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## Editorial

We wish Reverend Craig a fulfilling sabbatical and hope that he succeeds in achieving all of his goals and comes back fully refreshed. It is reassuring that the Parishes are being left in Reverend Annie's capable hands.

By the time the magazine is published, Biblio's Cafe will have been visited by the judges from the Rural Oscars and we will all be on tenterhooks for the results. Good luck and well done to the Biblio's team.

Responses to the planning proposal for the solar farm at Deppers Bridge should be made as soon as possible through the Stratford District Council website - see article for details.

In Ladbroke, Betty Winkfield is offering beginners Whist classes and the Photography Club always welcomes new members and visitors to their meetings.

The Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 8.00pm in the Shakespeare Inn – all are most welcome.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Sylvia Burdett, Shirley Petch, Lawrence Sheasby and Christine Turner.

## Harbury Diary

### MARCH 2014


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|------|----|--|
| Sat  | 8  | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School   |
| Sun  | 9  | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>Holy Communion, 8.00am<br>Sung Communion, 10.30am<br>Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  |
| Mon  | 10 | Upholstery Classes, 9.15am, in Farley Room, Village Hall<br>Warwick District Council Meeting on Gypsy Sites 5.00-8.00pm, Village Hall<br>Harbury Society, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room, a talk on Radford Semele Thornley Kelsey Brewery by Henry Marriott |
| Tues | 11 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall<br>Youth Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall<br>Holy Communion, 7.30pm   |

- Wed 12 Wednesday Walkers, Stockton to Broadwell (4 miles), meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00-10.30am, Harbury Village Library  
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – Drugs and Drug Abuse by Ray Allen
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury W.I.  
**ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM**  
Harbury Juniors Football Club, “Skool Disco II” 8.00–11.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 16 LENT II**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
“Saints Alive” Family Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  
Conservative Drinks Party, 12.00-2.00pm, Manor House
- Mon 17 Lent Course, 7.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 18 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Youth Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Neighbourhood Plan update, 7.30pm at Harbury Village Club
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walkers, Priors Hardwick to Upper Boddington (4 miles), meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00-10.30am, Harbury Village Library  
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
- Sun 23 LENT III**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Little Saints’ Service, 9.00am, followed by breakfast in Tom Hauley Room  
Sung Communion, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 24 Upholstery Classes, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall  
Lent Course, 7.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 25 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Youth Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm

- Tues 25 Harbury Village Club A.G.M., 7.30pm, at The Club, Crown Street, Harbury  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walkers, Baddesley Clinton and canals (4 miles), meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00-10.30am, Harbury Village Library  
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Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Farley Room, Village Hall
- Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Primary School PTA
- Sun 30 LENT IV**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Mothering Sunday Family Communion, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 31 Lent Course, 7.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- APRIL**
- Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society, All Bugs Bright and Beautiful – Rob Cole  
8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room,
- Wed 2 Wednesday Walkers, Shipston to Todenham (4½ miles), meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room:  
An Illustrated Talk on Madagascar by Di Sliwinski, Diocesan President
- Thurs 3 Tunes & Tales, 10.00-10.30am, Harbury Village Library  
Men's Group Meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 4 Harbury Primary School P.T.A., Wine Tasting Evening
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke W.I.
- Sun 6 LENT V**  
Sung Communion, 9.00am  
Celtic Service, 6.00pm  
Harbury Twinning Association, Quiz Night, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Harbury Village Club
- Mon 7 Lent Course, 7.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 8 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walkers, Lowsonford to Yarningale Common (3½ miles), meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
March	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	12	13	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	20	21	Grey Bin
	26	27	28	Green & Blue Lid Bins
April	2	3	4	Grey Bin
	9	10	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	17	18	Grey Bin

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

 <b>All Saints HARBURY</b>	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<b>Reverend Craig Grocock</b>
The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉ kankudai43@aol.co.uk		

### Sabbatical time

During March – May I will be handing over the reins to Rev'd Annie. The Bishop has given me the following three months as a sabbatical (study leave). This is essentially because of our curate, Rev'd Annie. Annie is in the final year of her curacy (training) and so to have three months 'at the helm' is a wonderful training opportunity before she leaves for a church of her own.

The Sabbatical (or Study Leave) is not a holiday even though it might seem like that! Sure I have been given the time to rest (the word sabbatical comes from the word Sabbath and we know that's meant to be a time of rest and refreshment) but essentially the time is mostly about 're-creation' for me and doing some things that I would normally not get the chance to do.

The prime purpose of a sabbatical is to step back for a period of three months from the everyday work of ministry and provide space for prayer, reflection, professional development and personal enrichment. The three main dimensions of a sabbatical are renewal, retreat and rest.

I will be doing a number of things during this time – I want to do some study, to read some theology (particularly around the theology of the afterlife and the soul), I will re-visiting New Testament Greek (which is very rusty!), I will be visiting a church in London which as been developing a new monastic-style community within its parish, I will be training for the Stratford Half Marathon

taking place in April, I will be having some advanced guitar lessons, visiting the Holy Land and going to Northumbria on retreat.

I leave the parish in very safe hands for three months and I am sure it will be a time of real growth and blessing for Annie as she does her work without me around!

God bless

## From the Registers

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

26<sup>th</sup> January          Edward Fairbrother

### *Funerals at All Saints' Harbury*

4<sup>th</sup> February          Christine Turner (84 years)

11<sup>th</sup> February          Lawence Sheasby (85 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**John & Will**

Initial concepts for the Church memorial garden were presented to the Parochial Church Council on the 3rd February and it was agreed to submit all three concepts to the Coventry Diocese Advisory Committee for their comments and guidance. Many thanks to Wendy Crowder for her excellent support and for coming up with the designs. If you would like to find out more about the project please speak to one of us.

It was good to see the Church so full for the first of our new "Saints Alive" family services (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month) when the Time Lord himself, DR WHO, came to visit, along with his TARDIS.

Clive Watts, one of our church organists, retired on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Clive has given over 18 years of unstinting and loving service to our Church for which we owe a huge debt of gratitude. Some of Clive's family came along to his final service and enjoyed a farewell "bring and share" lunch afterwards with many of his friends from over the years.

The Church Annual General Meeting is taking place in Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March (6pm). Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to what has been happening in and around Church over the past year.

Reverend Craig will not be at the AGM as he will have just commenced a well deserved three month sabbatical, returning on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. During his absence, the Church Wardens will be legally responsible for the Church, although Curate Annie will be leading the worship and other aspects of Church life. We wish Annie well.



## Mothers' Union

**Sue Field**

At our February meeting, following Communion with Reverend Annie Goldthorp, we welcomed Chris Cooke from Southam M.U. who came to speak to us about the work M.U. does in prisons.

Approximately eight years ago the M.U. was approached and asked if they would consider visiting local prisons on a regular basis. This would mean a one to one meeting with a named prisoner on a monthly basis. After an initial meeting to discuss the challenges, implications and security involved, several M.U. volunteers in the Diocese came forward.

Each M.U. volunteer is allotted a named person who has expressed a wish to be visited. The volunteer is frisked and completes security checks before meeting their named prisoner in a communal area, which can be daunting at first. Guards monitor the room for safety reasons and a cafe is available so that conversations on various topics can be discussed for an hour or so. For some prisoners, the volunteer is their only visitor, so these times can be very meaningful. Volunteers say they find the experience rewarding and many have been involved for years.

Prisons also have chaplains who provide a service and they appreciate the work of the M.U. volunteer visitors.

Questions were asked and fully answered by Chris Cooke – a very informative and interesting speaker.

Our next meeting is on Ash Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Tom Hauley Room at 2.30pm, following Communion at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome. Subject – Lent, led by Chris Rutherford.



## Church Men's Group

**John Guilford (Co-Chair)**

Su McClellan came along to our February meeting and spoke on "Whose Promised Land.....reflections on Palestine" and provided some interesting background to the situation that exists there today.

Arabs and Jews living in Palestine go back a long way but in the early 1900's there were two prevailing views amongst European Jews; one that there should be a safe haven for Jews, the other that they should integrate in the countries where they lived.

In 1917 the UK home office issued the Balfour Declaration which stated there should be "a safe haven for Jews". By 1923 the League of Nations gave the UK a mandate for Palestine and over the following years immigrants came,

usually with nothing and generally started to farm the unproductive land. Arabs and Jews lived peacefully together where even the schools were mixed.

Since then, tension and conflict seem to go hand in hand as significant events have unfolded, most notably, the rise of Hitler and his “final solution”, the transfer of Palestine to the United Nations, the declaration of Israel as a state (1948), the establishment of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (1964), the Six-Day War (1967) and more recently the start of construction of the Israeli separation barrier in 2002, which on completion will be over 400 miles long. The barrier was created to separate Palestinians in the Israeli occupied territories of West Bank and Gaza from Israel so they cannot enter Israel without authorisation.

In 2007 Hamas won the elections in Gaza....and so it goes on. Despite numerous efforts at Peace Talks no progress has been made and now in 2013/4 it can't even be agreed what should be on the Talks agenda.

Su's talk was insightful and thought provoking and no doubt every member held a different view as to the rights and wrongs of what has happened over the years. But all would agree many have suffered and continue to suffer as the conflict continues with no end in sight.

Next month we move to the calming shores of the Galápagos Islands when Keith Miles is coming to talk to us about his experiences of the Islands and I suspect there may be mention of the odd tortoise or two! Please come and join us on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March (7.45pm) in the Tom Hauley Room.

## Saints Alive!!

‘**Saints Alive!**’ got off to a brilliant start in February with lots of people new to All Saints coming to worship God in a new and lively way. Dr Who (aka Revd Craig) pulled everything out of the box (or should I say Tardis) to give everybody an idea of just how much Jesus loves us.

Whatever your age and whatever stage of life's journey you are in, you will be welcome to join us at **Saints Alive!** where we can come together as part of God's family in a place where everyone respects each other and nobody feels left out.

**What is it?** **Saints Alive!** is an opportunity to praise God through words, actions and songs. It is a time for us to learn together from a message that is both accessible and appropriate to everybody, regardless of age or level of understanding, and which *is not* a Communion service!

**When does it happen?** **Saints Alive!** usually takes place on the third Sunday of every month – but we will give you dates and reminders throughout the year. The next one is on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014.



**How long does it last? Saints Alive!** is short and informal – lasting no longer than 40 minutes (we promise!). It is always followed by refreshments – tea, coffee, soft drinks and delicious homemade cakes and biscuits – in the Tom Hauley Room.

So.....we would love you to come along to All Saints and see for yourselves on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, when we will have a bit of a 'foodie' theme going on. We hope that the Doctor will regenerate a little later in the year – you never can tell with him – but in the meantime we can guarantee you a warm and friendly welcome to Saints Alive!

**Rev'd Annie**

## **Little Saints is Moving!!!!**

For over a year now **Little Saints** has been meeting at 9am on the fourth Sunday of every month. We appreciate that particularly during the winter months, this has not always been easy to get to with small children, so we have decided to move it to a more child - friendly time. Actually, it is probably a more parent-friendly time as (your children permitting), it will allow you something of a lie-in on a Sunday morning.

From April 2014, **Little Saints** will meet at **10.30am on the first Sunday of every month**. The format will remain the same and we promise that you won't miss out on the bacon butties!

In case you don't know about us, at Little Saints we aim to introduce children to Jesus through a mixture of action songs, interactive stories and creative play which the whole family can enjoy together. It usually lasts 20 minutes, and certainly no longer than half an hour (we promise!), and is always followed by food in the Tom Hauley Room.

Little Saints will now happen on the first Sunday of every month:

**2014 dates: 6 April; 4 May; 1 June; 6 July; 3 Aug; 7 Sept; 5 Oct; 2 Nov; 7 December**

We would love to see you there! Although Little Saints is aimed primarily at children up to around age 6 and their parents, it is fair to say that any age is welcome. We want you to feel comfortable and 'at home' in All Saints Church with your children, and hopefully Little Saints can help you to do that.

**Rev'd Annie**

## **OMG it's Jesus**

### **What's this?**

A series of 7 meetings for secondary school students to explore what it means to follow Jesus in a relaxed and fun way (food included).

### **When is it?**

Mondays 6-8pm beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with a Multi-coloured Pancake party.

### **Where?**

20 Ladbroke Hall, CV47 2DF

### **Who's welcome?**

Anyone who is 11-16 is invited to come along for as many sessions as you wish.

### **More details?**

Contact Craig Grocock or Annie Goldthorp via Harbury and Ladbroke churches, or Bob and Ann Clucas via the Bridges Church group or on 01926 817318.

**Ann Clucas**

## **ICON Youth Club**

Are you in years 6-9?

Do you like Pizza? Playing fun games? Creating your own fashion show? Crafts? Table tennis? Pool? Quizzes? Food from around the world?

If so, why don't you come along to Icon youth club in the Tom Hauley room at 7pm on Sunday nights in term time. We have done all the activities above and more recently and have lots of fun plans for the future.

See you there.

**Ann Clucas**

## **The Tom Hauley Room Kitchen**

The Tom Hauley Room behind the Church is a much appreciated and widely used village amenity. Recently, we have refurbished the toilets and completed an internal repaint. Next on the list is the kitchen. Thanks to a significant personal donation and generous support from local organisations including the Parish Council, we hope to replace the kitchen between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July. Additional personal donations will provide a new cooker and a boiling water dispenser for hot drinks.

We are hugely grateful to those people and organisations who have supported this development, which is aimed at making the kitchen more accessible and easy to use. The work will be done by Chris Beaton of Fixit4you and Southam Carpets. We hope to maintain business almost as usual during the refurbishment.

**John Stringer, Chairman  
Tom Hauley Room Committee**

# Ladbroke News & Diary

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## MARCH

- Sat 8 Ladbroke Rockers Return, 8.00pm (doors open), Village Hall
- Sun 9 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall
- Tues 11 Morning Prayer, 8.00am
- Wed 12 Annual Church Meeting, 7.30pm, Church
- Sat 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM  
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 16 LENT II**  
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am  
Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall
- Tues 18 Morning Prayer, 8.00am
- Wed 19 Church Homegroup, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees
- Sat 22 Lent Lunch, 12.00-2.00pm, Village Hall  
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 23 LENT III**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall
- Tues 25 Morning Prayer, 8.00am
- Wed 26 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
5.30PM  
WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 29 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 30 MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
Family Service, 10.30am

## APRIL

- Tues 1 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall  
Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 2 Morning Prayer, 8.00am  
Church Homegroup, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees
- Fri 4 Film Night, 7.00pm (doors open), Village Hall
- Sat 5 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 6 LENT V**  
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments



## Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord & Jackie West

Last month we mentioned the competitive tendering process we were using to select our professional adviser for the church building. We have chosen Mr Richard Brook, from Acanthus Clews Architects in Banbury. We are looking forward to Richard's inspection of our Grade 1 listed building in May, though less so to finding out how much will work we need to do to keep it in good condition!

The keen-eyed will have noticed that the chancel roof was damaged in the February storms - as well as a few slipped tiles, three came off in one place resulting in a hole just above where Rev Craig usually sits, though you couldn't see this from inside as there is a wooden ceiling. Hopefully by the time you read this it will have been repaired.

We wish Rev. Craig a good sabbatical. He has managed to avoid the Annual Church Meeting which is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in church. Everyone who comes to church or lives in Ladbroke is welcome to attend. As well as hearing a summary of the past year it is when we vote in the PCC and Church Wardens for the coming one. Even if you are not standing for election, please come along to show your support of those who do take on these roles. The meeting will also be an opportunity for us to define our parish views on the C of E's 'Guiding Principles for Women Bishops' which will then be sent up to the Coventry Diocesan Synod ahead of its debate on this in May.

This year we are marking Lent in a slightly different way to previously. On Wednesday mornings from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> April Morning Prayer will be said in church at 8am; this is a short formal service with prayers, responses and a bible reading, all are welcome. We will be holding just one Lent Lunch on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 12 noon to 2pm in the Village Hall. There will be the usual menu - a range of soups, cheeses and bread plus, of course, the convivial company for which Ladbroke is renowned. There is no charge, but we do suggest a donation of around £4 per person as the profit is split between Ladbroke Church and a deserving charity. We hope that you'll join us - bring your friends, neighbours and relatives too.

Our service on Mothering Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March will be at **10.30am** and will not include Holy Communion, this is available at Harbury at 8am. Our service at Ladbroke will be a family service, suitable for all ages from 1 to 101, reflecting on our mothers and thanking them for their love and all they have done for us. Do come and join Rev Ann Mulley and the regular congregation at 10.30am; if you can bring your Mum along and if you can't you might like to bring a photo of her to this special service.



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

The business section which preceded the members' meeting included the following items:

Jenny Barrett has completed a pennant on behalf of our W.I. which will be part of the Warwickshire bunting which will decorate the promotional gazebo at shows during the summer.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April - Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room. Usual donations of cakes suitable for small households, bric-a-brac and raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April - At Stockton Church. An altar rail in memory of Hazel Sharples will be dedicated.

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May - Group meeting in Harbury. Please write a limerick on the theme of sport or movement and bring to the next meeting where the best can be chosen to represent this W.I.

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Because the local elections will be using the Village Hall, this meeting will be held in Ladbroke Church.

The Women's Institute is affiliated to the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) and the 2016 conference is to be held at Warwick University. Beaded purses are going to be made so that one can be given to each of the 600 delegates from all over the World. Anyone wishing to know more or attend a beading session should contact Rachel Tomson on 814396.

Instead of a speaker at this meeting most of us had brought our wedding albums which were spread along the tables. They provided great topics for discussion and the expression I heard most often above the general laughter was 'weren't you slim then!'

I think the oldest album was from Pat Kennedy who married Don in 1947 and the newest was Jackie West who married Simon in 2004. (Both of these brides have remained slim, I might add!) With such a range of dates you can imagine the change of fashion. Apart from the timeless classic dresses and flowers, there were miniskirts and Mary Quant style shoes and the bouffant hairstyles of the 60s. The essence of the wedding group, however, remained much the same over the decades with shots of bride, groom, bridesmaids, best man and parents in various poses. One noticeable change was the lack of colour in the early albums and the absence of any 'effects' like soft focus shots. It provided us with many memories and lots to talk about.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, when Mary Moore will be talking about her life as a Blue Badge Guide.



## Ladbroke Matters

**Jackie West**

Depending on when your Harbury & Ladbroke News is delivered we will be getting ready for, enjoying or looking back on a great evening with The Ladbroke Rockers on the Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March - watch out for the report on how it all went in the April edition.

Our next event will be a Film Night on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Which film has won the Warwickshire vote and will therefore be shown that month isn't known yet, so look out for posters around the village and on the website, **ladbroke-pc.org.uk**, for details. Nicky will mail out the information to everyone on her list so if you want the details to come direct to your inbox, email her at [nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk)



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**

At our AGM we looked back on the year's activities and looked forward to the coming months. Croatia, Italy, Warwick, Stratford and Southam have all featured in our members' photographic forays in the past year and once again our work appeared in public at the fete, in the Village Hall and in our second calendar. One innovation this year is 'Village life in photographs'. Inspired by the Cardall collection of local images from a century ago, we are asking our members to picture everyday sights and activities, especially in Ladbroke and Harbury, during 2014. These will be compiled into photobooks at the end of the year. So, people of Ladbroke and Harbury, don't be surprised when you see us out there photographing apparently unremarkable things.



**Fruit by Carol Roche**

Our competition on the topic of Food produced some mouthwatering pictures for us to judge - and some that were downright odd. The winning pictures, shown here, were by Tony Mancell and Carol Roche (very welcome as a newcomer to the club). Finally we had a lesson by Jackie West on modifying images in software such as Photoshop and Picasa. Although these can be used to falsify images, they can also be

useful in simply bringing out the best. The camera does not record things in the same way that we perceive them and a little enhancement can make photographs look more real.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March we will have had a workshop on black and white photography and a photo topic on texture (members will bring their own pictures for discussion). Then, on 1<sup>st</sup> April, we shall welcome professional photographer, Sue Dudley. We were glad to welcome three newcomers in February and hope more will come to future meetings. For further information see [tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or email [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



**Melon Head by  
Tony Mancell**



## **Ladbroke General Section**



### **What's Whist all About?**

The minutes of the Church AGM in 1958 refers to several whist drives being held the previous year to raise funds for the Church heating system; 57 years later they are still a regular fixture in the Ladbroke diary but nowadays it's a purely social event. Perhaps there are readers of this magazine who would like a taste of the game before considering joining the Saturday evening Whist Drives in Ladbroke Village Hall. A beginners' session to teach you the game and let you gain some experience with other novices can be organised. It would also suit anyone who's played in the past but would like a refresher. Please contact Betty Winkfield on 812234 if you are interested.

**Jackie West**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**

£80	Colin and Kay Constable	£50	Avril Court
£25	Pete Edgar	£10	Richard Walker
£10	Elizabeth Pittaway	£10	Christine Payne
£10	Kevin and Kate Pickin	£10	Sue Lord

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Draw over the last few years. The money raised goes towards the maintenance and improvements of the Village Hall which is central to many of the activities in Ladbroke. As a result of recruiting several more members to the Draw we have been able to allocate more money to the prizes and we have decided to slightly alter the way the prizes will be distributed. Once all of our new members have been

allocated numbers we will have three prizes of £50, two of £25 and five of £10. This now gives ten people the opportunity to win in the draw. Thank you again and good luck!

**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**

## **Planning**

Planning took up most of this session as unfortunately it is likely to do for the foreseeable future. First there were the run-of-the-mill applications, then there were extensive discussions on the Cement Works plans, the Solar Farm, the Core Strategy itself and the search by both Warwick and Stratford District Councils for Traveller sites. There were a large number of objectors present to “encourage” the Parish Council in its deliberations.

Harbury Parish Council made “No representation” on rear dormers at Kingston House 4 Mill Street; extensions at Abberley, Hall Lane; Beech trees’ crown reduction at New Stone House, Temple End and the bank stabilisation at Bishop Bowl Lakes.

Stratford District Council decided that, due to recent government legislation, permission is no longer needed for conversion to a dwelling house of Compton House offices in High Street; similarly tree work at 7 Binswood End has been deemed consent. They approved the reinstatement of the Old Farm house at Bull Ring Farm as a dwelling but linking Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge to its swimming pool was refused.

**Appeals** - Two detached houses next to Shenley, Deppers Bridge were refused. The Appeal was allowed for 81 houses at the junction of Plough Lane and Gaydon Road, Bishops Itchington and the Secretary of State will decide on the appeal on the Wind Farm near Knightcote.

**Deppers Bridge** - The substantial proportion of Deppers’ residents present were vocal in their rejection of the “inducement” (£9K a year for 25 years for *environmental projects in Deppers*) offered to our Parish Council by the proposer of the Solar Farm near their homes. They criticised misinformation and lack of consultation about the plans. The Developer has made other minor amendments but residents forcefully told the Parish Council they would not be persuaded and the Parish Council agreed to reiterate its previous objections.

**Cement Works** - Our Parish Council seemed content with the offer from the developers for money for village improvements but were unhappy that County Highways did not want funding for traffic calming.



**Traveller Sites** - Ken Stephenson reminded Parish Councillors that Warwick District Council had “called-in” their Consultation. He also criticised Stratford for excluding the Green Belt and Cotswold AONB from the area of search. He said there was “substantial feeling” locally and urged the PC to join an action group opposing Warwick DC’s plan as several sites were close to Harbury.

Stratford District Council is looking for 52 pitches and asked whether the Parish Council favoured many small sites or a few larger ones. A member of the audience pointed out Warwick and Stratford were both looking for sites apparently without consulting each other. We face having several sites impacting on our village facilities and, whilst the Doctors and School might be able to serve residents from one site, the cumulative effect of another could overwhelm us.

**Core Strategy** – Stratford District Council had asked the Parish for its views on three aspects of this: was the plan period (2011 – 2031) appropriate; did they agree the target of 10,800 homes to be built in that period and which of five site options did they prefer. Unsurprisingly they agreed the first two and chose Long Marston as their preferred site. However, Councillor Hancock pointed out that much depended on the type of homes to be built, affordable homes for local people was needed.

County Councillor Bob Stevens agreed development and Traveller sites would put pressure on school places. The County would be demanding S106 contributions for road safety improvements. He pointed out one of Stratford’s major development options was at Southam Quarry and Stoneythorpe which would be bisected by HS2!

The County had to save £90m over the next four years. After a ten hour debate it agreed to a 1.99% rate increase as part of a package of measures. It was also debating the pros and cons of the County becoming a Unitary Authority which could provide financial savings and more power for Parish Councils.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Parish Councillor Pat Summers and volunteers have made the first steps towards producing this plan which would give the community some say in where it would accept developments and the chance to demand funding for village facilities and mitigation of environmental impacts.

**Properties** - The Parish wants a three year guarantee for the work on the Netball Court, as they had some concerns about the new surface. Councillors will examine problems with flooding adjacent to the Playing Fields in three months time when they hope the exceptional rainfall will have ceased. Replacement with energy efficient lamps for footway lighting will be phased as finances allow.

**Grants** - The Parish formally endorsed its approval of grants for Harbury Games and the Village Show, where in addition, they decided to provide Gift Vouchers for the Allotment Prize winners as Councillors judge this element.

**Next Meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

## Parish Council News - March

### Aerial Runway

Many thanks to everyone who wrote to the Parish Council to express support for the replacement of this essential piece of play equipment as soon as possible. Particular thanks go to all the children at Harbury School who wrote such fantastic letters. Copies were enclosed with our recent grant application to SDC. We are now waiting to find out if we have been successful. However, as there have been many applicants for this source of funding, it may be that we shall have to apply elsewhere as well. Please watch this space!

### Report Faults Online

Did you know that you can report faulty streetlights, potholes and lots of other problems to do with roads and footpaths, online via WCC's website? It is quick and easy to do and will result in a faster response than reporting it to the Parish Council office. <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportroadfaults>

**Harbury Parish Council**

### Neighbourhood Plan Update

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Harbury Village Club, 7.30pm start. At the first meeting Tracey volunteered to be our Project Manager and other people have gone away to devise questions and strategies for moving the plan forward. Thank you to them all.

We would welcome more help. Volunteers will be needed to consult with, and collate responses from, local businesses and organisations. More people involved means the process will be easier and quicker.

Do come along and make your views known, and encourage other interested residents to join us on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Feel free to contact me with questions or queries.

**Councillor Pat Summers**  
**patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk**



**Harbury Society**

**Linda Ridgley**

John Home and Mary explained their work in bringing beekeeping expertise to rural communities in East Africa. The remit of their charity, Bees Abroad, is to give professional advice and ensure the continued viability of projects. John and Mary support one south of Nairobi and a women's group in Nageru.

They enlist local help and commit to 3-5 years' work with them until they gain confidence and expertise.

African bees are more aggressive than ours, but perform the same crucial task of pollination which improves local crop yields, provides income, employment, medicines, food and commercial products - hand-creams and soaps are particularly popular with the tourists. The jars and ingredients for their hand creams together cost 50p. They sell in local markets for £1 – a 50% return - worthwhile as local earnings average £1 a day. These are renewable products and the honey and beeswax would otherwise go to waste.

The charity, its staff and local people it works with, have to be innovative, using and re-using whatever is to hand. The charity supplies English second-hand bee-suits but groups make their own from old maize bags and sell them to local beekeepers.

The groups are encouraged to plant Maringo and Neem trees. Maringo gives nectar, the leaves are medicinal and the ground seed pods are fed to cattle. Neem is an insect repellent with medicinal properties. They are also used to produce goods for sale.

The extended question and answer session showed the interest and understanding of the audience. John's answers were amazing, especially the research done by Dr Lucy King into using beehives connected by wires to deter elephant attacks on local crops now that development increasingly crosses their traditional routes.

**Next Events:** (Both in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm):-

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Henry Marriott - Radford Semele Thornley Kellsey Brewery **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Anne Langley – Leamington's Percy Greatheed's Grand Tour



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Jeanne Beaumont**

As usual our New Year's party was a success due to the hard work by the helpers and the wonderful selection of food brought by the members.

Dorothy Groves invited Rev. Craig and HUG (Harbury Ukele Group) to have supper and then entertain us. They certainly did! Everybody joined in and the atmosphere was great. Many thanks to HUG and all helpers.

For the outing to London and the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, could members please note that the coach leaves the Village Hall at 8am **prompt**. The return journey leaves London at 4.30pm.

We hope to see readers at the W.I. coffee morning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March with raffle, cake stall and bring and buy. Always a pleasant morning.

It was members' evening in February and we had some fun. We were presented with two quizzes which taxed our brains and caused hilarity too. As always we enjoyed the evening and thank Dorothy T, Betty B, Mary T and Terry for making it so.

Next meeting at the Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45pm. Speaker: Ray Allen – Drugs and Drug Abuse.



## **Harbury Theatre Group**

**Jo Banbury & Emily Jackson**

This month finds us slowly building up again to a frenzy of activity, in preparation for our next production, to be held in the Village Hall from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May. It is going to be a slightly different show this time, as we tackle putting on a show of two halves. One act will be an extract from Neil Simon's "California Suite", an extremely funny scene which shows what can happen to the best of friends when they go on a long (maybe too long!) holiday together. The other half of the show will be a totally original piece, written by our members, and performed by the members of HTG Juniors. It promises to be a truly wonderful show, full of imagination and creativity.

The HTG Juniors had an amazing first session at the end of February. There were 25 children aged 7-11, whose energy and enthusiasm was a delight to see. A massive well done and thank you to Emily Jackson, Joy Russell and Katy Morrill on setting up this group and doing all of the preparation, and running the sessions. The timing of the session has changed, and the group will now meet at 6.30-7.30pm at the Village Hall (please use the kitchen entrance) every Tuesday in term time. The cost of the session is £2 which helps to cover the cost of the hall hire and any resources needed to put on the show. If you are interested in your child joining in, then please contact us at [htgjuniors123@gmail.com](mailto:htgjuniors123@gmail.com).

It has been fabulous to welcome so many new members to our group these past couple of months - of all ages. We regularly meet on the last Tuesday of every month, in the back room at the Gamecock, and all are welcome to join us. Not only do we have regular meetings, and two productions a year, there is also a great social side to HTG. This month we are taking part in a Murder Mystery dinner (thanks to Joy Russell for organizing), and later on our now annual skittles match courtesy of Malcolm Bloxham's efforts. We are also discussing potential theatre trips, ACT festival participation, and film watching. So if you do fancy getting involved now is your chance, and have some fun.



## Folk Club

**Peter Bones**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, Doug and Janny were unable to run the folk club on 6<sup>th</sup> February, so I agreed to host the evening.

The theme they had chosen was “warmth” which was an appropriate subject bearing in mind the winter weather. It also provided a useful opportunity for those who took part in a folk concert entitled “Winter Warmer” the previous Saturday to perform a reprise.

Although several of our regular performers were missing, we still had an abundance of talent and they performed a wide variety of entertainment to the usually high standard. Although many of the subjects of the tunes, songs and poetry were linked to the theme in a somewhat tenuous (yet amusing) manner, the whole evening generated considerable warmth so complied with the theme admirably.

During the evening there were at least a couple of firsts. For the first time at a folk club, the Folk Club Orchestra took to the stage. Even though it was minus some of the principal musicians, the orchestra performed the two medleys put together for the Winter Warmer concert. These seemed to be well received by the audience. The other memorable first was that of Graham, a relative newcomer to Hereburgh Morris. In addition to him being a gifted violinist and player of the fife, he showed himself as a good singer and performed a couple of hilarious songs to the great amusement of everyone present.

For a complete list of who sang what, please visit the Folk Club website, [www.tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub](http://www.tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub).

To be in keeping with the theme, the first prize for the raffle was a hot water bottle, and it was most fitting that this was won by Janny!! The raffle raised a total of £63.00 for Leamington Night Shelter which is a charity that aims to provide food, shelter and safety for the homeless and those sleeping rough in Leamington. Thanks to those who bought tickets.

Thanks also to all who helped make the February Folk Club such a pleasant and memorable event. This includes the committee and bar staff of Harbury Club, for making us so welcome.

The next Folk Club will be on 6<sup>th</sup> March and, being close to St David's Day, it will have a Celtic theme. The hosts will be Doug and Janny Freeman.



## A Winter Warmer Concert

The Village Hall was filled to capacity on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February for the Harbury Folk Club concert to banish those winter blues. All the tickets for this, our third annual concert, had been snapped up over two weeks before.

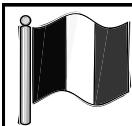


Debbie Ellis was our lyrical MC, and the evening featured 25 local artists and an energetic support crew of seven. The Harbury Folk Club Orchestra was a new venture created especially for the concert, and the 18 musicians were lead by their maestro Peter McDonald.

We received many generous comments about the evening, and I include just a couple. *Last night was wonderful! The quality of the items never wavered, and the mix of genuinely serious and really funny was excellent. I could have paid £20 for a concert and not enjoyed it as much!*

I would like to thank the many people who so freely gave their time to make the evening such a success. The performers would like to say a big thank you to our very appreciative audience. We made a profit of £705.87 which has been donated to the Harbury Village Hall.

**Doug Freeman**



**Harbury Twinning Association**

**Andrew Patrick**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Coffee Morning. You helped us to raise £136.36. We intend to use it to help Harbury primary pupils to travel to France for an activity week in 2015.

Our annual skittles evening will be at the Navigation Inn, Wootton Wawen on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to join us, please contact Sally Stringer (613214) or Margaret McDonald (613730).

There is information about our Quiz – on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - elsewhere in this issue. If you would like to enter a team, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Encouraged by better weather recently, our cycling group are beginning to tackle longer rides, and are starting to look like serious cyclists. If you want to be impressed, we'll try to get a picture of the group past the editors for the April edition . . .

But aren't there easier ways of getting to France? Of course! Our coach will leave Harbury for Samois on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and will return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **There are spare places at the subsidized price of £100 return.**

How would you like to spend the Bank Holiday weekend in Paris, with guaranteed transport to and from Harbury?

We take civilized refreshment breaks, and on the return journey we stop at a first-rate *hypermarché*.

If you're interested in joining us for the journey – and/or for the weekend in Samois including all meals and accommodation - please contact Sally Stringer (613214), or myself - **andrewpharbury@gmail.com / 01926 614359.**

### **Quiz Night**

Harbury Twinning Association has another of their enjoyable general knowledge Quiz Nights on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at Harbury Village Club. Doors open at 7.30 for a 7.45pm start. Teams of four are invited to contact Andrew Patrick on 614359, or andrewpharbury@gmail.com. The entry fee of £16 a team payable on the night includes light refreshments. The questions are always challenging, but can often be worked out using common sense and a touch of inspiration!

**John Stringer**



## **Harbury Juniors Football Club**

**Ian Jones**

**Chairman's Report:** It's been tough since Christmas with very few games taking place due to the weather. It appears that we are over the worst and can start to play catch up now. I'd like to say a big THANKS to all those that contributed to our recent Coffee Morning; as usual it was a great morning and a welcome boost to club funds.

A couple of other dates to advise, firstly, Skool Disco II (a club fund raiser) will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall from 8pm. Tickets are £5 from myself/Suzanne (612201). Following on from the first successful Skool Disco event, this will be another great fun night with tunes from the 70's, 80's and 90's and a bar by Cana Wines. Secondly, the annual HJFC presentation evening will take place at Harbury Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Our thoughts shortly start to turn to the planning of the 2014/15 season. The local football leagues want clubs intentions/commitments for the coming season to be communicated by the end of March. With that in mind, we will have opportunities for new players for next season across most age groups. We will also be starting a new U6 (Year 1) group in September. Next year's U11's (2014/15 school Year 6) will be actively looking for new players as they move from 7-a-side to 9-a-side. Please contact Bob Church if interested on 01926 614366.

Any questions or for Skool Disco II tickets, I can be contacted on 612201.

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p><b>Lynne Barton</b></p>
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A huge thank you to our recent visitor, Carolyn Murray, who brought us ***Tunes and Tales***, an interactive song, dance and story session. It was really great and enjoyed by everyone.

Hopefully her name is familiar to readers as Carolyn runs regular sessions at Harbury Library every Thursday during term time from 10am, certainly worth a visit with your little one.

We always try to provide a different activity each week which stretches the children's imagination, Valentine Cards proved very popular and melted the hearts of their recipients.

But you couldn't beat the cheese and jam sandwich making which helped with fine motor and co-ordination skills but they were no sooner made than eaten.



Florence, pictured here with her brother Hayden, chose not to bother with any fillings and ate the bread just as it came!



## Who me?

Susie, mother to Alfie did a splendid job leading our end of session singing with lots of new rhymes which the children were very enthusiastic about ..... How does that one about the Lion go now?

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.

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 and thank you for your continued support.



**Chinese New Year and the Pre-School curriculum** – The short month of February, made even shorter by the inclusion of the half term break, was mostly taken up with Chinese New Year celebrations, which covered all areas of the Early Years' Foundation Stage curriculum.



**Personal, social and emotional development** - The role play area became a Chinese home, with the children sharing with friends the experience of trying on Chinese style clothing, using Chinese cooking and eating utensils and play food including wool noodles!

**Communication and language** came into play with the Chinese zodiac story, dragon poems and songs. The children learned how to say "Happy New Year" in Chinese and practised this amongst their friends.

**Literacy** – Books about China and in particular the New Year were read and discussed at circle time. At the graphics table, the children produced amazingly good observational work in recreating their own names in Chinese.



**Understanding the world** - Dry noodles were put in the builders' tray and then water was added so that the children could see, smell and feel the difference.

The children tried different foods at snack time including noodles and prawn crackers. As it is the Chinese year of the horse, Ann Mulley kindly brought her horse, Owen, to visit the children and he was rewarded with lots of pieces of apple! Thank you Ann.



**Physical development** - At the snack bar the children chopped vegetables for a delicious stir fry, which they ate using chopsticks. The children also enjoyed carrying out the movements of the Tai Chi exercise "The Eagle".



**Creative development** - The children's creative skills were demonstrated in their wonderful observational paintings of our model Chinese dragon, and in creating their own dragon from recycled materials.



They listened to Chinese piano music and performed Dragon dances using drums to create the rhythms.

A lovely willow pattern plate was given to Pre-School by Lin Hayes and the children created their own designs on paper plates. Thank you Lin.



**Mathematics** – Size and shape language was extended to the description of the dragon, e.g. “huge” and “sharp, pointy teeth” and shape language was used in the creation of their dragon along with number work.

**Finally ....** We would like to thank Barbara Bailey for her very generous donation of some wonderful drums for our music section.

*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)*



**Windmills**

Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff**



### **In Nursery**

At Windmills we celebrated Chinese New Year with a party. Staff and children joined in the celebrations, dressing up in Chinese outfits and tasting a variety of Chinese food. Other activities included decorating lucky horse shoes to celebrate the Year of the Horse, making fans and exploring Chinese writing.

Charlotte – “In China they have a different language. ‘Kung Hei Fat Choy’ means ‘Happy New Year’ in Chinese. It’s the Year of the Horse. China has strange writing – that says ‘horse’ and that says ‘ox’. We ate Chinese food – noodles and prawn crackers. I liked the prawn crackers.”

The children explored textures of both dry/wet noodles.

The topic of growth was explored when the children planted pumpkin seeds in pots they had decorated themselves. The children filled their own pots with soil, practising transportation and developing hand/eye coordination. We shared ‘The Tiny Seed’ story.





The role play area turned into an icy kingdom complete with polar bears. The children were given the opportunity to explore the properties of ice as different shapes and sizes of ice were placed in tuff trays.

Jasper – “There’s blue ice and big ice and little ice – lots of ice. Penguins eat some fish, I think? I saw penguins at the zoo – 1, 2, 3, and more. There were many.”



James – “This one not fit in there, it too big. There, it fit in that one. It’s going round and round. It’s water – cold, very, very cold! Ice comes from the waters. It’s slippery. That ice is a circle, that ice is a square.”

Mikey – “It’s hard and sparkly. It will get warm soon and smaller”.

Evan – “It’s spinning around (ice.) Ice is in the penguins’ home”.

The children have been improving their scissor skills by making some lovely winter collage pictures using recycled Christmas cards kindly donated by residents of Harbury.

We have also been talking about food, healthy eating and personal hygiene.

Thank you to everyone who supported our successful Indulgence Evening just before half term.

### Dates for the Diary

Bag2School: w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring filled bags to 10 Constance Drive or ring 613084 if you need help collecting.

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.





## Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

Spring Term is normally a quiet one for the PTA but not this year.... There is a coffee morning for all, a wine tasting evening for adults, the Thursday market, Easter egg competition and 100 club draw.....

The coffee morning comes first on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am-noon in the Tom Hauley Room, please come along for a coffee and a cake. There will also be a craft table to keep the children occupied. If you are available to help, please let Corinna Butler (corinnabutler65@gmail.com) or one of the other PTA members know as your help will be greatly appreciated. If you could make a cake that would be great, either drop it off at school reception by the end of school on the Friday or take it to the Tom Hauley room on Saturday morning from 9am. Hope to see you all there.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April is the next Thursday market. Please drop into the school hall after the end of the school day - you never know, you may grab yourself a bargain. If your child's school uniform is starting to look a bit shabby, why not have a look at the second hand school uniform stall - very reasonable prices. The cake stall always has some yummy treats for sale too.... If you would like a table to sell your old toys, books etc, for only £1.50, please email Julie at juliejennings25@btinternet.com

**And now for something new...**A wine tasting evening, hosted by Cana Wines, in the school hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The entrance cost is £10 to include a £5 tasting card, light nibbles and a free taste of the popular chocolate wine. You have the chance to taste various wines available on the night using your tasting card as money. If you run out, you can purchase more cards for only £5. If you would like to buy a ticket please contact Katharine Giblin on 613084.

There will be a children's Easter egg colouring competition nearer Easter with the winners being announced at the final assembly of term along with the 100 Club winners.

Don't forget that the social events are not exclusive to parents, anyone and everyone is welcome, so please come and join us to support the school in raising money to improve the junior's playground.

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## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

There were two very successful village events in February – the Folk Night and the Rural Cinema showing of Philomena. Both were a sell out, with the Folk Group's evening of entertainment enjoyed by the audience and entertainers alike, whilst the much acclaimed film was also highly rated by all who attended. The fish and chip supper went down 'a treat' according to those who pre-booked tickets. The next evening film in March (Captain Phillips) will also offer the chance for the 'fish and chips', so another good turnout is likely.

The Village Hall hosted an event with a difference last month, when the national Dachshund organisation held its Presentation Day on a Saturday. The only indication that a 'pack' (?) of dachshunds were using the main hall for the day were the masses of sheets covering the floor, but at the end of the day all the rooms were spotless, with no hint of any canine activity which had taken place during the competitions. Again, Harbury was commended for its excellent facilities.

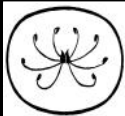
In recent months, whilst our regular caretaker, Martin has been hospitalised, Tom and Flo Marsh have been 'holding the fort' and taken on the responsibility for maintaining the cleaning needs of the premises. The committee expressed its gratitude to them and observed that it has almost been like a return to the era of the Pratts, (former caretakers), who lived in the village and treated the Hall like an extension to their own home, often calling in daily to check that everything was in order. Martin has now returned home and will be the 'main man', as soon as he has been passed A1 to take on his regular role.

At the end of February, members of the committee did their annual stock take to find out which items of cutlery/crockery or glasses needed replacing. Amazingly, all the stock linked to eating was more or less intact, BUT the items linked to drinking had almost completely disappeared! Out of 96 items purchased recently, only 4 out of 48 glass tumblers remained!? Since very few breakages ever appear in the bins, it must be assumed that absent-minded people walk out of the Hall tumbler in hand, but have you ever seen anyone do that?? The case of the disappearing tumblers remains an unsolved mystery???

### **April Edition - Harbury & Ladroke News**

**Adverts to:** 31 Binswood End, Harbury or e-mail to  
advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 15th March

**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to  
articles@hlnews.co.uk by 27th March



About 40 members attended the February meeting, including three new members and a big welcome to them. We had a return visit from Adrian James who spoke about four seasons and a festival. Adrian is a garden photographer and his slides were amazing, the theme being English gardens over a year to embrace the four seasons. We started with Winter and a visit to Anglesey Abbey which we visited two years ago. The 114 acres are stunning throughout the year but are particularly breathtaking in Winter. The gardens are near Cambridge and the National Trust manages the House and gardens quite beautifully. The colours of the various dogwoods with lots of sculptures were seen along a winding path with tantalising views around every bend. Willows, scented shrubs and prunus with colourful bark, another clever combination of shape and colour. Witchhazels and mahonias with a canopy underneath of snowdrops, cyclamen and aconites. So many visual sights but the best one had to be the grove of silver birches, cathedral like and awesome. Adrian had to wait for ages for a good photo without people in!! Many more plants too numerous to mention but the very best example of a Winter Garden.

Spring was represented by John Massey's garden at Ashwood Nurseries, again we have visited here and been given a guided tour of the garden by John. They are renowned for their hellebores and we saw all colours from white, yellow, pink and dark red. Again, a garden with hidden views which draw you in. You will remember the canal runs alongside the gardens and no attempt has been made to hide this; it becomes a great backdrop to the gardens. The terrace garden has crevices for lewisias, tiny irises. We saw pots of tulips in what looked like Whichwood pottery pots, a huge urn, deer from chicken wire, and some lovely sculptures throughout the gardens. Grasses of all shapes and colours add to a sense of Spring. Then there is the Dell and a centre lake, with euphorbias and photinias for extra zing. Again many more plants were seen - a very clever gardener and plantsman and a delight to visit at any time of the year.

Summer was demonstrated by a favourite RHS Garden of mine at Rosemoor, Great Torrington in Devon. Given to the RHS in 1988 by Lady Ann Berry, it was originally 8 acres but now extends to 65 acres. I have been in Summer and it is incredible. By the entrance there is an explosion of huge agapanthus, a brilliant blue colour surrounded by blue salvias and silver leafed buddleias. As you make your way around the garden, you are met by an explosion of scent from the rose garden. Throughout the borders there are themes of plants which are repeated such as the hardy fuchsia, dahlias, sweet pea arches and such deep colours. Large miscanthus grasses, tall delphiniums, hydrangeas all very cleverly planted to show off the shapes and

colours. Stylish benches lure you further. Lots of ferns too, and a lovely colour combination of yellows and oranges with a splash of purple. If you have never been, it is well worth a visit and the tea rooms do a very good cream tea!!!

Lastly Autumn to Batsford Arboretum. We had an evening visit here many years ago in Spring when I remember the handkerchief trees. The colours in Autumn are very spectacular particularly the acers and liquidambers. Adrian photographed some acers from behind and we saw a different aspect looking through, very clever photography. Hydrangeas come into their own now as do the oak trees. There were so many different species of acers, too numerous to mention but in colours ranging from green through to oranges and reds. The lovely red bridge overlooking the pond with reflections of spindle bushes, a clever example of colour coordination. We are lucky that this special garden is so near to us and we are able to enjoy the legacy of the Mitford family.

We finished with a festival....RHS Wisley in the winter lit up with a Lumiere. Adrian photographed these images at dusk which he said is the best time to capture night time images. He did not disappoint. The huge acres of glass houses were lit up in shades of different hues, almost ghost like. The building itself had all of the windows illuminated with different colours and the lake too was colourful. As for some of the trees it is difficult to describe the impact of bare branches with light from beneath reaching to the sky. They seemed almost alien in appearance. All this with a dramatic skyline from London in the distance, what a way to end a really enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> April when Roger Umpelby will be talking about All Bugs Bright and Beautiful, it promises to be another fascinating talk. Roger has visited before and is a very good speaker, we look forward to seeing him again.

I have finalised the two day trips which are as follows. The first one is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Last month I wrote that we would be going in the morning to David Austin Roses. This I am afraid will not now happen. I sent three emails and left three phone messages for our trip and assumed all OK. As I had not heard anything I phoned only to be told by a most unhelpful lady that I should realise that visits in June and July to the gardens were booked up for 2/3 years in advance. I queried the lack of response and was told that we had been booked in for 2016!!!! As no apology was forthcoming, I said that we would not be visiting. So I am sorry if you were looking forward to that but we will now be going to Dudmaston Estate near Bridgnorth in the morning. It is a delightful National Trust property and garden and we can have lunch here. Then onto Bodenheim Arboretum which is only 15 minutes away and I have arranged for a guided walk by the owner for those who are interested. Incidentally Adrian James does a talk about the Arboretum and he told me that we will enjoy our visit here. Tea here then homeward bound at 5.00pm. We leave the Village Hall at 9.00am. Cost of this trip is £22 but a little extra if you are not a National Trust Member.



The second trip will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, an all day trip to the Sir Harold Hillier gardens near Romsey. There are 180 acres to explore with one of the most important modern plant collections in this country. Over 42000 plants from all around the world with a 250 metre long summer border, one of the longest in Europe. Something here for everyone with a restaurant, tea room, visitor and education pavilion. The cost for this trip is £23. If anyone would like to join us just give me a ring, you will be very welcome.

Lastly..(do I hear a sigh of relief)...the snowdrops are a delight this year and the daffodils are out too. If you fancy going a little further afield to see these and other delights, here are some suggestions.

Trinity College Gardens in Oxford, entrance in Broad Street, only just under an hour away, will be open on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The quad was designed by Wren and there are bulbs and other spring flowers to enjoy. It will be open in the afternoon and admission is £2.50, teas available too. This college is lovely, I have been here many times when I worked in Oxford. Also in Oxford are the oldest Botanic Gardens in England in Rose Lane and these are worthy of a visit, you could combine the two.

Bluebell Arboretum in Smisby near Ashby de la Zouch about 36 miles away, a 9 acre woodland with rare trees and shrubs and again spring flowers, plus a very tempting nursery nearby. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March it will be open from 10.30am to 4.00pm and admission is £3, refreshments available. I have been here and the creator Richard Vernon is a renowned plantsman.

Little Malvern Court, postcode WR14 4TN near Malvern and not too far, about an hour, is a former Benedictine Priory and has views over the Severn Valley. With spring bulbs, lakes, vistas a lovely place to visit. Open on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 to 5.00pm and admission is £6 with teas available. All these three places are open under the NGS.

The nights are lighter, daffodils out, birds singing and potatoes chitting, I'm sure we all look forward to Spring and drier weather. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

It's hard to believe that since I last wrote four weeks ago the rain has continued relentlessly, which has meant that it's been impossible to do any gardening. We've also had more strong winds which can cause considerable damage although, luckily, we have remained unscathed (so far, touch wood). The outcome of this wet, windy weather is that everyone may have some plants which will rot away but it's too early to tell.

This month should be a busy time but unless the ground begins to dry out it is best to wait until later in the month to get some of the jobs done.

If the weather is a little drier you might be able to get out and do some of the following:

- Plant onion sets and shallots.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs such as lilies, galtonia, allium and eucomis.
- Divide up snowdrops and spread them round the garden.
- There's still time to use willow rods to make structures such as domes and fences.
- Take cuttings of dahlias.
- Re-pot rooted cuttings taken in the autumn.
- If you start mowing it's best to have the blades a bit higher than normal.
- Have a general tidy up in the garden; clear away all the old stems from last year.
- You might need to clean paths and patios which could have a build-up of algae and might be slippery.
- Plant out sweet peas which I hope you remembered to sow earlier (if you forgot you can usually buy pots ready to plant).
- You could even have a go at making a woven willow obelisk for the sweet peas to grow up.

Happy gardening.....

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*

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## **Nature Notes**

**John Hancock**

Today, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, is unseasonably mild with the temperature at midday reaching 13°C. In the morning I decided to do some gardening but did not get far before rain set in for an hour. Now at 3pm it is dry and long views can be had from any vantage point. Graham Robson of Marton tells me that butterflies have been reported on the wing already this year. With this in mind, I set off for Ufton and a walk along the southern edge of the wood. With the sun shining and shelter from the nagging wind, a micro climate can be had. If the temperature approaches 18°C it's warm enough for butterflies to become airborne. I was to be disappointed but did come upon numerous flies

sunning themselves on a fallen Ash tree. Inside the wood, Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Lords and Ladies (*Arum maculatum*) and Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculaceae ficaria*) were prominent with one flower of the latter fully open. The leaves of primrose and bluebell were much in evidence. At the north-west end of the wood, many trees were flattened both as a result of winter gales and the propensity of the ground to slip, no doubt aided by water issuing from the hillside. A buzzard soared on thermals and I could make out the Lickey Hills south west of Birmingham some 40k (25 miles) away across the Midland Plain.

Yesterday (23<sup>rd</sup> February), Sharon and I had decided to get out for a walk. Often we head for the Cotswolds but with rain forecast further west, we decided on Northamptonshire. The villages along the Knightley Way which is an attractive footpath stretching from Badby to Green Norton are built of brown Jurassic Limestone. We started near Everdon, parking in a lay-by at Everdon Stubbs. This is a wood of mixed species including Oak, Ash, Beech, and Sweet Chestnut owned by the Woodland Trust. Coming to a view over a broad valley at the northern edge of the woods, we saw and heard a skylark as it climbed into the sky. This bird, once commonplace, is in decline, probably due to changes in farming. Stubble fields for winter feeding are a thing of the past as ploughing and autumn sowing is the modern practice. During Victorian times skylarks were so numerous that they were netted in their thousands for the table. Perhaps a halt in the decline is possible with 'set aside' and a more holistic approach to farming than the maximisation of production. Farmers now are encouraged to leave wider field margins and make sure wildlife corridors such as hedges are left in situ. Of course our landscape is largely man-made. Going back to the ancient wild woods which covered much of Britain before the Romans came, a bird such as the Skylark would have been a rarity. It was only with the gradual clearance of woodland for farming that the bird extended its range and came to figure so prominently in the national psyche, its poetry and music.

At Farthingstone, a tiny village with a population of 200, we stopped for a drink at the King's Arms opposite St Mary's Church. We can thoroughly recommend this lovely old pub and intend to make a return visit when summer arrives. We enjoyed our picnic lunch in the walled garden known as 'Joy Mead' which was given to the village in 1922 in memory of Joy Agnew. It's a sad story detailed on the garden wall or just search the internet for 'Joy Mead, Farthingstone'.

Snowdrops are spreading along country lanes presumably from bulbs deposited in garden waste. Chesterton Road has a particularly good display. In Ladbroke, snowdrops have spread from the wooded garden of Woodlands to the roadside verge and there are more in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall opposite. Soon daffodils will predominate and spring will be with us.



## General Section

### Remembering Joe Greenwell - Three Peaks Challenge 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014

10 years ago, at the age of 14, my life changed when I lost my very dear friend Joe Greenwell. I first met Joseph as a baby in 1989 and we became friends from that moment onwards. Our friendship grew during our early years in Harbury, initially at nursery and then on into Primary School. Joe was really popular, having a great sense of humour, an incredible amount of energy and he was such a genuine guy. When Joe was 9, he developed a brain tumour and, at such a young age, it was hard to understand how big a deal that is. Joe was very determined, fought through it and proved to me that it wasn't such a big deal. We finished primary school together at Harbury and then went to different secondary schools, but still found time to hang out together at weekends. However, 10 years ago, in 2004, the cancer returned and I thought that, as Joe had battled it before, he would be OK again. When my dad took a phone call, he had to tell me Joe had died. I didn't believe him, it couldn't be possible, that just doesn't happen, but it did. That was the defining point of my life! I wouldn't live another day the same. It made me take a step back, realise how precious life is and how important every single moment is, that we are lucky enough to experience.

Joe was a big part of village life, being involved in the tennis club, the rugby club, the football club and many other aspects. In memory of Joe, a group of his friends will be raising money for the Brain Tumour Charity by doing the Three Peaks Challenge on 5<sup>th</sup> July, climbing Mount Snowdon in Wales, Scafell Pike in the Lake District and Ben Nevis in Scotland, all within 24 hours!

If you would like to support our efforts and honour Joe, please visit our fundraising page at [www.JustGiving.com/JoeGThreePeaks](http://www.JustGiving.com/JoeGThreePeaks)

If you want to make other giving arrangements, fundraising is also taking place at Joe's annual memorial rugby match at the Harbury Rugby Club on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please feel free to come down and watch the game.

**Chris Darby**



### Bumps and Bundles

If you have a bump, or a child up to about 3 years, do come along and join us; we meet every Tuesday in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the Church) from 10.30-12noon, a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with your friends. Dads and grandparents also welcome.



Please note that the Tom Hauley Room will be in use for the day on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, so Bumps will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm.

**From all at Bumps**



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

**Pre-School Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room,  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10am until 12pm**

Harbury Pre-School is hosting the coffee morning with delicious homemade cakes, a raffle and something for the children to do, so please come along to support us. Any donations of cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received, please bring them along to the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday morning from 9am.

## **Bags to School Textile Collection - 17<sup>th</sup> June**

We would be very grateful for any unwanted textiles such as linen, children's and adults clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, curtains, towels, handbags, belts etc.

## **BBQ at the Harbury Carnival - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

## **80's Disco - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 8pm until 12pm in the Village Hall**

Keep the date free and book your babysitter. Come and dance the night away reliving the 80's! Details available soon.

New members of the Fundraising group are always welcome. Please contact Rosemary: [rosemaryscott4@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryscott4@gmail.com) for more information.

**Rosemary Scott**

## **Harbury Village Club, Crown Street, Harbury - Notice of the AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the club on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. All members welcome.

**Anne Winchester, Secretary**



## Harbury Village Library

The library has recently bought several Quick Read books, which are short novels, all by famous authors. If you are daunted by the thickness of some books and the length of time it would take to read them, these could be for you.

Another innovation is the Reader Recommendation Scheme. This will highlight books which other readers have really enjoyed and tell you why.

Did you know that ebooks are available from the Warwickshire Library? Using your library card, you can download to a wide variety of computers and other devices and you can have up to three books at a time, for a period of three weeks. The e-books are then automatically recalled after the loan period, so no overdue fees! As with book loans, this service is free. Interested? Have a look at the website.

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ebooks>

Thank you to everyone who has already given books to the library. We are still accepting books in good condition and published since 2011. If you have books to donate, please could you hand them to a volunteer so that they can be dealt with straight away.

**Sue Wurr**

## Is the Library Going Potty?

If you've visited the Library or Biblio's café since June 2012, you can't have failed to notice the pictures on the walls. The display, by local artists, changes regularly and most of the pictures are available for sale at very reasonable prices. There is a huge range of styles, sizes and media and many local people have been pleased to be able to buy pictures for their homes or as gifts.

If you are an artist and would like to exhibit your work for a modest fee, please get in touch with me. If you'd like to show the world what you do, but don't want to sell your pictures, that's fine too – we can label them as 'Not for Sale'.

We are looking at the possibility of display pottery on the same basis, using the window sills which are high enough to prevent items being knocked accidentally. Of course, this position would only suit pieces of a reasonable size. If you work in clay and have some suitable items to display and/or sell, please let me know. Also, if you have relevant contacts outside this magazine's distribution area, please spread the word to them too.

**Peter McDonald, Curator Harbury Library Art Gallery**  
**T: 01926 613730 E: [HarburyLibraryArt@gmail.com](mailto:HarburyLibraryArt@gmail.com)**

## **Rural Oscars**

We were delighted to hear that, after being announced as Midlands Regional Finalists in the start-up category of the Countryside Alliance Awards, Biblio's had also reached the on-site judging stage. This is happening the first week of March. So fingers remain firmly crossed as we inch a step closer to the National Final. There is tough competition, so even if we don't get any further, we are really chuffed to have made it this far thanks to your brilliant support. More news in April...

As a result of the rural Oscar news, our press release was picked up by the Leamington and Stratford editions of the Observer, which BBC Radio Coventry & WM noticed, resulting in a radio interview. We were even busier than usual the following week, so perhaps the media coverage helped.

## **Looking back**

Biblio's goes from strength to strength and over the past year our average monthly footfall has increased by 22%. Our wonderfully creative bakers have continued to come up with regular favourites and experimented with well received new recipes and seasonal treats. Since introducing our intern programme last summer we now have nine delightful local teenagers all keen to learn, who volunteer on Saturday mornings and during school holidays. In addition our adult team continue to do a fantastic job – many of them involved since Biblio's opened. The kitchen, which was installed January 2013, is holding up well as is the new coffee machine aided no doubt by our TLC. The extra tables and chairs were essential purchases and made a difference, although we still have a full-house at times and really appreciate your flexibility (of mind and body!) if left perching on the library cubes. We never run out of cakes but we do run out of space! Ideas for solutions to that dilemma most welcomed.

## **Join the team**

Whether new to the village or an 'old-timer' we welcome people who enjoy volunteering. If you are interested in doing so please email: [lynnbiblioscave@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbiblioscave@gmail.com) or leave your contact details with the cafe team next time you are in for coffee.

**Lynn Macwhinnie**

## **Harbury Carnival 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Please make a note of the date. As usual, it is the second Saturday in June. The wheelbarrow race will be held on the previous Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June (plenty of time to get into shape) and the usual team events will be held during the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Please think about how you can participate and help us continue the great carnival tradition. Get together with your local organisation, pub, street or

friends and see what ideas you can come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession. The more participants we have, the more fun it is for everybody and I promise that you will enjoy the experience. Here is the list of categories:

Trade Float

Independent Float

Children's Float

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead

Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons

Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons

Walking Tableau Family

Walking Tableau Adults

Walking Adult

Walking Child

If you want to book a stall or space on the field for Carnival day, please call Mike McBride on 612421. It is not too early to do this, it does not have to be left until the last minute!

More news next month but, in the meantime, please remember, the Carnival is not only a lot of fun for everyone but brings lasting benefits to the village. So, with that in mind, I encourage you all to think about how you can contribute to its continued success. Feel free to contact me, John Broomfield, on 614258, if there is anything you would like to know.

**John Broomfield**

**On behalf of the Carnival Committee**



## **Harbury Games – Latest News**

With just four months to go, events for this year's Heart of Harbury Games are now being finalised. The Games will be held at the recreation ground on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Many Harbury residents will be pleased that old favourites 'Throwing a Tantrum', 'Harbury's Got Talent' and the 'Tug o' War' are definitely to be included. You will recall the decision to have a Commonwealth theme to coincide with the Commonwealth Games also being held this summer, and this has been augmented by the Sochi experience!





So, please be ready for Harbury Curling © and, possibly, 4-Man Bob (presuming each team has enough Roberts!)



Teams include individuals from each of four groups: primary, secondary, women, and men. 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)

Heart of Harbury Games is all about raising money for the Village Hall Fund, at the same time as providing a great community day out. There are several opportunities for support

and sponsorship: for details please contact Peter Walshe on [peter.walshe@millwardbrown.com](mailto:peter.walshe@millwardbrown.com)

Do visit our Facebook page – *Heart of Harbury Games* – and follow the action; we hope to shortly feature the Team Champions!

*[photos here by Brian Young]*

**Terry Hunt on behalf of the Games Masters**



## **Harbury Village Show**

As announced last month, the Show will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall.

We have had questions already about the content of the schedules, which we plan to have available next month. Meanwhile, be reassured that the traditional classes for garden and allotment produce will remain unchanged.

The schedule for photographs will be as follows: Balloons; When I Grow Up; Water; Naughty but Nice; From an Odd Angle (black and white).

So get snapping! More next month.

**Gillian Hare**  
**On behalf of the Village Show Steering Group**

## **The Spirit of Harbury Award**

The Spirit of Harbury was founded in memory of John Hunt to recognise the individual or group, which has contributed time and energy to improve, help or benefit our village, its community and its inhabitants.

Please send your nominations to Alison Hunt Tel. 612931 or to [alisonmhunt@icloud.com](mailto:alisonmhunt@icloud.com)

**Andrew Hunt**



## **“Get Kids Going” Charity**

Harbury resident Steven Harrold is in training to run the London Marathon on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April to raise money for the charity “Get Kids Going”.

“Get Kids Going” is a national charity which provides sports grants and sports wheelchairs for disabled children and young adults so they too can participate in activities such as Marathons, Athletics, Rugby, Tennis and much more.

Steve is hoping to raise £1500 for this amazing charity, so if you see him about in training give him a shout of encouragement.

If you could make a donation to help him reach his goal however large or small visit his Virgin Money Giving site at: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/StevenHarrold](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/StevenHarrold) or you can drop a cheque made payable to “Get Kids Going” to 20 South Parade, Harbury, or we shall have a collection box based in the Crown Inn, Harbury.

Thanking everyone in anticipation.

**Steve Harrold & Family**

## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

The optimist in me projects that the sun will be shining when you read this. Spring could be quite early this year and, whilst that may not guarantee wall to wall sunshine, it does mean better light levels. This in turn means more energy generated by those PV panels that many houses in the village have installed. A number of people followed up my invitation to try for a group discount on installing a device to divert surplus generated electricity to heat water (or storage heaters). We were able to get a good deal from Alderminster Electrical. It isn't too late if you have PV panels installed and want to join in and save even more money. If you still have your December issue of Harbury and Ladbroke News, you can see what it's about in there. Otherwise call or email me.

With the money from the e.on Energy Action Fund safely in HEI's bank account we have started work on the library project. In 2012 a LEAF grant enabled us to insulate the library walls internally. Now we are investigating the possibility of insulating the suspended ceiling, saving about another £330 a year on heating bills. Heating accounts for about 70% of your energy costs and insulation is by far the best way to reduce them. HEI will be happy to advise anyone thinking of making their houses less costly to run.

The government's Green Deal to encourage and enable home owners to improve their houses has not so far been hugely popular. Despite its complexities and failings it is based on a sound idea, that saving energy needs to be affordable for the majority and should cost less than your normal energy bill or certainly no more. The response has been poor but I believe

that it is still worth considering. To attract more interest the government has increased the cashback they are offering to anyone taking up measures at this stage, but you have till 30<sup>th</sup> June to get your claim in. You may get as much as two-thirds of the costs back, up to a ceiling for each measure. The most generous deal is for solid wall insulation where up to £4,000 can be claimed against a bill of £6,000 or more. A Green Deal loan should cover the rest.

If you want to know more about this, contact me or visit [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) or call the Energy Savings Advice Service on 0300 123 1234. You can't lose – I'm optimistic.

**Bob Sherman - T:612277  
e:shermanbob55@gmail.com**

## **Harbury NSPCC Committee**

Many thanks to all those who supported us at the Burns Night in the Village Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. We raised £270 in the raffle and we would like to thank Southam 2000 Rotary for allowing us to have the proceeds of the raffle.

Our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> February raised £144.16, so many thanks to everyone who came along to support us.

We have many loyal supporters in the village and we value their loyalty and generosity very much. Last year we raised over £2600 with our various events and we like to think that the money we raise is used locally, e.g. at the NSPCC Coventry Service Centre at Boole House.

Our committee is a team of nine ladies and we meet about four times a year to plan our fund-raising activities, e.g. ladies' lunches, Christmas quiz and last year we organised a Greek evening. We could do with some extra help, so if anyone would like to join our committee please give Elaine Bruce a ring on 614664. We would be delighted to hear from you!

**NSPCC Committee**



## **Harbury Heritage Room**

The Heritage Room will be open as usual on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30-8.30pm. Our next dates are 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May. Groups and organisations are welcome to book a date and time perhaps more convenient to their needs.

The Heritage Room contains a vast collection of photos, documents and written memories relating to the village. You might well feature!

Below are the entries for the school log book for 1939. Our thanks to Diana Buck for donating the book, and to Carol Jackson for typing it up.

## Harbury School Headteacher's Log 1939

### January

9<sup>th</sup> Mr ED Hays took charge owing to the absence of Mr Dickens.

16<sup>th</sup> EW Dickens returned to school this morning.

### February

Many children absent owing to colds and influenza.

### March

6<sup>th</sup> Miss Northall absent this morning owing to illness.

8<sup>th</sup> Miss Northall returned to school this morning. Notified a case of scarlet fever today.

10<sup>th</sup> There are twenty children absent – suffering from influenza.

### April

6<sup>th</sup> The school closed this afternoon for the Easter Holiday.

18<sup>th</sup> The school re-opened this morning after the Easter Holiday.

### May

24<sup>th</sup> School held annual sports this afternoon. Shield won by Yellow team.

26<sup>th</sup> School closed at 12 o'clock for Whitsuntide holiday.

### June

5<sup>th</sup> School reopened this morning after the Whitsuntide holiday.

22<sup>nd</sup> Miss Perry HMI and Miss Jackson, County Advisor in Physical Training called this morning and saw the junior children and senior girls in their physical training exercises.

### July

21<sup>st</sup> One case of mumps reported.

### August

3<sup>rd</sup> School broke up this afternoon for the summer holiday.

### September

11<sup>th</sup> School re-opened this morning – instead of on September 4th, the postponement having been caused by the outbreak of war. 15 children, who have left vulnerable areas and are now living with friends in Harbury, were admitted to school this morning.

12<sup>th</sup> Four more children were admitted this morning. There are now 106 children on the register.

15<sup>th</sup> Reported one case of measles.

17<sup>th</sup> Two more children admitted this morning – private evacuees. Up to the present we have admitted 17 private evacuees and 4 evacuated under the Government scheme.

## **October**

2<sup>nd</sup> Several evacuees have returned to their own homes.

9<sup>th</sup> Mr Creswell, HMI paid a visit to the school this afternoon.

18<sup>th</sup> Dr Livingstone and Nurse Fletcher conducted a routine medical inspection of children including several evacuees.

25<sup>th</sup> School doctor, Dr Livingstone completed annual routine inspection this morning.

27<sup>th</sup> School dentists examined children's teeth this morning.

30<sup>th</sup> A day's holiday.

## **November**

27<sup>th</sup> I have today notified the medical authorities of 5 cases of measles and 9 contact cases.

## **December**

11<sup>th</sup> School closed at midday until 8th January, owing to epidemic of measles.

## **Solar Farm for Deppers Bridge Triangle?**

London based property developers plan to blight the lives of an entire local community, deprive a tenant farmer of part of his livelihood and despoil a stretch of beautiful Warwickshire countryside – and all for what? Certainly not for our benefit or yours!

The application, currently under consideration by Stratford District Council, involves the installation of 45,000 solar panels – one of the largest such developments in the country. Each and every resident of Deppers Bridge will be affected by it and yet no-one in the hamlet itself or in the wider community will benefit. All proceeds will go to the absentee landlords and their associates, a Devon based solar power installer.

A recent estimate values the overall potential loss in house price blight etc. to the community, including loss of earnings to the disenfranchised tenant farmer, at a staggering £5 million. No 'trickle down' benefits of employment, goods and services or anything useful whatsoever on offer until now, apparently, some sort of 'bribe'!

Should this come to pass 65 acres of unspoiled Warwickshire countryside, productive arable land, will become nothing more than a sea of glass for the next 25 years. Clearly visible from all three sides of the triangle, it will be a blot on the landscape if ever there was one!

In July 2013 Energy Minister, Greg Barker, said that: **‘The public are rightly keen on clean solar power but we mustn’t lose that support by deploying enormous arrays in the wrong places. New guidance coming into force later this summer will give residents the right to veto undesirable developments’.**

And, yes, we do agree with solar development on domestic and commercial roofs, Brownfield and derelict sites, secluded sites that have little agricultural value, but such a proposal here is wholly inappropriate.

The initial flawed application met with objections from residents, but also from the Highways Dept., Network Rail, Ramblers Association and English Heritage - yet extra time has been allowed to amend and resubmit a stronger application! This is presently under consultation, for the second time. Whatever the decision (to be announced on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014), this application, as is the norm these days, will almost certainly go to appeal where the presumption is invariably that of acceptance, driven by the ‘Green Lobby’.

Time to make a stand! It is not acceptable for ‘outsiders’ to ride rough-shod over our home environment with no regard for our quality of life. They claim they can produce enough power to serve 2,000 homes (during daylight hours only) – but those are not our homes or yours – but an infinitesimal ‘drop’ in the National Grid!

If you feel as strongly as we do about the injustice of all this - imposed upon an entire community, without their fore-knowledge or consent - you can help us by registering your objection on **www.stratford.gov.uk** website.

Click on **‘Planning’**, then **‘Planning Applications’**, **‘View Current & Previous Applications’**, **Application number 13/02689/FUL**, click the tab **‘Comment’** and enter your comments there.

Help us demonstrate that we all care about our local environment and that community opinion and involvement are of paramount importance in all such matters.

**Hazel Turner**

## **Napton Art Group**

Napton Art Group is holding its Easter Exhibition on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April at Napton Village Hall from 10am until 5pm. On display and for sale will be paintings, cards, photographs and craft exhibits. There will also be refreshments, a raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children. If anybody wants to know more about joining our thriving group contact Christine - 01926 812991.

**Howard Collerson**



## Southam Lions £7K Bonanza to Children's Charities

Following the hugely successful Southam Lions Christmas Appeal, Teenage Cancer Trust and Acorns Children's Hospice have been presented with cheques for £3K each and a cheque for a further £1K has been issued to the Coventry based Baby Hospice – Zoe's Place.



Southam Lions have a continuing interest in the fantastic work that Zoe's Place undertake with 'end of life' illnesses affecting babies and the understanding and comfort afforded to the families concerned. Constant fundraising is a must for all such institutions and Zoe's Place is no exception. Southam Lions have therefore agreed that all the proceeds of the planned Race Night at the Graham Adams Centre, Southam on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April will go to this worthy cause as well as the proceeds of the Annual Southam Triathlon

event which the Lions will be holding later in the summer.

The Southam 'Grand National' Race Night will be great fun for all the family and gives everyone who comes a chance to have a bit of a 'wager', win a bit of cash and help support the work of Zoe's Place.

Further information about these events and others in the Lions Calendar can be obtained from: Tony Lorimer, Secretary of the Club on 01926 811710 or email: [tonylorimer@gmail.com](mailto:tonylorimer@gmail.com). Visit the Southam Lions website: [www.southamlions.org.uk](http://www.southamlions.org.uk)

**Peter Guy**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

*In 1979 we came to Harbury with our four children to run The Crown, where we spent five happy years and made many friends. The friends we made there plus many we have made since, have supported us throughout our Grosvenor Catering years, in fact the whole village has been very kind and supportive to us. We are most grateful for all your loyalty and would like to take this opportunity to say our thanks to you all.*

*We are both retired now!!! (although you may see Ray popping up at various functions for a short while) and have sold our business to Ruth Curtis (7 Church Terrace). Ruth is taking Grosvenor Catering (keeping the name) further forward. We both hope that you will give her the support and kindness you gave to us both.*

*As I mentioned earlier, we came to Harbury in 1979, keeping our house in Lillington, intending to stay here a while and then return, well the rest you know. We sold our house, and made Harbury our home, we now feel part of the village (no longer newcomers) where we are very happy to stay.*

*A big thank you to everyone.*

**Ray & Jan Playdon**

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### **Dear Editors**

*Harbury Toddler Group wishes to say a huge thank you to the village.*

*We hosted the Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. It was great fun and we raised £163.*

*Thank you all for your generosity. We will be spending the money on a special session with Tumble Tots and some replacement toys.*

*Best wishes*

**Toddlers**

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### **Dear Editors**

*A very dear friend of mine, Doris, was absolutely delighted when I told her that Henry's Cottage in Bush Heath Lane had been bought by a young family and is being lovingly restored after a period of neglect. Her interest is that her late sister-in-law and husband used to live there and Marion had created a wonderful one acre garden at the rear of the cottage.*

*How saddened she is now when I told her that just a very few people from the village had put in various objections to the changes, all without foundation and even resorted to trespass. I would like to reassure the Cockell family that not all of us in the village are so narrow minded and wish them all the luck with their project. The cottage is beginning to look as it must have in its heyday.*

*Doris and I are very willing to give any help that we can with any restoration of the once fabulous garden. Thank you to the family for bringing the cottage back to life. It is a delight to drive past it and see the changes made already.*

**Judy Morral**



## Dear Editors

*I write with regard to a letter from Mr Cockell. I have lived in Harbury for most of my life, and my parents before me, and have always found the people in the village to be kind and helpful.*

*In February's edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News, Mr Cockell wrote about the problems that he had with extensions etc that he had carried out at Rose Cottage. He wrote about the "awful distress" he had suffered after having planning permission refused, the extensions already having being built. Surely all of that "distress" could have been avoided by finding out first what, if any, planning permission was needed before actually carrying out the building work.*

*In paragraph 3 and 4 of his letter he quotes what he says is permitted development at Henry's, and that all the work that he has done is within permitted development and requires no planning permission. However, would it have remained within permissible development had the enforcement officer not visited him?*

**A Walker (Mrs)**  
**Ladbroke**

## Dear Editors

*Flying into Birmingham from a European holiday we stayed in Leamington to visit where our parents had lived. It was a happy experience except when we came to the Cemetery. How sad and derelict it looked. Great areas of grass, trees too big, more worryingly broken gravestones with bits piled in a heap and others knocked flat, some only last used in the 1980's. Others sadly laid flat with grass creeping across them so, in time, they will disappear.*

*We visited two other village cemeteries in the area and yours was the worst by far. So, come on the Parish Council and residents, remember the dead and would you want your grave to be in such a cemetery? I bought the Harbury News and see in its pages an active, thriving community. Perhaps the Scouts, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and others could help improve it. Please try.*

**Sandra Hiscock**  
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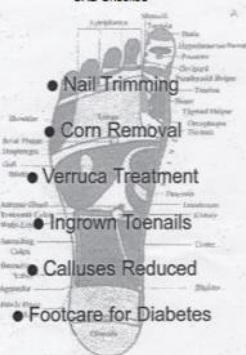
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10-11yrs  
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