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## Editorial

As the Christmas season approaches, there are celebrations with Christmas Services at Harbury, Chesterton and Ladbroke – details of which appear in the magazine. The Christmas concert at All Saints', Harbury will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, followed by refreshments. A new experience for Harbury will be the live nativity, with Mary and Joseph journeying from the Old New Inn around the village, ending up at the Village Hall, where there will be music and carols.

Looking ahead to the next edition of the News, the deadline for articles will be Boxing Day 26<sup>th</sup> December and distribution will be Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The Editors wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Andrew Cleaver, Pamela Rigby and Kenneth Walker.

# Harbury Diary

## DECEMBER

- |       |    |  |
|-------|----|--|
| Sat   | 7  | Small Business Saturday<br>Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room<br>in aid of Ladbroke W.I.<br>PCC Christmas Fayre, 2.00-4.00pm in Village Hall   |
| Sun   | 8  | <b>ADVENT II</b><br>Holy Communion, 8.00am<br>Sung Eucharist, 10.30am<br>Songs of Praise, 4.00pm<br>Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  |
| Mon   | 9  | Advent Meditation, 7.00pm in Church  |
| Tues  | 10 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall<br>Holy Communion, 7.30pm  |
| Wed   | 11 | Wednesday Walkers, Grandborough to Woolcotte with optional<br>pub lunch, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park<br>Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room<br>Southam/Feldon Community Forum, Police surgery 6.30pm,<br>Community Forum starts at 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football<br>Club |
| Thurs | 12 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee<br>Tunes & Tales, 10.00-10.30am, Harbury Village Library  |

- Thurs 12 Harbury W.I. 'Getting organised' by Geoff & Joan Todd, 7.45pm  
in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 13 School Christmas Discos and Infants' Party
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Multiple Sclerosis  
Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner Party, 5.00 for 5.30pm in  
Village Hall  
Chesterton Church Candlelit Carol Service, 5.00pm
- Sun 15 ADVENT III**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Christingle Service, 4.00pm  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Mon 16 Advent Meditation, 7.00pm in Church
- Tues 17 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 18 No walk today  
Tea, 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Christmas Concert, 7.30pm, All Saints, Harbury
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00-10.30am, Harbury Village Library  
School Ends
- Sat 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Free Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
Live Nativity starting at 3.00pm from The Old New Inn  
to Village Hall, arriving approx. 3.30pm
- Sun 22 ADVENT IV**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Little Saints Service, 9am followed by breakfast in  
Tom Hauley Room  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
- Tues 24 CHRISTMAS EVE  
Dressing of the Crib, 2.00pm  
Village Candlelit Carol Service, 6.30pm  
Midnight Mass, 11.15pm
- Wed 25 CHRISTMAS DAY  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
No walk today
- Thurs 26 ST STEPHEN'S DAY  
N.B. No service today  
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BY 5.30PM

Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Rotary Club

**Sun 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Tues 31 N.B. No service today

**JANUARY 2014**

Thurs 2 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury Art Group, 10.00am-3.00pm Acrylic or Oil session  
Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Club 8.00pm, Village Club

Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Church Army  
Tennis Club Muffler Tournament  
New Year Dance 7.15 for 8.00pm at the Village Hall

**Sun 5 EPIPHANY**

Sung Eucharist, 9.00am

Celtic Service, 6.00pm

Tues 7 School starts  
Harbury Heritage Room open 6.30-8.30pm, Harbury School  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society Story of Modern Water Lilies -  
Linda Smith 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 8 Wednesday Walkers, Oakley Wood to Ashorne (4 miles),  
meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park  
Mothers' Union Party, 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room

Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00-10.30am, Harbury Village Library

Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Mothers Union

**Sun 12 BAPTISM OF CHRIST/EPIPHANY I**

Holy Communion, 8.00am


Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

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





Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
December	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	11	12	13	Grey Bin
	18	19	20	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	Fri 27	Sat 28	Mon 30	Grey Bin
Jan 2014	Fri 3	Sat 4	Mon 6	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	Thur 9	Fri 10	Sat 11	Grey Bin
	15	16	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins

	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<b>Reverend Craig Grocock</b>
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### Advent - Putting the waiting back into wanting

Do you feel at all stressed by the coming of Christmas? I'm not . . . Vicars never get stressed at Christmas! Are you troubled about all the money you still *have* to spend on presents, food and decorations? If we let it, current financial challenges will just add to this anxiety, making us more worried about all the money we are spending. That's if we let it. How about if we don't? How about if we *use* the challenges to make us rein-in our spending, to turn our focus away from buying stuff and reclaim the true spirit of Advent! The true spirit of Advent I hear you cry! What's that then?

Fr Christopher Jamison, who used to be the Abbott of Worth Abbey, writes in one of his books:

"Advent is the traditional month of preparation before Christmas, a time of fasting and intense prayer, a time of eager expectation. It is above all a time to celebrate waiting as a normal part of human experience, when the Christian tradition invites us to wait for the birth of a child. In Advent we rejoice that we are waiting, that there is still time to prepare a way for the Lord and we celebrate the virtue of patience. By contrast, the consumer world tells us not to wait but to 'buy now.' Greed cannot wait, so to learn to wait is a simple antidote to greed."

But we aren't too good at waiting and being patient if we're honest; we expect everything now or yesterday. Waiting is odd, weird and certainly countercultural.

Advent traditionally has been a season of the year where we are encouraged to take a step back and reflect on what God's coming to us at Christmas means and to wait for its arrival. The four weeks leading up to Christmas invite us to take some time out to think about Jesus' coming to us, not just as an event in history, but his coming to each of us every day of the week.

Take some time out this Advent to stop, think, reflect and wait. Enjoy the season of Advent for what it's meant to be, slow down a bit, watch and wait and then be truly prepared to celebrate the greatest event the world has ever known with real joy.

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Funerals at All Saints' Harbury*

4 <sup>th</sup> November	Andrew Cleaver (58 years)
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Pamela Rigby (83 years)
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Kenneth Walker (92 years)

### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

27 <sup>th</sup> October	Sophia Rose Fitzharris
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Olivia Minchin

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Mothers' Union</h2>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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At our annual meeting in November, our leader Sue Boniface summarized some of the high spots of our year. As well as some interesting and inspiring speakers each month, we have supported Coventry Food Bank and given a presentation copy of the Bible to every couple married in Harbury and Ladbroke. At diocesan level we have supported the AFIA holiday scheme and several members buy presents for prisoners' children through the Angel Tree Project. Many of our members have an overseas box, and we also gave to the fund for our diocesan president to give M.U. badges to members in Madagascar. And, as you receive this magazine, we shall be running a stall at the Christmas Fayre – come and see Harbury's first Mother Christmas in her bathroom.

Sue thanked Chris Jones who leaves the committee after seven years as speakers' organizer – Sally Heigl takes on that role. We welcome new

committee members Sue Field (who will pick up the treasurer's reins from Marion) and Barbara Fowkes who joins Sue and Chris Rutherford.

January's meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> (not New Year's Day) at 2.30pm for a party theme. Please bring a wrapped gift for the Bran Tub.

And Sue and the committee wish all the members a joy filled Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



## **Church Men's Group**

**John Guilford (Co-Chair)**

Stephen Cox was our speaker last month, a dentist by profession and it is his profession that has taken him deep into the dark forests and murky waters of the Amazon in Peru, as a volunteer with the Vine Trust.

This involvement came about thanks to Stephen's son, a Pastor in Glasgow, who had heard that the Vine Trust was looking for a volunteer dentist to support their work in Peru and kindly volunteered his dad!

Volunteer doctors, dentists and a small medical team travel to the small forest clearings along the Amazon river bank in small converted ex Royal Navy ships crewed by Peruvians, to provide free essential health care to the wonderfully friendly local people.

The locals have grown to trust the "Little Ships" and when they arrive at the village; it's the children who are first to rush down to greet them. The people who need help come and sit patiently in the "waiting room" on deck before being treated. Needless to say the conditions are not ideal but the volunteer team do a great job and Stephen is a key part of this team for a few weeks each year.

Stephen spoke fondly and passionately of his experiences over the many years he has been involved. Peru is clearly a country he loves and he shows a real passion and desire to help these wonderful people. The work he does and the fact that he does all of this as a volunteer is truly inspirational.

Next month we move closer to home! Alan Barr is involved in the Harbury Heritage room and he will be talking to us about some of the stories he has uncovered from the archives about the Queen Victoria Jubilee celebrations in Harbury.

No doubt, even in those times, people of Harbury would have known how to enjoy themselves but I suspect it may have been a little different from recent celebrations in the village for Queen Elizabeth.

Why not come along to the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (7.45pm) and hear all about it. If you would like to join us please just come along or contact John Guilford (614206) or John Stringer (613214).



## Harbury Live Nativity

Preparations for the Harbury village 'Live Nativity' on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013 are almost complete, and we look forward to as many as possible being able to join us as we follow the Christmas story, singing carols as we go.

Mary and Joseph will begin their journey from the Old New Inn in Farm Street at around 3pm. They will travel along Manor Orchard and Heber Drive, and then along Mill Street, stopping off at various places on the way to find room for the night.

Once Mary and Joseph have settled in the stable, the Heavenly Host of Angels will appear to the shepherds as they settle for the night on the green outside the Village Hall, to tell them the Good News – this will be around 3.30pm – so you could also follow them as they make their way to the stable.

When all the characters have finally made it to the stable – you will have to follow them to find where it is – there will be more music and carols to sing.

Please join us as we re-create this wonderful story. Children, and adults if they would like to, are invited to dress up as one of the characters – or even one of the animals! At the end of the afternoon there will be refreshments - mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and biscuits.

If you want any further information or would like to offer help at the event, please contact Revd Annie Goldthorp on 614868 or Gill Guilford on 614206.

**Revd Annie Goldthorp**



## Christmas Concert – All Saints, Harbury

Diatonic Choir director Bernard Sutton and organist Edward Jenkins will present a Christmas Concert at All Saints, Harbury on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be served in the interval. Tickets are £6 and are available by calling 612844 or on the door. [www.diatonic-choir.co.uk](http://www.diatonic-choir.co.uk)

**Isobel Grimes**

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## DECEMBER

### Sun 8 ADVENT II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 10 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall  
WI Christmas Lunch

Thurs 12 Beer and Carols, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn

### Sun 15 ADVENT III

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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HARBURY BY 5.30PM

Wed 18 Home Group, 8.00pm Cherry Trees, School Lane

Sat 21 Whist, 7.45pm, Village Hall

### Sun 22 ADVENT IV

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm, followed by  
mulled wine and mince pies

Tues 24 Dressing the Crib Service, 3.30pm

### Wed 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Family Communion, 9.00am

Thurs 26 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM

### Sun 29 CHRISTMAS I

Holy Communion (spoken), 9.00am

## JANUARY 2014

Sat 4 Whist, 7.45pm, Village Hall

### Sun 5 CHRISTMAS II

Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Mon 6 Morning Prayer to celebrate Epiphany, 9.00am



## Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord & Jackie West

The Remembrance Service held at All Saints, Ladbroke was a moving and well attended service. Wreaths were laid under the Memorial Plaque in the Chancel by:

All Saints Church Ladbroke

St James School, Southam



Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI

Ex Servicemen

The Bell Ringers

The Parish Council

The Farming Community

The Village Hall and Millennium Green Committee

Having had several occasions this year when we have run out of hymn books, even when sharing one between two, we are purchasing additional copies and also a few large print versions for those that would find these easier to use. If you would like to sponsor a hymn book (£8 each), perhaps in memory of a loved one or just as a Christmas present to the church, please contact Sue Lord on 815153 or Jackie West on 810331.

Christmas is a special time for us as we think about God's gift to mankind - his son Jesus, who came to restore our relationship with God. Come and join us as we sing carols and celebrate Jesus' birth.

The Bell Inn will be the venue on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.00pm for a community carol singing evening led by Craig with music by Kate. A great start to the Christmas season.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, led by Bill Bosworth and the choir will be held on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 6.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

On **Christmas Eve** at 3.30pm children and the young at heart can think about the various characters in the Nativity at our Dressing the Crib Service.

Our **Christmas Day** service at Ladbroke will be at 10.30am this year.

Also Matins/Morning Prayer will be said at 9.00am on several days over the Christmas and New Year period, please check the notice in the church porch for details.

The Church Wardens wish you a peaceful Christmas and a healthy, happy new year.

## From the Registers

### *Funerals at All Saints Ladbroke*

24<sup>th</sup> October              Hilda Rutkowski (88 years)

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

24 <sup>th</sup> December	Jean Clews
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Jean Clews
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Valerie Copley
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Valerie Copley
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Carol Loftus
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Carol Loftus



## Ladbroke Parish Council

**Jackie West**

Many thanks this month to my husband, Simon, who attended the Parish Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November and took notes which form the basis of this report. As usual the formal minutes will appear on the village website and the noticeboard by the pub.

**Village Facilities:** The Village Hall and Millennium Green have given up progressing a legal merger but now have common trustees and a joint Operating Committee, one event per month is planned.

**British Legion:** Donations for poppies in Ladbroke came to £186 and the Parish Council, who placed a wreath at the war memorial in church on Remembrance Sunday, will donate a further £25.

**Budget for 2014-15:** This year the costs for the website are down from around £1000 to approx £150. Some items in the forthcoming budget were queried and debated e.g. "advertising" and contingencies for grants to enhance the Village Hall or Millennium Green. The precept for 2014-15 is expected to remain unchanged.

**Planning:** Notification has been given for the removal of two dead trees in the Bridge Lane spinney; approval for the prefab home being built at Folly Fields Farm is still pending, modifications to the changes at Church Cottage have been approved. Although the 45,000 panel proposed solar farm at Deppers Bridge comes up to the Ladbroke boundary and comments close on 26th November, the PC have not been invited to comment. The appeal regarding the wind farm near Knightcote is still awaiting a decision (from Eric Pickles) and the one near Wormleighton/Fenny Compton is classed as pending but now lies within the HS2 safeguarded area. WCC has approved the temporary travellers' site by the Southam to Napton road, for a three year trial but there may now be an issue over the land ownership. SDC have still not declared their proposed sites for travellers and Warwick DC are reviewing the responses to the consultation on their proposals, which include several sites near Harbury.

**Highways, Footpaths & Drainage:** The empty sandbags have arrived; people whose home is at risk of flooding and want some of these bags should contact Martin Neal. Last time it was reported a survey had been done and reached the arrows on the road stage. However, who did the survey and what happens next is unclear as our contact in Highways Dept. doesn't know. Parts of the edge of the road on the way to Deppers still have a large drop.

Chris Williams advised that the Ladbroke proposal for the balancing pond is now ahead of many other schemes as these have failed due to insufficient match funding. The PC will chase progress on developing the scheme with Mike Green, who spoke on it at the July meeting.

**HS2:** Ladbroke Parish Council has been asked to affiliate with 51m; there is no cost for this, it just shows we support this opposition group. HS2 Community forums have now ceased. The Hybrid Bill phase will start on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. The 55,000 page environmental report is **not** going to be provided as hard copy but, if requested, as a soft copy on a memory stick! The Parish Clerk was sent a memory stick as part of providing a copy to Ladbroke Parish Council but refused it.

**WCC:** Bob Stevens reported that the Council has to save a further £92m (out of £400m) over the next four years, with anticipated losses of 600 jobs. The main cuts are expected to be in children and adult care; personalised budgets are getting more popular but take up so far is low. Health and social services are to become more joined up between the NHS and WCC - there is no new money just a different balance. During strikes by the Fire Brigade, cover in Warwickshire is very limited. As part the Folletts Development in Bishops Itchington there is a proposal for a new surgery.

**SDC:** Chris Williams reported that the Core Strategy for the next 15 years may need to account for 12,000 new homes, rather than the 9,500 being consulted on, although the logic of this is being queried. The number of councillors is being reduced from 52 to 36, with approx 3000 people per ward, ours will change to Fenny Compton and Napton. Car parking in Stratford Council car parks is free on Thursdays after 4pm in the run up to Christmas.

**St James School, Southam:** The school has suspended use of an adjacent grassed area as a playing field because they do not meet safeguarding responsibilities (currently open to road, public, dogs etc). They are negotiating with WCC and other interested parties over land ownership, ability to fence part off etc. Building work has started on a permanent classroom to replace a temporary one.

**AOB:** There is a concern that the village will become a rat run as drivers try to avoid delays due to developments in the area affecting normal routes.







## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Jackie West

As usual our president, Sue Moore had lots of information for us at the start of the November meeting including details of our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the White Hart in Ufton and reminders that subs should be brought to the January meeting and also the voting slip (from WI life) on which of the four resolutions we wished to be debated at the 2014 National meeting.

Then she handed over to Alan Winterburn who, just as last year, entertained us with a presentation full of interesting and amusing tales. During his talk, "Cotswold Curiosities" he showed us slides of milestones, market crosses, churches, pubs, gravestones and the like, all of which had a story behind them. We learnt that "Stow-on-the-Wold where the wind blows cold" was not only the highest town in the Cotswolds but the site of the last battle in the Civil War, the tower on the hill outside Broadway was built to see and be seen from Croome Court in Worcestershire, the church at Wyck Rissington has a yew tree in the shape of the cross and is where Gustav Holst was briefly organist and choirmaster while Fairford has the church cat buried in its churchyard - it's unusual for an animal to be buried on holy ground but this one was said to have attended more services than most parishioners!



## Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

While others were out watching fireworks on 5<sup>th</sup> November we were in the warm, dry Village Hall, listening in fascination to the story of the Cardall Collection of historic photographs. Nick Cronin explained how he and other volunteers were given a tea chest full of old glass plate negatives to catalogue, scan and store in archive-quality wrapping. Despite their inevitable deterioration, the pictures gave us a view of the Southam area before the first World War. We saw people dressed up for the Southam Carnival which still continues a century later. There were rural scenes, too, such as the pictures shown here of a wagon repairer and the local lads dressed to kill with suits and button-holes. But we don't know who they are or what was going on because the negatives were not labelled at the time they were taken so we joined the detective process to find out as much as possible about them:

what do we really know from the picture, what do we think we might know and what can we guess at? Nick pointed out that much of the interest in older photographs lies in the incidental detail, such as pubs with signs saying "Accommodation for Cyclists" and a man in the carnival dressed as a woman and bearing a banner saying "Votes for Women". The collection will be housed in the new Southam library. We then looked at members' own historic photographs. The evening contained lessons for us all: label your photographs and keep pictures for their background detail as well as the main subject (an iPad in a picture today will be an object of historic fascination in 50 years' time).



**Wheelwrights**



**Local Lads, all dressed up**

Oh dear; it is hard enough discarding photos but now we have to look for incidental detail too - and then there is the prospect of labelling them all! We were glad to welcome visitors from Badby, Kineton and Chapel Ascote to the meeting and look forward to more visitors coming to our future events. Our next will be on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall when club members will be talking about cheating (sorry - manipulating images) and other

techniques. For more information see [tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or email [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## **Ladbroke General Section**

### **Ladbroke Village Hall and Millennium Green**

Both organisations held their AGMs on the same night and followed a similar format. Reports for the year summarised events and activities and thanked those involved, especially Paul Taylor, outgoing treasurer for the Millennium Green. Financial reports showed that for both the Village Hall and

Millennium Green, the events, donations and other fund raising had generated more income than expenditure. Although the two charities are not going to legally merge as the Charity Commission have repeatedly rebuffed their efforts, they plan to work as one body and therefore all the current trustees resigned and each AGM voted in, unanimously, the same set of three trustees: Kip Warr, Graham Lewis and Debra Graham-Neal.

A few days later the new joint committee had its first meeting and confirmed that its purpose was to organise everything needed for both the Village Hall and Millennium Green. Roles and responsibilities were defined, with a lot of continuity from before, for example Nicky Lewis tel. 815196 remains the contact for Village Hall bookings. Working parties for maintenance and fund raising events are always better with lots of people involved so while key people will be on the committee it is hoped that other villagers will join them in making things happen. One event per month is planned for 2014, the first two being a Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January and a Film Night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. As Ladbroke Village Hall and Millennium Green Committee & Supporters would be an incredibly long title it was decided use the name **Operation Ladbroke Team**.

And finally, for everyone buying over the internet in the run up to Christmas or in the New Year why not help the team raise money for the Millennium Green, at no cost yourself. Just go to **[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)** and sign up for your donations to go to Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust. Then, each time you buy something go via the easyfundraising site to enter the suppliers site, most of the well known ones e.g. Amazon, John Lewis, M&S etc are part of the scheme. If you want help in setting this up please contact Kip, Graham, Martin Neal or me.

**Jackie West**



## **Murder Mystery Dinner**

Rather than a panto this winter, the Ladbroke Players and Operation Ladbroke Team, invite you to a Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The evening will start with drinks and canapes and then you can settle down to Act 1 of the mystery. After a hot main course, the plot will thicken with Act 2. Desserts and clues from police reports will follow and then you will be able to make your accusations. The solution and winner will be revealed over coffee.

Tickets, costing £15, will be available from 15<sup>th</sup> December from Jackie (810331) Kip (815004) or Margie (817312). Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

**Jackie West**

## Ladbroke Bonfire and Fireworks

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November the weather in Ladbroke was much better than the weather forecast which I'm sure was a big relief to everyone involved with the bonfire and fireworks that evening. The morning was bright and sunny and anyone walking through the Millennium Green would have seen a working party of trustees working hard, wheeling barrow loads of shrub prunings and dragging old branches across the bridge into Farmyard Field on the high ground between the fishponds. From there a dumper truck transported it all to the ever growing pile of combustible material in the middle of the field.

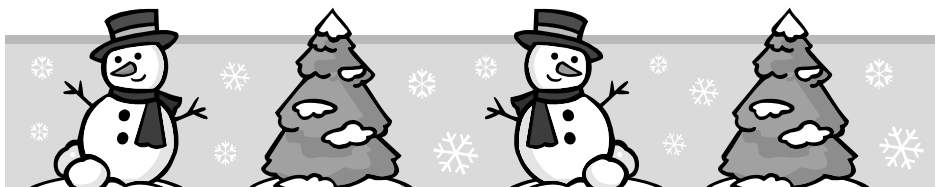
By the time 6.30pm and the public arrived the bonfire was well alight with the flames licking upwards to the guy perched on top and a busy team was providing refreshments. As you can imagine the BBQ was very popular, there is definitely something about the smell of barbecuing meat that makes you hungry but I wonder how many people knew that the sausages came from two Ladbroke-reared Tamworths. Those chaps from the Met. Office had warned of blustery winds but the field must be in a relatively sheltered position as the fire, despite its enormous size behaved itself. However, it was evident that a stiff westerly wind was blowing above tree level for when the fireworks began they whizzed, banged and shot stars right above our heads. As I've said before we are lucky in Ladbroke that we can enjoy so many great events right on our door step and on behalf of everyone who came to this year's bonfire and firework display a huge "Thank you" to the Teverson family and their friends for a splendid evening.

**Jackie West**

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£80	Sue Lord	£50	John and Jenny Barrett
£25	Jonathan Ford	£10	K Tancock
£10	Pete Edgar	£10	A and E Dowdswell
£10	Elaine Taylor	£10	Nicky Lewis

**Margaret Bosworth**





## Harbury Parish Council

### Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire

- Thank you to the 25% of Harbury households who completed a Neighbourhood Development Plan questionnaire.
- Thank you to the volunteers who collected them, in all weathers on dark Autumn nights.
- Thank you to the village organisations who displayed material at our Open Afternoon on 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- Thank you to the people (over 100) who came to meet us on 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to the 34 residents who have volunteered their help; we will be in touch.

If you have completed a questionnaire it may be returned to the Parish Office. If you want to complete one or offer your services as a volunteer there are spare ones at the Parish Office.

Your views are important to us and we want to gather as many of them as we can.

**Councillor Pat Summers**

### Quarterly Report

- Made progress on the Neighbourhood Plan
- Held regular meetings with the developers of the Harbury estate to help shape the proposed development of the site.
- Worked with the Tennis and Netball Clubs over resurfacing and re-fencing
- Commented on several controversial planning applications and attended SDC planning committee
- Agreed to investigate the replacement of the zipwire

The plastic bin outside the Village Hall on South Parade has now been stolen twice; if anyone has seen one of them (in a hedgerow perhaps) please let us know!

**Councillor Tim Lockley**



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

At November's meeting voting took place to choose a President.

Ann Mayer has been a marvellous President who took on an extra year to keep Harbury W.I. going. One cannot praise her enough for her hard work. She had a good committee although not a full one. Although members did not want to commit themselves they are good supporters and we are so grateful for their help.

Dorothy Groves was voted President for a second time and will be supported by Pam Parton.

Helen and Sylvia must be thanked for running the raffle for many years and Lyn Edwards who has overseen the yearly accounts.

We also thank John Travis who has provided our membership cards etc.

We have had some excellent photos taken by Tony and Kath Mancell.

The Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes will celebrate 95 years, with a Flower Festival to be held at the Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 4pm.

The group carol service is at Harbury Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Mince pies will be needed.

Gillian Hare reported that her helpers had boxed 173 shoeboxes. We must thank all members who had donated gifts.

Do not forget your present for the Bran Tub at our December meeting.

33 members went to Waitrose in Kenilworth on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We were welcomed by Nicola Neares and her team who each spoke of wines, cheeses, biscuits, sausages and Christmas bites and then we were requested to taste. That was not too hard and in fact we all enjoyed the pleasure!

We browsed afterwards and purchased some of the items we had tasted.

Thanks to Dorothy Travis for arranging the visit.

Best wishes to all readers.

**December meeting:** Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm. Speakers: Geoff and Joan Todd – "Getting Organised".





## Folk Club

Des Patalong

Debbie is in the throes of moving and tells me she is disconnected so her usual creative writing style for the Harbury Folk Club report has to be replaced with my more mundane and pedestrian style. This also means I have to decipher my notes which is no mean feat since even when printing I can't understand what I've written. However, club No. 348 had the theme of "Raise the Rafters – Raise the Roof" and proved to be yet another very busy night.

### **First Part:**

Debbie Ellis	My Little Footsies	Make Believe
Thrup'nny Bits:	Padstow Drinking Song	Down Among the Dead Men
Terry Babbage:	Cocaine Blues	Two Jigs (Dusty Windowsills and Roche's Favourite
Rik Middleton:	Windy Old Weather	Great Valerio
Martin Day:	The Last Dance	When All Men Sing
Ted and Sue Crum:	Nelly Was A Milkmaid	The Gasman Cometh

Debbie was MC for the evening and opened with a couple of self-penned poems the second of which reflected her pantomime season. This was swiftly followed by Thrup'nny Bits who introduced two lesser-known chorus songs - one collected in Padstow and another dating back to the reign of Queen Anne at least. Dead Men in this context means the empties. Terry entertained us with a blues and then a couple of jigs and Rik reminded us that some of Richard Thompson's songs are now forty years old. I'm sure that Great Valerio must sometimes have had Windy Old Weather to contend with as well. It was good to see Martin who gave us an interesting offering from Yorkshire and then gave us a song that I've been meaning to try for ages since it's an invitation for all to sing. The Crums did not disappoint in closing this part by which time the Harbury chorus engine was in full swing.

### **Second Part:**

Harbury Folk Choir:	Unison in Harmony	And I Will Sing
Peter McDonald:	Salvation Band	Shingle By Shingle
Maureen and Janny:	Whitby Maid	Marvellous Toy

Norman Wheatley:	Sammy's Bar	The TV Shanty
Rumble-O	Crow On The Cradle	A New Opera Hat
Pete and Liz Bones	Lancashire Hills	Singers Farewell

The second part opened with the Harbury Folk Choir. Usually this depletes the audience markedly but this was a busy night so the impact of so many rising to go to the front wasn't so dramatic. Apparently when the theme was announced they had been quite gleeful as their first offering was made for it. Peter remained on "stage" since he was there already. His second offering has nothing to do with stony beaches or with painful conditions but references roof material which was an interesting take on the theme. Maureen and Janny went to Yorkshire (popular destination?) and were then joined by Ian to assist them playing with their Marvellous Toy (quickly passing on). Norman apologised to Cyril Tawney for his second offering. The first song was a Cyril Tawney song with great chorus singing, the second was a parody and he invited Rik and Thrup'nnny Bits to assist with the chorus and the use of the remote controls. Mine didn't seem to be working though. They were followed by Rumble-o with a song and a tune. Pete and Liz finished the second part in fine style after parish notices had been given and the raffle drawn. I'm particularly fond of Lancashire Hills and we needed some balance having had offerings from Yorkshire.

### ***Third Part:***

Mick Bissiker:	Rose of Allendale	The Hardworking Boater
Floot Street:	The Kerry Fing/The Road to Errogie (2 reels)	Trevor's Waltz/Emmits Hedgehog/Boys of the Paddle (waltz and 2 jigs)
Keith Donnelly:	Building	Bungee Jumping for Jesus
The Harvesters:	Light From The Lighthouse	Beneath The Southern Cross

A lovely opening to the final part by Mick and a self-penned number about canal working. Floot Street offered us flute reels, waltz and jigs which gave chorus voices a break. Keith Donnelly, in his own inimitable style, decided to give us a poem about building with the suggestion that when completed it should be called "Built". He then gave us a very spiritual offering with an almost Hallelujah chorus. The Harvesters nearly brought the evening to a close with their offering, but I had been made aware of yet another Harbury supergroup (if we don't get one a month, it seems we're failing) and Sue and Ian were joined by Ted and Sue to finish us off with November Drinking Song.

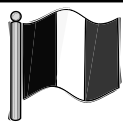
As is my conceit when running the event, I try to link the theme with the raffle charity. This month the collection was for Shelter which came to prominence



many decades ago and seemed to get a fillip from the broadcasting of “Cathy Come Home” which reflected on the then housing policy and poor housing conditions of those falling on hard times. Shelter find they have again to campaign vigorously about the impact of current welfare and housing policies and the impact on poorer families. The raffle raised £67 for their work and, as usual, I have included a link to their website for those interested in finding out more. <http://www.shelter.org.uk/>

And for those who have some time to spare, a link to YouTube and “Cathy Come Home”. It really is worth it:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1RYVjIP0dM>



## Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

At our AGM in November we said ***Merci*** to Treasurer Tom Smith after eight years of excellent guardianship of our accounts, and ***Bienvenue*** to Richard Marshall-Hardy who succeeds him.

Our cycling training has begun, and is going well. If you'd like to join us, please do. (It doesn't commit you to cycling all the way to France next April!) Our usual time is Saturday morning, starting from the Library car-park at 9.30am, but check with Richard first (613730).

As if to defy the predictors of bad luck, our Christmas Party will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Last year the Tom Hauley Room was transformed into a Paris fashion-house, as glamorous outfits were created out of unlikely materials. What will be this year's theme? ***Vendredi 13?*** The ***Tour de France?*** Watch this space!



## Harbury Juniors Football Club

Ian Jones

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those involved with Harbury Juniors Football Club a very Merry Christmas and to say a big thanks for all the hard work that is necessary to keep the children learning and playing football. We also have something to shout about with the recent recognition by the FA of one of our coaches, Steve Wharton. Well done Steve.

**Have a great Christmas!**

### Steve Wharton receives award

A football coach from Harbury received an FA award in October for his work in the grassroots game. Steve Wharton - who is currently involved with

Leamington Lions Girls FC and Harbury Juniors FC - was one of 150 volunteers celebrated in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. The Duke of Cambridge hosted the event which forms part of the governing body's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Steve has organised weekly 'Just Play' sessions at Warwick University and Leamington Football Club since the FA's introductory scheme was established three years ago. He believes they're a great way for new players of all ages to enjoy a game without the pressure or commitment required in more structured leagues.



Steve was extremely excited and honoured to be receiving the award. When he got the message from a friend he initially thought it was a wind up. He said that it's absolutely brilliant for everyone involved, for all the volunteers, and for Leamington Football Club.

*Courtesy of the Leamington Observer*

### **Under 9's Match Report: Malcolm Tanner**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> November: Byfield 5 v Harbury 0**

Whilst this was Harbury's first competitive match this season, they were not overawed by a Byfield side that had won 10-0 and 6-0 in their previous games.

Harbury matched their opponents early on with Harry L competitive in midfield and Rebecca H making some outstanding saves in goal. The team withstood much pressure to keep the score level for the first half.

However, Byfield scored a long range goal and gradually they increased their score to win 5-0 as Harbury wilted under the pressure.

Harbury should be pleased with their performance against one of the strongest teams in the league as they showed many positives for the rest of the season.

### **Under 10's Match Reports: Bob Church**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> November: Harbury 5 v Hillmorton 2**

Harbury welcomed Hillmorton to Bishops Itchington Primary School. After a slow start, Harbury began to dominate possession and, but for some very brave goalkeeping by the Hillmorton keeper, the score could have been more than the convincing 5-2 win to Harbury. Sam C's cool finish was the pick of the goals, with Ben H-B scoring twice and Euan J opening his season's account with a well taken brace. A spirited midfield performance coupled with a fine double save in the second half earned the versatile Leyton M the Man of the Match trophy.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> November: Snitterfield 1 v Harbury 2**

Harbury made the long journey to Snitterfield with the team hoping for more than last season's convincing Snitterfield win. A physical match saw Snitterfield leading 1-0 at the break in a half during which chances were few and far between. Harbury started much brighter in the second half and were quickly on level terms thanks to a strike from in-form Ben H-B. Harbury had much the better of the second half however, after several missed opportunities, it looked increasingly like the match might end in a draw. With 10 minutes to go, the 'lively' Charlie C was on target to give Harbury a well deserved lead. Snitterfield rallied and could have drawn level if it wasn't for some brave goalkeeping from Joshua W. Harbury held on for a well fought 2-1 win with Ben H-B taking the MOTM award.

## **Under 11's Match Reports: Ian Jones**

### **27<sup>th</sup> October: Harbury 4 v Cubbington Albion 1**

Harbury started well, with Morgan J toe poking home the first goal within two minutes. Harbury got the benefit of two first half penalties which Morgan J dispatched. Harbury continued to press, creating many chances against Cubbington. A Cubbington goal kick carried by the wind went over the top and created a goal for Cubbington.

In the second half, with the wind, the coaches expected more after stern words at half time. Harbury dominated possession but struggled to convert. Harbury created a number of great chances but none of them went in until Cameron D popped up in a great position and slotted one home. MOTM went to Morgan J for his hat-trick.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> November: Balsall & Berkswell 4 v Harbury 0**

A tough day at the office, the result looking worse than it actually was by two late sloppy goals. A heavy pitch with very long grass made playing football difficult. I am sure I saw a couple of snipers hiding in the outfield! Of course, it was the same for both teams, but the Balsall game was better suited to the conditions, with their long ball game and nippy attackers.

The rigours of half-term Halloween and Bonfire celebrations took their toll. Jack D and Liam O carried the ball well at times but we lacked that final ball to get the decisive goal and get into the game.

A re-org was needed in the second half with Daniel C dropping into the centre-back role and doing a good job. The second half was very even until Balsall were able to break through and net a couple of late (and somewhat lucky) goals. Jack P was the busier of the two keepers making a number of good saves to keep Harbury in the game, thus earning Jack P the MOTM award.

Some lessons to carry forward into training and next games as we are a better team than this.

### **10<sup>th</sup> November: Harbury 2 v St Peter's Celtic 3 (Cup Match)**

Credit to St Peters who came with a specific strategy and it won the day. A disappointing result for Harbury, who continue to be slow to get started, making it difficult for themselves.

After a stern half-time talk, the desire was there to be seen in the second half. Harbury had almost all of the possession as they pushed to get back into the game with 15 chances and 10 on target. St Peters got a break away and scored an out of the blue third goal. Harbury continued to push and got back to 3-2. More chances were created right until the final whistle, but alas it wasn't to be. A much better second half, goals for Joshua B and Cam D, but ultimately too little, too late. Kudos to Jack P who picked up an ankle injury in the warm-up, was strapped up and continued because he wanted to play on for his team. MOTM went to Edward L, who again was strong in the tackle and carried the ball well into midfield.

### **17<sup>th</sup> November: Harbury 5 v St Peter's Celtic 0**

A much more determined and committed performance after last week's result. From the start Harbury wanted to play and the whole team got straight to the task. Harbury dominated possession and territory, with St Peters rarely getting a sniff.

Harbury was rewarded when the goals came, with four from Morgan J and a great first of the season from Joe D. What a difference it makes when the team show the desire and get going from the first whistle. MOTM was awarded to the team.

### **24<sup>th</sup> November: Warwick 7 v Harbury 0**

Warwick Juniors are a well organised team with plenty of decent footballers. Harbury were hamstrung by the non-availability of their main keeper for most of the first half. Daniel C had agreed to go in goal and knew he needed to step up, so he was there - well done (even though he wasn't on top form having been ill). Cameron D agreed to take the first stint in goal (again well done) and could not be held accountable for what happened next...

Warwick started quickly and Harbury were the opposite. Warwick scored four quick goals as Harbury struggled to get into the game. Where had the desire gone from last week?

An honest discussion at half time, a chance to reflect and put right the wrongs of the first half. The second half was a much more competitive affair. Much, much better from Harbury, if only they had started the first half this way! Warwick were on the back foot several times, with only their excellent last ditch tackling and great keeping preventing Harbury scoring two or three. As Harbury pushed, Warwick got the odd break and after a lucky deflection, Warwick got their seventh.

What a difference from the first half; well done to the team for stepping up and not letting their heads go down. Edward L, Millie T and Morgan J worked very, very hard in the second half, in the end Millie T taking the M(W)OTM award.



**Harbury RFC**

## **Rugby Football Club**

**Jerry Birkbeck**

The Rugby Club is one of 97 sports projects across England to receive a share of £5.5 million of National Lottery funding from Sport England's 'Protected Playing Fields' fund to improve and protect their playing fields.

The Club will receive £49,600 of National Lottery funding to make improvements to their principal rugby pitch and training area which also form part of Harbury Cricket Club's outfield. This area is currently unplayable during adverse weather conditions. Work will include drainage, levelling and regrading the surface helping to reduce fixture cancellations.

Harbury RFC is delighted that Sport England has approved funding to allow them to undertake significant improvements to their 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch, training area and cricket outfield. It fits in with the Development Plan and will enable them to promote rugby football for all age groups from under 7 - under 12 for mini rugby, Juniors at under 13 – under 17 and Colts through to their Senior and Development teams. Enhanced surfaces will enable players to improve and develop their playing skills. It will also help players from Harbury Cricket Club with an improvement to the drainage on the outfield. Harbury Albion Football Club, who use the training lights in the winter, will be able to ensure that they too have a durable surface after periods of heavy rain. Spectators and visitors will also be able to watch sport at Harbury RFC with better under foot conditions. These improvements will be undertaken during 2014. This means that this sports facility can now be enjoyed by the community for many years to come.



**Harbury RFC**

## **Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby**

**Mark Easton**

### **Alcester 12 v Harbury 42**

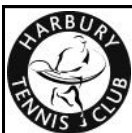
The handling drills that we've been practising paid off today with a really great performance, some good passing and movement especially from Harbury's backs who always looked dangerous. With the jumpers we dominated the lineouts, Robert Rollason and Henry Steele setting up good balls for the back line. After some slick passing, Mitch Cook showed his speed and power to avoid three tacklers and go over in the corner. Soon after, Mat Dunne burst through to score and Jack Beynon converted.

After the first ten minutes Harbury's scrum worked well, with good driving from Tom Pullen and Adam Webster. Tackling was also sharp with Rory Pickin, Joe Webster and James Lewis all putting in big hits. Left winger Will Irvine was great in attack and defence. Ted Easton and Simon Fisher got the ball wide and set up Mat Dunne for his second try after Alcester had pulled one back. Full back Ricky Hughes did well, running back the restart kick.

In the second half Harbury started to dominate. No. 8 Joe Bourne powered through to score and then came the best try of the game: Joe Hughes took the ball on the right wing, cut back inside, beat off half a dozen tackles and unloaded to Mitch who covered ground at speed to offload 5 metres out over his shoulder for James to score – BRILLIANT.

Joe Bourne then scored another try showing his strength to extend Harbury's lead. Replacements Tom Jelfs, George White, Max Cheesman, Tom Boag, Will Higgins and Harry White all played their part in extending Harbury's lead. Joe Hughes showed a clean pair of heels to score a fine individual try in the corner.

Alcester pulled a score back but Jack Beynon scored Harbury's final try with a handoff and broke through the defences. Unfortunately his conversion attempt hit the bar.



## Harbury Tennis Club

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

**[www.tennis-today.net/harbury](http://www.tennis-today.net/harbury)**

I'm pleased to report that, following some delays due to bad weather, the refurbishment of the courts is well advanced and at the time of writing the netball court has been resurfaced and the new fencing has been installed. Hopefully by the time you read this, the contractors will have removed the old fencing from the tennis courts and will be in the process of installing posts ready for the new fencing. Fingers crossed, all will be finished by mid December!

In competition the Club are top in Division 4 of the weekend league after a closely contested draw at Byfield. Steve Stark and Geoff Prince gave Harbury a good start with a comfortable win in both sets against the home men, but Caroline Morland and Karen Bristow lost out to their opponents. In the mixed doubles Karen and Geoff lost in a tight tie break, but Caroline and Steve won both of their sets to ensure an overall draw.

In Division 4 of the floodlit league Brackley have been the opponents twice, their "D" team at Brackley and their "E" team at Harbury. Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, Geoff Prince and Colin Mercer made the trip to Northamptonshire and the omens didn't look too good when Geoff discovered

he'd left his tennis shoes at home! Fortunately as Brackley play on carpet Geoff managed to play in his shoes and was in good form, as was the rest of the team who completed a clean sweep(!) with an 8-0 win. In the home match Caroline, Sue, and Colin were joined by Keith Thompson with all four rubbers being drawn out affairs. Both the ladies' and men's doubles were halved, leaving it all to play for in the mixed. Sue and Keith won their first set but were pegged back in the second, but Caroline and Colin won both their sets to get the win that took Harbury into second place in the league. Looking good for 2014!



## Harbury Pre-School

### Staff & Committee



**Diwali:** We began by talking about the Diwali Festival of Light, with the children making clay diwa lamps and singing the "Little Lamps" song. Indian style clothes adorned the dressing up rail and toasted naan bread was enjoyed at snack time. Some amazing observational work was produced as the children looked at Indian Rangoli designs. The role play area became an Indian kitchen, with

balti bowls, Indian costumes, music and books. We are very grateful to Karam's daddy for coming in to show us how to put on a turban, as well as playing the taus, his Indian stringed musical instrument.



**Pumpkin Week:** After Halloween, the children spent some time investigating the different textures inside a large pumpkin and made some wonderful observational drawings of pumpkins and a variety of gourds.

**Guy Fawkes Night:** The children made wonderful paintings and collages at the creative table, using black paper, pastels, drizzled glue and brightly coloured glitter, drawing on their own impressions of Bonfire Night and the fireworks that they had seen.



**Autumn Walk:** On our annual Autumn Walk to the Spinney, the children had a great time collecting leaves, twigs and other natural materials in their buckets, doing colourful bark rubbings on the trees and using listening spheres to identify sounds around them. On the way back, they had fun searching for conkers and kicking the leaves about under the trees on the Pound.



On their return to Pre-School, the children learned about the story of "The Leaf Man" which inspired some fantastic pictures and collages made from the materials they had collected on the walk. A woodland section was created in the book area and this was equipped with an assortment of soft toy woodland animals and autumnal books. The children also enjoyed hearing about "Hodge the Hedgehog" and retelling the story with the help of our story sack. Several autumnal songs were also sung at circle time.

**Outer Space:** Using the children's own ideas, the role play area became a spaceship, with a control panel, technological toys and dressing up clothes. The children covered the seats and table in shiny materials to look like the inside of a spaceship and the play table supported a variety of small world rockets, spacemen and moonscapes. We read stories about outer space and aliens and the children made their own rockets out of assorted cardboard tubes, old CDs and other reflective materials.

**Christmas:** Amid great excitement, we are now beginning preparations ready for our Nativity Songtime at the stables in Mill Lane, and for a visit to



Pre-School from a very busy Father Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

*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*



**Windmills**  
Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff**

The children have celebrated Diwali and Bonfire Night in Nursery.

Activities:-

- Fruit stamping.
- Using digital cameras.
- Bonfire pictures using marbles in paint.
- Playing in the autumn leaves then helping to clear them up.
- French – discussing our families and types of fruit.
- Preparing for the Christmas Concert.

There have been activities around Remembrance Day and the children produced a poppy display for church. The younger children stamped fruit and the older children used pastels for observational drawings of poppies.

“I saw the poppy picture at the front of church. My mummy thought it was really good. They looked sparkly ‘cos the light was shining on them” – Charlotte.

“I stamped apple and then I made the picture. I put apple in my red paint for my poppy picture” – Evan.

## **Remembrance Day**

“You put a poppy on you to go to church. Daddy wore one and we went to church. We painted a poppy – we did red and black. You start with the stalk and then you do red lines. They are the petals. You need to be really quiet in church and you mustn’t talk” – Mikey.

“I went to the Imperial War Museum to learn about the war because I don’t know much about the war. There were only men in the war, but not swashbucklers because they are children and it was only grown-ups in the war. They fought because they wanted the big world for themselves. They guard it but they didn’t know that people underground would jump up. I saw shelters that people hide in from the bombs dropping. The war was in

London, but I wasn't alive but Granny M was alive but she didn't go outside, she just looked out of the window because she might get hurt by the bombs. They just went around dropping bombs. Daddy has moved work and he works in Coventry now and they dropped bombs in Coventry" – Charlotte.



### Dates for the Diary

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm in Harbury Village Hall

Christmas Family Disco – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7-11pm in Harbury Village Club.

To register a nursery place for your child ring the administrator on 01926 613084, email [info@windmillsnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmillsnursery.co.uk), visit our website [www.windmillsnursery.co.uk](http://www.windmillsnursery.co.uk) or call the nursery on 07906 519148.



### Village Hall Update

**Geoff Thorpe**

Harbury's very own Phil King and The Royals obviously have a good following if the ticket sales for the New Year Dance on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January are anything to go by. **Don't delay if you wish to come. Ring Geoff on 613801 for tickets, £20 each to include supper.**

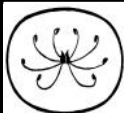
This time of year is always busy for the Village Hall with Christmas Fairs, parties, Aladdin etc, but new bookings are always pleasing. The Sunday morning Zumba class has been a success for a while and now Pilates on Tuesday morning is following suit. Less well known is the Upholstery class

and in the New Year a regular slimming class will start, just in time for New Year Resolutions!!

A bit of not such good news. Martin Cosgriff, who has kept the Hall clean and tidy for five years, is waiting to have heart surgery. Our best wishes for his speedy recovery go to Martin and his family. If anyone would like a few hours work each week, until Martin returns, we would be pleased to hear from them.

The fundraising team have been working hard on various grant applications. There is a lot of competition and success is not assured but do look at the plan on display in the hall porch to see our plans for the future. We will keep beavering away.

Have a very Happy Christmas from the Village Hall Committees.



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morrall**

Again almost 50 members attended the November meeting. It was great to welcome a fellow volunteer from Upton House and Gardens. Alan is a garden volunteer who also gives talks, so a double bonus. After retiring from full time employment Alan then gained his RHS certificate in Garden Design; he did this at Pershore College. He is also involved in two gardening clubs in Primary schools near where he lives in Croughton. So when the opportunity arose to be a volunteer at Upton he combined this with his other activities. It is very true that once you retire you are busier than ever.

Alan has just invested in a digital projector which enhanced his own wonderful photos of the amazing gardens at Upton. He showed us the map that all visitors are given and guided us through this. He started off with the north face, coming down the drive from the car park I agree it is not the best aspect but when you go to the back of the house it is south facing and if you have never visited before it is a big surprise. After entering through the archway you reach the top terrace; this leads to the huge lawn which was once used to play croquet and tennis, has huge cedars of Lebanon on the right and these date back to 1745. In the 30's and 40's when these were covered in snow it was one of the junior gardeners job to take a very long pole and remove the snow from the branches to reduce the weight.

The bog garden at the back of the cedars dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. There are ponds in the garden and these would have been stew ponds stoked with fish and used by monks who were answerable to the canons of Warwick. Today the pools are still there but now have huge Koi carp. The banqueting house designed by Rushout Cullen is now a National Trust holiday let. Further down towards the Mirror Pool there is a sunken lawn; this once a cherry orchard but the trees succumbed to a blight and were removed. The Mirror Pool was drained about four years ago, it took some

doing as the dredger was huge and difficult to get through the arch which leads to the gardens. All the sludge etc from the pool was distributed throughout the gardens as a mulch. Looking upwards there is the kitchen garden which was used for vegetables and fruit for the Bearstedts and the produce is now used in the restaurant and any surplus is sold to visitors. There is also a herb garden. Then there are huge herbaceous borders, previously tropical borders but now mainly perennials. Then the aster border where once there were Victorian glasshouses. On the left looking up you see the lovely steps down to Lady B's garden, which is cruciform in shape.

In April there are narcissus, daffodil and primulas in the bog garden, also some wild orchids. The orchard near to the restaurant is also a mass of daffodils and snowdrops. Here too, apart from apple and pear trees, are mulberry and medlars. The tulips now put in an appearance (over 3000 planted in the Autumn). Two years ago there was a disaster (to quote Craig!) The Waley Cohens left a gate open near to the orchard and two badgers got in and scratched out most of the tulips. This year of course due to the cold spring they were three weeks late flowering but were a fantastic sight combined with forget-me-knots and catmint. Also in April we saw some lovely pinolas, a cross between a viola and a pansy and these last a very long time and are in all colours in Lady B's garden. Huge irises also - the bearded variety. One of the borders has swathes of blue anemone blanda and the huge magnolias put on a good show. The bog garden comes into its own now with huge gunneras, bamboos and hostas.

Later in June we saw the wisteria sinensis on the wall of the steps going down and on the walls of the house. The katsura tree is very colourful and in autumn smells of toffee. The borders are full of geraniums, lupins, delphiniums, phlox Canterbury bells and much more, all lasting well into Autumn. A huge clematis, the ancestor of which was introduced to this country in 1595, blooms freely. Most of the clematis lost out to wilt in the 1870's so 50 years later more resistant varieties were bred which are the ones we see today. The archway by Butlers cottage at the entrance to the garden has two lovely clematis a purple colour and again long lasting.

The herb garden and vegetable garden are very prolific from spring through to late Autumn. Rows of beans, carrots, courgettes, salad crops and much more, together with fruit such as currants and raspberries. Such results are due not only to the paid gardeners (four in total) plus students but to the band of volunteer gardeners who give their time so freely. Companion planting is practised which eliminates lots of pests etc.

We then saw some spectacular autumn colours from the asters, dahlias, chrysanthemums and long lasting cosmos. The colours of the leaves on all of the trees when they turn from green to yellow, red and gold was spectacular. When the summer bedding displays are taken out, wallflowers take their place with polyanthus and under planted with crocus and tulip bulbs. The planting is a true replica of the garden as in the 30's and 40's and is now at its

very best. The only part of the garden yet to be restored to its 1930's splendour is the rock garden but this is still work in progress. I have been volunteering at Upton for 15 years now and I have to say that I have never seen the garden as good as it is today.

Alan then took questions from our members, we then enjoyed refreshments and the raffle was drawn. By the time you read this, we will have had our December meeting, our very popular Festive Fun evening preceded by the AGM. I do hope to report that we will have a replacement Secretary...watch this space!!! The January meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday when we will be welcoming for the third time Linda Smith who you will remember won a gold medal at Chelsea for her water exhibit in the marquee – the first to do so for over 40 years. She is an excellent speaker and she will talk to us about the story of modern Water Lilies. Do come along for the start of 2014 season of talks, it is very difficult to get a speaker for January due to the weather and cold dark nights so it would be lovely to have a good turnout.

If you are not too busy between now and Christmas why not get out into the fresh air and visit Batsford Arboretum....they have festive Friday themed events on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> with illuminated Christmas trails. Of course after that you will then need to sample the food in the excellent restaurant. Hill Close Gardens in Warwick are open from November to March on Mondays to Fridays from 11.00am to 4.00pm, always a delightful place to visit and not very far to go. We are open at Upton from Fridays to Mondays and the house will be decorated with a 1930's theme this year. Although the gardens are a bit bare, the trees and shrubs and ponds and views are still worth a visit. Open from 12.00 to 4.00pm.

Waddesdon Manor is always very special at this time of year. Look in your National Trust book for opening times; this year part of the house will be decorated with an Austrian theme and later in the afternoon there will be a festival of light. The gardens, shop, plant centre and glasshouse cafe are all open. The drive down to the Manor is so amazing. I will be taking a group of volunteers from Upton there shortly and we are also having a two course meal so I will let you know how it was at the December meeting.

Whatever you decide to do I hope that you will all have a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in December and January.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

It seems that I have become a fair weather gardener. This means that it needs to be not too cold or windy, there mustn't be any rain and the ground should be damp but not water-logged. This is a dilemma and means that I have to do planting, transplanting and tidying in a rush because, as you may well know, there just aren't many perfect days. Having said all that I have

managed to get a lot done over the last few weeks and fully intend to do more. In theory it means there isn't so much to do in the spring but also it's just so good to be outside rather than being stuck inside, especially if you work all week in an office.

It's gone rather quiet at work with very few customers so I'm guessing that most of you prefer to avoid the garden in the depths of winter. We have been very lucky so far with no frosts to date (11<sup>th</sup> November) and there have been some wonderfully mild days which were just right for wimpy gardeners like me.

Plants which will brighten up your winter garden include variegated holly, Brunnera Jack Frost (it has marvellous silvery leaves) Nandina (a shrub with brightly coloured red and orange leaves), Lonicera 'Twiggy' (a yellow dome-shape shrub) Lonicera fragrantissima (a winter flowering scented shrub) and Viburnum Dawn (pretty pink flowers nearly all winter).

Between now and the end of February we suggest you phone first just to check if we are there or not.....it's our time to have a few well-earned days off.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*

*Tel: 01926 812737*

*[www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)*



## **Nature Notes**

**John Hancock**

As we slide towards the winter solstice and the shortest day, it is dark today (25<sup>th</sup> November) before 5pm. In ivy beside the house, wasps are gradually becoming torpid. A hard frost on 23<sup>rd</sup> November could not have helped their cause. Now, only an occasional insect homes in on the dark hole in the foliage heading towards its nest. A month ago, a constant stream of wasps flew in and out. Soon, apart from the queen, the nest will be their tomb. Wasps have not evolved like honey bees to share a food supply in hard times. Further south, in Africa for instance, wasps are insects that survive all year. Perhaps ours have tried to colonise these relatively cold regions lured by the increased summer daylight and relative abundance of food. Wasps have no wax gland like bees to make their combs. Instead, they chew wood and make fantastic, sometimes football sized nests, of the finest papier-mâché complete with breeding cells in which the queen lays her eggs. The first offspring are small worker females. Later in the summer grubs fed on a high protein (insect) diet will, after pupation, develop into males and fertile females.

At Slimbridge, home of the Wildfowl Trust, with four of our grandchildren over half term, we were welcomed into a bird hide giving views over the flat,

dyke-dissected flood meadows and the tidal River Severn to the far shore rising to the Forest of Dean. An ornithologist had his high power telescopic camera trained on a Peregrine Falcon and was only too pleased to let the children take a look. Having been gazing at ducks, swans and geese during most of our visit, this was something rather different. This, our fleetest of birds when it stoops (i.e. dives) to capture prey, is making a comeback after being persecuted by gamekeepers for many years.

At a geology meeting earlier in November, we were told about the pioneering work of two former heads of the department at Birmingham University. Professor David Wills, known as Jack to his contemporaries, made a special study of fossil scorpions in the Triassic era Bromsgrove sandstone which he found in quarries in the region. He also studied an early amphibian known as the Labyrinthodont and armoured fish from the Downton beds of Shropshire. He viewed geology as the geography of the past and wrote 'A Paleogeographical Atlas of Europe'.

Another giant of the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century was Frederick Shotton (1906-1990). His speciality was glaciation and the Pleistocene (recent rocks and soils). His expertise was used in planning the D-Day landings where it was essential that the beaches to be used could cope with heavy vehicles. I recommend a visit to the Lapworth Museum at Birmingham University to get the full picture.

Wildflowers are now very few in number. On a walk over the fields about Harbury recently I saw White Deadnettle, an Umbellifer and a Hawkweed. There were plenty of fallen crab apples, rose hips and berries on ivy and hawthorn. Blackbirds in the garden were feasting on damsons reminding me of those medieval paintings and tapestries depicting the seasons.

At Bidford-on-Avon on 12<sup>th</sup> November I saw a hedgehog, perhaps half fully grown, crossing a road and avoiding getting run over by two passing cars. It made the safety of a hedge but many are not so fortunate. A hedgehog needs to have sufficient fat reserves to survive our winter. A weasel at the edge of the road through Bascote Heath was dead and I had a chance to view its delicate five-toed paws.

Look west in the evening on a clear night and the bright 'star' you see is Venus. After the moon it is the brightest object in the night sky. It is virtually the same size as the Earth and at 40 million kms (25 million miles) distant, is our nearest planetary neighbour.

Now many deciduous trees have lost their leaves. Looking at the south facing edge of Ufton Wood, particularly on a sunny day, the russet leaves clothing the many oaks stand out against the darkness of the unleaved trees behind. A proportion of the natural world is closing down. What will winter bring before life renews itself?





To all my friends in Harbury, I would like to wish you  
all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy 2014.

With my love, Mary Kimber

David and Barbara Thistlethwaite would like to wish all  
their friends in Harbury a very Happy Christmas and a  
healthy and peaceful New Year.

*A Happy Christmas and every best wish for 2014 to all  
our friends and neighbours in Ladbroke and  
Harbury. This year we will donate to charity  
instead of sending cards.*

*Nicky and Gray Lewis*

*Isobel and Mike Grimes would like to wish  
all our friends and neighbours a very  
happy Christmas and New Year.  
We will be putting a donation towards  
Myton Hospice and Biblio's.*

*Sue & Alan Lord send seasons greetings to all friends in  
Harbury & Ladbroke.  
This year we will be donating to  
All Saints Church, Ladbroke.*

*Best wishes for Christmas. May you all have a  
healthy and happy New Year.  
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I am making a donation to Cancer Research*

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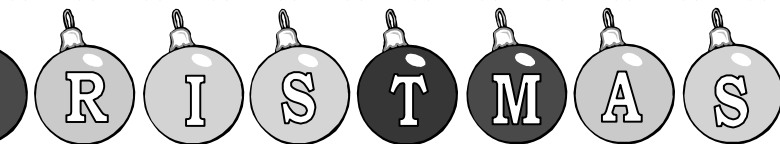
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Christmas greetings from Michael and Gillian  
Hare to their friends in the village. Instead of  
cards we shall send a donation to Leamington  
Christian Mission.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to all our friends and neighbours  
from Kathleen, Roger and Deb Ellis  
(Donations to MS Society in lieu of  
cards this year.)

Wishing all my friends a very  
Merry Christmas and a happy  
and prosperous New Year

Rene Delin

Jean Herbert would like to wish all friends a  
very happy Christmas and a  
prosperous New Year.

Happy Christmas Holidays everyone,  
and thank you for supporting your  
*Harbury Village Cinema* during 2013.

Lana Long

Alan and Pauline Hayes wish all their friends  
a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy  
New Year.

We shall be sending a donation to  
Myton Hospice.





## General Section

### Remembrance

In the November issue of the Harbury & Ladbroke News, Rev. Grocock mentions the loss of British service men and women in operations since the Second World War. The majority of the conflicts he mentioned involved regular service personnel who, although not deserving to die, at least had the choice. However, some of the conflicts in The Canal Zone, Aden, Korea and Cyprus all involved National Service personnel, including Dan and the late Derek Thomas, who both served in Cyprus and who had no choice whatsoever in going to war in foreign lands.

371 British service men and women were killed in Cyprus, more than 10% of the total number quoted by Rev. Grocock. In the Northern Cyprus town of Kyrenia a memorial has, at last, been built in the British Cemetery and dedicated to their memory. We were privileged to be able to visit this memorial in 2011, two years after the dedication ceremony. It is worth mentioning that the money raised for this memorial was entirely by voluntary subscriptions with no input whatsoever from the British Government. A Canadian architect residing in Northern Cyprus very generously designed and oversaw the build completely free of charge.

When watching TV pictures of service personnel killed in later conflicts being returned home in flag-draped coffins with all the accompanying ceremonial and crowds lining the streets, it is very sad to remember that those killed in Cyprus, and other conflicts as well, were buried thousands of miles from home. No glorified homecoming for them, no grave for relatives to visit and, in the majority of cases, no chance of family members being at their burial. In one instance, a young National Serviceman was killed at the camp where Dan was stationed and his mother wanted to fly out to Cyprus for his funeral but could not afford the air fare. Not one penny piece was offered from any official sources in case it set a precedent! However, she **did** attend his funeral thanks to donations from the other soldiers who were serving with him.

I enclose a photograph of the memorial on the day of dedication.

At least **we** will remember them.

**Bugle Corporal James Christopher, Royal Marines, sounds the Last Post at the unveiling of the British Cyprus Memorial in the Old British Cemetery, Kyrenia, Remembrance Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Julie & Dan Killian**





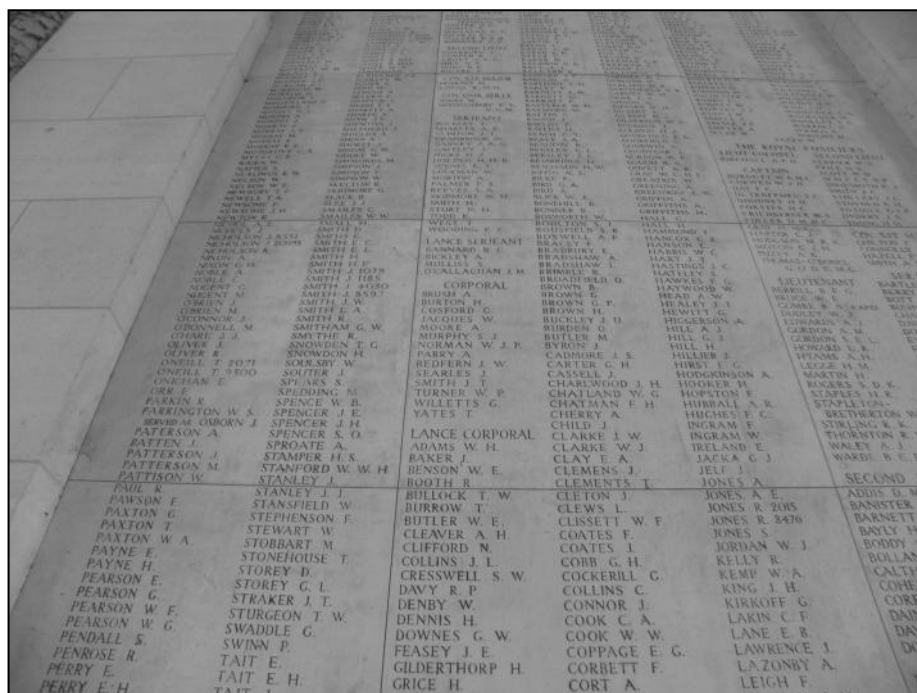
## A Story for November

When, some time ago, I wrote a series of articles on Harbury's fallen of the First World War, there were two names that remained a mystery. I still have no information on H. Gardiner but have learnt something of the remarkable story of Sydney Mullis.

Sydney was born in Harbury in 1878 to Elizabeth Mullis and no father is recorded on his birth certificate. In 1881, aged three he was living with his grandmother Mary Mullis at 12 Southside, and she worked as a charwoman. Two years later she died. By 1891, now 13 he was living at 22 Binswood End with his mother who had married quarry worker William Overton. Also there were his half-brothers Thomas aged 10, Douglas aged 8, Walter aged 5, Albert aged 3 and Gabriel aged 5 months and his half-sister Bertha aged 18 months. Sydney was already working as a ploughboy.

Sydney joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and in 1901 while serving in the Boer War he was taken prisoner. At some time later, he left the army and became a platelayer on the railways. In December 1907 his Marriage Banns were read in Harbury Church and he married Ada Louisa Williams of Leamington Spa. By 1911, they were living in Greet in Worcestershire with their sons John aged two and Alfred aged six months. With them was railway labourer Roland Overton, another half-brother.

In April 1912, Sydney boarded SS Cymna in Liverpool landing on 12<sup>th</sup> April in Portland Maine en route for Toronto. Ada and the two boys followed in August sailing on SS Canada from Liverpool to Montreal. They must have dreamed



of a better future but the war intervened. Sydney returned to the 1st Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and rose to the rank of Lance-Sergeant. He was killed in action in the second Battle of Ypres on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 aged 36. This battle lasted between 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May and cost British forces 59,000 casualties. Sydney is remembered on the Menin Gate to those killed in the Ypres Salient who have no known grave. This huge memorial in Ypres bears 54,000 names of those killed in the Ypres Salient who have no known grave. Every night since its dedication, except for the years of occupation, the Last Post has been sounded under its massive arch and those of you who have been there will know it is a deeply moving experience. Sydney's name is misspelt as Mulliss, one of the reasons I initially failed to trace him.



All the Overton brothers fought in the war and Gabriel, who is also on Harbury's memorial, was killed in September 1916. Ada must have travelled back to England at some time during the war but in June 1916, braving a dangerous Atlantic, she and the boys sailed on SS Metagama from Liverpool to Quebec. She remained in Canada for the rest of her life and as late as 1963 was living in Ontario with her son John, a stockbroker.

Next year is the centenary of the start of the First World War, an event so momentous it still marks our lives today. Perhaps as we witness all the events that will take place, we should think not of glory but of the loyalty of a man liked Sydney Mullis who returned to fight even though he knew only too well what war meant, and the strength and endurance of Ada who went to Canada with her sons to build a new life in a young country that once they had planned together.

**Sharon Hancock**

***Editors: This article was written for the November edition but was unfortunately lost in the "black hole" that some e-mails go into.***



## **Harbury and District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2013**

This year 31 collectors took to the streets in Bascote, Bascote Heath, Deppers Bridge, Harbury and Ufton and collecting boxes were left in all the local shops, pubs, Harbury Primary School, Harbury Fields Caravan Park and the Fosse Garage. As a result of the generosity of everyone who

supported the appeal, £3,135.01 has been sent to the Royal British Legion. For many years, the local collection was organised by a small group of RBL members, but it is only when another team takes on the responsibility that the work of the previous group of volunteers is appreciated. The boxes have to be prepared, the paper-work completed, the money counted and thank you notes delivered to each person who assisted with the collection. Thanks are therefore due to all those who helped with the various stages: box preparation – (Dave & Margaret, Thelma, Sylvia, Helen and Dave A), counting the cash – (Brian, Mike and Stan) and not forgetting the willing street collectors and the school and local businesses without whose efforts the impressive total would not have been achieved. Many thanks to all who were involved – your efforts were much appreciated.

**Chris Finch**

## **Harbury Craft Fair 2013**

I am pleased to report that this year's Craft Fair was once again a huge success raising much needed funds for Myton Hospice. The kitchen ran like clockwork, due to an amazing group of volunteers, thank you ladies – same time next year! Thank you also to Alan Crossan, Graham Warren and Corey Cadwallader who manned the tombola for the whole day with minimal breaks – thanks gents!

This year we managed to raise a record £1,010.00, so thank you to everyone that supported us on the day. We've already had a number of bookings for next year so get in early to avoid disappointment (we had to turn people away this year), booking forms are available by emailing me on [fidcadwallader@btinternet.com](mailto:fidcadwallader@btinternet.com) or give Shirley a call on 01926 612798.

Finally, the ladies at Myton Hospice Harbury Support group wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Fiona Cadwallader**



## **Harbury Village Library**

**"Buy a book fund"- a big "thank you"**

Thanks to many personal donations from villagers and friends, and to the proceeds of two second hand book stalls at the Carnival and at the Victorian Street Fayre; the amount raised so far is a magnificent £1254. In due course this will increase by approximately £200 with a donation from HM Revenue & Customs in the form of Gift Aid refunds.

Some books have already been purchased for the shelves and more will appear for you to borrow and read over the coming months.

The fund is still open and if you have not yet contributed and wish to do so please pop into the Library and pick up a form. If you time it right you could enjoy a cup of coffee and a piece of cake in Biblios Café. You might even think of buying one or more of the paintings by local artists, which are for sale in our art gallery, as a Christmas present.

The Trustees are very grateful to all those who have given generously to this fund to improve our reading experiences and help make our library a very successful venture.

**David Thistlethwaite**

## **Biblio's Café - Christmas Holiday Opening Hours**

We will have our usual opening hours, right up until mid-day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, and then shall be closed for the holiday period, re-opening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 9am.

Thank you so much for your support in helping us to get our community initiative off to such a great start these past eighteen months. We are delighted you enjoy the space we have co-created as much as the teams enjoy working there. We look forward to welcoming you again in 2014.

**Lynn Macwhinnie (cafe) & Sue Wurr (library),  
on behalf of all the volunteers**

## **Harbury's Aladdin**

Do you enjoy being amused, entertained, enchanted? Harbury Theatre Group's latest production provided all of that and more besides. The evening started with the appearance of the wickedest of villains, a real boo-hiss baddie played with great zest by Ian Panton. The members of the cast - a large one - all played their parts with relish and enthusiasm. I especially liked the way William Jones threw himself into his part as Wishy-Washy the younger son of Widow Twanky, played by Keith Hayes wearing the most outrageous dresses.

Aladdin and his Princess Zadia (Emily Jackson and Joy Russell) created the love interest and sang together beautifully. The Sultan and his Sultana, played by Andrew Lawrence and Jo Banbury were also delightful and sang their 'Coochie-Coo' to loud applause and requests for an encore. The children, playing entertainers and dancers, were totally enchanting.

If this report is full of superlatives, it's because I enjoyed the evening so much. Well done, Harbury Theatre Group - players, musicians, backstage team and all. And well done, director Mary Lou Milner, who whispered to me a week or so ago, at the time when all theatre productions spend a period in the doldrums, that this was her first and last experience of directing. I hope she changes her mind!

**Beryl Checkley**

# Harbury Theatre Group presents Aladdin





## Harbury Art Group

Our November workshop was a watercolour session, and we had a suitably seasonal photograph to work from, with the aim of producing a painting that could be made into a Christmas card. It was a snow scene, featuring a flock of sheep and snow-laden trees. The subject presented quite a few challenges – not least of which was getting the woolly sheep actually looking like sheep (and not bears), and creating a sense of perspective and recession. Ian's picture was judged the best of the day – a vibrant scene with special snow effects created using white gouache and a toothbrush!



In December we will have another Winter scene to paint using watercolours. The workshop is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** and will also include our annual 'bring and share' buffet lunch. All local artists and former workshop attendees are very welcome to pop in for a chat to see what we're doing and share a mince pie with us. Our first workshop of 2014 will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** and will be an Acrylic or Oil session. If you would like to attend, please do get in touch; a full programme for 2014 will be available shortly.

As for the mid-month social painting days, we meet again on Thursday **21<sup>st</sup> November** for our final session of 2013. Social painting days are very informal and open to anyone who is interested in spending a few hours in good company, 'having a go' at painting. We hope to start social painting days again on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.

*Further information:* Tutors workshops are led by Nick Baldwin on the first Thursday of the month (see [nickbaldwinartist.co.uk](http://nickbaldwinartist.co.uk) cost £15, pay as you go: tel Nick on 01295 253658 / 07531 317176). Social painting days cost £5, third Thursday of the month (except December), tel Pam on 01926 814923. The venue for both is the Tom Hauley Room, behind Harbury Church, bring a packed lunch, (tea & coffee are provided). Email enquiries to [harburyart@hotmail.com](mailto:harburyart@hotmail.com)

**Happy Painting to you all and best wishes for the festive season!**

**Pam McConnell**





## John Ridgley Tree of Light

Festive lights are appearing around the village and very shortly the tree outside the library will become a brilliant centrepiece.

We are again asking you to adopt one of the many lights, perhaps in memory of someone who is no longer with us. All monies raised will be used to benefit children and young people in the village and you may have read in last month's issue details of how funds have been used in the past.

If you would like to adopt a light please can you complete the form below. Your name, the person you wish to be remembered and any message will be recorded in the Book of Remembrance in the library. Please place it, together with your donation, in an envelope and deliver it to Muglestons (Country Fayre), 11 Vicarage Lane or 16 Farm Street.

**Gordon Bennett**

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### John Ridgley Tree of Light



I/We wish to adopt a light on the John Ridgley Tree of Light and enclose a donation of £\_\_\_\_\_

*(cheques payable to Wagstaffe's Educational Foundation)*

Please enter the following details in the Book of Remembrance.

Name of Donor/s:-

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Message:- (optional)

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## Operation Christmas Child

Very many thanks to everyone who supported the shoebox appeal in any way. This resulted in an amazing total of 173 boxes of cheer which will be on their way to Romania.

**Mike Jones & Gillian Hare**



## Wednesday Teas in the Tom Hauley Room

Latterly known as the Happy Hour, the teas began more than 10 years ago. Inspired and led by Pam Brown with the help of Joyce Windsor, they flourished. At some point – when I don't remember – I joined the team, and when Pam and Roy left the village, Joyce and I ran them together.

When Joyce moved, I was very lucky to have the help of Pip Wallington and Dorothy Elliman and we've run them very happily for the last couple of years. Now however, attendance has really dwindled. It's never been a matter of numbers, but now rather that the need that these teas originally met has, for various reasons, disappeared – which is good - and we feel that we have reached a natural end.

I know that Pam, Roy and Joyce would want me to thank everyone who has supported us through many happy times, and I would like to thank Pip, Dorothy (and John!) and the Mother's Union who have provided us with some wonderful cakes.

We're having a modest Christmas finale, so all punters, past and present, and indeed anyone who'd like a cup of tea and a mince pie in good company, is very welcome to join us at the Tom Hauley Room on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December between 3-4pm.

**Felicity Harris**

## Harbury NSPCC Committee

Southam 2000 Rotary are organising a Burn's Night again in January and, like last year, they have kindly agreed that we can organise and have the proceeds from the raffle. We made £345 last time which is excellent.

The event is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in Harbury Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets are priced at £30 each and this includes a three course meal plus whisky tasting. Peter Rollason will address the haggis.

If you are interested in coming along please ring Ray Flanagan on 613612.

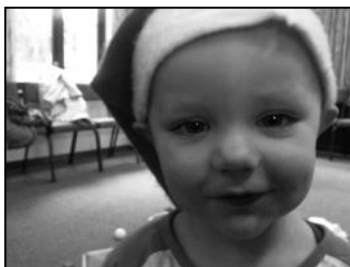
**Elaine Bruce**



## Bumps, Bundles and Tots too

A merry Christmas from Bumps, Bundles and Tots too! We have continued to have a good number attend Bumps throughout November into December.

There will be our Christmas party on the **17<sup>th</sup> December** in the normal place, with food, decoration and a visit from Father Christmas!



This will

be Henry's last month at Bumps as he graduates to Pre-school; he has always enjoyed Bumps and will be missed as he helps to set up every week!.

The last session before Christmas will be the 17<sup>th</sup> (Christmas party), so no Bumps session on Christmas Eve. Bumps will return 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 for another year of fun, tea and biscuits.

**Kelly and Henry**



## Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

### Christmas Market - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended our Christmas Market last month, making it a huge success. We raised over £950 for Pre-School.

Special thanks to David Thompson's String Ensemble and The Ukelele Group for the wonderful live music, Sunny and Dip for creating the amazing Christmas Tree, Emily Jackson and Laura Harris for their brilliant face painting skills, Cana for their donations to the bottle tombola and to all who generously donated cakes, bottles and raffle prizes.

Extra thanks to the team of helpers, the Committee and, of course, the Fundraising Group.

And finally, thanks to Father Christmas for giving up his Sunday afternoon to provide some Christmas magic...

### Harbury Carnival 2013

We are also extremely grateful to the Harbury Carnival Committee for their donation to Harbury Pre-School which will go towards some new role play equipment.

## **Recycling:**

Donations of unwanted electrical leads, mobile phones and used ink cartridges are still welcome.

## **Coming soon....**

.....80's Night

New members of the Fundraising Group welcome. Please call Helen on 07976 935439 for more information.

**Helen Edwards**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

Thanks to everyone who came to the coffee morning in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association and especially to those of you who could not make it to the coffee morning but who generously gave a donation. Thank you.

The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Invitations have been delivered to everyone on our list.

The committee members and all our helpers look forward to seeing you at the party and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

**Mike McBride**

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

## **Village with a Vision**

At last we're able to bring you some positive news about the proposed Extra Care Facility in Harbury!

We joined our Partners Bromford Housing when they attended the Parish Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November, where they were able to advise the Council of the current situation.

They have been in negotiations with The Price Family Trust for the purchase of the top half of the field on the left, in Bull Ring Farm Rd. The scheme will contain some 30 units, and plans etc., are being drawn up and will be submitted in due course.

We'd like to thank everyone for their support which continues to be very much appreciated. We'll bring more news when we can.

**Tony Stubbs**



## Eleanor Goes To St. James Palace

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November Eleanor Clarke went to St. James Palace to receive her gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Eleanor first started her bronze Duke of Edinburgh in September 2009 having completed that, she went on to do her silver and has now completed her gold. Eleanor joined the Harbury group which reformed in 2009 and is the first member to receive her gold award. Eleanor said she had a fantastic day at the palace and even managed to have a conversation with Prince Philip. She would just like to add, anyone who is considering doing their Duke of Edinburgh, do not hesitate, you get the opportunity to see parts of the country you wouldn't see, do challenges you wouldn't even consider and meet a lot of new friends. Well worth the time and effort.



**Julie Clarke**

## Harbury Energy Initiative

Richard Hawkes from Kent makes money just by living in his new house. His Arched Eco House is so efficient that his energy bill is **minus** £400 every year. This would not be possible, it's true, without current government incentives such as the Feed-in-Tariff and is, I will admit, beyond the aspirations of most of us. Envy comes in green too.

The house was designed so well that without additional gizmos to generate energy it was already using one fifth of the energy of an average house of a similar size. Add to that some solar panels and the house was, he thought, as good as he could get it – and a great deal better than almost all modern housing being constructed even now by housebuilders. What made the final difference, however, was an ingenious and relatively inexpensive device called Immersun. This works alongside photovoltaic systems to divert electricity generated by the panels but not needed immediately into hot water tanks or storage heaters. This means that less energy goes back into the grid when you don't need it but you still receive the FiT payment, as it is based on an **assumption** of how much you are putting into the grid rather than an actual monitored figure. Your costs thus go down even further and more carbon is saved.

More than 40 houses in Harbury have PV panels installed. Owners of these may well want to look at this new technology. A few months ago Chris Murphy did and shares his experience here:

"I'm really pleased with it. It sits next to the PV control panel in the garage, provides me with information and is silent. At a guess I think the pay back on the £500 will be 5-7 years but will shorten as energy prices rise (as recently). In any event the % return on £500 invested on an Immersun installation is going to be multiple times higher than any building society return on your £500.

It does not reduce the FIT payment from your utility provider as they pay for generated electricity that is metered, plus a smaller rate for electricity feed back into the grid which is NOT metered but calculated as being 50% of the PV generated electricity. So if you use everything you generate this payment is not affected. Since installing the Immersun it has diverted 470KWH to heat my water at no cost to me. I did not use my gas boiler for hot water until October and I now have it on for 1 hour overnight to top up any short fall from the immersion heater."

Perhaps, if enough people want to take this up, we can negotiate a group discount. HEI would be happy to coordinate this. Email me (address below) if you are interested.

I doubt that it has escaped your notice that this month there is a festival called Christmas. Has panic set in yet? Each year our family is one of a growing number who look desperately for a way of giving presents that is generous where it is needed and just a bit more in keeping with Christmas. That has meant charity gifts up to now. This year I found something quite different. The website [www.abundancegeneration.com](http://www.abundancegeneration.com) provides a service whereby you can give gifts in the form of shares in green energy projects. We aren't talking £1000 investments here necessarily. You can buy £10 worth. The recipient gets an annual return and the Earth and its inhabitants get a present.

Don't forget that if you want more information about energy saving you can call or email me or any of the HEI group. Happy Christmas.

**Bob Sherman - t:612277**  
**e:[shermanbob55@gmail.com](mailto:shermanbob55@gmail.com)**

## **Energy Advice Website**

A new website aimed at helping householders across Coventry and Warwickshire to save money on fuel bills by making their homes more energy efficient has been launched by Warwickshire County Council. The site is - [www.energysavinghomes.org.uk](http://www.energysavinghomes.org.uk)

The site includes an online calculator which suggests measures which could be installed, according to the age, type and size of property, the householder's budget and the likely savings. Visitors can register their details so they can return to them at a later date and add additional information. Measures range from low cost suggestions such as lagging water tanks to

longer term investments such as installing solar PV panels and biomass boilers.

It will also point users to sources of funding – such as the Government's Green Deal and grants for renewables. A number of real life case studies will give an idea of measures which other local people have carried out, the costs of the work and the savings achieved. The site also contains information on community energy saving groups and contractors in the area, which offers the added bonus of keeping jobs local. Trades people are members of RETA or Act on Energy's Installer Network and new applications are invited through the site. Customers can rate contractors in the form of "Trip Advisor" style star ratings.

Those without internet access can contact Act on Energy by phone - 01789 842898 - to get an identical service – with the added bonus of human contact!

**Dr Jacky Lawrence**  
**W.C.C. Energy Manager**



## **Harbury Games 2014**

For your diary:

We are pleased to announce that, because of overwhelming popular demand, there will be another **Heart of Harbury Games** in 2014!

The date has been fixed and Champions across the village (we know who you are!) are already toning their muscles and will soon be calling for men, women and children to rally behind their banners, and to join them on the Sports Field on **28<sup>th</sup> June**.

Watch this space for further details!

**Terry Hunt**



## **Harbury Heritage Room**

**Our next three open evenings:**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

We are usually open on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30-8.30pm. Local groups or organisations are always welcome to book other times at their convenience.

Contact [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk) for information.

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School, and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time!

Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

Our new publication "Let's Go Shopping In Harbury" is on sale locally at the school, in the Library and at Cana Wines. It traces the history of shops in the village, and is presented in the form of a trail starting from the Village Hall. Only £3.50 a copy. A great Christmas gift!

In the New Year we will be showing a DVD of a pantomime, performed by the children, from many years ago. Further details in January.

**Nigel Chapman**

## **Chesterton Church Candlelit Carol Service**

**14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm**

Carols led by our own Harbury Folk Group Choir. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service. Dress up warmly.

**Jo Spurr**

## **Southam College Community Education**

Southam College Community Education centre offers a varied programme of courses, both daytime and evening, in Southam and surrounding villages. Our Spring term starts in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2014. The programme will be on the college website from about mid December. Go to [www.southamcollege.com](http://www.southamcollege.com) and follow the community education link from the homepage or under the 'About Us' tab. Like Southam College on Facebook for updates and links to Community Education. Leaflets will also be available from local libraries, shops and leisure centre.

The City and Guilds Award in Education and Training (formally PTLLS) will start with an induction session on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. This is an introductory course for teaching and training and is ideal for anyone considering teaching adult and community classes. Pre-registration and attendance at the induction session is essential.

For further information about any of the above, please contact us on 01926 810942 or email [commed.s@welearn365.com](mailto:commed.s@welearn365.com)

**Sue Hawthorn**

**Southam College Community Education Centre**





## Sixty Years in Harbury

In 2012 a form in the Library said 'Write a poem about Harbury', so I did!  
It was published in the "Homeland" book of poetry in 2013.

### 0 - 60 Years in Harbury

*0 The Harbury population lived at The Bottom End, or at The Top.  
Family life was important; my Grandma kept the fish and chip shop.*

*10 My life involved friends, school, church services, activity clubs,  
small shops, travelling salesmen; visits with parents to one of the pubs.*

*20 New estates brought more people, and building of the Village Hall.  
The 'swinging sixties' reached us; young people had a ball!*

*30 The village school was packed so improvements swiftly made.  
Lifestyle changes helped supermarkets grow; village shops lost trade.*

*40 My children, like other Harbury teenagers, inevitably wanted more.  
They moved away from the quiet village; a whole world to explore.*

*50 At the millennium celebrations friends reflected on values shared.  
Relatives, grandchildren, neighbours; we found ways to show we cared.*

*60 Houses being built for future generations, and friendliness galore.  
The community spirit in Harbury, unlike me, will live forever more.*

**Pat Summers**

***Dedicated to my father, Derek Lowe, who lived and worked 0 – 90 years  
in Harbury***



## Southam/Feldon Community Forum

The next Forum will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at Harbury Rugby Football Club, Middle Road. The Police surgery is at 6.30pm with the Community Forum starting at 7.00pm. Community Forums give you the opportunity to raise issues of local concern and keep you up to date with what is happening in your community. If you have a specific concern or problem then come along to the drop in surgery at 6.30pm where you will can speak informally to officers from your local Police Teams, Councillors and Officers from Warwickshire County and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils. Join us for a cup of tea and mince pies.

### Find out more about:-

- Marie Curie Cancer Care – What's available??
- Public Health Report – What are the key issues?
- Local Policing and lots more .....

PLUS - Help set the Police Priorities for the next three months in 'The Big Vote' – vote for your priority on the night or on-line from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December at: [www.warwickshire.police.uk/Southam\\_BigVote](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/Southam_BigVote)

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or find out more, please contact Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 07780 995817 or email [stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk). Or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/southamforum](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/southamforum). Also available on Facebook "Southam Feldon Community Forum".

**Amanda Wilson-Patterson**  
**Warwickshire County Council**

## Flip-In Flyers

Train every Tuesday evening in term time at Harbury Primary School, from 6pm-9pm. Cheerleading dance, age 4-11 is from 6-7pm, Cheerleading stunt, age 4-11 is from 7-7.30pm. Cheerleading stunt, age 12+ is from 7.30-8pm, Cheerleading dance, age 12+ is from 8-9pm. All lessons are £2 each. First lesson free! Membership £10 (includes Insurance & T-shirt). For information, contact Karen: 07983 553794 or just turn up.

**Dayle Adams**

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**Adverts** to 31 Binswood End, Harbury by 15th December  
**Articles** to Harbury Pharmacy or e-mail to [articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk) by  
 26th December



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*I would like to say thank you to friends and neighbours for the messages, cards and flowers I received; their kindness helped me during the sad loss of Maurice.*

*The donations are being sent to the British Heart Foundation.*

**Madge Bayes**

### **Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank everyone from Harbury and beyond for their support following our loss of Andrew. We have been greatly comforted by the heartfelt messages which we received and by everyone who joined us to celebrate his life.*

*Our thanks also go to Father Craig, Annie and all the helpers at the Church for the wonderful service; Mary at Mugglestons for the beautiful flowers and John, Elaine and their staff at The Shakespeare for putting on such a good buffet afterwards.*

*We would also like to thank everyone for their kind donations in memory of Andrew. Donations can still be made at <http://www.justgiving.com/AndrewCleaver>*

*Once again, we have been reminded of what a truly marvellous village we live in.*

**Carole, Jean, Nathaniel & Gemma, Jonboy & Eliza and Anne & John**

### **Dear Editors**

*Thank you to our friends in Harbury for their sympathy and support following the tragic death at the age of 91 of Mum, Florence Mavis Millward, known to everyone as Mavis. Some of your readers will remember Mavis who lived on Constance Drive for several years before leaving the village to return to Cumbria with us in 2002.*

**Sue, John, Richard and Simon Lapraik**

**Dear Editors**

*I thought that the dog friendly people of Harbury would like to know that, sadly, Amber my dog was put to sleep on Tuesday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> November after her tumour had burst. I, like a lot of people, will miss her a lot.*

*Thank you for all your kindness.*

**Roderick Smith**

**Dear Editors**

*It has been a very heart-warming experience whilst I have been 'off my feet' to receive such wonderful support from so many people – visits in hospital, heaps of cards, beautifully prepared desserts, bunches of flowers and generous offers of help. It has been lovely having so many visitors who have provided words of encouragement following my operation, so that I hope to be out and about in the village before too long.*

**Chris Finch**

**Dear Editors**

*I would just like to use the Harbury & Ladbroke News to say thank you very much to all those who came on 16<sup>th</sup> November. To say I was overwhelmed (I hate the expression "gobsmacked"!), is an understatement.*

*It was lovely to see you all. In case I inadvertently miss anyone, thank you also for the many gifts and cards. A special thank you must go to my devious husband and Sue Panton who planned it all; and to Catriona, whom I believe put up the decorations whilst I thought she was at Centre Parcs!*

*Apparently I even cycled past my own daughter, when she was out riding, without recognising her!*

*Many thanks, again.*

**Moirá Rollason**

**Dear Editors**

*Knowing that Judy Morrall is very knowledgeable about plants and flowers but is not a beekeeper, may I gently correct her description of the use of beehives on trailers in Slovenia in her article in the November edition of this magazine? They are not there to attract bees but arrive full of bees ready to gather nectar and pollen from a new source.*

*Beekeepers have practised migratory beekeeping over many centuries, moving the bees to a fresh source of nectar and pollen when the predominating one is finished. We are certain that Egyptians, who kept bees in hollow logs, moved them on boats up and down the Nile for this purpose. Nowadays commercial beekeepers are paid a fee for taking bees to orchards of top fruit for pollination, also to oil seed rape, field beans and borage crops.*

*Indeed amateur hobbyists will move them to hills of ling and bell heather in late summer to obtain delicious prize winning honey and good winter feed for their bees. Can you think of a better way to travel than with a trailer marked "Live Bees in Transit"? We have never been stopped by anyone! Each hive is painted a different colour to help the bees identify their own. The members of each hive have their own scent or pheromone and if the guard bees at the entrance don't recognize this they will not allow the intruders inside.*

*I have met some excellent beekeepers in Slovenia who are financially helped by their government (unlike us Brits). Beekeepers throughout Europe and the Middle East have also been happy to exchange experiences with me and in spite of language difficulties we understood each other. May our fascinating little insects long continue to intrigue and help us all.*

**Ann McKenzie**

### **Dear Editors**

*Our thanks to everyone who supported our Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance coffee morning on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. You made this event such a success that we have been able to send a cheque for £372 from the proceeds.*

*We very much appreciated the many donations of cash, raffle prizes and cakes. We would also like to thank Harbury Co-op for supporting this event.*

*Once again, many thanks.*

**Harbury Air Ambulance Support Group**

## **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 (613214)

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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/7's – Year 1 & 2 (Mixed)**

Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459 232

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 8's – Year 3 (Mixed)**

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 9's – Year 4 (Mixed)**

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 01926 612617

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury Park

**Under 10's – Year 5 (Mixed)**

Coach: Bob Church Tel: 01926 614366

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 11's – Year 6 (Mixed)**

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 13's – Year 7 & 8 (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, Tel: 612748

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

**HARBURY VILLAGE CINEMA:** Contact Lana Long, 01926 613311, email: markandlana@aol.com

**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 (612897)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@tennisolutions.co.uk)

**TUNES & TALES:** Harbury Village Library, Thursdays, 10.00 - 10.30am

**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](mailto: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)

  
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## **Merry Christmas from everyone at the Crown Inn.**

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We are still taking bookings for Christmas parties and lunches.  
You can find the menu on our website or pop into the pub.

### **Opening hours will be as normal except for:**

Christmas Day: 12.00 - 4.00pm

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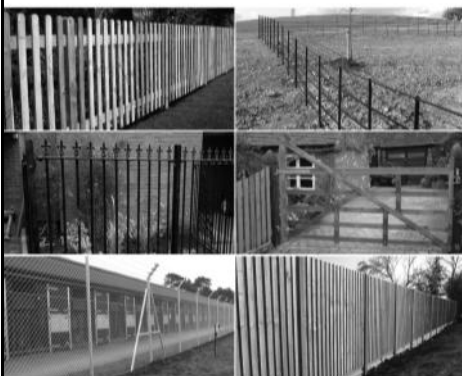
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<b>Weds</b>		Boogie & Bounce 2yrs+ 1.30pm - 2.30pm			Ballroom & Latin (all ages) 5.15pm - 6.00pm		Grade 4 Ballet 15 yrs+ 6.00pm - 7.00pm		Adult Ballroom & Latin (no exp or part req) 8.00pm - 9.00pm
<b>Thurs</b>	Zumba Over 50's 10.00am - 11.00am	Funky Dance 3-6yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Gymnastics (all ages) 4.30pm - 5.00pm	Grade 1 Ballet 10-11yrs 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Funky / Modern 7-10yrs 5.45pm - 6.30pm	Grade 2 Ballet 11-13yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm	Grade 1 Modern 11yrs+ 7.15pm - 8.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 8.00pm - 8.45pm	
<b>Fri</b>	Mini Movers 0-5yrs 10.00am - 11.00am			Little Tappers 3-5yrs 4.45pm - 5.15pm	Pre-Primary Tap 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Primary Tap 8-10yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm			
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