollason's Solicitors, Samaritans, The Salon, The Shakespeare, and the Village Club.

Rain or shine, see you next year!

**Peter Walshe**

**On behalf of the Carnival Committee**



## **Trophies and Tantrums at Harbury Games**

Over 160 men, women and children braved the sunshine and showers at the Harbury Recreation Ground on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June to compete in the first "Heart of Harbury Games". The nine teams came with their flags and anthems, wearing a range of sportswear that included tutus, pirate hats and even a gorilla suit. There were so many great performances with every team winning at least one gold medal. Competition was fierce but friendly, with positions on the medal table changing right up to



**Former World 5,000m record holder David Moorcroft and his wife Linda with Sue Lawrence, Susie Tawney and Julie Young**



**Rosemary Harley turns in a brilliant performance to win silver in "Throwing a Tantrum"**



**Junior Football take Gold but "Twinning" show the best hat and Andrew Patrick demonstrates a new jumping technique**

the final event (Tug of War) but in the end, the Duke of Edinburgh team came out clear winners with Junior Football second and several teams just behind them. Andin Las Place came in last place but only by a whisker. As well as lots of fun and some great competition, the event brought in a profit of over £1200 for the Village Hall Development Fund.

Thank you to all our participants, helpers, sponsors and spectators.

**Andrew Lawrence (on behalf of the organising team)**

## **Chesterton Windmill – Essential Maintenance**

During the summer scaffolding is to be erected around Chesterton Windmill to enable essential maintenance work to be carried out by contractors acting on behalf of Warwickshire County Council.

The most significant element of the maintenance work is the replacement of the zinc cladding to the dome-shaped roof (known as the cap). The cladding which is being replaced is over forty years old, and is losing its weatherproofing qualities through the natural aging process. It has also suffered storm damage in one or two places.

If the cladding of the cap is allowed to deteriorate, it would result in the intrusion of rainwater. This would accelerate the rate of decay of the timber structure and the internal machinery. The severe weather of the last two winters has increased the rate of erosion of some of the masonry, so some of the worst affected stone blocks are to be replaced at the same time. The sail frames, whips and stocks will also be repainted.

The whole works will cost about £50,000, and take about eight weeks to complete. As it is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, the works are being carried out in strict accordance with the requirements of English Heritage.

**Peter Bones**

## **Blood Donors**

Thank you to everyone who attended the session in the Village Hall last month. Of the ninety four people who went, eighty were able to make a donation; a particular welcome to six new donors. The next session in Harbury will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. If you missed this one and don't want to wait that long, there are more frequent sessions in Southam and Leamington. Check them on [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or ring 0300 123 23 23.

**Gillian Hare**



## Wednesday Walkers

Boots, boots, boots, boots  
 Tramping down the road again  
 Boots, boots, boots, boots  
 On our merry way  
 We hope to ramble with our friends  
 For many a sunny day

We have had another month of dry ground and beautiful countryside. Several more people have joined us, and we average about ten each week.

In July and August various people will lead the walks; check with them if you want details but anyway just turn up at the Village Hall at 9.45am.

6<sup>th</sup> July      Priors Marston, three miles  
 13<sup>th</sup> July     Led by John Guilford  
 20<sup>th</sup> July     Led by John and Heather Wright  
 27<sup>th</sup> July     Ufton (Pat Mettrick)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> August   Eathorpe, three miles (Jan Thomas)

Any questions to Pam Parton, 614188 or Gillian Hare, 614809.

P.S. Don't forget your flasks – Jenny Patrick's Italian guest was seriously challenged by caffeine deprivation on 15<sup>th</sup> June!

**Gillian Hare**

## Walks around Harbury

It is a pleasure to hear about the emergence of a walking group calling themselves the Wednesday Walkers and publishing their monthly plans in the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Over thirty years ago a series of local walks was published in the Harbury & Ladbroke News under the heading 'Places to Go' by a village resident who was anxious to ensure that paths around the parish were kept open for residents to enjoy. All the details of the walks, which were accompanied by maps of the routes, were provided by Mr H.A. Hill (Austin Hill), who was at the time, the Honorary Treasurer of the Harbury Club. Mr Hill would make the arrangements known to a group of village footpath walkers, who met at the Village Hall on a Sunday afternoon to walk one of the footpaths he had researched. There were a total of nine footpath walks, which were published between the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News of May-June 1975 and the 30<sup>th</sup> edition on



September 1976. All the details of the walks in the other editions, 15, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 28 can be found in the back copies of the magazine which are located in the library.

At a later date in 2004, the Harbury Society published a series of eleven walks in their booklet 'Cross the Stile', which detailed walks in the local area, which many residents still enjoy exploring in their spare time. The walks included six footpaths identified as the Ufton Fields Walk, Chesterton Valley, Harbury Heath, the Quarries, the Great Western Walk and the Windmill Walk. Again maps were produced to identify the paths available at the time and some fascinating historical information was added to bring the places 'en route' alive.

It's good to hear that the Wednesday Walkers have restarted an earlier village tradition, which was established to retain the footpaths for future generations.

**Dick Picken**

## **Harbury Macmillan Cancer Support Footpath Collection**

Very many thanks to everyone who generously contributed to the Macmillan Footpath Collection this year. I am pleased to report that I have sent a cheque for £479.14 to our Macmillan Cancer Support Regional Office. Sadly this is some £200 less than last year, perhaps a reflection of the difficult economic situation and all the other worthy causes supported by the generous people of Harbury.

A special thanks also to those who willingly gave their time monitoring the line of coins along the footpath in the centre of the village on Friday and Saturday 3rd and 4th of June.

**Ann Mayer, 612708**



## **Bumps and Bundles**

Did you see us in the Carnival? It was hard to miss our twelve brightly decorated prams for our walking tableau "The ladybirds and the bumblebees by Bumps and Bundles". Our prams were decorated as gardens, the boys were bees and the girls ladybirds. The star attraction



of our float had to be David, Helen, Will and Magnus as our Scarecrow band. We were delighted when all our hard work paid off as we won first prize – hurray!



As well as preparing for the Carnival we've also been very lucky to welcome some guest speakers to our sessions. We've had a taster session for Sing & Sign – using makaton signing to communicate with our babies before they can talk. We have also welcomed back Wendy from Southam Children's Centre for an introduction to Baby Massage. Word has spread and we have had over twenty babies at some of our sessions.

We are looking forward to making Fathers' Day cards, a messy play session and two of our bundles will turn one in July.

We meet on term time Tuesdays 10.30am-12.00 noon in the Tom Hauley Room. For further details contact Helen (614150) or Kelly (611914), though please feel free to just turn up and join in. We will also be getting together over the school summer holidays so if there are any bumps or bundles who want to come along and meet us then please give Helen or Kelly a ring to check what we are up to.

**Katy Spencer Hammon**



## **Harbury Art Group**

The subject for our June workshop was 'Reflections'. The majority of us chose to use watercolours, but some used acrylics or pastels instead. Our source material was photographs of groups of cows, drinking from the canal at Long Itchington, together with their reflections in the water. Quite a challenging subject, but we had some very good results. On 7<sup>th</sup> July we will be having a 'Mixed Media' workshop, and our tutor Nick is providing objects for us to paint from life, using watercolours, coloured pencils and ink. On 4<sup>th</sup> August the subject for our workshop will be 'The Sea' and, whilst most of us will use watercolours, members are always free to choose whichever medium they prefer. Harbury Art Group meets every month throughout the year on the first Thursday of the month, from 10am to approx 3pm in the Tom Hauley Room. The sessions are led by professional artist Nick Baldwin, who provides the subject, and we are keen to welcome new members. We are a diverse and informal group, with a wide range of abilities. Some are absolute beginners and some are experienced painters, and we always have a few

laughs during the day, with plenty of tea and coffee on tap. The workshops cost £15 per person and you pay on the day. There is no joining fee or commitment to attend every month – just come along, bring a packed lunch, and enjoy a full day's painting with this friendly group. To book a place or find out what to bring, please telephone Pam on 01926 814923, or the tutor, Nick on 01295 276465, or simply turn up on the day!

**Pam McConnell**

## Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens



The outing to Windsor, with more than 80 day-trippers, seems to have been a great success. The committee members hope that you all enjoyed yourselves. As you may have realised, we rotate our trips between inland and coast so next year we will probably be heading towards sand and sea. We hope you will join us.

Thank you to everyone who supported our tennis ball in a barrow game at the Carnival. Although not easy to do, there were many who were successful. The winner of the guess the number of calories in the cake was Nicola Thompson and the number of calories was 2888.

We would like to remind you that the next event is the Summer Lunch which is a fund raising event and, as such, the lunch is open to anyone who wants to come, subject to availability. The lunch includes a Ploughman's, Dessert, Tea or Coffee for £5 and will be held in Harbury Village Hall on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August** between 12:00 noon and 2:30pm.

For pre-booking enquiries, please contact either Thelma Gulliver on 613269, Margaret Sherrington on 613704 or Mike McBride on 612421 before Monday 1st August. Look out for posters giving more details. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Mike McBride**

**On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens' Benefit Association**

## Art Classes

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of doing a whole year of water colours. The group has made tremendous progress and a certain number of top notch originals have now been produced.

Many members want to continue working with water colour in the autumn term to consolidate their skills. However, in September I will be opening the class to beginners again, so if you are tempted to try your hand at drawing and painting, now is the time to apply.

Also, those who have explored water colour, but wish to try either oil or acrylic will have the opportunity to do so.

Classes will start on 13th September in Harbury.

**Jan Freeman**

## **Sounds of the Sixties - July 9th**

A fifth band - Out the Blue has been added to the line-up for the final SOTS evening. Tickets priced at £10 (£15 on the gate) can be ordered by ringing Joe Griffin on 01926 613151/ 07831 405651. The gates at the Harbury Rugby F.C. will be open from 6.00pm.

**Chris Finch**

## **Warwickshire Young Voices**

We are having a busy Summer term! We have done our second engagement already, singing for the new Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, and still have two more events to go.

This year seven children came to sing at the inauguration of the new



Lady Mayoress at St Martin's in the Bullring, Birmingham. For four of them this was their first time singing with a large four part choir.

Standing as the only sopranos on one side of the choir stalls, surrounded by very loud basses (David!) and altos (Helen!), they did amazingly well to sing out confidently and hold their part. We sang some incredibly tricky music,

sometimes singing in six part harmony and accompanying a soloist. The youngsters showed just how much their music reading has come on during the rehearsal, easily finding which bar number we were going from, following their part and responding to the dynamic changes in the music. It was great to see them helping each other and getting out their pencils of their own accord to note down directions given by the conductor - 'every good musician has a pencil' so the saying goes!

We always have some lovely comments about our youngsters when we sing elsewhere, but to be told by a singing teacher that they were better than some of the youngsters chosen to sing for the Pope on his recent visit was brilliant to hear!

We are now looking forward to our big summer finale on Thursday 14th July at 6.30pm at the Village Hall. We will be hosting a free session of musical entertainment with Pimms, scones and strawberries for a perfect relaxing summer's evening. Come along and see what we have been doing this year.

We are also looking forward to singing at Harbury School's Summer Fayre on the 9th July in aid of the PTA.

**Helen Iles**  
**Warwickshire Young Voices,**  
[www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org](http://www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org)

## **Holiday at Home - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

Plans for a 'Holiday at Home' for older people are now nearing completion and booking forms are available from Sue Boniface (613831) or Gill Guilford (614206).

Come and join us for games, entertainment, craft activities and coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Wednesday and Friday will be based in the Tom Hauley Room and Thursday will be a full day out at Evesham Country Park.

Cost of this 'Staycation' will be £25.00 per person and includes craft materials, entertainment, travelling costs for the outing, and meals during the two days in the Tom Hauley Rooms. (Cost excludes meals and refreshments at Evesham Country Park).

Places will be limited due to the space and transport available, so do book your place as soon as possible. If you would like any further details please ring Sue or Gill.

**Sue Boniface**

## **My Cycle Ride across France**

This summer I shall be spending a month or so cycling the length of France from the Channel to the Mediterranean. I want to follow a watershed ridge that keeps to the east of the Seine and the Loire and to the west of the Meuse and the Rhone, in a (relatively) straight line from Calais to Sète. It's about 1500 kilometres. For the first half I'll probably be on my own, except for the day when some people from Samois have generously said they'll join me. The second half will be shared with Jenny

and our daughter Gail, and our Bongo campervan. The biggest hill (Mt Aigoual) comes two days from the end.

Why am I doing it? Primarily because I want to - I like being in the hills, I like cycling, and I love France. But I'll also have time to think about some special people in my life who have moved on in recent years. There's our eldest son Rob who died in 2000 and who would be 40 this year. There's Jenny's best friend Ann, and there's my Primary School friend Dave. All three of them were extraordinary people. Ann and Dave had both gone to live in Australia. They never met, yet they both died of brain cancer a few months apart in 2009.

That's why I want to raise money for cancer relief. For people mad enough to want to sponsor someone mad enough to cycle across France in high summer, I have a Just Giving page. It's <http://www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Patrick>.

Have a good summer!

**Andrew Patrick**

## **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbury Hash**

This event for all the family will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The Hash is for walkers and runners and is loosely based on a paper trail, but the trail is marked in flour. It is for all ages, levels of fitness, or lack of, and short cutting is actively encouraged.

The start will be in the Chesterton area, and there will be signs from Chesterton village to the start location (where to park cars and bikes). Registration is from 1.30pm to 2.00pm.

There will be a BBQ afterwards, so please bring your own meat, veggie, drinks, salads, etc. We will provide bread plus some drinks for the down downs (penalties). Dogs on a lead with well behaved owners are most welcome. The cost is £3 an adult or child, or £8 a family, and any profits will be donated to Harbury GASS.

<http://www.actionability.co.uk/hh/>

**Doug Freeman (612002) and Steve Ekins (614423)**

## **Scarecrow Workshop**

### **(In aid of the Village Hall Development Fund)**

A reminder to sign up for this event to be held in Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

Children with an adult are welcome. It will be run by artist Deborah Dutton and helpers. After learning the skill, construct your own

scarecrow and place it somewhere around the village. On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> we will issue a map featuring the scarecrows. All are welcome to come along to the Village Hall at 2.00pm, get a map and follow the scarecrow trail. Teas will be available on Sunday. Most material will be supplied but suitably old clothes to dress your scarecrow should be brought along. Cost of workshop £3.00. About 20 places are available. Contact Moira Lamont (613527) or John Hancock (612860) to book.

**John Hancock**



## **Windmill Open Weekend**

The 2011 Windmill Open Weekend will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September and we hope as many of you as possible will be free to come and help. To meet with Warwickshire County Council's Health and Safety requirements we need at least a dozen volunteers per morning and afternoon sessions in order for the event to run so please put the date in your diary or better still put your name down now! As well as having the opportunity to go in the windmill and sample the delights of the tea tent, volunteers and visitors alike will also be able to take part in various fundraising activities, proceeds to go towards the repair of the churchyard wall around St Giles Parish Church. For more details please contact Helen Manley 613907.

**Helen Manley**

## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

As I write HEI has gathered 93 supporters for our bid to Energysshare, putting us in 25<sup>th</sup> place nationally in our bid for a share of the £500,000,000 fund. That's not bad for a week since we registered our intention but perhaps by the time you read this, which will be after the process closes and bids must be submitted, we will have gathered enough support from you all to get us into the top ten. If successful our bid will be about new energy solutions for as many of the major community buildings in the village as possible. We are not required at this stage to define in any detail what we are proposing to the fund. We have had some great ideas submitted by some of you and we will use those to work out what is achievable. We will no doubt have to curtail our enthusiasm to solve all the problems in one go but it is tempting! Our initial thinking has been to focus on photovoltaic panels for the village hall, a biomass boiler for the Church and a ground or air source heat pump for the school swimming pool, i.e. a range of different solutions affecting as many people as possible. Only if we are successful in getting through the first round will it be worth framing our proposal in more detail to include some of the other ideas.

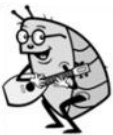
Whatever the outcome, we will continue to work with the village on saving energy, reducing your bills and lowering the village's carbon footprint. I am sure that many of you know what 'carbon footprint' means but for those that are unsure, it refers to the amount of carbon released into the atmosphere either by directly burning it as gas, oil or coal (fossil fuels) or as a result of energy used in manufacturing and transport. Carbon released into the atmosphere can be partially captured by the sea and plants but the seas are now almost at capacity and we are cutting down trees faster than we plant them globally. Carbon dioxide is one of the gases implicated in global climate change.

Following a training evening last month we now have nine volunteer Harbury Energy Advisors ready and willing to give you free and impartial advice on what might help to reduce the energy bills on your property. If you want to take advantage of this volunteer help, contact one of the following: Steve Dolley - 613963, Ted Dowdeswell - 612943, Linda Ridgley - 612792, Mike McBride - 612421, Paul Quinney - 613386, Jenny Patrick - 614359, Hugh Tottle, Doug Freeman - 612002, or David Bristow – 612536.

Please keep 8<sup>th</sup> October free in your diaries. This is the day when, with the school, we present *Green Memories*, *Green Future*, which will be opened by our MP Jeremy Wright.

If you want to be part of all this exciting activity call Bob Sherman - 612277 or David Bristow – 612536.

**Bob Sherman, Chair, HEI**



## **Harbury Ukulele Group**

We had another fantastic turn out at our June meeting during which we arranged the playlist and rehearsed for our first **public performance at the PTA Summer Fayre** on Saturday 9th July.

We are on at 1.30pm, so please come along and see us.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at the Shakespeare. For further information contact Craig Grocock (kankudai43@aol.co.uk) or check out our Facebook page – "Harbury Ukulele". Next meeting is Monday 4th July, 8pm onwards.

New members are always welcome, including (especially) complete beginners.

**Magnus Lewis-Smith**



## Harbury Cemetery

During the next two to three months, Harbury Parish Council will be reviewing its risk assessment of memorials in the Cemetery. The Council is anxious to contact all relatives of those interned in the Cemetery who currently have a staked memorial in order to discuss the possible repair/restoration of the memorial. In some cases, where it is not possible to contact relatives, the memorial may be laid flat for safety reasons but this will only be done as a last resort.

To contact the Parish Council, in confidence, about a memorial in the Cemetery, please telephone Mrs N Thompson, Parish Clerk on 614646 or e-mail [harburypc@btinternet.com](mailto:harburypc@btinternet.com) for further information.

**Harbury Parish Council**



### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### **Dear Editors**

*Thanks to all my friends and neighbours for their condolences and support in my sad loss of my husband Ron. Also my everlasting thanks to Richard and Margaret Wadell for their continued support.*

**Ann Bull**

#### **Dear Editors**

*Peter Richard Heigl*

*The heartfelt cards and messages that I have received, since Peter passed away on 3rd May, have been completely overwhelming. Thank you so very much. The service held in our church on 19th May was a true tribute to Peter and we thank Fr Craig for being such a wonderful support and all those who helped to make the service so special.*

**Sally and Thomas, Jonathan, Paul & Philippa**

#### **Dear Editors**

*May I through your magazine thank all those who have supported the fundraising for Bagots Castle in Baginton, for which I am the custodian. Further information on Bagots Castle can be found at [www.bagotscastle.org.uk](http://www.bagotscastle.org.uk). Many thanks.*

**David Hewer**

## September deadline for “locals only” to buy final Harbury Fields home

Villagers in and around Harbury have only a few weeks left in which to buy the final house available on a scheme designed to cater for local residents before the opportunity is thrown open to people living further afield. And for the first time they have the chance to have a good look round the property as the three bedroom house, plot 17, which is nearing completion, can now be viewed by appointment.

Eight of the nine homes for sale at Harbury Fields on Bush Heath Lane have already been sold - all before completion and without the aid of a showhome, highlighting the popularity of the development. Under rules designed to ensure local people have first choice of houses, those living in the parish of Harbury and Deppers Bridge have 12 weeks from the official marketing launch, which has just begun, to buy the property before it is available to newcomers wanting to move into the village. The 12 week window expires on September 8 and agents have a queue of people from outside the area anxious to buy.

Developers Linfoot Country Homes hope the ‘last chance to buy’ call will encourage someone with a local connection to reserve the one remaining property before it is made available to a wider audience.

Plot 17 offers stylish accommodation within a traditionally built exterior and offers a generous amount of space which can only be fully appreciated by an internal tour of the property.

The house has a number of interesting features including a brick inglenook fireplace with multi-fuel stove in the living room and a full height hall overlooked by a galleried landing. It has a bespoke fully fitted kitchen breakfast room with integrated appliances and a stunning full width living dining room, with wide French windows opening onto the generous sized rear garden. The master bedroom has an en suite shower room, and there are two further bedrooms, a family bathroom and a single garage.

All homes at Harbury Fields are built to level three for the Code of Sustainable Homes and will be powered by eco friendly air source heat pumps, as well as having sustainable storm water drainage, rainwater butts and low energy lighting.

The Bush Heath Lane development, the first scheme of its kind in the district, has been developed in partnership with Harbury Parish Council and Warwickshire Rural Housing Association, under the Stratford District Council Local Choice initiative following an in depth survey into rural housing needs.

Both the houses for sale and the 13 affordable homes attracted long queues of applicants keen to stay in the village in which they live, work or were brought up or where close family members live.



The strict criteria on who can buy the houses in the initial 12 week marketing period include having been born in the Harbury and Deppers Bridge parish, having lived there for three years in the past or being a current resident of more than a year's standing.

People with parents, siblings or children in the village are also eligible as are people who have worked in the parish for at least the past 12 months. The same criteria apply when the owner sells up - ensuring the homes are not sold to outsiders unless there is no local demand.

Anyone interested in viewing the sole remaining house, which is £235,000, or wanting further information should contact Edward Bromwich at selling agents ehB Residential on 01926 881144.

• The one remaining home at Linfoot Country Homes' Harbury Fields will be marketed to people living outside the Harbury and Deppers Bridge parish after September 8. Until that date only local residents are entitled to buy it. The affordable homes (pictured) are already fully occupied.

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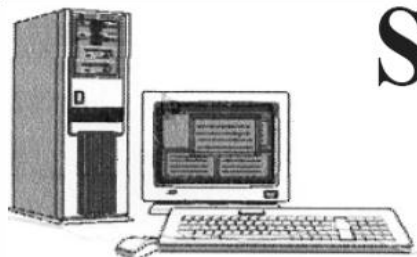
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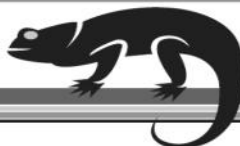
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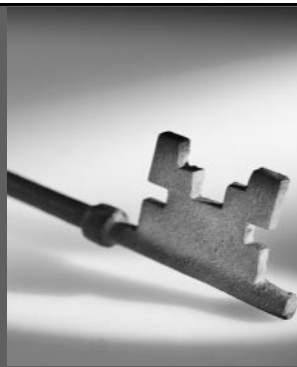
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