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Editorial

We are sorry to learn that Reverend Craig was recently taken ill whilst on holiday and we wish him a speedy recovery.

This month there are several events in Ladbroke for music lovers; the Blooze Kings are playing on Saturday 10th May and then there is a fun Music Quiz on Friday 23rd – details of both events are in the magazine. The Theatre Group's spring production will be a debut for the HTG Juniors who are performing The Blank Pages, this will be followed by Visitors from Chicago by the main group. The performance will run for three nights 15th to 17th May, with a matinee on the Saturday.

June sees the traditional Harbury Carnival on the 14th with the Pub Games in the preceding week. The opening event is the popular Wheel Barrow Race on Sunday 8th June. Then the Heart of Harbury Games are on the 28th June and there is still time to get your entry in!

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Beryl Perry.

Harbury Diary

MAY

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|------|---|---|
| Sat | 3 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Brownies |
| Sun | 4 | EASTER III
Sung Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food and refreshments in Tom Hauley Room
Taizé Service, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall |
| Tues | 6 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Heritage Room Open Evening, 6.30-8.30pm at the School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Horticultural Society, Daisy Days with Helen Picton, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Wed | 7 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - walk (4 miles) from Chesterton to Checkleys Brake
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room:- Ann Mulley – "God in Nature" |

- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury WI, 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Resolutions
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Netball Club
- Sun 11 EASTER IV**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
'Messy Church', 2.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room and Church
- Tues 13 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - walk (4 miles) Wootton Wawen with café lunch
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
Neighbourhood Plan Update, 7.30pm at the Village Club
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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Harbury Theatre Group presents "The Blank Pages" and "Visitors from Chicago", 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 16 Harbury Theatre Group presents "The Blank Pages" and "Visitors from Chicago", 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of GASS
Harbury Society walk, 10.00am, (4½ miles) from Crown Inn, Claverdon
Harbury Theatre Group presents "The Blank Pages" and "Visitors from Chicago", 2.30pm and 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 18 EASTER V**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
"Saints Alive" Family Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
Annual Fun Ride and Horse Blessing, registration from 1.00pm, start at 2.00pm at Chesterton Church
- Tues 20 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 21 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - walk (4 miles), Wormleighton
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 22 Election of Members of European Parliament and Election of a District Councillor from 7.00am to 10.00pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

Thurs 22 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm in **Tom Hauley Room**
 Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of British Heart Foundation

Sun 25 EASTER VI

Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Communion, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
 Tues 27 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
 Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm

Wed 28 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -
 walk (4 miles) Hellidon with optional pub lunch
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 29 ASCENSION DAY
 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Church Work with Children

JUNE


Sun 1 EASTER VII – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Sung Communion, 9.00am
 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food and
 refreshments
 Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands for Healing, 6.00pm
 Tues 3 Heritage Room Open Evening, 6.30-8.30pm at the School
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Wed 4 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -
 walk (3½ miles) Draycote wildflower meadow flat with only a
 few stiles.
 Holy Communion, 2.00pm
 Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room:-
 John Stringer – A Tour of Harbury Church
 Thurs 5 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
 Fri 6 Windmills Nursery Pamper Evening, 7.30pm at the Village Hall
 Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of the Village Show
 Ufton Village Church Fete, 2.00-4.00pm at the White Hart

Sun 8 PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Communion, 10.30am
 Wheelbarrow Race, registration 12:30pm, race begins 1.00pm
 from the Gamecock, Chapel Street

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

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

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you had a joyful Easter. In church we journeyed through Holy Week and Easter by focusing on the artistic gifts God has so graciously given, by using visual images, drama and poetry and some of the most beautiful choral music I have heard in a long time. Creation also played its part in the wonderful floral displays on Easter Sunday – so a big thank you from me to all who contributed and all who came along and joined us, I hope you found it inspiring.

The events that we recall on Good Friday and Easter give us a means of finding new hope in unexpected places. As I write, I am in Stratford upon Avon, and can hear the bells ringing out from Holy Trinity in celebration of Shakespeare's 450th birthday. This serves to remind me that, as the activities of Holy Week showed, we can engage with the richness and complexity of the resurrection in so many different ways – in drama, paintings, music, poetry and film. We can find it in that chance meeting or long-awaited phone call from someone we perhaps don't often see, and of course, we can also find it through nature and creation itself.

It is with this in mind that our Saints Alive service on 18th May will be all about that most wonderful part of God's creation - animals! I hope you will come along and bring your pets and favourite animals with you. I will be bringing my constant companion Bertie, a lively Springer Spaniel, whom you may have seen me walking round and about. I am quite sure that he will be very well

behaved and set a good example to all other pets (or is that just in my dreams?!) I do hope to see you and your furry or feathered friends for what might be quite a noisy service.

In the meantime we will be busy preparing for Little Saints on 4th May, at its new time of 10.30am as well as another Messy Church on 11th May, between 2 – 4pm where children of all ages will be welcome!

With every blessing,

Revd. Annie

From the Registers

Funeral

22nd April Beryl Perry (88 years)



From the Churchwardens

Elaine, John & Will

It was good to see so many people in church during Holy week, ending with an Easter Sunday communion service at which bonnets, bunny ears and Easter eggs made for a lovely service of celebration.

Our curate Annie must be thanked for all her efforts in presenting such a rich variety of services throughout the week, along with all those that were involved in any way in making them happen or came along to worship at this special time. It was a wonderful week.

On Palm Sunday we were lucky to have a donkey join us in the traditional procession from school to church and we are hoping to see more furry friends and favourite pets in church at our “Saints Alive” Pets service (18th May – 10.30am).

Finally, we have received approval from the Diocese to have the rainwater downpipes replaced around the church. If anyone is interested in providing a quotation to do this essential maintenance work, please contact one of the churchwardens.



Mothers' Union

Sue Field

At a well attended April meeting, following Communion with Reverend Annie Goldthorp and a reading by Sue Boniface, we were pleased to welcome our Diocesan President Di Sliwinski who gave us an illustrated talk on her trip to Madagascar – “A Country of Contrasts”.

With a population of 22,599,098 and to the south east of the African coast, this island boasts 35 different types of lemur. The capital city is modern and has wide main roads in complete contrast to the area where Di stayed, in an orphanage for children/youths aged 4 – 24. Dirt roads and very little infrastructure, basic toilet facilities. Television, mobile phones, iPods etc are not owned by many. The life is harsh with very few comforts. Rice is served for all meals with very little meat but fish of various types is abundant.

The Mothers' Union with 7,300 members has links with the area so Di was invited to share the 110 years celebrations of M.U. and women members and the Bishop welcomed her to Madagascar where she was impressed by the hand-embroidered blue and white clothes worn proudly by members. Badges sent over by the Diocese were passed on to the President of Antananarivo M.U. but the weight of these and other gifts caused Di to have an excess of baggage.

The photographs with which the talk was illustrated gave us a glimpse of a very happy people and M.U. members attended from all over the country.

Handmade products were on sale showing a variety of Madagascan skills, very colourful embroidered items were presented to the Diocese.

It is interesting to note that men attend Fathers' Union which runs alongside M.U. and have embroidered ties to wear.

A very informative afternoon and Di answered many questions for us.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th June in the Tom Hauley Room. Communion at 2pm will be followed by the meeting at 2.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to either or both.



Church Men's Group

John Guilford & John Stringer

The theme for our April meeting was "cold and wet, hot and steamy" and was presented by Charles Baker, a Senior Project Manager with the Canals and Rivers Trust (CRT) formerly the Inland Waterways.

Charles went into some of the history of the canals starting from the first canal built in 1761 from Manchester to Worsley, which was 15 miles long and cost £168,000 (today £20m) and the life of "Navvies" who did the work and were paid 2s 6d (12½p) for a 10 hour day. It took them three weeks to construct one mile of canal.

During the Industrial Revolution the canal network expanded but life on the canals was tough. Families living on board the boats did the loading, maintaining and sailing and the children had a "floating education" at wharfs along the canals. But with the advent of the railway, many canals became neglected and fell into disrepair.

These days the canals are enjoying a revival and are used in many different ways - day trips/holidays, walking, cycling, wild life havens - and the CRT is a charity responsible for maintaining over 2000 miles of waterways including 1583 locks, 2913 bridges, 337 aqueducts, 73 reservoirs and 55 tunnels. The charity receives £35m from the Government annually to do this but relies heavily on volunteers and donations to enable the 33,000 licensed boats and approximately 10 million visitors a year to continue to enjoy these wonderful waterway corridors across the country.

Charles then gave a brief insight into his other love - steam engines (the "hot and steamy" bit!) Charles showed some slides of these grand engines, which of course used to work alongside the canals, and he finished by telling us of his own steam traction engine which he is restoring to pass its road test. A task that has taken four years so far!

Charles is passionate about his job and his love of engineering and this came across at this, the final Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's group meeting.

Footnote: The Beginning

The first meeting of the Harbury Church of England Men's Group was on Friday 13th November 1964. The Speaker was Rev. T Bland, Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon on "Living and Learning". The President was Rev. Mackley and Hon. Secretary L J Cockerham. The minutes were hand written in an exercise book costing 1 shilling.

Footnote 2: The End (Not quite.....)

It was with considerable disappointment that the April meeting was the last meeting for the Men's Group after 50 years of meetings, outings and dinners. During this time many members have come and gone and some lifelong friendships have been formed.

The Group will be formally closed, at our annual dinner on the 1st May, however, members have decided to meet for an informal lunch once a month – on the 1st Thursday of each month - to continue to enjoy the fellowship and comradeship that has been so much the foundation of the group over the years.

If you would like to come and join us (you do not have to have been a member of the Group previously) please watch this space for more details. The first date for lunch is 5th June.

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MAY

- Sat 3 Millennium Green Working Party, 10.00am
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 4 EASTER III**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 7 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Home Group, 8.00pm, The Old School
- Sat 10 The Blooze Kings, doors open 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 11 Easter IV**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Thurs 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END,
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- Sat 17 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 18 Easter V**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Wed 21 Home Group, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees
- Thurs 22 Voting for European Elections, Village Hall
WI, 7.30pm, Church
- Fri 23 Fun Music Quiz, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 24 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 25 Easter VI**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Thurs 29 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM
- Ascension Day service, 7.30pm
- Sat 31 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

JUNE

- Sun 1 Easter VII**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 3 Photography Club walkabout, Leamington Spa, 6.30pm
onwards
- Thurs 5 Home Group, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees
- Fri 6 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 7 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 8 Pentecost**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West & Sue Lord

What lovely services we had last month as Lent drew to a close with Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Our thanks to everyone who contributed thoughts, prayers and their time, especially to Bill Bosworth and the augmented choir who led our wonderful service on Good Friday evening, the ladies who donated flowers and decorated the church for Easter Day and Rev Annie for her marathon of 16 services across the two villages

We were sorry to hear that Rev Craig's sabbatical is involving more rest than anticipated as he recovers from an operation and wish him a speedy recovery.

Our home group is reverting to the pattern of Wednesdays (May 7th, 21st, July 9th) and Thursdays (June 5th and 19th) for the next session as that allows those with other commitments to make at least some of the meetings. The theme between now and the summer is Salvation - at our first meeting we will watch the film "The Way" and then will be considering different aspects in the next four meetings. If you would like to join us please get in touch with David and Sue Wright, 811874.

The warm weather, together with April showers has made everything in the churchyard grow - weeds and ivy included! We employ a contractor to cut the grass and some graves are very well tended by relatives but it's down to volunteers to keep the rest tidy and under control. If you can help either by looking after an area on a regular basis or coming along for a couple of hours to a Churchyard Working Party (tea, coffee and cake provided) please email labrokechurch89@btinternet.com or phone 810331.



Flower rota

3rd & 10th May

Kate Todman

17th & 24th May

Christine Baker

31st May & 7th June

Betty Winkfield



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Ladbroke Parish Council

Debra Neal

Extraordinary Meeting

The resolution that the Parish Council petition against the HS2 Hybrid Bill and to seek the best possible mitigation for Ladbroke was unanimously agreed at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 9th April.

Annual Village Meeting Report

Ladbroke Parish Council held the Annual Meeting for the village on 9th April, attended by 21 Ladbroke residents, as well as the Stratford District and Warwick County Councillors.

Neighbourhood Watch: On the evening of Friday 14th March 2014, a dwelling in Hedges Close was burgled and various items were stolen. Police investigations are continuing.

Local co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch, David Halsall, subsequently received 20 Safety Packs from the Warwickshire County Council for local properties detailing information about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Crime Prevention Booklets which he delivered to surrounding residences in Hedges Close. In his report, David reminded us that the Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in local crime prevention and community issues, and urged local community residents to get involved. David can be contacted at his email david@thehalsalls.com and other websites which provide additional information regarding the Neighbourhood Watch and other crime prevention information are:

WCC Trading Standards email alerts regarding rogue trader and scam matters: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams>

Ladbroke village website <http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk>

Southam/Feldon Community Forums www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea

High Speed Rail Link: Ladbroke Action Group leader, Graham Long reported the following:

There were two announcements on April 9th by the Government:

1. The summary of the responses to the Environmental Statement consultation was released. 21,833 responses were received, of which 211 were sent by residents of Ladbroke and Southam. Further details are on the Government website <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-private-bill-office/2013-14/HS2-Independent-Assessor-report.pdf> In addition, last week the Commons Environmental Audit committee issued a report calling

on the Government to do so much more to protect the environment than is currently proposed by HS2 Ltd. The Government's response on these items is awaited.

2. The second announcement contained proposals for increased compensation for those affected by HS2. Again, further details are available on the website, however, the HS2AA remains very disappointed at the new proposals.

The second reading of the HS2 Hybrid Bill will take place on 28th April, and we will thereafter have three weeks in which to present our petition to be heard by the Commons HS2 Select Committee. The Parish Council is working closely with the Action Group, and Graham thanked WCC, who remain opposed to the HS2 proposals, for its support and advice.

Parish Council: Councillor Derek Batty, Chairman of the Parish Council, presented this report:

The council meets 7 times per year, generally on the third Wednesday in the month with additional Planning meetings as necessary. Derek thanked all in the village who support the Council. The precept received from Stratford for 2012/13 was £5,000 and the same amount was requested for 2014/2015.

Continual pressure has been made on flooding issues via Mike Green, WCC, after meetings held here in Ladbroke last year particularly following the recent flooding problems throughout the South West. Derek confirmed that the Environment Agency has awarded £50,000 for improvements here in Ladbroke. This will go towards creating a 'balancing pond' construction to regulate flow through the village. Derek has also been assured that there will be no protracted investigation, instead an 'Option Engineering Assessment' will be carried out so that work is carried out in this financial year.

The date for the final SDC Core Strategy document analysis and comments is now October 2014. Included are proposals to build 10500 new homes over the 15 year period, including 350 around Southam.

Two proposals for wind farms have been made affecting this area - Broadview Energy and EDF energy, both required input and comments. EDF have withdrawn their application. The Deppers Bridge installation of 45000 solar panels was rejected at the Planning Meeting of April 8th and is likely now to go to appeal. Local Planning Applications have increased significantly and included general tree maintenance/removal, change of use and conversion/extension applications.

The Bell Inn is now under new management since last summer. It is fully operational and doing very well.

Damage to the highways due mainly to severe weather conditions, pot holes etc have been reported and are constantly pursued. We had a meeting with Highways department on site and the issues are still being pursued.

County Council Annual Report – County Councillor Bob Stevens gave the following report:

- Budget – WCC has a budget of about £380 million. Half of this is spent on adult and child care. £90 million of budget cuts need to be found in the next four years, there are plans for integration with neighbouring County Councils.
- Gypsies and Travellers – the site at Napton is an emergency stopping point. It is under judicial review and going to the High Court in Birmingham in the next couple of months.
- Wind Farms – the planning application for a Windfarm in Knightcote went to appeal. A discussion is expected to take place in May.
- Public Health management has moved back to the Local Authorities, which has control over the management of Doctors and the Health Trust. Continued emphasis is made on supporting older people in the community in their own homes and 70 new such homes are being built in Southam rather than going into care homes.
- Pot Holes – the central Government has given WCC £1 million specifically to repair potholes.
- Schools – we are well served in this area. Southam College recently underwent an Ofsted and was rated outstanding. The College is 70 students oversubscribed for the forthcoming academic year.
- Change in Boundaries – the County Council is also looking at a plan to reduce the number of Councillors from 62 to 57. There will be a consultation later this year.

District Council: District Councillor Chris Williams gave the following report:

- Any councils planning to increase Council Tax in the coming financial year are required to hold a referendum if the increase equals or exceeds 2%, this includes other precepting bodies except Parish Councils. The Local Government Finance Report for 2014/15 puts Parish and Town Councils on notice that Council Tax referendum principles may be set for them in 2015/16. Chris will keep us updated on this issue.
- The District Council is undertaking further Public Consultation on changes to the core strategy regarding new home construction, as new technical evidence suggests there may be changes affecting how many and where they are built. The changes include the total number of new homes that need to be built, from 9,500 to 10,900, and alternative strategic

options may need to be considered including consideration of other locations at Long Marston, the south-east edge of Stratford and two locations north of Southam.

- At the District Council meeting of 24th February, it was agreed that the Council Tax would remain unchanged for the financial year.
- Stratford District Council is reducing the number of elected councillors from 53 to 36 from May 2015, resulting in councillors' areas being enlarged. Ladbroke remains within the existing ward, although in future it will be known as Napton and Fenny Compton Ward.
- Final recommendations for Electoral arrangements for Stratford-on-Avon District Council will be agreed at the Council Meeting on 14th April 2014. These recommendations include:
 - There should be 36 councillors instead of 53
 - There should be electoral equality for voters
 - Promoting effective and convenient local government.

Alibone Trust: Geoff Lane presented the accounts. There is a good balance in the non-ecclesiastical fund; if any organisation thinks they have a reasonable claim for funds, please contact Geoff.

Church of All Saints, Ladbroke: Sue Lord reported that the major work and redecoration of the inside of the church is now complete and the results are wonderful – the church looks clean, bright and welcoming. However, an inspection of the roof timbers revealed areas of significant decay, and fund-raising will be required to support this. There are two events planned for this year – a Church “Fun Day” in September and a dinner event in November. Sue also mentioned that after the embarrassment of not having sufficient hymn books at larger services, the PCC has bought additional hymn books with the help of generous donations from many people. The home group that was set up last year meets every two weeks, and is developing well. Sue also thanked all of the people who continue to support the church throughout the year.

Village Hall and Millennium Green: Kip Warr gave an update on the Ladbroke Village Hall and the Millennium Green. These two charities have merged in all but name, while safeguarding the legal requirements. At the AGMs last year, three new trustees were selected to serve on both committees. These trustees are Kip Warr, Chairman, Debra Neal, Secretary, and Gray Lewis, Treasurer. In addition there is a strong team of 11 additional members under the banner of “Ladbroke Matters”. Funds are needed to maintain and insure both premises, last year we had several successful events including Film Nights, a Village Fete and a wine tasting evening. The new team has put on several fund raising events already this year including a

Murder Mystery Dinner, a music event featuring the Ladbroke Rockers, and two Film Nights. Other fund raising events are planned throughout the year including another music event, a quiz, a Safari Supper and of course, additional film nights. Thanks were given to all village supporters and contributors to both the fun and funds resulting from these events.

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI: The membership remains around 28 members and last year was another interesting and full year. Visitors included Lady Marie Stubbs who was asked to take over a badly failing school which she did successfully, Julie Williams, a polymer clay enthusiast, Steve Evans, a lecturer in law, Alan Winterburn on Cotswold Curiosities and Bernard Cadogan on the history of Southam. Additionally, several group trips were enjoyed. Members are collecting old jewellery to raise funds for ACWW and have also been busy knitting and sewing squares for blankets to go to Galanos House. Thanks were given to Rachel, who continues to plant and maintain the beautiful flower tubs at the Ladbroke Village Hall.

Photography Club: The club continues to be a successful organisation in the village. On-going activities over the past year have included technical sessions in such things as how to enhance your photos on a computer, and outings to Stratford, Warwick, and Southam. There have also been some very interesting speakers, including a presentation of photographs taken a hundred years ago of the Southam area, which has inspired the club to record everyday events around Ladbroke in 2014. Visitors are always welcome to the meetings, and to find out more about the club please have a look at the site on the Ladbroke Village website: <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/home>

Bell Ringers: It has been a difficult year for the Ladbroke Bell Ringers due to a shortage of ringers. As a result, the help of other village bell towers have been enlisted for weddings, Christmas and Easter. However, there has been a very encouraging response to the appeal for new recruits, and after an introductory night recently, six people from Ladbroke have signed up who are willing to learn! If anyone is interested in becoming a Ladbroke Bell Ringer, please contact Keith Archer, Bell Tower Captain at 01926-810037.

Whist Club: This is held on Saturday nights in the Village Hall, and is terrific fun as well as raising funds for the village. Betty Winkfield is the co-ordinator and is looking for new attendees. If anyone is interested in learning Whist, please contact Betty at 01926-812234.

Website: The village website was initially set up and maintained on a commercial basis with a grant. When the grant ran out, the Parish Council decided to minimise costs so a new website was set up using Google sites, which are free. The website can be accessed at <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/home>

At our April meeting on Thursday, 24th we were reminded of the date of the Group Meeting which will be on Wednesday 7th May in Harbury Village Hall.

Any secret darts players were asked to make themselves known to try to beef up the team which will represent this W.I.

To celebrate the centenary of the W.I. a baton will be taken to all 69 Federations. Sue Moore will represent Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge at the Centenary Dinner.

The Appalachian Precision Cloggers and Flatfooters - Kick Start from Harbury – made an impressive entrance and were good to look at even before they started dancing, in their twirly red and black skirts, black tights and red shrugs – well the women were! The men were more soberly attired in white shirts and dark trousers. They provided the music with Dave on the violin, Glynn on guitar and Ian on banjo when he wasn't introducing the dances and joining in some of them.



He explained that this type of dancing had started in the Appalachian Mountains in the East of America when workers in their boots would tap out the rhythm to accompany tunes.

The first dance used traditional steps and was called Cripple Creek. To a wonderfully toe tapping tune, five of the dancers executed an intricate pattern of steps and moves. You daren't take your eyes off them in case you missed anything it all went so quickly.

Other dances followed, many of which had been developed by this Harbury Group, one of which was called Wight School Door so named because of the need to know which direction they needed to face when practising!

One of the most impressive items used broom handles and - without music - intricate rhythms were tapped out using feet and the brooms, all in perfect time with each other. Hours of practice must have been put in to get it to this stage.

Just before their final dance the audience were given the opportunity to try some moves from their seats. Even though the moves demonstrated were fairly repetitive it was amazingly difficult to copy them accurately. We were at least told that we were very good at joining in!

Anyone who wishes to find out more about this group will find them at www.harvestenmusic.com

They practise on Saturday mornings from 10 – 12 in the Harbury Scout Hut and new recruits would be welcome to go along and try it.

Please note that the meeting on **22nd May will be held in the Church** as the Village Hall will be used for the election. Anne Hanson will be bringing her Assistance dog Dazzle to show us what she can do.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team are responsible for planning fundraising events for the Village Hall and Millennium Green, and assist with their upkeep.

Our forthcoming events in the Village Hall:

- **A concert by the Blooze Kings on Saturday 10th May.**

Not to be missed by lovers of blues, soul and rock n roll music. Doors open at 8pm, tickets £5 from Helen on 01926 814516 or Andy on 01926 810881.

- **A Fun Music Quiz on Friday 23rd May.**

Commencing at 8.00pm it will include music from across most genres and eras, with the emphasis on FUN! If this is for you, start putting your team together now. Tickets are £12 per team (up to 4 people), available from Nicky on 01926 815196.

Film Nights

We had nearly 40 people attend our showing of *Captain Phillips* last month. After tucking into homemade lasagne to a background of seafaring music, we were on the edge of our seats once the film started and

the story unfolded. The combination of food, music, and film seems to be a winning formula.

Our next film night is scheduled for Friday 6th June. Film title to be advised.

Millennium Club Monthly Draw Results:

£50	Cyril Spence	£50	Margaret Bosworth
£25	Laura Taylor	£25	Keith Archer
£25	Roger Plaskett	£10	John Lowman
£10	Andy Pittaway	£10	Joan Perry
£10	Simon and Jackie West	£10	Colin and Kay Constable

The Ladbroke Matters team serves and supports our village community. If you do not have a copy of our information leaflet, they will soon be available at The Bell and at All Saints' Church. If you would like to join the team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the trustees (contact details in our leaflet and on the Ladbroke website).

The next Ladbroke Matters team meeting is on Monday 12th May. If you have anything you wish to raise please contact one of the trustees.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr



Pip by Sue Dudley

Sue Dudley takes wonderful pictures of dogs and wildlife. As you can see from her photograph of Pip dashing through water, she traps the excitement of the moment with pin-point sharpness. In a similar way, she captures their personality (or should that be doganality?), often with their head cocked to one side as she catches their attention. Part of her success comes from getting 'down and dirty', lying flat on the ground with her elbows in the mud to picture the dogs at their own level, but the rest comes from her obvious love of the animals and immaculate photographic technique. After showing us these portraits Sue took us to the wider world of birds, insects and flowers. She showed us birds in flight, insects in almost microscopic detail (even to droplets of moisture trapped in their hairs) and flowers so close up that they become abstracts. Most of us have had a go at getting these sorts of pictures but few of us have her level of success. Fortunately she gave us lots of good advice - we shall all be coming home with mud-encrusted clothes.

Our photo topic this month was Black and White, following our workshop in March. Members brought along examples of monochrome images, explained how they were taken and invited comments. As usual there were lots of stimulating ideas and interesting photographs such as Andy Smith's picture from North Devon; the main problem, he said, was avoiding all the other photographers crowding around the wrecked boat!



Crow Point, Braunton
by Andy Smith

On Tuesday, 6th May, we shall have a workshop on taking the camera off automatic, then on 3rd June we shall be taking pictures in Leamington. Once again we were glad to see new faces at our meeting this month - more are always welcome. For further information see tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto or email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

Calling all Music Lovers – Fun Music Quiz – 23rd May

Come and pit your musical wits in our Fun Music Quiz on Friday 23rd May at 8pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. Local 'muso' Peter Baker has designed a Quiz to test our knowledge of music from all decades; 50s, 60s, 70s 80s, and types; blues, classical, pop, Tamla Motown, rock and roll – you name it, he's got it. The rounds will be a mix of sounds, pictures and written questions.

It'll be a fun evening, with a bar and light refreshments available to get us in the mood. Tickets are £12 per team of four, available from Nicky Lewis. Call 815196 or email nicolalewis@tiscali.co.uk with the name of your team to book your place.

Nicky Lewis

Yoga

Regretfully, due to dwindling numbers, the yoga sessions in Ladbroke will not be continuing. However I am still running my two classes in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 - 3pm and Wednesday evenings 7 - 9pm; please get in touch if you are interested in joining one of these classes.

Dianne Surgey, Tel 817904



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

April 2014

Planning continues to dominate proceedings at Parish Council Meetings - not surprising considering the wholesale removal of most planning legislation. Large scale developments are proposed south of Warwick and along Harbury Lane including a Traveller Site at the football ground; 200 houses to go on the Quarry lands and our District's preferred Local Plan housing sites: first Gaydon (3,000 units), second Long Marston (3,500), third Stoneythorpe/Southam (1,000), fourth dispersal to all settlements (no numbers indicated), 5th South East Stratford (2,750). The final decision will be made by Stratford District Councillors on 12th May.

Given all this pressure things were lively at the meeting. First up under Public Participation was the development of the Dovehouse Autos site where objectors spoke against the present proposal for three, two-storey houses.

The Secretary of the Harbury Society (me) quoted Village Design Statement guidelines claiming the houses were an ill designed overdevelopment which intruded into the Conservation Area. Ken Stephenson for the residents cited boundary issues, the height and bulk of the buildings; lack of up to date environmental survey; loss of parking spaces; and adverse impact on neighbours. Colin Sheasby explained the site's history and land ownership backed up by title deeds. He showed the planned houses did not respect the building line of modern development and were intrusive. In his professional opinion there was no room on the site for the trees shown and Mrs Cook's daughter said the trees would overshadow her mother's bungalow.

Richard Wright, the developer, explained the houses were less high and set back further than those recently dismissed at appeal and he had Land Registry documents showing his ownership.

Next the Traveller Site objectors had their say. Ken Stephenson praised the objection response from the Parish Council. Rob Darlison said petitioners were challenging Warwick's Local Plan and the three landowners of the site beyond Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads would not sell. As Eric Pickles has forbidden compulsory purchase, Warwick District Council could not use this to buy the football ground site against their wishes.

Then local residents expressed their opposition to removal of Planning Conditions designed to limit hours when the proposed Nursery play area (at the old Dog Inn) could be used. Margaret Blair said residents' enjoyment of their properties would be blighted by noise all day and into the evening in this densely built-up area.

Planning

The Parish Council objected to the shipping container and associated works at the Telephone Exchange off Mill Street on grounds of security and concerns about the narrow access to be used by articulated vehicles. They objected to the Harbury Lane Traveller Site which Warwick District Council had proposed. They finally agreed to object to the application to remove conditions on the time the play area at the Nursery could be used despite their Working Party recommending they made no representation.

They made no representation on alterations and extensions at 7 Ridgley Way (other than recommending that matching materials be used); on pruning work to yews and a group of conifers at Yew Trees, Bull Ring Farm Road; and finally, on the erection of three residential dwellings on Dovehouse Autos site. Their Working Party had recommended it for approval, praising it as good design, integrating well with the Conservation Area, using a derelict site and providing local market housing and additional parking space.

They approved of plans for 200 dwellings, an Extra Care Unit, Surgery, employment use and a “country park” on the Quarries site.

Harbury Parish Council formally resolved to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan and chose the whole parish as their Designated Area.

Stratford District Council had approved the demolition of a Victorian shed at Phoenix House, High Street; refused permission for the Deppers Bridge Solar Farm and passed plans for a single storey extension at 14 Hereburgh Way as Permitted Development.

Appeals - The Decision by the Secretary of State on the Knightcote Windfarm has been delayed until August. The appeal for the swimming pool link at Stapenhall Farm is to be by written representations.

There is a casual vacancy as Parish Councillor Jenny Patrick has retired.

Properties - The new zipwire for the Playing Fields has been ordered. Repairs to the section of the BMX Track dug up for reasons and by persons unknown will cost £500. Uncultivated allotments will be identified and plot holders warned of their obligations. Colin Sheasby, the Council’s arboriculturalist, offered blowers to clear debris from the car park so lines could be re-painted.

Trees – Councillors queried why the memorial tree for the playing fields had not been planted. Mr Sheasby said he had asked for the wording for the plaque which was to go on the English Oak plinth, but had received no instructions. He offered to replace trees on the mound at the Fiveways Junction for the Parish Council.

World War I - Councillor Hancock is seeking grants for the Council’s publication on men from Harbury who fought in the First World War. Together with the Chairman she is researching archives, war diaries and other material

and hopes to include details not only of the fallen recorded on the War Memorial but also the men who returned to the village after the War. This will take several years.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall** with “Nibbles and Nigel Chapman as the guest speaker”. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd May** at 7.30pm in the **Tom Hauley Room**.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

A formal application has been made to Stratford District Council for the whole parish to be the designated area for Harbury's Neighbourhood Plan. At their April meeting the NP working group looked at questions for residents and businesses that members had produced. It was also decided to have a stand at Harbury Carnival in June where maps and questions will be available as well as other information about the plan.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th May, 7.30pm at the Village Club where printed material will be examined/approved and arrangements for the Carnival finalised.

Residents are welcome to join us and offer their opinions.

Councillor Pat Summers
patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

We currently have a vacancy for a parish councillor following the retirement of Councillor Jenny Patrick after many years' service. If you are interested in joining the Council, we would like to hear from you.

The Parish Council is the grass roots of local government. We are best placed to listen to the concerns of local residents and understand the needs of the local community. Harbury PC has 10 councillors who are supported by the Parish Clerk. We provide some basic services such as maintenance of all the village greens and verges, the playing fields and play area, street lighting and the cemetery. We are consulted on all local planning applications and planning policy, traffic and highways issues, and also respond to wider consultations by central Government. We support local clubs and organisations including the Village Hall, the Library and the Tennis Club as well as many smaller groups. Our work is diverse and interesting. If you want to play an active role in your local community, this is the ideal opportunity.

No special qualifications are needed to become a councillor as we need people from all walks of life with a wide range of experiences. However, you must be able to attend the Parish Council meeting regularly on the fourth Thursday of each month and you will also need access to email

and the internet. Some basic training is available to new councillors followed by on-going subject specific training as required.

If you would like to find out more please contact the Clerk, Alison Biddle, on 01926 614646 or the Chairman, Tim Lockley, on 01926 614532 or speak to any of our current councillors. We look forward to hearing from you.

Harbury Parish Council



Councillor's Corner

District Cllr Bev Mann, Tel 01926 614006

Core Strategy

The latest consultation on the District Council's Core Strategy has just closed and the focus now shifts to analysing the responses and preparing an updated version of the overall strategy. The intention is to seek full Council endorsement for the Core Strategy in May. If this is achieved the document then has to be placed on deposit for six weeks to enable representation to be made on its overall soundness and legal requirements.

The consultation will run through June and July. In September the District Council will consider the representation Reg. 19 and will decide whether the Strategy can be submitted for independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate. If all goes smoothly the Council should be in a position to adopt its new Core Strategy by April 2015.

District Council Local Elections

Due to the timing of the European Election, the Local District Council Election will be held on Thursday 22nd May.

Final Recommendation from the Local Government Boundary Commission

The new electoral arrangements for Stratford District Council mean all 36 District Council Wards will be single member wards. In Harbury Ward there are 2721 electors. The Ward will include the villages of Harbury, Chesterton and Kingston, Lighthorne Heath, Warwick Services and the surrounding rural areas.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Since its foundation our Society has:

- Secured the designation of our two Conservation Areas in the village.
- Surveyed the village's important trees to provide them with the protection of Tree Preservation Orders.

- Produced a simple history of the village and a book of local footpath walks.
- Promoted and organised the production of our Village Design Statement and the research and community consultation for it and the Parish Review on which our Parish Plan is based.

The Society also seeks to educate and entertain our members about aspects of our village and its wider setting, history, landscape, buildings and personalities. Our recent highly successful talks on the Thornley Kelsey Brewery in Radford and Leamington's Percy Greatheed are examples of this.

However, recently the Society has objected to neighbouring Warwick District Council's choice of the site, west of the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads as one of its preferred options for a Gypsy and Traveller Site. We were concerned about the proximity to the very dangerous junction and potential flooding of the site, but our main concern was for its impact on the views from Chesterton Windmill.

We also objected to the development of part of the former Dog Inn car park for a large house. However the whole application was passed and the housing plot was immediately put up for sale at £250,000, which shows just what increases in land value planning permission can confer.

More recently we have objected to the latest plans for development at Dovehouse Autos site because of its adverse impact on our Conservation Area.

We made these objections, not because we are opposed to developments as such, but because we want any developments to be beneficial, provide what our village needs and respect our history, heritage and landscape. We were happy to support the Hereburgh Way Estate which was well designed and also provides homes for local people.

Once the weather warms up we like to get out into the countryside, so on the morning of **Saturday 17th May** we have organised a guided walk from Claverdon.

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p>Jeanne Beaumont</p>
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It was lovely to arrive at our meeting in broad daylight and a warm evening it was too.

A Carnival meeting was held at Dorothy's on 28th March where several suggestions were discussed. Another one is taking place very soon.

Arrangements were discussed for the Group Meeting on 7th May, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Our speaker even commented how well organised we were and it even inspired her to get baking.

Pam Parton gave details of our trip to Sudbury Hall on 30th July, leaving the Village Hall at 9am prompt. Can members please pay by the next meeting.

Our speaker for the evening was Lady Marie Stubbs, a retired headmistress who was responsible for the turnaround of St George's School in London. This school, apart from poor results, had a low morale amongst teachers and staff. Spending 17 months there, the changes were remarkable and the school has gone from strength to strength. Several celebrities were invited to meet the children including Lord Hailsham (who was charming), as well as many sporting celebrities.

She has written a book called "Ahead of the Class" and a film followed the success, with Julie Walters playing the lead.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th May at 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room – Resolutions.



Harbury Theatre Group

Emily Fowler

Over the last few months, Harbury Theatre Group and HTG Juniors have been busy rehearsing, preparing for the performances which are taking place in the Village Hall on the 15th, 16th and 17th May.

The first half will be the debut performance from our brand new group - HTG Juniors. They are a talented, enthusiastic group of 27 children, aged between 7 and 10, who have worked incredibly hard to learn songs, dance routines and lines in a very short amount of time to perform 'The Blank Pages' - an original piece written by HTG Juniors. It promises to be a truly wonderful show, full of imagination and creativity.

After the interval, there 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 performance starts at 7.30pm, with the Saturday matinee starting at 2.30pm. Doors will open at 7pm and 2pm for the matinee; refreshments and bar will be available. Tickets are available from Mugleston's and Cana, or from Ali (612029). Special ticket prices this spring are £6 and £4 for concessions.

The Group is very grateful for the support we have received from Harbury people for past productions and we very much hope our loyal audience will enjoy these plays.



Folk Club

Peter McDonald

Curiously, there were fewer people than usual – both performers and audience – at the 353rd Folk Club on 3rd April. Perhaps it was the murky evening with high pollution levels that caused people to stay at home. Anyway, they missed another evening of quality musical entertainment in the comfortable surroundings of the Village Club. We still had 17 singers and musicians to entertain us, either as soloists or in various combinations. The theme for the evening was 'Precious' and that word was inevitably interpreted in many different ways. Life, love, companionship and the planet featured strongly.

The biggest group (by far) to take to the stage was the 12-strong Folk Club Choir who sang Neil Young's 'After the Goldrush' then gave their first performance of a Robbie Burns song, 'Ca' the Yowes', where the precious commodity was sheep. The next biggest collection of performers was the phenomenon known as 'Five Daft Dames and a Piano'. Their performance of Les Barker's 'Tesco Clubcard' (loosely based on Julie Andrews' singing of 'Lonely Goatherd') about the loss of a precious piece of plastic was amazing although the step-ladder and the 'yeti' rather stole the show.

More conventional performances came from the duos (Janny and Maureen, Ted and Sue and the Harvesters) and the soloists (Rik, Des, Sue Harris, Keith Donnelly and me). Mind you, "conventional" is not really the right word to describe Keith's zany contributions; his second number was a medley of funny song extracts he'd written for Jasper Carrot. Rik sang two songs by the late Rod Felton as a tribute to the local singer who passed away recently. Ian and Sue finished the evening with the lovely 'Who will watch the Homeplace?' – a gentle song but ripe for harmonies from the appreciative audience.

The charity raffle raised a terrific £61 for Cancer Research UK. By the time you read this, the May Folk Club will be in the past so we'll be looking forward to 5th June when the hosts will be Steve and Maureen. As always, the whole evening's entertainment is free, anyone can have a go at singing, reciting or playing and you can be sure of a warm welcome at the Village Club, whether you're a member of the audience or a performer.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

The rain couldn't prevent the Tennis and Netball Clubs officially opening the recently refurbished and upgraded facilities on 27th March. The £20,000 project comprised the resurfacing of one of the three courts and installing a new, upgraded perimeter fence around the Clubs' three floodlit courts

and Clubhouse. Costs were met jointly by the Clubs and the Parish Council through the longstanding sinking fund. Colin Mercer (Tennis Club Chairman), Beccy McDaid (Netball Club Head Coach) and Tim Lockley (Parish Council Chairman) are pictured cutting the ribbon.

We had planned to have some mini tennis demonstrations on the same evening but unfortunately the torrential rain put paid to that! However, we did



take the opportunity to present medals to Thomas Cumberbatch, Stephen Harthill, and Samuel Groom who have represented the Club in the Warwickshire Under 8s Mini Red league. Todd Duffy has also played but wasn't able to attend the presentation.

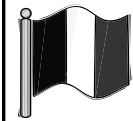
We had our AGM in April and there were no surprises or significant issues with the committee being re-elected. That's Colin Mercer (Chairman), Mary Thompson

(Secretary), Paul Crowton (Treasurer), Caroline Morland, Sue Mercer, and Peter Walshe. In addition, Steve Fitzgerald volunteered to fill one of the committee vacancies. Immediately after the AGM we ran our traditional "cheque book" tournament to open the new season and everyone enjoyed some excellent tennis. Caroline Morland and Robert Stockdale, Josh Marshall and Keith Thompson won their respective groups and semi-finals and in a closely contested final Rob and Caroline just edged it to win the first tournament of the season.



Harbury are competing in Division 5 of the Banbury Summer league and the first fixture was at home against Byfield D. The team comprised Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Karin Young, Steve Fitzgerald, Robert Stockdale and Colin Mercer. There were some keenly fought rubbers and eventually the visitors proved to be too strong although the winning margin of 7-2 was somewhat harsh on Harbury!

The Club's Junior Coaching programme for the Summer Term has started with sessions on Mondays (Mini Red, Mini Orange and Junior Tennis) and Fridays (Mini Red Improvers and Junior Tennis including a Girls only session). The programme is being run by tennissolutions, for more details contact Lucy Stephenson at admin@tennissolutions.co.uk.



Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

Our Skittles Evening at the Navigation Inn, Wootton Wawen, had a 'cheese' theme. Appropriately, the winning team were called *Roquefort*. The highest individual scorer was Alan Guy. But maybe the stand-out performance came from Julie Linforth in the "killer". No fewer than three times Julie had one sole skittle to aim at, and each time she took it out. Sadly Julie's not in our picture.



Our annual Quiz Night at Harbury Village Club was keenly contested by 15 teams. Chief Inquisitor Peter Rollason led us through some very challenging questions, set by our clever Secretary Sally Stringer. Congratulations to the winning team 'M and Ms' (Masons and McBrides).

By the time you read this, we shall (hopefully) have travelled to Samois by bike or by more sensible means, for our annual visit. 32 adults and 6 young people will be accommodated with French families, many of us renewing long-standing links and some of us about to start new friendships. We also have an entertaining programme of joint activities in prospect.

If you're wondering whether this might be your kind of thing, please note that you don't have to be able speak French. Our Samois friends are very friendly, and we like to think that we are, too! Have a chat with one of us – or anyone you recognise in the picture – and we'll make you very welcome.

Next up, the ever-popular cheese-and-paté baguettes stall at Carnival.

See you there?

**Andrew Patrick 614359 andrewpharbury@gmail.com
Sally Stringer 613214 sal47@hotmail.co.uk**



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Many thanks to everyone for their continued support for Harbury Toddler Group; it is much appreciated.

I would like also to take the opportunity to thank our brilliant volunteers Emma and Paul who make the sessions feel seamless.

We are always keen to hear the views of those attending and from those that have checked us out and perhaps decided it wasn't for them. Any suggestions or comments please do say as we want to continue to improve our practice.



Tumble Tots was a great success, children had good fun crawling through tunnels, balancing on number circles and sliding up and down.

Don't forget, if you want to recycle any toys your children have outgrown, do keep us in mind.

Planting seeds, making mobiles and a visit from Rhythm Time coming to a Toddler Group near you very soon.

We look forward to welcoming mums, dads, grandparents, childminders, carers and children under five. We open our doors every Monday at 9.30am and finish at 11.15am.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

With Easter coming late this year, we were only at Pre-School for two weeks of April before the holidays, but, nevertheless, the children managed to fit lots of activities into the short time available.



Role Play Hospital: At the beginning of April, we turned the role play area into a hospital, complete with beds, doctors' and nurses' uniforms and equipment. Staff and children became willing patients for those acting as doctors and nurses and legs and arms were bandaged, ears examined (Gael was found to have a snake in hers!) and stethoscopes used to check hearts.

Mark making and pre-writing: The children were keen to explore the new wooden letters and magnetic numbers, which, in turn, inspired lots of

mark-making on large and small whiteboards, notebooks and paper. Shaving foam was introduced as another medium in which to make marks, and large paper was used for group mark-making and Write Dance activities. Outside they used hoops, bean bags and balls to help strengthen their muscles, and clipboards and pens, blackboard and chalks to practise the smaller movements, thus encouraging the children to develop their hand skills.

What are pre-writing skills? Hand skills refer to the strength and the dexterity (how well we can handle small objects) in our hands. Both depend on how we use the small muscles of our hands. Children will also need to develop the muscles in their forearm and upper body to provide the strength and stability that will allow them to use their hands to manipulate and control writing instruments.



Write Dance is an exciting and innovative programme which uses music and movement to introduce handwriting to children through large motor movements, gradually reducing in size as the children's muscles develop more strength. Write Dance movements are designed to help children feel happy and comfortable with their bodies, improving their motor skills and providing a strong foundation for writing.



The Easter Story: We were very pleased to welcome the Reverend Annie, who came to tell us about the Easter story, and read the children a story about 3 trees. We all finished by sharing pieces of chocolate from an Easter egg. Thank you Annie.

Easter Nests: Working in small groups, the children crumbled shredded wheat, then broke squares of chocolate into a bowl and watched as it melted over hot water, before mixing the two together and pressing them into paper cases to make nests. They were especially delighted when they were able to choose chocolate eggs to put in them. We understand that some nests even made it home!



If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07907 598461 or look at the website: www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff

In Nursery

The children have been learning about spring and have been doing lots of activities involving Easter including rabbit puppets and Easter cards. They were treated to a visit by Reverend Annie and Gill Guilford who read them a story and told them about the origin of the Easter egg. They've also had visits from some furry friends including a new born lamb and Flumps the baby rabbit. In French the children have had two different tasting sessions sampling fruit and vegetables and different French patisserie. The term ended with an Easter party and Easter egg hunt.

Church Visit

Rev Annie told the children the story of "The Three Trees" and the origin of Easter eggs with eggs signifying a sign of new life. They were also told some interesting facts about chocolate eggs including the fact that around 80 million eggs are sold in the UK each year and that the largest egg ever made was 8 metres tall.



Ruby – "I am going to be a big sister. My mummy is having a baby."

Jack – "The church people brought a chocolate egg and they smashed it on the floor and it was empty and we ate it."

Visit by a New Born Lamb

Thank you to Richard at Hill Farm, Ufton for allowing the 2½ week old lamb to visit nursery and for Becky Lines for bringing him in.

Luke – “Aw! Lamb. It a baby!. It very little! A black nose. He got tummy. Bye, Bye lamb. Now wash hands now.”

Charlotte – “A lamb, very soft, his feet are very strawy. They’re hooves. He doesn’t have feathers – he’s got wool.”

Jasper – “He won’t bite!”

Alfie – “Charlie (*his brother*) has baby milk and I have big milk too! Just like the baby lamb.”

Amber – “What his name? The lamb? It can be Cheeky – his name.”

Evan – “I like this lamb, he’s very cute and soft.”

Jack – “He’s left his mummy and daddy at the field on the farm. He’s dirty, but he doesn’t go in the shower or the bath, you need a hose! I think his name can be Lovey. He’s beautiful.”



Easter Party with Flumps the Rabbit

Thank you to Mrs Wilson for bringing in her baby rabbit.

Mikey – “The rabbit came at nursery. Her name was a ‘F’. She was white and pink eyes. She walked all around the room. At the party there was lights. They moved in the room. They went around the room. We played musical statues.”

Alfie – “We haved a hold of the rabbit and it came at the party. It was soft. I had a sweet. I had to dance.”

Luke – “Rabbit! I jump! Like this! Look! A big jump!”

Dates for the Diary

Pamper Evening – Friday 6th June 7.30pm-10pm in Harbury Village Hall.

Family Race Night – Saturday 21st June 7pm in Harbury Village Hall.

Bag2School Clothing Collection – Wednesday 2nd July.

To contact Windmills Nursery ring the administrator on 01926 613084, email info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our website www.windmillsnursery.co.uk or call the nursery mobile on 07906 519148.



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

PTA Summer Term Events

Well, Easter has gone and summer is on its way bringing a busy term for the PTA. There are several events planned starting with the Carnival on **Saturday 14th June**. The children will be taking part in the Walking Tableau. The theme is yet to be decided but please put the date in your diary.

The next day, **Sunday 15th June** is Father's day and the annual Beer Walk. The route is set by Mr. Chapman and involves stops at the Harbury pubs for the adults to drink beer and children to collect stickers, with a beer-stop run by the PTA at Chesterton Church. Registration is at school between 11.30 and 12.30pm with a cost of £4 for adults and £2 for children. Please come and find the PTA beer-stop and enjoy a locally brewed beer or soft drink and a snack. There will be rolls, crisps and sweets available and the route will be open from 11.30am-3pm Why not treat dad or even granddad?

That same evening at the Old New Inn sees the start of the family BBQ at 5pm - fancy a burger or hot dog amongst other parents, while your children play happily together? You don't have to attend the Beer Walk to be able to go to the BBQ but if you do what a great way to end the day!

The annual Summer Fayre will be held at the school on **Saturday 12th July** 12-3pm. As usual there will be several stalls and games for everyone to enjoy with regular entertainment. More details to follow next edition.

Many thanks to everyone that attended the recent coffee morning and wine tasting evening. Each event raised approximately £200 for the school!

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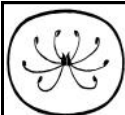
Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

'Another day, another dollar' – well not exactly, more like another month and more pounds into the Village Hall funds, as a result of the continued efforts of the Chairman to keep improving the facilities for the benefit of all in the community.

Last month, he managed to have a grant of £8,781.60p from Stratford confirmed, which will be spent on a projector, a sound system and new lighting, as well as improved shelving for the store room. The Theatre Group has been delighted to hear the news about the 'lighting lanterns and the improved sound system, which will provide exciting backing for a future production', and they have generously agreed to fund the shortfall based on a quote from Central Theatre Supplies, so that all the items in the bid can be purchased in their entirety.

The last film, 'Saving Mr Banks' was well supported and CANA Wines gave a donation to Village Hall funds based on the sales of wine and soft drinks during the evening – the film supporters know how to enjoy themselves and keep refreshed whilst enjoying their fish and chip supper! CANA's generosity is always appreciated and there are now more tumblers added to our general stock, as the Crown Inn offered to replace some of the glassware, which went 'walkabout' over recent months. Many thanks to all who support the Hall in various ways – it all helps!



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Another good attendance for our April meeting when Roger Umpelby paid a third visit and his talk was entitled all Bugs Bright and Beautiful. As a professional entomologist and horticulturist of many years his knowledge and excellent pictures kept us enthralled. Nothing at all creepy or scary!!!

Bugs were represented by a frog hopper which is probably better known for depositing cuckoo spit. Its bright colours of orange and red are a warning to other predators so it will not be eaten. We learnt that shield bugs are plant feeders. A very bright yellow spider was shown - this again is camouflage. We moved on to mayflies and dragonflies. Mayflies only live for one day. The larva survives in water for a year before it emerges in May. The dragonflies and damsel flies are much bigger and we saw some stunning pictures of all colours with diaphanous wings; what a spectacular sight they are and more common now in our gardens in Summer. The damsel flies shown were blue and red. The blue ones had long tails with a green body. There was a banded

variety and one with fan shaped wings. To see them at very close quarters was a revelation.

Beetles were the next creatures we saw. All kinds of chafer beetles in all colours and sizes. An asparagus beetle which, yes, does like asparagus!!!! Beetles of course settle in logs so it is a good idea to keep a log pile as a place of safety for them. The dreaded lily beetle only feeds on lilies, these are best picked off the plants and squashed.

Ladybirds are a lovely friend to have in your gardens as they Hoover up all of those aphids. There are a wide variety ranging from 2 spot to 7 spot to 14 spot. We learned an interesting fact from Roger that they are not nice to eat so as they say; do not try this at home!!! They over-winter in clusters and when the weather warms up they soon appear, I have quite a few in my garden and there are many more at the allotments.

We saw hover flies, saw flies and wasps and hornets. These too are very welcome in our gardens, particularly the wasps as they will eat the larva of the lily beetle. Then we saw many types of moth, far too many to mention but again the diversity of colours and sizes was quite amazing. Lastly we saw butterflies. What not to like about these lovely creatures who bring us colour throughout the Spring, Summer and Autumn. There are 58 species of butterfly in the UK and some of these are making a welcome come back from almost being extinct. The more common ones such as tortoiseshell, red admiral and peacock were shown alongside lots of blues and yellows. When you think that these fragile things travel from as far away as Africa, it is truly wonderful. A lot of the common ones over-winter in our sheds or similar places of safety. It is not possible to fully describe the colours and the patience and enthusiasm of the photographer were much in evidence. After a lively question and answer session we had to let Roger enjoy his refreshments. I am sure that I will be able to persuade him back again.

A quick mention again about our two trips. The first on Wednesday 11th June to a lovely National Trust property, Dudmaston Estate near Bridgnorth then onto a nearby Arboretum, Bodenham for a short guided tour by the owner, then time to explore. Cost is £22. The second is on Wednesday 16th July for an all day trip to the famous Sir Harold Hillier gardens near Romsey. These gardens are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the creation of its Centenary Border this year. There is so much to see and enjoy and a vast collection of plants, trees and shrubs. The cost for this is £23. Both trips leave the Village Hall at 9.00am and I have places left so if you would like to come on either trip or both please give me a ring; it will be lovely to see some new faces.

The RHS Spring Festival is on at the Malvern showground from 8th to 11th May, for more details you can contact 0845 260 5000 or look at the website www.rhs.org.uk. It is a fabulous setting and a lovely day out. Here you can buy plants from specialist nurseries and there are many places to eat. There is a Spring vegetable Weekend at Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland on

17th and 18th May. This is not too far to go and you can see Geoff Hamilton's wonderful gardens too. For more details contact 01572 813200.

At Kingston Bagpuize House, Abingdon there will be a rare plant Fair on 25th May, for more details contact 01865 820259. This house has a fantastic garden and only just over an hour away.

Earlsdon in Coventry, CV5 6FS, is having an open gardens day on Monday 5th May, from 11.30am to 4.00pm and the admission is £3.50. There are a variety of gardens open from town gardens, small and formal gardens to mature gardens. For more information on all of the gardens open, look at www.ngs.org.uk. Also open under the NGS are the gardens at Broad Marston and Pebworth, on Sunday 25th and Monday 26th May from 2.00 to 6.00pm and the admission is £6. Two lovely villages with modern, old and thatched properties. This year there are new gardens to see, including the village school where the pupils have developed a garden.

As the weather warms up there is much to do in our gardens and allotments with the results of our labours to enjoy throughout the coming months. Whatever you do just enjoy our beautiful countryside and any garden visits that you make. I look forward to welcoming everyone at the last meeting of the season on 6th May. Helen Picton from Old Court Nurseries at Colwell, near Malvern will be making a first visit to us. They have a national collection of asters and her topic is called Daisy Days. She will be bringing plants to sell as well. See you there.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Is this everyone's favourite time of year? Gardens are fresh and green, there is the anticipation of harvesting fruit and vegetables later in the year and it is a joy to be outside getting fresh air while tending your plot. There is always a sense of trying to get ahead with some of the tasks in order to be able to sit and enjoy the results later in the year. So there is lots to be done before you can sit outside in the evenings with your Pimms!

- You should be able to put any tender plants out towards the end of the month when risk of frost is unlikely. So, plant up hanging baskets and containers with bedding plants.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs such as *Spirea arguta* and flowering currant when flowering has finished.
- Apply rose fertilizer to all your roses, they really do respond well and it can help reduce black spot.
- Plant out dahlias.

- Remove forget-me-nots after flowering otherwise you will have too many next year.
- Protect strawberries with netting to keep the birds from getting your fruit.
- Plant out tomatoes and courgettes towards the end of the month.
- Sow sweet corn, carrots, French beans, peas.
- As always, keep up with the weeding.

Some of the hardy geraniums will be starting to flower now, there are so many to choose from and there are some which flower continuously from May to October; they are one of the best plants for all gardens. Lastly, visit other gardens for ideas and some relaxation.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

On Monday 8th April it rained in the afternoon as I was gardening. Later the sky cleared and the clouds at sunset had a pink tinge heralding a finer day to follow. Sure enough, Tuesday was sunny and we drove to Chedworth to meet our daughter and three of our grandchildren. It was the beginning of their Easter holiday which was a week earlier than our local schools. After a good look at the mosaics of the Roman villa and a picnic, we took a walk through the woods and along the track of the disused Cirencester to Cheltenham Railway. A cutting through the oolitic limestone yielded abundant fossil shells. Bluebells were coming into flower and with a good number of lesser celandine, primroses, violets and wood anemones it was quite a show. Young larch foliage was the lightest of greens. Jane noticed a plant that I had missed pushing through the leaf litter and bare earth of a bank. Its flowers were ivory white and it had no leaves. I took a photograph in order to identify it at home. Consulting my copy of Richard Mabey's encyclopaedic 'Flora Britannica' our 'find' proved to be Toothwort (*Lathraea squamaria*), a member of the Broomrape family. It is a ghostly parasitic plant totally lacking in chlorophyll. It grows on the roots of trees and in Chedworth Woods it was living on Hazel. The wax-white stems are fringed with fleshy scales and the seed capsules, which form later, are even more tooth like. Its alternative name is corpse-flower as in country areas it was thought to grow from buried bodies.

In last month's article, I mentioned a strange corrugated cocoon with grubs that Alan and Betty Barr gave me for identification. When I visited Stan Finch,

he leafed through one of his reference books and came up with the answer. It was the cocoon of the Bee-Moth (*Aphomia socialis*). As its name suggests this moth and its larvae prey on bee colonies and can cause significant damage.

On 14th April, my U3A Natural History Group met at Hampton Wood Nature Reserve. We saw plentiful wood anemones, primrose, and early bluebells. Three swans in echelon flew towards the River Avon. Pear and blackthorn were blooming, blackbirds were singing and we were shown a mistle thrush nest on an ivy clad branch. Male Brimstone, Peacock and Orange Tip butterflies were on the wing. On my way home, I stopped for a picnic at Sherbourne and saw my first swallows of the year in the farmyard.

Rooks are nesting in the trees overhanging the Fosseyway, south of Harwoods House and along Hambridge Road beyond Holmes House.

In glorious spring weather, Sharon and I joined Hereburgh Morris for their annual Good Friday walk. It took place in the hill country just over the Oxfordshire border at the back of Edgehill. The starting point was the village of Shenington with its lovely green and the highly recommended Bell Inn. The underlying rock is Jurassic Limestone and the stone cottages, many thatched, are an orange brown in colour akin to the stone at Fenny Compton. The walk, ably led by Peter McDonald, took us to Epwell with its Millennium sundial. Push a stick into the slot to read off the time against the shadow. Buzzards were wheeling high in the sky towards Banbury as we came down to Alkerton with its delightful Brook Cottage garden. This used to be open to the public under its previous ownership. Nevertheless, as a public footpath traverses the garden we had a good viewing. A stream and pond lent more interest. The stream later becomes Sor Brook and flows through Broughton to join the Cherwell close to Aynho.

Now is the time to take a walk along the unofficial path on the south side of Ufton Woods and search for the early Purple Orchid. It's there but vastly outnumbered by a sea of bluebells.



General Section

Harbury NSPCC Committee

Our next Ladies Lunch is on Thursday 8th May in the Tom Hauley Room. Starting time is **12.30pm** and tickets cost **£12.50 for food only or £15** which includes a glass of wine.

Monica from Clarins in the House of Fraser shop in Leamington Spa is coming along to give us a talk on beauty products and make-up.

If you are interested in joining us please ring Elaine Bruce on 614664 to book at ticket.

Elaine Bruce



Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Group needs Treasurer Help

Would you or anyone you know like to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award Group by taking on the role of Treasurer currently held by Kath Sampson? The job entails overseeing our finances [average 3-4 hours per month] with busier periods when we enrol new members each September and during the expedition season. If you could help, Kathy would be delighted to hear from you to explain the role more fully [01926 612116]. You would enable Kath to concentrate on her Silver group and you would be helping over forty young people every year to achieve great things.

Nick Tawney

Warwickshire Young Voices – Calling all Young Singers!

Warwickshire Young Voices is looking for young singers to join our County Community Choirs - due to further expansion of our activities by popular demand.

WYV offer places for all boys and girls from the school term in which they turn seven, until sixteen - with no audition or previous experience necessary.

As an established choir, WYV has over 7 years of providing a high quality music, vocal and choral education to more than 2000 local youngsters. We offer a fun, challenging and dynamic musical environment as well as high profile performance opportunities throughout Warwickshire and beyond. WYV is run by a team of highly trained and experienced singing teachers, under the direction of award-winning composer and music educator David Iles.

We offer all new members two free trial sessions to come along and try it out – usual subscription fees are £45 per 10 week term, with a 50% sibling discount available. Sessions are held on Monday evenings 6.30-7.30pm at Dale Street Methodist Hall, Leamington or Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm at Harbury Primary School.

For more information about the WYV County Community Choirs, to register your interest for a place, or for information about our other activities including Make Me Musical piano lessons, activities for younger children or individual singing lessons please visit our website at www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org.uk or phone 01926 810179.

Helen Iles
Assistant Director



Harbury Art Group

We held a lovely social painting morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 3rd April with nine keen painters practising their skills in watercolour and acrylic with the theme 'Reflections'. Of course there was

plenty of tea, biscuits and chat alongside the painting and some nice results were achieved. At these informal sessions you paint in whatever medium you choose, and you bring your own materials and subject material – most people work from photographs. The cost is just £5 each, to cover the room hire.

On Thursday 1st May we will welcome back tutor Nick Baldwin who will be demonstrating painting with Acrylics. He has promised us that the subject we are going to paint will suit those who like 'detail' work, and also those who prefer a 'looser' style. These tutored sessions cost £15 per person and start at 10am, finishing at about 3pm.

We are a small, friendly group with a mixed level of abilities, and new members are always very welcome to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of the month. If you would like more information about either the tutor-led workshops or social painting mornings, please contact Pam on 01926 814923 or email harburyart@hotmail.com.

Pam McConnell



Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group



Sponsored Easter Bunny Hop

The children took part in a sponsored Easter Bunny Hop during the Easter Holidays and raised over £238. Thank you to all friends and family for the sponsorship money that we raised. The weather was great so we spent a lovely morning in the sunshine.

Upcoming events:

BBQ at the Harbury Carnival - Saturday 14th June

Bags to School Textile Collection - 17th 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.

80's Disco - Friday 11th 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 for more information.

Rosemary Scott


Windmills

Nursery School

Windmills Fundraising Group

Thank you to everyone who collected clothes for the last Bag2School collection which should have raised £180 for Windmills Nursery. We hope you can support our other forthcoming events during the summer term:

Pamper Evening - Friday 6th June 7.30pm – by popular demand there will be another Pamper Evening this time in the larger venue of the Village Hall including a variety of treatments such as threading, manicures, massages, facials, reflexology, Reiki and an array of gift and product stalls for you to enjoy. Advance tickets are £3.50 (on door £4) from 613084. All tickets include light nibbles and a glass of Pimms. Bar and raffle available on the night.

Family Race Night - Saturday 21st June 7pm – fun for all the family with a race night in the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm with the first race at 7.30pm. Entry is £3 (children free). Bar by Cana and a raffle during the evening. More details to follow in the next issue.

Bag2School - Wednesday 2nd July – this will be our last Bag2School collection so please support us by collecting any unwanted clothes, shoes, soft toys, handbags, belts etc. They can be dropped off at 10 Constance Drive or phone 613084 to arrange collection.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers - Windmills Nursery would welcome any unwanted vouchers from anyone who shops at Sainsburys. They can be dropped into nursery or put through the door at 10 Constance Drive. Thank you.

From Windmills Fundraising Group

Plan your Gear, Carnival is Nearly Here! - Harbury Carnival Saturday 14th June

Carnival is only a few weeks away

It's May already and that means time to get ready.

Please buy your **raffle tickets** from volunteers who will be knocking on doors – remember the proceeds go to local charities and organisations.

We look forward to seeing you with your local organisation, pub, street or friends and see what ideas you have come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession. Here is a reminder of the list of categories for the **Parade**: (*NOTE: Parade assembles in Sutcliffe Drive, judging at 12.15pm*) 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.

The **programme** includes the famous Dog Show, the cheerleaders 'Flippin' Flyers, Debbie Ellis Storyteller Tent, Jean Champ's School of Dance and the stirring Shirley Pipe Band. In the Village Hall, to help your refreshments go down, there will be the Theatre Group Children's Entertainment and Singers.

There will also be ice cream, hot dogs, an inflatable, roundabouts, and lots of fun for all at the many stalls with their games and wares.

There may just be time to book a **stall/pitch** on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 and, if you have any questions about the Carnival, please feel free to call John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.

And **raffle prizes** to Haidee Powell on 612044 please.

Carnival King Joe and Queen Lucy



Interviewed specially for the Harbury News, the newly crowned Carnival King and Queen said:

'My name is Joe and I am 11 years old. I have lived in Harbury for all of my life except for the last 6 months, but I will be moving back to Harbury in a few short weeks with my mum, dad and older sister Phoebe. One of my biggest hobbies is football, I play for Harbury Juniors Football Club and

we're playing pretty well this season. However I also enjoy reading, art and technology.'

'My name is Lucy. I live on a farm just outside Bishops Itchington; we have cows, sheep and chickens. I am 10 years old and I have two sisters, Ellie-Mae is 16 and Georgie is 14, both of my sisters go to Southam College. My hobbies are hanging out with my friends, shopping and playing netball. I am very proud to be Carnival Queen because both of my aunts were, so you could say it runs in the family!

Make sure you cheer them into the Carnival.'

Don't forget the **Games Week** and the **Wheelbarrow Race** – Mike McBride is your contact on 612421 (see separate article).

We are also on **Facebook** (search for 'Harbury Carnival')

Peter Walshe
On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Wheelbarrow Race and Carnival Games- Sunday 8th – 12th June

Get your Barrows in good shape!

As we are probably the only Carnival in the world with a Wheelbarrow Race, you can take part on Sunday 8th June, scheduled to start at the Gamecock this year. You will need to complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms will be available in May from the pubs and Mike McBride on 612421.



And **Pub Games Week** follows:

Monday 9th Aunt Sally – The Shakespeare

Tuesday 10th Horseshoes – The Crown

Wednesday 11th Skittles – The Old New Inn

Thursday 12th Quiz – The Village Club

Teams of four for each event, with a maximum of 12 altogether across the week (entry £1 per person). For a simple explanation, or to enter, contact Mike McBride!

We are also on **Facebook** (search for Harbury Carnival').

Peter Walshe,
On behalf of the Carnival Committee



Harbury Village Show

Yes, the show **will** go on – in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th September. Early birds can pick up a schedule from the Library where the definitive guide book “On with the Show” can be referenced. I have heard a whisper that our “Knitwits” are planning an impressive entry!

A reminder for when you start your jam making. It is vital to use new lids even when recycling your jars. If you would like me to source some from Lakeland, give me a ring.

There will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 7th June to raise money for the show expenses. Any support, especially cakes and raffle prizes would be most acceptable.

And happy growing – it really is good weather for it.

Gillian Hare
614809

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We had our AGM in April and are sorry to report that Sue Exton, after being on the committee for many years, decided to resign. We will miss her extensive knowledge of the village, sense of humour and the amount of work she did at our events. We are sure that you will join us in passing on all our best wishes to her and to thank her for all the support she has given over the years.

The invitations for the Summer Outing to Southsea will have been delivered by the time you read this. Please return them to Mugleston's Country Fayre by Friday 16th May. We have had a few questions about whether we will be stopping on the way back. Yes we will.

We are aware that some people who are eligible do not wish to receive any invitations from our organisation. If you would like to be removed from our distribution list, please let us know and we will honour your request.

If you have any queries please call Julie Clarke on 612066 or Mike McBride on 612421.

We have received some items for our tombola stall at the Carnival. Thank you for those. If you feel able to support us, any further donations will be welcome and much appreciated.

**Mike McBride,
Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



Biblio's 2nd Birthday!

Where has the time gone? Our second birthday is this month, and we are delighted that Biblio's has become a regular and firm favourite for so many locals and visitors. It gives us a real buzz to know that we are providing you with something you appreciate. There is bound to be a birthday-like cake under the domes in the middle of May, plus of course plenty of other great baking from our wonderful home-bakers.

Suggestion Box

Biblio's is very much a community resource, and we want you to feel you can easily share your ideas, inspirations and feedback. So we have a new suggestion box for you to leave us your thoughts. We promise to read all your comments and wherever possible implement your ideas.

Volunteers always welcome

There is a core team of volunteers in the café who have dedicated their time to sustaining Biblio's since it first opened, and we have been lucky enough to have new people join us along the way. Our premise is that if there are a lot of people each doing a little, then more can be achieved for longer.

Maintaining Biblio's for the community also means the Library remains viable as all our proceeds finance the Library and overheads. This is only achievable if people keep volunteering to work in the café. We've not had to close for lack of a full team yet, but we have been up against the wire at times.

We welcome new interns (Year 10 and above) looking to gain work experience, and any adults who want to offer a few hours a month, have skills to offer or want to learn new ones or regain confidence, make new friends, or even fancy being a barista (coffee brewer)! If you would like to know how your time contribution could help and like the idea of a customer-facing role and joining a friendly team, please do get in touch on 614707 or email lynnbiblioscafe@gmail.com or leave your contact details with the café team. Thank you!

Lynn Macwhinnie



Bumps and Bundles and Tots Too

During April we welcomed Rosie who was just a few days old and she spent the morning sleeping, while her parents Kelly and Will enjoyed a rest over a cuppa.

The session before Easter was busy with Nikki and Chris making cornflake cakes while Helen was busy doing craft work with the little ones, a real busy morning and great fun was had by all.

If you have a bump or a child up to about three years, do come along and join us. We meet every Tuesday in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the Church) from 10.30 till 12pm; a great opportunity to meet new people and you will be made very welcome.



From all at Bumps

Memories of the Dog Inn

Back in the 1950s and 60s when Charlie and Neeta Shields were landlord and landlady of the Dog Inn, it was owned by Ansell's brewery and was a very typical "Ansell's Public House". It was a very busy drinking pub even though no food was ever served, and most Saturday nights there was a good old sing along in the large back room which was always packed full with customers.

Being friends with the landlord's family, one thing I recall was on a Sunday lunchtime during the summer Charlie would call time at 2.00pm. He would

clear the premises and lock up at 2.15 when friends and family would retire to the garden to relax for the afternoon.

Where the car park is now (and fast disappearing) there was a large, beautiful and well kept garden, complete with an artificial stream with a bridge over it leading to a summer house. Afternoon tea would be served from the summerhouse which was well equipped for this purpose.



The photograph here is of one such occasion taken in 1960. (Note the wall which still remains in the background). Those in the photo are left to right: Gerry Parker, Rex Wheatley, Judy Shields (now Kitchenner), Charlie Shields (landlord), Eve Pointon, Joan Wheatley (Neeta's sister), Neeta Shields (landlady) and Sheila Parker.

Gerry Parker



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 6th May and Tuesday 3rd June from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month. Local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience. Featured at the moment is a magnificent collection of windmills and artwork created by the children of the school.

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School, and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time! Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

This month we thought the article below would be relevant, as we head towards the centenary of the start of World War I.

Harbury remembered by a 12 year old (circa 1914) (Mrs Evelyn Lane, née Bloxham)

In August 1914 War broke out. We had a foretaste of it when the Army came on manoeuvres to Bunkers Hill. I remember well how the horses were tethered - in long lines and tents for the soldiers the same. The Army was not mechanised in those days. Trainloads of soldiers, horses, and guns would go by rail. We would go down to the Three Arch to see them go. I also saw a convoy going by road, soldiers walking and horses pulling the gun batteries; it

stretched from the Harbury turn to Bascote Heath, to the bottom of Ufton Hill. Can you imagine hundreds of soldiers, horses and gun carriages? After the war had been on for a bit, Army men would come round and commandeer horses leaving the farmers or carriers to struggle on as best they could. I don't remember about rationing, I think we in the country must have been alright as our fathers grew in the garden and the allotments all the vegetables we needed, plus keeping pigs and chickens. There was make do and mend but there was that anyway.

You gradually came to realise there was a war on when you started missing people you were used to seeing. On enquiring, you were told they had gone to war or on munitions. There was sadness too when some of them didn't come back.

We children helped out by collecting blackberries; we went out with large baskets which we filled, then we took them to school from where they were dispatched for making into jam for the soldiers.

We noticed that the railings around the tombs in the churchyard were being taken away and in fact any iron railings anywhere were removed and sent for making munitions.

There weren't any bombs dropped on Harbury, but a Zeppelin dropped a bomb on Whitley Common, Coventry.

Nigel Chapman

Big Carp bonanza at Bishops Bowl Lakes

Recently there have been a record number of big carp caught from Greenhill Lake and Mitre Pool at Bishops Bowl Fishery. Michael Duggan led the pack with a catch of a 30lb 8oz mirror from peg 2 on Greenhill. Then Tom Green had his UK personal best from the island at 30lb 2oz (common), and Nathan Crowther (pictured) who took the trip up from Weymouth caught this 27lb 10oz mirror from peg 3. Nathan said, 'This is the reason why I travel three and a half hours up to Warwickshire'. In the last few weeks Greenhill Lake has produced 15 different carp over 20lbs.



Shaun Smart



Hope 14

Planning has begun for events to be held in Harbury as part of the nationwide week of HOPE in September. Arrangements are being made for a Tom Hauley lunch with a bit of a twist, an Ikon evening with a difference, the visit of some unusual friends, a special tea party in a special place and an unusual menu, one evening of God and chips. More details to follow.

Rosemary Eld

News from Banana Moon Nursery

We wanted to get back in touch, to keep everyone up to speed on progress with the nursery. We are pleased to say that we are still on course to open in July. Significant work has been undertaken inside the building during the winter months. We now have our dedicated room for babies, twos and pre-school constructed, as well as the sleep room and kitchen. In addition, the rotten roof and flooring have been replaced, the asbestos removed and all of the electrics brought up to regulation standard. Having now completed the archaeological dig, focus will shift to the outside area over the next few weeks.

We have also been busy recruiting and have confirmed the appointment of Tracy Woolridge as Manager, and Dannii Smith as Deputy Manager. Tracy and Dannii have 17 and 12 years' experience in childcare respectively, and have been recruited based on not just their exemplary track-record in providing excellent and loving childcare, but also their desire to offer this care within a small, community-centric environment.

As soon as the site is safe, we will be inviting people to come in and have a good look round. Thank you for your patience as the work is being carried out, and thank you also for the many kind messages of support and enquiries we continue to receive.

If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Lucy Nealon - 07810 643645
lucy@bananamoon-harbury.co.uk

Harbury Energy Initiative

The Renewable Heat Initiative for domestic houses was launched by the Government on 9th April. This is an incentive scheme to sit alongside the Feed in Tariff (FiT), an encouragement to us all to install non-fossil fuel space and water heating systems to our houses.

Galvanised by the opportunity to prise some money out of Osborne's treasure chest, I followed a tangled trail to the Ofgem site to register our solar hot

water panel, installed in 2010. After cutting a path through the jungle of links, I found that I wasn't the first to arrive. By the time I got there the strain of people actually applying was already telling and the batteries on Ofgem's computer had faded. In addition, it had already suffered some lapses in memory and was, so the site told us, temporarily unable to match some essential information needed by us all for registration. I found out quite a lot about what I **might** get, more tantalising still. Over Easter someone must have been despatched to buy a couple of new AA batteries for the computer, because the site is now working. Maybe also some hypnotherapy might be arranged to recover the lost memory.

The RHI payments cover any new installation of water or space heating that uses renewables. That means solar hot water panels, ground source, water source and air source heat pumps, and biomass boilers. The payment rate varies according to the technology, with solar hot water receiving 19.2p per kWh generated down to 7.2p for air source heat pumps. Payments are quarterly and continue for 7 years. The aim is to stimulate homeowners to install these systems by making them more affordable but, if you have already installed them, you may still be, as we are, able to apply. It is quite likely that the next batch of 'we've noticed from our records that you haven't yet installed...' nuisance calls will be about this. Don't be put off but don't accept the first price that you are quoted. Have a look in the meantime at www.ofgem.gov.uk and find the Domestic RHI pages. Or contact me, if you prefer. These systems can all be financed under the Green Deal as well.

No scheme for the Wight School building which houses our library can be expected to run smoothly, it seems. I say this from grinding experience. Our plans for insulating the library ceiling proved just such another jinxed effort with complications multiplying as we progressed, or tried to. It all became too costly. To our delight, however, E.ON has allowed us to transfer funding to the Rugby Club, where we plan to save them about £340 a year by part funding the insulation of the clubhouse cavity walls and roof. We are now in a rush to get it done before the bid expires but, so far, the evil fairy hasn't followed us there.

In his constant search for technological innovation our steering group member Ted Dowdeswell has recently bought an electrically assisted bike. Cycling purists may disdain such sacrilegious new-fangled gadgetry but I've been on it and it goes effortlessly - and is fun. Ted is generously offering anyone interested a chance to try it out. Call him on 07836 320483 if you want a go. You can probably get to Southam and back before he notices.



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

Important Changes to the Community Links Service

From Monday 7th April 2014 the Community Links service will operate on a zoned basis. Users from different parts of Stratford District will be able to use the service on specific days of the week. Many long-term users will remember that this was the basis of the service when it first started.

Residents of the **Stratford-upon-Avon Zone**, including Stratford Town, Tiddington and Alveston, will be able to use the service every weekday.

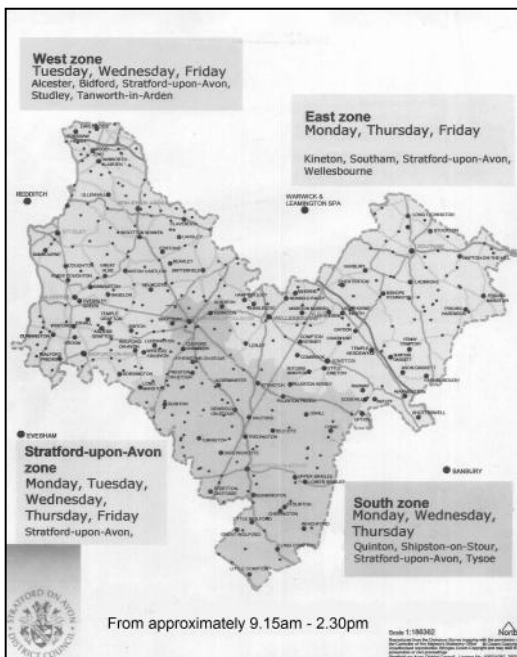
Residents of the **West Zone**, including Alcester, Bidford, Studley and Tanworth-in-Arden will be able to use the service on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Residents of the **South Zone**, including Quinton, Shipston-on-Stour and Tysoe, will be able to use the service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Residents of the **East Zone**, including Kineton, Southam and Wellesbourne, will be able to use the service on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (**this is our zone**).

The map shows the zones and the villages within them.

Further changes will be happening when the Community Links service is replaced by a new transport scheme after Monday 2nd June 2014. More details will be released about this shortly.



For any queries about the zones and days and the new transport scheme please contact Community Links on 01789 264491.

Charles Barlow
Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon District

Ufton Village Fete

Ufton Village Church Fete is to be held on Saturday 7th June, 2.00 – 4pm at the White Hart. There will be a children's fancy dress competition with 'flower power' theme. Bric-a-brac stall, raffle, cakes, plants etc. All welcome.

Gillian Ingham



Reminder of our Annual Fun Ride and Horse Blessing at Chesterton Church, CV35 9LG

Sunday 18th May 2014, start time 2.00pm registration from 1pm.
Optional Blessing and jumps available weather permitting.

Shorter and longer routes for mixed abilities. On the day £12.00, pre-booked £10.00, post to 15 Hillside, Harbury CV33 9EU. Contact Jo Spurr on 01926 614431 or Lynne Smith 07759 454195.

Jo Spurr



Offchurch Open Gardens – 28th / 29th June, 2.00pm – 6.00pm

We would like to invite you to the above event - come and enjoy a stroll round a number of gardens in our lovely village. We also have lots of other attractions, including: tea and cakes; musical entertainment; craft exhibition; plant stall; second-hand book stall; children's treasure hunt / games; croquet demonstration; display of vintage cars and much more!

The entrance fee is £5.00 for adults with children under 16, FREE. There is also free car parking.

Offchurch Open Gardens will coincide with the start of Warwickshire Open Studios fortnight, with local artists displaying their work in St Gregory's Church.

So, you can see, there is something for everyone – do hope you can make it. We look forward to seeing you.

Liz Varnish

Southam College Community Education Courses

Southam College Community Education centre offers a varied programme of courses, both daytime and evening, in Southam and the surrounding villages. Our Summer term starts Tuesday 6th May, 2014. The programme is on the college website - go to www.southamcollege.com and follow the community education link from the homepage or under the 'About Us' tab. Like Southam College on Facebook for updates and links to Community Education.

Leaflets are also available from local libraries, shops and the Leisure Centre. For further information about any of the above, please contact us on 01926 810942 or email commed.s@welearn365.com

Sue Hawthorn

National Garden Scheme

Since 1927, one of the great pleasures of the British spring and summer has been to visit lovingly tended, privately-owned gardens in bloom and bud, whether formal gardens in country estates, the more intimate village cottage garden, small, carefully cultivated back plots or lush suburban gardens. All of which are opened under the banner of the National Gardens Scheme charity.

There is a double benefit to visiting NGS gardens:- time spent happily in beautifully tranquil settings that are the pride and joy of their owners (followed by the option of tea with scrumptious home-baked cakes), but also the knowledge that the entrance fee paid by each visitor contributes to the outstanding work of such charities as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices, Carers Trust and Parkinson's UK.

In total, the NGS has donated over £14 million to Macmillan Cancer Support and over £6 million to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Bridge Nursery, Napton, Near Southam. Open: for NGS Saturday 5th April to Sunday 14th September incl. (10am to 4.00pm).

To find out more, please visit the website: www.ngs.org.uk

Lily Farrah
Publicity / Warwickshire



In the UK we throw away 13 billion “five a day” portions from our homes every year and £111 million worth of rice and pasta. Part of keeping fit and well is to eat a balanced and healthy diet. However, research shows that the food we buy generally doesn't match official recommendations on the types and amounts of food which we need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Even after bringing all our shopping home, we end up throwing away the very foods we should be eating the most of – fruit, vegetables and wholegrain carbs.

Eating healthily doesn't have to be expensive. In fact, the average family could save up to £60 a month by only buying what we need and using what we buy. Love Food Hate Waste has some top tips to help us waste less, save money and feel great:

- Planning our meals so that we buy the right amounts of food and making a shopping list and sticking to it means that we don't end up buying lots of food that will go off before we get round to eating it. Lovefoodhatewaste.com has some free handy meal plans including recipes to get you started.

- Whilst many of us like having a large fruit bowl on display, the fridge is actually the ideal place to store most of your fruit where it lasts up to two weeks longer (except bananas and pineapples which should be kept cool but not refrigerated). Vegetables also last longer in the fridge especially if it's stored in the packaging it was purchased in (except potatoes and onions, they're better off in a cool dark place).
- Lovefoodhatewaste.com has a portion calculator to help you cook just the right amount of food.
- If potatoes are going a bit green and sprouty, give them a good peel, cook, mash and freeze for later.
- Green leafy vegetables and salads can be refreshed by popping them into a bowl of cold water with added ice cubes for 30 minutes.
- Broccoli – trim a little off the stalk and place the broccoli in glass of water in the fridge and it will revive overnight.
- Watercress, spinach and rocket – if you don't get through the bag of salad in time, try chopping and stirring it into mash, pasta or popping it onto a pizza during the last few minutes in the oven.
- Too much rice or pasta? Freeze it in portions for use later, and when you do reheat it, make sure it is piping hot.

For more free hints, tips and recipes visit www.lovefoodhatwaste.com and if you have a tip, recipe or idea to share do tell us via Twitter @LFHW_UK or Facebook under Love Food Hate Waste Community.

**Seona Shuttleworth
WRAP**



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the cards, presents, love and support for our new baby daughter Rosie May, who was born on 26th March, and for her big brother Henry. We feel very lucky to live in such a friendly village.



Love,

Kelly , William, Henry and Rosie Jones

Dear Editors

Our thanks to everyone who supported our Air Ambulance coffee morning on Easter Saturday in the Tom Hauley room. You all made this event such a success that we have been able to send a cheque for £365 from the proceeds, to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Once again thank you all.

Air Ambulance Support Group

Dear Editors

Thank you to all the wonderful people of Harbury who contributed in so many ways to the success of the wedding of my daughter Katie Shepherd to Captain James Stein on Easter Saturday 19th April 2014. In particular, the bridal flowers and arrangements in Chesterton Church by Mary Muggleston of Country Fayre were simply beautiful, the cake construction by Anne and Caroline Greenwell was amazing and the erection of the wedding posts by Sue and Jim Ward was truly impressive! I know lots of others contributed and I would like to thank every one of you.



Photo by Richard Pratt

Pam Shepherd

Dear Editors

Harbury W.I. would like to say a big thank you to the village for supporting our coffee morning on Saturday 15th March at the Tom Hauley Room.

We raised a total of £250 which will be a great boost to our speaker programme for next year.

Harbury W.I. Committee

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

Regular Diary Dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 6's/7's – Year 1 & 2 (Mixed)

Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459 232

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 8's – Year 3 (Mixed)

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 9's – Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 01926 612617

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury Park

Under 10's – Year 5 (Mixed)

Coach: Bob Church Tel: 01926 614366

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 11's – Year 6 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 13's – Year 7 & 8 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12 noon – 3.30pm, Tues & Thurs – 9.00am, - 3.30pm, Wed & Fri – 9.00am – 1.30pm

(07939 122087) enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

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

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

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

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

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498 (evenings).

Bingo every Friday 8.30pm - non members welcome.

HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TENNIS CLUB:

Adult / Student Members Playing Times:

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

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

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

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

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

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W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612710)

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

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YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Tuesday 1.30 - 3.00pm and Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00pm. Dianne Surgey (817904)

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



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	10.30am	Sung Communion
3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	"Saints Alive" All-age Service without Communion (40 minutes maximum)
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
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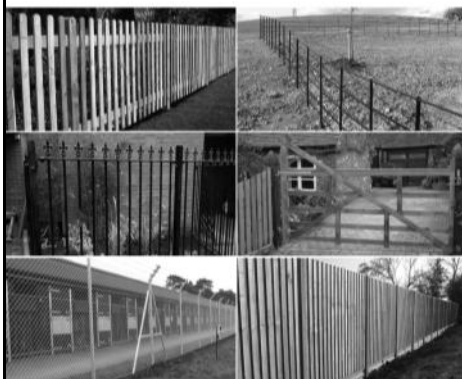
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Tues	Studio 1	Prima Ballerinas 3-4yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Pre-Syllabus Ballet 5-6yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Pre-Primary Ballet 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Primary Ballet 8-9yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm	GCSE Dance 6.45pm - 8.45pm
	Studio 2		Boys Street Dance 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Grade 1 Tap 10-11yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Grade 2 Tap 11yrs+ 6.00pm - 6.45pm	Adult Tap 6.45pm - 7.45pm
Weds		Boogie & Bounce 2yrs+ 1.30pm - 2.30pm		Ballroom & Latin (all ages) 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Grade 4 Ballet 15 yrs+ 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Adult Ballet (no exp req) 7.00pm - 8.00pm
						Adult Ballroom & Latin (no exp or part req) 8.00pm - 9.00pm
Thurs	Zumba Over 50's 10.00am - 11.00am	Funky Dance 3-6yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Gymnastics (all ages) 4.30pm - 5.00pm	Grade 1 Ballet 10-11yrs 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Funky / Modern 7-10yrs 5.45pm - 6.30pm	Grade 2 Ballet 11-13yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm
						Grade 1 Modern 11yrs+ 7.15pm - 8.00pm
						Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 8.00pm - 8.45pm
Fri	Mini Movers 0-5yrs 10.00am - 11.00am		Little Tappers 3-5yrs 4.45pm - 5.15pm	Pre-Primary Tap 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm	Primary Tap 8-10yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm	
Sat	Musical Theatre 4-8yrs 9.00am - 10.30am	Musical Theatre 9yrs+ 10.30am - 12.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 4.00pm - 4.45pm	Grade 4 Modern 13yrs+ 4.45pm - 5.30pm	Grade 5 Ballet 16yrs+ 5.30pm - 6.30pm	

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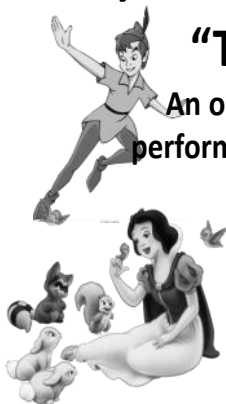
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