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## Editorial



The weather was dry for the Live Nativity which was a great start to Christmas week. The donkey was extremely well behaved and added an authentic feel to the occasion. Thank you to Susan Littlewood for sending us some photographs of the Nativity.

We heard just before Christmas that the Harbury and Ladbroke News had been placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 710 entries in the 2013 National Parish Magazine Awards. The judges said that the entries this year were of the highest standard ever. The magazine depends entirely on its contributors and this success is due to the variety and quality of the articles received. We list in the magazine the top ten winners

and some of their publications are viewable on the web.

The Tom Hauley Room is seeking a temporary caretaker to cover maternity leave and further details are available in the magazine.

There are also a number of other volunteering opportunities and again details appear in this edition. Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Pam Barnett.

## Harbury Diary

### JANUARY 2014

- |      |    |   |
|------|----|---|
| Sat  | 11 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room<br>in aid of Mothers' Union  |
| Sun  | 12 | <b>BAPTISM OF CHRIST/EPIPHANY I</b><br>Holy Communion, 8.00am<br>Sung Eucharist, 10.30am<br>Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall |
| Mon  | 13 | Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall   |
| Tues | 14 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall<br>Yoga Classes, 1.30 to 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room<br>Holy Communion, 7.30pm              |
| Wed  | 15 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,<br>Hampton on the Hill (4 miles), Coffee Stop at Hatton Locks Café  |
- ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM**

- Wed 15 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Slimming 4 All, 12.00-1.00pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Windmills Nursery  
Harbury Society Social at Harvester, Long Itchington
- Sun 19 EPIPHANY II**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 20 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall
- Tues 21 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Yoga Classes, 1.30 to 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 22 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park  
Farnborough to Avon Dassett (4 miles).  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Slimming 4 All, 12.00-1.00pm, Farley Room, Village Hall  
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Farley Room, Village Hall  
Talk on the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, 7.30pm in  
Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 25 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Horticultural Society  
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Despicable Me2', doors open  
4.00pm, film starts 4.30pm  
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'About Time' doors open  
7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm
- Sun 26 EPIPHANY III**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 9.00am, followed by breakfast in  
Tom Hauley Room  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 27 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall
- Tues 28 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Yoga Classes, 1.30 to 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 29 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park  
Lower Shuckburgh (3 miles)  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Slimming 4 All, 12.00-1.00pm, Farley Room, Village Hall

Thurs 30 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM

## **FEBRUARY**

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of NSPCC  
Folk Club, Winter Warmer Concert for Village Hall Funds  
7.30-10pm, doors open 7.00pm
- Sun 2 **PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE/EPIPHANY IV**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
Special Service for Candlemass, 6.00pm
- Tues 4 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society - "Four Seasons & A Festival",  
Adrian James, 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,  
Pipers Hill (4 miles)  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury Art Group workshop, water colour session (see  
article)  
Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, in Village Club
- Fri 7 Harbury W.I. New Year Party at Village Hall
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
in aid of Twinning Association
- Sun 9 **IV before Lent**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

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

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
January	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	15	16	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	22	23	24	Grey Bin
	29	30	31	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Feb	5	6	7	Grey Bin
	12	13	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	20	21	Grey Bin



## From the Rector

**Reverend Craig Grocock**

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### Happy New Year to you all!

We say those words so often without thinking don't we? But what do we mean when we wish people a happy new year? And what is true happiness anyway?

Well, there are many people who think they should be happy but are not and there are many people who think they should be miserable but are happy. Happiness therefore seems very unpredictable, inconsistent, and irrational. What do psychologists say about happiness? Well, according to one psychologist I read, happiness is not produced simply by entertaining what we want. Happiness is not merely a life lived by accumulating moments of pleasure. On the contrary, happiness it seems is a long lasting enduring enjoyment of life, it is being in love with living. Happiness is not the satisfaction of whatever wishes and wants you might blindly attempt to enjoy, happiness is a state of inner peace and joy.

At the end of last year I was on a retreat for a few days to a monastery in the North East. The monks who lived there had nothing; they were poor. Their only possessions were the habits they wore, their food was simple and they had the company of each other. But they were happy, deeply happy and that much was obvious. Why? Because the focus of their lives was centred on much deeper spiritual things.

As we enter 2014 I wish you all real lasting happiness. I believe that real, lasting happiness, like the monks I visited, is found through faith in God who we know best as Jesus Christ. St. Augustine, writing in the fourth century said this; "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee". Sure we can look for that deep peace and happiness elsewhere, and many do, but this year will surely be a happy one when we discover where true happiness lies.

A happy New Year to all of you.

### From the Registers

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

24<sup>th</sup> November

Olivia Minchin

#### *Burial of Ashes, All Saints' Harbury*

16<sup>th</sup> December

Stanley Draper

17<sup>th</sup> December

Eve Lowe



## From the Churchwardens

**John & Will**



What a fantastic Christmas celebration! There are too many people to thank by name except Brian Merriman for the Christmas tree, Annie for a stunning Live Nativity and Craig for leading us through the Christmas festival. There are many more people who do so much behind the scenes and they should all be justifiably proud of the way everything came together. In the New Year the

Family Service will be changing! Come along to find out the more inclusive format, look out for posters around the village. Happy New Year everybody.



## Mothers' Union

**Gillian Hare**

As you read this, our year will have started with a party and a coffee morning; I'm sure both were happy and successful.

Early in December, five Harbury members went to an Advent service in Coventry Cathedral. It is always encouraging to be part of a large gathering of M.U. members from the whole diocese, and the Cathedral staff made us very welcome. After the arrival of no less than five mayors with their consorts, the Peace Bell was struck. Then the choir of Bluecoats School (the C of E senior school in Coventry) sang unaccompanied a beautiful introit hymn. In the echoing heights of the building, it seemed to link us with centuries of worship on that site.

The service was based on the Advent theme of light, shining in a dark world, and we were delighted to hear our old friend and rector, Father Roy Brown, as Chaplain to the M.U. read the beginning of John's gospel.

The speaker was our Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey. On her first visit to the diocese, she impressed us all with her warm personality and her enthusiasm for our wonderful movement. She spoke about her background on a Cumbrian farm, the work of the M.U. in many projects in the country and its vigorous life in many places abroad.

A last, spine tingling memory was the singing of the Lord's prayer by a superb soprano in Aramaic – Jesus' own language. Quite stunning.

As part of their Christmas giving, several members have supported the Angel Tree project which enables the children of parents in prison to receive a personal gift. We shall hear more about this, and the other work of M.U. in prisons, from Chris Cooke at our next meeting.

This will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in the Tom Hauley Room at 2.30pm following communion at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome.



## **Church Men's Group**

**John Guilford (Co-Chair)**

Our December meeting took us back to June 1887 and to Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Our guest speaker Alan Barr, shared with us how Harbury responded to a letter from the High Sheriff of Warwick to our vicar Reverend Hole, suggesting "a celebration be held to mark the occasion".

A committee was formed of principal people from the village and £54 and a cask of beer was raised. Reverend Hole led the committee and planning but unfortunately died before the day of celebration arrived.

The day itself began with a Church Service at 11.30am and in respect for the recent death of Reverend Hole there was no peel of bells and no collection. After the service everyone walked to the "Park", provided courtesy of Mr Carpenter, and on entry, men collected a green ticket entitling them to 1 pint of beer and ladies a pink ticket for ½ pint to wash down a meal of boiled beef and plum pudding.

A programme of sporting events followed including a 150yd flat race, throwing the cricket ball, hop skip step and jump, and a wheelbarrow race, cutting down the tea and blowing out the candle. Prizes were given of 3 shillings to the men and 2 shillings to the children. At 3.30pm there was a toast to the Queen and at 4.30pm the Children's Tea where each child received a Commemorative Medallion. At 5.30pm the dancing began to the Herr Neinenheimer Rhine Bavarian String Band and continued until 10pm. It was a day of triumph and enjoyment for everyone,

Much of Alan's information about this event had been gathered from the Archives of the Harbury Heritage Room in the School where Alan is a volunteer. This fantastic village resource holds a wealth of documents, photos of the village and is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30pm and Alan encouraged us all to go along.

We closed the meeting with mince pies.

By the time you read this article the first of our meetings for 2014 will have taken place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and David Eaves will have shown us some of his collection of stunning photographs of nature and art. More of this next month but for now, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year on behalf of our merry band of members.



## Harbury Live Nativity –Thank you!!!

I think it's safe to say that the first Harbury Live Nativity appeared to be a success! Thank you to all of you who turned out on the day to follow the story of the birth of Jesus. I had anticipated that we would have quite a few followers – but I really did not expect quite so many to come along. Thank you all so much – I really hope you enjoyed it. I have it on good authority that Full Moon, our lovely donkey also enjoyed himself!

Thank you too to all those who took on the role of one of the characters – you rose to the challenge magnificently – shepherds, angels, wise men and innkeepers, you were wonderful, especially given how little direction you had been given! Cana Wine – you were brilliant – when I asked you to decorate the shop, I didn't think you'd go that far!!

Thanks to Mary and Joseph, and I hope that when your own baby arrives in February that all will be safe and well! Baby Jesus (and her Mum) were also great – especially as Jesus managed to cry at just the right time.



Huge thanks as well to those who provided the music – Helen, David, Joy and Natalie from Warwickshire Voices and the members of the Folk Group – it all worked perfectly.

We are extremely grateful to all those who provided mince pies, mulled wine, hot chocolate and biscuits – and also to those who served them on the night. Thank you too to all who helped in the background by either constructing the stable or providing sacking and straw, lighting, stars or just sheer strength to put it all together.

Special thanks however have to go to Gill Guilford and Vikki Hall, without whom the whole idea of the Live Nativity would never have become a reality – although they do get very twitchy now when I say I've got a good idea!

I hope you found it a good way to start the Christmas festivities, and that you took something of the wonder of the mystery of the birth of Christ with you and I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Don't forget to look out for posters about something new on 19<sup>th</sup> January, and for all those with little ones – the next Little Saints is 9am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

With every blessing.

**Rev'd Annie Goldthorp**



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## JANUARY 2014

### Sun 12 EPIPHANY I

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 14 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall

Wed 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM

Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sat 18 Murder Mystery Dinner, 7.00pm, Village Hall

### Sun 19 EPIPHANY II

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Tues 21 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall

Thurs 23 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 25 Whist, 7.45pm, Village Hall

### Sun 26 EPIPHANY III

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 28 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall

Thurs 30 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM

## FEBRUARY

Sat 1 Whist, 7.45pm, Village Hall

### Sun 2 EPIPHANY IV

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 4 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall

Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 7 Film Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall

### Sun 9 IV BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am



## Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord & Jackie West

As we leave one year and enter the next it's a time for both looking back and looking forward. The Church year begins at Advent, four Sundays before Christmas, and here at All Saint's, Ladbroke we had clear reminders of the past and the future with the funeral of local farmer Pam Barnett and the baptism of Georgina Montgomery, daughter of Alex (a.k.a. Ruby Ring in the panto two years ago) and Simon (Monty) and granddaughter of John and Jenny Barrett.



Hot on the heels of these came the special Christmas events and services. We would like to thank Huw for hosting Beer and Carols and The Bell Inn, Kate and her technical support team for the keyboard accompaniment and Rev. Annie, in her Santa Hat, leading the singing that evening. There must have been 40 people across the bar areas and "library" and, as we sang out our

favourite carols, impromptu descants harmonised with the melodies. There was even the annual rendition of *While Shepherds Watched* to the tune of Supercalifragalisticexpialidocious which is always great fun.

The next time villagers came together to sing carols was a far more dignified occasion - the traditional *Nine Lessons and Carols* on the Sunday before Christmas. We would like to thank everyone involved with this: Bill Bosworth and the choir who put so much work into making this such a beautiful and moving service and also those who read the lessons, decorated the Church, provided and ran the light and sound systems and those who brought mince pies and helped with the refreshments afterwards.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve, led by Rev. Annie was a delight - it is good to tell the children and remind ourselves of why Christmas is a special time. On Christmas day we were further reminded that God does surprising things and to illustrate this our curate told us the Christmas Story with chocolate illustrations being handed out to the congregation along the lines of ....The wise men were real *Smarties* who, while studying the *Milky Way* saw a bright light in the sky. "Is it *Mars*?" they asked themselves? Annie recounted the whole tale from the Annunciation to the departure of the Wise Men in this way with her final surprise - the donning of a fluffy halo to hand out *Celebrations* as we left church.

Last month we mentioned that we were buying additional hymn books and asked if anyone would like to sponsor one. We have been amazed by the response and we would like say a big thank you to everyone who has given us money towards these which are now installed in the bookcase by the door ready for use.

## *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Ladbroke*

1<sup>st</sup> December

Georgina Evelyn Montgomery

## *Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke*

9<sup>th</sup> December

Pamela Barnett (75 years)

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

January 4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	Val Copley
January 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Loftus
February 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Morten



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**



**Mosaics in Roman Villa by  
Kip Warr**



**Trevi Fountain by  
Jackie West**

There was a strong Italian flavour to our December meeting. Jackie West and I showed photographs taken as far apart as Rome and Sicily. The many conflicting empires that have ruled the area have, fortunately for us, left photogenic remains of their civilisations: Greek temples, Roman structures galore, Byzantine and Norman churches and Moorish mosaics, sometimes seen all together in a single building.

This display was followed by a demonstration of image manipulation, inspired by the pictures by Brian Beaney who makes photographs look like highly atmospheric paintings. Our presentation was altogether more prosaic: how to make a grey, dented car on a boring background look more interesting. By the end of the exercise it had become red and undented, with Chesterton windmill in the background and a threatening sky behind it! We shall have future workshops on the use of image manipulation software such as Photoshop so we can all try to change base metal into gold.

We shall meet on 7<sup>th</sup> January for our New Year meal, this time at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke, now reopened and serving excellent food. Then we have our AGM on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. The Photography Club is open to people of any level of skill and interest. For more information contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk) and see our website at [tinyurl.com/LadbrokePhoto](http://tinyurl.com/LadbrokePhoto).



## Ladbroke General Section

### In Memory of Pam Barnett

It was a great shock and with deep sadness that we heard of the sudden death of Pam who had lived in Ladbroke for about 50 years. When Pam and her husband, Pat were first married they lived in Deppers Bridge, where Karen and Nigel were born; they moved to Woodlands House Farm in the late 1960s.

Pam loved all animals but especially horses. She was a great equestrian; in her younger days she won rosettes in the show jumping ring - even beating a celebrity on one occasion. She also went on horseback to work and back. Colonel Laken was her employer on his farm, Pipers Hill, Bishops Itchington. He paid her a man's wage on the grounds that, "Pam could work as well as any man".

Life at Woodlands House Farm was always busy with a loving, happy family life. Pam ran a riding school and taught many children the art of horsemanship. They had a caravan club on the farm; many visitors would return for their summer break and many have remained friends ever since.

Pam was always part of the village community, supporting the church in many ways and helping at the Christmas Fair and Harvest Supper. She would bring stooks of corn at harvest time to decorate both the Church and Village Hall. Her biggest challenge must have been mowing the churchyard with a petrol hand mower, I remember that the mower gave out before she did!

Her life suddenly changed when Pat had a severe heart attack one morning and had died before help for him arrived. Pam never really recovered from that. She carried on with the farming, still came to Church and visited the Christmas Fair, bringing a chicken as a raffle prize, but the fun had gone. Her many friends were there to support and comfort her. Her family were still her life and Nigel and Julie's son, Ashley, the light of her life.

**Betty Winkfield**

### Going... Going..... Gone

Visitors to the Millennium Green in the last few weeks will have noticed something is missing. It's the tree guards which after more than a decade of sterling service have been removed, thanks to a long morning of very hard labour by Martin Neal, Kip Warr and Simon West who quickly perfected the art of levering the huge spikes out of the ground and removing the metalwork without damaging trees or fingers. Now that the trees have been liberated from their cages the green has lost that urban park feel and is much more in

keeping with the village environment. The cages, which were still in excellent condition, have been sold to raise funds towards the maintenance of the green.



**Jackie West**



## **Murder Mystery Dinner, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Rehearsals have been going well, dinner is planned and all the tickets sold so we are expecting a full house for the evening. As it is the colds and 'flu season if you would like to go on the list for returned tickets (in case there are some and you can come at short notice), please contact 810331.

**Jackie West**

## **Film Night**

Films preceded by a good supper have become a regular feature of the Ladbroke calendar. A Christmas Special was held in December, the Village Hall was in full festive attire and there was mulled wine to greet us. The catering for the evening lived up to the special in the title with a choice of four delicious casseroles on offer, exceptional desserts and, for those who had not filled up on second helpings, mince pies to follow. As we are part of Warwickshire Rural Cinema scheme, the film as usual had been chosen by votes from across the county and we were a little disappointed it wasn't a Christmas classic but "Hyde Park on Hudson" which told the tale of the young King George VI and his wife (the Queen Mum)'s visit to Roosevelt's country house just before the second World War, from the perspective of his distant cousin.

The next Ladbroke Film Night will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. I'm not sure what the film will be yet so look out for the posters round the village and on the village website **ladbroke-pc.org.uk** or better still join the distribution list by letting Nicky Lewis (815196) know your email address.

**Jackie West**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**

£80	Carole and Peter Loftus	£50	Kim Bendzak
£25	Wild Indians	£10	Richard Walker
£10	Susan Moore	£10	Mary Coley
£10	Keith Tancock	£10	Scot and Siobahn Roberson

**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*

### **November 2013**

Yet again Planning dominated this meeting. Deppers Bridge residents were out in force to voice their objections to the planned Solar Farm but first we heard from:-

**Harbury Estate** who intend to submit full plans on 9<sup>th</sup> December for a development north of the Spoil Heap at the Quarries. Their agent asserted that the feedback from the public and both Parish Councils (most of the site is in our Parish but nearer to Bishops) had been positive. There were issues about; Ecology Highways so speed limits will be reduced to 40mph and a bus stop provided on Station Road: concerns about the linkage of the housing estate which was detached from Bishops, (a pedestrian access would be made to the village). The developers were also offering funding for improvements in both villages, including a new surgery for Bishops. Our Councillors thought the scheme would be beneficial.

**Village with a Vision** - Bromford Housing Association had also consulted the village and have now chosen a parcel of the land on the west of Bull Ring Lane for the site for Extra Care Homes. There will be 25-35 bungalows and flats for rent, sale and shared ownership, initially they said, to local people

(fifty villagers had expressed an interest). The scheme would not provide full nursing care, nor have 24hr on-site assistance.

**Solar Farm** - Objectors said the development would dwarf Deppers Bridge, was much too close to housing, would take away productive arable land, be visually intrusive and the “security” (fencing, lighting and cameras) would be intimidating. They were incandescent with rage at the lack of prior warning in the hamlet of a public meeting on the proposal which was held in Bishops last year! Our Parish Councillors agreed with them and complained about the lack of consultation. They would object on similar grounds to those of the residents, there being no benefit to the rural economy.

**Dovehouse Autos** - Richard Wright supplied a simple plan for his second application to the Council but with no elevations. There would be one detached and two semi-detached properties. The roofs would be hipped and therefore lower than the previously planned flats. The houses were further away from the bungalow. The detached house to the north would be two metres from the plot boundary with Dovehouse Lane and further from the Conservation Area than the flats. The houses would have their own accesses and the green would be an “amenity” area.

Keith Thompson asked about the finish of the buildings and Mr Wright suggested the detached might be of stone to match the Conservation Area and the semis could be brick and render (like the Frances Road houses).

Sharon Hancock said the living conditions of the neighbours were a concern and that they should be consulted. District Councillor Hamburger said the buildings were so close to SDC land that occupiers would not be able to open their windows but Mr Wright said they could have sliding ones.

Keith said he thought Richard had addressed the issues. Cllr Ekins thought the Councillors agreed with that and would support his plan. However the Chairman stressed that when the plans were properly submitted for planning consent the Council would look at them and then make a decision.

**Harbury Fields Farm Caravan and Camping Site Extension** This seemed to meet with Parish Council approval particularly as it would contribute to our rural economy. Screening would reduce the visual impact. Mr Wright said his was the only house which overlooked the site.

### **Other Planning Applications**

**Stratford DC** gave permission with conditions for the insertion of three dormer windows at Manor Cottage, Park Lane; extensions to 9 Church Street and the demolition of the rear section of 9 Church Street. They granted a certificate of existing use for the use of a work shop as a dwelling at Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge. Appeals are in progress on 81 houses at Gaydon Road/Plough Lane Bishops; two detached houses at Shenley, Deppers and the Knightcote Wind Farm.

The Council made no representation on an indoor swimming pool at Stapenhall Farm; a replacement dwelling and garage at Eastfields Farm, Deppers; extensions at 44 Farley Avenue, Fox Cottage, Chapel Street and 11 Hereburgh Way and a change of use to the Market Garden at Station Road, Deppers. They supported plans to fell Leylandii at 7 Binswood End but made no representation on an application to fell some of the limes at Crown Close, however they asked that the District Tree Officer inspect the site and report back.

**Pollarding the Burial Ground Limes** - This work had been done but Councillors thought the quote for lifting the crown of the healthy lime that overhung a garden in Penelope Close was high although they conceded that it was a massive tree. Cllr Hancock suggested sending the neighbour the estimate and asking her if she could contribute to the cost once it was confirmed that this and the playing fields cherry tree were not dangerous. Mr Parker too could be asked to contribute to work on the cherry that overhung his garden. Councillor Tony Mancell said the trees belonged to the Parish Council.

**Allotments Hedge** - The three year improvement plan for this hedge was costly so a decision on whether to go ahead would be postponed until after the coming budget meeting.

**Dovehouse Green Enhancement** - The Clerk did not think that the Council were responsible for mowing the Green but would investigate. Councillors suggested waiting a year until the development at Dovehouse Autos was finished before any work was undertaken.

**Neighbourhood Plan Progress** - Councillor Summers was delighted that 34 volunteers had offered to help with the plan. There had been good feedback from the survey (250 out of 1000) and she highlighted some of the things people valued about living in Harbury. She thought her colleagues should look through all the responses.

**Playing Fields** - Cllr Hancock reported overwhelming support for a new zipwire – the cheapest was £10,000 so grant aid would be sought. The adjacent owner would remove the barbed wire about which the Councillors had safety concerns. The refurbishment of the Tennis Courts was underway. The bin on South Parade at the Playing Fields entrance had been stolen for the second time. Councillors did not think that the Cemetery Chapel was suitable alternative accommodation for the Windmills Nursery.

**Lighting** - The Council's contractor has claimed it will not be possible to retro-fit the Conservation Area "Windsor" lamps with energy efficient bulbs. It appears it would be cheaper to provide all residents with a torch if the columns had to be replaced.

**Improvements** - The Speed Aware sign in Mill Street has developed a fault and needs repair. The entrance to Mrs Trice's field in Mill Street will be repaired. The Council did not want Church St/ Bull Ring corner widened at



the expense of the footpath. They wanted the double yellow lines that were there reinstated so that parked cars did not prevent lorries passing safely.

**Consultations** - The Council will tell Stratford DC that they want all of any Infrastructure Levy monies generated in our Parish to be spent locally and in consultation with the parish. Despite the Council's objections to the Local Government Boundary Review, it is proposed that Harbury be lumped in with Gaydon and Lighthorne Heath rather than Ufton, Ladbroke etc with which we have affinity. The Parish will object again!

**Next Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm**

	<h2>Harbury Society</h2>	<p><b>Linda Ridgley</b></p>
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The winner of our Christmas Picture Quiz was Lesley Jones.

A surprising number of people failed to identify this "threshold" (the Surgery).....



.....but most identified this one – The Crown!

The answers were: 1. Victoria House, Farm St, 2. Stonewalls, Farm St, 3. Brethrens Farm, Mill St, 4. Merevale Cottage, South Parade, 5. 11 Binswood End, 6. Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane, 7. Crown Inn, 8. Holly Cottage, Farm St, 9. Lorne Cottage, Crown St, 10. Saddlers, Chapel St, 11. Bull Ring Cottage, Bull Ring/Ivy Lane, 12. Studio Cottage, Farm St, 13. Helen Owen House, Mill St, 14. 27 Mill St, 15. Little Troy, Farm St, 16. Surgery, Mill St, 17. 65 Mill St, 18. 15 Farm St, 19. Bull Ring Stores, High St, 20. Littleton Cottage, South Parade, 21. 18 Mill St, 22. 34 Mill St (Flo's), 23. Church, 24. Rose Cottage, South Parade.

Our annual Social at the Harvester Inn, Long Itchington is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

We have almost finalised the talks for the Winter Season. We start with John Home's talk on **Bees Abroad** on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 for 8pm** in the Tom Hauley Room.

Henry Marriott will give an illustrated talk on Radford Semele's Thornley Kellsey Brewery on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, same venue and timings.

We will have one of Ed and John's famous pub walks in May.

Finally, Nigel Chapman's latest Heritage Room publication "Let's go Shopping in Harbury", priced £3.50 is on sale in the Library. It makes fascinating reading.



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Jeanne Beaumont**

I do hope everybody enjoyed Christmas. Sad to hear about people flooded out by the terrible weather. We admit to being in a safer area. The Group Carol Service was held at Harbury Church and turned out to be pleasant with mince pies and hot drinks. Many thanks to Rev. Craig and to Mavis Young who played the organ to the lovely carols.

The December meeting was also enjoyable with drinks, mince pies and bran tub presents. We now look forward to the New Year's Party on 7<sup>th</sup> February 7 – 7.30pm. The Quiz Team start in January and we wish them luck.

Anne Mayer has arranged a trip to the Houses of Parliament on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014. We congratulate Gillian Hare on volunteering to run the Horticultural Show next year. She has gathered a good committee and it will be held at the Village Hall.

The speakers this month were Geoff and Joan Todd on getting "organised". They were so interesting in talking about their experiences, first visiting a street organ festival in France. From then on they went to street organ festivals everywhere where Geoff finally bought his own street organ and both he and Joan have visited many countries entertaining for twenty years.

They chose to dress in national costume especially when in different countries. As Geoff's relatives were from London they chose to dress as a pearly king and queen. Joan sewed thousands of pearl buttons on costumes and it went down well with the songs. Geoff brought his organ and we joined in the music with actions as well. They were great and can be fully recommended.

Happy New Year to all.

### **February Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News**

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## Folk Club

Ian Hartland

The decision to offer a theme-less night for the 349<sup>th</sup> Harbury Folk Club turned out to be a good one as we had a wide range of topics. Inevitably, the close proximity of the Season of Goodwill lent itself to an unofficial sub-theme of Christmas-inspired songs.

The evening opened with The Harvesters singing Ricky Nelsons' "Garden Party" inspired by a less-than-impressed reaction to the then new-fangled concept of music festivals. This was followed with Bob Dylan's "Boots of Spanish Leather". Janny and Maureen were next with the carol "Hark The Glad Sound" and Artisan's wonderful song about enjoying Christmas during a power cut. Rik gave us Jake Thackeray's brilliant "Bantam Cock" followed by "Bring Back My Turkey To Me", ensuring both songs featured this seasonal bird. Martin Day read us Les Barker's "C Sharp Dance" referring to discord at Cecil Sharp House amongst members of the EFDSS. He then took up his ukulele and sang "Hush-a-bye Mountain". Pete Bones sang the tragic story of the ship Ellen Vannin and then recited the Kipper Family's "Underwood's Milk", another popular, seasonally-themed poem. Debbie read her poem about the perils of shopping and then sang the humorous "Cleopatra" from the musical "Salad Days". Cecil Sharp got a second mention in Peter McDonald's first song, Ashley Hutchings' "Appalachian Front Porch Game" about the song collector's travels in the US. His fine rendition of Paul Metsers' "Play It All Again", with the Harbury Chorus Engine in full voice, brought the first half to a fitting climax.

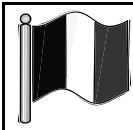
The second half was opened by half of the audience taking to the stage as the Harbury Folk Club Choir. "Awake Ye Drowsy Mortals" was a west gallery-style carol that had not made the final choice for Christmas Eve's Carol Service, but was a fine rousing start to the proceedings. Then "The Seven Joys Of Mary" followed, accompanied by a wide range of instruments and some fine harmony singing. Des was in seasonal mode and gave us a song imploring us to "Remember The Poor". He followed this with the stirring carol "The King". Sue Crum gave us a charming solo performance (Ted being indisposed) with a fine version of "The Sans Day Carol" and followed this with "Sovay, Sovay", about a highwaywoman. Ginny made her debut at the Folk Club with the lovely song "Window Box". We're hoping she will return and sing more songs in the coming months. The instrumental trio "Rumbelow" took to the stage next with a tune called simply, "A Dance" and followed that with the lively "Woodbine Cottage". Concertina, accordion and cello make a complementary combination. Mick Bisiker completed the second half with the song "When Winter Comes Howling In" and followed that with "A Labour Of Love", a song by American writer Andrew Peterson.

The third half offered that often-rare opportunity, a chance for singers to perform a further song, poem or tune. The Harvesters began with their cautionary tale "Too Old To Rock And Roll" and were followed by Des with another seasonal offering "The Pudding Hunt", a more politically-correct form of pursuit. Martin sang about the "Cold Winds That Blow About The Harbour". Then Peter McD donned his banjolele for that wonderful jazz classic, "Pasadena". No excuses were required for the audience to join in with the more familiar parts. To finish the evening's entertainment, Mick Bisiker performed his impressive self-penned song "Ball and Chain" before being joined by The Harvesters for the closing song "Hard Times Of Old England", featuring a shakey-egg solo from Sue.

And so another memorable evening of songs, poems and tunes came to an end. The raffle for the evening raised £56.00 for Myton Hospice, for which Sue and I are taking part in their annual Santa Dash on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

As ever, many thanks are due to all of the performers, the audience who respond with enthusiastic applause and harmony singing and, last but not least, to Harbury Village Club who generously lay out the room for us and provide a warm and welcoming environment every month.

We look forward to seeing you in 2014, on the first Thursday of every month.



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Andrew Patrick**

### ***Nightmare on Church Street (aka Twinning Association news)***

We held our Christmas Party on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. (Well, somebody had to.) It turned out to be a series of scary challenges. First, Monsieur Stringer's fiendish quiz included the intriguing question "What did the French build in WW1 to try to confuse night-time German bombers?"

(Answer: a full-size replica of the city of Paris)

Next, in a sketch by the late, great Miles Kington, your correspondent was hypnotised by that goddess of black arts Madame Freeman. And then she had us sniffing unnamed bottles in search of wine-related smells. (Note to West Midlands Vice Squad: no photographic evidence of this peculiar practice was kept. Maybe fortunately?)

In keeping with the date, the charades too had a scary theme. Particularly gruesome was a shower scene. Monsieur MacDonald was the shower. Madame Winter was the young lady under the shower. Le Docteur Hancock was the killer, but did not have time to plunge in the knife before the audience correctly guessed it was *Psycho*!

And what about the late arrivals at the Nightmare Ball? All the way from Switzerland we welcomed Mr and Mrs Ngundertheblanket and their lovely daughter Heidi Ngundertheblanket.

On 6<sup>th</sup> January we shall do our best to celebrate *la Fête des Rois* (Feast of the Kings) in Harbury-French style, with paper crowns and home-made *galettes*. With any luck, it should be a lot less scary!

By the time you read this our cycling training will have restarted. If you'd like to join us, please do. Our usual time is Saturday morning, starting from the Library car park at 9.30am. But best to check with Richard Marshall-Hardy first (613730).

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury RFC</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Rugby Football Club</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Jerry Birkbeck</b></p>
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At the half way point in the season Harbury remain in pole position in Midlands 4 West (South) with nine victories out of ten. They were awarded a Home Walkover when luckless Birmingham Civil Service cancelled as they were unable to field a front row. However, the competition for the two promotion spots is very tight with four clubs involved

In the second half of the season Harbury have to play both Woodrush and Atherstone away, both of which will be very tough encounters. They will however be desperately keen to reverse their one defeat so far when they entertain Barton Under Needwood at home in late March.

### **Midlands 4 West (South) – top four positions as at 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013:**

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts For	Pts Against	Pts Diff	Total
Harbury	10	8	0	1	242	132	110	44
Woodrush	10	8	0	2	307	155	152	39
Barton under Needwood	9	7	1	1	212	154	58	37
Atherstone	9	7	0	2	271	174	97	36

Harbury begin the next round of ten matches on 4th January with a difficult away match at Coventrians. These come after a fortnight's break from competitive matches over the Christmas period.

It is vital to pick up bonus points both at home and on the road. These are awarded for scoring four tries and a losing bonus point when the defeated side are within seven points of the winning team.

On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, Harbury will entertain Long Buckby in the Quarter Final of the RFU Junior Vase Midlands Division. The winners of which will be four stages from appearing at Twickenham in May 2014.

**The second XV** has had a mixed season with some early successes and then some close results against useful opposition. They play in Warwickshire 3 and that includes the second teams of some higher graded opposition but they finished the first half of the season with a fine 57-5 victory over Dunlop 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and are lying in the upper part of their league.

### **Junior and Mini Section**

The Junior and Mini Section have had an impressive number of new recruits across the board. The Under 7's now has 25 players registered. We now run teams at U7-U12 at Mini Level; and U13-U17 in the Juniors. This is a testament to the hard work of the M and J Committee and the hugely successful Mini Rugby Tournament held in October.

In July this year and in 2014 the Tuilagi brothers, including Manu (the England and Lions centre), ran their third rugby skills programme which was attended by nearly 90 young players between the age of 11 and 16. A brilliant event which teaches the participants so much.

### **Drainage**

Those of you who visit the club to watch and play will be well aware that the drainage on the 1st XV pitch and floodlit training area is not very effective and despite all the hard work of Dave Andrews and his team in trying to reduce the problems of standing water it remains a problem.

We have recognised the need for a new drainage scheme for a number of years and included this in our 10 year Development Plan that we prepared in consultation with all sections of the Club. Phase 1, including the back pitches, principally used by the Junior and Mini Section, was completed in 2010. This was funded with a grant from the RFU and a low interest loan to the Club.

The Development Plan included the heavily used Training Area and the 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch. The former, which is floodlit is used by all the rugby sections from juniors through to seniors and Harbury Albion FC during the winter months. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch had been inspected by Keith Kent the Head Groundsman at Twickenham and prior to that at Manchester United's ground at Old Trafford. He recognised the need for drainage was paramount, whilst commending Dave Andrews on the work that had been undertaken to enhance the quality of the playing surface.

In 2013 we prepared a funding bid to both Sport England and the RFU. This much to our delight was approved in November this year, Sport England offering just under £49.5k in grant and the RFU £5k. We have been discussing with both bodies the possibility of considering alternative technology which if successful could offer a solution which would be far less disruptive. We aim, with Sport England and RFU approval, to have a system in place later in 2014 which satisfies all parties. More information will be provided to Harbury News in due course.



## **Harbury Toddler Group**

### **Toddler Group Committee**

Harbury Toddler Group has been part of village life over a significant number of years and supported many children and their parents/carers.

A new year approaches and 2014 is giving us an opportunity to re-energise the group.

We have been able to secure a new lead for the group. Lynne Barton lives in the village and has recently, with two other colleagues, established a not for profit organisation called Entrust Care Partnership working with disabled children and their families. Lynne has worked in children's services for many years, starting with the Playgroup movement through to managing a significant Local Authority integrated Children's Disability Service along with experience in the NHS and voluntary sector.

We have recently had a spring clean (albeit in December!!), purchased some new toys, recruited a volunteer and planned some special activities throughout the forthcoming year.

We would like to welcome mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children under five.

We open our doors every Monday at 9.30am and finish at 11.15am. The first session in the New Year is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 when we will be welcoming a special visit from Pippa who will introduce Sing and Sign.

You are guaranteed a warm welcome, a friendly chat, refreshments, activities and toys to entertain and stimulate your child.

Need more information or would like to just say hello before you come? Then please do ring Lynne Barton on 01926 612748 or email [lynnebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)

With very best wishes to you all.



The Christmas festivities are now behind us, but the build up to them at Pre-School was enjoyed by one and all.



**Puppy visit:** Just before it all started, some of the children were lucky enough to be invited to visit Bud's ten guide dog puppies. They were able to watch them playing with one another and most of the children also carefully stroked or held little Vikki, the smallest and quietest puppy. Thanks to Bud and Tony (and Fliss the mum) for allowing us to visit their extended family!

### **C h r i s t m a s Preparations:**

At the creative table, the children made wonderful decorations using card shapes and CDs as the basis for small scale collages as well as fantastic Christmas hats. Cutting, joining and estimating skills were put to the test as the children wrapped boxes as "presents" to go under the Christmas tree, and the children made lovely observational drawings of the fabulous wooden Christmas tree made for us by Karam's daddy. The drawings were made into cards in which they did their own "writing".



**The Nativity Story:** At the beginning of the month, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Annie Goldthorp who came to tell us a story about the shepherds. This visit was followed up when we introduced the small world nativity characters which, together with the miniature Nativity set and

several books, enabled the children to act out the story in their own words.

**Role Play** – The role play area became a nativity scene, and we are very grateful to Bonnie's daddy for making a beautiful crib for the baby Jesus and a shepherd's crook. The dressing up rail was full of outfits for angels, shepherds, sheep, donkeys, Mary and Joseph and the three kings, and the children all chose their roles for the Nativity Songtime while they enjoyed trying on the various costumes.



**Nativity Songtime:** This was held at the Jackson's stable yard in front of the children's parents and other relatives. The children sang brilliantly, finishing with "Silent Night" using Makaton signing, and challenging the capacity audience to take part in the encore, which they did with much enthusiasm and considerable success. We would like to thank the Jacksons for providing a beautiful and very meaningful setting for our nativity.



**Reindeer Food:** In the last week of the term, the children made and took home bags of reindeer food to sprinkle on the grass outside, as encouragement to them to bring Father Christmas to their homes. Let's hope it worked!



**Father Christmas:** A visit from Father Christmas on the very last day of term was heralded by some welcoming songs from the children. They were thrilled to receive gifts from him when he arrived with his sack of goodies and most were happy to chat to him about what they hoped to get in their stockings.

**Finally ....** Gael, Lisa, Bud, Angie, Anne, Helen and Sandy would like to thank the parents and the children for all the lovely gifts and cards that we were given. We are now looking forward to a great year in 2014 and return to Pre-School for the spring term on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

*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 07907 598461 or look at the website [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk)*



## In Nursery

Welcome to Lily-May who started in December amidst Christmas preparations making cards, calendars, paper chains and tree decorations.

We've had the Christmas Concert, Christmas party with Santa and also a visit from Reverend Annie and Gill to tell the Christmas story.



Thank you to parents and children for all the wonderful cards and presents.

We would like to share some of the children's thoughts about Christmas:-

**Jack aged 3:** "If you open your eyes, Santa will bring you no presents. You have to close your eyes for a very long time and you can't open your eyes at all. I want a pineapple or a bike for Christmas. I've never seen the real baby Jesus. Baby Jesus came from his Mummy's tummy. I've got a Christmas tree already. It's decorated."



**Evan aged 3:** "Father Christmas lives in the snow. He wears a hat and a red suit. He comes on his sleigh and there are reindeers. He flies in the sky at Christmas. Santa is bringing a present for me and Fraser – new cars for me, very special cars for me, very brand new. People carried baby Jesus."

**James aged 2:** "I singed "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Jingle Bell" in the concert. I hold the bells."

**Mikey aged 3:** "When you wake up you get presents at Christmas. When it's Christmas time, when it's night time I am

going to France to see the view and the Eiffel Tower – it's a long way. I am going to see the pink castle – it's next to England."

**Alfie aged 3:** "Father Christmas brings us presents. He came to Windmills – I liked my presents – it was a pencil and paper. He was wearing Santa clothes. I got a tree up – Daddy got it. There are baubles on it."

**Annabel aged 2:** “I got chocolate on my tree and baubles.”

**Amber aged 3:** “I’ve got chocolate in my calendar – you have to find the number and then eat it and then it’s yummy in my tummy. You get it out with your finger and it’s a rectangle or a diamond.”

**Angus aged 3:** “Baby Jesus is good. He saves people and animals. Mary is Jesus’ mummy and his daddy is Joseph. They live in a stable. The angels and the shepherds bring a lamb for Jesus. Father Christmas says “Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas”.



**Ruby aged 2:** “I put a mince pie out for Father Christmas and a carrot. I put it by the fireplace. I give the reindeers a carrot.”

**Lyra aged 3:** “Mummy put my card next to the TV. She put my calendar on the wall. I’ve got a Christmas tree.”

**Jasper aged 2:** “I like Father Christmas – he brings me presents.”

**Charlotte aged 4:** “The angels were going to see baby Jesus in Bethlehem – he was born in Bethlehem. The shepherds went to see Jesus – they took a lamb. The Three Wise Men went to the stable as well.”

## Dates for the Diary

Nursery opens after Christmas on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9.05am.

Coffee Morning – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in Tom Hauley Room

Indulgence Evening – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm-11pm

Bag2School – spring term, date to be confirmed.

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





## Village Hall Update

**Geoff Thorpe**

A big thank you to all those who supported the Hall at the New Year Dance, a sell out, and of course to Harbury's Phill King and the Royals.

As I reported last month our cleaner, Martin Cosgriff, has now had his surgery and is on the way to recovery. Our Vice Chairman, Chris Finch, is also on the way to recovery having visited the surgeons!

Now that Christmas is over it is back to the routine of looking after the Hall and of course fund raising. Two pieces of good news on this front. We are confident of securing a grant of £50,000 and have also won a small grant of £1,000. The former will give us a good start in our efforts to build a permanent stage and new changing rooms; the latter will be used to replace the worn out tables, some of which I suspect are as old as the Hall.

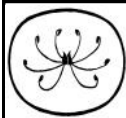
**The Rural Cinema is back on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January with a double header.**

**"Despicable Me 2"** for the youngsters. Tickets **£2** on the door. Doors open 4.00pm. Film starts 4.30pm.

**"About Time"** for the more senior. A fun film from the team who wrote "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Love Actually". Tickets **£3** on the door. Doors open 7.00pm. Film starts 7.30pm.

Finally, to start the New Year off after the seasonal excesses, **Slimming Classes** will start shortly!

Happy New Year.



## Horticultural Society

**Judy Morral**

Almost 40 of our members enjoyed the December meeting. Prior to the festivities we held the AGM. Our treasurer for the last few years, David Powell Tuck, stepped down and, at the last moment, one of our latest members, John Mayo put his name forward. After being proposed and seconded he was duly elected to the committee. We welcomed John to the committee and expressed our thanks to David for his past contribution, and also passed our best wishes to his wife Judith who is now recovering from an operation.

The other committee members agreed to stand for the next year and this was endorsed by the members. Just to remind you we are: myself as Chairperson, Tony Brunton as Treasurer, John as Secretary, together with Kathleen Ellis, Jean Clews and Jane Giddings. After the events of the last 12 months were

covered and all agreed that it was another successful season, the matter of the Village Show was discussed. It was deemed appropriate to cover this at the AGM as in the last issue of Harbury and Ladbroke News, Patrick Clarke had written an article in which he stated that, reluctantly, he had decided not to run the Show any more and he hoped our Society would take back the running of the Show. I briefly outlined the circumstances of three years ago when after appealing to our members for someone to step forward as none of us on the committee had the spare capacity to do so, no one felt able to take this on. We are so grateful to Patrick who has been very ably assisted by Jane Giddings. No one at the meeting was willing to take this role on but Jane said she would be prepared to assist again as did two other members. Therefore we are back to square one. There are funds in the bank and it would be a shame if the traditional Village Show were not to continue. I thanked the committee for their continued support and all of our members for their support too.

A late insert about the Show...I spoke to a fellow member of the Society today (24<sup>th</sup>) and was told that the WI have had discussions about the future of the Show (I was unaware of this therefore unable to report this fact until 24<sup>th</sup>), so fingers crossed.

We then started the festivities. The buffet food provided by our members was again delicious. Jean who provided background music and table decorations once again gave us a brilliant quiz and a game with a difference where we had to come up with obscure names from A to G for such things as countries, cars, animals and many more. Everyone got into the spirit of the games and we did have eventual winners. My thanks to Jean who always comes up with something different for us to exercise our little grey cells. The annual Bursary was won by Barbara Andrews. Thanks to everyone who stayed behind to help tidy and wash up. I brought home two dinner plates and two serving spoons. The plates turned out to belong to Jean but she did also leave behind a floral tray, did anyone take this or know of its whereabouts please? I still have the two serving spoons, so please contact me if you are the owner. Everyone agreed that it had been another great evening.

I have thought about the trips next year and have come up with some super places to visit and will finalise details in the New Year. Let us just hope that the weather will be as good as last year. As I type this (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>) it is very windy and stormy, not very seasonal at all.

If you need to walk off the extra pounds gained at Christmas, why not visit your local National Trust properties for some fresh air and exercise? Charlecote is open on a lot of days and if there are no details in your membership book their website will give details. At Upton House we are open on Saturdays and Sundays in January until mid February when the ground floors and basement of the house and the wonderful Lowry to Piper exhibition and gardens will be open, from 12.00 to 4.00pm. Then we open fully the third weekend in February, when the recently closed Picture Gallery will be once

again open with its splendid new roof and the Old Masters back where they belong. Batsford Arboretum is also open in January, another lovely place to visit.

Our January meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> when Linda Smith will be speaking about The Story of Modern Water Lilies. I do struggle to get speakers for January and February as it is not always pleasant travelling on a cold dark night so I do appreciate the willingness of the speakers to do so. Then, on 4<sup>th</sup> February it will be another welcome return for Adrian James and his topic this time will be Four Seasons and a Festival. Adrian is such a fantastic speaker and is a professional photographer too, a bonus. So if you fancy a good evening out why not join us; we have refreshments plus a brilliant raffle and all this for the equivalent of £1.25 per meeting. Where else can you get such good value? I look forward to seeing you all.

I will end with a plea for your help again at our coffee morning on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January. If anyone can provide a cake or raffle prize or help of any sort I would be most grateful.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2014.



After 15 years of gardening what was originally a paddock I can now say that the condition of the soil is (mostly) good. Over the last few weeks I have been removing many older plants and planting new ones and also splitting up some of the larger clumps and replanting. Each time I do this I add plenty of home-made compost which has made the ground manageable i.e. I can dig it without breaking the fork or spade. If you too have heavy clay soil don't despair, it will get better - honestly!

In theory, the garden should look really great this year. Do come to see for yourselves and help by donating to the National Garden Scheme. Unfortunately we raised less money for the NGS in 2013 than in the previous year. Please help us make a larger donation in 2014.

I'm catching up with modern technology and have been using Twitter and Facebook. It is really interesting to see that there are many British growers of cut flowers. Their bouquets and floral arrangements are beautiful and seasonal. Equally, there are many nurseries growing their own plants rather than importing them. Nursery owners have plenty of knowledge of the plants they grow and are usually keen to offer help and advice. Most large garden centres buy their plants in, often from abroad. The last time I went round a

garden centre I was shocked at how dry the plants were. Everyone can help these small businesses by buying local produce whenever possible.

It will soon be time for the first snowdrops to show themselves and then it will be dwarf daffodils, then hellebores - spring is just around the corner.

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



## **Nature Notes**

**John Hancock**

Today (December 17<sup>th</sup>), as we near the winter solstice, pressure is high and it has been a windless day of blue skies and sunshine. Now the sun is overhead at the Tropic of Capricorn. Solstice is derived from the Latin sol = sun and sistere = to stand still. A full moon was high in the western sky at dawn, the only other heavenly body visible being Venus standing still higher. Later, cycling conditions were tricky with the sun keeping so close to the horizon throwing a long shadow and making sunglasses a useful addition to the usual gear. It was cold too but there was no frost overnight. With windy weather set to return it looks like being an ice free Christmas.

A beautifully coloured jay flew across the road in front of me in Bascote Heath. The azure blue in its wing feathers caught the eye. Fly fishing lures are made from these primary coverts. It is probable that a major source of young oak trees is the jay's habit of burying acorns in autumn to provide a store of food through the winter. Small parties of redwing were foraging for berries in the hedgerow trees.

Taking the Welsh Road towards Southam and descending steeply to cross the Itchen close to the gauging weir brings one to the highest point of the town. Here, near Southam College, in the garden of a cottage, can be seen the circular outline of a windmill which once graced this spot. It is commemorated now in the names Windmill Cottage and Windmill Way. Most villages would have had a wind or water mill as a search of the local 1: 25,000 ordnance survey map will reveal. Some, like Harbury's tower mill and Napton's landmark still stand but Ladbroke's mill has long gone. I have searched for the site on Windmill Hill but to no avail.

The Itchen is an interesting stream to follow. It emanates from several springs bubbling out of the Burton Dassett Hills. These watercourses coalesce near Old Town Bishops Itchington after meandering across a flat landscape. In fact, on old maps, the terrain is covered by a lake. Farmsteads were built on raised ground which might have meant an island site - Grange Farm and Holmes House would fit the picture. Shortly after passing near to Holmes House the river enters what can best be described (if you will allow some exaggeration) its gorge where faster flow would drive water wheels, as

at Mill Pit Farm south east of Bishops Itchington. Five kilometres further on lay Stonethorpe Mill. Nothing is left of the building now, though I can remember it was still there in the 1970s, but ruined by a flood soon after. Various leats and a reservoir can be seen from the path just north of the Hall.

Whilst reconnecting with the Itchen, I stopped to talk to a herdsman on Hambridge Road. I had passed the remains of a large tree perhaps four metres in circumference. It's been sticking up on the wide verge for years and I had taken it to be one of Warwickshire's many elms felled due to Dutch Elm Disease. He told me that it was an oak which had become diseased in the 1980's and felled for safety's sake.

Alan Lea got in touch to tell me of an extraordinary moth and its life cycle. In mid October he and his wife visited their daughter and grandchildren in Alberta, Canada. The temperature was beginning to fall but it was still sunny. They noticed large numbers of black and orange caterpillars crossing a road. Some research revealed they were larvae of the Isabella Tiger Moth (*Pyrrharctia isabella*). This moth is found in many cold regions including the Arctic. The banded caterpillars are affectionately known as woolly bears. They literally freeze solid, the heart stops beating and gradually the whole body shuts down. It produces a cryo-protectant which enables it to survive. The summers are so short that the larvae must repeatedly freeze and thaw through several winters and summers before growing enough to pupate. Some live for 14 years.

On a bright day recently, the red of dogwood shone out across the valley near Kingston Farm. In summer the colour is obscured by foliage but now deciduous trees have shed their leaves revealing the various colours of bark. Identifying trees in winter is a useful exercise. Fallen leaves and fruit can be a giveaway but without these markers bark and tree shape can be of great help. The large eucalyptus in the back garden of the Old School in Chesterton stands out as being different. Perhaps you could let me know of particular trees which you find special for future editions of the Harbury and Ladbroke News. Can I take the opportunity of wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2014?



## General Section



## Harbury Art Group

Another painting year drew to a close with a watercolour workshop on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, and our annual 'bring and share' festive buffet. Nick brought a simple, but challenging subject for us to try – a photograph of an old 'sit up and beg' style bicycle, leaning against a cottage wall, partly buried in snow, and with ivy growing through the basket.



The task was to create an interesting composition, and ensure that the bicycle wheels looked realistically circular! Eight very nice and very different paintings were produced, and Helen's imaginative use of a Christmas tree, dimly seen through the cottage window, meant hers was voted the best of the day.



Our first tutored workshop of 2014 will be straight after the New Year celebrations on

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**, and it will be an Acrylic or Oil session. If you would like to attend, please do get in touch, a full programme for 2014 is now available. Our **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** workshop will be a watercolour session.

We also hold 'social' painting days, that are open to everyone, on the third Thursday of the month, and these start again on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

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

Happy New Year to you all – and if you've always wanted to make more time for painting, your New Year Resolution is to join this friendly group in 2014!

**Pam McConnell**



## **Biblio's Rural Oscars**

Great news – we are Regional Finalists in the start-up category of the Countryside Alliance Awards. Thank you so much for all your nominations which undoubtedly made it possible for us to reach this stage. We are now in the process of completing a comprehensive questionnaire in the hope we reach the National Finals. If we are deemed to be likely winners, there will be a site-visit from judges sometime before March and the results will be announced in April. Fingers crossed!

## **New speciality Teas**

We thought the New Year was a good time to offer you some new speciality teas – we have a trial selection of delicious organic herbal Pukka Teas

including Love (Rose, Chamomile and Lavender) Cleanse (Nettle, Fennel and Peppermint) and others such as Harmonise, Refresh, Revitalise and Relax. We hope you will be tempted to try them. Ask to see the list next time you are in.

### **New Year Resolutions**

If your New Year list of resolutions has any of the following: meet more people, gain confidence, learn new skills, be part of a team, become a volunteer – then you may just find that joining us at Biblio's ticks all those boxes and more. Please leave your contact details at the cafe or email [lynnbiblioscafe@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbiblioscafe@gmail.com) and we will arrange a time to speak.

**Happy New Year from everyone at Biblio's!**

**Lynn Macwhinnie**



### **Blood Donors**

Congratulations on a bumper session in December when a wonderful total of 110 units were collected. A special thank you to the three new donors; hopefully your first of many.

The next session in Harbury will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**Gillian Hare**

### **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**



We had 120 people attend the Christmas Party this year and we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thank you all for coming along.

The entertainment this year was provided by a few of the many members of the Harbury Ukulele Group who played some seasonal songs and some old favourites. We would like to thank them for giving up their time and displaying their talents for us. Thank you.

Thank you also, to everyone who donated some interesting and sought after prizes for our raffle. They were much appreciated.

Those of you who have organised events will know how difficult it can be without the help of volunteers. This year we had some new helpers (thank you for helping out) but we would like to say a very special thank you to some

of our previous helpers. We have had a loyal band of washer uppers for many years but they had decided to call it a day this year. We thank you for the many, many years that you have helped us.

Again this year, we had some help from the Harbury Scouts who helped put up the tree and the decorations as part of their community



involvement.

Thank you John and Mark for getting the team together. The extra hands came in very useful and made the setting up a lot easier.

As we roll into 2014 the committee would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you at our events during the year and for giving us your support. As usual, look out for our schedule of activities in the Harbury and Ladbroke news.

**Mike McBride, on behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



## Bumps Bundles and Tots Too

Well a Happy New Year from bumps, we are going into the third year of Bumps and Bundles!

In December we had a lovely Christmas craft session with the tots and babies (with mummy's help) making Christmas cards with



paint and craft items. Then it was our



fantastic party with a visit from Father Christmas with gifts for all the little ones. There was a lot of lovely food too! Come along to Bumps – it's every Tuesday in the Tom Hauley room (behind the Church) from 10:30am to 12 noon.

**Kelly and Bump**


**Windmills**

Nursery School

## Windmills Fundraising Group

Thank you to everyone who has supported Windmills events in 2013 and we wish you a prosperous 2014.

6<sup>th</sup> December was our Christmas Concert in the Village Hall. Thank you to Michael Hare for playing the music and Gill Guilford for reading the prayer and to Mary Revitt and the staff for providing refreshments. The children were wonderful as snowflakes, angels and stars.

7<sup>th</sup> December we supported Harbury All Saints by helping to run Santa's Grotto. Thank you to the Windmills staff for organising the tombola at the Christmas Fayre to raise funds for the nursery.

13<sup>th</sup> December we had our Christmas party in nursery with a special visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to the staff for putting on a great party for the children and special thanks to Roger Lymouth from Southam Lions.

14<sup>th</sup> December we held a Christmas disco in the Village Club with a special visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to Abbie and Becky Lines and the Windmills staff for organising the event and to Mary Revitt who helped on the night. A big thanks to the bar staff at the club who are always so supportive and to John Tomkins for his participation.

### Some dates for next term:

Coffee Morning – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in Tom Hauley Room

Indulgence Evening – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm-11pm

Bag2School – if you have any unwanted clothes, old shoes etc. they can always be dropped off at Windmills Nursery or 10 Constance Drive or phone 01926 613084 to arrange collection.

### Windmills Fundraising Committee



### Will you be ready for the Harbury Games?

So you've put on a few pounds over Christmas with all that merry making? Do you need a focus to get yourself back into shape? Well why not sign up to join a team for this year's Harbury Games at the recreation ground on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June?

The 2014 Games will follow a similar format to previous years with lots of events for people of all ages and abilities but this time there will be a Commonwealth theme to coincide with the Commonwealth Games that will be held in Britain next summer. We hope to have up to twelve teams made up of men, women, and two age categories of children, so there will be fun for all the family.

If you would like to enter a team, or join one that someone else has entered, please contact Andrew Hunt on [andrew.hunt@me.com](mailto:andrew.hunt@me.com) or post your interest

on our new Facebook page. Just go to **@Heart of Harbury Games** and join the chat.

We'll be making further announcements about the list of events, rules, sponsorship and lots more over the next few months but we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to get involved either as a participant or a volunteer helper.

So start getting into shape for winning one of the numerous medals that we'll be awarding for great feats of running, jumping, throwing and being very silly.

**Andrew Lawrence/Terry Hunt**

## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

Happy New Year. Let's start the year with an offer. David Jullian of Act on Energy has offered to carry out thermal imaging for Harbury residents inside their houses to see where heat is being lost. The visit will be followed by a report interpreting the findings. Act on Energy will do this at a cost of £100 per house. These surveys can be really useful at identifying where you are losing most money on wasted heat. Even new houses have their cold spots unless they are built to high energy efficient standards.

When at our AGM we reviewed what we had done in 2013 it turned out to be quite a lot:

We welcomed three new members to the steering group during the year: Hugh Tottle and Alan Guy in January and Janet Thornley, as Parish Council member, in October.

We held a Harbury Energy Day on 20<sup>th</sup> April attracting around 40 people to hear talks on energy efficiency improvements, in preparation for the event working with Year 5 of the school. The children prepared a short survey and enthusiastically cajoled family and neighbours to return over 70 completed forms. On the day they presented their findings and read out their Earth Poems to a rapt audience. Two leaflets were distributed to all households on the Harbury and Ladbroke News distribution list in advance inviting people to take advantage of a prize draw for a free Green Deal assessment, funded by HEI.

This event started our relationship with the Energy Saving Cooperative as preferred partner and since then home improvements have been done on three houses with two more in planning. In December HEI introduced the Energy Saving Cooperative and HEI to some of the shareholder committee of Ladbroke Hall.

Greenwatt Technology approached HEI in August looking for businesses in rural Warwickshire interested in applying to take part in a study of the benefits of electric vehicles to their business. Greenwatt will select 20 rural businesses in the county for their study, provide a free feasibility and benefit study

and then select 10 of the initial 20 businesses to have a subsidised electric van or car and a free charging point. Following approaches by HEI two or three businesses took up the invitation. The offer may still be open.

Community Energy became a focus of interest for us in the summer. A small sub group is now working with the European Biomass Research Institute at Aston University, Birmingham, on possibilities for community energy generation projects in Harbury. EBRI has now submitted its report.

As the year ended we submitted three bids to e.on of £2,000 each and await news of the outcome in January 2014.

During the year members of the Steering Group visited Hook Norton Low Carbon, Ecobuild, NextGen, the National Self Build and Renovation Centre and also Westmill Energy Farm.

In December I mentioned the Immersun system for converting unused electricity generated by PV panels into hot water. If anyone else is interested in this opportunity I am still creating a list. Do get in touch by phone or email.

**Bob Sherman - Tel: 612277**  
**Email: shermanbob55@gmail.com**

## **Report Road Faults Online**

Problems with any of the following can easily be reported direct to Warwickshire County Council via their website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportroadfaults](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportroadfaults)

- Highways
- Street lights
- Traffic signals
- Potholes
- Rights of way

**Alison Biddle, Clerk to Harbury Parish Council**  
**Tel: 01926 614646**



## **Hedgehogs at Risk**

Most of the hedgehogs seen at this time of year will be unable to hibernate – there may be some regular visitors that decide to keep eating because there is a regular supply of food but these will be in the minority. Having said that, if the weather turns mild at the end of the month some hedgehogs may wake from hibernation but judging from previous years this is unlikely.

It is always helpful to leave some food out, but in the cold weather, when it is less likely to be taken, you can put out dry cat biscuits, these will not go off so quickly and will be less wasteful. Leave a dish of water out as well not just for the hedgehogs but for all the wildlife in your garden.

If you are tempted out to do some gardening remember that there could be hedgehogs hibernating in your garden. An unusually large pile of leaves could well be a hibernaculum (hedgehog's winter nest) as could any piles of vegetation, so do take care when raking or forking over any suspect areas. If you should discover a hedgehog then pile the leaves etc. back over it and perhaps check the pile the next morning – it is likely the hedgehog will have woken properly and moved to a new nest. Provide some fresh water and some food as it will be very thirsty and hungry; the food will also help replace some of the fat it had to burn up when rousing.

If you see any hedgehog out and about at this time of year it is best to contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 (if you can weigh the hedgehog first that is always helpful). For more information about hedgehogs and how to help them visit The BHPS web site at [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk) or contact Christina Sherman on 612277.



The pictures above show a blind male, doing well in a secure garden in Rugby and a 1 week old hoglet. Unfortunately this one did not survive.

There are several local groups affiliated to BHPS. Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue is a local network of people set up to help hedgehogs to survive. More information: [www.warwickshirehogrescue.org](http://www.warwickshirehogrescue.org)

**Christina Sherman – Tel: 612277**



## **Harbury Heritage Room**

**Our next three open evenings: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

We are usually open on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30-8.30pm. Local groups or organisations are always welcome to book other times at their convenience. Contact [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk) for information.

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

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

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

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be showing a DVD of a pantomime, performed by the children, from many years ago. Further details ring 813765.

We thought you might like the following, written recently by Brian and Josie Taylor.

### **Harbury Post Office**

In 1947 my family bought the shop in Church Street, locally known as "The Top Shop". In those days there was no self-service and customers were served over the counter. Customers came in with their baskets and we were able to say "Mrs So and So will be in at ten o'clock" as they seemed to come at regular times each day. Bacon and ham were sliced on a bacon machine and sugar, sultanas and lard etc were weighed out.

In 1960 a pound of plain bacon was selling for 3/10d per 1lb, mixed dried fruit 2/2d per 1lb and a 20 packet of cigarettes was 4/2d. One particular customer had a bottle of loose sherry each day and insisted we cover it up in her basket with a sheet of newspaper.

We delivered weekly orders to the villages of Ufton and Chesterton. Three of the customers lived at Humble Bee Cottages in Chesterton. There was no road and the only way was up a steep field. This was fine in the summer, but when wet in the winter the wheels of the van would not grip. However, a lady whose brother lived in the cottages used to sit in the back of the van with the doors open and her legs dangling to give it extra weight!

When the Post Office arrived in 1948, part of the shop was given over to accommodate the Post Office counter, stationery and greetings cards. A writing desk was made for customers' use. A very busy afternoon was Thursday when the customers came in to buy postal orders to send off with their football pools. Post Office duties also entailed the delivery of telegrams. Someone had to be on hand until 7 o'clock in the evenings for the telephone receipt and delivery of the telegram. On Bank Holiday Mondays we were also required to be available for telegrams.

**Brian Taylor  
May 2013**



There you are .... make a New Year's Resolution to put down some of your local memories! We'd love to add them to the collection. Happy New Year from Nigel Chapman and the Heritage Committee.

**Nigel Chapman**

## **Temporary Caretaker for the Tom Hauley Room**

The Tom Hauley Room behind the Church is a much-loved community resource, used for Church events, clubs and parties. It has always been welcoming and well cared-for. We are looking for a temporary caretaker to cover maternity leave from the beginning of March to the middle of June. Duties include a full clean-through once a week, checking and tidying after each booking, washing tea towels at home, and keeping the room well-stocked. There is a small remuneration. Please contact me if you would like to see the room and talk about the job.

**John Stringer, 30 Mill Street, Tel: 613214**

## **Police surgeries in Harbury**

Surgeries are held in the Library/Biblo's Cafe by a Police Community Support officer (PCSO) a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT); the Team will come forward with dates for surgeries in the New Year.

Following the community forum at the Rugby Club in December the priorities for the SNT are

Drug supply and use; rural crime; scrap metal dealers. (The majority of votes were cast on line before the meeting.)

Please do not hesitate to contact the SNT on 01926 684984 if you have a concern or have information.

**Marian Millington**



## **Calling All Owners of "Interesting" Vehicles / Motorcycles in Harbury and the Surrounding Area.**

To complement this year's Carnival a few of us Harbury residents that own "interesting" vehicles have thought it would be a good opportunity to extend the Carnival parade and give us a target to complete (nearly complete) those jobs that we have not ever quite got round to finishing and get our vehicles back on the road and out of the dark garage that they spend the other 11 months in! I personally will be attempting to get my knackered old Land Rover up and running.

So if you own (or know of someone that owns) a project that needs a purpose and target in life, give them fair warning of this great opportunity. More details and reminders in future editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke news. In the mean time if you feel inspired and wish to make your interest known drop me an email at [harbury-car-fest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:harbury-car-fest@hotmail.co.uk)

Definition of "interesting" vehicle / motorcycle. = Something out of the ordinary or something that has some heritage associated with it or something that will make people say "I used to have one of those!"

Note - This is definitely NOT a beauty competition. The aim is to celebrate automotive diversity and add something to our great village carnival.

**Mark Clifton**



## **Harbury Christmas Lights**

We would like to say thank you to Elaine and John (The Gamecock and The Shakespeare), Louise from Wissett Lodge, Laura and Mark in Chapel Street and Gov at the Post Office for allowing us to plug the village Christmas lights into their electricity supply.

You may have noticed that there were some new lights this year which were provided by the Parish Council. These were LED rope lights which should last a lot longer than the old ones and also use a lot less electricity.

We hope the additional lighting, particularly in Church Street, helped light up the gloom of the dark winter nights.

**Mike, Steve, Euan, Steve, John and Nick**



## **Wednesday Walks**

Enjoyed Christmas? Too much lovely food? Feeling a bit sluggish? Join us on any Wednesday morning for a breath of fresh air, nothing too hearty but good company and lovely countryside guaranteed. We gather in the Village Hall car park at 9.40am; details of venue and distance are in the diary page of this magazine. Hope to see you soon.

**Gillian Hare**

## **Harbury NSPCC Committee**

Many thanks to all those who attended our annual quiz in the Village Club on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. A fun time was had by all and we raised **£457** – an excellent way to end the year!

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

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

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

**Elaine Bruce**

## **Ovarian Cancer Awareness**

In March 2014, to raise funds and awareness for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, The Eve Appeal is encouraging people to Make Time for Tea. The Eve Appeal is the only national charity dedicated to raising funds for world-class research into, and awareness of, all five gynaecological cancers. In March as part of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month we ask people to get together with friends, family and colleagues to hold a tea party for us to raise money and awareness of ovarian cancer for the benefit of all women.

Ovarian cancer is the fifth most common cancer in women. The Eve Appeal is determined to change this and by holding a tea party for us you could help save the lives. So dust off the recipe books, bring out the tea set, hang the bunting and get ready to eat cake in the name of charity!

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to call 020 7605 0100 or email [tea@eveappeal.org.uk](mailto:tea@eveappeal.org.uk).

**Mianca Mejia**

**Voluntary and Community Fundraising Intern  
The Eve Appeal**

## **Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre**

Last October I had a very interesting conversation with the Reverend Gillian Roberts, who is Curate in the Bridges Group of Parishes. She spent time, as part of her training, on an extended work placement, at the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre. This included being involved in the work there, talking to staff, volunteers and clients and some inter faith work too. I decided that what she had to tell me deserves to be heard by a larger group of people. She says she does not claim to be an expert on the complex issues of refugees and migrants, but is happy to share both what she learned there and her present involvement too. She is passionate about the work in Coventry and is keen to raise awareness of the desperate plight of people only fifteen miles down the road. Everyone is welcome to come on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm. For more information please ring Jill Winter 612585.

**Jill Winter**



## Hope14

Southam Deanery is planning a week of activities in Southam and its surrounding villages in September this year under the title of Hope14. The villages of Harbury and Ladbroke will both be hosting special events during this week. If you would like to find out more, and perhaps even get involved, there is a launch meeting taking place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele starting at 9.30am with coffee and croissants and finishing around 11am.

**David Wright**



## Rotary Club of Southam - Tree of Light 2005 - 2013

The Rotary Club of Southam would like to thank the people of your village for the excellent support received in our ninth year of the Tree of Light in Southam. This year raised £1992\* for the Acorns Children's Hospice. Over the last nine years we have donated over £19,000 to Acorns Hospice from our Tree of Light.

Acorns Hospice receives no subsidy from government funds and, at present, is in need of money to continue their excellent service so the help provided by all our supporters will give them encouragement and help in their vital work.

Southam Library staff have been extremely helpful to our cause by displaying the Book of Remembrance and receiving donations. Thanks to all who helped to distribute our leaflet and collect donations including Southam Carpets and Jacqueline's Florists and to those who reproduced it in their parish magazines and of course our many generous donors.

A special thanks to Southam Carpets who have supported us again this year but in addition are now providing the power supply for the tree lights. We are also grateful to Southam Christmas Lights Committee for their assistance with the Tree of Light.

We look forward to your help and support in 2014 and hope to meet our annual target of £ 1500 once again.

\* At present!

**Rotarians Peter Jackson and Mike Gaffney  
The Rotary Club of Southam**

## Banana Moon Harbury Nursery

Following planning permission by Stratford District Council on 4<sup>th</sup> December, we are delighted to say that plans are well underway for the opening of our nursery.

Work on the conversion will commence in the New Year. We think it is likely to take us a few months to achieve the standard of environment we are hoping to offer; although the unpredictability of the weather makes it difficult to plan exactly!

Meanwhile, and much more importantly than bricks and mortar, we are working to build a team of local, caring staff. We very much hope we can recruit local, Harbury people for these positions. Further details will be advertised locally in the near future.

To confirm; we will be accepting children from three months until school age. We will be open from 7:30am until 6:30pm, Monday to Friday, to fit around the average working day, and will be able to accept children for 51 weeks of the year. For more information on our hours of care, or our offer in general, please either contact Lucy at [lucy@bananamoon-harbury.co.uk](mailto:lucy@bananamoon-harbury.co.uk) or call Banana Moon offices on 01926 338497.

There is not a great deal else to say at this stage; other than, we will be back in touch with regular updates on progress.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has sent us their support and encouragement thus far. We are extremely excited about the future, and cannot wait to open our doors to the village of Harbury.

**Lucy Nealon**

## **National Parish Magazine Awards 2013**

As we mentioned in the Editorial, the News was placed 9<sup>th</sup> this year. In 2011 we came 2<sup>nd</sup> and last year we were 11<sup>th</sup>. So the magazine is consistently being highly placed!

The Top 10 entries in the 2013 competition were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and overall Winner: The Ivybridge Magazine (Devon)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and Best Print: The Old School & Stoke Climsland News (Cornwall)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and Best Content: Barton Today (Northamptonshire)
- 4<sup>th</sup> and Best Design: The Dove (Somerset)
- 5<sup>th</sup> and Best Editor: Loddon Reach (Berkshire)
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Arrowhead (Wiltshire)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Brixworth Bulletin (Northamptonshire)
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Green Links (Suffolk)
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Harbury & Ladbroke News (Warwickshire)
- 10<sup>th</sup>: The Wriggle Valley Magazine (Dorset)

**John Holden**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*Karen, Keith, Nigel, Julie and Ashley would like to thank all those who sent kind messages, cards, flowers and letters following the passing of Mum, Pam Barnett. Also those who filled the church at Mum's thanksgiving service. Thanks to Craig for a lovely service and Goodwins for their care and guidance.*

*Everyone's kindness and support has been a great comfort to us all.*

*With heartfelt thanks,*

**Nigel Barnett and Karen Arnold**

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### **Dear Editors**

*I just wanted to make you aware that I recently visited Harbury to watch an under 13's football match. In the hour that I was parked behind the Village Hall my car window was smashed and my bag was stolen. I was foolish to leave my bag in the car but because of the area I felt very comfortable in doing so. Passing opportunists benefited from this. I wanted to let you know just so you could possibly make others aware. If anyone finds a black handbag that has been thrown away then I would be grateful for its return. They got away with around £20. The loss to me is far greater with replacing my car window.*

*Many thanks.*

**Launa Herne**

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### **Dear Editors**

*I would like to thank all my Harbury friends and family for all the Christmas gifts I have received. They were very much appreciated.*

**Isobel Clarke**

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## Regular Diary Dates

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

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

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Mondays evenings 7:30 - 9:00pm; (612627)

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

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

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

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

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

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

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

**CHURCH MEN'S GROUP:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (613214)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**

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Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

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

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Monday 9.30 - 11:15am, Tel: 612748

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00 - 8.30pm (612897)

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

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

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**W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (612710)

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

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Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.35pm (07906 519148)  
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Sunday in the month:	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion Service
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Every Sunday: (except 1 <sup>st</sup> )	10.30am	Funday Club (in term time)
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Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion

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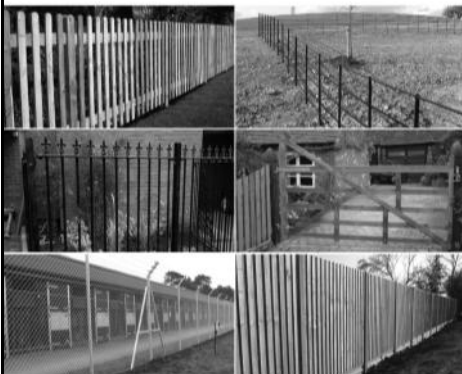
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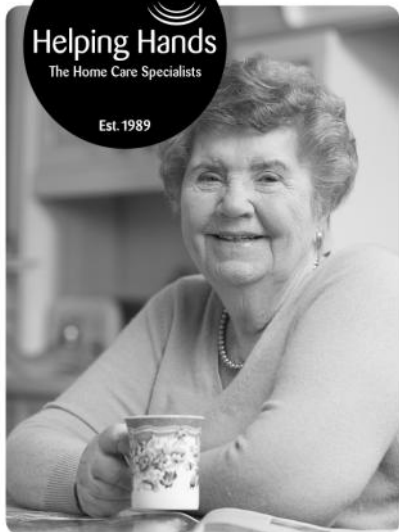
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<b>Weds</b>		Boogie & Bounce 2yrs+ 1.30pm - 2.30pm		Boys Street Dance 10-11yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Grade 1 Tap 10-11yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Grade 2 Tap 11yrs+ 6.00pm - 6.45pm	Adult Tap 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Zumba 7.45pm - 8.45pm
				Ballroom & Latin (all ages) 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Grade 4 Ballet 15 yrs+ 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Adult Ballet (no exp req) 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Adult Ballroom & Latin (no exp or part req) 8.00pm - 9.00pm	
<b>Thurs</b>	Zumba Over 50's 10.00am - 11.00am	Funky Dance 3-6yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Gymnastics (all ages) 4.30pm - 5.00pm	Grade 1 Ballet 10-11yrs 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Funky / Modern 7-10yrs 5.45pm - 6.30pm	Grade 2 Ballet 11-13yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm	Grade 1 Modern 11yrs+ 7.15pm - 8.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 8.00pm - 8.45pm
<b>Fri</b>	Mini Movers 0-5yrs 10.00am - 11.00am		Little Tappers 3-5yrs 4.45pm - 5.15pm	Pre-Primary Tap 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Primary Tap 8-10yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm			
<b>Sat</b>	Musical Theatre 4-8yrs 9.00am - 10.30am	Musical Theatre 9yrs+ 10.30am - 12.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 4.00pm - 4.45pm	Grade 4 Modern 13yrs+ 4.45pm - 5.30pm	Grade 5 Ballet 16yrs+ 5.30pm - 6.30pm			



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