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There is the promise of an interesting day at Harbury School on 8<sup>th</sup> October with the theme "Green Memories, Green Future", linking the story of our village with plans for a sustainable future. We hope that as many villagers as possible will support this event.

Ladbroke's Safari Supper was well supported as usual and raised £300 for Church funds.

The Editors are hoping to widen the range of articles in the News. If anyone has any suggestions for topics, please contact the Editorial office, Tel: 612155 or e-mail: articles@hlnews.co.uk.

Remember that subscriptions will not be collected until next April, as explained in last month's edition.

Residents are also reminded that the electoral registration forms are due back to Stratford District Council by the middle of the month.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Doreen Mann.

## Harbury Diary

#### OCTOBER

Sat	1	Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Holidays for Underprivileged Children Harvest Supper 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Sun	2	TRINITY XV
		Sung Eucharist 9.00am
		First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
		Service of Benediction 6.00pm
Tues	4	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Weds	5	Holy Communion 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room
		Mothers' Union meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room –
		'Modern Books for Modern Children' with Marion Dickerson
		Ballroom Dancing 8.00pm in Village Hall
		Hereburgh Morris practice 8.00 -10.00pm in Harbury School Hall
Thurs	6	NB No 9.45am Service today
		Harbury Art Group Workshop "Autumn" using watercolour or
		your own choice of medium, 10am to 3.00pm in the THR. £15
		per person, all levels of ability and new members
		welcome. Phone Pam on 01926 814923.

Thurs	6	Men's Group meeting 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room – Sharon Hancock: Research into Names on Harbury War Memorial
		Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
		Folk Club 8.00pm at Dog Inn
Fri	7	Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
		Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome. Tel: 612498
Sat	8	Councillors Corner 10.00am – 11.30am outside the
		Post Office, Chapel Street
		Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
		Green Memories – Green Future Open Day 10.00am – 3.00pm
		at School. Opened by Jeremy Wright MP. All welcome.
		Moving Pictures present 'Kung Fu Panda 2' doors open 3.30pm,
		film starts 4.00pm in Village Hall (Tickets available on the door only)
		Cabaret Night starts 8.00pm at Harbury Club with the Fabulous
		Tilly and entertainer Dave Barry in aid of 'Help for Heroes'. For
		tickets please ring Val 01926 614516 or Joy 07748 556538.
Sun		TRINITY XVI
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	11	Toddlers' Service 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	12	Ballroom Dancing 8.00pm in Village Hall
		Hereburgh Morris practice 8.00 -10.00pm in Harbury School Hall
Thurs	13	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
<b>F</b> :		WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room 'A look back at Children's Hour'
Fri	14	Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
		Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome.
Set	15	Tel: 612498. Man'a Braver Brackfast 7 20am Tam Haulov Boom
Sat	15	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
		of Theatre Group
		ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END,
		HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sun	16	TRINITY XVII
oun		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Family Communion Service 10.30am
		Evensong 6.00pm
		Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
		Quiz Night in aid of Macmillan Nurses, 7.30pm at Harbury Club.
		For info call Kate 07742 834712 or Debbie 01926 614766

Tues	18	Holy Communion 7.30pm Mothers' Union meeting 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room – Chris Rutherford will talk about the work of Asthma UK
Weds	19	Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	20	Hereburgh Morris practice 8.00 -10.00pm in School Hall SCHOOL ENDS
		Holy Communion 9.45am
		Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall
Fri	21	Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
		Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome. Tel: 612498.
Sat	22	Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of PCC
		"Iris Night" - Charity Concert in aid of Myton Hospice, 7.00pm -
		11.00pm in Village Hall. Call Ellie for tickets and information,
Sun	22	07964346622. Tickets £7.50 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sun	23	Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Zumba 9am in Village Hall
Tues	25	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
1000	20	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
Wed	26	Hereburgh Morris practice 8.00 -10.00pm in School Hall
Thurs	27	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Thursday Club 2.00pm in Village Hall
		DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH
		STREET OR BY EMAIL BY 5.30PM
		Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
Fri	28	Little Softies 9.30am in Village Hall
		Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome.
		Tel: 612498. Myton Hospice Christmas Card Sale Coffee Morning
		10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room
Sat	29	Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in
out	20	aid of Save the Children
		Opening of Veolia Suite 2.00 – 4.00pm at Village Hall
		Open Mic Night 8.00pm at Harbury Club Non - members
		welcome. Free admission. For more info 07799 896891
		CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT
Sun	30	IV BEFORE ADVENT
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Zumba 9.00am in Village Hall
Mon	31	ALL SOULS' DAY (Halloween)
		SCHOOL STARTS

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Mon	31	Harbury Society: Planning Explained! 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
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Tues	1	ALL SAINTS DAY (Patronal Festival)
		Holy Communion with Hymns and Address 7.30pm at
		Ladbroke Church
Wed	2	Holy Communion, 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room
		Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
		Mothers' Union AGM 2.30pm with 'Points of View' –
		Members discuss Topical Events
		Hereburgh Morris practice 8.00 -10.00pm in School Hall
Thurs	3	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Blood Donors in Village Hall, 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm –
		7.30pm
		Men's Group Meeting 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room
		Folk Club at Dog Inn 8.00pm
Fri	4	Little Softies in Village Hall 9.30am
		Bingo 8.30pm at Harbury Club. Non-members welcome.
		Tel: 612498.
Sat	5	Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in
		aid of PTA
		Village Bonfire and Fireworks held at Playing Field. Bonfire lit at

6.00pm, fireworks let off at 6.30pm.

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

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

## From the Rector



#### Father Craig Groocock The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

#### Harvest thanksgiving and giving!

This last Sunday at Harbury, we all enjoyed our Harvest Family Communion Service. Even though we all had to work around the challenges of the new floor being fitted, the Church looked and smelt wonderful with sheaves of corn on the pew ends, fruit and vegetables on the window sills and lovely flowers for us to enjoy, it really was fantastic – a huge thanks to Jo and her amazing team for doing such a great job again.

The Church was full once again and made very special by all the children who led us in silly songs, led the prayers and who produced a wonderful 'gifts' tree' that we hung up in Church to remind us of the gifts and talents we all have been given by God. The theme of the service was 'Thanking and Giving' – we thank God for the gift of the harvest and we give back to Him the gifts of our lives.

Once again we were reminded of those in and around our local community, our farmers. Harvest is a particularly difficult and stressful time for them. We are thankful for all they give all year round and we are mindful of how dependent we are on their labours.

If we don't do this already, let's make a special effort to support them, not only with our thoughts and prayers, but by buying locally where we can, from our farm shops and from grocers who stock locally produced fruit and vegetables. I am sure our large supermarkets who fill their shelves with produce from all over the world will cope if we go local every now and then!

God's peace and blessings.

## From the Registers

## Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

11th September	Kai Butcher
	Freddie and Amber Maule

## Burial of Ashes, All Saints', Harbury

13th September Brenda and Richard Turner

## From the Churchwardens

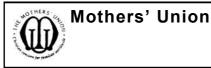


Liz & Will

Didn't the Church look nice for the Harvest Festival? Taking place during the Family Communion, lots of people had brought fruits, vegetables, tins and other assorted produce to offer at the Altar – all products of the harvest we were celebrating. Some of the school children had prepared prayers of thanks, which they offered on behalf of all of us. None of the produce goes to waste and this year it was taken to the Helen Ley Care Centre.

Half of the Church has a new floor at last! Over the coming weeks in October the rest will be completed. Come in and have a look on a Sunday morning.

Early in November look out for the All Souls Commemoration Service. If you would like a relative remembered during this time, please fill in the list which is inside the Church.



### Chris Rutherford

Our season started with a communion service during which we heard Lizzie Hare describe some of her experiences in Calcutta working in a project which provides employment for girls trafficked into the sex trade. They make jute bags which are now sold internationally. Her enthusiasm was quite moving when she described how, after so much degradation and fear, a woman would find it possible to smile again when given the opportunity to work her way out. At the evening meeting, Mrs Valerie Benskin gave us an fascinating tour around the Holy Land, imagining the landscape as it might have been in the time of Moses. We then followed Luke as he explored the places that were significant in the life of Jesus.

**Changes to the Programme** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October after 2pm communion, there will be a discussion about modern children's books led by Marion and Chris R. On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Chris Rutherford will tell us about the work of Asthma UK.

In addition to these meetings, there will be a workshop on Friday  $2^{nd}$  December at 2pm in the Tom Hauley Room to make table decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre.

Visitors are most welcome to all our meetings in the Tom Hauley Room behind the Church.

## **Toddlers' Service**



Mrs Vanda Ball told us the story of "The Harvest". How the farmers plant their seed and God sends sunshine and the rain to make it grow into wheat.

We sang our two songs which Mr Hare played for us on his accordion.

We then did some lovely crayoning of harvest pictures, played with the toys, had our drinks and then it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers' Service is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the Tom Hauley Room at 2.00pm.

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

# First Light

Alison Abbott

We have had a bit of a theme going the last two months - in August our subject was growing up as we drew a parallel between the things that help children grow and the things that help us grow our spirituality. Then in September we thought about the things that help plants produce a good crop and how we can apply the same ideas to our lives to help us be fruitful in what we do.

This month (October) we are celebrating a bumper Harvest, not with carrots and leeks but by looking at the skills and talents that we possess and can harvest. Do come along to the Tom Hauley Room on Sunday 2nd October if you can. There will be coffee, tea, squash and biscuits from about 10.00am and then we get under way at 10.30am for our rather unique, family friendly encounter with God. We don't have an order of service to follow but we do have good stories, music, drama and fun, yet at the same time it makes you think.

## Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's Group

Not a 'Holy Huddle' but a friendly group of men who meet monthly on the first Thursday of most months at 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room behind the Church. We start and end with prayers, and the main business of the evening is an engaging speaker. In the past we have discovered why immigration officers make you walk to the desk, how Everest was measured (and why they added a few feet), how Formula 1 cars brake and how the Rector took up unarmed combat.

Our speakers for this year include a man who runs a bakery in Africa, a local student who has travelled deep into South America, a familiar television personality and, to start the year on October 6th, Sharon Hancock, describing her research into the names on Harbury's war memorial. Later in the year is our annual dinner and our outing possibly to the Morgan sports car factory.

Do come along. You will find us very welcoming. Or ring Alan Barr (612765), John Guilford (614206) or John Stringer (613214).

#### John Stringer

## Ladbroke News & Diary

#### OCTOBER

Sun	2	TRINITY XV
		Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am in Church (followed by
		refreshments)
Mon	3	Yoga 6.30pm in Village Hall
Tue	4	Photography Club 7.30pm Village Hall
Fri	7	Harvest Supper 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	8	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	9	TRINITY XVI
		Holy Communion 9.00am
Mon	10	Yoga 6.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	15	Supper Quiz 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall
		ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END,
		HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sun	16	TRINITY XVII
		Holy Communion 9.00am Book of Common Prayer
Mon	17	Yoga 6.30pm in Village Hall
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sat	22	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	23	BIBLE SUNDAY
		Holy Communion 9.00am
Mon	24	Yoga 6.30pm in Village Hall
Thurs	27	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY,
		HIGH STREET OR BY EMAIL BY 5.30PM
		W.I. A.G.M. 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	29	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	30	All Saints Service with Holy Communion
Mon	31	All Saints Prayers 8.30am
		Yoga 6.30pm in Village Hall

#### NOVEMBER

Tue	1	Photography Club 7.30pm Village Hall
Sat	5	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
		Bonfire in Farmyard Field at 6.30pm

Sun 6 Family Communion 10.30am (followed by refreshments)



The Safari Supper on Saturday 3rd September was a great success. With around thirty six people taking part, the evening concluded with everyone meeting up at Geoff and Carol Lane's house for the dessert course. This was a different format from previous events and judged to be a very convivial way to finish the evening. It was also good to see several new faces.

A huge thank you to everyone who hosted courses, to Geoff and Carol and to Jackie West for all the administrative support. The evening raised over £300 for church funds.

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

October 2nd - Elizabeth Evans

October 9th - Elizabeth Evans

October 16th - Kate Pickin

October 23rd - Sue Collins

October 30th - Margaret Clarke

November 6th - Margaret Clarke



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute Carol Lane

proceedings Sue Moore opened the promptly on Thursday. 22<sup>nd</sup> September and urged members to take notice of the items which were distributed to all: the Operation Christmas Child leaflets which give information about the filling of shoeboxes to be sent to underprivileged discount vouchers for a special shopping evening at children: Hatton Craft Centre and the W.I. calendars to those who had ordered them. Sue was disappointed that members had not made the best use of the suggestion forms - for outings, speakers etc - which were given out

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at the previous meeting. Please think about them and bring them to the next meeting.

Rachel Thomson and Collette Batty had attended a W.I. treasurer's workshop and picked up some pointers although we all thought our finances are already well managed. Rachel had again been successful in the photographic competition.

The speaker for the evening was then introduced and we were privileged to welcome Professor Ronald Speirs who had been Senior Tutor for the Royal College of Surgeons, among many prestigious titles, and who examined medical and dental candidates all over the UK and in many other parts of the world.

His talk enlightened us into the complexities of the system of testing the qualifications of those who tender to our bodily needs! For the initial graduation into medicine, students are only allowed two attempts and failure at this stage is the end of that student's hopes of becoming a doctor. Subsequent post graduate qualifications can be taken as many times as necessary and, as the pass rate is between 25% and 34%, one can imagine the days and days of theory these young doctors are trying to cram in between their long hours of practice.

We were told of the pros and cons of the old type of written examinations compared to the more modern shorter answers and multiple choice questioning.

Professor Speirs used lots of characterisation in his relation of the wiles of students in their attempts to gain a pass in the viva voce part of the test, which brought it to life in a most amusing way – particularly the Irish students and co-examiners. This talk was entitled 'Ask me Another' which was taken from the female Irish student in answer to the first two of her oral exam questions!

This year's AGM will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm and wine and cheese will be provided by the committee following the business meeting – so thanks to them in advance.

# Ladbroke Photography Club

What a wealth of pictures we had to look at our September meeting! Lots and lots of prints of Ladbroke with a few of Chesterton and other local photogenic locations. The photos we selected as our favourites, plus others to complement them, are being designed into a calendar for 2012. We will be taking orders for the calendar shortly and then organising printing of the number that have been ordered. If you are interested in seeing an example of it and ordering a copy or just finding out more, please email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk or contact a club member as soon as possible.

Also on show at that meeting were pictures from our outings along the canal and in the Cotswolds; the majority were of birds with some great close up shots. We meet again in Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm. It will be a practical evening with camera and computer, learning more about lighting and the digital darkroom.

# Ladbroke Millennium Green

## Martin Neal

### Ladbroke Millennium Green Supper Quiz

The Trustees have decided to hold a Supper Quiz on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October in Ladbroke Village Hall. We would like to invite teams from the neighbouring villages as well as hoping to get a good turnout from our Ladbroke teams.

The quiz will start at 7:30pm with a break for fish and chips later in the evening.

If you would like to enter a team please contact one of the trustees below. To help us to order the right number of suppers we are asking for all teams to pre-book.

Price including supper will be £7.50/head

Looking forward to seeing you.

Contacts: Tel: Martin Neal 812668, Helen Morton 814516 or Paul Taylor 812101.



## Ladbroke General Section

## Ladbroke Bonfire

The bonfire is in Farmyard field as usual on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm; the bonfire site will be ready to receive material for burning any time from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The usual refreshments will be available including hot dogs and mulled wine.

## "The King's Speech"

'The King's Speech' film will be shown in Ladbroke Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 8.00pm. £10 per ticket (to include glass of wine). Tickets available from Committee members.

**Christine Baker** 

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results for the draw for August were:

- £80 Gwyn Badman
- £50 Malcolm Wray
- £25 Alan Lockhead
- £10 Mike Connon
- £10 TK and ED Surgey
- £10 Cristine Baker
- £10 John and Heather Wright
- £10 Pete Edgar

**Margaret Bosworth** 



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

**Library** - We are waiting for the County's decision on whether we can take over the running of the Library. We have applied for funding and for computers. The County will give us £500 a year to pay for Broadband access but we will have to put in a phone line and broadband connection.

The Parish Council agreed to investigate taking over the Wight School site but the legalities of this are complex.

**Police** - There were the usual complaints about the lack of visible policing and timely reports of crimes. However, Cllr Thompson praised the PCSO who had been present every Tuesday when the Youth Drop in Vehicle was in Harbury.

**District Cllr Hamburger** reported that Stratford District had agreed to provide a total of 8,000 homes over the next 20 years and they had turned down the application to build a large estate at Shottery. He talked about the new Planning Bill and about the application for 28 wind turbines which he said were planned for the Feldon Vale. The turbines would be as high as Salisbury Cathedral if we said nothing.

**County Cllr Stevens** mentioned that the Highspeed Rail 2 Consultation had ended. There would be elections in 2012 for a Police Commissioner and that Harbury had been dumped in with Rugby in the Parliamentary Boundary Changes. The Parish Cllrs agreed to object to this, though they did not believe government would change the new constituency.

**Deppers Bridge** - Cllr Elkins reported seeing HGVs, including one from Tescos, driving over the Railway Bridge. The Police and the Supermarket will be alerted to this breach of the Weight Limit on the Bridge.

Chairman Tim Lockley suggested that Deppers Phone Box could be used for a Book Exchange, like Harbury has at the Library.

**Planning matters** The Council made no representation on tree work at Hauley House and West End Cottage and at 39 Farm Street. The Council had sent back a comment on the proposed new illuminated sign at the Co-op stating that it should not be lit all night to minimize disruption to neighbours.

There were complaints about the work being done to Rose Cottage in South Parade which has already been painted white. Now a garage seems to be being constructed and the Parish has received no information about a planning application. The District will be asked to investigate.

The Speed Limit on Bush Heath Lane will be extended up to "Henrys" and the footpath and dropped kerb installed. The Butt Lane 40 mph signs and the "School" sign on Park Lane are badly faded and should be replaced. Someone has taken down the slow signs on the approach to Ufton Tip and stolen the solar panels which powered them.

**Parish Properties** - Work is still pending on the BMX Track and Skate Park, where it appears that a hole has been burned in one of the Ramps. Repairs will cost £2,500. Minor repairs are needed to the Multi-play equipment which has been made safe temporarily. The surface under the swings has been replaced and the Tennis Courts are to be sealed and painted.

Cllr Hancock urged the Council to stop the birds fouling of the swings at Deppers Bridge. Plastic pinguards on the top bar should do the trick. Cllrs decided to refuse Stratford's offer to do "Grounds Maintenance" in

Harbury but they will ask for more litter picking and to empty the litter bins more frequently especially outside the Post Office and on the Skate Park.

Cllr Elkins relayed complaints that there were not enough Dog Bins on the Playing Fields. His colleagues asked that he pass on the news that Dog Waste Bags can now be put in ordinary litter bins.

Councillors thought the drain gratings on the car park had been stolen, however they have been retrieved and kept for safe keeping.

**Lighting** - it seems we won't now have energy saving LED lights as the Council has been told that they will only save £8 each a year and cost £250 more to install. The light at the Spinney is obscured by vegetation again and all the Manor Orchard lights, except one have been painted black!

**Energy** - Cllr Patrick gave the Council details of the event at the School, Green Memories – Green Future on 8<sup>th</sup> October, and urged them to attend (please see Harbury Diary for details).

**Parking** - The Chairman had spoken to the staff at the Surgery about the parking problems in that part of Mill Street.

**Money -** The Audit has been completed with no problems and the Council noted the Budget Monitoring details.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



## Councillor's Corner

Bev Mann

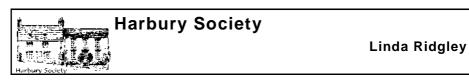
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Venue – Outside the Post Office, Chapel Street, Harbury: A Councillors' Corner session will be held between 10.00am and 11.30am.

These useful sessions are for our elected Council representatives; County, District and Parish Councillors to meet and answer any concerns/ questions from residents in a more informal and relaxed setting than at Council meetings.

If there is a question which cannot be answered on the day, Councillors will follow this up and get back to the resident.

The following month, a report on issues which are a real concern to residents are collated for the Village News.

If you are unable to attend on this day and have any Council queries Please call: District Cllr Bev Mann: 614006, District Cllr Richard Hamburger: 613478, County Cllr Bob Stevens: 814031 or Parish Council Chairman, Tim Lockley: 614532



On 31<sup>st</sup> October in the Tom Hauley Room (7.30pm for coffee and 8pm for the talk) we have invited Paul Harris, Senior Planner at Stratford District to brief us on the likely impact of the new Planning Bill. This may not sound a riveting topic but it is something about which we all need guidance. The Parish Council has been invited to attend.

We do have the 2005 Parish Plan and our approved Village Design Statement (VDS) which were subject to extensive consultation. The VDS sets out Guidelines for sympathetic development in our village and shows clearly which areas should be protected. Ask the Parish Clerk if you want copies.

Unfortunately the Consultation on this important bill ends on 17<sup>th</sup> October, before our meeting, but you can see the proposals and add your own comments on the web at: http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/ planningandbuilding/pdf/1951811.pdf.

The perceived threats to the countryside that the changes make has brought together in opposition such unlikely bed-fellows as the Daily Mail and the Guardian; the National Trust and Friends of the Earth; Jonathon Porritt and the Telegraph!

Government is sweeping away the previous Planning Polices and intends to replace them with a "presumption in favour of sustainable development". It does not define "sustainable development" except to say that sustainable economic growth is essential.

It suggests that communities will be able "to develop plans that support the strategic development needs set out in Local Plans, including policies for housing and economic development" but this gives us little or no space and few tools to object to any such plans.

In many cases, like Stratford District, the Planning Authorities have yet to approve their new strategic plans – Core Strategy and Local Development Framework - so there is bound to be a period when there is no approved local plan!

This is rather worrying but Paul Harris seems to believe that the District will have sufficient tools to ensure we are not overwhelmed by unwanted development. So do come along and learn more.

## Harbury Women's Institute



#### Jeanne Beaumont

This month I am sorry to report the passing of Doreen Mann after a long illness. We all remember Doreen with affection and joined her family to attend her funeral. It has not been a happy month in the village.

Five members went to Westminster Abbey – organised by Alison Cragg from Southam W.I and what a marvellous visit it was. Three went on to Buckingham Palace to see "the" wedding dress and said how magnificent the outfit was in real life. The two W.I members who did not go were very "arty" instead.

Some members helped at the Harbury Village Show and it proved quite successful this year. Congratulations to all the winners.

A trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens proved most enjoyable and we had a super young guide. We had thought it is run by Birmingham Council but no, it is not. It is an Independent Educational Charity and depends on the public etc to keep it running. We hope to book again next May when we will see all the spring blossoms. We thoroughly recommend a trip.

Just a reminder to members about the shoeboxes (coffee morning on 4<sup>th</sup> November) and the Craft Fair on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Any craft, cakes and preserves will be most welcome.

The speaker last month was Liam D'arcy-Brown who came to speak on the history of the Grand Canal of China and does he know the history! Fascinated by China as a child and reading Chinese at Oxford, he went on to study China's ancient history in Shanghai. In 2006 Liam D'arcy-Brown was the first westerner in modern times to travel the length of the man-made Grand Canal.

It was built 1400 years ago, earth excavated: 2.4 billion cubic yards. The total length is 1,115 miles from Hangzhou to Beijing and the annual freight carried on it is 260 million tons.

We had a fascinating talk on his journey, so much so that quite a few members bought his book.

October meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room.

Speaker: Gillian Andrews - "A Look Back at Children's Hour"



Our countdown has started towards our end of November production of "Toad of Toad Hall" (opens 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.). All the main parts are cast and rehearsals are already under way. However, at the time of writing, we do still have some vacancies for stoats and weasels - phone 613488 if interested.

Putting together a play or show starts slowly. First we have to read it through together so we can see how the various characters have to respond to each other. This gives us a chance to decide what sort of a person each character is and how they would react to different situations. Then we have to block out each scene. This means fitting in moves to the dialogue. If the script allows, we can make sure that we are making the best use of the available space, grouping people to present a more interesting picture for the audience. After all there is nothing more boring than a line of actors across the stage delivering their lines shoulder to shoulder; they need breaking up into pretty pictures. Those of you who go regularly to the RSC at Stratford will know how well they can do it. Take a snap shot of one of their scenes and it can look like a composition for an old master oil painting.

Next, once all that has been nailed down, we start the hard slog: learning the words, doing the scenes again and again until they become second nature, adding little moves and gestures and responses and "polishing" the parts we have added until we have something we are able to present to you, our audience.

Pulling all this together has to be the responsibility of the director, but the job would be impossible without a good and dedicated acting team. Luckily, we have one. We have gone for a mix of youth and experience this time, with some well known faces and some new ones. I know that they are going to blend well together.

The actors' job is not only to learn the lines but to interpret the character as the playwright (and the director) see it. They must accept direction. They must blend with their fellow actors. They may have ideas of their own and they must be listened to, but whether they are accepted or not must remain the decision of the director.

So, to cut a long story short, it is a long job, but if we can get it right, it is a worthwhile one. We will have something good to present to you, our audience. As I have said many times in the past, this is team work.

However it is only one of the teams needed to bring our play to you. Hopefully, next month, we can get someone else to tell you about their input into a successful production.



#### Steve & Maureen Darby

The theme for evening number 322 was "Town and Country" and Steve was worried that the evening was going to be very rural as there was plenty of space in the room for a few more performers. However, as it turned out, the evening was yet another wonderful event packed full of superb performances from all who took to the stage. It had been some 83 months since Steve and Maureen first hosted a folk club (number 239) and there was enough room in Steve's notebook to record a further five or six folk evenings. So, with eight months between each host's event, there would be another possible four years' worth of folk clubs before the book was full – Peter McDonald frighteningly said he would be nearly seventy years of age by then...a scary thought. It was also noted that Pete and Liz Bones were not present and, by coincidence, they were also not present at number 239 (see above). There were to be yet more strange coincidences between Folk Club numbers 239 and 322!

The first half began with Maureen and Janny singing "The Village Green Appreciation Society", as made famous by the Kinks, which was followed by "Whitby Maid". Mike and Debbie performed a "smorgasbord of gems" (as Debbie described it), "Scarlet Ribbons" and "Dancing at Whitsun", a song originating from World War I when there were not enough males to dance with, so the women danced amongst themselves. Debbie and Mike are relatively new to performing at Folk Club but continue to grow in confidence with each performance. Rik sang a song he learnt from his daughter some 25 years ago about a woman who had moved from the countryside to live in London but wanted to return. He followed this with a similarly themed song about a lady who moved to a seaside town where seagulls could fly away if they didn't like it but people couldn't. Pete Mason gave us two songs about the toil of country life, one about the hard life of working in the Outback and the other about having to resort to the crime of poaching to make ends meet. The first half closed with three numbers from the excellent vocal trio "Thrup'nny Bit". The first song had its origins in the Granges, which were out-lying farms that became strong Union areas, with the song itself a Union song about having a good time. This was followed by a tilt at Dick Van Dyke by singing in a Cockney accent "Down Below", which was all about working in the dark in St James's Park and finally they sang "Gossip John" who was a very decent chap. Thrup'nny Bit don't perform in Harbury very often and it was coincidental that at number 239 their forerunner group Ninepenny Marl had performed.

Maureen and Janny commenced the second half with the Silly Sisters' version of "What will we do if we have no Money?". Peter McDonald, despite his hatred for blood sports, was able pluck up the courage to sing "Innocent Hare", a hunting song where the quarry is able to escape. He followed this with a Bing Lyle number about the drudgery of life, "Painting the Town". Debbie then delighted us with her poetry based upon the true -life experience of losing her mobile phone down the Ambulance Station toilet; having recovered it, she returned it to the "techies" with her poem. She then vented her spleen with "The Rioter" which she based upon her anger towards the people involved in the recent riots. The youthful Harriet Guy on violin and Tina on accordion played an Aly Bain tune, "Sophie's Lullaby", then they were joined by David with his double bass the three instruments together sounded wonderful and we were entertained with "Waiting for the Federals" - we hope they return! It was yet another coincidence that Harriet had made a rare appearance at club number 239 when she had performed with Ruth (her mum) at what must have been the tender age of fourteen. Sue and Ted Crum spend most of the summer frolicking at festivals and so sang a song about a milk maid who frolicked a lot in the summer months. This was followed by Ted who sang "The Husband Man and Servant Man", a song about a farmer and servant relationship. Sue and Ian closed the second half by firstly passing on best wishes from ex-Folk Club stalwart Tony Baylis who they recently met in Norfolk, and then sang "The Country Set" (OK yah!) and "Scarlet Town"

The third half saw more great performances from Thrupp'ny Bit, Peter Mason, Sue and Ian, Harriet, Tina and David with Des closing what had been a lovely evening's entertainment with a rousing chorus which the audience all joined in with.

The raffle was very well supported with donations of homemade jams from Janny and raised £72. This will be sent to a project in Malawi where the Folk Club have already provided a goat to a family, as well as funds to repair the village water pump so crops could be watered to produce food to feed the villagers. A big thanks from Steve and Maureen for everyone's generosity.

Next month's Folk Club will be led by Ian with the theme "America".

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## Harbury Twinning Association

#### Colin Humphreys

September was a quiet month for the Twinning Association with many members on holiday. However, as usual, we said farewell to summer with our annual barbeque and petanque match which was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and was kindly hosted by David and Pam Clarke; this may well be the last time that we will be able to use their lovely garden as they are shortly to leave Harbury. We were very lucky to have had almost perfect weather for the barbeque and the petanque match which was won by a team comprised of Moira Lamont, John Hancock and Peter Rollason.

A reminder to all members that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Tom Hauley room on Friday 11th November to be followed by cheese and wine; we hope that all of you will be able to attend. We would also love to see any potential new members so, if you are considering joining the Association, you would be very welcome to join us for the wine and cheese at around 8pm.



## Harbury Cricket Club

#### **Phil Mugleston**

Well winter now certainly seems to be on its way, and another season of cricket is done and dusted for the club. It's been a season of both highs and lows for the team with some thrilling victories over local rivals, but also a few howlers to be forgotten along the way, but that's just the way of the game, and once again I must say it's been a pleasure to captain such a great bunch of lads on a Sunday afternoon. It's been a while since I wrote a report for the Harbury News and so I would just like to tell you about a few highlights of our season, which has seen several new players join the ranks and play some great cricket.

Firstly I want to take you back to May where we hosted Kineton on a rare, extremely hot Sunday afternoon. We have played Kineton for many years now and knew that they would bring a good side over, including an overseas player who has been a thorn in our side on many occasions. After winning the toss I decided to have a bowl and was immediately hopeful, as their captain told me that their Australian player had been struggling to score runs since arriving in England. This hope however soon vanished, and the so called 'struggling' batsman smashed the ball to all parts in making 145 in little time, which I must admit was somewhat demoralising for the lads, as Kineton made a huge total of 321.

This was the highest score I had ever seen at Harbury and we needed to be on top form to get even close to reaching it. Olly Smith, ever present this season, produced the best bowling figures for Harbury taking three wickets in very difficult circumstances.

We were not going to go down without a fight however and went out all guns blazing in our effort to win the match. Father and son, Graham and Jamie Newport started well, both hitting some monster shots in getting us off to a flier. After Jamie was caught I walked out to the wicket and kept the momentum up alongside Graham who made 59 and we were soon half way to our target, I really thought we could do it! But some clever bowling pegged us back. When my brother Stuart came out to join me we had begun to struggle, but a few overs of big hitting seemed to get us back on track. However it was not to be: I got a bit carried away trying to hit another 6 and was caught on the boundary for 122, and Stuart did the same a few balls later after he made 56 and we were all out for 299 which, although we lost, I thought was a fantastic effort and a brilliant game of cricket.

There were several close matches such as this across the entire season which saw many players give some great performances. George Bloxham has come on leaps and bounds this season as he can now actually hold a bat properly and hit the ball pretty far, and on one occasion he and my dad put on over 50 for the last wicket to take us to an unlikely victory over Wellesbourne. Ben Linnet has become a great addition to the team with his big hitting and made a brilliant top score of 95 not out in one match, demoralising the opposition. Young lads Todd Freeman and Henry Steele have also been invaluable this year, and have shown some of the older lads how it's done. There are many more individuals who have been really important to the team this year, but you would soon get bored if I mentioned them all; the real answer is to come down and watch us at some point next year if you get the chance.

Before I go I want to say a last few thank yous; first to my mum, who as always has been a fantastic tea lady for us that other teams envy, especially her banana bread and cakes. The Major, who for years now has produced top quality wickets that allow us to have such brilliant games of cricket, and Jez Hunt who has done a brilliant job since taking over as President at the start of the season; he also scores a few runs for the team now and again. I would finally like to thank all of our vice presidents and sponsors, in particular the Old New Inn, for their support across the season without which we could not function. That leaves me to say that if you fancy getting involved next season, don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the club; there are plenty of us about. We are also looking to have an end of year dinner some point soon to celebrate the season, which anyone is welcome to attend if they are, or want to get involved with the club.



## Harbury Toddler Group

Jemima Balcam

I can't believe the older children have started school already, where did the summer holiday go?

We started the summer holiday with a lovely trip to the Cotswold Farm Park, which for once didn't end in torrential rain. The children all had a wonderful time petting the animals and riding on the playground equipment, and came home completely exhausted from it. This year we were able to pay for all the toddlers who came along thanks to the Coffee Morning fund raiser at the Tom Hauley room earlier in the year.

Since then we have been entertaining the little ones with some summer fun, including some extremely messy play with water, sand, oats and shaving foam!

As we move into the autumn term we are sad to see Joe moving on to school, but pleased to see lots of new mums joining us. We're planning some autumn fun and will have themed sessions including bonfire/ fireworks and Halloween. We will also be holding our AGM in October. Anyone and everyone is welcome, you don't have to be on the committee, and this is a great opportunity to get to know the mums without the kids around. For exact date/time talk to Jenny or Jemima.

A new floor is currently being installed, and once the concrete has dried fully a new surface and carpet will be added. We expect this to happen during the half term holidays, therefore there will be no Toddler Group on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Finally, for anyone confused by the signs on the gates directing visitors to use the new front door, that only applies to the Harbury Pre-School; we are using both of the playground gates as entrances as usual.

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. You will be very welcome!

N Harbury Pre-School



#### Staff & Committee

**New Term:** The departure of our older children to Primary School this term has left the "little ones" as the seasoned campaigners and they have all bounced back to Pre-School after the summer holidays as if they had

never been away. We are delighted to welcome Emma, Thomas, Sienna and James, who joined us during September and have settled in very well with their new friends.



**New Pre-School Layout:** Just before the beginning of term, the old floorboards in the Pre-School room were finally removed and a brand new concrete floor laid. At the same time, the old floor to ceiling cupboards were taken out, leaving lots more space in the room for play. A big thank you to Angela Thompson, Steve, Bethany and Thomas Conway

and Adam Jackson for all their work in cleaning and painting the room ready for the new term and to Jezz Gulliver who fixed a new lock on the side pedestrian gate - which April described as, "awesome!" He also is to be thanked for installing bookshelves in the new part of the main building and additional shelving (kindly supplied by Tony Jackson) in the shed.

**New Driveway and Entrance:** Many will have noticed the lovely new sweeping entrance and driveway alongside the library leading to the car park and the new front entrance to Pre-School. Sam commented, "The tarmac looks painted". It is now possible to drive in without fear of crunching the side of the car on the wall and pedestrians can safely walk within the new black bollards.

All the alterations have meant that the children now enter through the new front door, where there are named hooks ready and waiting for coats which Liam said was "Fantastic!" Then it's on through to the main room, where the layout has been reversed. This caused minor confusion during the first week, mainly amongst the staff, while we all got accustomed to the changes!





New Theme: Our opening theme for this half term is bears. The role play area became a teddy bears' kitchen, while the children brought in and talked about their own teddy bears and enjoyed painting portraits of them and making lovely collages with pieces of furry fabric. We have sung songs and looked at a variety of books, counting games and puzzles about bears, leading on to the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

**Creative:** As well as painting and making pictures of their bears, the children have made



their own play dough and investigated the different textures and effects of dry and wet sand. They found that the damp sand was good for



modelling and making castles, while the fine dry pink sand was better for sifting and pouring.

**Physical Challenge:** The children have been making good use of our outdoor classroom, with bats and balls, balancing beams, stilts, hoops, tunnels and ride on vehicles all being put to good use. These activities help the children achieve level one and/or two in P r e -

School's Physical Challenge

series, for which they are awarded a special certificate.





**AGM:** The AGM will take place in the Wight School on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07939 122087 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk.



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, visit our web site at www.windmillsnursery.co.uk, call Tina/Sally on 07906 519148 or Katharine on 01926 613084.

We welcome our new starters Bayley, Eilidh, Kyle, Lacey and Summer who all joined Windmills Nursery in September and we wish them a very happy time with us.

Thank you to Pinner and Sons, carpenters and builders of Warwick and also Harbury School for enabling us to make Windmills a safer environment for our children by donating and fitting the new coded security lock. Thank you also to Dayle Adams for donating supplies for us to recycle.

#### In Nursery

The children have been talking about what they have been doing over the summer holidays and any special events they have been to which included Emily being a bridesmaid and Freddie being christened.

This month in Nursery we have been celebrating harvest-time, learning about different types of fruit and vegetables and how they grow. Thank you to Daniel's family who brought in a big box of produce that had been harvested from his grandfather's garden to show the children. The monthly visit to church also focused on the harvest.

The children are enjoying the new Windmills Café which has been created to allow them to role play and use their imagination. "I go to the café with my mummy and we have carrot soup" – Charlie.

This term the children are discussing their families and all about themselves As part of this they have been painting portraits of each other through a Perspex screen.



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#### Forest School

All children are attending Forest School this term and during the two sessions run so far have made leaf kebabs and mud faces and have also built a den.

Forest School is a unique way of building independence in children, self-esteem and a positive attitude towards learning as they explore and experience the natural world

for themselves. Windmills Nursery has been running Forest School for over three years now with our qualified Forest School Leader.



#### **Extra Curriculum Activities**

Weekly tennis lessons, which some of the children are participating in, are being run again with head coach James Marsh at Harbury Tennis Club. There are also some special music and movement classes being organised for all the children.

New this term is a French club; Mrs Giblin came to the

Nursery to talk to the children about France and they found France on the map and learned a few French words. The children then made French flags to take home.

"We went to France. We climbed up lots of steps. We went to the Eiffel Tower." - Audrey.

#### **Nursery Education Funding (NEF)**

All children on the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday are eligible to receive 15 hours free nursery sessions a week which is funded by

Warwickshire County Council. Windmills Nursery offers these funded places to children in our morning sessions and also has an Assisted



Places Scheme for families in financial hardship. Please ring Nursery if you are interested in registering your child.

### Staff News

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Middleton at the end of September who is leaving us to support one of our children who left in the summer to start school. We wish her every success in her new role and she will be missed by the children and staff.

### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 12th October 2011 – Nursery closed for teacher training, Friday 21st October - Friday 28th October 2011 – Nursery closed for Half Term



## Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Welcome back to all children (and of course, parents), and I hope that they (and you) had a lovely summer. We particularly welcome the children who have joined us this September, both in Reception and in other year groups, and hope that they have a wonderful time here at Harbury School.

**Parking** – May I remind parents that the landlord of the Shakespeare kindly allows us to use his car park before and after school for dropping off/picking up children. This is a very valuable asset for the school, as it means that no parents need park in Back Lane, and I thank him for it. However, we do not have permission to use the Shakespeare for evening events. I would be grateful, therefore, if all parents could ensure that the Shakespeare car park is left clear for customers whenever the school has an evening event.

May I also remind parents that the school car park is for staff and official visitors only – parents are not allowed to drive onto the premises except in an emergency.

Finally on parking, I received an e-mail from two residents in Wagstaffe Close that is self explanatory. I have thanked the residents for their e-mail and I ask all parents who use that entrance to be aware of the comments and take appropriate action:

"Many parents bring their children to school by car and drop them off at the Wagstaffe Close entrance. We have noticed that some drivers swing into Wagstaffe Close at speed, in some cases cutting the corner. At this time there are obviously many children and parents on foot crossing into Wagstaffe Close walking up to the school entrance.

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These drivers seem quite unaware of the dangerous situation that they are creating at this busy junction. Inevitably the later they are, the faster they are driving. We feel that it is only a matter of time before there is an accident and wanted to make sure you are aware of the situation."

**School Uniform** – A number of children started to come to school in "variations" of school uniform towards the end of last term. Could I remind parents that the school does have a uniform and all parents are asked to ensure that their children come to school in uniform whenever possible. In particular, please ensure that your child wears sensible (ie low heeled) shoes to school and that skirts and dresses are of an appropriate, practical length. Trainers should only be worn for PE and games.

**Miss King** – Congratulations to Miss King and her partner, James, on the birth of their first child, a son, Isaac, during the summer holidays. Mother (and father) and baby are doing well.

And finally... Congratulations to our school cook, Jenny Babbington, who was awarded **FIRST PLACE** for her biscuit and cake making in a national schools' catering competition last term. This is a brilliant achievement and means that our biscuits and cakes are the best in the country!! Well done, Jenny.

## Harbury Energy Initiative and Harbury School Present a Joint Project at the school: "Green Memories - Green Future"

Linking the story of our village with a sustainable future

## 8th October 2011 10.00am - 3.00pm

11.00am: Introduction to exhibition - Bob Sherman

- 11.15am: Opening of exhibition Jeremy Wright, MP Prize giving
- 11.20am: Final opening remarks Bob Sherman

Come and see:

- Photos and documents from the recent and distant past
- Yourself and your children in old photos, and help to identify others
- Work you may have done when you were at school
- Harbury school survey of Harbury residents' energy use
- Sustainability, the children's view, an exhibition of posters and ideas
- Green Energy Competition entries
- Display from the Scouts potato clocks
- Garden Organic Master Gardeners and Master Composters

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- Earth from Air
- Electric vehicles
- Hydrogen fuel cell barbecue
- Act on Energy
- Garden trail
- Fairtrade stall
- Harbury Energy Initiative
- Harbury Energy Advisers
- Community Energy Warwickshire
- Solar panel Questions and Answers
- Light refreshments available

## All are welcome to pop in any time during the day to this unique exhibition.



Welcome to a new school year everyone and we have already have several events in the diary that we would like to invite you all to:

Saturday 8th October - Tea and coffee at Harbury Energy Initiative Day

Saturday 5th November - Coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room

Friday 18th November – the not to be missed PTA Quiz Night

We will also be selling **Christmas Puddings** as this year's Christmas fundraiser – check out next month's Harbury & Ladbroke News for further details.

There's something for everyone! This term we are fundraising to buy twelve new computers for School so please support us if you can.



Chris Finch

The fund raising committee organised an evening with a difference last month and we hope that all those who attended the 'Big Band Concert' had a really enjoyable evening. As with many organisations within the village, the committee works hard to offer 'something different' to raise funds, which requires promoting the event, selling tickets, preparing food and, at the end of the evening, clearing up and leaving the Hall in a good state for the next hirer. Fortunately, most people respect the building and do make an effort to put away tables, stack chairs and sweep the floor, but if this isn't done then the Chairman is on hand the next day to ensure that the rooms are maintained in the 'state in which they were found'. The costs for hiring the Hall are kept down in this way, as a cleaner is only available for a few hours each week – so checks are mounted at all other times following each event.

Recently, we have had the Hall used as a wedding venue and the young couple were so pleased with the facilities that thev put pictures of the main Hall on web-site. including а а Thank you message for all help they received the before their big day.

At the end of October, there will be a **celebration event** to mark the recognition of



the funding provided by the Veolia Landfill Trust, which allowed the replacement of the roof of the extension and the rear doors, as well as improved insulation in the loft space. The suite of rooms will be formally



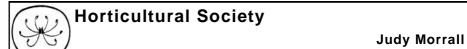
dedicated to the work of John Ridgley who worked tirelessly on behalf of the village and also in support of the Trust. A plaque will be presented by the Chief Executive of Veolia, which will be mounted in the Hall. This event is on **29<sup>th</sup>** October from 2.00pm -4.30pm durina which will afternoon be tea It is especially served. hoped that all those who supported the Buy a Brick

campaign, which allowed us to find the necessary funds to support our funding bid, will be present to hear about the improvements carried out during the past year. Representatives of the many hiring groups will also

be invited, so that the importance of the Hall for community activities will be demonstrated to our visitors.

Before this event, the committee will mount an Autumn Cleaning day, so that the premises will be spruced up in readiness for the first celebration of improvements to the Hall, which will continue with replacement of the shutters and the installation of the photo-voltaics in the next phase of development.

Some months ago many items of lost property were mentioned in the Harbury & Ladbroke News and happily some must have been returned to their rightful owners, but more clothing is being left in the corridor alongside the toilets again and we hope it will be claimed during this month. Please check whether your child has returned home without the good quality fleece or T-shirt in which he/she attended an activity in the Hall, otherwise a good home will be found for unclaimed articles.



The 2011/12 season starts on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Our first speaker is Adrian James who gave a superb talk last year and this is the follow up to his earlier presentation, called Down the Garden path again. He will be showing us some more lesser known gardens with colourful slides - can't wait! The next meeting will then be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and Dr John Page will also be making a return visit. His topic this time will be 250 years of Rock and Alpine Gardens. We haven't had a talk before on this theme so I thought it was time we did; John is a superb speaker so again we will be in for a treat.

Here are just a few suggestions for things to do and see in October. There are two Apple Days locally, the first one being at Garden Organic at Ryton. This is actually spread over two days, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> between 11.00am and 4.00pm. There will be advice on how to grow apples, plus tastings and apple themed menus in the restaurant. The other local Apple event is at Hill Close Gardens on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 4.30pm, again displays, tastings, stalls etc. Why not go to both, one on Saturday and one on Sunday? Just a thought for those of you who, like me, love apples. We are thinking of getting an apple press, so watch this space!

Talking about Ryton, did you see that James Wong had opened a new garden there in August based on the principles of an organoponico (a type of urban food garden first started in Cuba). It is an Exotic Garden which aims to conserve and capture unusual crops grown by ethnic communities in allotments around the Midlands. Vegetables such as

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Amaranth, Chinese Stem Lettuce, Shark Fin Melon, Karella, Vietnamese Mustard and Dudi - these are a few of the varieties collected so far. This will be a showcase for the diverse range of crops to be grown in the global beds – this will also feature a folly of a colonial ruin and a "rum shack" that will double as an educational space for visitors. Sounds really exciting so why not go along and support such a wonderful on-going project.

At Pershore College, which is really not that far away, there will be a lecture on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> entitled RHS/Plant Heritage and will feature Irises Past and Present and the speaker will be Claire Austin who will demonstrate how bearded Irises have developed over the last 100 years. Claire has had some gold medal exhibits at Chelsea so I can thoroughly recommend this topic. Also at Pershore on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop; Autumn Floral designs from 10.00am to 4.00pm. For details of costs etc have a look at the website which can be found under Warwickshire College.

With the coming of the colours of Autumn etc why not visit the arboretum at Westonbirt, always a lovely day out. There are many events being held there in October, among them on the 8<sup>th</sup> a guided fruits and berries walk from 11.00am to 12.30pm included in the admission cost. Then on the next day (9<sup>th</sup>) from 10.00am to 1.00pm, a specialist wood sale where all types of wood and sawn timber is available. Later on 29<sup>th</sup> there is a guided walk amongst the fungi and some hidden gems of unusual trees. This is from 10.30am to 12.30pm. If you need more information or to book for a walk etc phone 01666 880220. A bit nearer, Batsford will be showing off all its splendour too.

If you have never been to Rousham House near Steeple Aston do go and experience this absolute gem by one of my favourite garden designers, William Kent. There are over twenty five acres and it is open all year daily from 10.00am to 4.30pm. Both this garden and the wonderful Stowe Gardens near Brackley (National Trust) just show the sheer talent of the man and his vision. Both gardens will take your breath away!!! Blenheim Palace is always worth another visit with the splendour of the house complemented by the equally stunning gardens. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Halloween themed event which will last until 30<sup>th</sup>. Or just go to explore the wonderful man-made lake with the Palladian bridge and much more.

I hope that the weather holds but we really do need rain and lots of it, perhaps at night only? Anyway do go and make the most of autumn and enjoy our countryside. I look forward to seeing existing and new members on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Come along and enjoy seven talks and a festive fun evening plus trips, all this for a membership fee of £9; where else would you get such good value and make new friends?

## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery Christine Dakin

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

Last winter was such a devastating time for gardeners. Now is a good time to prepare the garden and your plants to try to avoid having so many losses. If you grow plants in containers you need to be ready to put them in a greenhouse or close to the house in a sheltered corner. You might also want to help protect them by wrapping layers of horticultural fleece around the pot.

Take cuttings of things such as Penstemons, Gaura, verbena. You need to take three or four inch pieces, remove the lower leaves and then insert round the edge of a pot filled with sandy compost. Place the pot in a cold frame or conservatory or a sheltered corner. Keep reasonably moist but not soggy. There's no need for rooting powder or a plastic bag. Very simple to do, honestly.

In the garden it is probably wise to put a layer of compost around the plants that may be susceptible to prolonged frosts. Avoid cutting anything back until the spring. Using fleece round precious plants is also recommended.

Keeping fingers crossed might also help!!

Meanwhile, if the weather is fairly moderate during October and November, it is a good time to get on with some planting. The soil will still be warm and the roots can get themselves established before the spring. This should help avoid having to do lots of watering next year.

Throughout the month we shall have a number of plants on special offer. Many will be half price or just  $\pounds 1$  each. Bargain!

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



John Hancock

Writing on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, night time temperatures have been cooling (last night it was 8C/46F) and we had some welcome rain. With light winds and broken cloud, when the sun came through in the middle of the day, the temperature climbed to 16C/61F but summer seems to have gone. Leaf fall has begun prematurely due to the prolonged, relatively dry conditions rather than coldness.

I had hoped to report on a plant sighting that would have been a first for me but it will have to wait until another year. The plant is the enigmatically named Autumn Lady's Tresses (Spiranthes spiralis), a near threatened wild orchid. It is confined to short turf, often near the sea and, as its Latin name suggests, its flowers are arranged in a spiral pattern. Our nearest examples are across the county border in Gloucestershire. I earmarked two sites to search. The first was Rodborough Common near Stroud and the second, the churchyard at Newent. When speaking to a National Trust warden, (on the 12<sup>th</sup> September), who looks after Rodborough Common, I was told the flowers this year had bloomed early and I would be well advised to try again in 2012. I'll be there and will report back to you. In 1548, William Turner wrote in his 'Names of Herbes': 'It is very commune in Germany and a certeyne ryghte kynde of the same groweth besyde Syon (Sion Middlesex), it bryngeth furth whyte flowers in the end of harveste and it is called Lady traces'. With this statement, the Autumn Lady's - Tresses became the first species of wild orchid to be recorded in Britain, an honour it shares with the Common Twayblade. (This information was gleaned from 'Orchids of Britain and Ireland' by Anne and Simon Harrap published by A and C Black).

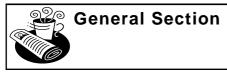
The Starling is a rather beautiful bird with its dark purplish body which in autumn is covered in with white or buff arrowhead spots. These gradually fade during winter and it appears in spring in darker breeding plumage with a violet sheen. At present, juveniles have noticeably spotted body plumage and grey-brown heads. They roost in sizeable communities and their chattering has given rise to the epithet, a 'murmuration' of starlings.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> September, I was invited to a meeting organised by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to discuss the latest thoughts on promoting our often threatened wildlife. Small nature reserves in an intensively farmed landscape means that the gene pool of the species we are trying to conserve is too small and inbreeding weakens the organism's ability to respond to challenges such as climate change which will increasingly come to the fore. Our small reserves could be likened to zoos. Projects such as the Tame Vallev river corridor and the Princethorpe group of woodlands are large scale and therefore part of a 'Living Landscape'. We met in Whitacre Village Hall and afterwards visited Middleton Lakes Nature Reserve near Tamworth. This is run by the RSPB (car parking and entrance to the reserve is free and it is open from dawn to dusk. Map ref SP194982 OS sheet 139. 1: 50,000). More details are on their website. (www.rspb.org.uk/middletonlakes). My group was taken round by an experienced and amusing volunteer who pointed out his house on the horizon where the countryside to the north merged into Tamworth. Bordered to the east by the River Tame, the reserve is on the site of old gravel workings. We watched a flock of birds swirling above one of the lakes. What had disturbed them? Field glasses revealed the culprit - a Hobby (Falco subbuteo). The scientific name subbuteo means 'smaller than a buzzard'. It is no coincidence that the same name applies to a once popular model football game. The inventor, Peter Adolph was a keen ornithologist and he wanted to name the game after his favourite bird, the Hobby. This was rejected by the Patent Office so he substituted the Latin name. Our smallest falcon, the Hobby is like an over-sized Swift. It is agile enough to catch bats, large insects and birds such as swifts on the wing.

On our annual narrow boat holiday with a group of friends, we cruised from Stoke Prior near Bromsgrove on the Worcester and Birmingham canal into the heart of Birmingham mooring in Gas Street Basin, now a smart area which would be unrecognisable to old boaters in the days of horse drawn craft. The canal, completed in 1815 climbs out of the Severn Valley by means of the Tardebigge flight of locks to gain the summit level. Then come three tunnels, the longest under Wast Hills being 2726yds. In days gone by, the craft were legged through while the horse made its way over on a track usually accompanied by a young member of the crew. Locally, I recommend a visit to Shrewley just west of Warwick where the Grand Union, after climbing the Hatton Flight burrows under a hill. To allow a less steep gradient on the north side, the engineer at the time included a short horse tunnel, one of the most unusual sights on our waterways.

Coming back down the Tardebigge Flight on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, Margaret McDonald noticed a moth clinging to a lock wall. It was quite large and looked like a delta wing bomber with grey/buff stripes which broke up its shape. When disturbed, it opened its underwings to reveal their red colour. It was a Red Underwing (Catocala nupta). It is a member of the Noctuidae family and is a nocturnal species using its drab appearance to avoid predation. When disturbed, the underwings flash red perhaps allowing the moth to escape. When it settles, it appears to vanish. Evolutionary adaptations to aid survival.

Now, many fields are ploughed and even sown for next year's harvest. It's been a bonanza year for fruit trees. How to preserve the fruit through winter is the question to answer. Good luck.



## **Doreen Mann Remembered**

The North Chapel at Oakley Wood was packed to overflowing recently for the funeral of Doreen Mann, which showed the esteem in which she was held by her many friends in the village. Doreen had always been a very vibrant, caring and 'lovely lady' to quote many of her family and acquaintances and had led a very active life until her hospitalisation in the previous three months.

She was born in Neath, Wales, the only daughter of Stan and Rhonwen Rowles. The family moved to Coventry when many of the South Wales mines closed and Stan found employment in the Rootes factory. Doreen often described her memories of being evacuated from their home during the Blitz and of how her family walked to Stoneleigh



and bedded down for the night in a field, as German bombers flew overhead. Bombs rained down on the city throughout the night and the family heard the deafening explosions which sent massive fire storms into the night sky.

Eventually, Doreen and her parents moved into Bishops Itchington where she met John Mann whose family kept the Butchers Arms. After she married John, they lived in Church Cottages and had two daughters, Jennifer and Wendy, but when John's father retired as landlord, John and Doreen took over as licensees for the pub, which had been managed by the Mann family for generations. After a while, the family moved to the Old New Inn and built up an impressive trade, which attracted many locals, including local farmers and landowners, as well as the younger tradesmen who exchanged information about possible jobs in the area. It was always a lively, happy pub, and attracted visitors from outside the village, as the closing time was half and hour later than town pubs, so many regulars travelled to enjoy their final pint in a relaxed environment.

Jennifer and Wendy both got married from the O.N.I, in Harbury Church before John retired and moved with Doreen to Topsham in Devon to be near Jennifer. After five years 'down South', John wanted to move back to his roots in Bishops Itchington, but sadly he died after a few months, so Doreen moved on her own into her cherished bungalow on the corner of Vicarage Lane and Frances Road. Since she returned to the village, Doreen has always kept herself busy with her involvement with the Knitwits, Thursday Club, W.I. and the Saturday coffee mornings, where she loved meeting all her friends. She also enjoyed shopping and would take herself off on the local buses to Banbury, Coventry and Stratford, always in the company of her close companions who also thought that the days out they arranged were very special. Apart from her hobbies, Doreen's love of her family was well known and she saw daughter Wendy and her husband Alf, who live in Hall Lane every day. She also acted as a doting great granny to Sam's children who live in the village, Gethen (6) and Evelyn (3) and Victoria's children who live in Bishops Itchington, baby Lara who is just 4 months old and Bella (5) who is at Harbury school. One of the final pictures of Doreen, taken in Walsgrave hospital, shows her smiling contentedly at Lara who is nestled on her lap in her hospital bed.

In recognition of the superb work of the local hospital which cared for Doreen in her final months, Jennifer and Wendy would like any donations in memory of their mother to be sent to the Cardiothoracic Ward Staff Amenity Fund, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, Clifford Bridge Road, Walsgrave, Coventry, CV2 2 DX. Alternatively, donations can be handed in to Goodwins Funeral Directors in Southam.

#### **Chris Finch**

## Memorial Service for Flt Lt Egging

The memorial service in memory of Flt Lt Jon Egging of the Royal Air Force Aerobatic team The Red Arrows, is to take place at Lincoln Cathedral on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm.

Seats are limited and entry will be by ticket only. If you would like to attend, please send an email to memorial@joneggingtrust.org.uk containing the names of all people wishing to attend, together with your address and telephone number.

People may wish to know that before he died, Jon became passionately interested in looking at ways of helping disadvantaged young people. The aim is to help these youngsters gain some self worth and confidence, to find a purpose in life and to achieve. Jon's wife Emma has set up The Jon Egging Trust to enable her to take this forward. Further details can be found at www.joneggingtrust.org.uk. Thank you for your ongoing support.

#### Sue Wilkins

#### A further message from Dawn Egging and family

We would like to give our very sincere thanks for the cards and flowers we have received from people in the village. It has been quite simply overwhelming. We would like you to know that your kindness means so much and has helped give us the strength to get through these past weeks and the weeks to come.

## Harbury Village Show Update

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Village Show, in particular to:

- the Horticultural Society for its generous donation towards costs
- the WI for stewarding the judges and for serving the teas
- the staff at the Village Club for their assistance with staging the show
- The Dog, Homebase and the Warwick Exhibition Centre for goods in kind

but, most especially, to:

• the many individuals who so generously gave their time and energy both before and on the day and/or donated home-made cakes and tombola prizes.

Numbers were up on last year. There were 76 exhibitors (up 43%) and 486 entries (up 11%), including over 100 entries in the Young People's Section!

And the winners were.....

#### Farley Cup:

Most points in Vegetable Section	K McMahon
Grey Cup:	
To exhibitor never having won a prize in	
the Vegetable Section	D Heydon
Courier Cup:	
Most points in Flower Section	M Commons
Rosamond Schofield Salver:	
Best in Flower Section	K McMahon
Brunton Challenge Cup:	
Most points in Flower Arrangement Section	G Hare
All Saints Cup:	
Most Points in Fruit Section	J Smith
Reg Harris Cup:	
Best in Fruit Section	M McDonald

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Daniel Challenge Trophy:	
Most point in Cakes, Jams & Pickles Section	J Quinney
Rigden Cup:	
Most Points in Photography Section	J Onions
Horticultural Society Cup:	
Most points in Handicrafts & Paintings Section	J Onions/
	A Brunt
Finch Cup:	
For Collection of Vegetables	K McMahon
Allotment Holders Cup:	
Best Kept Allotment	G Robbins
Buck Trophy:	
Any Fruit or Vegetable grown by Young Person	S Edwards
Jean Dunn Cup:	
Most Points in Age 7 or Under	M Stanton
Fred Lines Cup:	
Most Points in Age 8—12	M Bosworth
Harold Wilkins Challenge Cup:	
Most Points in Show	P Clarke
Barnes Cup:	
Best Performance and Winning no other Cup	J Smith
W.I Trophy:	
Most points gained by a W.I Member	N Ellis
Top Tray:	
Tray containing 3 types of Vegetables	K McMahon
Top Vase:	
Vase containing between 5 & 10 mixed plant stems	P Clarke

Patrick Clarke and Jane Giddings

# Harbury Village Show 2011





Need a Leek? Plenty to choose from here.

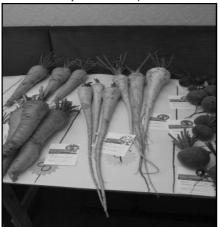
Get to know your onions! This lot were grown from seed - not sets??



Surely 3 don't make a pear?



Looks like a good year for marrows and beans.



The Long and the Short of it! But surely you can't And eat the thin bits. Photos by: Gordon Robbins



And they swam and they swam right over the damn!!



## **Harbury Art Group**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September our workshop was titled 'Fur or Feather' and we actually painted both! In the

morning Nick gave us a lovely photo of a Jay to paint. The Jay is a member of the crow family and has beautiful soft dusky pink feathers on its body, distinctive black and white markings around its head and on its tail and wing feathers, and a blaze of bright blue chequer pattern within its wings. We used mainly watercolours, capturing fine detail with coloured pencil. In the afternoon our subject was a lovely picture of a mother gorilla carrying a baby on her back. Again we used mainly watercolour and added detail with coloured pencils. It was a really full day, with lots of concentrated effort. (The photo shows the group in action at our September workshop.)



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, our watercolour workshop will have the theme "Autumn". There is now a definite Autumnal nip in the air, the leaves are changing colour and starting to fall, so perhaps Autumn leaves will be our inspiration! (We never quite know what Nick has in store for us until the workshop actually starts.) Then on 3<sup>rd</sup> November we will turn our thoughts to Christmas, with a workshop themed around producing a subject for a Christmas card.

If you would like to spend a day painting with this friendly group of amateur artists, Harbury Art Group would be very pleased to welcome you to our monthly workshops. We meet on the first Thursday of the month throughout the year in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury Church. The session starts at 10am and usually finishes around 3pm and the cost is just £15 per person for the day, which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. To find out more, please telephone Pam on 01926 814923, or the tutor Nick on 01295 276465. Happy painting!

#### Pam McConnell

It's surprising what you can do with good, sympathetic teaching. My school art classes were about copying a vase of flowers with powder paint; but while I know school art has changed beyond recognition, my experience left me with a low opinion of my talents. If you have always said 'Oh, I can't draw', it might be because nobody has brought out the skills you have, or matched you to the right medium. You can get huge satisfaction from working in pastels - which are nothing like Lakeland colour pencils - or experimenting with watercolour or acrylic. Your medium might be pencil, charcoal, or even ink and a twig.

Jan Freeman is an outstanding teacher who gets the best from everyone. She still has opportunities for improving artists and for outright beginners. Contact her on 614251/07746 871134.

#### John Stringer

## 19th Harbury Hash - Sunday 4th September 2011

This year's Harbury Hash returned to Lodge Farm, Chesterton. Our grateful thanks to Richard Smith for letting us use his yard, outbuilding and land, and to Brian Merriman for allowing us access to Thwaite's estate.

The afternoon started off cloudy, but soon the sun came out. There were thirty five registered runners and walkers, along with our mismanagement team of nine (hares, registration, BBQ, food, drinks). The runners and walkers all set off in the same general direction, but followed separate trails set in different colours of flour. The walkers returned home after a pleasant hour and half stroll followed by a handful of exhausted but happy runners some ten minutes later.

The Hashers were rewarded for their endeavours and misdemeanours, and this was followed by a BBQ as we basked in the warm afternoon sunshine. We raised  $\pounds$ 48.95 which has been donated to the fundraising to repair the hole in the boundary wall of Chesterton Church.

Next September we are planning a special event to celebrate the 20th annual Harbury Hash. Details of the date and location will be published early in the New Year, and we hope to see as many old friends who have supported the Hash over the years as possible.

#### The Harbury Hash House Harriers Doug Freeman

## **NSPCC Ladies' Lunch**

The NSPCC Ladies' Lunch will take place on  $13^{th}$  October, 12.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. There will be a talk by Janice Montague involving a light hearted look at misconceptions about the law. There will also be a jewellery stall run by Jules Jewels. Tickets, to include a two course meal with coffee are £12 – telephone Elaine on 614664 to book.

#### **NSPCC Committee**



## Wednesday Walkers

"Now October has begun, now the west wind's out for fun."

Hopefully it will be behind us all the way. September's walks continued the pattern of cloudy but dry, and the group now has about thirty walkers with an average of twelve most weeks. We take it steady, and carry coffee for a break; if you aren't sure of your energy levels why not join us for a 2 ½ mile walk on 26<sup>th</sup> October, some along the canal at Lapworth so guaranteed to be level. We meet in the car park behind the Village Hall to move off at 9.45am; there are always spare car places.

12<sup>th</sup> October: Batsford - Blockley, 5 miles, with the option of lunch at the arboretum.

19<sup>th</sup> October: Farnborough – Mollington, 4 ½ miles

26<sup>th</sup> October: Lapworth, 2 ½ miles

2<sup>nd</sup> November: Wappenbury – Bubbenhall, 5 miles

#### Pam Parton, 614188 Gillian Hare, 614809

## **Blood Donors**

The next session will be on Thursday  $3^{rd}$  November, 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

I'm sure I'm not alone in having a family member for whom a transfusion was literally a gift of life. We can easily take for granted that blood is always available, but it has a limited "shelf life" so a constant supply can only be maintained by a lot of people giving up a small amount of time two or three times a year.

We are encouraged to make an appointment on 0300 123 2323 or at www.blood.co.uk but are equally welcome without one. The afternoon session particularly is usually quiet; please make this the one resolution you have been meaning to get round to.



## **Operation Christmas Child**

There will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – noon.

You are invited to bring boxes to fill, covered if possible, and gifts to go in them. This year, to mark the Olympics, we are asked to think of sports items – balls are the obvious ones. Leaflets of suggestions are available – ring me on 614809 as the work in Church is making displays there difficult.

## **Gillian Hare**

## Events at Harbury Club, Crown Street

Bingo every Friday night starting at 8.30pm. Non-members welcome. Tel: 612498.

Cabaret Night on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October with the Fabulous Tilly and entertainer Dave Barry. £10 a ticket to include supper, starts at 8.00pm. Half the proceeds will be donated to "Help for Heroes". For tickets please ring Val on 01926 614516 or Joy on 07748 556538.

Quiz Night in aid of Macmillan Nurses, Sunday  $16^{th}$  October from 7.30pm. £2.50 per person, a minimum of four in a team. Lots of raffle prizes. For information call Kate on 07742 834712 or Debbie on 01926 614766.

"Open Mic Night" on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm and every last Saturday in the month. Non-members welcome. Just turn up and play or just enjoy the live music. Free admission, for more info please call 07799 896891.

## Debbie Gee

## **Quiz Night**

**"An Audio-visual Extravaganza..."** is promised for this year's PTA Quiz Night. We are delighted to welcome back our Quiz Host Couple Jason and Jane Burrows and they have promised a bit of a show stopper!

Our Quiz Night is on Friday 18th November, 7.30 for 8pm in the School Hall. Entry is £20 per team of up to four people, the price including light refreshments. CANA will be running a bar.

This is always a great night out and is open to EVERYONE so why not get a team together and come along and join the fun. Please contact Vikki on 614901, vikkihall@btinternet.com to book your team in.

Our Quiz Night is one of a selection of fundraisers this term to try and raise enough money to buy twelve new computers for School, so please support us if you can.

## Katy Spencer Hammon, Harbury PTA Chair

# Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011

All Saints' Church and G.A.S.S. are already making preparations for this year's bonfire and firework spectacular on the Village Hall playing fields on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Guy Fawkes' night!

- The bonfire will be lit at 6pm, and the fireworks let off from 6.30pm, so make sure you get to the playing fields on time!
- Pre-booked tickets only to include a hotdog, a KitKat and a cup of squash cost £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for children.
- Tickets will be on sale from early October at Muglestons in Chapel Street.
- Tickets bought after Weds 2nd November and on the gate will **not** include food. These will cost £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.
- Vegetarian sausages will be available on the night.
- Mulled wine will be on sale on the night.
- Do you have any unwanted wood/garden cuttings etc? If you would like the Scouts to collect it on the morning of the bonfire, please complete the slip enclosed with this magazine and take it to Muglestons with a **generous** donation before Friday 4th November.
- If you would like to join the team of bonfire builders on Saturday 5th, please get in touch with Mark Clifton on 614085 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. Children under 14 **must** be accompanied by an adult.
- PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER BONFIRE MATERIAL TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK. THIS CAUSES AN OBSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONAL WORK, AND CAN BE DANGEROUS

Look forward to seeing you there!

## Caroline Hill, GASS Committee

## Ballroom Dancing

Calling all you secret '*Strictly*' addicts. If you fancy having a go yourselves, why not come to the next five week sessions at the Village Hall ... strictly for beginners! It's only for half an hour from 7.30pm to 8.00pm (change of time) and you never know what your hidden talents maybe!

This will begin on Wednesday, 2nd November until Wednesday, 30th November. We do need a minimum number to run this and so if you are interested please ring Ann and Mike Vincent on 614806 to put your name down.

#### Joan Smith

## Harbury Energy Initiative

All our spare energy in the last month has been expended on completing the Energyshare bid and it has been quite a saga with many last minute changes. The bid is now in and we wait to see what happens. I shall try to think of something else for a while! Thank you to all those who gave their support. We are particularly grateful for the letters of support from our MP Jeremy Wright, Councillors Bob Stevens, Richard Hamburger and Beverley Mann, the Parish Council, Rugby Club, Village Hall Committee, Harbury Pre-School and any others that come in after we have gone to press. The next stage will require public voting, if we make it to the last ten (which we will, of course), so we'll be hassling you again. But in the nicest possible way.

Don't miss *Green Memories, Green future* on 8<sup>th</sup> October at the school from 10am. You will see your village energy advisors alongside informative displays from Action on Energy, Garden Organic (compost – energy from plants), a hydrogen fuel cell barbecue and absolutely masses of wonderful stuff from your talented village children, including the survey results from this summer. They want to see you, so please come and support them. It will be opened at 11am by Jeremy Wright. As you saw in last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News, there will also be a photographic archive trail through the school. You might be in one of the pictures. Come and check for yourself.

You may be interested in looking at the deal on offer from EOS. Managing Director Dean Walton lives in Harbury and joined the HEI meeting at The Old New Inn to offer his support. EOS will install photovoltaic cells free and the school will be one of the first to benefit. Every installation will trigger a 5% payment to our community energy fund for the benefit of the village. Sounds good to me.

**Bob Sherman** 

## Saving Energy: Installing Solar Panels

I retired recently. That means I spend more time at home and use more energy in the house, so I wanted to invest to reduce my energy bills.

I researched heating my home more economically and having already installed a wood-burning stove I decided that photo-voltaic panels were a viable option especially as I would receive almost 45p for every unit of electricity they generated AND could use all I generated.

The Village Hall Committee arranged for Eco2Solar to give a public presentation on Photo Voltaic systems which generate electricity. The company gave a very full explanation of what was involved, the constraints on placing panels and the costs and financial payback. Ryan Mee successfully answered many questions and then offered Harbury a 25% discount for a community bulk deal.

That is why we have a sudden rash of solar panels round the village.

My house is not ideal for PV panels. I have only a small area of roof that faces due south and most of my house is subject to shading which greatly reduces the efficiency of the panels. Therefore I had them installed on the east and west facing roofs of my garage. This is less effective but does not mar the street scene!

The installation went very smoothly. Scaffolding was erected in a day and installation of the panels, which involves fixing hangers to the rafters, took a day and a half. Connecting up the electrical installation and removing the scaffolding took another day. All I did was keep installers supplied with tea!

In about three and a half months the system has generated about 1500 Kwh of power which should bring in over £600.

Things to watch out for.

• Many firms are after your money now.

Check that they send out a qualified surveyor who examines your roof inside and out to ensure it is strong enough to carry the panels.

• The orientation of the roof is important, south facing or south-east,

or south-west are best and any shading will reduce the power produced.

• The positioning of the inverter (that converts the Direct Current

produced by the panels to Alternating Current that the gird uses) is also crucial as it will be less efficient if it is subject to extremes of temperature. So inside the roof is not always the idea place for it.

- Make sure you get the best guarantees you can. Inverters can fail and are quite expensive to replace
- Ask for customer reviews of the installers. If they won't supply them worry!

www.yougen.co.uk is a useful site for information and consumer feedback.

#### Saving Energy: Low Cost Measures

If you cannot afford Solar PV panels (maximum system costs about £10,000) there is plenty you can do at little cost to make your home more energy efficient. Both the Energy Saving Trust www.energysavingtrust.org.uk and Warwickshire's Act on Energy www.actonenergy.org.uk have lots of good advice like this:

Saving Energy	Payback	Lifetime
		Saving
		not
		Cost
Low energy lighting	8 weeks	£120
Loft Insulation	10	£4,700
	months	
Cavity Wall Insulation	12	£3,700
	months	
Heating improvements	17	£1,000
	months	
Draught proofing	1.9 years	£2,250
A Rated Fridge	3.5 years	£750
Top up Loft Insulation	4.3 years	£500
Flexible internal wall lining	5 years	£4,275
High Energy Efficiency boiler	7.4 years	£3,900
External/internal insulation	14 years	£10,400
Generating Energy		Saving
PV (2.5kWp) without Feed in Tariff	33 years	£4,780
With 25 years FIT income of £23,000	9 years	

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Typical Electricity Cost: 15.0p/kWh

Typical Gas Cost: 6.5p/kWh

Typical Oil Cost: 6.9p/kWH

Typical LPG Cost: 9.5p/kWH

### Saving Energy: Best Economic Returns

So low energy lights first, then insulation can be done a relatively low cost saves you enough energy to pay for them in a year or less. If you have the capital and a suitable roof PV panels pay back within nine years and you get an income from them for 25 years!

#### Saving Energy: Help is Available

Harbury' Energy Champions can help you with a simple audit of your home and advise on energy saving. To learn more go along to the Energy Event, Green Memories – Green Future at Harbury School on  $8^{th}$  October 10-3pm.

Linda Ridgley

## Myton Hospice Support Group - Harbury Craft Fair 2011

We would like to remind you all that we are organising and running the Harbury Craft Fair which is being held on Saturday  $12^{th}$  November 2011 from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Last year we welcomed several new stall holders and again this year we have more new crafts/stalls as well as a selection of the regulars. We still have some spaces left for anyone wishing to sell their own handmade crafts. Booking forms can be obtained from Shirley Crossan on 01926 612798 or Fiona Cadwallader via email, ficadwallader@btinternet.com

If you would be interested in helping on the day, or would like to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola, please do not hesitate to contact us. Any help/donations would be greatly appreciated and will help make the event even more successful than last year!

On behalf of the Myton Support Group I would like to thank you for your continuing support of our fundraising events for this worthwhile and essential local charity.

#### Fiona Cadwallader



## **Hereburgh Morris**

September brought to an end our summer dancing season, our last dance-out taking place on

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> at the Granville Arms in Barford with our guests Alvechurch Morris. On the previous Saturday, we made our annual appearance at the Harbury Beer Festival, joining members of the 'Steel Pan Academy' for what we believe to be a world first – Morris danced to steel pan music.

We are just beginning the winter season of training under our new fore(wo)men, Tina and Rosie. So now is the time to pay a visit to one of our practices (Harbury School, Wednesdays





from 8.00pm) to find out what goes on and why some members of the side have enjoyed this form of dance for almost twenty five years. Or perhaps you'd like to try playing Morris tunes on a fiddle or squeeze box to accompany the dancers? For more information, please contact Peter McDonald, telephone 613730.

Douglas Bates, Squire, Hereburgh Morris www.come.to/Hereburgh

# Parish Council to undertake new Housing Needs Survey

Following the successful completion of Phase 1 of the Bush Heath Lane housing site, which has seen all twenty two houses either rented or sold to households with a local connection to Harbury and Deppers Bridge, the Parish Council is now undertaking a new Housing Needs Survey.

There is already outline planning permission for a further twenty seven houses for local needs on land adjoining Phase 1 and the new Needs Survey will help determine the size and mix of houses to be built on the next phase. The Needs Survey, which is being undertaken in partnership with Warwickshire Rural Community Council, will be delivered to all houses in the parish at the beginning of October and should be completed and returned by 31st October 2011.

There are sections in the Survey to be completed by people in need of affordable housing to rent and by people looking for local market homes to buy. However all households are being asked to complete a Survey Form, even if they are not in housing need, so that a full picture is obtained of life in the parish.

The Survey can also be completed by people who do not currently live in the parish but who want to rent or buy in the parish provided they have a strong local connection to the parish, for example if they were born in the parish, work in the parish, previously lived in the parish, or have a close relative (parent, child, sibling) living in the parish.

Warwickshire Rural Community Council will be carrying out an analysis of the results of the Survey and all information will be treated in strict confidence.

If you do not receive a copy of the Survey or you know of anyone with a strong connection to the parish but currently living elsewhere who is interested in completing one, please contact either the Parish Clerk, Nicola Thompson, on 01926 614646 or Phil Ward at Warwickshire Rural Community Council on 01789 472610.

#### Sarah Brooke-Taylor Warwickshire Rural Community Council

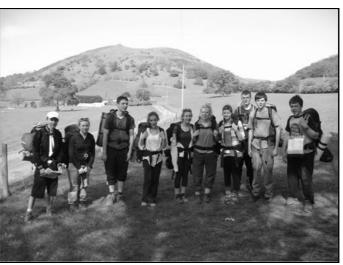
## Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Group

The Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Group is now just a little over two years old and is going from strength to strength thanks to the support of the young people in our village, our generous grant providers and the team of leaders.

This October we have about forty young people on our books. The Bronze and Silver groups are full and eight candidates start the Gold Award for the first time. Achieving any of these awards shows a spirit of adventure, a positive outlook, an ability to help others and to work in a team. The Gold award is a serious commitment; by the time someone has completed this award they have been through life shaping experiences. We wish all our groups success this year.

During the summer our Bronze and Silver expedition teams headed off to the Peak District and, after a night at Youlgreave Youth Hostel, headed westwards towards their ultimate destinations around the reservoirs north of Leek. Most of the rain that fell during the seemed summer to come down whilst they were walking. All the came groups through with flying colours and now know that they can cope with adverse weather.

We raise money annually with a summer quiz night that owes much of



its success to the generosity of Cana Imports, Rob and Libby Darlison who have donated large sums at the two evenings we have held so far. These funds and grants from other providers [the Parish Council, Harbury Carnival Committee and the Heart of England Community Foundation] have enabled us to gradually build up our expedition equipment and train our voluntary leadership team.

A Mountain Leadership award for Nick Tawney means that we will not have to buy in expedition training for future Gold candidates. It adds to Basic Expedition Leadership awards [4], Minibus [4] and First Aid training certificates [6] that have been achieved by the leadership team. They all mean that our Duke of Edinburgh candidates are in safe hands.

We are always looking for good placements for our volunteers; they have to do an hour a week for at least twelve weeks. Any suggestions welcome to nicktawney@greenscheme.co.uk or Tel: 01926 614062.

#### **Nick Tawney**



#### Harbury Ukulele Group

Harbury Ukulele Group was invited to play at the Harbury Beer Festival!! We played a selection of our favourites: New York Girls, Sloop John B, Five Foot Two -- Eyes Of Blue, You Are My Sunshine, King Of The Road, I Wanna Be Like

You, and, by popular demand we encored with a reprise of New York Girls.



Thanks to Craig for leading our last session, when he revealed two more aias he'd lined up for us. We will be the playing at Harbury and Harvest Ladbroke Suppers.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at the Shakespeare Inn,

8pm. For further information email harburyukulele@gmail.com, see our website at www.harburyukulele.me.uk or call Craig on 612377. Next meetings: 3rd October, 7th November.

## Magnus Lewis Smith contact@harburyukulele.me.uk, www.harburyukulele.me.uk

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We ran a coffee morning recently and would like to thank all of those who attended for your support. This was an unplanned coffee morning as the Harbury Netball Team was unable to run it because of competition commitments. However, some of the team had made some "exceedingly good cakes" which they donated to us and which were sold on the day. This was an added bonus, for which we are grateful.

The next major activity will be the annual Christmas Party. This will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall. Further details will follow in the coming editions of the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

If you are new to the village and think you may be eligible to come along, or you think we may not have you on our list of invitations, please contact Mike on 612421 or Thelma on 613269.

#### Mike McBride On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

## Fuel Community Update

Last month, five of the twenty villagers who are part of the buying group ordered a delivery of oil @ 52.9p, which was received one day after I placed the order. There are definite benefits for using the same company

at present, as loyalty works both ways and we are looked after by RIX who now recognise that we are probably quite good for their business. As always, I check with 6-7 companies to find the price on offer and so far RIX has quoted the best price per litre. In recent weeks, the press has referred to the scams, which have been uncovered on the price comparison sites for oil and have published information that some of the sites quote different prices when in fact they are only working on behalf of one company and put fictitious prices for other non-existent companies. Whether this is true for all comparison sites, I have no way of knowing, but it's not possible to show a total amount for oil delivered to a number of 'drops', as for a community request; only for a delivery to one household, which would be unlikely to order nearly 7,000 litres as I have done on occasions since our scheme started.

The arrangement remains the same for our buying group – if someone is ready for oil they either email or phone me and I then check with everyone else to see if they will be ready at the same time. Unlike other community groups we don't work to a particular day in the month or even a regular pattern, it just depends on the need of customers at a certain time. The price per litre probably depends on the total requested and this is given to the companies when I ask for the current price. Hence price comparison sites probably don't work for us as there is no way of showing the separate drops, as the cost is based on the post codes and there is nowhere to put more than one postcode! For the time being I'll continue to organise our plan in the same way and if anyone wishes to join at any time, please ring on 01926 612305 – sports clubs and farmers would be welcome at any time, as they often buy in bulk, so we would all benefit.

#### **Chris Finch**

## **Poppy Collection 2011**

This year, the local Poppy collection will be organised by the Learnington Branch of the Royal British Legion, since representatives of RBL in the village, who have covered Harbury and Deppers Bridge for more years than they care to remember, feel that it is time for younger people to get involved. As a result, a lady from Learnington, Pat Edgington (01926 882767), has taken up the reins and has contacted as many collectors as possible, but again some of them who have done sterling work over the years, feel it is time to hang up their boxes and they wish to retire. Pat has had agreement from a number of collectors that they will continue, but at present it is difficult to find 'the round', which each collector covered. Maybe this will be resolved during October when each volunteer will be asked which area they have visited previously. In the meantime, replacements are needed to carry out this vital service for the community and I have agreed to pass names of volunteers on to Pat. It is important that we do not lose our local connection with the Royal British Legion who do such amazing work on behalf of all servicemen who need support after they have left the Armed Services. If you feel you would like to join the local team, please ring me on 01926 612305 and I will pass your name on to Pat. Hopefully, we will get enough volunteers to replace those who have regretfully had to end their long-standing efforts to distribute poppies to the majority of houses in the villages.

#### Chris Finch

## Village with a Vision

It would seem that we were a bit optimistic in hoping to have a meeting with Bromford Housing Association in September. As it turned out, with so many people on holiday, it's meant that work is a little behind. However we now have a date for October and so hope to have things to tell you in the next issue of the magazine.

In the meantime as ever, we thank you for your continued support, it's a great encouragement.

## **Tony Stubbs**

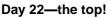
## Cycling across the roof of France

Yes, I did it, with support from a lot of other people. The first ten days solo were really enjoyable, not at all the lonely/uncomfortable experience I had imagined - helped by the bonus of not having to put up or take down the tent in the rain. After four days, Chimay in Belgium was a great place to celebrate the turn from east to south, and then it was gradually uphill all the way to Langres, on its Plateau (Day 10). My accommodation was mainly camping, with one night's chambre d'hôte (B&B) and one night in a splendid walkers' hostel. So far, I'd followed the watershed (the ridge between river systems) as close as I could. I'd had (only) one puncture, and I was enjoying fascinating discoveries and excellent countryside. I didn't know it, but the real adventures were still to come!

Day 11 was a diabolical Saturday 6th August ("samedi noir"!) when everything that could go wrong, did. But it was followed by four super days cycling with Georges Guillo Lohan and Christophe Latropoulos who had come all the way from Samois-sur-Seine. Christophe had the handicap of a 10-kilo pack on his back, which must have made hilly Burgundy feel even hillier. After the relaxing interruption of a week's family camping it was off again with Jenny, our daughter Gail and our campervan into some proper hills, as the Massif Central just went on

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Day 23—finish!

getting higher. This culminated (literally) on Day 22 in the climb of Mont Aigoual with my friend Chris, with a welcome party at the top. Of many wonderful days, that Aigoual day was the best of the trip. And next day was down the beautiful Hérault valley to finish (with Jenny for the last 10 km) at Sète.

Now I've got to write it up. Meanwhile, thank you to our son Rob and our friends Ann and Dave who were the inspiration for the trip. Thank you also to all the people who have contributed so generously, helping to raise more than £1000 for Cancer Research UK. And thank you to my top-notch support team! Would I do it again? Well, peut-être ....

#### **Andrew Patrick**



## **Bumps and Bundles**

Great to see everyone back, and more joining too. We have a great schedule ahead for Bumps and Bundles, between now and Christmas we have:

4th Oct - Family book	11th Oct - ABC musical
18th Oct - Fingerprint jewellery	1st Nov - Halloween messy play
8th Nov - Firework bottles	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Chatter matters
22nd Nov – Singing	6th Dec - Christmas cards

- 13th Dec Toys from children centre
- 20th Dec Christmas party

Plus the normal tea, coffee and friendly chat.

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# Warwickshire Young Voices – Three Upcoming Performances

We have had a great start to the year, with lots of new voices joining us for the first time. We are very happy that word is spreading about our choir and as a result, one third of our members are now from outside the village.

We have stated rehearsing in earnest as we have three upcoming engagements already.

The Chamber Choir will be performing at the **Chesterton Candle-lit Harvest Festival** on  $2^{nd}$  **October at 5pm**. This event is a lovely celebration for the start of autumn and promises to be a treat this year. The Chamber Choir will be singing a range of music, including two new compositions written especially for the choir. This event is open to all – please come along a hear us!

The Chamber Choir will also be heading off on their annual trip to Birmingham Cathedral to sing in the RSCM festival on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to this every year as it is a fun day out, starting with travelling together on the train. The youngsters are then put through their paces, singing with a very large four part choir (it is amazing how different it is singing with adults, especially men!). This is a great experience for them, giving them confidence as they see how good they are as sopranos within a choir. This year we are excited to be taking some Chamber Choir members for the fourth year running, as well as some new members for whom this will be their first experience of singing with a four part choir.

The whole of Warwickshire Young Voices, including our new voices, will then get their first opportunity of the year to perform at the Village Hall Celebration Event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. We are preparing a selection of songs to showcase our work, with a visual presentation backdrop.

As you can see, we are a very busy young choir! Next stop Christmas (shhh)!

Helen Iles www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org 01926 614 150

## Memorial Assessment – Harbury Cemetery

The remaining staked memorials in Harbury Cemetery will be re-assessed during October. The memorials will be checked by hand for stability and

safety and this may result in some memorials being temporarily laid down. A full list of the memorials to be checked and a method statement for the assessment may be found on the Parish Council website, www.harbury-pc..gov.uk and further details and queries may also be directed to the Clerk to the Council, Tel: 614646 or e-mail clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Council is anxious minimise distress for relatives regarding this matter and all enquiries will be treated in confidence.

#### **Harbury Parish Council**



## **Southam & District Lions Club**

Southam & District Lions Club will once again be holding their famous 'HOG ROAST' on **Monday 17th October 2011** at the back of the Old Mint in Southam. Why are they doing it? It's because they do and they do it every year. But why on

October 17th? It's because it's Southam's answer to Alton Towers - the FAMOUS **ANNUAL MOP FAIR**.

So do all come along especially in the evening when the baps are generously filled with roasted pork, crackling, stuffing and apple sauce. Savour the aroma of the roasted meat and join the queue for the finest tasty treat of the night! You are welcome to come along earlier and meet the Lions, some of whom will have been on active duty since 8am getting the Hog ready and wired to the pole! (That's the hog wired to the pole not the Lions!)

Other attractions, apart from the fair organised and run by the Lions, include the Hog Roast Raffle supported by our many business friends in the area with magnificent prizes and the Tombola which is always popular particularly with the young people. So mums and dads make sure you have some golden coins in your purses and pockets for the little ones!

The Lions are supporting **"The Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance plus the Southam Community Minibus Project**" this year so please, as we know you will, be generous to our causes.'

#### Peter Guy – Publicity Officer

## Recycling? 'Bring' it on!

The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is working in partnership with DHL and Stratford secondary schools to encourage residents to recycle their redundant electrical items at school recycling 'bring' events.

The bring events provide convenient locations across the district for residents to easily recycle old broken electrical items. Small items will be

accepted including phones, remote controls, VCRs, digiboxes, electronic toys, kettles, irons, hairdryers, Christmas lights, small DIY tools, radios and clocks.

An event will be held at: Southam College, Thursday, 13th October, 8.00am to 12 noon.

By recycling unwanted electricals and electronics, residents can reduce landfill and save valuable raw materials. For example, one household iron contains enough metal to produce thirteen steel cans.

Large electronic items such as TV monitors, fridges, and computers will not be accepted at the events but can be taken along to any of Warwickshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres. To find the nearest site and check opening hours visit the website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc.

However, if the unwanted electrical items are still working, some of Warwickshire's voluntary and community organisations will also gladly accept unwanted working electrical items, which are inspected, checked and resold – often with a guarantee. To find your local re-use scheme log onto www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reuse.

Residents can also try offering their unwanted electrical items through online re-use networks such as Community Freebay, Freegle at www.freegle.org.uk or Freecycle at www.freecycle.org.uk.

## Caroline Faulkner & Ruth Payne, Waste Project Officers 01926 418088 or carolinefaulkner@warwickshire.gov.uk

## **Charles Hanson Valuation Days**

Hanson's Auctioneers and Valuers have been advertising their valuation days at Leek Wootton in the magazine for the past two years. They regularly have villagers from Harbury attending their valuations and the article below written by Charles Hanson gives a snapshot of items that are brought in to be valued.

Over the last two years we have seen many interesting items brought in to the hall and unpacked from various bags and boxes.

Amongst them a fresh insight into life in the trenches in World War One, discovered in a series of amazing sketches and drawings found in a soldier's diary hidden away for 90 years. The soldier's 120-page journal vividly brings to life the horror of major WWI battles, and even included detailed ink drawings of tanks and battle movements. He was awarded the MC for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, kept a diary from 1915 until 1917, when he was sent home to England after being injured in an explosion. The diary sold for over £9000.

Another excellent find was a rare 1930s Scottish kilt once worn by the Duke of Windsor that went for £2200 at auction. As the tartan was unwrapped, I instantly recognised the two way colour scheme as a royal



tartan. The kilt, formerly the property of the late abdicated King Edward VIII was acquired by its Warwick owner in the 1950s. We get a few old teddy bears come into our valuation days (usually accompanied by their owners), and I was glad to see a rare English teddy bear from the Edwardian time turn up at Leek Wootton. This bear sailed to fetch £600 at auction. The bear was very much the English equivalent of Steiff. Of fine

quality with detachable limbs and long arms, the bear was keenly fought for by two London buyers.

Lavish and original dining room drawings for a luxury flying machine which crashed on maiden flight in 1930 were discovered. The rare archive related to the British R101 which was the largest airship completed in 1929. After initial flights, the airship crashed in October 1930 in France during its maiden overseas voyage killing 48 people on board.

The archive included original canvas from the airship and architects plans for the dining



room. The R101 was 'the luxury equivalent of Titanic of the skies from the early 20th century'. The airship was designed to provide passenger transport from Britain to the most distant parts of the British Empire, including India, Australia and Canada. With a passenger capacity of 150, accommodation was spread over two decks and included a dining room for 60 people and a smoking room for 24. These drawings sold for £450 at auction.

We are never quite sure what fine treasures our experts will see at our Leek Wootton antiques valuation days, with boxes being unwrapped and objects unearthed, but we are always pleased to give up our time to try and put a value on your items. We can also visit your house for free if you have lots of items or large pieces of furniture that you want us to value.

Valuation days are held every month on the second Thursday so please keep looking - you never know what is hidden in your house!

#### **Charles Hanson MRICS**

## **Regular Diary Dates**

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

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (01926 814923)

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

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

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

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

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm

(613207); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 Noon (612864)

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

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

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (01789 290733) CHURCH MEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612753) COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00noon (613214)

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

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

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm - 8.45pm

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

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

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

#### Under 6's – Year 1 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 01926 613330

Training: Saturday 9.00am Harbury School

Under 7's – Year 2

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

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury School

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

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803 Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

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

Coach: Carolyn Dorning Tel: 01926 612037

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

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

Coach: Judith Woodfield Tel: 01926 312021

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

#### Under 12/13's - Year 8 Boys

Coach: Malcom Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12 noon – 3.30pm, Tues & Thurs – 9.00am, - 3.30pm, Wed & Fri – 9.00am – 1.30pm (613386)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP Last Monday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612150) HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00 - 11:30am HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498. Open Mic from 8pm, every last Saturday in

the month. All welcome. For more information please ring 07799 896891. HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:00pm (612819)

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

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Scout Hut, Saturdays,

10:00am - 12:00noon (612734)

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm; Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

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

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

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

PARKINSONS UK - Learnington & District Branch: Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month – 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Sydni Centre, Sydenham, Marloes Walk, Sydenham. Margaret Holland, 01926 853023 or the free Helpline, 0808 800 0303

**RAINBOWS**: Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm,Unit Leader Bobbi Sharpe 614040 SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm (614062)

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK: St Wulstan's Court, St Wulstan's Way, Southam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month, bi-monthly in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct & Dec, Tel: 01926 817472 SLIMMING WORLD: Village Club, Wednesdays 6.30pm Sarah Edwards Tel: 07964 513 154 TAI CHI: Ufton Village Hall, Monday, 7.00pm – 8.30pm (612277) TENNIS CLUP, MEMPERS DI AVINC TIMES:

## TENNIS CLUB: MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES:

#### Adults and Students:

Tuesdays: 6.30pm- 10.00pm, Thursdays: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

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

Sundays: (Summer only) 10.00am - 12 noon

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

If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club,

please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email sucol-mercer@tiscali.co.uk)

Juniors and Minis (Reception to Year 11)

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

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

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

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Farley Room of Village Hall 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm (612877) **W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (614459)

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

Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.30pm (07906 519148) YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgey (817904)

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

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SCOUT HUT	TOM HAULEY ROOM	THR COFFEE MORNINGS		
Caroline Hill Tel: 613780 -	Sally Stringer Tel: 613214 sal.47@hotmail.co.uk	Sally Stringer Tel: 613214 sal.47@hotmail.co.uk		
VILLAGE HALL	VILLAGE CLUB - CONCERT ROOM	WIGHT SCHOOL		
Celia Neill Tel: 612819 harburyvillagehall@googlemail.com	- Tel: 612498 (evenings) harburyvillageclub@hotmail.co.uk	Anna Wilson Tel: 614217 anna9650@btinternet.com		



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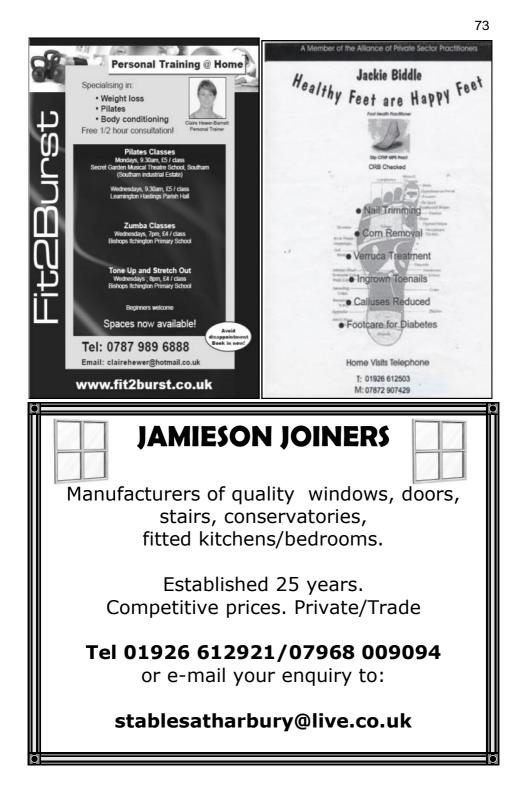
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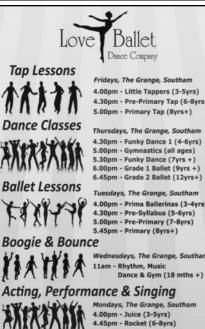
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