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Editorial

The recent hot weather has resulted in a number of burglaries with the thieves taking advantage of open doors and windows. Do please be careful to avoid this happening to you.

After many years, the Thursday Club has held its last meeting. Thanks must go to Peggie and Bill Middleton for running the club in recent times.

It is reported that the Bell Inn will be re-opening during August after several months' closure. We wish Huw and Ruth Griffiths every success with their new venture.

Also, do not forget that Harbury Village Show is fast approaching and it is time to think about what your entry will be!

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Stanley Draper and Bryan Moore.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

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|-------|----|--|
| Sat | 3 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Shoebox Appeal |
| Sun | 4 | TRINITY X
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion with Healing, 6.00pm |
| Tues | 6 | Pilates, 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Harbury Heritage Room open 6.30-8.30pm at School |
| Wed | 7 | Wednesday Walkers, Fenny Compton to Oxford Canal with optional pub lunch (5 miles), meet Village Hall Car Park at 9.40am
NB No Mothers' Union meeting today |
| Thurs | 8 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Tennis Club BBQ Tournament, 6.30pm |
| Sat | 10 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Heritage |
| Sun | 11 | TRINITY XI
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am |

- Tues 13 Pilates, 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walkers, Napton Reservoir (4 miles),
meet Village Hall Car Park, 9.40am
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Village Hall Fund
Battle of Southam - Living History event, starts 11.00am,
Market Hill, Southam
- Sun 18 TRINITY XII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Battle of Southam - Living History event, starts 11.00am
Market Hill, Southam
- Tues 20 Pilates 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Tennis Club Open Evening, 6.45pm
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 21 Wednesday Walkers, (4 miles) walk to be arranged,
meet Village Hall Car Park, 9.40am
Blood Donors, 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm in
Village Hall
Tea, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
Tune & Tales, 10.00am in Harbury Village Library
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Church Flowers
- Sun 25 TRINITY XIII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Little Saints' Service, 9.00am followed by breakfast in the
Tom Hauley Room
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
- Wed 28 Wednesday Walkers, Burton Dassett (4 miles),
meet Village Hall Car Park 9.40am
- Tues 27 No Parish Council meeting this month
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
Tune & Tales, 10.00am in Harbury Village Library
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- Fri 30 23rd Beer Festival, 5.30-11.30pm at Village Hall
 Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tom Hauley Room
 23rd Beer Festival, 11.30am-4.00pm and 6.00-11.30pm at Village Hall
 Tennis Club Men's & Ladies' Doubles Tournament.

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 1 **TRINITY XIV**
 Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
 First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
 Evening Service, 6.00pm
 Tues 3 Harbury Primary School new term starts
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Harbury Heritage Room open 6.30-8.30pm at School
 Wed 4 Wednesday Walkers, Tysoe (4 miles), meet Village Hall Car Park, 9.40am
 Holy Communion, 2.00pm followed by Tea in the Tom Hauley Room (Mothers' Union)
 Thurs 5 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
 N.B. No Men's Group Meeting
 Folk Club, 8.00pm at Harbury Village Club
 Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am–12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of ABC

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Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
August	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	7	8	9	Grey Bin
	14	15	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	21	22	23	Grey Bin
	28	29	30	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Sept	4	5	6	Grey Bin
	11	12	13	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	18	19	20	Grey Bin



From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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For goodness sake, have a laugh!

I love a good laugh, don't you? I have had some of my greatest laughs watching Monty Python, Father Ted and Rhod Gilbert. The Year Six pupils from Harbury School recently had their leavers' service in church and what struck me was how much laughter there was in the service and it was brilliant to see.

Church can be too serious sometimes and we can easily forget to have some fun. I was talking with someone the other day who said they were put off church many years ago because it was so miserable and dull and where was the enjoyment in that?

We laugh a lot at church here and may that continue. Some would say that's because the Vicar's a clown but that's another story!

So, I thought I'd share a few funnies with you. All of these are real notices that were placed in church notice sheets around the country, enjoy. . . .

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on 24th October in the Church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

God bless.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

14th July Adelle Ryan



From the Churchwardens

John & Will

Reverend Craig, a Warden and the Verger recently held a site meeting with a representative of the Coventry Diocese Advisory Committee (DAC, the churches planning authority) to explore the possibilities of developing a memorial garden on the North side of the Church. The North boundary wall where memorial plaques are currently placed has only a limited amount of space left for ongoing memorials for our loved ones. Being short of any other suitable wall space it was felt that this might be a good use of the grassy area on that side of the building.

The DAC are willing to support the development of an "exciting and innovative" garden and have suggested places we might visit for inspiration. To help us take this idea further we would welcome your thoughts as to the sort of garden you would like to see in the churchyard. Please contact either John (614206) or Will (611914) if you have any initial thoughts and/or comments.

If anyone has a small table which they would like to donate (subject to suitability) for use holding the 3 Ws: water, wine and wafers during a Sunday service then we are looking for something in the region of 18" square by 2½ to 3 ft tall, natural wood finish.



Mothers' Union

Barbara Thistlethwaite

We spent a very pleasant afternoon at St. Margaret's Church, Hunningham where Hazel Taylor gave us an interesting talk on the history of the Church.

It is unusual in that it is one of only a handful that has a wooden bell tower. The tower, which originally had two bells now has only one bell in it, the other one being inside the Church and not in use.

There is a lovely blue stained glass window that was created for the Millennium and is situated at the back of the Church and when it catches the evening sun it makes the aisle look like a blue river.

The Church also does Pilgrim Puppet shows. These are not stringed puppets

but are more like “muppets”. Hazel brought some of these with her to show us what they are like. They are taken to show different groups ranging from nursery schools to nursing homes and are used as props when telling stories from the Bible to help everyone, from whatever age group, to understand and enjoy the show.

We then returned to the Tom Hauley Room and enjoyed our strawberry and cream afternoon tea. Many thanks to the committee for arranging this.

We do not meet in August so our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September starting with a service in the church at 2.00pm followed by tea in the Tom Hauley Room. We look forward to seeing all our members and possible new members on that date. Have a good Summer holiday.



Church Men's Group

John Guilford (Co-Chair)

Following in the footsteps of our enjoyable AGM(!) we decided “not to fix what's not broken” and this year's meeting on 4th July, was a similar format.

The first part of the meeting was the business bit which included the Chairmen's review of the wide range of speakers and other activities our members had enjoyed over the year, the Treasurer's report and the Election of Officers. In the absence of any other nominations John Stringer and John Guilford (Co-Chairs), Lyn Edwards (Treasurer) and John Elliman (Secretary) were all re-elected.

Work now starts in earnest in preparing next year's speaker programme.

Then we moved to the fun part of the meeting and, as it was Independence Day, we asked some of our members to volunteer to do a 5-10 minute talk on their own American experiences or other little holiday ditties they would like to share with the group.

Bill Davies got things off to an entertaining start with a story of how he was given the dubious task, when arriving by ship on the coast of America, of managing 150 young sailors (who had seen nothing but sea for many days) when they were invited to a Miami Girls High School dance. Bill survived with his dignity intact but he was not so sure of the sailors or young ladies!

A tough act to follow but Howell Merchant did an admirable job with his pictorial talk on the beautiful University towns of America and their history and culture. Ten minutes could not do justice to the wonderful array of photographs of buildings and monuments in these towns.

Alan Barr told us of his American friend's lifestyle – BBQs, travelling and parties and how the odd English comment can be misunderstood by

Americans, such as when with a simple response “she was fine when we left the UK” Alan was elevated to be a good friend of Princess Di.

The American link ended there and to finish the meeting Lyn Edwards took us to Japan and the friendliness of the people and the Cherry Blossom Festival. Frank Bunting finished the meeting with a very topical story when, almost 60 years to the day, he told us of his holiday working at Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club when in his spare moments he enjoyed watching the tennis. Who else but Frank could get paid to go to watch tennis at Wimbledon! The meeting closed with grace followed by a few final stories over tea and biscuits.

Both John and myself would like to thank the members of the Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men’s group for their fellowship and for making our role as Co-Chairs of the group so relaxed and enjoyable. It has been fun.

We look forward to seeing all our members again and (hopefully) some new faces when we start all over again in October. For more information please contact John Stringer (613214) or John Guilford (614206).



First Light

Alison Abbott

The July First Light continued our royal theme, as we compared how remote royalty can be to how God welcomes us into His company. There is a lot of protocol about meeting royalty, things like the correct form of address and only speaking after you have been spoken to. Another entertaining mini drama from Elaine, Debbie and Lyn, with a little help from Liz, highlighted how God is king but also a loving parent who delights in us and is eager to listen to us.

Our next First Light is on 4th August, when we will praise God using much more than our voices and music. It will be fun, family friendly and informal. Look forward to seeing you at 10.00am for a cup of coffee before we start at 10.30am.

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AUGUST

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| Sat | 3 | Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 4 | TRINITY X
Family Communion & Baptism, 10.30am |
| Tue | 6 | Photography Club Walkabout at Stratford |

- Sun 11 TRINITY XI**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 14 Home Group, 8pm at Cherry Trees
- Thurs 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Fri 16 WI outing to Guide Dog centre followed by lunch
- Sat 17 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 18 TRINITY XII**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Sat 24 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 25 TRINITY XIII**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 28 Home Group, 8.00pm at Cherry Trees
- Thurs 29 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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- Sat 31 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- SEPTEMBER**
- Sun 1 TRINITY XIV**
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Tue 3 Photography Club 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 7 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 8 TRINITY XV**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West & Sue Lord

July sees the end of the school year and to mark our association with St James' School, Southam, we gave bibles to each pupil in Year 6 leaving the school. These were presented by Revs Craig and Annie at a special assembly in which we wished the children well for the future and hoped that would read their gift and find the message in this "library of books" like a map showing them the way to go throughout their lives.



As we write this, (23rd July) the redecoration of the Church continues and although the scaffolding has gone the nave and aisles are still full of debris and dust. Hopefully by the time you read this the mess will be only a memory and the whole Church will look pristine, thanks to the many people who have offered to help clean it ready for the wedding on 3rd August and baptism the following day. The redecoration is not finished yet as there is an issue with the paint not adhering well to some of the lower areas that has to be resolved but luckily the upper areas look fine.

We feel a gentle reminder is in order regarding the refuse bins at the rear of the Church as on several occasions recently the wrong bins have been used. The green bin is for garden refuse (dead flowers etc.) and not wrappers and pots. The black bin is for most other items.

It is still a couple of months away, but for those of you who like to get dates in your diaries our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 6th October and Harvest Supper the following Friday, 11th October. Looking even further ahead, this year we will break with Ladbroke tradition and our Carol Service will be **before** Christmas on Sunday 22nd December.

Finally, we offer our condolences to the family of local farmer, Bryan Moore who died last month.

Flower Rota

4 th August	Laura Taylor
11 th August	Margaret Bosworth
18 th August	Margaret Bosworth
25 th August	Carol Lane
1 st September	Carol Lane



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

This report is based on my notes of the meeting held on 17th July. For clarity I have combined information on a topic even if it was discussed at several points during the meeting. The formal minutes taken by the Clerk will, as usual, be put on the noticeboard near the pub and on the village website ladbroke-pc.org.uk

Flood Prevention: After the standard formalities, the meeting started with an update from Mike Green about the proposed balancing pond. We had been expecting to hear that work would start soon so it was somewhat frustrating

that plans were not as advanced as Parish Councillors and villagers attending had hoped, especially to the Chairman of the Parish Council who reminded those present that the first report had been in 1998!

There was a lot of information and no handouts or overheads, so I hope I have got the details as well as the gist of what follows correct. In the Severn-Wye catchment area, 13 bids have been put in to the Regional Programming team for works in 2015-16; throttling the flow of the Lot Brook to protect homes in Ladbroke is one of these. The bids give an approximate cost and number of properties that will benefit and by 10th October we should know if the Ladbroke scheme makes it through to the medium term plan and what priority is assigned. As schemes are now funded by the Government via the Environment Agency with contributions from county council and other sources, it's not just those benefiting the most people that get the go ahead. The next steps are project appraisal reports to confirm what is needed and a business plan to ensure that the benefits don't outweigh the costs. Someone is joining Mr Green's team on secondment to help develop the case including the necessary legal agreements, work that needs to be completed by October 2014, so that if a scheme ahead of us cannot proceed for any reason, Ladbroke's could go ahead the previous financial year. The Parish Council and villagers were keen to help develop the case for the scheme and a questionnaire will be sent for them to supply details about previous flooding. The proposal is to throttle back the flow of the Lot Brook on the far side of the by-pass by reducing the size of the opening under the road. There will be no mechanical parts, after heavy rain the flow in the brook will still increase but not enough to cause flooding. The size of the balancing pond created will depend on natural contours of the land (and amount of rain), no works other than on the embankment on the bypass are envisaged. At this stage, the estimated whole life cost (i.e. to build and maintain it for 50 years) is £295,000. This assumes that some strengthening works to the embankment will be required but no land will need to be purchased; balancing ponds usually have a legal agreement with the landowner based on expected frequency and magnitude of flooded area and the fact that no compensation is required helps the business case as it is considered another contribution to the scheme.

Even after flood defences are in place, the Environment Agency do not change the blue flood zones on their maps as these are based on modelling **without** defences (based on the fact that defences may overtop) but Mr Green will specifically ask if this will be the case for Ladbroke. Although the flood zone on the map is unchanged insurers **may** take flood defences into account, in fact WCC has obtained some funding from the Community Flood Resilience Project which is trying to improve the insurance situation. Details will be sent to the Parish Council so that Ladbroke can contact those involved in this project.

Mr Green is also involved with reviewing HS2 plans as they affect water courses and standing water. There was no detail about these in the draft

Environmental Statement (ES) and he has asked to see what is the final ES before it is issued. The line will cross the Lot brook with half of the catchment area upstream of it and HS2 Ltd have been asked to reduce the flow of the brook if possible, more information on what they propose will be available in HS2's detailed Design Phase in 2015. It was confirmed that the proposal to throttle the flow is completely independent of anything HS2 may do.

Highways & Footpaths: Ladbroke is not alone in complaining about limited visibility at junctions due to poor mowing of verges. The council's highways representative has surveyed drains, the collapsed manhole has been repaired and repairs to potholes started. He also reviewed the erosion near the church and advised that the tarmac already extends well beyond the recognised road edge and is therefore the council's responsibility. If the Church wished to protect the bank from further erosion they could buy bollards which Highways would put up for them but this would make parking here difficult. A letter had been received reporting that two elderly ladies had fallen on the kerb to the road by the entrance to the village hall, one requiring stitches. This letter would be sent to the Highways department for comment. In the meantime it was suggested that the Village Hall car park was used.

Village Hall, Millennium Green & Village Facilities: The Village Hall and Millennium Green are working closely together. Next events are Village Hall Film Night on Friday 20th September and Millennium Green Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday 19th October. The pub is expected to re-open in August.

Neighbourhood Watch: In surrounding villages there has been a spate of thefts from garden sheds and opportunistic crime via windows left open in hot weather; locally a hedge trimmer had been taken from a property in Radbourne Lane and two trailers from Ladbroke Hill Lane. BE VIGILANT.

Planning: An application had been made to fell a sycamore at Whiteways, that for the mobile home at Folly Field Farm had been withdrawn (expecting a reapplication for it at Old Barn Farm) and the plans for 9 wind turbines (125m high) near Wormleighton will go to the Eastern Area Planning Committee in September.

HS2: The consultation on the draft Environmental Statement closed in July, local responses included ones from the Parish Council, Action Group, Church, WCC and individuals. Safeguarding the proposed Phase 1 route has now started (i.e. permission from HS2 is needed for any planning applications involving the land they require, also properties 60m either side of the mid-point of the route etc can be sold to HS2 Ltd). The consultation on the Y-route has also started.

Warwickshire County Council: nothing to report of local interest since the last meeting.

Stratford District Council: In this area all children in care are fostered and additional foster parents are being sought. The district has a legal obligation

to identify sites for travellers - they need to be loosely attached to a community to provide access to schools, bus routes etc. SDC are currently negotiating with landowners for a number of small sites (typically 5 pitches) and will announce in October where these are. None are expected to be in Ladbroke village or immediate vicinity.

Planning law has changed for a three year trial period. Permitted developments are less restricted than before and, outside of conservation areas, no planning permission is needed for larger extensions and industrial buildings or for barn conversions.

SDC's core strategy is being progressed. The draft should be adopted by SDC on 22nd July, go before the government inspector in the autumn and become effective in 2014. There is no more consultation, though concerns could be raised at the public hearing in October. Regarding housing 10,000 new homes are proposed between now and 2028 with just one large development, initially 2,000 homes growing to 5,000, at Lighthorne Heath because of the new jobs at Jaguar Land Rover. Other housing developments are dispersed across the area, with the highest numbers in towns e.g. 350 homes at Southam. Villages have been categorised; Category 1 (such as Harbury and Bishops Itchington) should have up to 100-120 new homes, whereas those like Ladbroke in Category 4 just 10-25 during the next 15 years, with no single development more than 2% of the existing number of houses and 35% social housing. The draft core strategy states that windfarms must be at least 1km from any home. It also identifies Special Landscape Areas and Ladbroke is on the edge of one of these.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18th September, which is the same day as the next Community Forum in Wormleighton.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Jackie West

Our July meeting started with news that Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI will be representing the Southam area at the 2014 AGM. More imminent local WI events including a free day (participants to be chosen by ballot) at Denman College on *Independence and Ageing*, the Southam group trip to Burghley House and our August meeting visiting the Guide Dog centre. WI diaries are now available for those who have ordered one.

Our speaker for the evening was Julie Williams who is an expert in making things from polymer clay. She told us that it's the sort of thing children do but she has never grown out of it and turned it into a business over 20 years ago. She uses FIMO which is a bit like plasticine in that you can mix colours and shape it into objects but once cooked in the oven for 20 minutes at 120°C it becomes sturdy.



Julie started her demonstration making millefiori discs. First black polymer clay was wrapped around sausage shaped pieces of different bright colours, then several of these were put together to give a very fat cylinder. Then as it was rubbed between the hands, the pattern remained but became smaller and smaller, just like the words in rock. Cutting crossways with a sharp blade produced discs which could be made in buttons, brooches or four of them combined to make butterfly wings. Julie also showed us how to make one of her animal designs, a cute little dog, followed by beads that looked so much like liquorice allsorts that she only

makes adult-sized bracelets from them! She seemed to have raided the kitchen cupboards for tools using cake cutters, icing nozzles and even a garlic press to cut and shape the polymer clay.

Julie brought along lots of examples of finished pieces from decorated boxes of all shapes and sizes to Christmas decorations, buttons and beads to 3D models of animals but the most popular item for us was a starter kit - ideal for entertaining youngsters over the summer. If you frequent Stratford Waterside Market on summer Sundays or Banbury Shopping Centre at certain times you may have seen Julie's stall or take a look at her website www.jayceecrafts.co.uk And if you want something special making she even does commissioned work.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Wet pictures. Not dripping wet but about wet things. Our competition theme was Water/Liquid and it was amazing to see what people came up with. On this occasion imaginative abstracts won the day. Paul Taylor and Jennie Daniels, winners of the large and small prints respectively, had gone to great trouble to capture the essence of moving water.

Jennie, for instance, had set up a fish tank and photographed individual drops hitting the surface of the water, catching a moment when a droplet seemed to

be balanced on a small, liquid column. Paul had pictured water from the garden hose, as shown here. The others on display included waterfalls, fountains, flood waters, reflections and the gorgeous colour of dye being wrung from leather at a tannery. A selection of the pictures can be seen on our website (details below).



Water drop by Jennie Daniels

It was not wetness but the cold outside that drove us indoors as members and partners tucked into a bring-a-contribution dinner. Jackie kindly provided the hospitality, the organisation and the cooked food. It was a very enjoyable chance to exchange stories about the past six months since our last social get together: the sunny evening's photography Warwick in contrast to the rainy session in Long Itchington, our exhibition at Ladbroke Village Fete and so on.



Water by Paul Taylor



Bridal Falls by Graham Gee

We shall be hoping to take some dramatic evening shots in Stratford on 6th August, catching the Battle of Southam on 17th/18th August and shall be back in Ladbroke village hall on 3rd September. As usual, visitors and anyone interested in taking photographs will be welcome.

For more information contact Jackie West at jackieszone-hotogclub@yahoo.co.uk See our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokephotographyclub>

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Adverts to 31 Binswood End by 15th August

Articles to Harbury Pharmacy or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 29th August



Ladbroke General Section

The Death of Bryan Moore

The funeral service of the late Bryan Moore took place at St James' Church, Southam on the 11th July 2013. Rev Craig Grocock led a wonderful service to celebrate Bryan's life and the number of people present was testament to how much he had touched so many lives.

Bryan was born at Ufton and started his farming life at the age of nine having been given a pig by his father. At the age of sixteen, an uncle offered him sixty acres to farm in Whitnash, giving him the chance to start up farming on his own, having lost his father at the age of 13. The opportunity was taken and from then on Bryan did not look back, growing a variety of crops in many areas. In his early days of farming one could often see a double decker bus driving around Whitnash at weekends collecting children to go potato picking. Despite the hard work the children still had energy to have fun and throw a few spuds at each other, and memories of those happy days were recounted to Bryan by the many visitors he had during his illness.

His married life began at Harp Farm, on the Banbury Road, and then he moved across the road to Starbold Farm, and finally up the fields to Manor Farm, Ladbroke, thoroughly enjoying the challenge these acquisitions brought him.

Bryan had a great love of travel and his biggest thrill was to get off the beaten track and talk to local folk about the area and farming, so making many close friends worldwide. He lived a full and happy life doing the job he enjoyed most, and died with the satisfaction of knowing that he had helped many along the way realise their full potential.

The Archers

The Bell Inn Re-opening Mid August

As you are probably aware, The Bell Inn is now under new ownership. It will be run by Huw Griffiths, who is moving to the village with his wife Ruth and six month old son Harry. As the saying goes, good things come to those who wait and the new owners would like to thank you all for your patience and are looking forward to re-opening The Bell in mid August. They are keen for Ladbroke villagers to be some of the first to come and take a look at the newly refurbished pub and enjoy a drink and some food.

The pub industry is very much in Huw's blood, having grown up in the trade and worked behind the bar in his parents' pub from a young age. He is looking forward to the challenge of running his own establishment, offering a

good selection of traditional ales, fine wines and a mouth watering menu with daily fresh fish specials. If you are keen to find out more about The Bell Inn, visit their website at www.thebellinnladbroke.co.uk

Jackie West

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£80 Geoff Lane
 £50 Colin and Kay Constable
 £25 Geoff Timms
 £10 Cyril Spence
 £10 Brian Whitehouse
 £10 Mike Todman
 £10 Simon and Jackie West
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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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June 2013

This meeting was held in the main hall to accommodate the fifty plus parishioners there to protest about the planning application to change the Dog Inn to a Nursery with an apartment on the first floor. The plans also included a four-bed detached house and double garage to the rear of the car park, something which the Parish Council had not been led to expect.

But first Bishops Itchington's embattled PC Chair Chris Kettle explained the unprecedented number of housing applications they were facing - 81 houses along Plough Lane with potentially another three developments in and around the village and up to 4,800 homes in a new village between the M40 and B4100 from Gaydon to Chesterton Wood!

He said Gaydon, Bishops and Harbury faced the prospect of being amalgamated into a town with huge pressure on existing services like the school and doctors and asked for Harbury to work with its neighbours to try to reduce the numbers proposed.

In response Tracey Pettifer from the audience asked for Bishops to support protests from Harbury against Warwick District's Consultation on Traveller Sites, several of which were on our village boundary.

Public Participation got very lively when people aired their views on the Dog Inn application. Several wanted the building to continue as a pub arguing that without the beer tie it could be profitable. They questioned the assessment of the local need for the Nursery, claiming that most users would be from outside Harbury. They complained about the extra traffic generated and the small number of parking spaces. There were concerns about the impact on established child care operators but these are not planning matters. Although complaints from residents of the cottages in Church Street that the new house would overshadow their homes, were a legitimate consideration.

The owner attempted to answer all these objections but when the Councillors later came to consider the application, although they had little problem with the Change of Use to provide a Nursery, it was the inclusion of the very large house and garage that swung it. They objected to its size, the design was inappropriate in the Conservation Area; it lacked adequate parking and could cause congestion and inconvenience to local residents.

They had no objections to a single storey extension at 4 Hall Lane; tree works at Lorne Cottage, Crown Street or ancilliary accommodation at Westfields Cottage, Fosse Way. They did object strongly to plans for 81 houses at the junction of Plough Lane and Gaydon Road in Bishops Itchington because of the significant impact on local services shared with Harbury and the traffic these homes would generate. The speculative development would not provide for local needs.

They were pleased that the new owner of Leamington House was present to explain exactly what his application to demolish and rebuild a rear extension entailed.

After that things took their more usual course. Work on the Skate-park and the BMX track (which got a £7,000 grant) will go ahead. Southam College and police had been made aware of the broken glass left on the playing fields after an unofficial party there. Councillor Hancock reported the water supply to the Cemetery had "died"; the Chapel would be cleared of ivy and the hedge needed to be cut back.

The bench outside Crown Close was rotten and the Housing Association would be asked to deal with it. It was suggested the donated bench could go by the Vicarage Lane Bus Stop. Benches have appeared in the Cemetery making them the PC's responsibility but they are not fixed down. The Council will seek to find the owners so that they can make the benches safe.

The wrangle continues over where the extra light for Hereburgh Way/Manor Road should go. A resident of Frances Road wants bollards installed to stop the bin lorry running over the grass. It appears there would then not be

sufficient room for the lorry to manoeuvre, so Councillor Summers will find a solution.

It was a good month for bollards as Cllr Thornley reported the Pound one was also knocked down. And the field footpaths are almost impassable now the nettles have grown to head height.

Next Meeting is 25th July in the Tom Hauley Room with the following meeting on 26th September 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our tour of Bubbenhall Quarries was in gloriously warm weather. The Quarries are owned by the Smith family and worked in exemplary fashion, with space given for wildlife, careful restoration to farm land and extensive woodland and wild flower planting.

The attention to protecting and encouraging wildlife is amazing. There are boxes for blue tits and an owl box. In five year over 106 bird species were recorded on site. There are mammals, reptiles and amphibians, 30 different moths and butterflies, 18 types of dragonfly, bees and wildflowers including Yellow Rattle. Sand layers are carefully protected for use by sand martins.

John Green first gave us an overview of the finds made during the extraction of sands and gravels and then walked us round the site explaining how these minerals were won and the remediation work that is on-going.

A number of important fossils; Elephant teeth, Gryphea commonly known as Devil's Toenails and chunks of fossil conifer have been found in the waste tips of the pebbles and rocks too large for use as aggregate. It was in similar heaps that some of the pre-historic tools (the star being a beautiful stone hand axe) were found. This and other implements helped Professor Shotton prove the area was inhabited before the Anglian glaciation over 500,000 years ago which makes the site as important as Boxgrove.



Next Meeting: 16th September, Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm, Graham Robson's film of Old Farm Implements.

Saturday 9th November - Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room

The Committee has responded to the Consultation on Gypsy Sites by WDC. Our major concerns for the two sites at Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads are; the impact on views from Chesterton Windmill and the archaeological remains, flooding, and the Fosse's accident record.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Another month has passed and we have been lucky with the weather. Pam and Peggie organised a trip to Bakewell, Derbyshire. This is also Pam's home ground and the whole idea was to visit the Well Dressings. This proved enjoyable and the group visited the Church, a small museum and Bakewell market. Some had a meal at the restaurant that served Bakewell Pudding no less. Many thanks to Pam and Peggie.

We looked forward to our outing to Walton Hall but more of that next month.

Hope the Village Show will be supported in September by adults and children.

We ask members to collect jars for our stall in the Victorian Street Fayre on 5th October. One expects those attending the WI Harvest Supper on Friday 27th September will have their name down on the list.

There is no doubt that our talks are good but our last one pipped the post. Sonia Turner and Sue Darley work for a company called Stunt Dogs and Animals, which has been run for twenty five years. They brought five dogs which they have trained and did they perform for us! It was evident they were trained with affection not cruelty. They told us how they behaved in films and/or adverts. A number of dogs are from rescue centres and have to be non-aggressive with people and other dogs, also not nervous. None live in kennels but with foster families. They live with trainers for six weeks. The different roles of the dogs in television we remembered included Wellard in EastEnders, young Victoria's dog in The White Queen and Dodger who played in Doc Martin. Even that ghastly advert 118. The evening was so interesting and everyone enjoyed the speakers.

September meeting on Thursday 12th, 7.45pm at the Tom Hauley Room, speaker is Julie Staile – "The History of Fragrance."



Harbury Theatre Group

John Travis

The group usually produces two offerings a year, a spring play and in winter a pantomime or something else for all ages. Recently I was asked why we didn't do more. The answer is we do. I have been involved for less than a year but I have participated in a musical "The Wizard of Oz"; a play "A Fete worse than Death"; a Shakespeare play reading "The Tempest"; a skittles evening; the Carnival parade and a coffee morning. I could have gone to a workshop on stage fighting but I chickened out, and I hope to be involved in the Street Fair and the pantomime "Aladdin".

In addition to this I have been involved to varying degrees in about 40 rehearsals. So you see we do a lot really but it is great fun!

We were very pleased with our Carnival Float which was placed second in our category. We also won the prize for best costume in the parade which went to The Tin Man. After the parade our group came third in the Adult Group Fancy Dress. I think we deserved a special prize for our very frightening Wicked Witch who, with her cackle, terrorised the village and probably about 5 miles around.

The pantomime will be upon us very soon and if you would like to help on the stage, behind the stage, front of house or in publicity come along to one of our meetings which are held in the Shakespeare at 8pm usually on the last Tuesday of the month.



Folk Club

Peter McDonald

At the 344th session of Harbury Folk Club on July 4th, the theme was 'Royalty'. 24 performers used their imagination to interpret the theme in various different ways and most of them found kings, queens, princes etc. lurking somewhere in their lyrics.

I started the evening with 'I thought you were an Arab', a song which relates a true story about US congressmen getting caught red-handed accepting bribes from "kings of the fabled east". I suppose it was inevitable that 'history' would become a sub-theme for the evening and Janny and Maureen educated us with 'The Burning of Auchindoun', followed by their lovely arrangement of 'Horncastle Fair'. Peter Mason was next up with 'Fotheringhay' (where Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded in 1587) and the Richard Thompson's 'Down where the drunkards roll' (which is nothing to do with meetings of Harbury Folk Club). Rik accompanied 'Tennessee Waltz' on his Appalachian dulcimer, following it with a 1960s pop song 'You belong to me', then Norman sang Donovan's 'Writer in the Sun' and James Taylor's 'You can close your eyes' but I can't remember the royal connections. Ted and Sue closed the first half with 'My love's in Germany' and that Flanders & Swann classic, 'Transport of Delight', concerning a "monarch of the road".

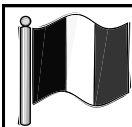
The 12-strong Folk Club Choir started the second half with two new numbers – a Jamaican song, 'Plant de Leta', and 'Sing', a new arrangement of a song written for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee concert. Martin gave us two unusual songs – the first about the 'Queen's Men', travelling players who had the objective that "the people must be amused" and the second, 'Valley where cotton is king'. The band Rumble-o had a couple of new ingredients this month – Anna played her cello for the first time and husband Ed joined in on lead vocals. Their songs were Coldplay's 'Us against the world' and the more

traditional 'Life of a country boy'. Thrup'ny Bits were on good form (with more history lessons) with 'John Ball' and 'Babylon is fallen' and so were the Harvesters who brought the second half to a close with 'Let the back and sides go bare' and 'With her head tucked underneath her arm'.

In the third half, there was time for an extra number from each of five performers along with full spots from Pete Grassby and Keith Donnelly. Pete sang a mining song, 'Prince among men' and then his own song 'Rolling down the Fosse', a tribute to truck drivers. To finish the evening, Keith gave us two new songs of his own, 'Running with scissors' and 'Call me Icarus', with his usual skilful guitar accompaniment. All in all, it was another very enjoyable evening of high-quality, varied music. The charity raffle raised an amazing £85 for Cancer Research UK.

By the time you read this, the next meeting of the Folk Club will be on September 5th, starting at 8pm in the Village Club. For more information about Harbury Folk Club, please visit:

www.bit.ly/HarburyFolkClub



Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

On the day that Chris Froome triumphed in the Tour de France on Mont Ventoux, we scaled the less ambitious but friendlier heights of Ufton, to challenge ourselves at the ancient French sport of *petanque*. And as if to prove what a bunch of gentlemen we are (sorry – as if to prove what excellent sportswomen we have among us), the Robin Barnes individual trophy was won by Janet Thornley (see picture), and the team event was won, just as deservedly, by Rosemary Harley, Yvette Tanner and Joan Thomas. Bravo les femmes!

One hardly wants to wish away this extraordinary summer weather, but if anyone out there is wondering what to do in September we have a good suggestion. Come to the Twinning Quiz: Sunday 15th September at the Club. Plenty of interesting challenges, and you'll never need to get out of the saddle!





Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

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

Mini-Beast hunt: The children set forth across the road to the Bosworth-Brownes' garden, armed with buckets, magnifying glasses, observation pots and clipboards. There, they collected woodlice, slugs, snails, ants and assorted other creatures (all of which were later released into suitable habitats). Many thanks to Janine and Matt for not only letting us roam around their beautiful garden, but also for providing delicious home-made mini-beast shortbread biscuits at snack time. Also our thanks to their children for writing and putting up some very helpful notices around the garden for the Pre-School children.



On their return to Pre-School, the children made some wonderful observational drawings and playdough models of various mini-beasts. The play table was also set up as a mini-beast environment for the children to investigate.



Transport: During July, we looked at transport and especially trains. The role play area turned into a railway station, complete with platform and ticket office, where the children wrote out tickets for all kinds of journeys. They made their own trains in the outdoor play area, as well as building vehicles out of cartons, selecting

their own resources to make wheels and other important parts. Our thanks to Chris Gibb who came to talk to us about working on the trains, and showed the children different outfits that he might wear depending on whether he was on the track, in the train or meeting the Queen! The children were then delighted to each be given a special engine shaped ruler to take home.



Electric Car: To demonstrate the other end of the size scale, Cathy Gibb kindly brought her little electric car to show to the children and they all enjoyed sitting in it and pretending to drive.

Physical Development: Making the most of the fine weather, the children were able to spend a good deal of time outdoors during July, with the climbing frame being put to good use until it became too hot! After that, we had lots of water play, washing equipment and then using the water on the garden areas, and a large mat was put in the shade of the new canopy, where the children enjoyed using trucks and diggers in a large pile of sand.



Teddy Bears' Picnic: The sun shone and the annual Pre-School Teddy Bears' Picnic was held in Harbury Park. Eighteen families and Pre-School staff enjoyed a lovely morning playing in the park, playing games with the parachute and having a picnic with their Teddy Bears (or other cuddly toys!)



Farewell – We have now said very sad farewells to our 18 older children who will be starting at Primary School in September. However, they are now confident individuals who we are sure will enjoy their new adventure and we wish them well. We look forward to welcoming the younger children back to Pre-School on Tuesday 5th September together with lots of new starters during next term.

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

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07907 598461 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk. Please note that although the starting age for Pre-School is normally two years nine months, your child is never too young to be registered.



Windmills
Nursery School

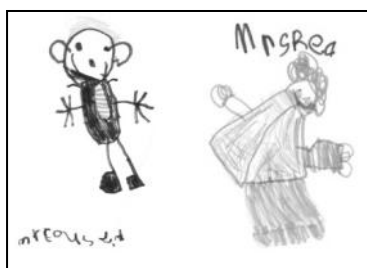
Nursery School Staff

"Why I Love Windmills" – some comments and pictures by our children starting Harbury Primary School in September. The staff at Windmills would like to wish all the children leaving us a very enjoyable time at big school and a happy summer holidays to those children returning.



Mia - "I like playing with the puppet show. When we are at big school I will come to Windmills to see you."

Anna – "I like playing with Eilidh, Charlotte and Ben. We play in the kitchen. Charlotte's the mummy, I'm the baby, Eilidh's the sister and Ben's the daddy."



Ben – "My favourite toys are the dinosaurs. Mrs Lines, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Varriale and Mrs Giblin sing with us and read us books. They always work and they are kind and friendly and they sing the short and stout teapot song."

Eilidh – "I like playing with the cars and bikes and scooters on the playground. I like the basket bike best."

Summer – "I like going on the welly walks best. I walk to the flower shop and it sells fruits and vegetables. We find sticks and spiders and ants. I like playing hopscotch on the playground. You read us books."



Charlotte – “I like learning French with Madame Giblin. She wears a French hat on her head. We learnt to count in French – un, deux, trois. I like playing with the playdough.”

Finlay – “I like everything about Windmills. I love the books and the cars and the kitchen. I like Ben and Amber and Thomas and Charlotte. I like going on the bikes. There are shapes on the playground. I like it when the teachers read me stories.”

Chloe – “I like the teachers because when I fall over and bump my knee they are always kind to me. The teachers teach me things like French.

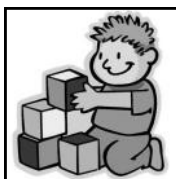


Thomas – “I like playing with the cars. I like my teachers because they give me stickers when I am good. I play with the sand and the vehicles outside. My paintings are on Windmills in the fence garden.”

Dates for the Diary

- Wed 4th September Autumn term begins
- Fri 27th September Bag2School clothing collection
- Sat 5th October Victorian Street Fayre
- Sat 26th October Halloween Disco

To register a nursery place for your child ring the administrator on 01926 613084, email info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our website www.windmillsnursery.co.uk or call the nursery on 07906 519148.





Harbury Primary School

David Cousins

This year has flown by with a lot to celebrate and much for the children to be proud of. I have enjoyed my first year here and would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff, parents and friends of the school for everything that they do to make Harbury a special place to be. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to welcoming many of you back in September.

Year 6 - It is only fitting that the first section of this newsletter is dedicated to our fantastic Year 6. You have been a wonderful year group to teach and have created many memories which will live long at this school. Well done for all you have achieved and everybody here knows that you will enjoy and make the most of all of the opportunities you will encounter in the coming years. Farewell and thank you - Another member of our school is leaving us next week and that is Mrs Bones. Mrs Bones has worked in the school for a number of years and has taught most of the children at some point during that time. We would like to thank her for all that she has done for the children and wish her all the best for the coming years and a very relaxing and happy retirement.

Proms Week - Last week saw many of our talented musicians perform during proms week. A massive well done to everyone who took part and the range of instruments that were played, from steel pans to violins, shows how broad the spectrum of music is here at Harbury.

Sports Day - It was fantastic to see the sun shining on our sports day this year and a massive well done to all of those children who took part. Your skills at egg and spoon racing, sprinting, obstacle course racing and bean bag balancing were amazing! Many thanks to all those who came to watch and support this event.

Gardening Help - Mr Chapman has asked me to pass on his huge thanks, and that of the entire school, for the work of a number of people who transformed the top car-park wooded areas. This includes Mr Smart and Year 4, Lou Lambe, Danny Reid and a special thanks to Lindsay Taylor for getting our hose working again!

Summer Fete - The sun was also shining on the annual fete organized by the PTA. Many thanks to all those who supported by attending or running one of the stalls. It was a very successful day and all the proceeds will be used to benefit the children of this school.

School Dinners - A reminder that from September dinners will be £2 per day and we will be encouraging as many people as possible to use the Parentpay online service.

Start of the New School Year - A reminder that the new school year begins for the children on Tuesday 3rd September. We wish you all a fantastic, refreshing summer.



Village Hall Update

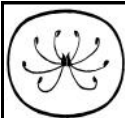
Chris Finch

If last month's article was short but sweet, then this month's article is even shorter and sweeter – with good news to report.

There have been two new regular bookings added to the hire of the Hall – for **Pilates** and **Upholstery**, so watch out for details about the start of these classes elsewhere in the magazine. The upholstery class is the first 'outreach' group to be set up by **Southam College** and is a very welcome opportunity for people of all ages to learn a new skill, which can be extremely rewarding.

At the end of July, there was the first of three wedding receptions programmed into the diary; the other two are arranged for August and the committees are delighted that their vision to improve the facilities for external events in the Hall is already 'paying off'.

The next main money-spinner to add to the Hall's income will be the **CAMRA Beer Festival** on the evening of Friday 30th and all day on Saturday 31st August. If anyone would like to join with GASS and Village Hall members in making the mountain of burgers/bacon rolls etc for the visitors, then please get in touch with Corinna on 612852 or Geoff on 613801.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Our second and last day trip on 10th July was a great success. We had 45 on the coach and it was really nice to see some new faces and many hopefully will join our Society. Our first visit was to Burford House and Gardens near Tenbury Wells. John Treasures originally laid out the garden in the 1950's alongside the River Teme with many varieties of clematis and other lush plantings. It is currently being restored and had touches of "faded splendour". However the bones of the garden could be seen and there were some really lovely and unusual shrubs. The lovely pond near to the house and restaurant had a newly hatched family of ducks, very entertaining! As the weather was perfect we enjoyed the morning here, with excellent food in the restaurant. The plant centre is now run by The Garden Store (similar to the one at Charlecote) and several plants were brought on to the coach.

We then went a little further to Westonbury Mill Water Gardens near to Leominster. These were a real find and we had a lovely welcome talk from the owner Richard Pim. He was a hydro engineer and when I originally spoke to him way back in February to arrange a visit, he was on his way to Dubai to give advice etc on, would you believe, water gardens!! The three acre

gardens have been laid out by the owner since he bought the house and fields in 1999. He first opened in 2001 having flooded the meadow from the leat and existing mill. It was an absolute marvel of engineering and a great deal of passion has gone into the many follies and water features.

The stone tower with two gargoyles was the first feature that he built and is powered by water raised from the stream by an antique water wheel. Water spouts from the gargoyles at intervals and it is also home to a flock of white doves. Then entering the main part of the garden over the Mill Pool you come to the Bog Garden, rich in water loving plants. Paths across the bog allow a good view of individual plants. From here you can wander in several directions.

The Big Pond is flanked by huge groups of moisture loving plants, large and small. Giant irises, rushes, candelabra primulas in all colours and many more. Not to be missed is the huge white rose, Rambling Rector which covers all of the pergola. On another path there is a huge dome made entirely of bottles which create a kaleidoscope of multi coloured sunlight inside the dome reflected in a pool surrounded by ferns. The recently built Oaken Tower has a very imposing look and also has a watery theme. A broad shaft up the centre displays the mechanism of a water powered clock, and has a viewing platform. On the hour a huge cuckoo emerges from a wooden window at the top of the tower and proceeds to greet all with his cuckoo song...magical.

There is a man-made canal with banks of flowering plants, including lovely poppies. This is in a wild flower meadow and a short walk through this takes you to a spiral mound which you can walk round. Back in the main part of the garden you cross a "Monet" bridge through a tunnel of huge gunneras. Opposite this is the thatched African Summer House, a shady place to sit and view another aspect of the garden. Work is still ongoing with more planting and who knows what folly will be built next. We enjoyed tea and cake and it was nice to be able to sit outside and soak up the sun. The plant sales were most impressive, a good range of really healthy plants, again many found their way onto the coach. It is not too far to go for another visit, one of my favourites in a long time.

I know it is currently very hot - I am writing this on Monday 22nd July. Storms are forecast and the gardens do need the water but hasn't it been a glorious two weeks? Here are just a few suggestions of garden visits for August if you are not too busy. These are all in aid of the NGS, the proceeds of which go to such deserving causes.

Offenham Gardens near to Evesham have two very different gardens open on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th. The first garden is planted for all year round interest, and the second is more exotic with lush plantings of bamboo and pond features etc. Open on both days between 11am and 5pm at a cost of £3 and teas are available.

Opposite to Hidcote Gardens is Kiftsgate Court. It will be open for the NGS on Monday 8th at a cost of £7.50 in the afternoon. For those of you who know the

gardens they are constantly evolving with fantastic views of the surrounding countryside, unusual trees and shrubs plus one of the largest roses in England, the Kiftsgate Rose.

Nearer to home, if you haven't visited Wildwood Gardens next to Farnborough Nursery, it is well worth a visit. Open on Wednesday 28th August between 2pm and 5pm at a cost of £3. There are lots of rustic garden features made by the owner and surrounded by a diverse selection of plants, shrubs and trees.

Lastly, just a little further away the Haddonstone Show Gardens, Forge House, Church Lane, East Haddon will be open on Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st September all day at a cost of £2.50. Much to see here: classic ornaments, fountains, statuary, sundials, balustrades and follies with lush planting. It only opens rarely so a chance not to be missed.

I do hope that you are enjoying the fruits (and vegetables) of your labours. Judging from my courgettes and squashes I shall soon have a very welcome glut and be able to try out some of the recipes kindly provided by you. In a magazine which I received today, there is a recipe for deep fried courgette matchsticks; I will let you know if it is worth doing!! Do enjoy your gardens and allotments; in spite of the most unusual Spring weather there is so much to taste, smell and just gaze at.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

It is hot and sunny and has taken us by surprise. We are melting and unable to do much except watering. All our plants continue to grow well, both in the nursery and the garden, although cracks are beginning to appear in the ground due to the dry spell over the last week or so.

I might be (mostly) an optimistic person but this year has been hard to maintain the optimism when our visitor numbers and sales have been so low. I'm getting the impression that it's a similar story for many other places so we're not alone. But when we're not busy it's difficult to keep the incentive and motivation going. I would love to get some feedback from anyone reading this regarding reasons for not buying many (or any) plants this year. Traditionally people used to do most of their planting in the autumn but that rarely happens these days so we can't hold out much hope for an increase in sales from September onwards. A local wholesale grower of bedding plants has had two consecutive poor seasons and has decided to only do contract growing from now on. I suspect that other growers will be changing the way they operate too.

In the meantime we keep watering and tending our lovely plants for all our potential customers both old and new.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Writing on Tuesday 23rd July while staying with our daughter and family in Bath, the unbroken sunny weather we have had this month is beginning to break and thundery outbreaks are moving up the country. Some refreshment for the parched ground is quite welcome though our grandchildren, after half a school term of hot sunny weather, were looking forward to the same during the holidays.

Coming towards Southam on Welsh Road East recently, I noticed many fields covered with blue flowers. This is flax, from the seeds of which linseed oil is obtained. It is now marketed as a nutritional supplement but also used as a varnish in wood finishing and a hardener for putty. I had set out earlier for Boddington Reservoir (Map Ref. SP 494531), cycling via Fenny Compton and crossing the Northamptonshire border east of Wormleighton. Beside the broad expanse of water, (which, like Clattercote and Wormleighton Reservoirs, acts as a feeder for the 10 mile summit level of the Oxford Canal), is a gate into Boddington Meadow Nature Reserve, a rare fragment of species rich, unimproved grassland. Yellow Rattle was seeding and the head of Wild Arum, in a hedge, was turning red, a harbinger of autumn. In the north-eastern corner of the sloping 2.3 hectare field is a notice board detailing what to look for in this our nearest Northants reserve. Walk slightly uphill to the stone barn and small pond. The pink flowers of Betony (*Stachys officinalis*), an attractive late flowering red Dead Nettle, a medieval 'Heal All', was prominent amongst the yellowing grass heads. It is a marker of ancient grassland, missing from most of today's meadows. Ringlet and Meadow Brown butterflies sprang into action as I strolled along the narrow path through waist high grasses.

Looking over last August's Notes, I see that on 5th July I cycled from Rutland Water to Stamford and on to Barnack Hills and Holes National Nature Reserve in the hope of seeing a Frog Orchid (*Dactylorhiza viridis*) for the first time. On that occasion, the other delights of the Reserve, Pyramidal Orchids in profusion and butterflies galore, had to suffice. On 15th July I made a return visit on a scorching day. The cycle ride through the quiet Northamptonshire villages of the Upper Welland Valley-Harringworth, Duddington and Collyweston- brought me to the grand town of Stamford sitting astride the old Great North Road, (Roman Ermine Street). I had a picnic lunch in the meadows beside the river and then visited the remains of the Benedictine Priory, used as a source of stone and finally a barn after the Dissolution but now restored. Once it was the hub of monastic lands and marked the southern extent of the Bishop of Durham's properties. Crossing the clear waters of the Welland on a footbridge, I regained my route along the northern border of Burghley Park. Now, the roadside verges were awash with

Knapweed, Cranesbill, Field Scabious and Meadowsweet. Close to the Reserve, Pyramidal Orchids added to the tally.

By a stroke of luck, the Warden, Dave, who lives in Huntingdon, was fixing a fence near the entrance with a small working party. He kindly agreed to show me the Frog Orchid. I would never have been able to find it unaided. It is short, has greenish-yellow flowers and, surrounded by grass of the same colour, blends in to vanishing point. I crawled about taking photographs, thanked my guide, and then took a walk around this exceptional reserve. As its name suggests, it was once a quarry. Jurassic limestone was transported from here, largely by water, to build Peterborough Cathedral.

I was advised to look out for the Chalkhill Blue butterfly which had just emerged. It's a beautiful insect with dappled under wings and, in the male, milky blue upper wings, (the female is brown). It is characteristic of southern chalk and limestone downs. It needs Horseshoe Vetch (*Hippocrepis comosa*) on which to lay eggs and as a food plant for the caterpillar. This was another first for me so, whilst sharing a drink with the fence party, there was plenty to talk about.

I rode back to the car, visiting a sweep of new country including a clay pit now surrounded by woods with the intriguing name of Bedford Purlieus - another National Nature Reserve. (Purlieu is a word derived, in the 15th century, from 'purlewe' being Anglo-French and meaning 'land on the edge of a Royal Forest' in this case that of Rockingham). I was now on the line of another Roman road and it led to the suitably named village of Kings Cliffe. Whilst eating an ice cream, I watched village children enjoying a splash in the clear water of Willow Brook.

Swifts are screaming through the centre of the village feeding up for their migration. Combines are on the move and the barley is about to be cut. Fruit is ripening and the blackberry season will soon begin.



General Section



Harbury Art Group

Our July workshop was an opportunity for some of us to try using Pastels. The subject was a field of poppies in a typical English landscape, and some of us worked in pastels, and some in watercolour. The challenge was to create depth and interest in the sky and distant hills, with the vivid scarlet of the poppies in the foreground. We produced some very interesting work, with Sue's being judged the best of the day.

The Harbury Art Group tutored workshops are on the **first Thursday of every month** in the Tom Hauley Room and cost £15 for the day, with the subject, tuition and tea/coffee provided. They are an ideal opportunity to switch off and spend a whole day with a group of friendly, like-minded people, concentrating on painting and nothing else. Contact Nick Baldwin on 01295 276465 for more information. New members are always welcome.

On 5th September our workshop is pencil drawing. The workshop on October 3rd is titled "Autumn Colour" when we can use our own choice of medium. A full programme is available on request by calling Pam on 01926 814923 or emailing harburyart@hotmail.com

Pam McConnell

Reminder - September Art Classes

A reminder to all those who are teetering on the edge of joining my very conveniently located art classes, that they begin on the 9th, 10th and 11th of September. There are now seven time slots to choose from covering Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with two evening sessions. For further details, please phone Jan on 01926 614251 / 07746 871134.

Jan Freeman

Harbury Carnival 8th June 2013

As promised last month, here are the prize winners on the day:

Procession

Decorated Float Trade	1 st Cana Goes Dog Inn – Cana Import
Decorated Float Private 1	1 st British Astroways – Markham and Watson Families, 2 nd Wizard of Oz – Harbury Theatre Group
Children's Float	1 st Underwater World – Harbury Pre-School, 2 nd Woodland – Windmills Nursery School
Decorated Bike/Pram/Car	1 st Star Wars 7 – The Wilsons
Walking Tableau Family	1 st Bill and Ben – Julie and Holly, 2 nd Rolloking Hunts – The Rollason and Hunt Families
Walking Tableau Adults	1 st Harbury High Street Stores – Harbury WI, 2 nd Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes – Bumps and Bundles
Walking Tableau Children (More Than 8 persons)	1 st Superheroes – Harbury Primary School

Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons) 1st Shrek and Princess Fiona – Leyton and Mia, 2nd Two Peas in a Pod – Alisha and Indi, 3rd Wimbledon 2013 – Alice and Emma

Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup) Oliver

Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup) Chris Beaton

Best Adult Walking Group (John Ridgley Trophy) Harbury WI

Fancy Dress

Under 5yrs 1st Thomas - "Nemo", 2nd Flynn - "Spider", 3rd Seren - "Red Riding Hood"

5-7yrs 1st "Mermaid", 2nd "Yoda", 3rd "Miss Pom Pom"

8-10yrs 1st Holly - "Flowerpot Man", 2nd Nat, Morgan, Seb and Joe - "Punk Rockers of Harbury", 3rd Ruby - "Japanese Girl"

11-17yrs 1st Alisha and Indi - "Two Peas in a Pod", 2nd Alice - "Tennis Racket", 3rd Georgia, Emily & Liz - "Greek Gods and Goddesses"

Adult Group 1st The Rollason and Hunt Families - "Rolloking Hunts", 2nd Rob and Libby Darlison - "Cana Goes Dog Inn", 3rd Harbury Theatre Group - "Wizard of Oz"

Adult Individual 1st Chris Beaton - "Tin Man", 2nd Andy Hunt - "Gamecock", 3rd Jeanne Beaumont - "Chemist Shop"

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

We had another good year in the fundraising department, raising just over £2,000 which will be donated to village causes in the usual way. So, if your organisation/charity is in need of some funds, please contact me on 614258.

John Broomfield

Thursday Club

This afternoon (25th July) we held our final meeting which was very well attended.

After paying all expenses we are able to make a donation and felt the most suitable cause would be the "Senior Citizens". We are therefore pleased to say we were able to donate £110.

Very many thanks to you all for the lovely rose tree and card which were presented to us. Many thanks to Pam, Kath and Jean for their help and support.

Peggie & Bill Middleton

Movement 2 Music

The final M2M session in July ended with welcome refreshments for all those who attended, as Jackie had provided three types of delicious home-made cakes to accompany the tea/coffee on offer. All those present on the last occasion, expressed a hope that the 1 hour series of activities for the over 60's, led by dance teacher, Geraldine, would continue after the Summer break and the intention is to re-start on the second Thursday in September (**12th Sept**) at the usual time – 2.00pm-3.00pm. Once the group is re-established, it might be possible to ascertain whether the sessions are viable, as a minimum of 16 people are needed to cover the costs of each session and we still need to 'pay back' the Village Hall for several sessions held during the warm summer months when attendance was lower than hoped.

There have been several suggestions about a joining fee, but the organisers, Jackie and Chris, wanted to avoid this if at all possible, so that costs for each attendee were kept as low as possible. We will wait to see what happens in September, but we hope we will see many of the people on the list returning for our regular 'get-togethers', which are as much about social contact as energetic exercise. We don't think you will be disappointed, so come and join us – the cost is £2.50/session and will be weekly in future, as the Thursday Club ceased its meetings in July after many years providing a welcome break with tea/talks and togetherness for Senior Citizens.

Chris Finch



Bumps, Bundles and Tots

In July Bumps had a lovely musical session run by Helen Iles, we had lots of bubbles, songs and a baby friendly camp fire to sing round made out of felt. The children really enjoyed it and the mothers too. The remainder of July has been the normal tea, coffee and squash due to the heat!

Bumps will carry on throughout the school holidays, and during the second week of August we will hopefully go to the park, weather permitting, for a picnic. We meet every Tuesday 10:30am until 12 noon behind the Church.



Kelly and Henry



Harbury Village Library

The Summer Reading Challenge, for primary age school children, is now in full swing and lots of you have already joined in with the Creepy House theme and its scratch and sniff stickers. However, there's no limit to the number of children who can join the challenge to read six books during the summer holiday and all you need to do is have your own library card. If you're not a member, you can join online either at home or in the library.

Why do the kids get all of the fun? This year, adults can also do their own summer reading challenge in libraries. You are challenged to read six books in six weeks – any books of your choice. All you have to do is pick up a collector card in the library and bring it back to be stamped each time you've read two books (three visits to the library). When you finish, you receive a certificate and are entered into a draw in September for book-related prizes.

At the moment, we have lots of new and very nearly new books and the shelves are looking a bit full! However, have you got any children's DVD's, in good condition, which you'd be willing to donate to the library? We're sorry but we are unable to accept adult DVDs because of copyright issues. However, if anyone has any audio books to donate, we are able to lend them.

Sue Wurr

Tunes and Tales: Two summer sessions of Tunes and Tales will be held at normal times on 22nd August and 29th August.

Tim Lockley

Warwickshire Young Voices

Calling all Young Singers!



Warwickshire Young Voices are recruiting now for the new term in September 2013. The WYV team of highly experienced music teachers are ready for a fantastic, fun new year of singing and music activities for children aged 3-16.

Younger budding musicians (aged 3-7) can

now join us on Saturday mornings at The Graham Adams Centre in Southam

for Kodaly based Musicianship Classes. 'Make Me Musical' classes will be led by WYV's Musical Director, David Iles (BA Hons Music, PGCE.) They will be a creative, fun way for children to learn how to understand the basic musical elements and learn to read and write their own music by the age of 7!

The very popular 'Warwickshire Young Voices Community Choir' is also recruiting singers aged 7-16. This fun choir is open to all without audition. It is a great place to learn all aspects of using the voice as well as enjoying opportunities for performance in a dynamic, friendly environment with a team of committed and highly skilled teachers and musicians. New for September 2013 - *WYV Community Choir - Leamington* on Monday evenings 6.30-7.30pm at Dale St Methodist Hall, in addition to the established *WYV Community Choir - South* on Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm at Harbury Village Hall.

Also, watch out for a new series of 'Make a Noise Tots' themed workshops and classes for 2-4 year olds introducing preschool aged children to the magical world of music.

All Warwickshire Young Voices activities are very popular and places go fast - see website for more information or to book your place online www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org

Email us at wyvoices@gmail.com or join us on Facebook to be the first to hear of our activities!

Music is a skill for life - let's pass it on!

Community Choir

Celebrates Success: The Summer Term came to a close for Warwickshire Young Voices Community Choir with a celebration of the Young Singers' successes over the year.

With the last whole choir performance of the year accomplished at the fantastic 'Midsummer Madness' Music Festival in Southam, the choir held their annual awards ceremony and Fish and Chip supper evening for its 50 young singers and their families.



All of the young singers received a Certificate of Achievement celebrating their commitment to the choir during a busy year of performing and recording.

Thirty members of the choir also received commendation awards; Young Singer Commendations, Chorister Commendations, Solo Commendations and Special Commendations.

Seventeen members received their RSCM: Voice For Life syllabus awards in White, Light Blue and Dark Blue after having been examined in both the use of their voice and in their ability to understand music theory and read the vocal score by Musical Director, David Iles. These singers received their certificates on the day and will receive their ribbons and medals at the RSCM Music Festival at Birmingham Cathedral next term.

It has been an honour to work with such a professional and talented group of young singers - what a fantastic year! As always we are left wondering how to top it again next year...

See you in September!!

Helen Iles
Warwickshire Young Voices
www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org
wyvoices@gmail.com



Harbury Ballroom Dancing Group

Annie's ballroom dance classes start again on Wednesday, September 18th for 5 consecutive weeks at the Village Hall. There is a beginners group from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, with the rest of the group joining at 8pm through to 9.30pm.

It's fun, informal and a great way of keeping fit. Newcomers are most welcome but you do need a partner. No previous experience is needed. The cost is £25 for beginner couples and £30 for the rest of the group.

You can just turn up on the night to join, or contact Jo or Geoff on 613341, or email us at jomulley@doctors.org.uk

Jo Marston



Blood Donors

Our last session fell three short of a century. Now that the holiday period is here, if you are able to, please make a big effort to attend the next session. Unfortunately, illness and accidents don't take holidays! So if you can, bring a friend; starting age is 17.

The team will be in Harbury Village Hall on Wednesday 21st August; times 1.30-3.30pm and 4.30-7.30pm. To make an appointment and save time, please phone 0300 123 2323 or visit www.blood.co.uk.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Energy Initiative

I'm not sure if it's worth spending money on improving my house. My energy bill has gone up a lot. How do I find out what I can do?



Anyone in HEI will help you. We can put you in touch with the Energy Saving Cooperative and they give free advice initially. If you spend a lot on energy and have not improved your insulation you will almost certainly benefit. The Green Deal is there to help you. We can explain how it works.

**Bob Sherman—Tel: 612277
shermanbob55@gmail.com**

Harbury NSPCC Committee

Many thanks to all those came along to our Greek Evening in the Tom Hauley Rooms on 12th July. We made a total profit of £752.44, which is excellent so thank you for your support.

Our next Ladies Lunch is on Thursday 26th September. More details in next month's Harbury News.

Elaine Bruce



How Harbury Celebrated Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee

After many months, if not years, of planning, Queen Victoria's Jubilee was celebrated nationwide on 20th and 21st June 1887 with all the pomp and ceremony of a state occasion.

It would seem that Harbury had not really planned anything by way of celebration, since on 11th April 1887, the Vicar received a letter from the High Sheriff of Warwickshire suggesting various ways in which the Jubilee could (or should) be celebrated.

The Sheriff outlined a suitable programme which included Divine Service, a Public Dinner, Tea, Sports and Dancing. There were a mere ten weeks to make all the arrangements! The Vicar took it upon himself to contact a number of prominent residents to help with the arrangements and also to persuade them to help with the costs.

A public meeting was called on Tuesday 3rd May to discuss plans for the celebrations on Tuesday 21st June. At the commencement of this meeting it was announced that subscriptions for the celebration stood at £54 plus a cask of beer from Messrs Flower & Sons of Stratford on Avon.

The meeting was well attended and the Vicar was duly elected to chair the meeting. The minutes of this meeting record that "The room was nearly full and there was a very large attendance, especially of the working class."

A committee elected from those present was formed and duly met two days later (on 5th May) to start on the pressing business in hand. It was resolved "to provide a Public Dinner gratuitously to all adults, male and female, above the age of thirteen. Tea for all the children under thirteen."

Much detailed planning was carried out over the next few committee meetings when the difficulties associated with feeding 720 adults and 329 children were dealt with. A Committee of Ladies was set up alongside the men's committee, to "arrange and superintend the tea", but it is not clear exactly what their responsibilities were. However, the Committee of Ladies was further requested to "undertake to provide the bread, plum puddings and tablecloths."

To give some idea of the numbers involved, below is an estimate for the dinner menu which was served.

Meat	720 lbs at 8d per pound
Potatoes	360 lbs
Bread	180 loaves
Plum Pudding	360
4 casks of beer	(36 gallons each)

Just to seat everyone was a mammoth task but the loan of rick cloths by local farmers which were used to form shelters helped to make sure that the weather did not spoil the proceedings.

The distribution of the free beer was discussed and finally it was resolved that the men be issued with green tickets which entitled them to one pint or two half pints of beer. Pink tickets would be issued to the ladies entitling them to half a pint. In each case a bottle of lemonade could be obtained in lieu of the beer. After dinner a further green ticket would be issued to the men only.

And so to the day itself:-

The proceedings commenced at 11.30am with Divine Service in the Parish Church. This was followed by the Dinner and the distribution of the free beer. A second distribution of beer was made to the men and the toast for the health of the Queen was proposed.

The children were then served tea by the Committee of Ladies and after this sports became the order of the day.

The programme of sports included, for men, 150 yards flat race, hop, step and jump, throwing a cricket ball, and a blindfolded wheelbarrow race. For the women, cutting down ½ lb of tea, blindfolded and blowing out a candle, also blindfolded. The final races were for the children only.

The prizes for winning were quite substantial. For example, first prize for the wheelbarrow race was 5 shillings (which is equivalent to approximately £23 today).

The day ended with dancing to the Herr Meinenheimer Rhein Bavarian string band which entertained everyone until 10 o'clock.

Although the day itself was obviously a great success, the proceedings were somewhat muted because of the sudden death of the Vicar during the early stages of the organization for the celebrations. As a result of this the parishioners had been requested not to decorate the streets and no peal of bells would be rung from the Church.

So the £54 originally collected gave 720 adults and 329 children a day to remember, with money left over to give each child a medal commemorating Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

A final note: £1 in 1887 would be equivalent to very nearly £92 now!

The above information and further details can be found in the Harbury Heritage Room at the school.

The room is open on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30-8.30pm. Therefore our next two open evenings are 6th August and 3rd September.

Alan Barr



Southam & District Lions Present the 2013 Ken Graham Senior Citizens Party

Southam and District Lions present the 2013 Ken Graham Party for Senior Citizens, to be held at Southam College on Saturday 21st September 2013 at 2.00pm.

We welcome all senior citizens from around the district to this annual party and everyone has a great time with sherry, entertainment and a lovely afternoon tea all organised and run by the Southam Lions and their ladies!!

Please contact Malcolm Jakeway: 01926 814294 or Brian Howard 01926 812797.

Peter Guy

Southam Community Education Centre - Autumn Term Programme

Community Education classes run by Southam College commence week starting 9th September, 2013. Leaflets will be available from local libraries, shops and the Leisure Centre or visit our website www.southamcollege.com and follow the community education link from the homepage or under the 'About Us' tab.

For further information, please contact us on 01926 810942 or email comm.ed.s@welearn365.com The office re opens on Monday 2nd September.

Sue Hawthorn
Community Education Centre



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Stanley Draper

Stanley sadly died on the 9th July at Myton Hospice with his family around him.

Molly and her family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and letters following the death of Stan who was a wonderful husband, dad, grandfather and great granddad. He was loved by all his family.

We moved to Harbury in 2008 to be nearer to our son Kenneth and Pat. Over the past five years we have been made very welcome and this was highlighted when Stan died, with so many people offering their condolences and support to me.

We would sincerely like to thank Rev. Annie for a wonderful service. She made it feel very personal. We would also like to thank family and friends who attended the service. This gave me great comfort.

Stan had a great personality that will never be forgotten.

Love from Molly and her family

Dear Editors

My family and I would like to thank our many Harbury friends for their kind thoughts and prayers following John's death. We very much appreciated the presence of friends who were able to attend the funeral.

Thank you,

Edyth Algar

Dear Editors

Warwickshire Open Studios: 29th June to 14th July 2013

Many Harbury residents and those from further afield, will have been aware and possibly visited, some of the local Artists, Sculptors, and Craftspeople exhibiting their work as part of the Warwickshire Open Studios fortnight during the first two weeks in July. This is a well-established, county-wide event, which now boasts several hundred people who open their studios, homes, garden sheds, and other venues, to exhibit their art to the local communities in which they live.

Although I'm not a resident of Harbury (we almost were, when we moved to the area back in 2005, but ended up nearby), I have often exhibited in your wonderful Library and Biblio's café, with much support from Peter McDonald, and this led to a conversation about using this great venue to show a much larger selection of my work, as part of the above event.

I am writing this short piece to say a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who run the Library and café, many of whom are now firm friends, and without whose unstinting support and many kindnesses, I would not have been able to put on my show. I was also allowed to have a work table, and stand for my greetings cards, in the porch, which provided a great opportunity

to meet many of the local residents, who quickly made me feel part of your wonderful village. Quite a few of you were kind enough to visit more than once, although I'm sure this was more to do with the fantastic cakes, and excellent tea and coffee offered by Biblio's, than a desire to meet me!

I had the most wonderful two weeks, memories of which I will cherish for a very long time. It's always difficult to single out individuals from such a wide group of supporters, but I cannot end without offering particular thanks to Chris, Lynn, Gill, John and, of course, Peter.

And, I'm also now a fully signed-up member of the Library (thanks, Chris), and will be visiting regularly to exchange books, and enjoy a coffee with my new friends.

Thanks to all of you.

Caroline Gatehouse

Dear Editors

The proceeds from the Coffee Morning on 6th July were £326.50. Thank you to all who joined us. As always, we appreciated the offers of cakes, raffle prizes, donations and bric-a-brac etc. We as a group, (past and present members), started fund raising for Myton Hospice approximately thirty years ago. In that time the amazing amount given is officially £101,421.52. This would not have been possible without your generosity, we hope you will continue to support this worthy cause.

Again, thank you.

Doreen Bloxham, on behalf of Harbury Support Group

FOUND: Chamilia bracelet in Mill Street on Friday 26th July. Please call 612155 if you think it could be yours.

Regular Diary Dates

ART CLASSES: The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Tuesday 10am -12 noon (614251)

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (814923 or 01295 276465)

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

Mondays evenings 7:30 - 9:00pm; (612627)

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (01788 816214)

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm (614809); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 noon (612864)

BIBLIO'S CAFÉ (WITHIN HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY): Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am – 12 noon and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon

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

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

BUMPS & BUNDLES: Tom Hauley Room, Tuesdays, 10.30am – 12 noon (614150 or 611914)

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES: Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (07837 152839)

CHURCH MEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612765)

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00 noon (613214)

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15pm (614730)

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm – 9.00pm (614375)

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 8:00pm (07939 679533)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Harbury Village Club, 1st Thursday in the month 8:00pm (613730)

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 6's/7s - Year 1 & Year 2 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 01926 613330

Training: Saturday 9.00 am Harbury School

Under 8s - Year 3 (Mixed)

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 01926 612617

Training: Saturday 9.00 am Harbury School

Under 9s - Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Bob Church Tel: 01926 614366

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 10s – Year 5 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 12s – Years 6 & 7 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm Southam College 3g Pitch

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12 noon – 3.30pm, Tues & Thurs – 9.00am, - 3.30pm, Wed & Fri – 9.00am – 1.30pm (07939 122087) enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP: Last Tuesday of the month Shakespeare Inn (611930)

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 9.30 - 11:15am

HARBURY UKULELE GROUP: Shakespeare Inn, 1st & 3rd Monday of the month 8.00pm, contact Craig (612377)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498 (evenings).

Bingo every Friday 8.30pm - non members welcome.

HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:00pm (613730)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)
8:00pm Contact David Powell-Tuck (614492)

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

NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursday evenings, Juniors 6.00 till 7.30pm
& Seniors 7.30 till 8.30pm, Matches on Saturday Afternoon (613163)

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Tom Hauley Room, 3rd Saturday in the month 7.30am (612782)

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

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

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00 - 8.30pm (614177)

TABLE TENNIS: Village Hall, Thursdays, 9.30 - 10.30am (614809)

TAI CHI: Ufton Village Hall, Monday, 7.15pm – 8.45pm (612277)

TENNIS CLUB:

Adult / Student Members Playing Times:

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

Saturdays: (from Sept to March) 10.00am – 12 noon

Sundays: (from April to August) 10.00am – 12 noon

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

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

Non-members - Courts should be booked at Country Fayre, Chapel Street (£4 per court per hour) Floodlit bookings - £7 per court per hour.

Minis and Juniors (age 3 - 17) For details of Junior membership, contact Sue Mercer: sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk

Coaching: Adult and Junior coaching takes place throughout the year.

For up to date information contact admin@tennisolutions.co.uk

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

WARWICKSHIRE YOUNG VOICES: Village Hall, Thursdays 6.30 - 8.00pm (614150)

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (612708)

WEDNESDAY WALKERS: Village Hall, Wednesday 9.40am (614188)

WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL: In the grounds of Harbury Primary School,
Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.35pm (07906 519148)
info@windmillsnursery.co.uk

YOGA: Ladbroke Village Hall, Tuesday 10.00 – 11.30am and the Tom Hauley Room,
Wednesday 7.00 – 9.00pm Dianne Surgey (817904)

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

ZUMBA: Village Hall, Sunday, 9.00-10.00am, (0789 067 1869)

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

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

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

Priest in Charge: Father Craig Grocock, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
Tel.: 612377, Email: kankudai43@aol.co.uk www.allsaintsharbury.org

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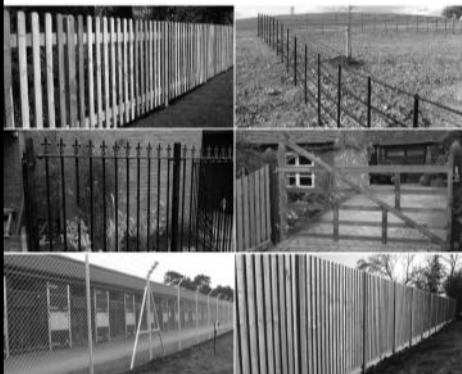
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