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## Editorial

Work has recently commenced on Phase 2 of the Hereburgh Way housing development and Linfoot Homes are holding a sales launch event on Saturday 9th March in the Village Hall.

The recent snow falls have provided opportunities for fun for our children and for the 'young at heart'. Pictures of winter scenes appear in the magazine. Looking ahead to warmer times (we hope!!) there are requests for support and involvement in the Cricket Club and the Carnival. These are two of Harbury's quintessential summer activities and long may they continue.



**Building work underway in  
Hereburgh Way**

The Heritage Room would love to hear from anyone who attended the Wagstaffe or Wight Schools to add their memories to those already held; an example of which is included in Nigel Chapman's article.

## Harbury Diary

### FEBRUARY

#### Sun 3 SECOND BEFORE LENT

Sung Eucharist, 9.00am

First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room

Taizé-style Service, 6.00pm

Zumba, 9.00 – 10.00am in Village Hall

Tues 5 Heritage Room at School open, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Horticultural Society – Gardens of Yorkshire talk by

Howard Drury 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Wed 6 Wednesday Walkers meet at Village Hall Car Park, 9.40am

Walk: Bourton on Dunsmore – Stockton - 4 Miles

Holy Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room:

Jane Hill: "Experiences of Southern Sudan"

Ballroom Dancing (beginners at 7.30pm). Rest of the group  
8.00 - 9.30pm in Village Hall

- Thurs 7 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee  
Art Group, 10.00am – 3.30pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Movement to Music, 2.00pm, Village Hall  
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room –  
Hugh Tottle: "Antarctic Cruise"  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, in Village Club
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in  
aid of Netball
- Sun 10 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00 – 10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 12 SHROVE TUESDAY  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 ASH WEDNESDAY (Service **at Ladbroke** 7.00pm)  
Wednesday Walkers meet at Village Hall Car Park 9.40am  
Walk: Stoneleigh Village (perhaps with snowdrops) – 3 miles
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Movement to Music, 2.00pm, Village Hall  
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
W.I. Members Evening, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 16 Men's Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in  
aid of Junior Football
- Sun 17 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00 – 10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 19 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Harbury Society, 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room, Terry Hunt –  
Jewellery making with rare metals
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walkers meet at Village Hall Car Park 9.40am  
Walk: Radway to Edge Hill - 4½ miles  
Movement to Music, 2.00pm, Village Hall  
Tea, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 21 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee  
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5.30PM
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in  
aid of Church flowers  
Young Farmers event, 7.00 – 11.00pm in Village Hall

**Sun 24 LENT II**

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Little Saints' Service, 9.00am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Zumba, 9.00 – 10.00am in Village Hall

Tues 26 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Julian Meeting, 8.00pm in Church

Wed 27 Wednesday Walkers meet at Village Hall Car Park 9.40am

Walk: Lowsonford with optional Pub Lunch, distance 4 miles

Ballroom Dancing (beginners at 7.30pm). Rest of the group

8.00 - 9.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 28 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

Movement to Music, 2.00pm, Village Hall

Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Windmills Nursery Ladies Indulgence Evening, 7.30 - 10.30pm  
at The Club

Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall

**MARCH**Fri 1 Women's World Day of Prayer Service, 6.30pm in Church  
followed by Refreshments in the Tom Hauley Room (all  
welcome)Sat 2 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in  
aid of Twinning Association**Sun 3 LENT III**

Sung Eucharist, 9.00am

First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room

Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm

Tues 5 Heritage Room at School open 6.30 - 8.30pm

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Horticultural Society 'Courtyard Gardens' by Adrian James,  
8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 6 Wednesday Walkers meet Village Hall Car Park 9.40am

Walk: Ashorne 3 miles

Holy Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room:

Lent Study with Gemma North

Ballroom Dancing (beginners at 7.30pm). Rest of the group  
8.00 - 9.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 7 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee


Art Group, 10.00am – 3.30pm in Tom Hauley Room

Movement to Music, 2.00pm, Village Hall

Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room

Sat 9 Moving Pictures present 'Skyfall' doors open 5.30pm, film  
starts 6.00pm at Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
February	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	6	7	8	Grey Bin
	13	14	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	20	21	22	Grey Bin
	27	28		Green & Blue Lid Bins
March			1	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	6	7	8	Grey Bin
	13	14	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins

	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<b>Reverend Craig Grocock</b>
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### From the Rector

#### 'I love you so much it hurts'

So said the words on the front of a Valentine card I once received when I was something like fifteen from a wonderful young girl who was eventually to become my wife!

We think about love once again this month as we celebrate St. Valentine's Day, the day when people will make a special effort to declare and express their love for someone. But have you ever thought who Valentine actually was? Well, opinions vary. Some say Valentine was a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity dying on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 269 A.D. Legend also says that Valentine had fallen in love with the jailer's daughter and left a farewell note for the girl, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside 14<sup>th</sup> February to honour St. Valentine. Gradually, 14<sup>th</sup> February became the date for exchanging love messages and Valentine became the patron saint of lovers.

Love is a word that expresses a wide range of emotions and we can use the word glibly and throw it around so easily and cheaply without thinking. Love is expressed most profoundly however when it's sacrificial and when we give it away without counting the cost, when it's unconditional. We see this unconditional love in the death of Jesus who gave his life for each of us, the

perfect and most complete example of love. God loves us so much that it hurt him as he watched his son die so that we might live. The amazing thing is that God didn't check first to see if we were worthy of his son's death, he didn't get the clip-board out and tick the boxes to see if it was worthwhile, he did it anyway because . . .well, God's love is like that!

God bless.



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## First Light

**Alison Abbott**

In December we had a very moving talk from David who told us about his experience of being homeless; there were a few sniffs and nose blowing around the room as he finished. It brought home how small the events that tip someone into homelessness are, yet how small events can turn that around. A discarded packet of chips and a warm coat kept David alive, and a coin he found on the pavement enabled him to return home. Then along with drama, music and prayer we considered our reaction and response.

In January, First Light fell on Epiphany which is when the Church remembers the Magi visiting the infant Jesus. We used the story of their long journey to help us think about the faith journey we are making, and made our own (short) pilgrimage from the Tom Hauley Room into church to visit the nativity there. The Magi's journey was long, but not as long as the Israelites' journey from Egypt to their Promised Land. That took them 40 years! At First Light on 3rd February we will be re-telling the story in a rather different way. So if you want to hear about the Exodus quite like you have never heard it before then be in the Tom Hauley Room before 10.30am - we are going to have fun!

## Women's World Day of Prayer

**I was a stranger and you welcomed me** is the theme for 2013.

Women's World Day of Prayer is a unique organisation; truly interdenominational and truly international, it speaks with the voices of women from all corners of the globe. Involvement creates a network of Christians on a worldwide scale which also reaches into our local communities.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March men and women will be gathering to celebrate using a programme of worship prepared this year by women in France.

France, like other European countries, receives many asylum requests. In 2011, 51,900 people applied for asylum in France. The presence of these people in the country both enriches the culture and can cause social

difficulties. Behind each request, each statistic, is the story of a life. Some of those stories will be shared in the service.

A great wave of prayer is envisaged, rising with the sun over the island of Samoa and then sweeping across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, until it comes to rest in American Samoa some 36 hours later. By then services will have taken place in over 170 countries.

Our service, here in Harbury, will be at 6.30pm in our Parish Church, followed by refreshments (also with a 'flavour' of France) in the Tom Hauley Room. Please do join us, all are welcome, men, women, and people of all ages.

**Sue Boniface**

## **Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's Group**

John Hancock was our first speaker of the year and he did a wonderful job in bringing his Nature Notes (a regular feature in the Harbury & Ladbroke News!) to life in a series of vibrant slides showing the beautiful flora and fauna we have on our doorsteps in Warwickshire. There were many amusing stories that supplemented the picture show which made for a very enjoyable evening.

Next month we go much further afield as Hugh Tottle is coming to speak to the Group about his cruise to Antarctica, the Falkland Islands and around Cape Horn. Hugh is a renowned photographer and we are expecting to see some spectacular pictures of his adventure. No pressure there Hugh!

The meeting will take place on the Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm. Please do come and join us; we are a welcoming group and our meetings are informal, interesting and there's a chance to have a chat over a cup of coffee and biscuits!

For more information, please contact John Guilford (614206) or John Stringer (613214).

**John Guilford (Co-Chair)**

# **Ladbroke News & Diary**

[www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk)

## **FEBRUARY**

Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 3 2<sup>nd</sup> BEFORE LENT**

Christingle Service with Holy Communion. 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 5 Yoga, 10.00 – 11.00am, Village Hall

**Sun 10 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 12 Yoga, 10.00 – 11.00am, Village Hall

Wed 13 Ash Wednesday service, 7.00pm

Fri 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF HARBURY NEWS TO  
31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM

Sat 16 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 17 LENT I**

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Tues 19 Yoga, 10.00am – 11.30am, Village Hall

Wed 20 Lent Lunch, 3 Hedges Close

Thurs 21 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH STREET OR E-MAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK

Sat 23 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 24 LENT II**

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 26 Yoga, 10.00 – 11.00am, Village Hall

Wed 27 Lent Lunch, Hallfield, School Lane

Thurs 28 Women's Institute, 7.30pm, Village Hall

**MARCH**

Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 3 LENT III**

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 5 Yoga, 10.00 – 11.00am, Village Hall

Wed 6 Lent Lunch, The Old School, School Lane

**Ladbroke Church News****Sue Lord & Betty Winkfield**

A Christmas tree lit up with lights, a stable, gleaming brass and flowers adorning the Church: a perfect setting for the celebration of Christ's Birth. Grateful thanks to the Collins family from Deppers Bridge for donating such a beautiful tree and to the ladies who decorated the Church with such stunning displays. The altar flowers were in memory Mary Coley's father.

As usual, our Crib Service on Christmas Eve was great fun with children finding the hidden figures to dress the crib. We had nine children and their parents plus one very new born baby, Ronnie, which really made Christmas "alive".

Christmas morning service was also well attended despite many of the "regulars" being away. The Reverends Craig and Annie inspired us, even though they had already had a very busy time the day before, giving us a joyful feeling of the real meaning of Christmas.



The post Christmas Carol Service was once again a well attended occasion. The augmented choir led by Bill Bosworth sounded beautiful with such a comprehensive programme of readings and song. Well done Kate for moving so sprightly from organ to piano. The evening was rounded off with mulled wine and mince pies: a very sociable end to Christmas services.

Our Lent Lunches commence Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February with hosts and venues as shown below.

20 <sup>th</sup> February	Sue L. and Joan	3 Hedges Close
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Jackie	Hallfield, School Lane
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Carol and Marg	The Old School, School Lane
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sue M.	Walworth Farm, Bishops Itchington
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sue W.	Cherry Trees, School Lane
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Jenny	Chapel Ascot Farm



## Ladbroke Parish Council

**Jackie West**

I missed the beginning of the meeting (but was filled in by one of the councillors) so here is my unofficial summary of the meeting on 16th January 2012. As usual, the formal minutes will appear on the notice board by The Bell Inn and on the village website, [ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://ladbroke-pc.org.uk)

**Matters Arising:** Village Facilities - The Bell Inn closed at the end of 2012. The group who were looking into its possible use for community activities instead of the Village Hall, report that it would not be viable at the current asking price.

**Finances:** It was decided that the parish precept should be the same as last year.

**Planning:** Permission had been granted to pollard a willow at The Croft, convert the garage at 21 Ladbroke Hall and demolish an industrial building and construct a new one at Harp Farm. The application for tree works in the spinney on Bridge Lane had been withdrawn. The changes to Church Cottage and the revised proposals for the wind farm between Bishops Itchington, Gaydon and Knightcote are expected to be discussed at public SDC planning meetings during February; the Parish Council had made no representations/additional comments respectively on these two applications.

**Flood Prevention Grant:** The flow of water in the stream was OK during the recent wet weather and no works west of the bridge near the pub are needed. The value of dredging east of that bridge is debatable and will not

require all of the flood prevention grant money assigned to Ladbroke. Better use would be to obtain design proposals for a balancing pond on the far side of the by-pass, if this is being held up due to lack of money, the budget can be transferred to this and the work invoiced before the money is clawed back in a few weeks time.

**Highways, Footpaths & Drainage:** In the wet weather there was standing water in Banbury Road and at two points in Church Road. Regarding the actual road surface, potholes are developing in Banbury Road, e.g. near the School Lane junction, there is insufficient tarmac and now a muddy hole by the Church gate (even if this is not designated as road, it was thought the Highways Dept were also responsible for the verge) and the tarmac edge of the road has been washed away on the way to Deppers Bridge, past the Bishops Itchington turn. A full list of problems is to be defined and reviewed with the relevant people at SDC.

**Millennium Green:** A good turnout for the safari supper was expected. An application to fell three trees (2 chestnuts and 1 silver birch) will be submitted in later in January. It is planned to plant a few fruit trees in the area towards the stream, a question about this has been recorded for the radio programme "Gardeners' Question Time" with an 80% chance it will be broadcast on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**HS2:** The compensation consultation closes on 31<sup>st</sup> January, the local action group has submitted a response and it was agreed that the Parish Council will send one too. A Construction Code of Practice has been issued but "lacks teeth" with phrases like "*Contractors should consider.....*". There are concerns about traffic in this area during construction, including the potential for Ladbroke to be a rat-run to avoid roadworks/blocked routes. The outcome of the Judicial Reviews is imminent and announcement of the preferred route for the Y junction north of Birmingham is expected soon.

**Website:** Good progress has been made on moving relevant content to a Google site, though it still has to be decided how many of the archived pictures are loaded. The new site should go public well before pre-paid hosting of the current website by SORT IT expires.

**WCC:** Budgets are being agreed and it is expected that there will be no increase in the WCC portion of council tax, so increasing costs and need for more adult care will mean pressure on maintaining other things at current levels. Warwickshire is working with Coventry on *Going for Growth*, i.e. apprenticeships, more jobs etc. The change in the way the NHS is organised starts in April, though the public are not likely to notice.

**SDC:** A review of the impact of wet weather has confirmed that flooding from rivers bursting their banks has been reduced significantly by measures taken in recent years, most problems now are related to surface water drainage that can't cope - maintenance is very important. There have been several planning applications for very large developments of new homes, thought to

be due to developers exploiting the absence of an approved Core Strategy as the previous one has expired and its replacement is delayed, awaiting changes in legislation.

**Other** - The Parish Council has been invited by WALC (Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils) to nominate someone to go into the draw for invitations to the Royal Garden Party in May.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, 7.45pm in the Village Hall.



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

Considering the outside temperature, the Village Hall was pleasantly warm for the first W.I. meeting of 2013 - on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

The annual subscription of £33, which provides speakers for the year, the use of the hall, the national monthly magazine W.I. Life and the Warwickshire Federation news sheet, is due and treasurer Rachel would appreciate the payment of this as soon as possible.

Dates for the diary are:

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|--------------------------|---|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> February | Napton W.I. Open meeting 'Fashions of a Victorian Lady' in Napton Village Hall  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March   | County Meeting at Stoneleigh  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March   | Chocolate Demonstration in Ladbroke Village Hall. This is an open meeting and members are encouraged to bring a friend. |

As you can see by the accompanying illustration, the speaker for the evening, Craig Edser, was a bit different from our usual speakers! The grandson of a Beefeater and the son of a butcher he grew up in Essex and was given a shoe shine box as a young boy and used it to earn money by shining shoes outside his father's shop. While he cleaned all the shoes of the ladies in the front row, he entertained us with tales of his interesting past.

From an early age he had a fascination with America. He left school at 16, saved some money shining shoes and bought a stand-by ticket, expecting a 2 week stay. The flight came through



when his mother was away but he went anyway and didn't see her again for 11 years.

The school leaving age in America was 18 so he had to become a student again and spent two years in a bible college which has given him a lasting deep faith. He became a counsellor at an outdoor activities camp in Georgia and at some stage became Britain's cruiser weight martial arts champion.

Back in England in Leamington Spa, he ran a gym in Bath Street before it was flooded out in the Easter floods; a pub in George Street; a removal company and had more travels to Australia and New Zealand. Finally he applied for a job as the maintenance man at Galanos House but now facilitates activities and fundraising. He has nothing but praise for Galanos House and said it was the best place to work.

Craig had such an interesting mind. He shared his understanding of the differences between personality and character – the former being the face people use when they are on show and character was what a person is when no-one is looking.

In her thanks. Sue said in all her W.I. days she had never heard a speaker quite like Craig.

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, Betty and some of her whist colleagues will give instruction into the playing of the game. Please join us.



## **Ladbroke Photography Club**

**Kip Warr**

### **Ladbroke Photography Club Winter Feast**

Well, perhaps the title is overstating things a bit, but we did join up on 8th January for a very enjoyable evening and a good meal in the warm surroundings of the King's Head in Napton (The Bell in Ladbroke having closed recently - anyone want to buy a pub?). We filled a good long table with members and partners. There were also some new faces who we hope will become members and join in our programme for the coming year which promises talks, workshops, competitions and an exhibition, not to mention a barbecue.

We have formed a link with Kineton Camera Club who meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month - members have an open invitation to attend the other club's meetings. In mid-January nine of us went along to KCC to a presentation by professional photographer Leigh Preston. His pictures were grouped into five photographic essays from gritty urban and industrial landscapes to pristine snow-covered mountains with some fantastic portraits of people old and young taken in Georgia too. Leigh was a very entertaining speaker with gems of photographic advice hidden among his

numerous jokes, for example: if you wear a high-vis jacket, hard hat, carry a clip board and have some official looking ID you may be able to bluff your way into places out of hours to avoid people cluttering up your shot!

On 5th February we meet at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall for our AGM and then a competition on the theme of Abstracts. On 5th March several members will show pictures taken on their travels. We meet monthly, usually on the first Tuesday, and visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Jackie West at [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## Ladbroke General Section

### Thousands of Footprints

Thousands of footprints appeared in the snow around Ladbroke on the evening of Saturday 19th January. A few were from nocturnal wildlife exploring the unusually pristine white environment but close study by experts revealed that most of the footprints were caused by *homo ladbrokiens*. But why so many on a cold wintry night when, like the carol says, the snow lay all about, deep and crisp and even? Well that was the night of the Ladbroke Safari Supper, with over 40 people walking between various homes for each course. Starters and mains were each served in seven venues scattered around the village and then everyone ended up at one house for desserts. It was easy to locate that particular house as people removing boots on their way in resulted in a queue down along the path. There was another queue to leave at the end of the evening as people tried to locate their own footwear; the lady of the house had threatened to take away one of each pair and charge us £5 but luckily didn't implement that plan.

It was a most enjoyable event thanks to everyone who got involved as cooks of the delicious food on offer, gracious hosts providing a warm welcome to their home and as enthusiastic guests appreciating what was provided. Kip and Martin did a great job on the logistics and a huge thank you goes to Kip and Mif for letting everyone invade their home for the highly sociable conclusion to the evening.

The next fund raising event for the Millennium Green is a quiz night and supper on Saturday 20th April; come along for another evening of fun with neighbours and friends old and new. More details next month.

**Jackie West**

### March Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

**Adverts** to 31 Binswood End by 15th February

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## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

**December 2012**

£80	Richard Walker	£50	Graham Lewis
£25	Simon and Jackie West	£10	Malcolm Wray
£10	Peter Baker	£10	Martin and Debra Neal
£10	Susan Moore	£10	Mike Connon

**Margaret Bosworth**



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley**

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

Our Councillors have now given themselves the “Power of Competence” which means they have greater freedom to spend money on the Parish. And they have budgeted to do that, but they are not being profligate – the increase on the Precept is only just over £5K. This will cost a Band D payer about 80p a month extra and for that we will get a refurbished Village Hall and a thriving Library and Café, improved and more efficient street lighting (which stays on all night) and many other advantages.

However, at this meeting, Councillors seemed hedged about with problems – quite literally! Hedges; overgrown and scheduled to be grubbed up, predominated. the playing fields hedge needs cutting back but adjoining residents wanted it cut to different heights. A new contractor will smooth it out. The Allotments hedge is too close to the plots to be cut mechanically and might need laying. The Cemetery holly hedge is intruding into a neighbour's garden and has to be cut back and there was confusion over the ownership of the hedge opposite the Manor but Councillors agreed to get that cut too.

Cllr Patrick is trying to save an old hedge that runs from Flax Hill to the railway cutting. The landowner wants to remove it but it is old and important as a wildlife corridor so the Councillors want it saved or have a nature conservation area created in its stead.

This was just one of many contentious planning items. District Cllr Hamburger reported on the Windfarm proposals about which he was concerned, explaining that Stratford DC is now wide open to development after a successful appeal rubbished their policies especially their “modest” housing totals. Bishops already faced applications for 32 houses on Station Road and 69 in Plough Lane.

County Cllr Stevens reported that improvements to Junction 12 of the M40 to facilitate access to Jaguar/Land Rover would start in 2014 and take 9 months. Chairman Tim Lockley had heard that the railway from Bicester through Harbury was to be electrified and was concerned that some bridges would need replacing. Then of course there is HS2 and the Solar Farm that Folletts want to develop down at Deppers.

## **Planning**

Stratford approved extensions at 5 Vicarage Lane and 43 Mill Street; a replacement garage at 13-15 Mill Street and the demolition of garages at the Old New Inn, but they turned down an application to build a bungalow there. The application for extensions, a garage and workshop at 43 South Parade was withdrawn.

The Parish Council had made no representation on a proposed Conservatory at The Stables, Harbury Hall, or extensions to Four Acres, Greenhill Farm. They will be represented by several Councillors at the District's Planning meeting which will determine the application for a block of four flats on the Dovehouse Autos site.

So what do we get for our money?

**The Library** is doing well with the Café covering the running costs. The Kitchen is to be improved and a new more efficient coffee machine installed. It is running a parallel lending service with donated books, a reading group and a Saturday session for kids, all with volunteer help. As the Chairman remarked it is re-skilling a lot of people!

**The Village Hall** has the specification and costing for its latest extension and improvements and is frantically fundraising with a Big Band Concert in March and an Auction of Promises in April. It needs £180K for the building works.

**Lighting** - The Council agreed to replace the final six concrete lighting columns and install LED lamps which although more expensive, are much more energy efficient and last longer. *All our lights have automatic sensors and are lit from dusk to dawn.*

**Grants** - The Parish Council approved an application for £1010 from the Rugby Club towards the cost of installing disabled loos. They agreed £5K for the Village Hall to pay for the professional fees (planning, architect etc) for the latest improvements. For the Heritage Group Cllr Thornley thanked the Council for its previous grant of £5K for a computer system for the Archive Room.

**General** - A bigger waste bin will be installed outside the Post Office. Improvements to the Skatepark and a BMX Track are in hand. Bark for the Play Area will be replenished and some equipment repainted. The traffic calming crocodile teeth are due to be painted on the road in Bush Heath Lane. The broken waste and "dog" bins have been removed from the Old New Inn Green and replaced with a single dual use bin. *Residents are*

*reminded that policy is now that dog waste can be put in the ordinary waste bins.*

**Climate Change** has been causing headaches for your Councillors. They are investigating a complaint from a householder that the Playing Fields are flooding his garden, but the water-table is high everywhere. They decided they could not justify the purchase of another grit bin for the far end of Bull Ring Lane when it would assist so few people.

Snow has delayed the installation of the new goalposts at the Playing Fields and the Fields themselves and particularly the Junior Football Pitch have not recovered from the monsoon conditions this winter. The damage done by the Bonfire and the vehicles transporting its firewood cannot yet be repaired. It will have to wait until the land dries out. Councillors will consider minor changes to the position of the football pitch to obviate the problem in future.

They have agreed that the Fields can be used for the Carnival again this year, but the Committee will be asked to remember to install the bollards to prevent any unauthorised vehicles and party-goers using the fields afterwards.

Cllr Hancock asked that the minutes recorded the Council's acknowledgement of the contributions of former members Neville Ellis and Midge Keen who died recently.

**Next Meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## **Harbury Parish Council Quarterly Report, January 2013**

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Approved a budget for 2013-14 with an average increase of 80p per month for a band D property. The increase is mainly to continue support for community buildings (the Village Hall and the Library).
- Ordered new LED streetlights to replace the final concrete columns in use in the village.
- Ordered a larger bin for outside the Post Office.
- Worked in partnership with the Junior Football Club to obtain a grant to replace the worn out goal posts.
- Commented on numerous planning applications.
- Continued to work on a lease for the library, hopefully this will be resolved soon.

**Tim Lockley**  
**Chairman, Harbury Parish Council**





## Harbury Society

**Linda Ridgley**

We were greatly saddened by news of the death of Neville Ellis. Neville was, from the first, a very active member of the Society with an abiding interest in the village, its history and the countryside around it. He was a prime mover in the restoration of the Village Pump which now sits by the War Memorial in Crown Street.



You may know that the Society objected to plans for a tall block of flats at the Dovehouse Autos site adjacent to the Conservation Area in Dovehouse Lane. You can see the comments of objectors and photographs of the area at:- <http://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=ME5C0VPM00C00>. The

deadline for comments has passed and we await the decision of the Stratford District Council Planning Committee on this contentious application. You are also probably aware that the eastern wall of the Dovehouse collapsed over the Christmas period – a sad fate for an already reduced relic of our historic past. You may not know the County Archaeology Dept considers that this area, which includes the Dovehouse Autos site, is probably the original foundation of the village and its medieval manor. See more at:- <http://timetrail.warwickshire.gov.uk/detail.aspx?monuid=WA9055>

Our next meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February (7.30 for 8.00pm) in the Tom Hauley Room when Terry Hunt gives a talk on Jewellery Making with Rare Metals.



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Jeanne Beaumont**

New Year is here with the bad weather as well. The shops and local people must be thanked for their kindness and efficiency during the icy conditions.

Unfortunately, recently, some of our members have had bereavements in their families and we send them our condolences.

I must mention John Travis and Lyn Edwards for their help in the past year and thank them so much.

Yes, we did enjoy the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime at the Talisman Theatre in Kenilworth. They do very well on a small stage, especially the sets which are unbelievable. Thanks to Peggie Middleton for arranging the event. The coach was super.

We look forward to our New Year's party and will report next month.

Dorothy has again got a great programme compiled. For our January meeting she invited Katy Spencer Hammon, Malcom Tanner, Elizabeth Holding, Sam Starvis (with her torch) and Rose Guiot (linguist), who called themselves "Olympics Games Makers".

They had to pass a rigorous interview before being accepted, then the hard training began of what individuals had to do.

It was so interesting to hear each person tell their experiences of helping at the Games. One thing that has to be said is that there was so much all volunteers had to do for the Olympics and they did a wonderful job.

Dorothy was amazed when she asked Malcolm how many talks the team had given and he said we were the first. Well, we hope we will not be the last and fully recommend them – you will enjoy their visit.

**February meeting:** 14th February, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – Member's Meeting.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Chris Beaton**

And so we start again! The process of finding a suitable play to perform is well underway and we think we may have found a cracking little comedy for you all this time. Called "A fete worse than death", it features a fictional TV detective being asked to open a fete, before becoming embroiled in a proper murder in amongst the prize winning vegetables and simmering local tensions... It's a lot of fun and we're going to try and see if we can find a suitable cast so watch this space!

Otherwise, our next monthly meeting is, as always, the last Tuesday of the month and is held at the Shakespeare so feel free to come along and get involved!

And finally, unfortunately, snow stopped play...well, sort of. I had great fun in it with my children, as many of you no doubt also did, but it did mean the Theatre Group's belated Christmas get together in Snitterfield never happened. We were planning to play skittles on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, but it snowed heavily from the Friday onwards, so discretion being the better part of valour we decided we didn't want to risk having to camp in Snitterfield overnight! However, all's not lost as we're hoping to reschedule soon.



## Folk Club

Steve & Maureen Darby

### Number 338

As we moved into a new year, the theme for the evening was "From the Old to the New" and, in keeping with this, we were able to welcome both regulars and a new performer to the Folk Club.

Regrettably we have to begin this month's report with a formal apology from the hosts. Many male members of the audience sport beards (in true folk tradition) which on this evening caught Steve's eye so he recited the story of working for a tough Scotsman (some 30 years ago) who would not employ any staff who had a beard and that the whole company was "beard free". Steve noticed one member of the audience who had a particularly fine bushy beard and wondered how the Scotsman would have reacted had such a bearded person turned up for an interview. One member of the audience asked why the Scotsman took this stance and Steve replied that this was because he (the Scotsman) had a view that anyone with a beard had something to hide. This comment has caused offence for which Steve can only apologise and can assure club members he will never again make comments about beards but is happy to listen to any stories about follicle-challenged men who cannot get jobs and he will not take offence.

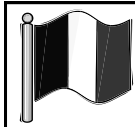
Maureen and Janny proudly announced the launch of their new CD and opened the evening with "Two Brothers" and we then welcomed a debut from Diana on ukulele who is a music hall lover and sang "Second Hand Rose". Rik beautifully performed "Who knows where the time goes", an enigmatic song about the changing of the seasons, followed by a song about a person who lost a lover but then found a new one. Sue and a poorly Ted, who for some reason wanted to twang his braces, had the audience join in with the "Gower Wassail" and then Ted made us all laugh with his rendition of the Flanders and Swan song about how each month of the year has its own weather characteristics. Pete Mason performed an oldie wanting the Lord to deliver him from the darkness of Hull and Halifax and Hell. He followed this with a newbie "Too close to the wind", a story about how hardship led to a life of highway robbery crime, which eventually led to the gallows. Pete Grassby superbly played the guitar as he sang "The Death of Lord Admiral Benbow", a tale of "out with the old" and then told us how profit was to be made from the shortage of women in the American West with a Harry Chapin number, "Mail Order Annie". Wilson, Morris and Thompson played some old Christmas tunes with new arrangements followed by a wonderful slower version of the Morris tune "Black Joke". Maureen, accompanied by Ted, closed the half with a first; she had penned her first-ever song, which told the tale of the perils of home decorating and how it can lead to disaster.

The second half opened with the Folk Club All Seasons Choir singing "The Holly and the Ivy" together with the "Hereburgh Carol" and then Des had everyone loudly join in with the choruses for "Long, Long, Time" and his most favourite "Babylon has Fallen". Nigel Moorcroft sang two songs associated with the way war has changed from the old times of "The White Cockade" to the new "Innocents" where children are forcibly drafted into fighting in conflicts in Africa. Peter McDonald performed a Richard Thompson song about the turning of the year, "We'll sing Hallelujah", followed by a tragic case of a prospector who had to give up as he had no joy in his search for gold with "Farewell to the Gold". Peter Bones sang a new song from John Conolly about the old theme of becoming grumpy as we get older and then Terry sang a song full of anti-American sentiment with "Down at the Old Molly Miller Club" followed by Tom Paxton's song, "My Ramblin' Boy". Ian and Sue closed the second half with "Sing out the old songs, bring in the new" and "I'll be warm with my winter draws on".

The third half had performances from the Choir, Pete Mason, Pete Grassby, Peter McDonald, Diana and we closed the evening with a rousing chorus from Des where we all joined in with "Rolling Home".

The raffle raised £60 for TOFS, a charity that provides support to children (and their parents) who are born unable to swallow as they have no, or an incomplete, oesophagus. In addition Maureen and Janny sold £40's worth of their new CD, the proceeds of which will all go towards TOFS.

Next month's Folk Club will be hosted by Sue and Ted Cum when the theme will be "Some you Win, Some you Lose".



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Andrew Patrick**

Last month nearly 40 of us, including one lady who is 100% French, celebrated 'Fête des Rois' ('Feast of the Kings'), by kind invitation of David and June Eaves. We ate traditional (and delicious) 'Galette' - containing curious objects which revealed who would be kings and queens for the evening. The rest of us had to be content with pretending to behave ourselves, while wrestling with some challenging quizzes.

At the start of March will be our Coffee Morning, in support of the Village Hall Development Fund. And two weeks later there will be a Concert in Church with a French flavour. (See article elsewhere in this issue).

In April there will be a skittles evening, our last event before the Samois visit in May.

We always welcome new members. Please believe us when we say we're a friendly bunch (honest). And it's a modest subscription. And **you don't have to speak French!**



## Harbury Cricket Club

Ian Holroyd

### Does Harbury want a Cricket team?

The new cricket season is only three months away and the cricket club is arranging fixtures for the 2013 season. As some Harbury residents may know via a back page article in the Leamington Courier in mid June, last season it was a struggle to get a team together and it was feared that the club would fold. Many thanks to Philip Muggleston who did a great job getting a team out as many times as he did.

Harbury has been fielding a village cricket team for over 50 years and there are many villagers who have many happy memories of playing village cricket throughout the county. Sunday afternoon matches are a great tradition and it is very sad that this tradition is on the wane with many small villages not now playing friendly cricket. Several villages in South Warwickshire have folded over the past few years and certainly we don't want Harbury to go the same way.

I accept that nowadays there are many things to do at the weekend and young people have many interests to take them away from village life. Socially too, there are many distractions and this has an effect on the commitment of playing cricket.

There is a VERY small cricket committee who try hard to keep the club alive. This is becoming increasingly difficult due to a shortage of players—young and old – who put themselves forward to play for the village team. However the committee are determined to see that Harbury village maintains its cricketing traditions and are appealing to villagers to help support the club during the 2013 season - players of any age and ability and supporters who may support the club by becoming a vice-president will be more than welcome. Our fixture list is about complete for the new season so we are looking forward to an enjoyable and successful season.

The facilities are as good as any village club in the area, in particular the Rugby Clubhouse and a superb playing square which has been looked after by Richard Carr winter and summer for the past 20 years to produce a square which is the envy of many clubs in the county. If the club did not exist it would only be other clubs who would rent the use of the ground as a Kenilworth team does, playing their Saturday League fixtures at Harbury.

Surely there must be villagers who would help save our Cricket Club - Harbury is a large village and it is very disappointing for many who have supported the Club over many years to see us struggling as we are.

**Let's have some support** -- contact Jez Hunt - 07801 105994, Phil Muggleston - 07746 875553 or Ian Holroyd - 07831 602131.

### **Chairman's Report: Ian Jones**

I am pleased to say that lots of children are again playing football after the Christmas break (weather permitting). A few things to mention this month:-

1) Steve Darby retires. After two (one was never going to be enough) long stints with the club, Steve is hanging up his boots at the end of the season. Steve has made a massive contribution to the club over the years and we thank him for his service (above and beyond). However, we are looking for a new leader/coach for the 13/14 season under 6 (year 1 and possibly reception) group. The club can provide guidance, support and access to appropriate training and education. Experience tells us that this will likely be a parent of a child in that group. The club will likely struggle to provide a group at that age group if we don't get people stepping forward. It doesn't matter if you have little experience; if you are keen and have the right approach, we can support your transition/development. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me on 612201/isj@talk21.com.

2) Calling all referees. We are looking for referees new or experienced, young or old. Can you help? We often need referees to look after our league and friendly matches. We can offer support and help with access to training courses too. Maybe you are ready to come out of retirement to take charge of an U9's game? Maybe you are doing your Duke of Edinburgh award? Anyway, please contact me on 612201/isj@talk21.com if you would like to know more.

3) HJFC Coffee Morning is at the Tom Hauley Room on the 16th February from 10am - 12 noon. As always we hope for your support with willing hands, raffle prizes and cakes. Please get there if you can, it's usually a busy morning for young and old alike. This event is a big help to our fund raising activities so please support us. If you can help on the day please let your coach know.

### **U10: Harbury Juniors Hawks - Ian Jones**

#### **5th Jan: St Peter's Celtic Knights 0 v Harbury Juniors Hawks 5**

A good result on a small temporary pitch. First half was even, with a few early signs of rust for the Hawks playing uphill. Morgan got a breakthrough following up on a spill from the keeper. Cam D then got the next. A sweet free kick from Morgan making it 3 nil at half time.

A reminder from the coach on the important things (I can't divulge team secrets obviously) and getting the passing going saw the Hawks dominate possession and territory in the second half with further goals from Cam D, and Morgan getting his hat-trick at the death. A solid team performance with

Man of the Match going to Jacob for sterling work in defence to not allow St Peter's Celtic a sniff. A clean sheet too. A good start to the new year.

### **12th Jan: Harbury Juniors Hawks 4 v St Peter's Celtic Vikings 0**

Proper football weather... snow showers and a heavy pitch at Harbury School. A very even first half in difficult conditions for the two teams. The teams battled with chances coming for both teams. Formation/positional changes for the Hawks made it difficult to assert any authority. A goal mouth scramble and Cam D got on the end of it to make it 1 nil at half time.

Further changes in the second half with Daniel 'taking one for the team' and going in goal to give Cam B a well earned half out of the sticks. Good work by Seb and Liam on the flanks, this was rewarded with Liam popping up and putting one in. Seb went close and Morgan's long range effort was tipped away for a corner. Cam B did well up front and was rewarded with a goal. Cam D popped up again to make it four. In the end a comfortable victory after an even first half; Daniel taking Man of the Match for his good work in the first half and for his stint in goal. Well done to all.

### **Harbury Colts - Steve Burnell**

#### **Harbury Colts 6 v 2 Baginton League (5<sup>th</sup> January 2013)**

A convincing win to the new year for the Colts who started very strongly, with a good attitude and work ethic from the off. From the whistle it was all Colts and we were soon rewarded through Luca W, who was back from injury, hitting a brace after some additional earlier efforts going close. Baginton then got one back through a schoolboy error but were soon thwarted by another Colts' response with Beau S making it 3 v 1. Josh B also went close early on with yet another 20 yard strike, with only the crossbar to deny him. Baginton came again replying though some very lax defending, but again Beau S replied with his second of the day to make it 4 v 2. A win was never in doubt for the Colts when Jack P took a long goal kick up field reaching Josh B who turned and volleyed the ball from 20 yards out past a stagnant Baginton keeper who could do nothing with this one. Then Oscar B killed off the game embarking upon yet another one of his daisy runs and finished well. A great game by all, with the defence particularly tight; however Luca W won Man of the Match for his great work rate!

#### **Lawford Utd Colts 0 v 5 Harbury Colts League (12th January 2013)**

Building on a great start, the Colts visited a strong Lawford team on what was a bitterly cold morning. The Colts started very well again and, while Lawford threatened, their attempts came to little harm. Beau S scored twice, and Oscar B scored twice too with a fantastic half way line effort that looped over the keeper's head. Joshua B went close also with two long range efforts, the Lawford keeper making some great saves on both occasions. Luca finished off the game with a beautiful effort, again sneaking the ball past the keeper. A great performance in some terrible conditions: Joe D, Ollie K,

Millie T and Morgan F won this game for the Colts with their persistent battling and Ollie K deservedly won Man of the Match for his endeavour in keeping the back line shut for much of the game allowing the glory boys the opportunity to put the Lawford keeper under intense pressure. Colts are still holding firm in second place in the league, but whilst the title is within reach, our greatest tests are yet to come!



## Harbury Junior Netball Club

**Beccy McDaid**

Well we are half way through the season and what a season it has been so far. Our busiest yet with seven junior teams playing in the Coventry and Warwickshire Junior Netball League. At present the league tables look very good for Harbury.

**Under 16 A Team top and the B Team seventh out of 14 teams.** Both teams are playing some fantastic netball. Also both teams are showing increasing levels of team work, enthusiasm, maturity and skill which is brilliant to see. As coaches we have been really impressed and proud with the way the girls are playing this season. Keep it up. 😊

**Under 14 A team top and the B Team third out of 10 teams.** The potential we have in this age group just seems to grow every week. As a group of 17 girls they have always worked very hard to produce the best netball they can. And both teams, as is shown from the league tables, are playing their socks off!! We really couldn't ask for more commitment and effort. Well done and keep it up. 😊

**Under 13 A Team third and the B Team 9<sup>th</sup> out of nine teams.** The improvement we have seen in this age group from last year to this season is fabulous. All the hard work on the basic skills of netball has really paid off. The A team has had some very good wins this season. And although the B team scores have not gone as well as they could have, the attitude and enthusiasm of all the girls could not be better. It is lovely to see such positive attitudes. Super, keep it up girls. The wins will come! 😊

**The Under 12s** have only just started their season. They played with great spirit in their first game and we are looking forward to seeing them grow in confidence and skill over the rest of the season. Bring it on girls. 😊

As you can see we are very busy. It is fantastic to have so many girls so keen and enthusiastic to play our sport. However, without the commitment and enthusiasm of their coaches we would not be able to provide the opportunity for these girls to play and enjoy netball. I would like to thank all the other coaches at Harbury Junior Netball Club: Donna, Leasal, Ali, Polly and Mandy for giving their time in order that so many local girls can take part in netball. Thank you ladies your support is invaluable. Netball over the last 33 years



has given me so much pleasure. I hope that many of these junior players continue to play and enjoy netball for many years to come. ☺

We have this year also been extremely lucky to have received a grant from the Parish Council. This has enabled us to buy much needed new kit, balls and posts. So a massive thank you to the PC.

I will update you all on how the season finishes for us later in the year. Finally, a huge thank you to all our parents for their continued support - getting the girls to their matches, supporting, scoring and providing me with tea and sweets!!!



**Harbury RFC**

## **Rugby Football Club**

**Jerry Birkbeck**

The current cold snap has had an effect upon all rugby over the last couple of weeks. The principal outcome was that the 1<sup>st</sup> XV's semi-final match against the Cambridgeshire side St Ives in the RFU Junior Vase was postponed. This is scheduled to be replayed at St Ives on Saturday 9th February. We have arranged a coach and any supporters are welcome. The coach will depart from the Rugby Club at 10.00am the cost is £10.00 a head and the coach will return by 8.00pm. More details can be obtained from Dave Andrews on 01926 612528.

The winner of the tie will play in the Midlands Final against either Old Yardleians or Bedford Swifts at a date yet to be decided. The winner of that match will be in the national semi-finals with the winners of the North, South East and South West Regional Finals, with the two victorious teams ending up at Twickenham in May to play for the RFU Junior Vase.

Harbury's improving League form continues with an emphatic victory away to Keresley after the Christmas break, and a hard earned 17-7 home win against Claverdon. With eight league matches remaining they have to look to continuing their current form.

The second XV have had a difficult start to the season but recent league wins have been encouraging and they are away to Copsewood in the Warwickshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Shield. Should they win, they will be entertaining either Claverdon or Manor Park and hope to retain the Trophy that they won so thrillingly last season.

The Mini and Junior Section continue to progress under the excellent guidance of Piers Banfield and his hard working committee. Fielding over 165 players from the age of under 7 through to under 16 is difficult to manage and of course fixture arrangement is not an easy task. However, the effort put in by players, coaches and parents is hugely impressive.

## Touch Rugby

In 2015 England hold the Rugby Union World Cup and amongst many initiatives being developed by the RFU perhaps the most exciting is Touch. We are looking to promote and develop the game. It's fast and fun and involves men, women, boys and girls. Harbury RFC, with help from the RFU will be looking to run this during the summer months and, if the interest carries on, then through the winter under lights at the Club. We will be hiring a stall at the Carnival to demonstrate and promote the game. Look out for further advertising.

One aspect of sport that we are keen to encourage is that of sports for the disabled and we will look how we can use our facilities with the English Federation for Disabled Sports. If any of you have knowledge or experience of any activities that can be undertaken then please do contact me: jerrybirkbeck@btinternet.com or phone me on either 01926 258691 or 07855566325.

For further information about what we are doing then please visit our website: [www.harburyrfc.co.uk](http://www.harburyrfc.co.uk).

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p><b>Rosemary Scott</b></p>
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With all the excitement of Christmas over, January has been a relatively quiet month. We had our first meeting on the 7th January at the softplay at Stratford Armouries as a new canopy was being installed at the Pre-School so we were unable to open as usual. The children loved running around the softplay and really did wear themselves and us Mums out.

The canopy is now installed and provides shelter for our pushchairs if the weather is bad and will also provide shade when the weather is good.

During the last two weeks we've opened despite the amount of snow we had. The children enjoyed arriving at Toddler Group on their sledges or walking through the snow. They were kept busy inside making pasta necklaces and collages, while the Mums and Dads drank tea.

If you are interested in joining us at Toddler Group we are always pleased to see newcomers. We have lots of toys each week as well as play dough and another craft activity. We run every Monday from 9.30am to 11.15am at the Wight School (behind the library), and cater for children from birth to school age.





## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**New Starters** – Firstly we would like to wish a warm welcome to Finley and Ryan who joined us at Pre-School at the beginning of the term and have settled in very confidently with their new friends.



**New Canopy** – Just before the beginning of the spring term, our long awaited canopy was erected in the play area, giving much needed shelter from the elements, so that the children are now able to stay outside, whatever the weather, making good use of their outdoor classroom. We are very grateful to everyone who donated and helped raise funds for this wonderful addition to Pre-School.

**Winter Wonderland** - We were rather hoping for some snow and frost over the Christmas holiday period but the mild wet weather continued and the new term began with wellies and raincoats being the order of the day rather than thick coats and warm mittens! Nevertheless, the role play area still became our own Winter Wonderland and the children soon set to work to make cold weather collages and paintings, using different items and paint in pastel shades of blue, mauve, grey and white, which was applied using rollers and sponges as well as brushes. They helped to make white playdough to use as a “snowy” landscape to make footprints in, using plastic animals, including sheep and even dinosaurs!



We talked about the weather conditions, discussed the sort of clothing that we might need to keep ourselves warm, sang songs and read stories about cold climates and wintry weather ..... and then the snow arrived!



After the snowy weekend, the children came to Pre-School full of stories about the snowmen/bears/dogs that they had made – Anna had even made a snow reindeer! They were delighted to find that the water tray had been filled with ice, snow from the play area, arctic animals and Eskimos, complete with sled and husky dog. Coats, boots, scarves and woolly mittens were put to good use as the children investigated the snow in the outdoor play area.

**Visitor** – One Tuesday morning, the children were amazed to find that the Gruffalo had come to visit. We are very grateful to Saffie and Nuala for lending us their fantastic 4'6" high Gruffalo, expertly made by their father Masa. The wonderful model led to the reading of 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Gruffalo's Child' stories all over again and the children painted some fantastic pictures for a display. The role play area became a very popular Gruffalo's cave and the children worked hard in the outdoor garden area to create a snow Gruffalo!



*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](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) phone 07939 122087 or look at the website [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk).*

Please note that although the starting age for Pre-School is two years nine months, your child is never too young to be registered – we are already nearly full for summer term 2014 and are filling up very fast for the school year 2014-15.



**Windmills**  
Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**



Windmills Nursery is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. We are open all day between school hours and take children from the age of two years. If you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at [info@windmillsnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmillsnursery.co.uk), visit our website at [www.windmillsnursery.co.uk](http://www.windmillsnursery.co.uk),

call Tina/Sally on 07906 519148 (nursery mobile) or Katharine on 01926 613084 (admin).



## In Nursery

Welcome to Annabel, Thomas, Jack and Ruby who have joined Windmills this term; they are all settling in well and we wish them a very happy time at Windmills Nursery. With the excitement of Christmas behind us, the children have been enjoying talking about what they did in the Christmas holidays and many have brought in photographs to show at group time.



Activities within nursery have centred round the theme of winter and the recent snowy weather has provoked many fun activities at Windmills. We have been out with the children making snowmen in the school field just outside the Nursery windows and the children have been able to observe them from inside and produce collages. They have also been making footprints in the snow and exploring sizes and patterns. Inside the children have

been playing with ice cubes in the tuff tray and trays of snow and creating snowy pictures with chucks and splatter pens. We have been reading "One Snowy Night" and talking about being kind and how we keep warm in cold weather.

Finley – "I like the snow. It's very cold. When we stand on it, it will go crunch, crunch. Mummy and Daddy play in the snow with me. Father Christmas might live in the cold weather."

In French we have been recapping on where France is with the help of



some of our older children and discussing some things that are typically French.

Mia – “The French say Bonjour”. Eilidh – “The French flag is white, red and blue”, Charlotte – “The shape is a rectangle”. Some food that is French: Anna – “Baguette”, Finlay – “Croissant”, Thomas – “Crêpes”.

### Thanks

Thank you to Laura Young for donating some toys to Nursery and to Jane Thomas for the storage tubs which have been put to good use.



## Harbury Primary School

David Cousens

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal:** It gives me great pleasure to say that we collected a staggering 107 Christmas shoe-box presents to send to children around the world. This is a brilliant figure and so a massive thank you to all of those who took part and to Mrs Rae for organising the appeal.

**Mysterious happenings at Harbury Primary School:** Many thanks for all of the positive comments from those who came to see the selection of work completed by the children during our first week back at school. Unfortunately we could not display every child's work in the hall, due to the numbers involved, but we did have a selection from each year group and many parents said how fantastic everything looked.

**Key Stage One Lost Property:** Another massive thanks goes to all of those parents who took home the Key stage one lost property to clean it and return it freshly laundered, your support is greatly appreciated.

**Reception Classes:** A quick reminder to say that please could parents say goodbye to their children on the playground rather than at the entrance to the classrooms to avoid congestion and keep the doorway clear. Many thanks.

**Child Illness:** Please be advised that children who have been sick need to have 24 hours away from school in order to recover from the illness; this is for their health and also for the rest of the school population. Therefore please do not send your child back to school until 24 hours have passed since the last time they were sick.

**Harbury Book Day:** Plenty of advance warning that we will be holding our version of World Book day on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> March. For this event we ask that children, and the staff, dress up as a character from their favourite book. We also ask that the children bring in the book from which their character comes so that they can share their inspiration with others.

**Dates for the diary:** 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening, 14<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Class Assembly and 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Class Assembly.



## Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

**PTA Committee**

Our Spring Term fundraising got off to a fantastic start in January, as our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room was a great success. We would like to offer a big thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes, baked, helped and/or attended the event, despite the wintry weather.

Unfortunately the cross country relay event that was due to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January involving our Year 5 and 6 pupils (where the PTA were to provide refreshments), has been cancelled due to the snow.

Please try and drop in to one of our Thursday markets. The markets are held in the School Hall and the next dates are 7<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March. There is a variety of goods on sale (toys, LOTS of cakes, plants, books, greeting cards etc). We also sell a wide range of good quality second-hand school uniforms. Alternatively if you would like to book a stall (the fee is £1.50), please contact [juliejennings25@btinternet.com](mailto:juliejennings25@btinternet.com) for more information.

Later in the Spring Term, we will be holding an Easter egg competition, so look out for further details in due course!



## Village Hall Update

**Chris Finch**

Curiouser and curiouser?? A member of the Village Hall committee visited the premises about 5.00pm during the third week in December and saw a group engaged in deep conversation (with refreshments/notebooks??) seated in a circle in the main hall near the hatch into the kitchen. On returning some time later to check that everything was in order, (as happens every day), the group had gone on their way and the room was 'ship-shape'. Nothing unusual about that, except that on this particular weekend in December no-one was booked in to the Hall and no request for a booking had been made! If anyone can enlighten the booking secretary about their presence on this occasion, it would set committee minds at rest!

It is with great sadness that members of the committee record the sudden death of Midge Keen for whom a memorial service has been arranged on 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm at Harbury Church. Midge had been a member of the committee for over 40 years and even in her eighties, she would regularly come to the Hall to help prepare refreshments or sell raffle tickets for the various fund-raising events. She had been a close friend of Gill Gurden, who was one of the original committee members and together they could recall the development of the Hall in its various stages, which helped illuminate the evolution of the premises from its early beginnings for present members.

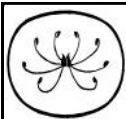
As ever, fund-raising continues apace and three events are planned for the coming months:

**Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – the Big Band** is returning for a concert. On the previous occasion when the Coventry brass band came to Harbury, the event was a sell out, so look out for poster/flyers and contact Andy (613757) or Geoff (613801) for tickets.

**Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> – the latest James Bond block-buster, Skyfall** will be the latest Rural Cinema's showing. The details will be given in the advert elsewhere in the magazine.

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Auction of Promises** with wine tasting provided by CANA Wines and a light buffet. The event is being master-minded by members of the fund-raising group and further details will be provided in next month's magazine. The organiser/ auctioneer for the event is Chris Rigby (612403) and he would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be willing to donate a promise/(s), which would increase the range of interesting offers to attract bidders.

The New Year's Dance was as enjoyable as always and the committee members had a night off from preparing the food as Jan and Ray Playdon were on hand to serve the buffet, which was very well- received. As it was promoted as the Golden Ball, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the Hall was opened, delightful golden cup-cakes were ordered from the Homemade Teacake bakery in Harbury, which rounded off the much appreciated evening's fare before the dancing began. The committee always recognise that it is important for local businesses to be supported at village events and we are fortunate to have such exceptional caterers on hand. Many thanks to them, for their efforts on our behalf.



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morral**

We had a really good attendance at our January meeting - despite the cold and frosty conditions, almost 50 people came. We were not disappointed as Linda gave her usual brilliant talk despite a sore throat.

She spoke about her first Chelsea exhibit. She explained that she and her husband do go to other shows with their water garden feature and in fact won their first gold medal at Malvern in 2008. They were approached with a view to exhibiting at Chelsea just after this and, after a good deal of soul searching, decided to try. They were accepted after the application was submitted in November 2009 and so began the planning etc and an entirely new exhibit had to be designed and built as previously the stand had always been built at floor level due to the weight of water. After a few attempts on



odd pieces of paper a plan was put into action; the ethos was that it would be like a raised bed but with water in it.

Easy you might think...not so. The logistics had to be carefully planned for the space they would occupy measured 20 by 12 feet. They had an ideal spot in the marquee near to Main Avenue. They were the first water exhibit in the marquee for 20 years so there was extra pressure. We saw an aerial view of the site at Chelsea on 1<sup>st</sup> May, a totally blank canvas of 4 acres. Within the space of 3 weeks it is transformed into the show we all love to see on the television. I have been over 20 times and each time you walk through the gates by the embankment it just takes your breath away, there is nowhere quite like it. There are 120 exhibitors in the marquee as well as the show gardens and stands selling accessories etc. No plants are sold until the last Saturday when it is mayhem.

They eventually got the design right and, after several attempts at weathering the decking boards for the surround and mock ups, it started to come to life. I should explain at this point that at that time there were only the two of them who as well as going to shows run a very busy nursery called Waterside and send plants via mail order and they grow and propagate all their plants in unheated poly tunnels. Then in February 2010 it snowed and this halted the growing of the plants.

The water lilies are grown in shallow water and covered in fleece for a bit of protection. Only two were suitable for the planned exhibit but by clever use of a mirror on one of the sides the reflection made the number seem double that. March and April saw growth on the plants and they then had to trim all of the plants being used to eliminate any old growth and dead foliage etc. They do have to be in absolutely pristine condition. The plan was for colourful plants and grasses.

The Saturday before the day of setting up at Chelsea the lorry is loaded with plants, some extra of course, just in case. Then a second van is loaded with the staging and accessories needed. Once at Chelsea they have a time slot to go through the gates to unload, then go and park vehicles at the old Battersea Power station. A total of eight passes to go in and out of Chelsea is required. The decking is then put into position; it is then filled with water which can take up to two hours to fill. The plants are put in, the water lilies have to be first as they need time to spread out. Some lovely pots of container ponds are placed very artistically at various points and a focal point of a sculpture - a large butterfly. The favourite grass, a *Carex alarata*, looked very handsome!! Irises too looked splendid. The labels have to be put in and these too have to be exactly the right size and the descriptions spot on. It is impossible to put into words the hard work that it takes but the end result was amazing.

On the Sunday before the Royal visit on the Monday many interviews take place, Chris Beardshaw is a very knowledgeable gardener and took a keen interest in the water exhibit. We saw an aerial view of the exhibit taken by the man who was operating a cherry picker to unfurl the banners. Roy Lancaster

named one of the plants on their exhibit as one of his three favourites, a bronze cotton grass. This was very good publicity and they consequently sold out. The judging also takes place on the Monday and the next day they arrived to the news that they had won a silver medal. A great reward for a first attempt. They featured on Midlands News too. During the week they received much praise from the visitors. Before they could take down the exhibit the water was sucked out and they were the last to leave the marquee at 10.00pm. Long days from 8.00am to 8.00pm and they were both exhausted. When they eventually returned home there was a letter from the RHS saying that the judging had been revised and in fact they had now been awarded an upgraded silver gilt medal so they had two medals!!!!

What happened next.....after saying never again they were back at Chelsea in 2011 and won a gold medal which we were privileged to see after the talk. They also went back last year with an entirely new look and won another gold. They now have a full time employee but when you think that just the two of them were responsible for all of it you have to agree that it is very great achievement. Someone asked how much it cost - in the low thousands. The huge show gardens cost upwards of a quarter of a million, so they deserve all the acclaim. Incidentally you have to buy the gold medal at Chelsea but not at other RHS shows.

The next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> February when Howard Drury will be paying us another visit to talk about Gardens of Yorkshire. His talks are like nothing else you will see, with music and amazing pictures, it takes him four journeys with a sack truck to bring in his equipment!!

Hopefully once this horrid snow has gone we will be able to get out next month to see the various displays of snowdrops. Here are just a few places to visit.

Hill Close Gardens in Warwick...Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> is snowdrop weekend from 11.00am to 4.30pm each day. Cost £3.50. At Colesbourne Park which is just off the Fosse Way at Northleach the Elwes family are famous for their snowdrops having bred many new varieties. Open each weekend in February to the first weekend in March from 1.00 to 4.30pm. Snowdrops to buy and refreshments, the cost is more at £7.00.

If you have never visited Hanwell Castle and Observatory, just after the Herb Centre at Warmington, left at the crossroads and at the bottom of the hill. Do go on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> between 12.00 and 5.00pm or Sunday between 10.30am and 5.00pm to see a glorious display of snowdrops and to look through the telescope. Cost is £2 and teas are £2.50. I can recommend all of these.

Finally at Ashwood Nurseries, Kingswinford, which we visited a few years ago, there will be a talk on 24<sup>th</sup> February by Chris Lane about trees, shrubs and conifers grown for their bark. After there will be a guided tour of the garden by the owner John Massey. Contact [www.ashwoodnurseries.com](http://www.ashwoodnurseries.com) for more information.

Look forward to seeing you all at the meetings.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Since I last wrote in mid-November, there have hardly been any decent gardening days so the jobs which normally get done are stacking up and causing me to feel just a little worried. So, whenever there is some good weather you will find me working hard trying to catch up.

Although it has felt like a long and gloomy winter so far, there are some positive things to record. The flowers on my *Viburnum bodnantense* 'Dawn' are really good as are those on the *Lonicera fragrantissima*, both scented shrubs. The flowering quince is budding up nicely and the snowdrops should be opening soon. I've been lucky enough to have been given a lot of different varieties of snowdrops by a lady who is quite a collector of them. To my mind the differences are very subtle but I'm happy to have as many as I can whatever they look like.

If there are any bright sunny days this month and you are looking for somewhere to visit I would strongly recommend going to Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire. There is a spectacular winter garden which is a real pleasure to walk round. It's quite amazing to see so many colourful trees, shrubs and ground cover plants. There are many different kinds of snowdrops and also a lot of scented plants. The last time I went, about three years ago, there was so much to see and it was quite an uplifting experience. You might even come away from there with a few ideas to incorporate into your own garden.

Unfortunately there will be no café this year. Naomi has decided to concentrate on her outside catering business. We shall all miss her presence and, of course, those delicious cakes.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*

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



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

It's an overcast morning (23<sup>rd</sup> January) and snow covers the ground. Most falls occurred on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. More is forecast before rising temperatures and rain at the weekend bring a thaw. To look at, it's a picture postcard scene but travelling any distance has been hazardous. I think I'm not alone in suggesting the council gritting teams deserve a medal.

Cycling has been an adventure and rarely impossible. Coming along the Welsh Road from Cubbington yesterday was a pleasure. There was little

traffic, I was pleasantly warm from the exercise and snowy fields stretched on either side. Occasional mounds of fresh black earth stood out marking the underground progress of moles. Leaf litter beneath the roadside hedges had been disturbed in places, probably by blackbirds foraging for invertebrates. The Grand Union Canal was white and frozen with no boats to be seen. A pregnant ewe was feeding on the verge close to the track leading to Fir Tree Farm. I opened the gate into the field where the flock were quartered and coaxed the animal to safety. By the hidden graveyard at Bascote Heath, the Yews and Laurel, bowed down by snow, had some branches touching the ground.

Down at Treens Hill, well into each evening, groups of children and some adults have been tobogganing. I watched rather enviously before setting out to walk round the hill to Chesterton Windmill. A large group of birds, perhaps starlings, were settling down for a night in the 'new' wood as I call it which is on the old sledging ground. At the mill, amid the silence, I thought of all the years since its construction and the numbers of people who had gazed across the landscape in all seasons and then like me turned for the shelter of home.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January before our second snowfall, I cycled round one of my favourite routes. Leaving Southam on the Welsh Road, crossing the Oxford Canal at Marston Doles and climbing to Priors Hardwick before coming back through Wormleighton, Fenny Compton and Knightcote. The 2kms stretch on the 150 metre contour just this side of the Northamptonshire border was snow covered. The centre of Wormleighton is crowned by several Wellingtonias (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*). It's worth turning right down the road leading to St Peter's church which is built of Hornton stone. Apparently, the perpendicular rood screen and loft were brought from Southam during the Civil War, perhaps to save them from destruction. Detour through the magnificent stone gatehouse of the partly demolished manor house. This dates from 1613 and bears the Spencer coat of arms. Perhaps choose a warm summer day and explore the fields between here and the Oxford Canal after getting permission. Aerial photographs show the deserted medieval village with its fish ponds, roads and moated manor house. The landlord who depopulated the place was William Cope, cofferer (keeper of the chest i.e. money) to Henry II's household.

Warwick U3A Natural History Group enjoyed an illustrated talk by Sandra Whitlock from Leek Wootton. Her topic was the Camino Santiago de Compostella and the wildlife she saw while walking its 790kms (490 miles) last May and June. Sandra said it was the best thing she had ever done. We were all jealous by the end of her talk and I was only sorry I had not invited our own Bill Davies to come along as he cycled the route eleven years ago. Sandra's pictures took us over the Pyrenees where the snow had only just melted but already flowers such as brilliant blue Alpine Gentians were blooming. Later Lady Orchids (*Orchis purpurea*) brightened the trackside. This orchid belongs to the Southern Eurasian Group and just reaches us,

being found in Kent. I have yet to see it so a journey to my home county this summer is on the cards. Extensive beech woods just coming into leaf, large lizards such as the Western Green which can reach 40cms (16") were seen but no wolves, which disappointed Sandra. The dry hot plateau of Navarre and Leon gave way to the mountains and lush vegetation of Galicia dropping to the Atlantic.

Geoff Thorpe reports seeing a woodcock whilst walking in Oakley Wood. This ground nesting bird's camouflage makes it all but invisible when at rest. It is significantly larger than a snipe which it resembles and if flushed out takes off with a clattering of wings.

Before the New Year, snowdrops were in flower in Hall Lane. I have seen young leaves on Elder and catkins dusted with pollen on Hazel and Alder. Rooks were repairing their nests near Holmes House earlier in the month so spring with all its promise will soon be with us.



## General Section

### Snowy Pastimes in Harbury



Photographs submitted by Anthony Allcock and Tony Mancell

## Rachel Brown



It is with great sadness that we report Rachel's premature death at the age of 48 after she lost her 5½ year struggle with breast cancer. Rachel died at home on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Rachel was born on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1964; her sister, Vicky, was born two years later. Rachel lived in Wolverhampton for the first four years of her life, before the family moved to Cornwall, where her brother Tristan was born in 1968. Although the family moved back to the Midlands in 1977 (to Ironbridge in Shropshire) Cornwall, especially the village of Coverack where her grandparents lived and where her mother Panny

now lives, has always held a special place in Rachel's heart. She loved the Cornish coast, the beaches and cliff-top walks and swimming in the sea including, in the last few years, a number of swims on Christmas Day - madness!

Growing up, Rachel's passion was gymnastics, which she practiced several times a week at the local gym club in the small seaside village of Porthtowan. All the practice must have paid off as she represented Cornwall in inter-county competitions on several occasions. Rachel was a bright girl who did well at school achieving A grades in all her 'O' and 'A' level exams. After school she won a place at Oxford to study Chemistry at St Catherine's College. Whilst at Oxford she represented the University at gymnastics and was a keen college rower. It was also where she met her future husband, Jem, who was studying Geography at St Catherine's.

After university she joined Price Waterhouse in London where she qualified as a chartered accountant and was awarded Tenth in the Order of Merit for her result in the ACA professional exams. In 1990, soon after qualifying Rachel moved out of London back to Shropshire and was married to Jem on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1991.

Rachel and Jem lived in Shrewsbury for three years but in 1994 Jem got a job based in Coventry and so the search was on for somewhere to live within commutable distance. When they came across Harbury they were immediately attracted and moved into the village in June '94 and lived at 3, Church Terrace. Later, in October 1997, they moved to the Stonehouse, 2 Mill Street.

Rachel and Jem have three children. Max was born in February '96, Phoebe in May '98 and Finn in May 2001 and it is particularly through the children's activities: NCT and post-natal classes, Pre-School and School, football and rugby clubs, brownies, cubs and scouts that Rachel built up her wide networks of Harbury friends. However, it all started at Warwick Hospital on

the day Max was born when Rachel found herself in a bed next to a Harbury woman who had just had twins the day before – the woman turned out to be Suzie Tawney!

Rachel valued family and friends above all and she also strongly believed in the importance of local community. She loved living in Harbury, such a vibrant village with so much going on. Rachel willingly gave of her time to help out different voluntary organisations and always found it a very positive and rewarding experience. From 2001 to 2005 she was Harbury Pre-School Treasurer, and then held the post of Treasurer of GASS for five years up until July 2011.

Rachel's friendship and courage in facing cancer touched many people's lives and the large congregation which packed out All Saints for her memorial service on the 18<sup>th</sup> December was a great tribute to her. Jem and the family were very touched by the huge turnout and by the many messages of condolence which they have received from the community. They would also like to thank friends, neighbours and other members of the community for the support (including many delicious meals!) that has been shown to them at this difficult time.

The family is raising money for three charities in memory of Rachel: Myton Hospice, Macmillan Nurses and Breast Cancer Campaign and would like to thank everyone who has generously donated via the website ([http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/In\\_memory\\_of\\_Rachel](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/In_memory_of_Rachel)), over £5,000 has been raised.

**Jem Brown**

## **Harbury Christmas Lights**

We would like to say thank you to Elaine and John (The Gamecock) and Louise from Wissett Lodge for allowing us to plug the village Christmas lights into their electricity supply.

You may have noticed that fewer strings of lights were put up this year. We apologise if you were expecting them but the weather, time and events beyond our control got the better of us.

We hope the additional lighting, particularly in Church Street, helped light up the gloom.

**Mike, Gordon, Euan and Steve**

## **Harbury Village Club**

We are still collecting yearly subs for 2013. If you haven't paid please do so as soon as possible for continuous membership.

**Deborah Gee**

## John Ridgley Tree of Light

Thank you to all those who adopted a light on the tree outside the Library over the Christmas period. The amount raised this year was £332, all of which will be used to the benefit of children and young people in Harbury.

**Harbury Charities**



## Bringing in the New

The new cafe chairs have been well received by customers, and within the next couple of weeks a new kitchen will be installed that will give the cafe team much needed work surface and cupboard space.

## New job?

If you are looking for something new this year, have you thought about joining the cafe team? Whether you are post-retirement, in your late teens, or anywhere in-between – please consider it. You can work each week, or once or month, or every other week – whatever suits your schedule. No experience necessary (we provide training), just common sense, team spirit and a friendly manner. A great way to build confidence, enhance your CV and meet some lovely people both behind the counter and in front of it! Please ring 614707 or pop into Biblio's and leave your contact details.

## New hours

Whatever the weather, be sure of a warm welcome. Biblio's is open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15am - Noon and on Saturday 10am – Noon.

**Lynn Macwhinnie**

## A Huge Thank You from Harbury Pre-School Committee to Local Support

On behalf of Harbury Pre-school, I would like to say a massive thank you to all of the local businesses and organisations who supported us in our efforts in raising funds, which has enabled us to install a fun and practical canopy in the play area.

As you know, the Pre-School caters for many of the local children and we pride ourselves on delivering quality education and care, while focusing on the individual needs of children who attend. We endeavour to get the children outside playing and learning in our outdoor classroom, whatever the weather, every session. This canopy will now enhance those sessions, providing cover from the drizzle and the snow (!) and some shade when the sun comes.

It has been a desire of Gael Conway's (Senior Manager) and her team for some years to have this canopy installed, and the committee have been



raising money over the past couple of years to make it a reality. But it is down to the generosity of local businesses and village members that it has happened – and I would particularly like to thank (in no particular order):

Harbury Parish Council; Redware Ltd.; Lua Ltd.; Wiglesworth & Company; Braeside Bed & Breakfast; Saddlers Bed & Breakfast; Fix it 4 U; DFJ Hewer Builders Ltd.; Southam Lions; anyone who sponsored Mike Banbury and the fellow dads for their efforts in cycling the Coast to Coast challenge; Barclays PLC., and Emma Watson who started all of the fund raising efforts off in her time on committee.

As well as allowing the children to get out and spend time outdoors exploring and playing in the fresh air, it also means the Toddler Group, who also use the building, have somewhere to store their buggies when in session. All in all, it is a much needed addition to the building and will be well used!



The build to fit the new canopy was completed at the beginning of January, and the children are already enjoying using the new facility – as you can see in our photos.

At Harbury Pre-School we aim to create a caring, secure and stimulating environment where all children will enjoy learning, achieve success and feel valued and respected. We aim to foster each child's uniqueness and individuality as they work towards common goals within the Early Years Foundation Stage. We are committed to providing a high level of care and education for all our children and are constantly looking at and implementing ways to move the setting forward. We are proud of attaining an Outstanding Ofsted status in 2010, and strive to maintain this standard in years to come.

**Jo Banbury**

## **Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group**

Thank you to everyone who donated textiles for our Bag2School collection on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

**Recycling:** We are collecting unwanted CDs and DVDs for recycling. Please take any donations to the Pre School Foyer by Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> - many thanks. Donations of unwanted electrical leads, mobile phones and used ink cartridges still welcome too.

Our recipe book "90 of Harbury's Favourite Recipes", full of delicious recipes such as Spanish Fish Soup, Braised Shoulder of Lamb with Apricots and Lemon and Lime Syllabub, is on sale at Mugglestons and Harbury Library/Cafe. All recipes have been sent in by friends and family of Harbury Pre-School and will make a lovely gift for your friends and family or will provide you with inspiration for some new, exciting dishes for your family in the New Year. All proceeds to Harbury Pre-School.

### **Pre-School Fundraising Events for your diary:**

- May 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Pre-School Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room
- June 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 - Bag2School Textile Collection
- June 2013 - Cream Teas at Harbury Open Gardens
- June 2013 - Barbecue at Harbury Carnival

Thank you for your continued support. For more information about any of the above, or if you would like to join our friendly group, please call Sarah on 07791 807970.

**Helen Edwards**

### **Windmills Nursery – Fundraising Group**

Thank you to parents and staff at the Nursery and to the local community who have supported any events organised by Windmills Nursery.

Our November 2012 Bag2School Collection was very successful and we were able to raise £290. We are having another collection scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, so again, please save any unwanted clothes, bedding, handbags, belts, shoes (paired) or soft toys and bring them to 10 Constance Drive or drop them at the Nursery. Alternatively ring Sue on 01926 614448 and collection can be arranged. We will earn money on the weight of the bags, regardless of the condition of the items.

Our Casino Night is 2nd February, 8pm until midnight at the Village Hall. A fun night is planned with professional tables with croupiers, a buffet and the bar provided by Cana. So if you haven't got your ticket yet, there is still time - call Sue on 07904 670016.

Our ever popular Ladies Indulgence Evening is this month, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-10.30pm, Harbury Village Club. Tickets are available at £3.50 in advance or £4 on the door and include nibbles. Please ring Lesley on 01926 613291 or visit the Nursery. There will be a wonderful selection of stalls and pampering products available, just in time for that perfect Mother's Day gift. Go on treat yourselves. Have a lovely February.

**Windmills Fundraising Group**

## **Warwickshire Young Voices all set to 'Make a Noise'**

The script is written, the costumes made and the band and musicians are ready to go. This year we will be making a 'Rock 'n Roll Noise' at The Grange Hall in Southam on Sunday 17th February. The day will finish with a free public performance at 4.30pm - why not come along and see the show?

We have also started the new term with a new set of music for our regular Thursday night rehearsals. We are very excited to be singing 'Run' by Snow Patrol, 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and 'Skyfall' by Adele amongst other songs.

The Chamber Choir is also working on some new music as we start working on solos for some members to perform for their Dean's Award as their first external singing examination.

We do have a few places open to join Warwickshire Young Voices. These are open to all 7-16 year olds with no entry requirements or auditions. Find out more at [www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org](http://www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org). All potential new members can have two free trial sessions - come along and find out what we do!

**Helen Iles - 01926 614  
Warwickshire Young Voices**

## **Concert in Church for Myton Hospice**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, Warwickshire Singers under their young conductor Oliver Walker will present a "concert with a flavour of France" in All Saints' Church Harbury.

We are proud to be joined by Harbury's very own Warwickshire Young Voices under David Iles. Tickets £7. Enquiries to Jenny or Andrew Patrick (614359). The concert will be in aid of Myton Hospice.

**Andrew Patrick**

## **Neighbourhood Watch - Door to Door Sellers and Collectors**

Just a little reminder about people knocking at your door uninvited. Sometimes they are selling cheap and poor value household goods, but they may be trying to check you out as a potential house for burglary. Say "no thank-you" and shut the door. This may feel rude, but you need to protect yourself.

The second group are collecting for charity and ask you for your bank details in order to put in place a direct debit. Do not give them any details and again close the door.

If any of these people call on you, please inform Trading Standards as they issue licences for door to door trading and are interested in anyone collecting or selling door to door without a licence. Trading standards can be contacted on:

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It is worth getting a door sticker saying that you do not buy from the door; I will make sure that there are some in the library. Also consider fitting and using a door chain. If you feel threatened by these people then call the police. 101 can be used for:

- Reporting a crime that has happened
- Providing information about a crime
- Asking for information and advice

**If there is a crime in progress or a life at risk, always call 999.**

Keep safe

**Alison Abbott**

## **Pleasant Pastimes**

Pleasant Pastimes is a leisure group for men and women. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday afternoons, 2pm to 4pm at the Tom Hauley Room.

Anyone is welcome; we enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits and, at the same time, we play cards, dominoes and board games or do crafts such as knitting, sewing, crochet – anything you want to do, or just relax and have a natter with new friends. We pay a nominal £1 to cover tea and coffee.

The next meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> February; for more information please telephone Norma on 614687.

**Norma Bicknell**

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

## Harbury Energy Initiative

### THE GREEN DEAL IS LIVE!

As of the end of January the Green Deal is open for business and people who get in early have a good chance of getting cashback deals. The government is offering incentives to encourage people into the scheme straight away rather than delay. The idea is to make energy-saving improvements affordable and attractive to all. Last month I said that I was putting myself through the process, so that I was in a better position to advise and recommend what to do. I think I talked about being a guinea-pig – very unflattering and I don't know if guinea-pigs are that good at economising on energy. We've never kept one. I'm sure they mostly rely on us to do the right thing. As it happens, I couldn't be a guinea-pig, not just because their skin is too small but because the assessor deferred the assessment till early February (weather and software problems). My apologies for keeping you in suspense (alright, maybe not quite suspense. Anticipation?) till next month.

You could, of course, do nothing, but the most likely result of that is that your energy bill will continue to rise remorselessly. It is also important to consider that the cashback deals on offer will not last indefinitely; once the fund is empty there will probably be no more. It has been pretty cold lately and I suspect that many of you will have cranked up the heating a bit and had it on longer. With good insulation you might not need to do that. In our house to save energy we plan to keep the same settings on the timer and huddle round a match till the heating comes on. The match is lit – we're not mean.

The repayments are based on the savings you are likely to make on your bills, so that no householder ends up getting deeper and deeper into debt. And the debt remains with the house not with the owner, should they sell up. In their latest communication the Department for Energy and Climate Change say:

*'Householders who use the Green Deal to make improvements such as loft insulation, solid wall insulation and new heating systems will qualify. Packages could be worth over £1,000.'*

*The more work households decide to have done, the more cash they could receive. To qualify for the Cashback Scheme, households need to book a Green Deal property assessment so they are then ready to have improvements installed under the Green Deal from 28th January and get their cashback.'*

Energy and Climate Change Secretary Edward Davey said:

*"The Green Deal will be a great offer for people to insulate their homes from the cold, and their wallets from rising energy prices. With cashback too, energy saving has never been so attractive."*

*"Our Cashback Scheme is a generous offer but it's first-come, first-served, so householders need to be quick off the mark. Get an assessment, be ready to have home improvements done with a Green Deal when it launches on 28th January and then get your cashback."*

Assessors are charging a range of prices and there may even be some, who also do installation work, that will do assessments free. I paid for mine in order to ensure that I got an independent view. One possibility is that, in similar fashion to the Eco2solar PV panel discounts, if we have enough interest for one assessment company to do many households in the village, we might get a much better deal. If you want to get started anyway, call the Energy Saving Advice Service on 0300 123 1234. You can still get the cashback deals if you pay for it yourself, so long as you use a Green Deal provider.

We are working on plans to present all this advice and information at an event in the village in spring once we have some experience of its implementation. If there is anything you want us to find out about either now or for our event, do get in touch. One advantage of my assessor delaying the house call is that he owes me a favour and will agree to speak at our event.

**Bob Sherman - 612277**

**bob@churchterrace8.freeserve.co.uk**

## **A New Book - The Story of a Warwickshire Village Church (All Saints' Church Harbury)**

This is a new and interesting book about Harbury Church. John Stringer (who took over the work started by Neville Ellis) has produced a fascinating account that ranges over many unusual aspects of the story. John has a tremendous ability to put history into perspective, by explaining the simple background to quite complicated facts that are taken for granted by traditional historians. This story will not only be of interest to adult readers, but could be a useful source for younger students. The imaginative approach to the mediaeval history of the Church, paints some delightful pictures of its founding and development over periods when there is very limited background material.

The book brings to life the past vicars of Harbury. The mediaeval churchmen are particularly entertaining and included some, who not only held several parishes and other church posts, but seem to have been involved in some shady activities. The eighteenth and nineteenth century vicars were inclined to some eccentricity, but were nearly always committed to the improvement of their parishioners. William Wight is notable in this group as something of a social reformer. His development of a new school alongside the older Wagstaffe School (which was founded in 1611) had a notable effect on the village. John goes on to write about the twentieth century vicars with admiration and sensitivity, and his account will be welcomed by those who knew them.

Another aspect of the story is the church building, and again John shows skill in considering the many changes. The unusual nature of the tower is described in detail - explaining its collapse and partial rebuilding.

The nineteenth century architect envisaged a spire – there may have been one originally – but it proved too expensive. Harbury also has a fine ring of bells and these are discussed in some detail. A surprising fact that is mentioned is the existence of a crypt – a large underground cellar room – which is underneath and the same size as the chancel, but no longer accessible.

Churches have played a significant role in the development of England and English life. Many of us choose to live in Harbury, because it is a village with many, varied activities. At the same time we are always pleased to enjoy its appearance, and to show it off to visitors. All Saints' Church is a vital part of the village, both in its social and visual aspects, and this new publication does justice to its contribution to Harbury. We should be grateful to John Stringer (and Neville Ellis) for deepening our understanding of our environment.

(All Saints' Church Harbury – the Story of a Warwickshire Village Church is on sale at the Village Library price £5.99).

**Ian Jackson**

## **Your Carnival Needs You**

The Harbury Carnival is one of the most successful local events and helps define the spirit and community of Harbury. This year it takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

We need more people to help organise this great event.

You can join the Committee (monthly meetings from now until June) or simply help with something you like doing without attending any or many meetings: Get the programme sorted, set up the raffle, sell tickets... there are many little but important jobs to get done to ensure the Carnival happens.

It's fun! So, are you willing to help? Or do you know someone who could contribute?

Get involved and make Carnival 2013 the best yet! Call John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be delighted to hear from you.

**Peter Walshe**

**On behalf of the Carnival Committee**



## **Southam & District Lions**

Armed with 4,000 bags of chocolate, Southam Lions once again braved the weather and set out with Father Christmas and the sleigh pulled by those fantastic reindeer, Rudolph and Dancer to visit children all over the Southam area and the surrounding villages. This meant 14 separate expeditions, mostly at night – setting off at 5.30pm and

returning usually at about 9.00pm, tired, wet and with aches and pains, but suitably dulled by those kind souls who poured out generous amounts of alcohol and the occasional mince pie! In fact the Lions were live on BBC Radio Coventry & Warwickshire on the Thursday before the great day and the presenter thought that Father Christmas had already begun the celebrations! An awful accusation – but half an hour later then perhaps he was!! It was good to hear the recording some time afterwards and know that what was said actually made sense!

We nearly lost one of our Lions one night since he slipped into a deep ditch and it was only his mumblings that saved him! He walks with a bit of a limp now but it adds to his woeful reputation – good job we do a head count otherwise he might still be there!

As you can tell we had a great time this year and the most important thing though is that we amassed over £4,500.00

and this will be split between the two charities we agreed to support – Zoe's Place (a hospice for sick children – babies really) and Helen and Douglas House (a hospice for teenage cancer sufferers).



Southam Lions are so very grateful for the very generous donations collected over the days leading up to Christmas.

The photo shows Father Christmas in conversation with Leila at Tesco in Southam on our last day.

**Peter Guy – Southam Lions - Publicity**



## **Harbury Art Group**

We started our 2013 programme of monthly painting workshops with a very different type of session. To give us a New Year challenge, the subject matter for our 'Stormy Weather' painting had to come from within our own imaginations. Nick provided a small selection of photographs of cloud formations, and then demonstrated his own interpretation of the theme at the easel using acrylics.

Initially, the group found the idea of creating their own composition instead of 'copying' a subject / photograph a little daunting! However, by the end of the day we had managed to produce some very satisfactory paintings – all different and some very dramatic, with pink, grey, yellow and purple storm clouds.



HARBURY ART GROUP PROGRAMME 2013	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>"STORMY WEATHER"</b> Using your choice of Acrylic, Oil or Watercolour
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>"PEN &amp; INK"</b> Pen and ink on grey paper, with white pencil and a light Watercolour wash
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>"URBAN LANDSCAPE"</b> Using your choice of Acrylic, Oil or Watercolour
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>"TEXTURES"</b> Exploring textures with Watercolour
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>"COLOUR PENCILS"</b> Using Colour Pencils on white cartridge paper
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>"EARLY SUMMER"</b> Using your choice of Acrylic, Oil or Watercolour
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>"PASTEL WORKSHOP"</b> Pastels on coloured paper, (preferably pastel paper)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>"TREES"</b> Trees in a rural landscape - Watercolour session
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>"PENICIL WORKSHOP"</b> Using a range of graphite pencils eg 4H or 3H or 2H, plus HB, 2B, 4B
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>"AUTUMN COLOUR"</b> Bring your own choice of medium
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>"CHRISTMAS CARD"</b> Watercolour workshop
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>"WINTER SCENE"</b> Watercolour workshop and 'Bring & Share' Christmas buffet

Our next workshop on **February 7<sup>th</sup>** will again be quite different – a pen drawing with a light watercolour wash. Then on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** we will be tackling an 'Urban Landscape' in our own choice of medium.

Harbury Art Group Workshops take place on the first Thursday of every month in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to 3pm. They are led by a professional artist and each workshop costs £15 per person. New members are always welcome.

A full programme of workshops is available on request: contact Nick on 01295 276465 or Pam on 01926 814923 or email [harburyart@hotmail.com](mailto:harburyart@hotmail.com)

In between these tutored workshops, there are social painting days on the third Thursday of the month in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to 3pm. The first 2013 session of 'Come Paint With Us' was on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, when the theme was "Water". We are a friendly, mixed ability group of amateurs, and the sessions are open to anyone who would like to make time to paint and draw in good company. The cost is just £5 per person. Contact Alma on 01926 812930 for details and dates.

**Pam McConnell**



## School Memories

Do you have any memories of being at the Wagstaffe or Wight Schools? If you do, could you please write them down and forward them to the Heritage Group via the school, or direct to [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk)? It would be great to be able to add these memories to the archive, an example of which we hold:

### Memories of the Wight School by Jean Deakin

My mother, father, Allan, our two children and myself were educated at the Wight School. I myself started when I was two and a half years old, mainly I think because I lived very near and I used to follow my cousin, so they kept me. I can't imagine what I did other than sleep on a small canvas bed in the afternoon; that was "little school."

At the age of six years I think it was, I moved down to the Wight School. War broke out shortly afterwards and the evacuees moved to Harbury. My memories of that time are crowded classrooms and playgrounds, and the handicraft room was used as an extra classroom, so the subjects for that room were discontinued. The girls still did needlework and knitting, but in the classroom.

In the autumn we were asked to collect hip berries and we were paid for each pound. They were used to make rose hip syrup. We also went potato picking for local farmers and once we were asked to bring a jam jar and this was filled with drinking chocolate powder.

I expect the teachers I remember most were Mr. Farrow and Mr. and Mrs. Dickens. Mr. Dickens was quite strict but very much a gentleman. He once caught us girls doing handstands against the wall; we all had the stick he used to carry around and were told we were rude. Needless to say we didn't do it again.

Sometimes in the winter, it was so cold in school we were allowed to keep coats and gloves on, and the small bottles of milk we were given were frozen. Going back to the crowded classrooms, there must have been two classes at the same time in the same room when I was there, because my brother, two years my junior, was in the same room as me; I used to do his sums for him if I saw him struggling and make an excuse to pass his desk and slip him the answers.

By the way, Mrs. Dickens used to take us for Needlework. I don't remember Miss Bustin at school.

My father left school at the age of twelve, but has a certificate for Arithmetic, English, Drawing and Geography, for which he studied at evening classes in 1908. It doesn't say, but I think they must have been held in the Wight School. It was signed by the then Director of Education, Bolton King.

**Reminder:** The Heritage Room is located at Harbury Primary School. It contains hundreds of historical documents and photographs and is open on the first Tuesday of every month from 6.30pm. We hope to see you there!



**Nigel Chapman**

## **Ask Yourself These Questions**

- Are you of mature years and intelligence?
- Are you interested in doing things to improve life and opportunities for children and 'underprivileged people' in this country and other parts of the world?
- Do you enjoy being stimulated by conversation with people of different professions and vocations and listening to interesting and challenging speakers?
- Would you find having lunch regularly with similar people stimulating and enjoyable?
- What do you know about Rotary International??

If you want to know more, contact me: - Peter Jackson 01926 864234 peter.jackson@gmx.co.uk. (the Rotary Club of Southam meets at the Fox and Hen, Bascote each Tuesday at 12.45pm).

**Peter Jackson**

## **Relieving Poverty through Beekeeping**

We have appreciated some interesting reviews so far by those who have read the book. Thank you to John Hancock for your kind comments in "Nature Notes" in December's Harbury News. There have been many other similar comments from beekeepers and non beekeepers alike as it is not a technical book but the story of how a hobby went on to become Fosse Way Honey, a very good local business enterprise. Then, following retirement, the lifetime skills are now being used with a charity showing how deserving rural people in the semi-arid areas of Kenya can provide income for their families by setting up small beekeeping enterprises themselves.

Home and Away can be purchased from Country Fayre or Joe Van Hoorebeck with all profits supporting Bees Abroad.

An encouraging email which we received from our Sinyati Women's group in Kenya about the outcomes from the training we gave in bee keeping and adding value to hive products during 2010/ 2011 is reproduced below:-

- We have been able to gain skills in the sustainable and easy to manage beekeeping.

- This has empowered us as women since we can now own property by having our own hives.
- We have also been able to venture in "manufacturing" of body cream.
- This is historic and a big milestone achievement for rural pastoralist women.
- The proceeds we have collected from the sales of honey and body cream has enabled us to support our own children paying for their school fees.
- We also used some to support an early childhood centre which Sinyati Women established in 2002 to support community's early childhood education.
- Bee keeping income was used to weed our bean project farm which we planted and shared the crop harvest among the group members and other needy women.
- So that we all had bean seeds for the 2012 planting season. We did not have to buy seeds which are expensive!

You will see from the above that the group and their community are now benefiting and you will appreciate the value they put on young people's education and how it does not come free.

During our most recent visit to Kenya in November 2012 we were able to continue training with our 7 project groups. As well as demonstrating simple soap making to include honey and beeswax, we discussed with each group how they could become self reliant and less dependent on outside help. This frees us to take on new project groups that ask Bees Abroad for help with training. For more information please visit the web site [www.beesabroad.org.uk](http://www.beesabroad.org.uk).

**John & Mary Home**

## **Harbury Surgery, Mill Street.**

Harbury Surgery opening times Monday - Friday are: 8.00am – 12.30pm and 1.30 - 6.30pm. From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February we will be closing from 12.30 to 1.30 each day - Monday to Friday.

For appointments, telephone 01926 612232. For individual doctor's surgery times, please see the table opposite.

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		Dr Calthrop-Owen	Dr Wilkinson	Dr Hill	Dr Wilkinson	Dr Calthrop-Owen
	2-6pm	Dr Panting	Dr Snowdon	Dr Snowdon	Dr Wilkinson	Dr Calthrop-Owen
		Dr Hill	Dr Panting	-	Dr Hill	-
Bishops Itchington	from 9:00am	Dr Wilkinson	Dr Panting	Dr Snowdon	Dr Hill	Dr Snowdon
	3:45-6pm	Dr Wilkinson	-	Dr Calthrop-Owen	-	-

**Linda Hussey**  
Assistant Practice Manager



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

**Dear Editors**

**Clive Hunt**

*Just to let the people of Harbury know that my dad passed away on 23/12/12 in the Prospect hospice (Swindon). Although he wasn't a resident of Harbury, he was a regular visitor while we lived in the village. He made many friends, who will be in our thoughts at his funeral on the 15th January.*

*You may well have seen him walking with two sticks or on his mobility scooter when he enjoyed the Carnival, bingo at the village club, fishing competitions or at his grandchildren's events such as school PTA fetes or rugby matches. Even after we returned to Swindon, he often would pop to Wellesbourne Market, the Oriental Star or Heathcote lakes for a spot of his beloved fly fishing.*

*Many thanks,*

**Dave, Karon, Joseph and Freya Killick**  
**formerly of Manor Road**

**Dear Editors**

*We thank everyone who supported the coffee morning for the Multiple Sclerosis Society in December. The total amount raised was £278. We also thank you for the donations, cakes and raffle prizes.*

**Doreen B and Shirley C**

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**Dear Editors**

*After nearly 38 years in Leamington House, Church Street, on 8th February I will be moving to Jara House, which is the house between the chemist and the library.*

*As I start out on this new chapter of my life, I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many people in the village who have offered me help, support and kindness over the past few years since Ken died.*

**Annette Hughes**

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**Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank all the School and village families and friends who, despite the snow, turned out for the PTA coffee morning on Saturday 19th January. We managed to raise just over £230 which is just fantastic! We would also like to thank the Men's Breakfast Group for setting up the tables and chairs for us – it was very generous for you all to give up your time to do that, so thank you.*

**Harbury School PTA Committee**

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**Dear Editors**

*I am getting really annoyed with the amount of dog mess around the village; everywhere I walk I see it. It is worse down Dark Lane where I walk my two children to school and also along the top of Bush Heath Lane leading to Hereburgh Way. Can dog owners please pick your dog mess up and dispose of it in a bin.*

**Jezz Gulliver**

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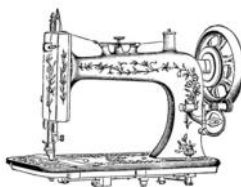
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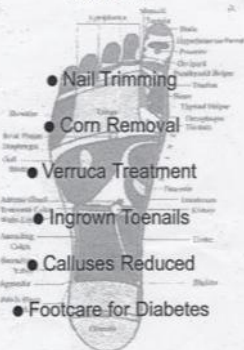
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