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Editorial



Bunting and flags were very much in evidence in both villages to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As our editorial photograph shows, there were several street parties in spite of the unseasonal weather. Other events, such as the Carnival, Ladbroke Fete and the Harbury Games, were much enjoyed during the month. The magazine carries photographs of many of these events which have been sent in by local

photographers. The Editors are very grateful for their contributions.

Looking forward, a number of local artists are exhibiting their work as part of the Warwickshire Open Studios fortnight. Further details are available in the magazine. Harbury Library, which will be officially opened on the 21st July, will also be displaying works of art for sale in future.

Congratulations to the Rev'd Annie Goldthorp on her ordination at Coventry Cathedral on 30th June. We wish her well in her ministry.

Finally, we send our sympathies to the families of Vanda Ball and William Gibbins.

Harbury Diary

JULY

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| Sat | 7 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union |
| | | PTA Summer Fayre, 12 noon – 3.00pm at School |
| Sun | 8 | TRINITY V
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am, – 11.00am in Village Hall |
| Tues | 10 | Toddlers Service, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 11 | Wednesday Walkers: Bishops Itchington – Knightcote (3.5 miles) 9.45am from Village Hall |
| Thurs | 12 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee |

- Thurs 12 Movement to Music, 2.00-3.00pm in Village Hall
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury Women's Institute, 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room,
Speaker: Sharon Hancock – "Harbury War Memorial"
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in
aid of Church work with children
- Sun 15 TRINITY VI**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Family Communion Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am – 11.00am in Village Hall
ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END,
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Tues 17 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 18 Wednesday Walkers: Napton Nature Reserve (4 miles)
9.45am from Village Hall
Tea 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
- Fri 20 SCHOOL ENDS
- Sat 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Bell Ringers
Official Opening of Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café
2.00pm
- Sun 22 TRINITY VII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am – 11.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 24 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 25 Wednesday Walkers: Combrook – Butlers Marston (5 miles)
9.45am from Village Hall
Julian Meeting, AGM 8.00pm, 5 South Parade
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY PHARMACY
HIGH STREET OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in
aid of Village Hall Development Fund
Summer Lunch, 12 noon – 2.30pm at Village Hall in aid of
Harbury Senior Citizens – call 613269 or 612421 for details
- Sun 29 TRINITY VIII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am – 11.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 31 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30-4.30pm, 19 Farm Street

Tues 31 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

AUGUST

Wed 1 Wednesday Walkers: Wardington with optional pub lunch
9.45am (4 miles) from Village Hall

NB No MU Meeting

Thurs 2 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee

NB No Men's Group Meeting

Folk Club, 8.00pm in Dog Inn

Art Group Pencil Drawing, 10.00am -12 noon in Scout Hut

Tennis Club BBQ and Mixed Doubles Tournament, 6.00-6.30pm

Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in
aid of Shoebox Appeal

Sun 5 TRINITY IX

Sung Eucharist, 9.00am

First Light Service, 10.30am Tom Hauley Room

Evening Service 6.00pm

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

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
July	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	11	12	13	Grey Bin
	18	19	20	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	25	26	27	Grey Bin
Aug	1	2	3	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	8	9	10	Grey Bin
	15	16	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins

	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<p>Reverend Craig Grocock</p>
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A 24/7 job!

Rev'd Annie was ordained as a priest at Coventry Cathedral on the 30th June. An ordination is a grand affair where the Bishop, on behalf of the church, lays his hands on the person being ordained and 'releases' them into their vocation.

As you would imagine, an ordination service is a very emotional occasion with great pomp and ceremony and signifies not only the Church's recognition of a person's ministry but also the belief that they are called and set apart by God for this task.

Many people often wonder what a parish priest actually does in the course of a week. Well a typical day might look like this:

Morning prayer in church

School assembly

Staff meeting or supervision

Lunch appointment with Archdeacon or deanery clergy

Pastoral visits at home or hospital

Meeting with secretary, administration etc.

Church Council meeting

In the course of a week there may be also Diocesan and Deanery meetings, clergy chapter appointments, preparation for Sunday services, baptism preparation with families, marriage preparation with couples, pastoral care team meetings, stewardship planning, various parish working groups, school governors, not to mention the care of the bereaved and planning and conducting of funerals when required.

The role can be very demanding; it's a 24/7 job. So please do pray and think of Annie as she continues her training with us in Harbury and Ladbroke. Of course as a priest this now means she will be able to preside at Communion services, declare God's forgiveness and give his blessing. But the role of a priest is so much bigger and it is only in God's strength that we can fulfil all he asks of us.

We wish Annie well and celebrate with her at this special time and look forward to her continuing ministry among us.

God bless

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

8th June James Robert Tayler to Natalie Pinfield-Williams

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

10th June Jack Burnell

17th June Noah Henry Shuttleworth

24th June Joseph Morrill

Alexander Scholtzs

Burial of Ashes, All Saints' Harbury

26th May Peter Heigl

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

20th June Vanda Ball

21st June William Michael Gibbins



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Will

A number of Harbury people joined the Archbishop of Canterbury at Coventry Cathedral on Friday 25th May for a Jubilee service and again at Stoneleigh the following Sunday for a Celebration of Rural Life. The diocesan website – www.coventry.anglican.org – has a number of photos and articles of this weekend which are well worth a view.

Although not yet an Archbishop, Annie Goldthorp will have attended Coventry Cathedral and become ordained a priest on 30th June. It is splendid to have Annie with us in our parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke and, now she can preside at Holy Communion on her own, this hopefully means both she and Craig can slow down a little! See if you can spot a difference in the way Annie now wears one of the liturgical vestments - this denotes a priest rather than a deacon. A packet of chocolate hobnobs for the first to get it correct.

The project plan (tasks to be done on the building) is up in the Tom Hauley Room lobby and the lych-gate - please take a look and any feedback would be welcomed.



Toddlers' Service

Lorna Bedford

Mrs Gillian Hare presented our service in June. She talked about celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee a few days previously. She then told us the story about a king in the Bible called Solomon. One night God appeared to King Solomon in a dream and promised to give Solomon anything he required. Solomon replied, 'Please make me a good ruler over my kingdom'. God was very pleased with this answer and said to Solomon, 'I will make you very wise and you will also be rich and famous'. Solomon became a very wise king and built a large and beautiful temple for God. People came from all over the land to see the temple that King Solomon had built. We sang lots of fun songs including King of Kings and Who's the King of the Jungle.

For our activity we decorated yellow cardboard crowns and played until it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers' Service is on Tuesday 10th July at 2pm in the Tom Hauley Room. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome. As this will be our last Toddlers' Service in its present format, we invite anyone who has been associated in any way with this service to come along and join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

JULY

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Sun 8 TRINITY V

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

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Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

The Jubilee weekend started with the Ladbroke Fete. A very wet morning prompted a move from the Millennium Green to the Village Hall. However, with some ingenuity and borrowed pergolas, the afternoon was a success. The church stall of books and bric-a-brac was well supported. A particular thank you to Betty, Rosemary and Diane for their time and effort.

The Sunday celebration was the Civic Service at 10.30am. The church was full and it was gratifying to welcome members of the Parish Council.

On Bank Holiday Monday the church was used to hold a local arts and crafts exhibition. A tremendous amount of organising and setting up of displays was entailed but it was worth it to see the church being used in such a way. There was a wonderful, almost party atmosphere with tea and cakes being served. The variety of artistic talent was quite amazing and it was interesting to hear people commenting positively on a more flexible use of the church for the future.

Back to more mundane matters:- The church roof has a serious leak which has become apparent during the recent wet weather. This will be a priority for the PCC in the coming months. We are in the process of researching a suitable sound system and will be discussing proposals in the near future.

To celebrate Annie's ordination there was be a joint service at Harbury on 1st July at 10.30am. Our thoughts and prayers are with Annie as she embarks on her new life.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

The Committee are to be congratulated on providing members with such an enjoyable Jubilee Party on the 28th June in the Village Hall. We were welcomed by the sight of Union flag covered tables topped with helium filled balloons which held dishes of nibbles and bottles of the drinks we all remembered - like dandelion and burdock.

Before the festivities started, Sue Moore gave information about proposed trips.

Thursday 16th August, 3.30 – 5.00pm: Cream tea on The Countess of Evesham narrow boat, £10.50. A minibus will carry members to Stratford for the start of the 'cruise'. Anyone wishing to go should let one of the committee know as soon as possible as numbers need to be given in before our next meeting.

Wednesday 29th August: Group outing to Birmingham Jewellery Quarter £13.

Sue also described the handing over of the W.I. Olympic baton from Bishops Itchington W.I. and then on to Priors Marston and Hardwick. In view of all the rain, this was carried out in bathing costumes apparently. Ladbroke is getting nearer the Calendar Girls every year! I will try to see if someone has photos for the web site.

We were then royally entertained by Concordion, a group of five accordion players, who played music from the 50s, which varied between Zadok, the Priest to My Fair Lady and we were given the words – as if we needed them – to She wears red feathers... and The Ugly Duckling!

The committee then served us with sandwiches, cream scones, Victoria sponge and jelly and cream and we toasted The Queen in cordial.

The picture shows some of the committee having a well earned sit down towards the end of an evening which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on 26th July and the subject is Pilates so I shouldn't have too much supper!



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr



Yes, we had two meetings in May to avoid clashing with the Jubilee celebrations. When club members arrived at the Village Hall they found 20 wine glasses set out in a straight row. If they thought that the Jubilee celebrations were starting early, perhaps with some strange drinking game, they were mistaken; this was a session to see how many glasses would be in focus using different camera settings. Depth of field, in

other words, not depth of thirst; very important when photographing people to ensure that they are sharp and the background is blurred. We then tried the technique on flowers, people, signboards and street scenes.

We then moved on to our competition 'After Dark' which brought in plenty of excellent material. The winner by a clear margin was Richard Crompton's

stunning picture of Singapore at night. Jackie West showed us our pictures for the Jubilee Exhibition which she had mounted - they made an impressive display. She then went on to show us how to mount photographs using a cunning contraption that cuts 45-degree chamfers in the mounting board.

Our next meeting will be a walkabout in Long Itchington on Tuesday, 3rd July, starting at the Duck on the Pond at about 7pm (no doubt finishing inside as the light fades). We shall return to our normal schedule of meeting in Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th September - more information from jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Fete

Decisions, decisions! The morning of 2nd June started as a fete organisers' nightmare with rain, rather than the predicted dry weather. As we assembled on the Millennium Green at 10 o'clock, beneath our umbrellas, we were faced with a quandary. Should we start setting up the stalls under gazebos or should we activate Plan B? Reports that the BBC had revised their forecast to steady rain all afternoon clinched it and we relocated to the Village Hall where half the stalls could be inside with the less weather-prone ones in the car park.



The fete was very well attended, in fact gate numbers were up on 2011 and people came in Jubilee mood. Everyone was wearing red, white and blue, even the tin cans in "tin can alley" were suitably attired! However, the prizes for the best outfits went to Sue Lord in a fetching number made from two Jubilee tea towels and Ann Edwards whose outfit included flashing brooches and red, white and blue antennae!

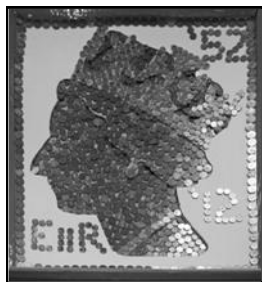
Despite the revised location every stall squeezed in somewhere and, though it stayed dry (never trust a forecast !), it was cool so Maxine's hot dogs and the WI's warm cups of tea did much better trade than the ice cream van. Beer of course is popular whatever the weather. There was a lot to do whether it

was making paper planes, trying to splat the rat, hunting for mice or guessing how many sultanas, raisins and currants there were in the cake. Some games had a jubilee theme such as the "right royal croquet game" with the hoops disguised as Princes Philip, Charles, William and Harry etc. and the "roll a coin" on the union flag with the Queen's photo in the middle being the bulls-eye. If you



needed to relax, Ladbroke Natural Health Centre were offering advice and short massages. For those in need of retail therapy there were a number of stalls selling things from handmade jewellery and home baked goodies to second bargains, cards, quality plants from Greenleaf Nursery and even an auction for a lovely picture by a local artist. The raffle did good trade and so many people took advantage of the extremely good odds on the tombola that all their tickets were sold before the half-way point.

During the afternoon we were entertained by live music from Harbury Ukulele Group and by a Gatka display team. These lads and one lassie were very nimble on their feet, showed amazing dexterity as they swung their swords etc and their free-for-all at the end looked real rather than choreographed. The fete drew to a close with the children's races; lack of space in the new venue meant we had to abandon plans for the adult races - sorry if you had been in training for the duck and spoon race!



On behalf of the Millennium Green Trustees a big thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations, on the day and came along and spent money, especially everyone who raided their piggy banks to help us complete the jubilee coin picture.

Jackie West

Ladbroke Festival of Arts, Crafts and Hobbies

On Monday 4th June our church in Ladbroke was buzzing with enthusiasm and talent as many people attended the exhibition of Art, Craft and Hobbies put together with pieces of work by local people. In spite of the weather we had a really successful day with a steady stream of visitors enjoying the occasion. There were many and varied exhibits showing off the talent of the inhabitants of a small village and its surrounds.

The photography competition was a great success with 21 entries. A total of 76 people voted and the results are shown overleaf.

10 and under

- 1st Oi You by Henry Daniels
 Joint 2nd Pretty Buildings by Elena Baldry
 Victorian Garden by Molly Rowe

11-15

- 1st Groynes by Beth Mancell
 2nd Tree Silhouette by Cai Pittaway
 3rd Caught Napping by Jack Rowe

16 - Adult

- 1st Stratford Street Entertainer by Charlie Henshaw
 Joint 2nd Perito Merino Glacier by Nicky Lewis
 Sleeping Cheetah by Sarah Long
 Joint 3rd Oban Sunset by Lisa Henshaw
 Richmond Robin by Anna Morris

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to bring along their exhibits and to all the visitors for attending. A special thank you to Jackie West who helped us with the publicity and also arranged the photography competition and to Sue Lord and team for the refreshments. We had a really enjoyable day.



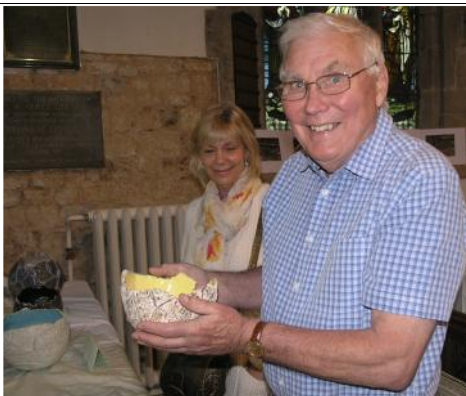
Nicky Lewis and Margaret Bosworth

Treasure Hunt, Saturday 14th July

There will be clues taking you around the village on foot to find the answers and pieces of treasure and then a meal afterwards at the Village Hall. You do not need to live in Ladbroke to take part but you do need to get your tickets in advance so that we can ensure there is enough food. Tickets cost £10 per person (£5 for children under 12 years) and are available from Margaret Bosworth 01926 817312.

Jackie West

Ladbroke celebrates the Jubilee



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£80 Kim Bendzak

£50 Christine Payne

£25 Elaine Taylor

£10 Margaret Bosworth

£10 Ken Whiteley

£10 Janet and Peter Goldson

£10 Keith Tancock

£10 Gwyn Badman

Margaret Bosworth



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Annual Parish Meeting

The extraordinary meeting proceeded much like the April one with Ken Stephenson leading the objectors to the Dovehouse Autos plans in a long re-iteration of their concerns: inadequate sewers; asbestos; taking over public open space and extinguishing a right of way etc. Councillors agreed to object on the grounds of loss of green space; overdevelopment; parking problems, but all insisted they were not against redevelopment per se.

After that, the Annual Parish Meeting was a bit of a let-down! Councillor Bob Stevens announced the County was “going for growth” to encourage jobs and business and had £3m for rural broadband development. They were improving educational standards; encouraging partnership with residents through the Community Forums; commissioning private providers for Adult Services Care; had chosen Balfour Beatty as the highways contractor and were consulting on switching off some of the street lights.

The Police were combining some back-office functions with West Mercia to save costs and similarly the Fire Service was to work with Northants. The County was hedging its bet over HS2 – opposing it in principle but looking at how the impact could be mitigated if it went ahead. He warned it would be a “hybrid” bill where no Inquiry was necessary.

Finally he praised the Parish Council for its support of the Library Group and congratulated everyone on the successful transfer of this asset to the community.

He fielded questions about reductions in police staffing levels; lack of business development expertise at the County; loss of democratic control over academies and the take-over of PCTs by offshore Private Health Care companies. “You know it really” Sharon Hancock pointed out.

District Councillor Beverly Mann reported that Stratford was one of the top Councils for recycling in the country and the responses to the Core Strategy were being considered. A further consultation would take place in August.

District Cllr Hamburger said he had had a fantastic year working with Harbury and the Library Group. Parish Chair Tim Lockley announced the Library was open five days a week and the Biblio's Café three days a week and all the insulation work had been completed. He warned that the higher authorities were saving money by throwing the expense of providing services on the Parish. However he reminded parishioners that everything the Parish Council raises in rates is spent for and in the parish.

Tim was pleased to be able to say that ours is a co-operative Council and that is how all democracy should work.

Cllr Ekins reported on the on-going complaints about HGVs using the railway bridge at Deppers and his efforts to get the broken sewer serving Highfield Cottages mended.

Cllr Patrick praised SDC's online planning portal. It was now easy to view applications and to submit an objection. She was pleased the feedback on the Bush Heath Lane houses was positive and hoped the next phase would be similarly received. She refuted the suggestion (from Ken Stephenson) that any of the homes had gone to people from outside the village. That was not true.

She urged parishioners who noticed tree works or other development that they thought did not have permission to report it to the Clerk or ring or email the Enforcement Officer in Stratford.

Cllr Hancock was relieved that all the unsafe Burial Ground gravestones had finally been dealt with. The Council had made strenuous efforts to contact all the relatives. She was saddened that she had to keep on complaining about irresponsible dog owners who allowed their animals to foul the Playing Fields.

Villagers were reminded that the notice boards were for use by village organisations advertising their events and any commercial posters would be removed.

Cllr Lewis was pleased that energy saving LED lights had been installed at Leycester Close and at Hereburgh Way where the pavement had been extended to join Manor Road.

Harbury Energy Initiative was praised for its success in raising £47K, some of which was used for energy improvements to the Wight School.

The Chairman reported that the rise in the precept was mainly to cover the costs of taking over the Library. The Council was also replacing some of the play equipment and gave small grants to support village initiatives and organisations.

Geoff Thorpe was very proud of the Village Hall's energy initiatives especially the Photo Voltaic system and the sheep's wool insulation for the roof – although the smell had been, he insisted, appalling. He listed the other improvements including the kitchen refurbishment, and explained that the

chestnut tree at the front of the Hall had to be removed as it was seriously diseased. It would be replaced with a sweet chestnut.

Sharon Hancock reported on a successful year for the Twinning group who welcomed visitors from Samoa last year. The Twinners would be in France this year during the Presidential Elections.

Keith Thompson reported on the progress of Village with a Vision's initiative to get care and support for the sick and elderly of Harbury in their own village. Bromford Housing had conducted a detailed needs survey and with the Price Family Trust were evaluating a number of sites in the village.

With reference to the item in the report of the May meeting of the Parish Council relating to buses being parked at a house in Percival Drive, the Editors have been advised that, after referral to Stratford District Council Planning Department, no action has been taken against the residents and the case file has been closed.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Eileen Dronfield organised another excellent farm visit for us and she conjured up one of the few warm evenings so far this summer. We visited her brother's farm in the Itchen valley between Marton and Long Itchington with its Roman villa and a Saxon palace site.

The original Manor House was bought by Dr Jephson. Richard and Rosie Reeve are semi-retired and their son runs the very modern farm which grows oil seed rape and milling wheat. Other land is let out for the production of pumpkins and spring onions.

The rape needs lots of nitrogen but produces 46% oil, some of which is pressed for use in their diesel cars. It is cheap at 40p a litre and legal.



This is precision farming and getting more mechanised every year - fertiliser spraying is controlled by satellite. Soon they will have tractors steered by satellite which, says Richard, means "I can't hit them with a big hammer to make them work".

Members were amazed to see so many hares in the fields, to see swallows and to hear skylarks. Richard explained larks only sing on the way up and reeled off a list of endangered birds the farm harbours. They leave conservation strips planted with "birdseed" and the hedges are managed for wildlife.

Members were further amazed when Richard wheeled out his helicopter. He has been flying all his life and regularly uses the machine to overfly the farm. The Reeves then invited us into their energy efficient converted barn for refreshments. The Society made a donation to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution in gratitude for such a comprehensive and enjoyable visit.

Thanks to all of you who visited our Carnival Stall and those who tried our history quiz. You will not be surprised to know that professional historian and Parish Chair Tim Lockley worked out all the puzzles correctly (with a little help!). Thanks to the Committee's help we made about £60.

Next events

Saturday 29th September 3pm - Chedham's Yard Visit

Warmington has a **Family Archaeology Day** with traditional crafts at the Herb Centre on **Sunday 15th July 10.00am – 4.00pm**. It's free with a small charge for craft materials if that's your choice, but mainly it's about archaeology with hands-on archaeology (digging and metal-detecting); displays of archaeological finds from Warmington and several nearby villages; talks by experts on Roman coins, archaeology and the Anglo-Saxons and children's Roman outdoor activities. The Herb Centre (OX17 1DF) is on the A41 on the right past Warmington Church.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont



It has been a busy June when members were preparing for the Carnival. We are pleased to say we got an award for our entry in the Carnival which was "Harbury W.I. supports the Library" for which we dressed as book characters. We also got awards on the field, details of which will be in the Harbury & Ladbroke News. We must thank those who entered the Carnival and to Norma for our "book cover" sign.

The cake stall also did well and sold out. Ann Mayer made the lovely cake for the "Guess the Cake's Weight" competition which was 4lbs 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs. Many thanks to those who baked cakes etc and helped on the stall.

Outings: Birimingham Theatre trip to see Dirty Dancing – 25th July

Whightwick Manor – 30th July

Visit to James Butler's studio at Radway – 6th August

Visit to Birmingham Jewellery Quarter – 29th August

Members' Garden Party – this will be at the home of Ann Mayer on 17th July at 7.30pm.

We are pleased to hear that Dorothy Travis has agreed to head the catering committee for our Harvest Supper on 5th October.

Jeanette Thompson, our delegate at the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, and her friend Lilian from Whitnash W.I. joined us at our last meeting. Jeanette gave an amusing and interesting account of the AGM and said it was an amazing place to visit.

Our guest speaker was Amanda Davis, a retired Thatcher – although she did not seem old enough to be retired! After studying for a law degree and seeing and hearing about thatching, she just had to be a Thatcher.

She told us about the important clothes and tools needed for the job. She was given excellent teaching and training. As she said, one would be silly not to do as one was told to do, as life can be very precarious on a roof. Some men did have accidents.

Amanda brought along different reeds and said that British were the best but, because of a shortage, thatchers have to buy from abroad. Hopefully things are getting better and thatching is on the increase, although it is not cheap. There are even some Mediaeval thatches still in use. Amanda made it known that she does not like birds that are made to perch on the thatch.

We are all interested in the lovely thatch being re-introduced in Harbury. Will a bird appear we wonder? I would fully recommend Amanda to you.

The next meeting is in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm on 12th July. The guest speaker will be Sharon Hancock – Harbury War Memorial.



Folk Club

Ian Hartland

A grey and wet June evening greeted the audience and performers for the 331st Harbury Folk Club at The Dog, where even the room's central heating had switched itself on to counter the sub-seasonal temperature. Whatever happened to "Flaming June"? Anyway, there was a kaleidoscope of offerings to savour as the theme of "Colours" had been nominated.

The Harvesters kicked off the evening with the Lemon Pipers' 60's classic "Green Tambourine", followed by a song describing the courting successes of three knights, each clad in attire of different hue. Next came Des with the almost apt song "When Autumn Skies Were Blue" followed by "Blow Boys, Blow". He was followed by the ever-reliable Janny and Maureen with the moving song "Two Brothers", which describes the fate of siblings in the American Civil War (one in Blue, the other in Grey). They also gave us their "Gown Of Green". Rick was next to perform and played a near-faultless version of the old classic "Stardust". His next offering, the

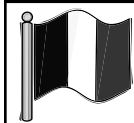
"Talking Memory Blues", drew empathetic responses from an audience familiar, it seemed, with temporary amnesia. Peter and Jess Mason followed with "Black Diamonds" and then Coldplay's excellent song "Yellow" (Jess's choice!). To close the first half, Peter McDonald took us to the "Laundro-Loverette", John Kirkpatrick's tender love song set in a Washeteria. He closed his set with Dougie MacLean's moving song of emigration, "Garden Valley".

The second half was opened by Pete and Liz, who whisked us northward with the "Loch Tay Boat Song" and then performed their perennial favourite "A Rosebud In June". Terry was next to the floor with a debut rendition at Harbury on the Pan Pipes. He played a set of three Northumbrian tunes to start and followed those with an instrumental version of "The Lark In The Clear Air". The pipes look quite tricky to master, but Terry played them confidently. Debbie was next, accompanied by me. She sang the ever-popular "Moon River" and the Harry Belafonte classic "Scarlet Ribbons". Next, a debut performance by Anne reading the much-loved poem "Warnings". That's the one that mentions a lady planning to wear purple when she gets old. Is that what they call Purple Prose? Rick was invited back to provide a third song and gave us the somewhat risqué "Bonny Black Hare", fortunately well past the nine o'clock watershed. Keith Donnelly closed the half with the "Red Balloon" and then my own temporary amnesia set in and I forgot to note his second offering.

The third half was a chance for all of the performers to play another song, the number being less than in some previous months. The Harvesters started with "Who Will Watch The Home Place?" Then Des sang "To The Maypole, Haste" and was followed by Maureen and Janny who took us on a tour of "Cupid's Garden". Peter Mason then sang Maggie Holland's excellent song "A Place Called England" and was followed by Debbie with two of her thought-provoking poems, the first about the evil 'Internet Trolls' and the second about nursery rhymes with the title "Make Believe". Peter McDonald then provided a tribute to the late Doc Watson with the song "Little Sadie". Pete B turned the Beattle's "Yesterday" into the highly amusing "Breathalysed". Terry performed two Irish tunes "Sally Gardens / Danny Boy". The evening was brought to a perfect close by Keith with a song from his more serious repertoire, "Crazy Eyes". Having seen me recording the number of times a colour was mentioned, he tried to influence the final result by adding some extra colours into the lyrics. However, at the end of a highly enjoyable evening, the result of that survey was an honourable draw between green and black (which Des tried to convince the audience was a "non-colour" and therefore ineligible).

The evening's raffle was in aid of Cancer Research, for which Sue is running in the Run for Life in Solihull on 1st July. Thanks to the generosity of the club's patrons, we achieved a creditable £43.00 for that worthwhile charity.

The next Folk Club will meet in the back room of The Dog on Thursday 5th July when Ted and Sue present the theme: (S)he love me, (S)he loves me not. As usual admission will be free and Ted has promised a money-back guarantee to anyone who doesn't like the music.



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

June is carnival time and the Twinning Association is always delighted to join in this community activity. We were represented in the wheel barrow race where our junior members Robert Rollason and Finn Toner were first in the Junior section and Peter Rollason and Andrew Patrick ran well in the Senior section. Twelve of our members represented the Association in the pub games where we tied for first place with the Dog Inn. On Carnival day we had our usual stand selling cheese and pâté baguettes. We are now looking forward to our July event where we shall be celebrating Bastille Day with a safari supper.



Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

Harbury RFC mark fifty golden years with brilliant Jubilee Ball

Harbury Rugby Club's 50th Anniversary was celebrated in style when 250 guests attended a Golden Jubilee Ball at the Club Grounds at Middle Road, Harbury. This excellent evening at the end of May was blessed with fantastic weather. It was an ideal opportunity for members from across the years to get together and not only reminisce but also look forward to the future.

It was pleasing to encourage local trades and suppliers with the Marquee provided by Harbury Marquee Suppliers and the catering by Ray Playdon. A truly highly memorable evening. The following awards were made:

1st Team Player of the Year	Greg Peebles
1 st Team Highest Points	Tom Secher
1 st Team Most Improved Player	Ben Shinkwin
2 nd Team Player of the Year (Shield)	Matt Holloway
2 nd Team Highest Points	Andy Sandford
2 nd Team Most Improved Player	George Bostock
Jerry Birkbeck Touchline Award	Steve Dunne
Veteran Player of the Year	Gareth Carro
Young Player of the Year	Jacob Hunt
John Bromley Trophy	Matthew Knight
Clubman of the Year	Ben Linnett



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

The weather has hardly encouraged members onto court with the usual pre-Wimbledon enthusiasm so it's definitely fingers crossed that we get a nice evening for our Strawberry Tournament on 3rd July!

Harbury's unbeaten run in the Banbury League Division 5 came to an end at Byfield. Unfortunately Steve Stark had to withdraw late on due to a back injury and, as there was no time to find another man, Caroline Morland ended up playing as an "honorary 3rd man" with David Bristow and Colin Mercer. That meant drafting in Sue Mercer (also carrying an injury!) to play alongside Sue Panton and Sara Peters. It was a night easily forgotten, with Caroline and Colin achieving Harbury's only win in a 1-8 defeat.

The team returned to winning ways in the next match at home against the Deddington C team. Caroline was back as first lady with Sue Panton and Eira Owen. Colin was joined by Keith Thompson and Steve Fitzgerald playing his first match of the season. It was an evenly contested match and the result depended on the outcomes of the final 3 rubbers. Sue and Colin were narrowly beaten 6-5 but wins for Caroline and Eira and Keith and Steve completed a 6-3 win.

The same three ladies and Colin were in action in the next two matches which brought two more wins to take Harbury into second place in the league at the half way stage of the season. The first, against Hook Norton saw Junior Liam Crossling make his debut and a very successful one at that! It was also good to welcome his brother Adam back from University which brought the average age of the team down to its lowest for many years! The combination of youth and experience gelled well and recorded an emphatic 8-1 win.

The winning run continued in the next match at Brackley with Keith Thompson and Geoff Prince joining Colin. Harbury were narrowly in front after the first round of matches after Eira and Keith won their mixed doubles and Sue and Caroline proved too strong for the home ladies. A heavy shower in the second round looked as if it might lead to the match being stopped but luckily it passed and Harbury maintained their winning momentum and completed a 6-3 win to complete a good June!

Junior Championship Day on Saturday 14th July

Coach Sarah Bunting is organising a Junior Championship day on Saturday 14th July. The tournament is aimed at children in Year 2 and over. Children must be Junior members to enter, but don't have to be in this term's coaching programme. There's an entry fee of £2.

Guidance on rules and scoring will be given on the day, particularly for those who have never played in a tournament before. Children under 6 are

welcome to enter but they should at least have a basic understanding of the court boundaries, how to play points and be able to serve either under or over arm.

Whether you are entering or not, everyone is welcome to come along on the day and support all our Harbury Tennis Juniors. If you need any additional information please contact Sarah on 07757 538325 or email her at: buntingsarah@hotmail.com.



Harbury Toddler Group

Sarah Hanson



Game, Set, Match... Wimbledon was our theme for the Harbury Carnival in which we were proud to take part and come second in our category. We had lots of sticky fingers in preparation for the carnival – we made tennis balls from tissue paper and decorated card tennis rackets to cover our prams with for the walking float – our McEnroe (aka Rosemary, accompanied by Oliver!) kept his temper under control for

the duration of the carnival, Annabel and Thomas proudly walked through the village with their tennis net and Amber managed to beat Serena Williams in two sets (according to the score board on her push chair) with very little effort! Thanks to those who took part!

Daddies were very pleased to receive their decorated ceramics from their loved ones – we had some beautiful hand prints and painting so we do hope they loved them!

With the Olympics just around the corner, we have been getting ourselves in the spirit by making our very own Olympic torches – we hope that some of these will have been seen in the crowd when the Olympic torch visited the area!

We are looking forward to our Toddler Group summer outing which looks like it will be taking place at the end of July, funded from the money we have raised from this year's activities.

If you are interested in joining us at Toddler Group we are always pleased to see newcomers. We run every Monday from 9.30am to 11.15am at the Wight School (behind the library), and cater for children from birth to school age. We are open throughout the school holidays, except Bank Holidays, and older siblings are welcome to come along too!!



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

New Starters - After the half-term break we were delighted to welcome Mimi and Jessie to Pre-School. They have both settled in very well with their new friends.



Library Story Time - Pre-School is very keen to maintain its strong links with Harbury library and we were delighted when Chris Rutherford very kindly offered to do a weekly story time for groups of our children. It has proved a great success, with Chris expertly telling familiar stories from memory, rather than reading from a book, enabling the children to use their imagination as they conjure up pictures in their minds.

The Carnival - Congratulations and thanks to Emily and Andy Jackson and their team for once again creating such a stunning float from the fabulous "Rainbow Full of Stories" artwork produced by the children, and also to the children and parents for entering into the spirit of the event with their wonderful costumes.



Building - After the carnival, the theme for June and July turned to buildings and the children learned about the Three Little Pigs while we practised building homes using different materials, especially in the outdoor classroom during the occasional snatches of fine weather during the second half of June. This topic is covering all areas of learning, with lots of small and large scale creativity, painting and drawing, language, problem solving and calculating, investigation and working together.

Summer Outing - This year's summer outing took place at Ryton Country Park where we were able to practise our den building skills. The weather was perfect, so the wellies and raincoats were not needed! With the help of the staff, parents and Ranger Amy, the children had a wonderful time collecting branches and other materials to build great dens, which became more and more elaborate





as they grew. We finished with a picnic lunch and a play in the park before heading home again on the coach. We are very grateful to the Wagstaffe Foundation/John Ridgley Tree of Light for their generous donation towards the cost of the coach.

A Special Visitor - The children were delighted when Jazz Gulliver brought in a tortoise to show them. They were able to watch it eat, feel its shell and ask Jazz lots of questions!



Jubilee 'Street Party' - Pre-School's 'street party' – suitably bedecked tables in the outdoor play area, with food provided by the parents – proved a huge success and the very generous donation from Annie's parents enabled us to buy a commemorative coaster and flag for each child. A card showing a photograph of the children and signed by some of them, has been sent to the Queen herself!



School Teachers' Visit - To meet the Pre-schoolers in their own familiar environment, and give them a taste of what to expect in Primary School, Reception teachers Miss Maher and Mrs Rea and classroom assistant Mrs Johnson came to visit them at Pre-School. Next month, the children will be going to the school to spend some time in their new classroom.

"Thank You" - We are very grateful to Modern Homes for donating a worktop and base unit for the new sink in the Pre-School room and a **huge thank you** especially to Marcus, Mr. Plumb, for plumbing in the sink and hanging the wall unit. Both are now fully operational and being put to very good use. Another thank you is due to Lola's parents, Hannah and David, for the wonderful wooden sheltered seating for the outdoor play area. The children (and the staff) love it!

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Bud Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07833 597973 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Windmills Nursery is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School and has the benefit of its own Forest School and qualified Forest School Leader. We are open all day between school hours and take children from the age of two years. If you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our website at www.windmillsnursery.co.uk, call Tina/Sally on 07906 519148 or Katharine on 01926 613084. We have Nursery Funded places available (mornings and full days from Sept 2012) and we also accept childcare vouchers and offer an Assisted Places Scheme.

In Nursery



The children have had a fun-filled June with celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which included a party in Nursery, participating in Harbury Carnival where our float won 1st prize in our category, producing cards and gifts for Father's Day, regular sessions of Forest School and French and a special outing to Harbury Library and Biblio's Café. In Nursery we have been examining objects

under microscopes and have had a go at taking photographs of other children in the nursery. The children have been pond dipping and have been looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly and a frog and making the most of the school grounds during dry weather with activities such as obstacle courses and tennis. We have had a visit from Miss Maher and Mrs Rea who will be teaching the two reception classes at school in September; they came to meet the children and look through their Learning Journals.



Pond Visit and Microscopes

As part of the lifecycle of a frog the children have been pond dipping and looking for tadpoles. This has been extended to other life in the pond and their findings have been examined under microscopes.

Charlie – The water shrimp is massive. The wiggly pond worm is stripy under the microscope.

Lily – I can see a heart shape on the leaf but I can't see it with my normal eyes.





Ben – Wow, it's green and my finger is giant.

Finlay – Wow, it makes the leaf look like a crocodile.

Harry – There's no crocodiles in this water.

Evelyn – It goes all blurry when you move these.

Harbury Carnival

The theme of the Windmills float was Kings and Queens, in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. We were delighted to be awarded 1st prize. Thank you to

Corinna Butler and

Tina Jones who organised the float, to all the children at Windmills who did the artwork, to the parents and staff who helped decorate the float or produce costumes, to Bull Ring Farm who allowed us to build the float there and provided the hay bales and finally to Wally for the use of his trailer and for driving us on the day.



French Activities and a Visit to Harbury Library and Biblio's Café



The children have been treated to French tasting in Nursery which included baguettes, croissants and pain au chocolate. Madame Giblin brought her flute into Nursery and the children have done some French songs such as Frère Jacques and had a go at playing the flute.

There was also a special outing for the children to Harbury Library and a

treat of squash and some beautiful cakes made by Bobbie Sharpe at Biblio's Café. The children had to create une carte (map) to lead them to la bibliothèque (library) via le parking (car park) and les magasins (shops). A lovely morning was enjoyed by all and thank you to everyone at the library and Biblio's café for making us feel so welcome.



Staff News

Mrs Varriale and Mrs Lines have attended the Warwickshire County Council professional development meetings and they with Mrs Wilson have also attended a meeting with the PLA. All staff have received training on the new EYFS curriculum which is being implemented from September 2012.

Staff have also been on a series of courses which have included Food Hygiene (Mrs Lines, Mrs Houghton), Health and Safety in Education (Mrs Lines, Mrs Wilson), NSPCC Children's Rights (Mrs Wilson) and Data Protection (Mrs Giblin).

Thank Yous

Thanks to everyone who supported our BBQ at the Old New Inn on the Diamond Jubilee or came to our stall at Harbury Carnival. We raised just over £500 from both events which is great. Our last fundraising event of the year is our Maharaja's Ball which we will report on next month.

Thank you to Laura Young who donated a lovely selection of toys to Windmills Nursery.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th July – Toddlers' Service, 2pm.

Wednesday 11th July – Windmills school children visit Reception Class, 11.15am.

Thursday 12th July – Parent's Evening 6.15pm-7.30pm.

Friday 13th July – Visit to Reception Class with parents, 10am.

Wednesday 18th July – End of Year party.

Friday 20th July – Nursery closes for the summer holidays at 12.35pm (reopens Tuesday 4th September)



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Many thanks - to all who helped in any way with the Jubilee celebrations just before half-term – I understand that the day was a major success and a wonderful time was had by all.

Congratulations - to the school's mini-rugby team, who missed the Jubilee celebrations to take part in the Leamington Rugby Club tag-rugby tournament held on the same day. The team played some wonderful rugby throughout the day, winning their qualifying group before losing (in extra-time) in a pulsating quarter-final match. However, I am pleased (and very proud) to inform parents that the school won the "fair play" trophy for the outstanding sportsmanship that the team showed throughout the day. At Primary School level, the way in which school teams play is what school sport is all about, and to have our sportsmanship recognised like this is excellent – well done to all involved.

Congratulations - also to the children who played the steel pans so excellently at the recent "Spirit of the Countryside" festival at Stoneleigh. We played just inside the main entrance and were seen by almost every visitor to the festival, with many stopping to listen to the groups – as a result, we received lots of very complimentary comments and much excellent publicity for the school. Well done, everyone – you were a real credit to us all.

Social Media - There have been a couple of cases in recent months when complaints about issues to do directly with the school have been aired on social media sites such as "Facebook" rather than directly with the school. One of the most vital aspects of school life is the positive relationships that we try to build with parents – as a school we are very proud of our usually very good relationships with parents, relationships that I believe are built on mutual trust. Obviously, in any organisation which involves large numbers of people, there are going to be issues that emerge from time to time. On such occasions, I hope that parents would refrain from airing these issues on the social media sites and come in to school to discuss them with the staff here. I ask for everyone's co-operation in this matter. Thanks.

New Website - We have recently changed our website provider, and now have a new website, which can be found at www.harburyschool.com. It is, of course, still in its early stages of construction, as we had to change providers at relatively short notice and were unable to make a straight transfer across from our old site, but I do ask parents to visit it regularly for updates about what is happening at school. Many thanks to Mrs Linforth for her work in developing the site.

School Meals - I have been informed that the price of school meals is to increase to £1.90 per day (£9.50 per week) from September. This may also be an appropriate time to remind parents that dinner money should be paid **in advance** of the children receiving meals – preferably on the Monday of each week for all of the meals that are to be taken that week.

And Finally..... Welcome back to Miss King, who returned from her maternity leave on Monday.



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

By the time you read this article we'll have had the big event of our summer term calendar... the school Summer Fayre! Hopefully the weather was good to us and lots of fun was had by all. Thank you to all of the helpers - we couldn't run such a big event without you. If you would like to help at future events and haven't yet added yourself to the helpers list please email Vikki on vikkihall@btinternet.com.

In true British style, we didn't let the weather ruin our Beer Walk and BBQ events last month. Despite the rain, there was a good turnout of walkers,

most of who managed to visit all of the pubs as well as make it to the beer stop to obtain their stickers. There was a great atmosphere at Chesterton Church's beer stop and then at the Shakespeare for the BBQ. Many burgers were flipped and all in all we raised over £400. Thank you to Nigel Chapman for organising the route and to John and Elaine, proprietors of the Shakespeare for lending us their garden. Last year it was windy, this year raining so next year's walk should be in the hot sunshine.... Well we can hope can't we!!

With the end of term fast approaching, there are big changes ahead for Harbury School. Headmaster Mr Daly and Head of Infants Mrs Rathbone have both decided to retire. We will be sorry to see them leave but wish them every happiness for their retirement years.

The children of year 6 are also leaving this month and we have arranged a leavers BBQ for them on Wednesday July 18th. We wish them well as they move on to their new schools in September.

Please keep supporting the PTA events as all of the money that we raise benefits the children of Harbury.



1st Harbury Scouts

Sophie Green

On the 2nd June, 1st Harbury scout troop went on a five day scout camp to Snowdonia, Wales. It was an extremely enjoyable camp, in a lovely campsite with awesome activities.

After a four hour journey in the minibus, the scouts arrived at the beautiful Cornel campsite. It was a brilliant location with a superb view of the lake and mountains. After a two hour unpacking session followed by a water bomb fight and burgers, we took a dip in the freezing cold stream next to the campsite. It was, by all accounts, very cold and very deep, and included a long muddy journey to get there. A lukewarm shower and Andy's hot chocolate soon warmed us up though!



On Sunday, it was the wettest - and by far the worst day, weather-wise. The planned activities were fab though, we went on a high ropes course followed by some orienteering. There were actually two high ropes courses - the first one easier and the second harder and higher. We were warned we couldn't get off half-way through and that if we started, we had to finish it. All scouts completed the

first one, with a special mention to brave Jack who completed all of it without quitting! After lunch the orienteering proved a challenge in the form of a wet, slippery and muddy walk. The rain and mud did not affect our spirits luckily - both leaders and scouts all tried their hardest to keep their spirits up, with much fun cooking spaghetti bolognese in the pouring rain. The camp got invaded dreadfully by midges and we ended up with some terrible bites as souvenirs! To cheer us up in the rain, John organized for us to see Men in Black 3 at the cinema. We all needed that well-deserved break from the miserable weather!



On Monday the weather was unanticipated - sunshine! In order to make the most of it, the leaders took us all to a forest on a slope just up the lane to play wide games in the morning, throwing the plans of a hike out the window. In the afternoon, we all went to Llandudno beach, where we were treated to an ice cream to celebrate the miraculous change of weather. In the evening,

we had a sing-off with another scout troop staying on the campsite. They started off with a stirring rendition of "Everywhere We Go ...", however we came out fighting with Andy's "The Cow Kicked Nelly..." which got them animated. They responded with a louder roar of "Everywhere We Go.." but overall we thrashed them as we bellowed out a deafening National Anthem.

On Tuesday, it was mountain biking. Sion, the man that most of us remember for his distinct ginger moustache and Welsh accent, took two groups; the least confident in the morning and the most confident in the afternoon. He trained the groups first, set us some basic exercises, before taking us on a trail that challenged even the leaders! It was full of narrow, steep and rocky paths around the forest and long uphill slopes. All of us slept well that night!

All of the scouts and leaders were sad to leave such a nice campsite, although we were glad to see the midgies off! Thank you leaders for planning and making such a brilliant and fun half term. A special mention to all the mums that provided cake and biscuits too - they were extremely tasty and helped take the cold and midgie bites away!



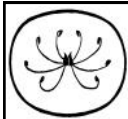
Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Despite the miserable weather on the day of the Heart of Harbury Games, all the contestants thoroughly enjoyed their participation in the 38 events organised throughout the day. As the programme explained, it was a “celebration that aims to capture the spirit of togetherness with a mix of events, serious and not so serious, to have something for everyone, competitive and companionable, daring and delightful, exhilarating and entertaining.” It would be difficult to judge who enjoyed themselves the most – children or adults, but the final medal ceremony in the Village Hall raised cheers from all the competitors who applauded the overall winners – the CANA WINE team.

Apart from the fun element, the organisers hoped to raise funds for the Village Hall and by selling food and having a raffle, the profit was £1,443.56 after all the expenses had been accounted for – an excellent effort from all those who had planned the event and then turned out to assist with starting each game, scoring the points awarded to each competitor and keeping everyone informed about the various activities. The fund-raising committee also received donations of £100 from the W.I. and £275 from the Harbury Society last month, which were gratefully received, as the replacement of the leaking flat roof over the kitchen and toilet area will cost over £8,500+, which could not have been planned for earlier on in the year. The recent downpours have tested the roof's effectiveness to the limit and it has been judged 'not fit for purpose' by the various roofing contractors who have provided estimates based on better insulation and its complete removal before the winter sets in!! Is it winter already??

At the last committee meeting, it was agreed that it will be necessary to put up the hire charges for the Hall by a small percentage from September, as there has been no increase for two years and the maintenance costs now are just about balanced by the regular income. At present, it is not known how much the premises will gain from the PV's installed last year, as a result of the FIT payment (FEED IN TARIFF), but it is hoped that it will offset the need for raising the charges too much. The electronic display in the Entrance Hall shows that the total power generated up till this month has been 4,643 KWh and the carbon emissions avoided have been 2,646 kg, but we are waiting to see what income this generates. Even on a 'grey day' and there have been a few recently, the power output registers the generation of some electricity and on sunny days, the display shows over 6.5 kW have been produced. The FIT will help to balance the books for the future and the committee is glad it took the decision to install the photo-voltaics when it did.



No meetings now until October but we have recently had our first day trip. On Wednesday 13th June we went to Anglesey Abbey and Gardens and Lode Mill near Cambridge. After some really horrid weather we enjoyed a lovely day, no rain, sun and not too hot, just right for exploring the many acres of winter gardens, woodlands, windflower meadows, many small enclosed gardens and of course the Mill and riverside walk. Plenty to see and enjoy.

After a well-deserved cup of coffee (the journey only took two hours and we had Martin our lovely driver) we set out to explore. The winter gardens were still well worth seeing, many kinds of acers with such clever under planting of evergreen shrubs. After trying out the seating we then reached a glade of silver birches whose trunks were white and shiny. It was a bit like being in a cathedral and quite shivery but such fantastic bark, you just had to stroke the trees. There were also some stripy trunks almost red again they had been well stroked and just shone. There were some good planting ideas which could easily be transferred to a smaller garden.

After a look round the mill and wonderful glimpses through gaps in hedges of avenues of oaks and limes we reached the huge herbaceous garden. The planting was amazing, about 8 feet deep from hedge to border, the delphiniums all stood to attention as did the lupins. As for the crambe, well it too was of giant proportions but cleverly spaced beside benches which begged to be sat upon. Peonies, hostas, clematis, alliums and so many more plants. Everyone was very appreciative of all the hard work that made this garden so very special and not a slug in sight!

We were reluctant to leave this part of the garden but with so much else to see we explored further, again such clever positioning of statues and statement trees. At this point, lunch beckoned and it was excellent. The tea room reminded me of the one at Stourhead Gardens. We were able to sit outside and enjoy the sounds of various birds calling to one another, bliss! A quick mention about the hand dryers in the loos.....Mr Dyson (of bag less vacuum fame) is such a clever man, the dryers where you just insert your hands sound a bit like an aeroplane taking off but so efficient and actually do what they are intended to do. Many National Trust properties now are having these installed. After an excellent lunch and rest we went to the rose garden, roses not quite out yet but so healthy and not a sign of rust or black spot on any of the leaves. The climbing roses on the walls of the house were in flower and very scented. Onto the formal and dahlia gardens; the latter should be so colourful in a couple of months.

We then went into the house; I hadn't been there for about 10 years so it was nice to revisit. The story of the purchase of the house in 1926 runs parallel

with the Bearstedts at Upton. After chatting to a room guide another link emerged, the buyer, who became the first Lord Fairhaven had a fortune from his family from oil. There the comparison stops though as the paintings, although of high quality, didn't match up to the wonderful collection at Upton. I have never seen so many paintings of Windsor as there were in the upstairs gallery! Some very nice Limoges and quirky items in cabinets. A nice country house remodelled to cater for the comfort and well being of his guests.

After a welcome ice cream with more gardens to see, we didn't make it to the wildflower meadows but those who did said it was worth the trek. We also enjoyed the second hand bookshop and a quick look round the plants and shop.

Refreshments again fitted the bill and we all left at 5.00pm after a most enjoyable day. Looking forward to the next one on 11th July to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Buscot Park, leaving the Village Hall at 9.00am.

Don't forget that I have two tickets to Ryton Gardens. On Tuesday 10th July there will be an exclusive tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener from 2.00 to 4.00pm. On Tuesday 24th July there will be a tour of the Heritage Seed Library from 2.00 to 3.15pm. For tickets and costs etc contact them on 02476 308201.

Avon Dasset Gardens will be open on Sunday 15th July from 2.00 to 6.00pm, cost £5 all proceeds to the NGS. There will be 8 different gardens to visit with homemade teas available at Old Mill Cottage.

Visit Wellesbourne Allotments on Sunday 15th July if you don't fancy Avon Dasset. They are located on the Kineton Road and homemade teas and light refreshments will be available. Open from 2.00 to 5.00pm and admission is £3. It is a 3 hectare site and one of the oldest in the country and has 92 members. Plants and produce for sale, a scarecrow display and a demonstration of the under soil irrigation system. There are tarmac driveways which allow wheelchair access too.

Folly Lodge in Halford is again open on 31st July. This is a delightful country garden with hidden corners and winding paths leading to sweeping lawns. The plants are very colourful and there is an abundance of the owner's artwork on display. Open from 2.00 to 5.00pm, admission is £3.50 again with all proceeds to the NGS.

We do have some lovely gardens in Warwickshire from small to grand and each one demonstrates a devotion to gardens and gardening which is so magical.

Enjoy the summer, whatever the weather, as Alan would say we are lucky to have so much on our doorstep.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

I can't believe it's the middle of June as I write this and I'm wearing a winter jumper and will be putting the heating on soon. Someone said today that this must be the wettest drought on record.

In the April edition there was mention of a rare plant 'discovered' at Bridge Nursery. It was an April Fool's Day joke but I'm happy to say that I caught a few of you out!!

From time to time customers return their empty plant pots to us. We do not encourage this because there have been times when we've been given a bag full of broken pots which are obviously no use to us. What is interesting though is that quite often the pots have come from local Garden Centres (naming no names) and the price stickers are still glued on. It would appear that the cost of buying a shrub from one of these places could be up to twice the price we charge. Perennial plants are on average £3 more expensive. I do wonder why so many people are prepared to pay such high prices for plants which are usually not locally grown.

If you're not all thoroughly fed up with gardening there are some jobs to do:

- Feed tomatoes and hanging baskets.
- Prune shrubs that have finished flowering.
- Dead head roses.
- Remove foxgloves and annual poppies when the flowering has finished

Try to visit some open gardens for the National Garden Scheme.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today, Monday 25th June, the weather edged towards summer being sunny with a maximum temperature of 22°C after weeks of cold, windy and wet conditions. In the morning I joined the U3A Natural History Group exploring Stockton Cutting Nature Reserve (OS sheet 151. SP 437651). Like Harbury Spoilbank, this reserve has recently had a lot of work carried out to remove invasive scrub so letting in more light.

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Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2012



Winners of the Men's Beer Race (above left) and Winners of the Ladies Beer Race (above right)



Winners of the Water Race (below left) and Winners of the combined oldest age (below right)



Harbury Ca



Carnival 2012



Heart of Harbury Games 2012



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Seeding with Kidney Vetch has been successful and conditions are now ideal for the Small Blue butterfly (*Cupido minimus*). We did not see any but were rewarded with sightings of a Red Admiral, Large Skipper and several fresh Meadow Brown butterflies.

Locally, the best place to see the Small Blue is on Bishops Hill adjacent to the Yellow Land approached down Ladbroke Road in Bishops Itchington. Another site worth trying is the Southam Bypass where it runs in a cutting south of the roundabout where the A423 and A426 meet.

Adjacent to Stockton Railway Cutting is a large unimproved pasture going down to the Grand Union Canal. Here we found many Greater Butterfly Orchids, Bee Orchids and Common Twayblade together with numbers of Common Spotted Orchids. Some of our group had never seen Bee Orchids before and marvelled at their exquisite pink sepals and the maroon-brown velvety lip which can easily be confused with a Bumble Bee. The flower has evolved to attract male bees as pollinators but this method has been abandoned as most are self pollinated. Locally other good sites to find the Bee Orchid are Ufton Fields Nature Reserve, Bishops Hill and adjacent to a footpath running down to the River Avon near Charlecote (OS sheet 151 SP264575). At this last site, the flowers grow amongst tall grasses and a wood is forming about them. Inevitably, without management, they will be shaded out. It's not an easy place to find but if you are interested, I'd be happy to supply more details.

I transferred my attentions from Stockton to Charlecote during the afternoon accompanying David Brown's Lepidoptera Group. More Meadow Browns and the first Marbled White butterflies of the year were our reward together with the Chimney Sweeper moth. As its name suggests, this day flying moth is black but has a beautiful white tip on its fore wings. Its food plant is Pignut which superficially looks like Cow Parsley but is shorter in height with delicate feathery leaves. Later, in David's garden, we looked through his moth trap which he has put out every night since 1968. This gives him the evidence to state that most species of moth (and there are over 600 recorded in Warwickshire) are declining, probably due to a combination of loss of habitat (our mania for tidiness) and the use of insecticides. David's garden, as you would expect, is moth and butterfly friendly with swathes of Rose Bay Willowherb, Purple Loosestrife and Lady's Bedstraw which are grubbed out as weeds in most gardens. Does a decline in our insect population matter? Most certainly it does as many are essential for pollination and part of a complex food chain.

Bill Russell of Middle Road Farm told me a heart warming tale when we chatted outside the Post Office recently. A field which had been harvested for turnips was rotated to grass. This grew in a rather patchy way which provided the ideal habitat for four pairs of Lapwings to nest. This unique crested plover has declined in recent years largely due to a move away from the mixed

farming that combines arable with pasture. All eight chicks survived something Bill had never experienced before. When they became mobile, the young transferred to an adjacent sheep pasture. Bill thought one was struggling to walk and found that wool lying in the field had wrapped round its legs. He was able to cut away the binding and release the bird none the worse.

On a recent visit to the Ryton Butterfly Reserve, Mike Slater, the warden, asked us to take a look at a small patch of Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petidata*) growing in the hedge beside the busy A445. "There are caterpillars of the Orange Tip to be found" he said. After much peering we found four, all on separate plants as they are cannibalistic. They were beautifully camouflaged each lying along a seed pod and slowly devouring it. These were 2nd instar larvae (instar from the Latin image meaning the stage between moults). When full grown, the caterpillar will have gone through five moults and grown enormously. I've looked at many Garlic Mustard plants since but larvae are not abundant. One good spot is the vegetation close to the fence alongside the road bordering Ladbroke House, Southam Road, Ladbroke. Here, somewhat protected from mowers, are some sturdy food plants. I found five full grown caterpillars presumably about to pupate. It takes about eight weeks from egg to pupal stage. During this time, the caterpillar faces a host of dangers from predators such as birds, loss of its food plant from over zealous hedge trimming and a parasitic fly (*Phryxe vulgaris*).

Now vegetation is much denser, closing off light from the woodland floor. Many plants have set seed and soft fruit is ripening. Some consistent warm, sunny weather would be good with the harvest in mind. Enjoy these long days of almost endless daylight.



General Section

Carnival Week 2012 Wheelbarrow Race

It was a gloomy, wet and cold day this year but that did not seem to dampen the spirits of the participants. In all, 23 teams turned up to take part in the traditional wheelbarrow race. This year it was hosted by The Shakespeare Inn – thank you John and Elaine.

There were 11 entries for the Men's Beer Race which was won by the young team of Ben Tawney and Jacob Hunt. This was the first year they were eligible for the Beer event and they came in with a time of 9 minutes 24 seconds. In



second place were Mark Easton and Trevor Gibbs in 10 minutes and George Simpson and Peter Rollason came third in 10 minutes 39 seconds. The conditions made the race slower than usual and the record of 8 minutes and 2 seconds still stands. This is a very fast time but if it can be done once it can be done again so we hope to see more teams next year having a go at beating the record. Ben and Jacob were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £25 prize money.

There were 9 entries for the Water Race. The winners, with a time of 11 minutes and 38 seconds, were Rob Rollason and Fin Toner and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10. In second place were Elliot and Alex Tawney in a time of 12 minutes and 6 seconds and third were Alisha and Indianna Long in 12 minutes and 24 seconds.



We only had 3 teams in the Ladies Beer Race and much to their surprise it was won by the two T's Tracey Pettiifer and Tracey Nichols, in a time of 17 minutes and 18 seconds. They were awarded the Gibbs and Simpson Shield and £25. In second place were Heather Butt and Vicky Woodhouse in 19 minutes and 48 seconds and third were Laura Gillespie and Kate Molloy in 22 minutes and 23 seconds.

The Rollason Tankard is presented to the team completing the Men's Beer Race in the fastest time with a combined age of 80 or over and this year was won by Andrew Patrick and Chris Christou. It has been suggested that next year the combined age is raised to 100 or over. Seems as though some of the runners think that 80 and over is too low!

Once again, very many thanks to all the licensees who provided beer and water, the volunteer scrutineers and to the marvellous crowd who came out in the horrible weather to cheer on the runners in their ordeal.

Just a quick thank you to the participants who completed the entry forms before the day. It really does help us in the administration of the event. We also had several promises from people who said they would like to run next year – so we are looking forward to a bumper entry list in 2013.

Pub Games

There were seven teams entered this year, namely Shakecock (aka The Shakespeare and The Gamecock), The Twinning Association, The WCs (aka the Wednesday Club), The Old New Inn, The Dog Inn, Girls R Loud and late entrants, The Girlies. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Aunt Sally - Twinning

Skittles - WCs

Horse Shoes – The Dog

Quiz – Twinning



At the end of the competitions we had joint winners – Twinning and The Dog Inn with 48 points each. Then came WC with 40 points, Shakecock with 32 points, Girls R Loud with 24 points and The Old New Inn with 22 points. The Girlies only took part in two games, so they have not been included in the overall scores.

The joint winners were presented with the Pub Games Shield and the congratulations of the Carnival Committee. If you want a bit of fun playing games, not too seriously, on early June evenings and want to put a team together, please get in touch with the committee. You only need four people for each event out of a maximum 12 players per team – and they could be the same four who enter them all. It is good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well known hostellers.

Details will appear in the Harbury and Ladbroke News and we look forward to seeing old and new faces next year.

Finally, our thanks must go to all the teams for taking part, the licensees for letting us use their premises and to all the loyal supporters – without you there wouldn't be any events.



Danny Killian and the Carnival Committee

Harbury Carnival Kings and Queens

At the last Carnival, I created a display of the names and pictures of as many of the Carnival Queens and Kings as I could. On the day I was able to fill in some of the gaps to my display which I found very useful. Since the Carnival, I have managed to tie up some last loose ends – except one. Therefore, through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, I am asking the people of Harbury if you could identify an attendant for me from the picture I have supplied.

Our Carnival Queen of 1974 was Denise Mantle and can be seen to the right of the picture. The attendant on the left is Susan Smith but I do not know who the attendant is in the middle of the picture. Can you help me? This is the final name that I need to complete my display.



I have “donated” the display to the Harbury Heritage Room where it will be archived so if you missed it on the day, or want to look at it again, you can.

If you are able to help me please call 01926 612326 – thank you.

Deborah Ellis

Harbury Carnival – 9th June 2012



We say this every year but it was, again, another great Carnival Day. The procession was excellent, and although somewhat reduced in numbers this year, the creativity and enthusiasm of those that did take part more than made up for this. The afternoon's activities were well supported, with the dog show again proving to be a big hit with everybody. All in all a grand day. Thanks to everybody who participated and supported the event in one way or another and to the weather for behaving itself!

Finn and Jasmine were fabulous as our King and Queen and our special thanks to them.

The prize winners on the day were:

Procession

Decorated Float - Trade 1st Cana-val Floats – Cana Import

Decorated Float - Private 1st Save Water, Bath with a Friend – Markham and Watson Families

Children's Float 1st Diamond Jubilee Kings and Queens – Windmills Nursery School, 2nd Rainbow full of Stories – Harbury Pre-School

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car 1st Teddy Bears Picnic – Bumps and Bundles, 2nd Wimbledon – Harbury Toddler Group, 3rd Percy's Speedster – Niamh, Charleigh, Percy and Holly

Walking Tableau Family 1st Tropical Birds – The Chiba Family, 2nd Simpsons – The Long Family and Jones', 3rd Scooby Doo and The Mystery Machine – The Hunt Family

Walking Tableau Adults 1st Harbury Book Worms, – Harbury WI, 2nd Wiff Waff (Ping Pong's Coming Home) – The Rollasons

Walking Tableau Children (More Than 8 persons) 1st The Olympics – Harbury Primary School

Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons) 1st Smurfs – Mia, Leyton and Curtis, 2nd Quality Street Girls – Gwyneth, Rosie and Sophie, 3rd Team Harbury – Helena and Caitlin

Walking Child 1st Ipad - Alice, 2nd Plato and Socrates – Georgia and Elizabeth

Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup) Lisa Simpson - Alisha Long

Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup) Rob and Libby Darlison (Cana-val Floats)

Best Adult Walking Group (John Ridgley Trophy) Harbury WI (Harbury Book Worms)

Fancy Dress

Under 5yrs 1st Thomas - "Hungry Caterpillar", 2nd Oliver - "Peter Rabbit", 3rd Lily - "Princess"

5-7yrs 1st William - "The Olympics", 2nd Nula - "Tropical Bird"

8-10yrs 1st Molly - "Queen Recycled", 2nd Daisy - "The Olympics", 3rd Saffie - "Tropical Bird"

11-17yrs 1st Alisha - "Lisa Simpson", 2nd Gwyneth, Rosie and Sophie - "Quality Street Girls", 3rd Georgia and Elizabeth - "Plato and Socrates"

Adult Group 1st The Rollason Family - "Wiff Waff (Ping Pong's Coming Home)", 2nd Rob and Libby Darlison - "Cana-val Floats", 3rd Harbury WI - "Book Worms"

Adult Individual 1st "Oliver Twist", 2nd Jeanne Beaumont "Roberta Crusoe", 3rd Chris Rutherford "Madame Defarge"

Dog Show

Waggiest Tail: 1st Helen McMahon with Clyde, 2nd Isla Gibb with Marley, 3rd Milly Beth Green with Lola

Handsome dog: 1st Isla Gibb with Marley, 2nd Karena Greenway with Radley, 3rd Joanne Walker with Harry

Prettiest bitch: 1st Jo McKenzie with Lola, 2nd Oliver Mansell with Mollie, 3rd Anthony Alcock with Gertie

Best trick: 1st Isla Gibb with Marley, 2nd Helen McMahon with Clyde, 3rd Georgina Henry with Daisy

Best treat catcher: 1st Rebecca with Tess, 2nd Isobel with Mack, 3rd Oliver Mansell with Mollie

Best rescue: 1st Gillian with Kashie, 2nd Helen McMahon with Clyde, 3rd Joanne Walker with Harry

Most obedient: 1st Helen McMahon with Clyde, 2nd Rebecca with Tess, 3rd Isla Gibb with Marley

Dog the judge would most like to take home: 1st Georgia with Honey, 2nd Jo McKenzie with Lola, 3rd Aleisha with Gypsy

All the entries were so good we owe our thanks to the judges for a difficult job well done.

Also thanks to Mugleston's for supplying the King and Queen's flowers and to all those who helped on the day - setting up, on the gate, clearing up – and beforehand, selling raffle tickets. Thank you all very much.

We expect to have had another good year in the fund raising department and I will give you the details next month. In the meantime, if your organisation / charity is in need of some funds, please contact me (614258) and we will see what we can do to make a contribution from our proceeds.

There were two items of lost property:

Small polka dot umbrella and a tin of sweet corn (tombola prize)

Please contact me on 614258 if they are yours.

John Broomfield
on behalf of the Carnival Committee



Operation Christmas Child

There will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 4th August to raise funds for the shoebox project. The cost per box for transport has been kept at £2.50 and a good result at the coffee morning will help us to send our usual contribution of over 100 boxes.

Gifts of cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Please also, on your summer travels, look out for bargains especially small toys, jewellery, balls, hats, gloves and scarves.

For more details, give me a ring.

Gillian Hare, 614809



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Cafe

Celia Rees, one of Britain's foremost writers for teenagers, is to officially open Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café on Saturday 21st July at 2pm

Join successful author Celia Rees, local councillors and politicians for the official opening!

Celia Rees is the author of 17 novels for teens. Her award winning novel *Witch Child* is now in 28 languages and required reading in UK secondary schools. Her latest title, *This is Not Forgiveness*, has met with critical acclaim: 'a spectacular read'; 'slick and compelling'; 'powerful thriller' and 'beautifully-written, unsettling and absorbing'.

Biblio's will be selling a special selection of tempting tasty treats made by our team of local bakers using Fair Trade and organic produce. Please come along to celebrate this wonderful community initiative in Harbury which you have all made possible!

Biblio's supporting Art Fortnight

In support of the stunning artwork by Harbury's resident artists during Art Fortnight, Biblio's will have special open hours on Saturday 7th July and Saturday 14th July from 2-5pm with delicious cakes, tea and coffee for visitors touring the artists' studios. Biblio's will still be open for its usual hours of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15 - noon and Thursday 2 - 5pm.

Harbury Library Art Gallery

The art gallery initiative is now underway thanks to Bill Davies who will be arranging a display of artwork and photographs for sale by local artists/photographers. If you would like to put your work forward for selection, please collect a form from the library front desk. Submissions can only be received at the library on a Friday afternoon with a completed form. There will be a nominal hanging fee of £2 per item for up to 6 weeks display, and a 20% commission on any work sold, payable to Harbury Village Library. For further inquiries, ring Bill Davies 01926 614104.

Become a team member at Biblio's or the Library

How would you like to get involved with Biblio's or the library? Would you like to build your confidence, or your CV, or do you want to meet some very friendly people? If so, please pop in or give us a call 614707

Lynn Macwhinnie, Jill Credland and Bobbie Sharpe

Wanted:

An 'odd-job' person able and willing to do minor maintenance in the library on an 'ad-hoc' basis. Please contact Tim Lockley on 614532.

Tim Lockley

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

Harbury Carnival BBQ: Thank you to everyone who enjoyed a burger or a hot dog (delicious meat purchased from Glebe Farm, Fosse Way) from the Pre School BBQ at Harbury Carnival - we raised an amazing £750 for the Pre-School!

Bag2School: Thank you so much to everyone who donated textiles for our Bag2School Textile collection. We were overwhelmed by the response and raised £330, which is our best collection to date! For those who are very organised (date for the diary!) we have arranged another collection for

14th September so please think of us again if you are having another clear-out of clothing, shoes, linen, soft toys etc over the summer.

???Quiz Night???: Don't forget our Quiz Night on Saturday 14th July at Harbury C of E School Hall at 8pm. This is our last fundraising event for the school year so please gather your friends and join us for a fun, friendly quiz and a light snack. £20 per team of up to four players. Cana Wine will be providing the bar. We hope you can join us. Call Helen on 07976 935439 to book your team's place.

Future Pre School Fundraising Events for your diary:

- Saturday 14th July - ???Quiz Night???
- Friday 14th September - Bag2School Textile Collection from Saddlers, Chapel Street
- Saturday 1st December - Christmas Disco at Harbury Village Hall
- Sunday 9th December - Christmas Market at Harbury Village Hall

At the Pre School, we are also collecting unwanted electrical leads, mobile phones, and used ink cartridges. Please drop them in to the box in reception.

For more information about any of the above, please call Sarah on 07791 807970.

Helen Edwards

Help Keep Harbury Tidy

With all the recent wet weather the vegetation has grown rapidly around the village. There are now several places where footpaths have become almost impassable because of encroaching hedges and plants. Please can villagers ensure that the footpaths near their own property are passable by a pushchair or a wheelchair. Thank you.

**Tim Lockley
Harbury Parish Council**

Harbury Energy Initiative

Free Home Insulation is still available till November for most home owners. For this and other grants see: www.government-grants.co.uk

No big deal - but deals on offer

The joke about how many people it takes to change a light bulb has just become horribly real at the Earth Summit Rio+20. If you want to gain key strategic decisions on global climate and energy consumption issues, don't ask lead negotiators from 140 nations to do it. They will never agree and didn't at Rio+20. Perhaps it is more productive to look to you and me and the

little decisions we make, which is where HEI comes in. Our aspiration is to find out and let people in our neighbourhood know what the best little decisions are and how to afford the bigger ones, such as photovoltaic cells, heat pumps and biomass boilers. This is why we are keeping an eye on the proposed Green Deal and any other offers likely to be useful. And there are deals to be done.

In this respect we invited Roger Matthews of Community Energy Warwickshire, a cooperative energy scheme supported by community share ownership to a recent HEI committee meeting. Their latest scheme is called Energy Savers and they plan to gain better deals from individual suppliers by greater potential buying power. Membership is free for 2012 by registering on-line at www.cew.coop. The first deal on offer is discounts on energy efficient lighting. HEI is looking at how we can work with CEW to get more deals and discounts for the village. To that end it would be useful to us to know what energy-related deals you would be interested in as a target for CEW. Contact me on bob@churchterrace8.freeserve.co.uk if you have any suggestions.

Did you come and see the electric car at the Carnival? We hoped it might charge up your energy levels on a summer's day lacking any of the normal ingredients of summer (such as sunshine). We are most grateful to David Best of Mitsubishi who brought the stylish and eerily silent MiEV electric car over from the showroom. (It is a popular misconception that electric car batteries need replacing after 5 years. This is not the case, as there are many examples of batteries working effectively after 10 years). We are also grateful to Derrick Hassett of Stratford District Council who brought information and his knowledge and expertise on reducing waste in the home.

Thank you to those of you who have provided me with information on your PV installations. We are building up a useful picture on initial costs and generation results, but we would like still to hear from those who have not yet responded. We have devised a short questionnaire and it would be extremely helpful if households could provide some information for us to analyse. The survey - which will protect people's identity if they wish - will be delivered in July by members of the HEI committee who may call at your house with a few quick questions to enable us to update the database we are compiling. We will provide feedback on our findings through the H&L News.

Bob Sherman - 612277

Village with a Vision

At the end of April we met with Bishop John Stroyan of Warwick; at which he explained that one of the principle aims of Coventry Diocese, is to work with and encourage community groups, who are working to improve conditions for their communities, regardless of any faith affiliation. On hearing about our group, he was very keen to learn more, and to discover how he, and others in the Diocese might be able to help.



We explained that we were formed from the Church's Pastoral Care Group, having met cases of distress caused when elderly residents are forced to leave their homes in Harbury, because care at home was no longer feasible.

Our initial thoughts and explorations came to the notice of Tim Willis of WCC, who realised that VwV's aims were very much in line with those of

the County Council; that is to keep care for the elderly in the communities in which people live.

Tim explained that the County Council saw Harbury as a possible blue print for small communities across the County and even further afield. In order to encourage Harbury, the County Council arranged for the Institute of Public Care, who were providing them with consultancy services, to provide assistance and advice to Harbury.

As a result, we were able to conduct Housing Needs surveys in the village, which gave our Partners, Bromford Housing, the information needed to begin to take our Vision forward.

Bishop John was very impressed, and excited, by all he heard, and promised to help and spread the word to people and organisations who may be able to provide additional assistance.

Tony Stubbs

Heart of Harbury Games – Pictures of the Event

A CD featuring pictures taken at the Games is available from Susie Tawney - susietawney@greenscheme.co.uk or phone 01926 614062. Cost is £5 a copy with all profits going to the Village Hall funds.

The Editors

Blood Donors



Thank you to everyone who attended the session last month. Although donations were down a bit this was not surprising in half term/Jubilee week. We came up with a very creditable total of 99 units. Our next session will be on Thursday 11th October.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Senior Citizens

Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens



The comments we had about the outing to Bournemouth would indicate that it was a good day beside the seaside and the weather “switched on” for the day. The committee members hope that you all enjoyed yourselves.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Tombola Stall at the Carnival. We would also like to record our thanks to Steve Harold who recently ran in the Edinburgh marathon. Through sponsorship, he raised £93 for our funds. Well done Steve, and thank you.

Our next event is the Summer Lunch. This is a major fundraiser for us and as such the lunch is open to anyone who wants to come, subject to availability. The lunch includes a Ploughman's, Dessert, Tea or Coffee for £5 and will be held in Harbury Village Hall on **Saturday 28th July** between 12:00 and 14:30. This year we will be offering wine with the lunch. However, this will not be included in the price and will have to be paid for separately.

For pre-booking enquiries, please contact either Thelma Gulliver on 613269 or Mike McBride on 612421 before **Monday 23rd July**. Look out for posters giving more details. At the lunch we also have a raffle and tombola.

If anyone wants to kindly donate prizes for these, they can be left with Julie at 32 South Parade or Mike at 1 Park Lane. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Harbury Art Group

Our June workshop was a watercolour session, and we met on a cold, wet, blustery day to interpret the theme "Early Summer"! Nick, our tutor, had brought us a couple of sunny photos to work from, one of figures walking along the Jurassic coastal path, and one of a man paddling a small boat near a rocky coastline. The choice was to paint either picture, or combine images from both for a pleasing composition. It was interesting to see how everyone tackled the scenes, and some lovely pictures were the result. Jenni Wong's was judged to be the best of the day.

On Thursday 5th July we will be tackling a 'Beach Scene' using our own choice of medium, then on Thursday 2nd August we have a pencil drawing session, using graphite pencils and cartridge paper.

Harbury Art Group workshops are run on a 'pay as you go' basis of £15 per day, which covers tuition, tea, coffee and biscuits and we are always pleased to see new faces. We meet on the first Thursday of every month in the Tom Hauley Room behind Harbury Church, between 10am and 3pm. All levels of ability attend, from beginner to the more experienced. Bring your own materials and packed lunch. For more information about Harbury Art Group, please contact Pam on 01926 814923 or the tutor Nick on 01295 276465 or e-mail harburyart@hotmail.com

Stop Press: a new social painting group is meeting for the first time on Thursday 19th July from 10am to 3pm in the Tom Hauley room. There will be no tuition – it's just a relaxed day of painting, tea and chat in the company of like-minded people. The theme for the day will be 'Summer Holidays' and you are asked to bring your own subject, materials, and some lunch. A small charge will be made just to cover the hire of the room. If you would like to join us, please contact Pam on 01926 814923 or Alma on 01926 812930, or simply turn up on the day!

Pam McConnell

August Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

Adverts to 31 Binswood End by 15th July

Articles to Harbury Pharmacy or 3-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 26th July

Movement 2 Music

The 'taster session' for the exercise class for the 'over-60's' has been arranged for Thursday July 12th from 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the Village Hall. All those who have indicated that they would like to attend will be rung up earlier in that week to check that they can manage to attend, so that we can judge whether M2M is something Harbury would wish to support. There's no need to go out and buy a special outfit to exercise in, as the ladies and gentlemen who attend the Kineton session wear everyday clothes and flat, comfortable shoes, although many (but not all) find it easier to wear trousers. The cost of the first session will be £2.50, which should cover the trainer's fees and the hire of the Hall, as it is not intended to be a profit raising venture. If any additional information is needed, please ring Chris (612305) or Jackie (612750). We will be pleased to see all those who have already expressed an interest, but anyone who has not yet been in touch will be welcome to come to assess the activity and see if it is appropriate for their needs.

Chris Finch

Diamond Jubilee Street Party

What a wonderful day. The tables groaned under the weight of food, bunting streamed in the wind above us, the Union flags waved, the sound of Land of Hope and Glory and Rule Britannia echoed around. The happy sound of the crowd's laughter and chatter drowned out the sound of the rain hitting the canvas above our heads.

Were we in London for the Jubilee? No, we were in Ivy Lane, Harbury for the street party. Well done to all. This just goes to show what can be achieved when we have a community like ours.

This all started out a few months ago as just a spark of an idea between Lin Hayes and Wayne at the Dog Inn, but it didn't take long for an ad hoc committee to be formed. The residents of Ivy Lane, High St., Church St., and Church Terrace set to with a will. Arrangements had to be made to close the street. Funds had to be raised. Bunting had to be bought and made. It then had to be put up. (Thanks to Wayne's lads for that.)

The day arrived and so did the food. Masses of it, brought in by every family from the four streets who wanted to take part.

The weather was not too kind on the day, but what the heck, we are British aren't we? Up went the gazebos and we carried on as normal. It takes more than a drop of rain to dampen a Harbury party. A truly great day that all should be proud of. Well done.

Keith Hayes

Ivy Lane Queen's Jubilee Celebration



Free Home Insulation

Hundreds of homes in Stratford-on-Avon District have signed up to a council-backed insulation scheme. Over 400 houses have signed up to the free insulation offer from Stratford-on-Avon District Council in partnership with Rockwarm and Act on Energy which can save the average household around £250 in bills.

I would encourage all residents who have not yet taken advantage of this offer to have this insulation fitted before the winter months. This will help our homes to be more energy efficient, save on heating costs and reduce our carbon emissions. Average savings for loft insulation could be £145 a year on fuel bills and cavity wall insulation could save £110 a year.

Whether a homeowner or renting your property if you live in Stratford-on-Avon District Council area then you can get loft and cavity wall insulation installed completely free of charge. The criteria to obtaining this deal is you must have LESS THAN 60mm of existing loft insulation.

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The free loft and cavity wall insulation offer is being paid for through the Governments Carbon Emission Reduction Targets (CERTS). This grant scheme is set to end in the autumn and it will be replaced by The Green Deal which is a loan system rather than a grant system.

For details contact Stratford-on-Avon District Council - Tel: 01789 267575

Bev. Mann
District Councillor Harbury Ward

Picnic Table

Many of you will have seen by now that the picnic table at the Recreation Ground has been incinerated. The table was installed only last year as a replacement for a wooden one that had been slowly vandalised over several years. The Parish Council chose a table that was as vandal resistant as possible and hoped that residents would be able to enjoy using it for a good many years. It cannot have been easy to set it alight and must have been a premeditated act with the use of petrol or similar. The resulting blaze required a fire engine to deal with it. Someone must know who is responsible. I would urge anyone with any information to call me on 612860 or the Parish Clerk, Alison Biddle on 614616. Calls will of course be strictly confidential.

It will unfortunately not be possible to replace the table in the near future. I find it very sad that anyone should wish to destroy something provided for the use of the whole community.

Sharon Hancock - Harbury Parish Council



Bumps and Bundles

Well did you see us at the Carnival? We are pleased to announce that we won 1st place in the Pram/Bicycle/Car category - yay!! Fantastic effort by everyone - well done! Come along to Bumps and Bundles 10:30am until 12 noon every Tuesday in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the Church) for tea, coffee and chats.



Kelly and Henry Jones

Art Classes

Jan has relocated her classes to Norton Lindsey where there is a large hall with lots of windows throwing ample light into the room for painting. A new beginners class will start there on the 10th September. If you would like to discover the joys and tribulations of drawing and painting, please contact Jan on 01926 614251.

Jan Freeman

Warwickshire Open Studios

This is a biannual event which is taking place from the 30th June - 15th July. Over 300 artists from all over the county will be opening their studios to the public for you to see their work. This will include art, sculpture, glassware, jewellery, needlecraft, pottery, prints and much more. Each studio is unique and the artist will be there to tell you about their working methods and how they get their inspiration for their creativity.

There are brochures available from the Co-op, the Library and in any of the six art studios in Harbury, which detail all the venues in Warwickshire, with their addresses and opening times. If you enjoy looking at art, you can plan a whole day out, dipping into studios along a planned route. You could start off by visiting the six Harbury venues and then the gallery in Bishops Itchington at Brookside Farm on the Gaydon Rd. All the venues are sign posted with a red Warwickshire Art Studios sign, which you will spot along the roadsides in the first two weeks of July.

If you enjoy great art, this is a perfect opportunity for you to buy affordable, original art direct from the artist. This means that the price of your purchase will be virtually 50% cheaper than usual, as you will not be paying the commission that is added to the price of the work by commercial galleries. You will also enjoy a much greater variety of work to select from, as galleries tend to stock work and prints of 'best selling artists' and you tend to see the same images by the same artists, in shop windows all over the country. There is also an artist in Chesterton and two artists in Bishops Itchington. There is a website which provides all the information, if the supply of booklets runs out - www.warwickshireopenstudios.org

For those of you who don't know, I will list the names and studio addresses of the artists in Harbury so you can pop in and see what we get up to. I can guarantee that you will be made very welcome and that refreshments may also be available.

Sarah Jane Wilson, 39, Farm Street

Viv Hunt, 19, Mill Street

Jan Freeman, Church House, Crown Street

Libby January, Hazebrook, The Pound, Harbury

Moir Lamont, 24, Mill Street

Mary Villa, 19, Ivy Lane

Jan Freeman



Harbury Heritage Group

The entries on the opposite page are in the 1881 census for Crown Street. Can anybody match the property numbers and residents to any building still standing? Obviously 2 is the old Wagstaffe School, 5 is The Crown and 7 is Lorne Cottage.

Jabez Bustin was one of the founders of the Co-op I believe.

Do you know who was living in YOUR house in 1881? We would love to hear from you!

The Heritage Room is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Please come along and browse through our huge collection of photos and documents – you might even find yourself!

Contact; nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk.

Nigel Chapman

			Forename	Surname	Relation to Head	Married or Widowed	Age	Occupation	Where born	Other
Crown Street	1		Richard	Beasley	H	M	62	Farmer	Harbury	
			Charlotte	Beasley	W	M	60		Harbury	
		*	Mary Jane	Beasley	Dau	UM	19		Harbury	
2			Anne	Checketts	H	UM	22	School mistress	Worcs	Wagsstaffe School
			Frances	Checketts	Sis	UM	27	Sewing mistress	Worcs	Wagsstaffe School
			Mary	Cross		Widow	75		Harbury	Wagsstaffe School
3			Jabez	Bustin	H	Widower	57	Store-keeper	Harbury	
4	*		Edward	Herbert	H	M	61	Labourer	Harbury	
			Caroline	Herbert	W	M	67		Leamington Hastings	
5			Joseph	Boneham	H	M	57	Innkeeper	Harbury	Crown Inn
			Sarah	Boneham	W	M	54		Harbury	
			John	Boneham	Son	UM	14	Carpenter's Apprentice	Harbury	
			Antony	Robbins	Lodger	UM	55	Farm Labourer	Fenny Compton	
			Thomas	Boneham	Son	UM	23	Labourer	Harbury	
6	*		George	Burgess	H	M	70	Farrier and Castrator	Harbury	
			Ann	Burgess	W	M	65		Bicknall, Warks	
			Alfred	Burgess	Son	UM	26	Farrier and Castrator	Harbury	
			Eliza	Burgess	Dau	UM	25	Draper's Assistant	Harbury	
7			Richard Henry	Knight	H	M	35	Grocer & Baker	Harbury	Lone Cottage
			Martha Eliz	Knight	W	M	34		Leicester	
			Montague	Knight	S	UM	7	Scholar	Harbury	
			Temple Newcomb	Knight	S	UM	6	Scholar	Harbury	
			Christopher P	Knight	S	UM	3	Scholar	Harbury	
8	*		George	Wincott	H	M	53	Coal Merchant	Upton	
			Martha	Wincott	W	M	50		Bascoate	
			George	Wincott	Son	UM	19	Labourer	Upton	
			Eliza	Wincott	Dau	UM	16		Upton	
			Daniel	Wincott	Son	UM	14	Labourer	Upton	



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We would like to thank Harbury villagers, friends and family for all the support and kind generosity for the STEPS coffee morning on 2nd June 2012.

We raised a massive total of £415 and a cheque has been sent to STEPS to aid the ongoing support for this worthwhile charity for children with lower limb abnormalities. Sincere thanks again.

**Carmen Ellis-Greenway (aged 9) and Seren Robertson (8 months)
(and our families)**

Dear Editors

We wanted to say thank you to everyone who has sent us kind words after our Welsh Springer Spaniel, Merlin died on 2nd June, aged 12. Merlin's great zest for life and handsome looks got him noticed wherever he went - a stranger recently told him what a noble-looking chap he was, and he enjoyed the fuss and cuddles he received from people of all ages!

He was very fit for his age, so it was a huge shock when he collapsed and he was found to have a tumour on his heart. We miss him and his enthusiastic greetings and wagging tail very much indeed.



Amanda and Martin

Dear Editors

A big thank you to the organisers and helpers at the Ivy Lane Jubilee street party. Lots of food, good company, music and of course, Hereburgh Morris team, not "singing in the rain", but dancing.

Audrey W and Mary H

Dear Editors

Christian Aid Week 2012

A huge "thank you" to everyone who generously donated towards this year's Christian Aid Week collection in Harbury which raised a grand total of £1,654.05 in aid of Sierra Leone; a fantastic result. Many thanks also to everyone from All Saints', Harbury who kindly gave their time and effort to help with the collecting and counting.

Yours faithfully,

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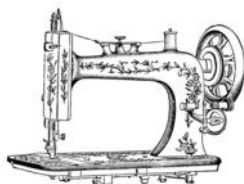


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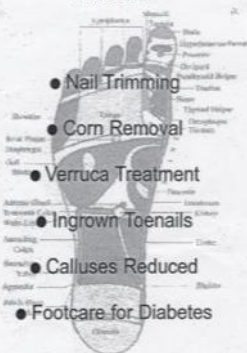
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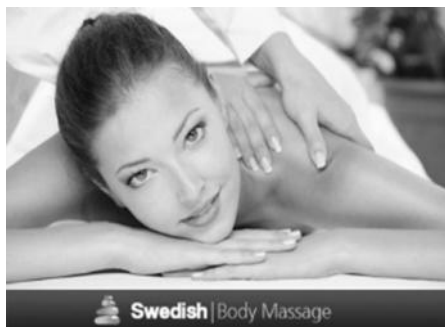
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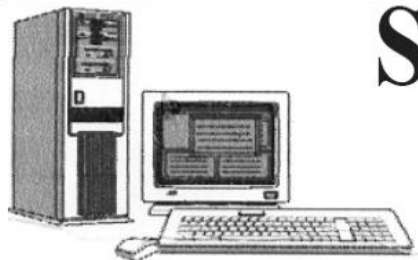
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