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Editorial

This year the Harbury News celebrates its 40th birthday - the magazine became the Harbury & Ladbroke News in 1982 when the Parishes came together under one Rector. A party to celebrate this milestone was recently held and this brought together some of the founders of the magazine, along with those who have been associated with the News over the years.

Amongst those present representing the early years of the magazine, were John and Anne Moore, Christopher Macgowan and Marian Millington. John and Anne were instrumental in establishing the magazine back in 1974.



John & Anne Moore together with Christopher Macgowan after cutting the celebration cake.



The present day production, editing and distribution of the magazine needs to rely on a mixture of all age groups in order to ensure its continuation. In the coming years the running of the magazine will have to be passed on to the next generation. As a start we would like to recruit two new editors and if you are interested, please give John Holden a call on 612155. The commitment is around two hours, usually on the last Friday evening of the month.

This month's edition has news of many coming events including a 'supper with a magician' on the 8th November in Ladbroke Village Hall. Then the Theatre Group's autumn production has two plays running between the 26th and 30th November. The adults are performing 'All Balls and Ashes' with the juniors' production being 'When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney'.

The Energy Group are submitting a bid to fund two electric cars to be based in Harbury as a car sharing club. We would like to encourage villagers to complete the on line survey, details appear in the HEI article.

As in previous years, the News will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual Christmas Cards; please submit these to the magazine by Thursday 27th November.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School
- Sun 2 **IV BEFORE ADVENT – TRINITY XX**
 Holy Communion Service with the Bishop of Warwick, 9.00am
 Little Saints' Service, followed by food & refreshments, 10.30am
 All Souls' Service to remember those we love but see no longer, 6.00pm
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 3 Pilates & Wellbeing, 7.00pm Village Hall
- Tues 4 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
 Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
 Heritage Room open from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at School
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Harbury's Neighbourhood Plan meeting, 7.30pm in Harbury Village Club
 Horticultural Society, 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room - Bredon Hill throughout the Year
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall car park, Radford Semele to Harbury (4 miles)
 Holy Communion, 2.00pm
 Mothers' Union AGM, 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
 Art Group Workshop, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club, 8.00pm at Village Club
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tom Hauley Room
 Village Bonfire on Recreation Grounds, bonfire lit at 6.00pm, fireworks at 6.30pm
- Sun 9 **III BEFORE ADVENT - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Remembrance Service, 10.15am
 Act of Remembrance, 11.00am at War Memorial
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 10 Pilates & Wellbeing, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Tues 11 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
 Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall car park, Lapworth to Packwood (3 miles)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Thurs 13 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – General Meeting
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Embrace ME
Craft Fayre, 10.00am-4.00pm in Village Hall
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Belle' doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm
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- Sun 16 II BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
"Saints' Alive" Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 17 Pilates & Wellbeing, 7.00pm Village Hall
- Tues 18 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall car park, Kenilworth Castle (4 miles)
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 21 Coffee Morning, 10am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room for Medecins Sans Frontieres
Twining AGM, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens
- Sun 23 CHRIST THE KING - SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**
8.00am, Holy Communion
Sung Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 24 Pilates & Wellbeing, 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 25 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Harbury Society "In The Madhouse" talk, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall car park, Leek Wootton (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Theatre Group presents "All Balls & Ashes", 7.30pm Village Hall
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK
Harbury Theatre Group presents "All Balls & Ashes", 7.30pm, Village Hall

- Thurs 29 Parish Council, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 28 Harbury Youth Theatre Group presents "When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney", 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Cricket Club
Harbury Youth Theatre Group presents "When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney", 2.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury Theatre Group presents "All Balls & Ashes", 7.30pm Village Hall
- Sun 30 ST ANDREW - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
Advent Carol Service, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
Harbury Youth Theatre Group presents "When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney", 11.00am in Village Hall
Tollgate Turkey Farm, Open Day 11.00am-3.00pm,
Bishops Tachbrook B4100
Vintage Fair Afternoon Tea, 1.00-4.00pm at the Graham Adams Centre, Southam

DECEMBER

- Tues 2 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Heritage Room open from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 3 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall car park,
Wellesbourne Water Mill – Walton Hall (3 miles)
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm – "Craft for Christmas"
Horticultural Society Festive Fun, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
November	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	5	6	7	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	12	13	14	Grey Bin
	19	20	21	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	26	27	28	Grey Bin
Dec	3	4	5	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	10	11	12	Grey Bin
	17	18	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins



From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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Every man and woman remembered

Over 1 million Commonwealth Service men and women were killed during the First World War. The losses were felt in almost every town and village in the UK and throughout what was then the British Empire.

I discovered a wonderful website a few weeks ago called 'Every man Remembered'. The British Legion has been working in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and would like to see each and every man and woman individually commemorated throughout the WW1 centenary years. This is an opportunity for all of us to be part of a great collective act of Remembrance.

The inspiration for the website came from a 14 yr old girl who contacted the British Legion following a battlefield tour of France and Belgium with her local scout group. She said to the Legion; "I know that not everyone can be remembered as individuals, but I felt it was a shame for some people to have dozens of poppies and crosses while others had no one left to remember them."

The basic idea is to log onto the site and put in your surname and the database will find the names of those who have fallen. You can then choose the people you wish to remember. You will be given a brief description of the person, where they live, the regiment they served in and where and when they died. You can also place a poppy on the site as an act of personal commemoration.

Even though this initiative is entitled 'Every Man Remembered', it also incorporates every woman remembered, as there are over 800 women on record who died in the First World War.

I personally have found this very moving. I discovered a young man called Thomas Grocock from Leicester who at only nineteen years of age died in Belgium only a couple of months after the war began. I placed a poppy and said a prayer thanking God for him. I have thought about Thomas a lot over the last few weeks.

I would commend this website and initiative to you. For me it has drawn me closer to the tragic events that unfolded a hundred years ago and has enabled me to ponder it all in a much deeper way. It will surely do the same for you.

God bless.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

11th October Fabio Andre Correia Simoes and Charlotte Emily Coleman

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

19th October Isobel Daisy Ward



From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

Well, as usual there has been plenty happening since we last wrote. On Saturday 11th October we held the Harvest Supper at the Village Hall, when just over 70 villagers turned out for a 'bring and share' event. We raised a fantastic £200 for the Farming Community Network, a charity with a Christian ethos that supports the farming community in times of trouble whether business or personal. Thanks to our entertainers – Rumble-Os, all those who donated raffle prizes and all those who worked to make it a very enjoyable evening.

Our Harvest theme continued with Saints Alive on Sunday 19th October when we welcomed the children from the Harbury C of E Primary School who presented pictures, readings and prayers for the Harvest Thanksgiving service. Thanks to everyone for the generous donations of produce which were passed onto Castel Froma. As part of the service we also commissioned and officially welcomed our new Head Teacher, Kate Guymer. We wish her every success in her new role and look forward to working closely with her and the school.

And last but not least, we also say a very warm welcome to our student in training – Claire McArthur, who joins us for a placement until the end of the year whilst undertaking her theological studies at Queen's College, Birmingham. With Annie and Ann Mulley also part of the clergy team, 'girl power' has well and truly arrived at All Saints!

We are pleased to say that HOPE 14 – the outreach week held in September – was a great success with many varied and entertaining events being held in the Diocese and Harbury in particular. If you attended any of those events and would like to explore the Christian faith further, then in the first instance please contact John (614206) or Elaine (813654) and we can talk to you about the many and diverse services at All Saints, and other opportunities to be involved with church life.

And finally – don't forget our special Remembrance Service that will be held on 9th November (please note that the service starts at 10.15am) or our next Saints Alive (all age informal service) to be held on 16th November 10.30am when we will be exploring 'The Uncommitted'.



Mothers' Union

Sue Field

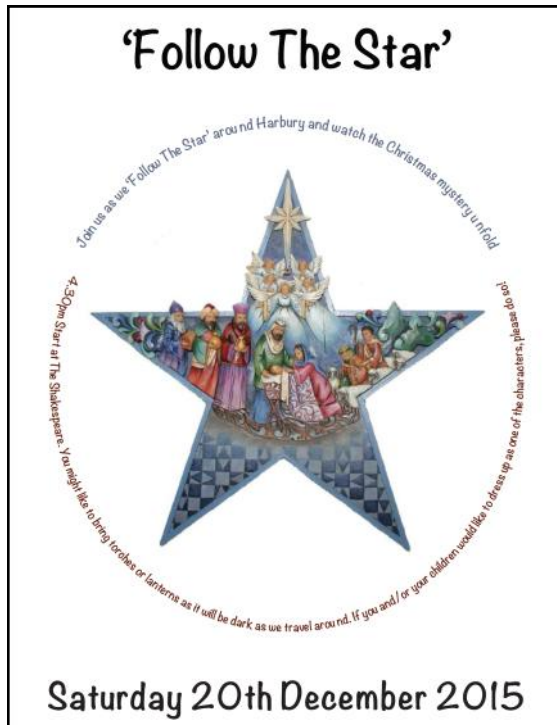
At our October meeting, following a Communion Service by Reverend Craig Grocock, we caught up with news and notices.

Marian Millington talked about the Harbury Plan and we were updated with information regarding various schemes which may affect the village.

"What did you do when you grew up?" was our theme and members talked about their lives and experiences. It was very interesting, giving glimpses of the diverse jobs and training, showing how chances and opportunities can shape future lives.

Because of time limitations we could only hear from a few Mothers' Union members but secretarial anecdotes, nursery teaching and management, post lady, shop assistant, music teaching and office work made us all think about our own working lives. I shall certainly be interested to hear more from other members at a future date.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 5th November 2014 in the Tom Hauley Room at 2pm. Do come along, all are welcome.



Ladbroke News & Diary

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

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Millennium Green Working Party, 10.00am (to be confirmed, phone 810331 to check)
Bonfire & Fireworks, 6.30pm, Farmyard Field
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 2 **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 5 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 8 Ladbroke Photography Club exhibition at John Turner
Festival, 10am - 5pm, Southam College
Magic Supper, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 9 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Remembrance Service, 3.00pm
- Wed 12 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 13 Home Group, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees, School Lane
- Sat 15 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
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- Sun 16 **2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Mon 17 Ladbroke Matters AGM, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Wed 19 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sat 22 Whist Drive 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 23 **CHRIST THE KING**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 26 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
Home Group, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees, School Lane
- Thurs 27 **ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK**
WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 29 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 30 **ADVENT I**
Holy Communion (spoken service), 9.00am

DECEMBER

- Tues 2 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 3 Table Tennis, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Fri 5 Christmas Film night (meal plus film: Sunshine on Leith),
7.00pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

Situated in a small village with a number of farmers in the congregation, Ladbroke Church is a good place to celebrate Harvest. The church looked beautiful thanks to the skill of the flower arrangers and it was lovely to see some recycling, with the orange bows from Robin and Laura's wedding reappearing among the dahlias around the pulpit! The food given at our Harvest Festival Service was enthusiastically received by the kitchen staff at Castel Froma who send their thanks. (Castel Froma is a specialist care centre that helps people disabled by brain injury to live a fuller life. The centre at Leamington Spa provides day, respite and residential care and rehabilitation for 70 people every year, see www.castelfroma.org.uk). Although autumn is a season of mellow fruitfulness, cooler weather and the nights drawing in, those who came to our superb harvest lunch after the service at the Old Rectory would have been forgiven for thinking it was still summer. We were able to enjoy drinks in the garden in warm sunshine and a number of people decamped from the carefully set tables inside to the patio, to eat their lunch. Many thanks to David and Jane for hosting the event and everyone who helped make it so successful, especially those who set it all up and the cooks for the scrumptious food.



This month our patronal festival, All Saints, will be special as Bishop John of Warwick is joining us for our service on the 2nd of November. We are also looking forward to the Magic Supper on Saturday 8th (see separate article later in the Ladbroke General Section) and Ladbroke's Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November at 3pm.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

12th October

Henrietta (Hettie) Kendall and Dewi Walsh



Flower Rota

1st November

Margaret Clarke

8th, 15th, 22nd November

Sue Moore



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Jackie West

Our meeting on 23rd October started with news of forthcoming events:

- the WI evening at Hatton (10% discount) is on Friday 5th December
- the area's carol service at Napton on Monday 8th December, tickets for this will be available at our November meeting
- our December meeting, date to be confirmed, will be a games evening with darts, indoor curling (minus the brushes unless members bring their own!) etc and "bring a plate" food

and Sue Moore reported that she "had a lovely afternoon" representing us at the handover of the centenary baton from Warwickshire to Northamptonshire WIs at the Leicester Hospital.

It was then on to the formal annual meeting with the financial report confirming that there was a small increase in funds over the year, our secretary recapping the meetings and events during the past 12 months and outgoing president Sue Moore thanking Rachel for being our treasurer, a role she will continue for a few more weeks until her imminent move to west Wales, Janet for being a most reliable secretary and also retiring committee members Pam, Collette and Julia. The members of the new committee were confirmed as: Dianne Surgey (president), Lesley Jeffries, Susan Moore, Rachel Tomson, Jenny Barrett, Sue Lord, Joan Perry, Kerry Lucas, Mandy Boyce and Heather Brooks.

The business concluded, the remainder of the evening was spent chatting over cheese and wine. Our next meeting is on Thursday 27th November when Mr and Mrs Higginbottom will show us "God's Wonderful World".



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Richard and Nathalie Crompton spent a year in China and both are keen photographers. Shanghai, where they were based, offers spectacular urban scenery with tall buildings that provide dramatic shots from below and also view points from which to photograph the city from above (as long as the smog does not obscure the view completely). Their pictures took us to city

streets, temples, parks, markets and even restaurants - how do you order your favourite meal in a Chinese restaurant in China when you don't speak the language? You take pictures on your phone of the dishes you like, then show the images to the waiter.

There were also memorable scenes from outside the city. They showed us an enormous golden statue of the laughing Buddha, so huge that people were no bigger than his big toe. We saw the dramatic scenery in Guilin as they floated on bamboo rafts along the river through the karst landscape where the mountains rise up like children's drawings and where there are still fishermen who use cormorants to catch fish.



They also showed us the Terracotta Army and the Great Wall; we may have seen their images before but Richard and Nathalie's personal perspective brought them to life. They gave us an excellent presentation and we were glad to welcome some new visitors to the club.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th November with a competition on the theme of Seasons and photo topic

on weather so there will be plenty to talk about! We welcome visitors to our meetings which are in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. For more information please see tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto or email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk. On Saturday 8th November the club will have a small exhibition of photos at the John Turner Festival at Southam College.



Ladbroke Matters

Jackie West

In October we had a fund raising Quiz Night which was a close run competition between the 10 tables won by the L&Ms team. Scores were particularly high for the picture round during the interval showing just how well the participants knew Warwickshire's landmarks. Thanks to all the organisers, especially David for being our quizmaster, Carol for keeping a tally of the scores and organising the refreshments and Gray and Kip on the bar.

Our next fund raiser will be the Christmas Film Night on Friday 5th December, full details are in the Ladbroke General Section.

Does that mean that the Ladbroke Matters Team are putting their feet up during November? By no means! As well as all the regular tasks to keep the Village Hall and Millennium Green fit for purpose, weather permitting a working party will be tidying up the green on Saturday 1st November and the AGMs of both charities will be on Monday 17th November. By the time you read this it will probably be too late to volunteer to join the working party, pruning shrubs, weeding etc., though there is always the next one in spring. However there is plenty of time to consider coming along to the Village Hall at 8pm on the 17th November and showing your support for Ladbroke Matters Team. If you have some time and enthusiasm to share with the team they would also welcome volunteers to join them in maintenance tasks and organising events to raise funds for the Village Hall and Millennium Green, either on a regular basis as a member of the team or on a one-off basis.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£50	Tim Kelly	£50	John Lowman
£25	Keith Tancock	£25	Alan Lord
£25	Avril Court	£10	Wild Indians
£10	Erica Cerri	£10	Carol and Peter Loftus
£10	Lara Kelly	£10	John and Jenny Barrett

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke General Section

Thatching Update

As I write this on 23rd October (deadline for this month's edition), the main coat of thatch on Church Cottage is being finalised and I'm looking forward to finding out about ridges in the coming weeks. So look out for part two of Thatching for Beginners in the December edition.

Jackie West





Magic Supper - Saturday 8th November

Ladbroke Church is holding a fund raising evening on Saturday 8th November in the Village Hall, doors open 7pm and the meal (casserole and puddings) starts at 7.30pm. The ladies of Ladbroke have proven time and again that they need no magic to create a delicious hot meal so Fletcher Ransberry, our magician for the night will be able to focus on his "walk around table" magic as we eat, before taking to the stage to amuse and entertain us with more tricks - fingers crossed one of them will make all the washing up disappear! Fletcher won the Coventry Schools' Young Entertainer of the year award in 2013 so it should be a great night. Tickets cost £15 and are available from Jackie, 01926 810331. There will be a raffle but no bar so please bring your own drink.

Jackie West

Ladbroke Christmas Film Night – Friday 5th December

Come and join us for our Christmas Film Night on Friday 5th December when we will be screening **Sunshine on Leith** in our usual convivial atmosphere. Tickets are £15 to include a glass of mulled wine/juice and two course hot meal. There will be no bar but please bring your own drinks. Ice creams available. Xmas raffle. Doors open 7pm, film screening 8pm. Tickets from Nicky Lewis 815196 or nicolalewis245@tiscali.co.uk by Wednesday 3rd December please.

Nicky Lewis



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

September 2014

Once again planning was at the forefront of the meeting. The Price Family Trust had applied to build a cottage and double garage across the frontage of the Paddock. The Parish Council had made no comment, ignoring the advice of Councillor Hancock that they should oppose the change from agricultural use. Stratford District Council then approved it and immediately the Trust applied to move the garage to the rear, put in a driveway and build another much bigger house behind the first.

Local residents were uncomprehending of the Parish attitude to this development, pointing out the remains of the Paddock and adjacent Spinney

were now at risk; traffic onto Hall Lane would increase and there was no community benefit. Mr Powell said neighbours weren't informed of the latest plans and questioned Councillors on the planning regime and process of consultation. Mr Wilkins said the plans were incorrect; he had an access along the western side of the Paddock.

Councillors expressed surprise at this latest application. The Chairman said the Trust's representative at a previous PC meeting had assured them development there would not be intensified. Pat Summers, Planning Working Party Chairman, said she didn't expect it and the first house would have been fine. She would talk to the Price's agent.

Sharon Hancock was scathing, pointing out Councillors should have objected to the first application; they let the principle of agricultural designation go and now it was very difficult to oppose the present plans. She was supported by Councillor Lewis. The Councillors decided to object to this application.

Stratford was consulting on the allocation of sites for development, and the Parish Council had until 2nd October to give its views, or sites could be imposed on the village. It was suggested the Parish response should be: development phased over the whole plan period which stretches to 2031; a Settlement Boundary to protect the East and West extremes of the village from spreading further; the 50 dwellings Harbury had to supply could be achieved on Bush Heath Lane. However, Councillors had already "accepted" that Village with a Vision would be located at the top of Bull Ring Farm Road. They did not want Allotment land developed but feared Pineham Farm was an obvious site for housing. As for business development – they limited themselves to supporting home working.

Pat Summers reported she was disappointed at the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and wanted village groups to provide feedback on it. Parish Councils with a NP get 25% of the Infrastructure Levy on developments for village improvements, without it they only get 15%.

Regarding the Gladman's proposal for a large development (85 houses) on the west side of Bush Heath Lane, Councillors thought they should undertake a "proper" community consultation and set out what community benefits were needed, reserving the right to object if they did not like the subsequent plans. Chairman Tim Lockley pointed out the PC had not engaged with Sheraton Leet over the Hillside plans which Stratford had approved and Harbury would "get nothing out of the development".

Some good news at last! The Library lease is ready for signing and the Library has paid £350 for a year's trial of Ancestry.com which is free to use on two of the computers (time may be limited if there is great demand for this). The School pool area has been paved over and is now a useable space. Our new beat police officer is Jamie Cowell. The Village Hall's application for grant aid for the final improvements will be assessed in November.

Councillors had safety concerns about a non-standard erection of a memorial in the Burial Grounds, insisting it must be done by a suitably qualified person who was properly insured. There were similar concerns about unauthorised pots and benches especially one which encroached onto neighbours' plots. They agreed to revisit the rules and amend them if necessary. The good news was that there appears to be land for burials for another ten years.

Allotment holders want a locked gate at South Parade on the footpath to the allotments and a turning circle at the top taking in an overgrown plot. Councillor Hancock said they should not drive up as it was only a right of way. Councillors did decide bees could be kept there and gave the Clerk authority to decide whether overgrown allotments were charged for in the first year.

Councillor Hancock reported the Prices' Paddock and Hall Lane walls were bowing outwards and were a threat to public safety and their tree in Church Street was blocking the light. Colin Sheasby, PC arborist, had inspected two infected horse chestnuts in Mill Street and one each on Bush Heath Road and Percival Drive. They were not dangerous - they only had leaf miner.

The PC is to look for grants to help fund replacing the safety surfaces under the swings and multi-play equipment on the playing fields which could cost £19K. The Sinking Fund will pay for the tennis courts to be cleaned; Deppers can have new swing seats. The bonfire can be held on the playing fields but there must be no rubbish left in the ditches; vehicles must avoid football pitches and drive slowly over the grass - without children hanging on the back!

There is still no resolution to flooding in the corner of the fields next to Constance Drive although Councillor Knowles thought it was caused by the sewer pipe for the new development dropping.

Next Meeting: November 27th November 7.30pm in the Farley Room, Village Hall.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on all local planning applications. In order to save time at the monthly Parish Council meeting, the Council has appointed a working party which meets on an ad hoc basis to preview the applications. This includes looking at hard copies of the plans in detail, occasional site visits and obtaining further information if required. At the next Parish Council meeting, the planning group will make a recommendation to the full Council based on its examination of the plans. The Council will take this into account when debating the application before agreeing its formal response to Stratford on Avon District Council. The planning group does not have the power to make any decisions and is not authorised to act on behalf of the Parish Council. Its sole purpose is to preview the plans and gather information to facilitate the Parish Council meeting.

Planning applications which require a response before the next scheduled Parish Council meeting are dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers after consultation with all members of the Council. When an application is judged to be contentious, a special Parish Council meeting is called so that the application can be considered by the full Council at a public meeting when members of the public will also have the opportunity to make their views known. While the Parish Council is consulted on all applications, the decision whether or not to grant planning permission is made by Stratford on Avon District Council as the local planning authority.

The Parish Council has hard copies of all planning applications which are available for inspection by members of the public at the Parish Council office during our normal opening hours of 9.00am to 12 noon Monday to Thursday.

Harbury Parish Council

Harbury's Neighbourhood Plan

To save us being inundated with unwanted housing development plans WE REALLY DO NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS with Harbury's Neighbourhood Plan, and the present "core" of 6-8 residents is not able to move forward as quickly as was hoped, as they are busy people with other commitments.

We need to apply for grants, read and digest the NP's of other parishes, consult with more local residents and begin putting our submission together.

If you feel you could help in any way please come to the next meeting on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Club.

**Councillor Pat Summers
Harbury Parish Council**

	<h2>Harbury Society</h2>	<p>Linda Ridgley</p>
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Our speaker for October, Roger Cragg, was like an express train, as he rattled through the growth of transport systems from the mid-18th Century onwards. Until 1750 the roads were poor, slow, and expensive and in winter often impassable and in our area river transport played little part as there were no major rivers. Coalbrookdale with its unique combination of limestone, coal and river transport to the north and south was the exception.

Once the Duke of Bridgewater's canal opened in 1760 there was such a burst of canal building in the Midlands that we quickly became the hub of the system. This network was incredibly successful financially with a monopoly on transport such that companies were paying dividends of 40% a year.

Mr Cragg illustrated his talk with photos, graphs and diagrams showing improvements which made existing canals quicker and more efficient with tunnels under the Dudley ridge, a canal reservoir at Edgbaston and vast cuttings to bypass flights of locks at Smethwick.

Industry, which was sited alongside the canals for ease of transport, boomed, but by the 1820s McAdam and Telford's improvements saw road transport become quicker and more popular. In 1830 the huge success of the Liverpool to Manchester Railway and the Rainhill Trials, which produced a viable locomotive, kick-started a railway boom and the Midlands were quick to see the advantages.

Again we became a hub with four railways converged on New Street Station, built by Stephenson who was also responsible for traffic to Curzon Street from Euston. Euston's arch was demolished but Curzon Street's iconic arch remains despite being threatened by British Rail in the 1960s. It will be HS2's terminus!

There followed a spate of links in the network; branches to serve more remote areas and to bypass others. This expansion continued into the 1900's when many canals were bought up by railway companies. Surprisingly in the Midlands this did not lead to the death of canals as they were used as interchanges from the factories (based alongside canals) to the railways.

Between 1760 and 1900 canal tonnage rose but fell after that. By the end of WWI with a flood of ex-army vehicles becoming available, 1¼ million tons of goods were transported by road, killing off most commercial canal traffic, leaving them to boom again with leisure activities. Rail tonnage too rose until 1910 but began to fall rapidly from 1940.

So came the age of the road with the focus mainly on passenger transport. Railways killed off coach travel but local bus services (at first horse-drawn) were competitive. Birmingham had horse omnibuses by 1834 but it was not until trams were introduced that there was real competition with rail. First there were steam trams with an extensive network in Birmingham by 1880. Trams were battery powered but by 1890 that was abandoned for cable hauled ones. In 1896 electric overhead wires were installed, but these trams ran in the middle of the road and held up traffic so the growing number of motorists hated them.

Tram routes started to be closed down in 1927 and in the 1930's motor and trolleybuses proliferated. The trams were finished by 1953. Coventry abandoned their trams for Daimler buses overnight after the 1940 bombing wrecked the infrastructure. The only trolley buses running now round here are in the Black Country Museum! Government is trying now to get the motorist onto public transport with new trams in Birmingham which run on their own tracks!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 25th November** 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room when a member of WCC Archives will give a talk on "**Life in the Madhouse**", the history of Warwick Central Hospital.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Whilst writing in last month's magazine about the Harbury Village Show I forgot to congratulate Gillian Hare for coming equal first and winning the Brunton Cup for Floral Art and the Daniel Challenge Cup. Just fancy. She saved the Village Show this year and is a W.I. member too.

The W.I. Harvest Supper was attended by a friendly crowd of regulars. We enjoyed the meal served by a great team of helpers and thank them all so much.

Dorothy Groves again got the speaker: Andrew Hamilton, who told us about his granddad, an officer in the First World War. A dedicated soldier, he wrote a diary of his time in France which was a true experience and most interesting. Well done Dorothy.

I'm pleased to report that our Darts Team won the first Federation match recently against Church Lawford and Kings Newnham W.I. Keep it up.

Lin Hayes enjoyed her recent bursary stay at Denman doing a Handicrafts course.

The Group Carol Service on Monday 8th December is at Napton Church.

The New Year party is on Friday 30th January, 7 – 7.30pm start.

Please remember the bran tub presents at the Christmas meeting (£4) on 11th December.

The Federation Quiz is on Monday 23rd February at the Village Hall.

The speaker this month was Rob Totterdell on "Spices". He was very knowledgeable and the history was very interesting indeed.

The Romans were the first to bring rabbits to raise and eat but later, when the Normans came, the remaining rabbits were let loose.

Rob spoke about the Dark Ages and the Middle Ages and said they were not that primitive. They grew corn, leeks, coloured carrots, onions, wild parsnips and turnips. In fact lots of wild spices and herbs were collected and the Saxons were really good cooks. Brits went to Europe because they were the best at roasting meat.

Rob told us all about the spices coming from abroad and we really enjoyed his talk. Not only that but also the samples his young cook assistant treated us to!

The next meeting is at the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 13th November and it will be the General Meeting. We hope it will be well supported and keep Harbury W.I. running.



Harbury Theatre Group

John Travis & Emily Jackson

Hey up then, I hope you've not forgotten abaut "All Balls and Ashes" our autumn offering from t'adult part of t'group. That's enough giving away the script but here is a little about it.

The cast includes a couple of village cricket fanatics, a pub landlord with an eye for the ladies, a policeman of the old school, a pompous bank manager with a sexy but dim wife, a vicar interested in astronomy and fine altar wines, wives who speak for one another, a barmaid who knows more than she ought and a widow who is guaranteed to have you looking for somewhere to hide. Set in a part of Yorkshire which is a little too close to Lancashire for comfort it will amuse and entertain you.

So get thissen dahn to t'Village Hall on 26th 27th or 29th November for a reight gud neet. Tickets available from Cana and Mugleston's.

Rudolph's nose is polished; the elves' presents are wrapped and the star dust distributor is in full working order, which can mean only one thing - HTG Juniors' performance of 'When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney' is heading your way!

This festive show follows a young orphan, Sasha, as she and her friends are mysteriously sucked up the orphanage chimney, thanks to a sprinkle of magical stardust, and taken to the North Pole, where they meet some very interesting and exciting characters.

Over 40 children, aged between 5 and 11, have been working incredibly hard: learning lines, perfecting dance moves and rehearsing songs, all ready for this wonderfully Christmassy, family show. We hope you can join us on either Friday 28th (7.30pm), Saturday 29th (2.30pm) or Sunday 30th November (11am) at the Village Hall.

For tickets, please email Emily Jackson at HTGjuniors123@gmail.com.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

Doug was unavailable to co-host the Folk Club of 2nd October so I was asked to be his proxy and give Janny a hand.

Compared with the previous gathering when items from 21 performers were packed into the programme, the evening was a little quiet as we had only 10 performers. However this did make it easier to fit everyone in and it set the tone for a pleasant and relaxing evening.

The theme was "Captivity, Freedom and Independence", so there was potential for a wide variety of material. This potential was exploited well and there followed an evening that included many fine items, which were presented to a high standard and appreciated by a warm audience.

Janny and Maureen set the atmosphere well with a beautiful arrangement and delivery of the song *To Althea from Prison*. This was followed by another four acts, which took us up to an earlier than usual beer break. The second half included seven acts in total and after the second beer break there was enough time for anyone who wanted to deliver another item.

For a complete list of who sang what, please visit the Folk Club website, www.tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub

The raffle, including an external donation, raised a total of £100.00, which has been split equally between the charities for whom Doug's and Janny's daughters work: "Christians Against Poverty", and "Caring for Life". Many thanks to those who contributed.

Thanks again also to all the committee and bar staff of Harbury Club for being so helpful and welcoming.

The next Folk Club will be on 6th November when the theme will be "Only Remember", led by Ted and Sue.

Harbury Folk Club, Memory Lane Concert - Saturday 31st January 2015

Following the sell-out success of our three previous annual concerts, Harbury Folk Club proudly presents a "Memory Lane Concert". This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st January 2015 from 7.30pm to 10pm, doors open at 7pm.

Come and be entertained by the Harbury Folk Club Choir and Orchestra, The Harvesters, Ted and Sue Crum, Peter McDonald, Janny Freeman and Maureen Darby, Pete and Liz Bones, Rumble-o, 5 Daft Dames and Danansooz. The MC for the evening will be Debbie Ellis.

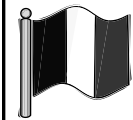
Tickets are £7.50 from me and this includes a glass of winter punch. You can, if you wish, bring your own wine, beer, soft drinks and we will provide glasses. All profits will be donated to the Village Hall.

Doug Freeman
(21 Farm St, 612002, douglasfreeman@gmail.com)

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Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, 27th November



Harbury Twinning Association

Django Jazz Evening at the Village Hall

What a night. They say "be there or be square" - well if you were not there on Friday 10th October, you were square! The Hall was decked out in bunting, tables were covered with nibbles and there was a well stocked bar, all ready for a good evening.

The group started about 8pm and from that moment it was foot tapping, wonderful music. What a singer: not only attractive, but what a voice!

After an interval of good old fish and chips the band played on to 11pm. Again playing great music but this time with audience participation; what a load of swingers. Thank you Harbury - Samois Twinning, a very entertaining night.



Tony Estick



I like music, all types and styles, but there is something really exciting and uplifting about hearing music live. To sit and listen to top class musicians, to get up and dance to the rhythm, I challenge anyone to say that they are not having a good time.

A good time is what we all had, as a full Village Hall swayed and clapped and cheered to the sound of the Play Django Jazz band. A band specialising in the sound of Django Reinhardt.

Lin and I had seen this group in the village before, so we went with great expectations. We were not disappointed. It appeared that they were even better this time round and the female vocalist was superb.

Colin Humphreys, on behalf of the Twinning Association, started the evening off well with a very amusing introduction and we were launched into the first half. The band consisted of



a violinist, two guitar players a double bass and a female vocalist, all masters of their trade. The first hour flew by.

We then enjoyed a very welcome meal of fish and chips and some tasty homemade apple pies before the final session of equally high quality jazz.

Colin Humphreys then finished the evening with the very welcome news that, hopefully, the band would be coming back again. However the bad news was that they would be entertaining the Twinning Group and all their French guests next time, so would not be open to the rest of the village.

A great shame to the rest of us, I may just be found peering through the window!

Keith Hayes



1st Harbury Guides

Nicky Kirk

Congratulations - 1st Harbury Guides achieve Baden Powell Challenge Award

We are delighted to announce that two of our older Guides (Jo and Eva, seen in the photo with District Commissioner Mary Adnitt) have successfully achieved their Baden Powell Challenge Award.

This award is the highest award a Guide can achieve and to be eligible each girl needs to:



- have made their Promise
- gained at least two Guide Challenge Badges
- gained at least two interest badges
- demonstrated their commitment to guiding.

The Baden-Powell Challenge itself is divided into five zones, each containing lots of different clauses and the girls completed ten clauses in total over a 12 month period. The activities were challenging and included planning, organising and running a number of Guide unit sessions, writing a camp cookbook, preparing a welcome pack for new Guides as well as gaining new activity badges for their collections. Jo and Eva collected evidence along the way and discussed this and shared their experiences with the District Commissioner. To finish the Award they took part in a Baden-Powell

Adventure, which was a residential event organised by the County for all Guides in the area who are doing the Baden-Powell Challenge.

We are extremely proud of them both: well done from all Leaders and Guides at 1st Harbury.



Harbury Junior Netball Club

Beccy McDaid

2014/15 Season

Our season is now well under way. And what an exciting season it is going to be. We now have two senior teams. The A team in Division 3 and the B team in Division 7 both in the Coventry and Warwickshire Netball league. Both teams have had an excellent start with two out of two wins for the A team and one win and a lose by one goal for the B team. Fantastic considering for the last two seasons we have struggled to get any points at all in the senior matches!! Finally, all our patience and hard work has paid off. We have brought through an extremely talented group of juniors and linked with some very skilled senior players and hugely experienced old timers, Harbury Senior Netball Club is finally proving what I have always known. (That we are a force to be reckoned with!)

Equally the Junior Teams have started well. We have four Junior teams this season, two U16 teams, an U14s and an U13s. So far a clean sweep for the U14 team. This team has shown huge improvement this year. Mixed results for all other teams, they are all settling into new squads and this always takes a little while. The one thing however that is constant throughout the whole junior section is the effort and commitment that all the players put into their netball. Our club is well known throughout the league for great sportsmanship and competitive play, both of which we are very proud of.

Training sessions have been going very well (The weather so far has been very kind). We train on Thursday evenings outdoors at the courts in Harbury.

U12s/13s and 14s: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

U16s: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Seniors: 7.30pm - 8.30pm

At the moment our senior, U16 and U14 teams are full. However, if you are 15-100 years old and fancy getting back on a netball court please contact me on the email below. We will be looking at running a 'back to netball' session during next summer if enough people are interested. Also if you are in Years 7 or 8 and fancy giving netball a go or you would like more information please contact Beccy McDaid, mcdaidmadhouse@talktalk.net

Most Saturdays we have one of the senior teams playing at the playing fields. Look out for details of our matches on the Harbury News posts online. Come and watch a game or two, support your local club and see what a great sport netball is.

Netball is a fantastic way to meet new friends, keep fit, enjoy a team sport and generally have lots of fun. Go on - I dare you - give it a go!!!! ☺



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

It's been a busy time on all fronts since the last report. It started when we hosted for the first time, a Warwickshire LTA Mini Orange Tennis League event. This is a knock-out team event for boys aged 8 and 9 with 2 players in each team. Jamie Smith and Rhys Bennett were representing Harbury and we welcomed teams from Stratford, Kenilworth and Rugby. The competition format is that each team plays the others with matches having two singles and a doubles to decide the match if needed — all are the best of three tie-breaks. Jamie and Rhys played really well and had to play the



deciding doubles in all three matches — just what they needed after taking part in a sponsored walk the day before and a football game in the morning! After losing narrowly against Kenilworth and Stratford, the highlight for them was the “match of the day” against overall winners Rugby. After sharing the singles they moved to the doubles. They won the first tie-break 7-6, lost the second 6-7 but then won the third, and the match, also 7-6. It couldn't have been closer! Unfortunately that wasn't quite enough and Kenilworth joined Rugby to qualify for the next round. The boys are pictured with the Stratford boys and yours truly, Tournament Organiser!



On the social side we had a very enjoyable evening in the Village Club, a perfect venue for our Quiz! Trevor Montague set the questions with Quiz Master Peter Walshe (pictured in full flow in appropriate attire!) putting them to the 12 teams. Congratulations to the winning team, the “Three Degrees” (Liz and Mike McBride, Vicki and John Hall). We will definitely be repeating the Quiz next year.

The Banbury Winter League fixtures have now started and we commenced with a home fixture in the floodlit league against old friends Middleton Cheney. Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer made up the team and it was a very close match all round. Harbury were just in the lead at "half-time" the first round after Steve and Colin won both their sets while Caroline and Eira halved their match. The mixed doubles were both halved so Harbury started off with a 5-3 win. This was followed with a short trip to Priors Marston to play their "B" team in the weekend format with Karen Bristow joining Caroline, Steve and Colin. Although Harbury suffered a 1-7 reversal the score didn't reflect how close the matches were - honest!! Steve and Colin halved their match to gain Harbury's only point and then had a very long wait while Caroline and Karen played a marathon! Both sets went to long tie-breaks and unfortunately the home ladies won them both.

Finally, tickets are now available for our Christmas Party and Disco which is in the Village Hall on Friday 12th December. They are £15 per person (£5 accompanied children up to 12 years of age) which includes entry and a hot meal (Vegetarian option available) with dessert. Dancing to music provided by the fabulous Quasar Disco. Please see any Tennis Club committee member for tickets (Colin/Sue Mercer, Caroline Morland, Paul Crowton) or email Peter Walshe on Peter.Walshe@uk.millwardbrown.com



Harbury Tennis Club Christmas Party and Disco!! All welcome.

Harbury Tennis Club is holding a Christmas party and disco at the Village Hall on Friday 12th December 7.30 for 8pm. (Doors open at 7pm).

All are welcome as the party is open to all and not just Club members, so bring your family and friends for a night of fun, food and frolicking on the dance floor.

Just £15 per person (£5 accompanied children up to 12 years of age). To include entry and a hot meal with dessert plus disco dancing until you can bop no more!

There will also be a super raffle on the night with loads of fabulous prizes.

Please see any Tennis Club committee member for tickets (Colin/Sue Mercer/Caroline Morland/Paul Crowton/Steve Fitzgerald/Mary/Keith Thomson) or e-mail Peter Walshe on Peter.Walshe@uk.millwardbrown.com

Remember the Christmas Party at the Village Hall on 12th December – be there or be square!

Steve Fitzgerald
Harbury Tennis Club



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Firstly, Toddler Group sends many congratulations to the Harbury & Ladbroke News on their recent anniversary - keep up the good work, it is sincerely appreciated.

We are pleased to once again welcome 'Alan Tom Tom's' photography to our session on Monday 10th November. Alan is a local Harbury amateur photographer and he will take some natural photographs of busy little ones at Toddlers. This time the prints will have a real Christmassy feel just in time to share with friends and family.

Halloween saw us focus on looking, exploring and painting a pumpkin with the help of Debbie Dutton, a play specialist. She is running a **Stepping into Play** Course at Long Itchington for two hours on Tuesday evenings from 4th November until 9th December. Any interested parents or professionals please contact **deborah.dutton@homecall.co.uk or 01926 814878**.

We are delighted to welcome Ola, Ben and Sophia to the group, we hope that you are enjoying your sessions with us, having fun and making new friends.

Toddlers is always looking to refresh its toy store so if you are keen to recycle any good quality items please do pop into see us; we open our doors every Monday at 9.30am and finish at 11.15am.

We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side).

Thinking of coming along or need more information - please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com - Lynne, Emma and Paul look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Sandwich Café – During October, the Pre-School role play area was transformed into a sandwich café, with menus, shelving for stock, ingredients for sandwiches, telephone, cash register and table and chairs. A variety of fruit and vegetables was served at snack time and books about healthy eating found their way into the book area. The café theme enabled the children to use their skills at the graphics table, using notebooks and clipboards for taking orders and writing prices. They also enjoyed “calculating” how much to charge/pay for the items purchased in the café and use of the till and telephone encouraged the development of IT skills, as did the “Healthy Eating” computer programme on the computer.



Outdoor Play: As well as the usual ride-on vehicles, bats and balls, role play area, sand, balancing beams etc in the outdoor classroom, the children enjoyed making 'tea' in the water tray. Using real tea bags, they "brewed" the tea and used tea pots and cups to serve it to their friends and the staff.

"Kind Hands" – To encourage thoughtfulness between the children, we talked about having kind hands for giving, comforting, sharing and waving, read the book "We are Kind" and sang the "Kind Hands" song. The children painted each other's hands, using different colours for palms and each finger, and they made beautiful hand prints.



Diwali – To introduce the children to different cultures and festivals, we talked about the Diwali Festival of Light, with the children making clay diwa lamps and singing the "Little Lamps" song. Indian style clothes adorned the dressing up rail and toasted naan bread was enjoyed at snack time.

The role play area became an Indian kitchen, with balti bowls, Indian costumes, music and books. Traditional Indian sweets were made, with the children measuring and mixing the ingredients before taking home, and enjoying, the end result.

Creative – In keeping with the Indian theme, the children made beautiful Rangoli patterns, by mixing powder paints with water in the builders' tray and using their





fingers to create the patterns. Later they revisited their work, adding sparkling adornments to make them even more attractive.

Farewell to Lisa - On the last day of half term we said farewell to Lisa who is leaving Pre-School to start a new job in Wellesbourne. Lisa has worked at Pre-School for 14

years, with many of those years spent as a session manager and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Lisa will be missed by staff, parents and children alike but we wish her well in her new venture.

Lesley will be covering Lisa's absence until Christmas and so a new member of the Pre-School team is required from January. A job advert appears later in the magazine.



If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Bud Jackson, Pre-School Administrator: e-mail preschool1@btinternet.com phone 07907 598461 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Harbury Primary School

Kate Guymer

There has been the most amazing buzz around school throughout this week as the children have been thoroughly absorbed in our learning about World War One. From estimating the length of trenches, to beautiful personification poetry as well as the gentle aroma of trench stew drifting down the corridors, everywhere has been alive with excitement. Thank you to the teachers for the time spent in planning and to the children for all their enthusiasm.





Harvest Festival

A full church at All Saints' on Sunday saw our children put on a brilliant display for the Harvest Service. There was a great range of work on display as well as very generous gifts to share at the end. The singing was beautiful too. With such a community spirit in evidence, I felt thoroughly welcomed into

Harbury village – thank you. The children's work is now bringing colour to our entrance hall.

Response to Parental Questionnaires

Many thanks once again for the response to the parent questionnaires. From your feedback we have already put the following in place:

- An A4 list of dates as far as we know up to January 2015
- A display board showing our governing body, their function and previous/current tasks that is being manned by representatives at the parents' meetings
- Two curriculum evenings for November so that you can be fully informed about the content of the new National Curriculum.

More will follow in the coming months and I would welcome any feedback on changes. The list of dates and information about the Governing Body are also on our website.

Library Visits

On the last two Monday mornings, first Year 5 and then Year 4 have spent a whole morning with volunteers at the community library in Harbury working on really important library skills. Many thanks to the volunteers who have given up their time, share their expertise and provided very welcome squash and biscuits for our children. We really hope this new relationship will continue to flourish.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

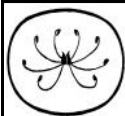
Watch this space!

For the time being, there is nothing new to report for the Village Hall update without running the risk of repetition of information from previous months.

Representatives from the village made a presentation to Veolia Landfill Trust at the end of October to back up the application for the latest round of funding; the Rural Cinema showed Mamma Mia last month and Phill King and the Royals have been booked for the annual dance to celebrate the New Year – all fund raising ventures.

Already places have been booked for the dance and accompanying buffet, so anyone interested in attending the regular shindig, should make a reservation by ringing Chris on 612305 or Geoff on 613801.

Next month there may be something of note to fill the space for the Village Hall update when we may have some good news to impart?



Horticultural Society

Judy Morral

Our first meeting when we welcomed almost 40 existing and new members was a great success. We welcomed back Dr John Page and his wife Kate and the topic was "Introducing Trees". John showed us some super slides and explained that the link between trees and flowers is very important and followed this through to the end of his presentation. We went on a tour of many countries and saw some wonderful cedars in Cyprus which had a colourful display of cyclamen underneath them. In Turkey the irises are very much at home under trees, as too are hellebores. Pines make a good sanctuary for narcissus as the needles which are shed made a good fertiliser.

We were then introduced to tree profiles...several arboretums were shown when we saw how trees had evolved into huge sizes and shapes. John Massey, whose garden and nursery we have visited, specialises in betulas, birches, and many cedars, both upright and drooping and in an assortment of colours from blue to gold. At Westonbirt the trees are almost tent like in some parts. The katsuras and monkey puzzles demonstrate how some trees spread, some twist and others just keep going upwards. There were just too many to mention but a visit to an arboretum is a must just so that we can admire all of the shapes.

Leaf colour through the seasons was just an explosion of colours. From black, purple, cream and brown beeches to green and red liquid ambers. Acers are of course a prime example of colour variations and we saw some amazing varieties from Japanese to broad leaved ones in all colours of the rainbow almost. Again, too many to mention individually, but what a sight and a treat to see some wonderful leaf shapes and sizes from bonsai to standards.

Leaf forms came next and started with tulip trees which can also be variegated. Pseudopanax are very strange almost dead looking brown fingers. Pines are also a leaf form and many cypresses, in particular the swamp form, have intricate leaves.

Bark colours and textures illustrated how some barks peel, such as paper bark maple. Others have twisted barks as seen on the cork oak. Myrtle has orange and brown peeling bark. A juniper had bark which resembled a crocodile skin. Some prunus varieties have pink to red bark, as too does

the red cedar. We cannot forget the eucalyptus trees, from blues to greens and yellows. Lastly we saw a strawberry tree, *arbutus unedo*. I have a very tall specimen in my front garden and it is evergreen, has red bark and flowers which bear strawberries the next year. This year has been very good for my tree as it is even now attracting bees and butterflies and some small birds love the sap. A very good value for money tree and a delight throughout the year.

Tree flowers featured next. Far too many to cover but I will mention just a few of note. *Prunus*, in particular the flowering cherries and medlars, (I have a lovely specimen on my allotments), *cornus*, witch hazel, *crinodendron*. The wonderful catalpas, Indian bean trees, magnolias, *malus*, mimosa, jacaranda, paulownias, pears, buddleja and many more. The sight of all of these in full blossom makes you realise how lucky we are to be able to see and smell them.

Tree fruits, in particular the sorbus, came next. Hornbeams, *cornus* again, *abies koreana*, hazels with lovely dangling catkins, a herald of Spring.

Trees in gardens are very important and every garden should have at least one or two specimens. Trees for shade are to be encouraged. We saw some great gardens with specimen trees. Here are a few of them featured...The Garden House in Devon which was looked after for 25 years by the great Keith Wiley, Batsford which we all know and love, Cambridge University Gardens, Treliwick in Cornwall and who can forget the silver birch grove at Anglesey Abbey which was just like a cathedral.

We finished where we started with flowers under trees, bulbs of all sorts, daffodils, tulips, colchicums and of course snowdrops. It was a most informative talk and we shall all be looking at trees in a different way from now on.

If you are inspired to visit an arboretum, of course Westonbirt is the most well known but a lovely day out and looking at the website today (21st October) the leaves are looking amazing and can only get better. Why not make a return visit to Bodenhams Arboretum where we enjoyed a day trip in June this year. Only about an hour to 90 minutes away near Kidderminster. Bluebell Nursery and arboretum near Smisby, postcode LE65 2TE is a joy and is open Monday to Saturday from 9.00am to 4.00pm. There are some remarkable trees there, a fantastic nursery and somewhere to eat; a great day out at any time if the year. Batsford is nearer and is looking good at the moment. Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens post code B36 9BT, another garden we had a trip to will be open on Sunday 30th November with a festive theme from 11.30am to 4.00pm admission only £2. You could combine this with a visit to Birmingham Botanic gardens nearby. Let's just hope that the very high winds have not stripped the leaves off but the forecast is that it is set to get warmer again.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th November when Roger Umpleby will be talking about Bredon Hill throughout the year. Another topic we have not

heard before and Roger's wildlife photos really are awesome, you will never look at a beetle in the same way again! Do come along, join us for a great talk, a raffle, refreshments and a lovely night out.

The December meeting is on Tuesday 2nd when we will be having festive fun and a seasonal buffet plus drinks. This is preceded by our AGM but I promise it will be a short one! Enjoy the colours of late autumn and I look forward to seeing everyone in November and December.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

After the glorious weather in September it seems we have suddenly gone into autumn/winter mode almost overnight. Thoughts of working outdoors might not be top of your list of priorities but it is a good time to get planting and to move plants that are in the wrong place. The soil will still be warm and you won't need to water things next spring. Leaves will need raking up and some perennials will need to be cut down. It's best not to do a complete tidy up so that there are places left for the wildlife to overwinter.

Apparently there are rumours that we are giving up. This is not going to happen in the immediate future but we are getting older and there will come a time when it might be too difficult to do all the physical work. I'm guessing that anyone of a similar age might be thinking of the future, and if they have the choice, when to retire. Sometimes I dream of having time off in the spring/summer months. Working every day for weeks on end does get tiring. In spite of all that I'm still keen to see the garden developing from year to year. Incidentally, we have raised £860 for the NGS from our garden visitors.

Speaking of fund raising, we had a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning with many local visitors who between them donated £200. 'A very friendly atmosphere' was a comment made by several people. We definitely intend to 'do' it next year.

This month is usually the time to plant tulips either in the ground or in containers.

Watch out for frosts and protect tender plants by moving them to a greenhouse, conservatory or close to the house with some fleece wrapped round them.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

Tel: 01926 812737

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk





We have had warm, moist conditions after the driest of Septembers. Fungi are coming into their own, producing spore bearing growths of various shapes, from the classic mushroom to puffballs, brackets and tiny elf cups. On October 27th, the U3A Natural History Group is going on a 'Fungi Foray' led by John and Val Roberts who are true experts. The walk is through Crackley Woods just north of Kenilworth. It is a Warwickshire Wildlife Reserve once part of the great Forest of Arden. It has an entry in Domesday Book as 'Woodland of Stoneleigh Parish' and was known as Crattele in 1154. Fungi we may see include tawny grisette, dog stinkhorn and beefsteak fungus.

I received a report from Ken Stephenson too late to get it in last month's article. He was with his grandchildren at the play area on Newbold Comyn adjacent to the Newbold Comyn Arms. Growing in the bark chippings were some strange fungi. He sent me a photograph which I forwarded to John Roberts. He confirmed this was the octopus stinkhorn. It is a native of Australia first seen in this country in 1917 so the spores are presumed to have arrived here with the Anzac forces, probably the mounted units. This was a first for Warwickshire and you may have seen an article and photographs of it in the Courier. Sorry Ken, that should have been a scoop for the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

On October 9th, I cycled to the Airfield cafe at Wellesbourne with the U3A Cycling Group. After crossing the M40 on the dedicated pedestrian/cycle bridge just south of Longbridge roundabout, we turned off the Stow road onto the quiet, narrow lane from Sherbourne to Hampton Lucy. This passes by Hampton Wood which is worth walking through at any time of year. In springtime there are bluebells and primroses, in summer a galaxy of butterflies including Purple and White Letter Hairstreak. Now it is fungi and leaf colour which draw the naturalist to its quiet depths. Coming home that day, we got caught in a thunderstorm which perhaps was payback time for a long, hot summer.

There have been a large number of ladybirds about recently. Sad to say, most of them have been of the Harlequin variety. This type originated in Asia and has been used as a biological control agent against aphids in the USA and mainland Europe. It did not arrive in Southern England until 2003 but has now spread throughout the British Isles. It is voracious and out competes our smaller native species. It can breed for longer too enabling populations to increase rapidly. Ladybirds are insects within the order Coleoptera (beetles). They are in the family Coccinellidae meaning clad in scarlet. Eggs hatch into larvae which go through four moults before pupating. This stage lasts about a week before the yellowish adult emerges. After a few hours, with blood pumping into the elytra (wing cases) and wings, the typical colour

pattern emerges. Besides feeding on aphids (greenfly) they also consume coccids (scale insects) while many species are vegetarian. Scale insects are more or less immobile. They cluster, often on a leaf, sucking up sap via their hypodermic mouth parts. It is thought that accumulations of honeydew produced by a desert species of scale insect are the most likely explanation for the manna which fed the Israelites (information gleaned from Bugs Britannica by Peter Marren and Richard Mabey).

Finally I would like to invite those interested to an illustrated talk in the Tom Hauley Room on Monday 24th November. This will be given by Michael Keith-Lucas, retired Reader in Botany at Reading University and a first class speaker. His subject will be 'Plants and their Pollinators'. This is being organised by Warwick District U3A. The meeting commences at 10.0am and finishes at noon. A charge of £2.00 will include refreshments. Please call me on 612860 if you wish to know more.



General Section

Three Peaks Challenge in Memory of Joe Greenwell 5th July 2014

10 years ago, at the age of 14, we lost a very dear friend Joe Greenwell to a brain tumour.

I sent a message on the internet to some of Joe's best friends early on in 2013 asking if they were interested in doing the Three Peaks Challenge. Some of the guys said 'That sounds interesting' but most of them were thinking 'Are you mad? No!' I then told them it was in remembrance of Joe. I like to think their faces turned from disregard, to a sweet and sour look as I started to receive messages back saying 'I'm in'.

18 months later and we are all standing at the top of Ben Nevis, the highest point in Britain. I wish I could say we found it easy and glided up the mountain without difficulty, but it was harder than we imagined! After 20 minutes of walking, we were all in agreement we'd seriously underestimated the challenge. Nonetheless, we were doing it for Joe and we **couldn't** fail.



10 and a half hours later we had climbed back down the mountain, driven to the Lake District, and climbed to the top of Scafell Pike. This wasn't easy, as our muscles hadn't forgotten

Nevis and after a six hour drive with two hours of sleep throughout the night, we weren't feeling great, but the memory of Joe was keeping us motivated.

After another long car journey immediately after climbing down Scafell Pike and driving to Snowdonia in Wales, we were ready for the final climb. We were getting used to the pain and spirits were high, as it was not much longer before we'd complete the challenge and get into bed! After a long cold walk up and down Mount Snowdon, we had done it! We were greeted by the Greenwell family who were waiting at the bottom of the mountain for us with a bottle of champagne! Seeing them and everyone's proud faces made all the effort worth it.

I was hoping that we would raise around £500 to donate to the Brain Tumour Charity in memory of Joe, however we raised an astonishing £3244 in total! I can't thank everyone enough for making a contribution however big or small. Thank you to everyone who took part. I'd also like to say a huge thanks to the drivers Ben Linnett, James Grimshaw and Sam Reeves who did 24 hours of driving in 37 hours. We couldn't have done the challenge without them.

We've decided in another 10 years, we'll stick to Burton Dassett!

Again, a big thank you to those who took part and an immense thanks of gratitude for the overwhelming support.

Chris Darby

Harbury Craft Fair - Saturday 15th November 2014

The Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group would like to remind you that this year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 15th November from 10:00am – 4:00pm and, as always, entry is free.

The Village Hall will be full of lots of interesting handmade craft stalls. We have a record number of new stall holders this year so why not come along and treat yourself or make a start on your Christmas shopping!

As usual, tea, coffee, hot lunches and cakes will be available throughout the day all at very reasonable prices.

This year we have decided to run a Craft Fair raffle with first prize being 7 night's accommodation in a static caravan in Cornwall. Tickets are already being snapped up and will also be available to buy on the day with the draw being made before the Craft Fair closes.

If you would be interested in helping on the day or would like to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola, a teddy for the teddy tombola or a prize for the raffle, please do not hesitate to contact us. All help/donations are greatly appreciated. You can contact Shirley on 01926 612798 or Fiona on ficadwallader@btinternet.com

On behalf of the Harbury Myton Support Group I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of our fundraising events and look forward to seeing you on the day.

Fiona Cadwallader

John Ridgley Tree of Light

Sorry to remind you, but Christmas is only a few weeks away and it won't be long before festive lights appear around the village. The Tree of Light will feature again this year, possibly for the last time, and will lend a real sparkle to the village centre.

We are again asking you to adopt one of the many lights, perhaps in memory of someone who is no longer with us. All monies raised will be used to benefit children and young people in the village.

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

You may not wish to damage this edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News by cutting off the lower part of this page so please feel free to write the requested information on a separate sheet instead.

Gordon Bennett

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John Ridgley Tree of Light



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

(cheques payable to Wagstaffe's Educational Foundation)

Please enter the following details in the Book of Remembrance.

Name of Donor/s:-

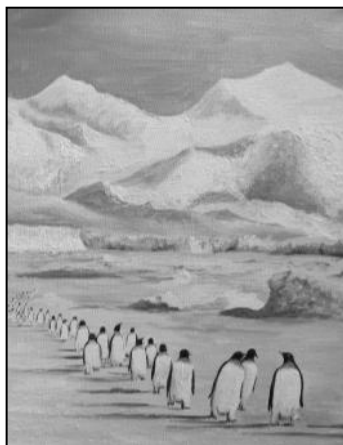
In Memory of:-

Message:- (optional)



Harbury Art Group

There was no workshop in October, but we meet again on **Thursday 6th November**, when we will be turning our thoughts (and paintbrushes) to Christmas. Each year we use the November session to paint something festive, with the potential to turn it into a greetings card in time for Christmas. You could paint individual cards of course, but one good way of making a batch of seasonal cards is to scan your painting, then upload it to one of the many websites offering a card printing service.



November's tutor-led workshop is 'any medium' which means you can bring your favourite painting materials – watercolours, acrylics, oils, colour pencils, graphite pencils – or a mixture! Our tutor Nick provides the subject, and our workshops are open to anyone with an interest in a day's painting in relaxing company. They take place in the Tom Hauley Room (behind Harbury Church) and cost £15 per person. They start promptly at 10am and usually finish around 3pm (bring your own lunch, tea and coffee supplied). New members are always welcome. Please get in touch by contacting Pam on 01926 814923 or email harburyart@hotmail.com. If you would like to speak to the tutor for advice on what to bring, telephone Nick on 01295 253658.

Pam McConnell



Christmas Fayre

Plans are progressing well for the Christmas Fayre which will be held on Saturday 6th December (2pm – 4pm) at the Village Hall. This year the organising committee are trying something different by including stalls from local traders and trying some new ideas for activities for children games. So far we have the following stalls confirmed:

Canal Wines - (cheeses, wines, olives, biscuits etc)

Tollgate Turkeys taking Christmas orders

Church stall (Jams, flower arrangements etc)

Candles in teacups and jars, vintage items

Jewellery

Christmas handicrafts

Honey/Honey Products

Hand crafted Birthday & Christmas cards

Wooden toys

Sweets and Fudge

Toiletries	Homemade cakes
Manicures etc & beauty vouchers	Reflexology tasters
Children focused games	Face Painting
Santa's Grotto	

Refreshments will be served throughout the event (mulled wine and mince pies this year in addition to the usual teas and high quality cakes) and to add that extra festive touch we will be exhibiting the artwork from the Harbury School Christmas art competition.

The Fayre will close with the announcement of the winners of the School art competition and the draw for the charity raffle. This year Myton Hospice will be the beneficiary of the raffle and tickets will be on sale this month. If you have some free time and would be happy to help with the selling of raffle tickets or have a prize to donate please get in touch with Michael Vincent (614806).

Adrian Lewis



Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

By the time this article is printed we will have had the results of our Bags2School Collection and Coffee Morning. We will publish these in the next edition, but for now we would like to thank everyone who got involved in either event. What a brilliant team we have supporting us.

Bags2School

21 mums helped post leaflets in the village and surrounding areas, and we were very touched as some of them do not even have children at Pre-School any more. The Crown was fabulous in their handling of all donations too, so a huge thank you to everyone!

Coffee Morning

Another huge thank you goes to all of those who joined us at our Coffee Morning. We really appreciate the continued support of our lovely village at this event and the Pre-School mums who pulled together to make it happen.

Christmas Market

We are busy planning our Christmas Market, which takes place on December 14th, 11am – 3pm in the Village Hall. There will be some great stalls to buy last minute presents, a chance to put up your feet and enjoy a cuppa and a mince pie (and lots of other cakes too), and the children can put in any late orders during their visit to Father Christmas. There will be live music playing throughout so please do come along and join us at this lovely time of

year. (There are still a few stalls available so if you would like to bring your goods along to sell please get in touch with us).

Dates for Your Diary

Pamper Night – 5th February in the Village Hall

Coffee Morning - 7th March in the Tom Hauley Room

Party Night – 25th April in the Village Hall

New members of the Fundraising group are always very welcome. Please contact Julie - julie.balch@gmail.com for more information.

Best wishes

Julie Balch



Harbury Village Library

Ancestry / Family History

Family and local histories can now be researched, free of charge, on the library computers using the ANCESTRY system.

ANCESTRY is the UK's largest online collection of family history records including access to census, birth, marriage and death records, military records, immigration records, parish records, criminal records, the National Probate Calendar and records from USA, Canada, Australia and across Europe. An Ancestry button has been added to the Favourites bar on all computers and the 'Sign In' sheets have been extended to ask if people will be using the Ancestry system. This will assist us to keep track of how many people use the system and help us to decide whether to renew our subscription next year.

Having moved to 10am on Wednesdays (during term time only) Tunes and Tales has some new faces to join in the fun of singing, playing and reading together. All pre-school children and their carers are welcome to join Carolyn and Biblio, the library cat.

The children from Harbury School are visiting the library but not all together! The first group were Year 5, who wanted to learn about Australia. The volunteers had collected lots of Australian themed items to help with the research, including books and leaflets, maps, clocks, a didgeridoo and a boomerang!

Sharon Hancock and Lynn Macwhinnie each talked to the children about their adventures in Australia.



The following week, it was the turn of Year 4, who are learning about World War II. There were lots of books and magazines for them to look at and

Marian Millington, Bill Davies and John Eld talked about some aspects of life during wartime.

The children were very enthusiastic, polite and well-behaved and the volunteers are looking forward to welcoming other year groups after the half-term break.

The library now has a collection of foreign language books for children which you are welcome to borrow.

Julia Fowler is our new Booking Secretary. If anyone is interested in hiring the library, please send your enquiries to: - events@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

Sue Wurr



Calling Harbury Blues Musicians

A few like minded Harbury based, mostly middle aged, amateur musicians get together informally once a month to play blues style music together for our own enjoyment (on occasions we have a go at other styles).

However through work and other commitments the numbers have dwindled recently so if there are any players out there (guitar, bass, sax, keyboards etc) who would be interested in joining us please e-mail me at harburyblues@googlemail.com

Andrew Cook

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on Saturday 13th December in the Village Hall from 17.00. Invitations will be delivered to you in early November.

In addition to the Christmas Party, we also have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on the 22nd November. Please come along to support us.

As usual we will be having a raffle at both the coffee morning and the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes for either event they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

Over the last couple of years many of the longer serving committee members have retired – some of whom were eligible to attend the events we run in their own right many years ago! Unfortunately, like other organisations in the village, we have found it difficult to get replacements. Have you ever thought of supporting our senior citizens by becoming a committee member or by helping at one of the events? What will you have to do? We meet seven

or eight times a year for about an hour to discuss fundraising, the annual outing, the summer lunch and the Christmas Party. Apart from the meetings, you will also be required to give some hands-on help at the events, which could include baking cakes, running raffles or serving at tables along with the other committee members and volunteers. Your total effort will be three to four days a year – not a lot of time to put aside for something that makes a difference and is really appreciated by the people who benefit from the activities.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member at the coffee morning in November.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and/or the coffee morning and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Mike McBride,

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Blood Donors

Thank you to everyone who supported the session on 9th October. This resulted in an attendance of 97 volunteers and 92 units collected.

The next session in Harbury will be on 29th January 2015 – a date for our new diaries!

Gillian Hare

Harbury NSPCC Committee

Southam 2000 Rotary is holding another Burns Night on Friday 23rd January 2015. They have asked us to organise the raffle again and we are very pleased to do so as we raised £270 last January. Tickets cost £30 each which includes a three course meal plus whisky tasting. Peter Rollason will address the haggis and this fun evening is an excellent way to spend a cold, gloomy January evening!

If you are interested please call Elaine Bruce on 614664 for further information or to book your tickets.

NSPCC Quiz Night

We are holding our annual quiz on **Sunday 7th December in the Village Club**. Tickets cost £20 per team of four, and includes a delicious array of sandwiches. Starting time is 7.30pm.

If you are interested in entering a team please contact Elaine Bruce on 614664.

**Elaine Bruce
NSPCC Committee**



Harbury & Ladbroke News 40th Anniversary Celebration



Some of the Typists from 1989 to present



A number of the current News Committee



A group of current Distributors



Former and current Secretary



Around 90 people attended the Party to celebrate its 40th Anniversary

Harbury Energy Initiative

Please fill in our survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/harbury by 10th November



Are you ready to join our next big adventure? Ready to step out - or rather, drive out - into a bright new future? We are progressing well with our bid for an electric car club in the village but have some work to do yet. HEI is applying for funding, in partnership with the company E-Car, to the Carplan Car Club Challenge

to make the scheme as low cost as possible in the first phase, to give you a chance to try the cars and to give all of us space to see how we can make the scheme work well. Club membership will not be confined to use of the two Harbury cars. Members will have access to clubs in Stratford-on-Avon, Oxford, Milton Keynes, Watford and London. Plans are also in progress for a scheme in Leamington Spa and Warwick and the network will grow, meaning that members can plan ahead to include use of an electric car at the end of a bus or train journey. This could be our Christmas present to the village, although you might not see the shiny new cars immediately. Anyway, they wouldn't fit in the stocking.



By the time you read this we will know whether our initial stage one bid to the fund has been successful. We will then have till 17th November to complete a full, detailed bid for a decision in December. We'll do the boring bit but you can help with that. If you have not already done so, we would greatly appreciate it if you could fill in our survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/** by 10th November. In the last half of October we posted a leaflet through your door about the survey and the proposed club. You can see more about the plans there. Or call one of the team for more info:

Bob Sherman: 612277, 07919 157224 or shermanbob55@gmail.com

David Bristow: 612536, 07511 679312 or bristowfamily@hotmail.co.uk

Andrew Patrick: 614359 or andrewpharbury@gmail.com

Steve Dolley: 613963 or stevedolley@aol.com

Also in October I met Kate Guymmer and re-opened the conversation with the school on the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof. This would be part of a larger county wide scheme proposed by Community Energy Warwickshire (CEW), with whom we have close ties. We aren't expecting a quick result on this project, as it will require negotiations and legal arrangements with the county and, in some cases, the church diocese.

CEW is keen to include Harbury Primary School and so are we. As it happens the government is keen to encourage it too, which brings them, rather alarmingly, into agreement with Friends of the Earth. But there is a bit of a labyrinth of decision-making to negotiate first. We hope the school governors like the idea.

Don't forget that if you want some free advice on home insulation or energy generation, we can help get you started.

Bob Sherman



Vulcan visits Gaydon

On Thursday 25th September, the last flying Vulcan XH558 visited Gaydon (which was a former RAF base) as part of the Cold War Tour; this being to visit all ten RAF bases where Vulcans had been stationed during their active lifetime. Ken Stephenson took this photograph at Gaydon during its flypast which was visible from some parts of Harbury.

Editors



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 4th November and Tuesday 2nd December from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month, though local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

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.

With the constant sad news about ebola in Africa in mind, the following article underlines how disease-prone we were in Europe 100 years ago.

Diphtheria in the Village

“On Saturday morning 29th September 1909, my sister and a few of our pals were playing and my sister said she felt ill. On the following Monday night at eight o'clock she died. The cause was Diphtheria. We, who were playing with her, were taken away to an Isolation Hospital. My father told me that the villagers walked on the other side of the road, when passing our house,

and no one from the village would carry her coffin to the grave. Mr. W. Field, the undertaker, carried her himself. It was the first case of Diphtheria in the village for years.

This incident so alarmed the local council, that tests were taken from the drains, and Balliol College put in a new 6 inch glazed pipe, straight down the village to the top of the hill. This was 60 years ago and the same drain is used today.

In our young days, an Isolation Hospital existed in the fields behind Island Farm. It was kept in case of Smallpox arising at any time.

Dr. Pirie started a T.B. centre on Hill Farm. Dozens of small wooden shacks were built in the fields. He was an authority on T.B. I was told he refused an honour for his good works.

I remember the old kilns in the Brickyard. We used to play there. My grandmother lived in the cottage on the hill until Mr. John Forbes had the bungalow built (where Mr. E. Moore now lives) in 1910. My grandmother then moved there. She died in the bungalow in 1922. A new woodman (Mr. McRae) came into the cottage. He planted the green spinneys in the wood.

When I came to live at No.30, in 1932, I had to fetch our water from the well opposite Forge Cottage. During the last War this well caved in. We then had to use the other well along the lane. Mains water came to the village about 1950. Gas came to the village in 1969”.

Nigel Chapman

Ebola

The outbreak of Ebola in West Africa which has caused thousands of deaths and a great deal of suffering has at last attracted the attention of the rest of the world. However it has been going on for months and at the forefront of the struggle to deal with it has been the charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders). I have long been a supporter of this amazing organisation and I would like to raise some funds to help their work.

I am holding a Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 21st November from 10.00 - 12 noon. I would be very grateful for offers of cakes, preserves, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, and raffle prizes. Items can be brought on the day or dropped off with me at 32 Mill Street. If you are unable to come along, please consider making a donation. This virus threatens to overwhelm these desperately poor countries and as yet the international response has been negligible. The fantastic doctors and nurses of MSF have held the line at great personal risk. They deserve your support.

Sharon Hancock

A.C.Pirie

As many readers will know, I have taken an interest in researching the names on the War Memorial in Crown Street. There is also a memorial on the wall of the church and that records the name A.C. Pirie amongst those killed in the First World War. He is not however on the Crown St memorial. My first thought is that he is connected to Dr Pirie but as yet I have been unable to discover who he is and why he is not on both memorials. If any readers can help solve the problem please give me a call on 612860.

Sharon Hancock



Harbury Open Gardens 2015

Would anyone who might think about opening their gardens, or have friends with gardens who may need a nudge to open, please give us a call.

Everyone enjoys the day so much but we do need to have gardens to see or we cannot hold the event. We are aiming for 21st June next year. Any amount of help before and on the day will be very welcome.

Kathleen Ellis, 612326

Margaret Commons, 613963



Chesterton Church

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Candlelit Harvest Service. Our Candlelit Carol Service will be held on Saturday 13th December at 5pm with the Happy Harbury Folk Choir joining us. Hope to see you all there.

Jo Spurr

Take Our 10 Minute Internet Safety 'MOT'!

As part of a national campaign to promote Internet safety, Warwickshire Trading Standards are encouraging residents to take ten minutes out of their day to give themselves an Internet safety 'MOT'.

Can you answer 'yes' to all these questions?

- 1) Am I using the latest anti-virus software?
- 2) Am I downloading the latest software updates?
- 3) Do I keep sensitive information private on unsecure websites and social media?
- 4) Do I look for 'https' and the padlock sign before I enter sensitive information on a web page?

- 5) Do I look at Internet reviews of online businesses before I shop with them?
- 6) If I have a credit card, am I using it when I make purchases over £100, to give me extra consumer protection?
- 7) Am I backing up all my data?
- 8) Am I keeping passwords and PINs secure?
- 9) Do I use strong passwords that are unique for each website?
- 10) Do I delete unexpected emails without downloading attachments or following links?

If you have answered 'no' to any of these questions then you've failed your 'MOT'!

Take action now to keep yourself safe by visiting: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consumeradvice

Simon Cripwell
Warwickshire Trading Standards Service



Southam & District Lions Club

Once again the Lions from Southam Lions Club are painting the float, oiling the wheels and generally gearing themselves up for the Christmas Santa Sleigh visits to Southam and the surrounding villages. The activity schedule is shown below so watch out for the cheery bells, those ever popular Christmas Carols and the cheeky chatter of the Lions when they hit where you live in December or indeed **SOUTHAM EAST on 29th November!**

In fact Father Christmas will be here in Southam for the Christmas Lights 'Switch-On' and that will be **FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER**. Once again there will be lots of fun things happening with a mini fair and stalls all to herald the switching on of those fantastic lights at 6pm. Children can come and see Father Christmas outside The Mint and if they are very good, rumour has it that chocolate goodies will be handed out by the Great Man!!

Children – if you listen very carefully on the night Santa is visiting where you live, you will hear Santa's Bell and that's the time to tell Mummy and Daddy to get your coat on and be ready to visit him on his sleigh. I think he will have more chocolate goodies to hand out and you can tell him what you would like him to bring you on Christmas Morning. Maybe you can make a Christmas Card for him – he loves to get these!



Southam Lions will again be visiting the town and surrounding villages in the days leading up to Christmas and once again **all** the money so generously donated will be given to local Children's Charities. Every child, no matter the age, when talking to Santa will get a chocolate bar! Last year a young lady of 85 years came out to see Santa and got her bar of chocolate!

Last year through your generosity at Christmas time we raised £6,000 for Children's Charities – the most we have ever raised! Please give generously again when we knock on your door. Our chosen charities this year are:

'SENSE' (Deaf and Blind Children) and The 'Shakespeare Hospice' in Stratford (Children's Care Unit)

Below is the list of dates when you can expect to see Santa!

We open this year's schedule with a visit to **SOUTHAM EAST on SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER**. Don't forget the **Southam Lights 'Switch-On' – FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER**.

The Lions Santa Sleigh visits are as follows:

Saturday 6th December	Harbury, 16.00 – 20.15
Tuesday 9th December	Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge, Ufton
	17.30 – 20.15

Children can email Father Christmas if they wish on: fatherchristmas@southamlions.org.uk

Happy Christmas to everyone from Southam Lions Club and thanks for the wonderful support you have given us in 2014.

Peter Guy

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Dear Editors

Sandra, Lee, Zoe, Jenna and Kirsty would like to say a huge thank you for all of the support and condolence given by the village over recent weeks.

They would like to say a special thank you to Reverend Ann Mulley for the beautiful services given and would like to thank all those who attended the funeral. It was a fantastic turnout and Brian would have been truly honoured.

Finally they would like to thank Linden McDonald and all those who contributed to the thoughtful gesture for Sandra and the girls. It really meant a lot.

Sandra Moffitt

Dear Editors

*I just can't believe how many lovely cards, phone calls, flowers, plants, cooked meals and cakes I have received since my operation. I just feel so very lucky to have such **wonderful friends**. I would also like to thank Mr Paul Murphy and his wonderful team, special thanks to Willoughby Ward and all the lovely nurses; I could not have been looked after better. Thank you all once again.*

Hazel Ceney

Dear Editors

Warning

In mid-September I received a blue card through my letter box offering to clean my gutters for £34, you may have received one yourself. I asked the young man concerned to clean my gutters on the 29th September, and I found that there was very little rubbish removed as he said that in fact the gutters were actually in a good condition.

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Be warned.

Keith Dormer

Dear Editors

Harbury Heritage Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning on 27th September. We raised £128.92 which will help us to continue cataloguing and preserving our documents, pictures etc.



Thank you to those who donated raffle prizes, baked cakes and helped on the day.

Mary Thompson

Dear Editors

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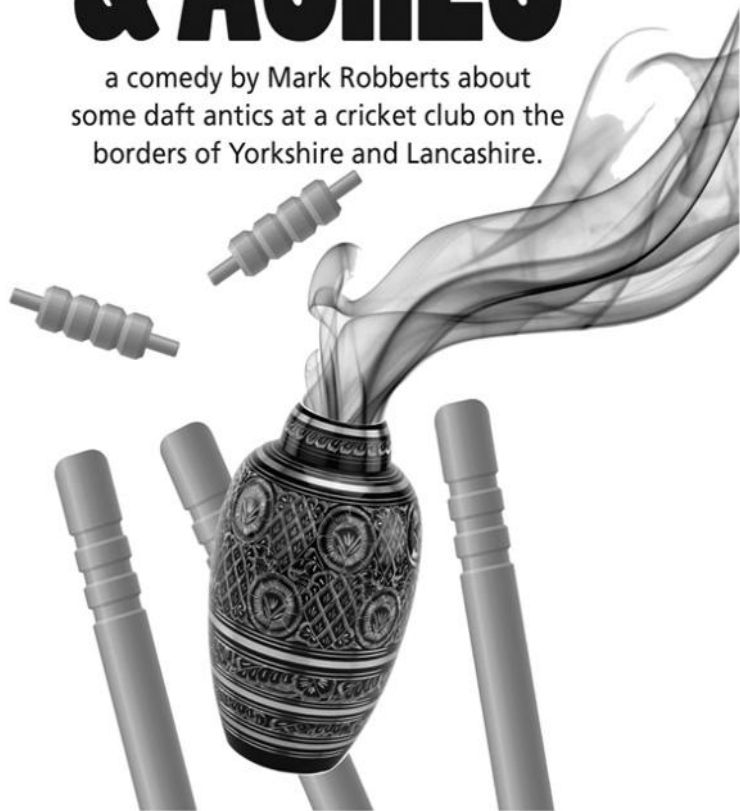
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