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Editorial



As our Editorial photograph shows, Ken Stephenson managed to project a double image of the eclipse with the help of his binoculars and Spikey the hedgehog.

Next month potentially sees elections for three tiers of government at Parish, District and Parliamentary levels. We carry profiles for candidates (who are known to be standing as we go to press) for the Parish and District Councils.

Whilst Spring is only just upon us, thoughts are being given already to summer events. Harbury Carnival will be on 13th June with the Open Gardens on the weekend of 27th and 28th June. Ladbroke is staging a Music Festival on the Green of the 29th August. Put these dates in your diary now.

The Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM will be held on Tuesday 21st April at 8pm in the Shakespeare Inn. We are looking for villagers to become involved with the production of the magazine, so this would be an ideal opportunity to find out what is involved.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Tony Elliott.

Harbury Diary


APRIL

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|-----|---|--|
| Sat | 4 | Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of World Challenge for Africa
HOLY SATURDAY
Confirmation, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and first Eucharist of Easter, with the Bishop of Warwick - in Harbury Church, 8.00pm (Joint Service with Ladbroke) |
| Sun | 5 | EASTER DAY
Easter Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments
No Evening Service |

- Tues 7 Harbury Heritage Room open, 6.30-8.30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Horticultural Society, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Rob & Diane Cole - "Autumn Fare"
- Wed 8 No Wednesday Walk
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Jeremy Wright MP, public question and answer session, 7.30-8.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Southam Bowling Club Fashion Show, 7.30pm in Village Club, Tickets £5 from Anne Clarke 614550
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room, "Another Man's Shoes" by Ellie Targett
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance
- Sun 12 EASTER II**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
- Tues 14 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Antiques Valuation Event, 4.00-7.00pm, Harbury Village Library
Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Wednesday Walkers, Chesterton to Roman Fort (3 miles nearly flat), meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion, followed by coffee
Village with a Vision AGM, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 18 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke W.I.
- Sun 19 EASTER III**
Holy Communion 8.00am
'Saints Alive' Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
- Mon 20 Harbury Society talk, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - "From Small Beginnings" the Southam Heritage Collection by Bernard Cadogan
- Tues 21 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM, 8.00pm at the Shakespeare Inn
- Wed 22 Wednesday Walkers, Hunningham to Pear Tree (3½ miles flat) with optional pub meal. Meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Thurs 23 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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5.30PM
- Fri 24 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, in Village Hall
Twinning Annual Supper & Skittles at Navigation Inn,
Wootton Wawen
- Sat 25 Councillors' Corner 10.00-11.00am outside Post Office,
Chapel Street
Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of GASS
Pre-school Barn Dance, 8.00-11.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 26 EASTER IV**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am
- Tues 28 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 29 Wednesday Walkers, Fawsley to Badby Woods (4 miles hilly).
Meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion, followed by coffee, 9.45am
- MAY**
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Senior Citizens' Benefit
- Sun 3 EASTER V**
Sung Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food &
refreshments
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
- Mon 4 Southam & District Lions Club, May Day Fete, starts 2.00pm at
The Bowling Green pub car park, Southam
- Tues 5 Harbury Heritage Room open 6.30-8.30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walkers, bus to Bishops Itchington, walk back
through Thwaites Estate (4 miles), meet 9.40am in Village Hall
Car Park
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm: Charles Catt - "Canal
Wildlife"
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Election Day, 7.00am-10.00pm, the Village Hall
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Village Hall Development

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
April	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	8	9	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	16	17	Grey Bin
	22	23	24	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	29	30		Grey Bin
May			1	Grey Bin
	6	7	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	14	15	Grey Bin

	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	Reverend Craig Grocock
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God is dead . . . yeah, right!

Easter time is upon us once again and we know it's all about cute bunnies, fluffy chicks and eating too much chocolate, right? Well, not quite. Christians happen to think it's a bit more meaningful than that.

Back in the 1880's the philosopher Nietzsche declared that "God is dead," and before the turn of the Twentieth Century, Shaw and Wells chimed in saying the 20th Century would mark the end of the world's "religious phase."

Yet, today a church now meets in Russia's Museum of Religion and Atheism. Nearly half of the United States' population attends worship on a regular basis while revival is sweeping through Latin America and Christianity continues to grow in communist China.

Nietzsche, Shaw and Wells have long since decayed in their graves, but God continues to live! That's the real message of Easter.

Of all the great religious leaders let's not forget that Mohammed died, and was buried. His faithful followers take pilgrimages to visit his remains, the same is true of the Buddha and other religious leaders. But of Jesus. . . not true! You cannot visit his remains, you can only visit his empty grave, because he isn't there. He's alive! This is the Easter message – life not death.

Going back to chocolate Easter eggs, they represent the boulder that sealed Jesus' tomb. And with eggs being widely thought of as a symbol of hope

and new life, the custom grew where people exchanged gifts of chocolate eggs at Easter.

As Christians we are Easter people because of the first Easter Day when death and darkness were beaten. Jesus is alive and that's why we celebrate it!

Please do come and celebrate Easter with us at All Saints', there is something for everyone and you will be most welcome!

From the Registers

Burial of Ashes

5th March Danny Killian

Holy Baptism

8th March Poppy Morris

22nd March Jayden Robert Lamont Jones-Owen



From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

Well, Spring is well and truly on its way, and, by the time you read this article, Holy Week will be over and we will largely be through our Easter services, during which we were blessed to have John, Bishop of Warwick with us.

Our Family Service 'Saints Alive' theme for March was Mothering Sunday and we had a wonderful service with many children from the primary school showing us pictures they had drawn and leading the prayers of thanks for all mums, everyone who cares for us and of course, our heavenly Father. We celebrated afterwards, as we always do, with drinks and cakes in the Tom Hauley Room. Even if you do not come to other services please do come and join us every third Sunday of the month for our more informal Saints Alive service where we explore God's word in a more contemporary way, usually with some fun and interactive activities.

On a more reflective note, our Lent course has been truly inspirational and also served as preparation for those being confirmed shortly. There are lots of ways to explore God's love for us and there a number of Homegroups in the village where small groups of people meet regularly, usually once a week, to worship, pray, study the Bible, explore aspects of the Christian faith – and there's usually tea and cake to be had too! More details can either be found in the notice sheet, copies of which are just inside the church, or on the church website, details on opposite page.

We would love to see you at any of our services – and more information can be found on our website: <http://www.allsaintsharbury.org/>. For those of you who are unable to get to church but would like to listen to the sermons, these are now recorded and can be accessed via <http://www.allsaintsharbury.org/podcasts.php>

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 8th March we welcomed our new PCC and thanked those who will now be stepping down. Thanks go to them for all their faithful work over the last year. The minutes of the meeting can be located on the notice tables in the Transept or contact John or Elaine for a copy.

And finally, in the last edition we reported that we have commissioned a safety report on the trees outside the Library and invited comments and feedback in relation to the trees and in particular the Tree of Light. Thanks to all those who have provided comments to date. Please contact John (614206) or Elaine (813654) to provide additional feedback.



Mothers' Union

Sue Boniface

Our meeting in March began with an extraordinary Annual General Meeting at which Christine Rutherford was formerly elected as leader for the next three years. Christine will be commissioned during the morning service on 10th May at All Saints Harbury.

After the usual business announcements we had an interesting talk from Chris Cooke who is involved in the financial administration of Mothers' Union. Chris meets with seven other elected members from all parts of the UK three times each year at Mary Sumner House. The purpose of these meetings is to oversee and allocate all funds raised or donated to The Mothers' Union. Funds managed by the committee include the Relief fund, a UK fund, the General fund and the Overseas Fund. Any money raised or donated which is not specified for any particular purpose goes into the General Fund.

The Overseas Fund is used for literacy and finance training and facilitators are trained to train others with the aim that areas should become self-sufficient. These initiatives have had a marked impact on family life in various parts of the world, as women who have been enabled to read and manage finances can therefore support their families and help others in their communities. Monies for these initiatives are paid directly to the Mothers' Union Diocese in which the training is needed.

Mary Sumner House is the headquarters of Mothers' Union and is situated just behind Westminster Abbey. There are approximately forty paid employees, not all of whom are full time. Their salaries are mainly funded by

income generated from letting the conference and meeting rooms in this lovely, centrally located building.

Our speaker on 6th May is Charles Catt who will be telling us about God's Wonderful Wildlife on the canals. As usual we begin with Communion in the THR at 2.00pm and we will welcome any guests who wish to join us. If you prefer not to come for Communion, plan to arrive at 2.30pm.

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

APRIL

Sat 4 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 5 Easter Day

Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments

Wed 8 Table Tennis 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 10 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 12 Easter II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 14 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 15 Annual Village Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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Sat 18 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 19 Easter III

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Wed 22 Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 23 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY

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WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 25 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 26 Easter IV

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 25 Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall

MAY

Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 3 Easter V

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Wed 6 Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

March, the month when lambs arrive in the field next to church, is also the time of Lent, the period in which we prepare for Easter. At homegroup we have thought about how Jesus encountered the impending crisis of his death and how Pilate and Nicodemus reacted; the choir have been busy rehearsing for the service they are leading on Good Friday and we have met with friends and neighbours at soup, bread and cheese lunches, raising money for Ladbroke Church and Water Aid. On the 4th Sunday of Lent we celebrated Mothering Sunday. Rev Craig's wife Su brought along her box of treasures, things very special to her and the bottom was a mirror so everyone who looked into the box saw their reflection and was reminded that they are special. For this service the organ was given a Sunday off as Kate took the keyboard, accompanied by Kip on bass guitar, Alice on acoustic guitar and sax (not at the same time!) and Rory on trumpet and every lady present was presented with a posies of flowers, kindly given by Rosemary Allington. During the service we also created a prayer tree - this is a semi permanent feature so if you would like to add your own prayer next time you are in church for a service or just to look around, please write a name or situation on one of the leaves in the basket (near the font) and add it to the tree.

If you have wished to send a postcard of Ladbroke there are now some available as well as the greeting cards with church views and the leaflet about the building.

Our annual church meeting on 25th March saw the re-election of Jackie West and David Rutherford as churchwardens and all but one of the existing members of the parochial church council (PCC). After serving on it for 44 years, Betty Winkfield has decided to retire from the PCC. We will miss her experience and wisdom at our meetings and hope it will be many years before she stands down from her numerous other roles that help make Ladbroke Church so smooth running, cared for and caring.

Ladbroke Flower Rota

12 th April	Jane Rutherford
19 th April	Christine Baker
26 th April	Christine Baker
3 rd May	Kate Todman



Ladbroke Men's Breakfast - Saturday 16th May

Are you a man? Do you like a good discussion? Do you enjoy eating a full English breakfast?

If the answer is 'yes' to all these, come along to **Ladbroke Village Hall** on **Saturday 16th May between 8.30am and 9.30am.**

After a brief presentation by our speaker, Craig Grocock, you will have plenty of opportunity for comments and questions as well as time to enjoy your hearty breakfast.

Of course there's no such thing as a free breakfast so there will be a small charge, but do put this date in your diary now! More details will be available soon.

David Wright



The formal minutes by the clerk will appear on the notice board by The Bell Inn in due course but here is my take on the meeting held on 11th March 2015.

Matters arising: Possible defibrillators have been investigated and councillors are looking into sources of funding.

Parish Council Elections: Nomination information will be communicated by enews* as completed forms must be passed to Derek Batty by Easter Sunday or individually delivered by hand to SDC by 9th April. Rather than have a contested election, several of our existing councillors would take the opportunity to stand down if there are more than five nominations.

Planning: There was no representation regarding Ladbroke Grove Bungalow (down the drive at the end of Ladbroke Hill Lane) which was erected many years ago without planning permission nor to removal of a yew at Woodlands or several trees at Bell View Cottage and the usual comment of "refer to SDC legal department" was sent in response to applications to change Manor Farm barn conversions from holiday use to permanent dwellings. The proposed large, two storey extension at Bell View Cottage was discussed but it was concluded that there was no planning reason to object to it. Permission had been granted for felling trees at Hallsfield and for the garden shed at 9 Hedges Close.

Councillors expressed their lack of faith in SDC planning department after what appeared to be a breach of procedure. Our councillors had lodged an objection to an application and prepared to attend the meeting at which it would be discussed but they were told the decision was being delegated and

then the application was approved, prior to the date of the meeting, despite the objection not being withdrawn.

Highways, footpaths & drainage: The person at SDC responsible for organising the fixing of the drains in Banbury Road is seriously ill and as it's not an emergency, the work will not be done in this financial year and the money will be carried over. Individual property flood defences will be investigated.

Ladbroke Matters: The recent film night was sold out. The next event will be the supper and race night on 21st March.

HS2: Ladbroke Parish Council, Ladbroke Action Group and Steve Copley spoke to the Select Committee on 2nd February and were well received; no official reply has been sent yet. The Parish Council thanked all who attended, especially those preparing and giving the presentations. A final report from the Action Group is expected at the Annual Village Meeting on 15th April.

WCC: Not much to report as no-one is making any decisions that could possibly be reversed after the outcome of the General Election!

The budget for 2015-16 is 1.95% higher than last year. The government is helping to fund changing street lights to LED lamps. £30,000 has been identified for repairs to roads in the Feldon Divison - the issue with the haunching (ie edge of the tarmac) on the road between the Bishops Itchington turn and Deppers Bridge junction was raised.

Both Bishops Itchington and Bascote Heath have received plans for solar farms.

The WCC councillor was questioned whether the apparent burning of waste woodchip on a local farm was legal - yes if they have a permit and it was generated on site; no if it is imported waste.

Small community grants can be applied for during August and September, we might consider this for the defibrillator.

SDC: The interim report on the core strategy is due 20th March.

SDC will be receiving £1M less from the government but do not plan to increase council tax or reduce services.

The Rural Crime Officer, Lucy Lambert, is keen to come to events to visibly mark items to deter theft. As Ladbroke is not having a fete this year, perhaps this could be done in the Village Hall grounds one Saturday morning.

The Deppers Bridge solar farm appeal decision is not expected until June.

Next meetings: Annual Village Meeting - 15th April, Parish Council Meeting - 13th May.

* If you are not on the Ladbroke e-news distribution list please send your email address to Martin Neal martincneal@hotmail.co.uk

I was bemused by the title of 'Police Dramas' for the talk on Thursday 26th March in the Village Hall. Paul Taberner explained that he had been the Head of Forensics and Crime Scene investigations based in Leek Wootton but working all over Warwickshire. As well as this very busy and varied job he advised on police dramas such as Dangerfield as to the authenticity of the plot and investigations. However the producers cannot always have taken notice of his advice as he disappointed the avid TV crime watchers explaining that the methods in fiction are often far from factual.

He described how the police protected the scene of the crime from cross contamination because 'every contact leaves a trace'. In fact if you were planning a life of crime you would have been put off by the police's ability to extract such detailed information from the place where a crime had taken place. It was interesting to hear about the characteristics of fire and its spread and what could be gleaned even from a site which had been burned to the ground.

He recounted very funny anecdotes about his wide ranging work which took in theft, suspicious deaths, armed robberies, murder, fire, forgery and drug growing and dealing. We only let him stop when time became too pressing.

Following the talk we had the business meeting and Dianne reminded us of dates for our diaries:

16th April, Craft Evening - 7.00pm at 89, Stowe Drive Southam, (Heather's place)

18th April, Coffee Morning - 10.00am – 12.00 noon in Tom Hauley room. Cakes, wrapped and labelled with allergen advice, will be welcomed as will gifts of books, bric-a-brac or raffle prizes. Contact Dianne on 817904 if you need anything to be collected.

18th May, Group Meeting - 7.30pm Napton Village Hall. Speaker Tom Heap from Countryfile. Tickets £3.

Our WI is now set up to communicate via Facebook. Anyone wishing to gain more understanding about how to use this is asked to let Kerry know on kerry.lucas1@btinternet.com

The next meeting is on 23rd April starting at 7.30pm when Linda Doyle will talk to us about The Battle of Southam in 1642.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West



We had a large turnout for our March meeting when Mike Todman took us on a tour of Istanbul. He had gone to Turkey on a photographic holiday and was surprised on arriving to find that they were to spend all week in its largest city. However this meant plenty of time for experimenting with the camera and getting to know a few locals and, by the end of the seven days, the group were still finding new things to photograph. Mike's images ranged from classic ones of the Blue Mosque to tiny, dark alleyways in the souk. We learnt the trick for getting



great views of the city was to gain access to private rooftops - with a friendly smile and blatant request and perhaps the purchase of a glass of tea or cup of coffee. The same techniques were used to get shots of people in their workshops and cafes, though many were so friendly they wouldn't take payment for the refreshments.

After our mid-evening break (as usual an opportunity for delicious cake from David's bakery) we looked at pictures taken closer to home, in fact just across the road when the Warwickshire Hunt had met there a few days earlier. On that occasion our members had found the biggest challenge was getting a good shot of the hounds without them licking their cameras!

Ladbroke Photography Club has entered Compton Verney's competition "A Sense of Britain" with six photos that try to capture the feel of the British Summer and the history, traditions and community spirit of our local area with photos taken at the Dallas Burston Polo Club, Harbury Carnival, Ladbroke Fete and the Battle of Southam. A number of larger, more professional clubs have entered the competition too so it will be interesting to see how well we do.

Our next meeting is a week later than usual on Tuesday 14th April, we'll be having a print competition "Egg" and look at images investigating the impact of composition, the target being to have five photos of the same thing with one boring and four interesting shots. To find out more about our meetings or the club generally email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk or take a look at our website tinyurl.com/LadbrokePhoto



What we do

The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for the upkeep of the Village Hall and Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both of these resources for the benefit of our community.

Here is a rundown of our latest events and activities:-



Supper & Traditional Race Night: This sell-out event took place on Saturday 21st March in the Village Hall. The combination of a fish and chip supper and betting on wooden horses proved to be a 'dead cert' and was enjoyed by all who were there. Special thanks go to Kip Warr and Martin Neal who organised the event; Alan Ballard for the loan of his PA equipment; and Alan Lord for his impeccable MC skills.



Film Night and Supper: Another of our popular film and supper nights is planned for **Friday 10th April** in the Village Hall. The film will be *Mr Turner*, a bio-pic about JMW Turner, arguably England's greatest painter. In keeping with the English theme, the pre-film supper will be a 2-course traditional English meal. Tickets are £12

each and can be obtained from Margie (817312). Places are limited – so book early! Doors open at 7pm. Bring your own drinks.

Events planned for the Summer season include another film night on 12th June; a Gilbert & Sullivan evening on 4th July; and a music festival on the green on August Bank Holiday Saturday (29th).

Get involved

Copies of our 2015 information leaflet and event programme is available at *The Bell* pub. If you would like to join the team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact us (details are in our leaflet and on the Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£50	S and S Roberson	£50	Carol Loftus
£25	Cyril Spence	£25	Peter Loftus
£25	Tracy Lochhead	£10	Erika Cerri
£10	Linda Spence	£10	Tim Malby
£10	Sue Lord	£10	Rob Kendall



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

The most interesting thing for once was not planning, but the composition of the Council. Chairman Tim Lockley presided over only five Councillors, all women, plus the female Clerk. The audience was gender balanced with a male District and County Councillor, a female prospective Councillor, a young couple out for an evening's entertainment and me!

The Council approved the quote to install a better safety surface at the playing fields which would leave the present bark fill to be removed by volunteers for their own use. Two new cradle swing seats were also ordered. A sign will be erected at Deppers Bridge playing field to prohibit unauthorised parking.

Pat Summers reported complaints that the Burial Grounds were untidy but said leaves, moles and weather were to blame. The Chairman explained they aimed for it to be neat and tidy in a natural setting otherwise the costs would be exorbitant. Cllr Hancock would inspect the mole hills and the Parish arborist would be asked to prune the lime that overhung gardens.

There having been no official approach asking for an extra dog waste bin in Bush Heath Lane, the Council was loath to fork out the £500 or commit to the on-going costs of emptying it. They debated where to put the five "dog fouling posters", agreeing most could go on the playing fields where problems were worst with one on the footway from Percival Drive to South Parade.

Tim Lockley, having arranged for Network Rail to resurface the Wight School car park, did not think they could be persuaded to provide an extension to the one at the playing fields too.

Eon shocked them with a 50% rise for street lights' electricity so they will seek other quotes.

The Fun Fair's request to use the fields on the Tuesday before Carnival and operate from the Thursday to Saturday caused great soul searching due to the possible damage to the field but they agreed, subject to a fee of £250 with a similar returnable deposit to allow access.

A replacement for Mike McBride who is retiring from organising the Christmas lights would be sought via the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

The WW1 Centenary was an opportunity to refurbish the War Memorial and the Council agreed to accept the quote for £2,800 in the hope their Lottery grant application would be a success. A different Heritage Lottery application

will hopefully fund blue plaques on homes of the fallen, with trail information available at the Library.

Planning:- Stratford District Cllr Kettle said the Core Strategy has been bounced back for further work and consultation. The Inspector decided the housing totals were not sound. So that means another six months delay. However the good news is the allocation of houses for villages of our size was “probably correct” leaving us and Bishops to each find space for 112. We have nearly reached our quota, Bishops is already over theirs.

County Councillor Stevens confirmed this saying the appeal on 150 homes in Long Itchington Parish had been allowed but the Inspector said no more would be allowed there.

The PC made no representation on treeworks at 9 Pirie Close and Wissett Lodge, Church Street; a rear extension at 26 Binswood End; on the creation of a separate housing unit at Stapenhall Farm; or the variation on the proportion of homes built to “Lifetime” standards at Station Road, Bishops Itchington. They withdrew their objection to the retrospective application for a change of use to residential at Fosse Farm on the condition that it would be on a one year experimental basis only.

They did however support Bishops Itchington in objecting to a further proposal by Gladmans for 105 houses on the Knightcote Road on the grounds of its impact on transport, education and heath provision; that it was speculative, an over-supply and lacked community engagement.

They had news the Cement Works development would be marketing the residential site to builders soon but was still negotiating with Warwickshire Wildlife to provide the promised Country Park.

Pat Summers announced the Neighbourhood Planning group had appointed Kirkwells Consultants and Cllr Sam Allen had organised the topic groups and provided examples of existing plans.

Next Parish Council Meeting is **Thursday 23rd April 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

A Pre-Election Councillors’ Corner will take place outside the Post Office on Saturday 25th April 10.00-11.00am.

Allotment Available

There is just one half plot still available. It has been neglected for a long time and is in need of some TLC. If you fancy some fresh air, lots of exercise, and home-grown fruit and veg to eat, this could be the opportunity you’ve been waiting for! Please contact the parish clerk on 01926 614646 for more information.

Parish Council Election

Don't forget the Parish Council election is on 7th May 2015!

Anyone interested in standing for election should contact the Parish Clerk on 01926 614646 straight away as completed nomination forms must be received at Stratford District Council by 4.00pm on 9th April 2015.

Harbury Parish Council is responsible for maintenance of all public open spaces, the playing fields and play areas, the cemetery, the allotments and street lighting. In addition to providing these basic services, the Parish Council is also consulted on all planning applications, roads and transport, and works closely with WCC, SDC and the local police. The Council also runs a grants scheme and provides help and support for village organisations. The Parish Council is at the grass roots of democracy. If you would like to be involved, please contact us today.

We hope all local electors will take the opportunity to vote for Parish Councillors at the forthcoming election which will take place at the same time as the Parliamentary and District Council elections.

Parliamentary, Parish and District Council Elections 7th May 2015

The elections are for three different bodies. The first is for Parliament and the boundaries for the Kenilworth and Southam Parliamentary constituency remain unchanged from the last election.

The second set of elections are for Stratford District Council and here there are major changes: the number of councillors for the District Council has been significantly reduced and each ward is now a single member ward. These are changes introduced by the Boundaries Commission. Furthermore each Councillor will be elected for a four year period and the whole Council will be elected en bloc every four years, rather than one third of councillors every year. The new Harbury ward includes Deppers Bridge, Chesterton & Kingston, and (new) Lighthorne Heath. Bishops Itchington is now a ward on its own. As a result Harbury will have its own dedicated District Councillor following this election.

The third set of elections (assuming the seats are contested - more candidates standing than seats) are for the Parish Council and there are no changes here.

Printed overleaf are profiles submitted by candidates that have indicated that they will be standing in the District and Parish Elections. There may well be other candidates standing on Election Day.

Editors

Parish Council Election



Samantha Allen

I have lived in Harbury since 2010 with my husband and our son, and was co-opted onto the Parish Council last year. As a relative 'newbie' to both the village and the Council itself, I am still developing my role in the community, but have a particular interest in Planning.

I feel very strongly that Harbury is a very special place to live, with a strong community spirit and people that are friendly, inclusive and care about their rural village.

I'd like to see Harbury develop in a way that meets the needs of the village in the future and I have been actively involved with planning consultations and working with the Neighbourhood Planning group. Harbury is in the process of creating its own Neighbourhood Plan. We are writing a piece of legislation specific to our Parish, which sets out what sort of development we want to see happen - where, when and how - up to 2031.

I have enjoyed my time on the Parish Council so far, and ask for you to re-elect me so that I can continue in this position, working to represent the interests of the residents of the parish.



Steve Ekins

I moved into the village with my family six and a half years ago from Lillington. Harbury has always been the kind of place that we wanted to live, because of its reputation of community spirit and village life and we very quickly felt part of the village.

I have always felt the importance of community involvement and whilst in Lillington, I was an assistant leader in the 1st Lillington Scouts, Chairman of North Leamington School PTA and also Governor at the School during its change in status to an Academy.

My hobbies/interests include cycling, walking and hashing. I was involved with Harbury's annual Hash and its fund raising for over ten years.

So when the opportunity came five years ago to apply to be a Parish Councillor I took it and was pleased to be co-opted onto the Parish Council as the representative for the Ward of Depper's Bridge. I am a member of the working parties covering: Planning, Finance and General Purposes.

I feel very strongly that more affordable housing is needed for the future generations of Harbury to be able to stay in the village they love.

So if you will vote for me, I will be happy to continue to serve the communities of Harbury and Depper's Bridge in any way I can. Thank you!



Chris Gibb

I was born in Cornwall, grew up in Essex and Surrey and have, since the age of 17, worked on the railway in Scotland, England and Wales. I am now 51 and work part time as a Non Executive Director of Network Rail, and as an advisor to a high speed rail project in Texas. My interests are travel (usually by train!), cycling locally, gigs at the Assembly in Leamington and Vulcan jets. I have been involved with Harbury since 2004, when our eldest daughter, Emily, started at Harbury School in Reception, followed by Harriet in 2006. We moved to Harbury in 2012 and they are now 15 and 13, and at Princethorpe College. My wife Cathy and I are involved in a range of village groups from Knit Wits to Sad Dads, and enjoy events such as the Village Cinema and Victorian Festival. We attend All Saints Church, Harbury, and live at Phoenix House, in High Street, at the heart of the lively village community. Harbury is a great place to live for all generations, and I would like to play a part in keeping it that way, caring for our heritage whilst embracing the changes that the future inevitably brings.



Alan.G. Knowles

My name is Alan. G. Knowles I have lived in Harbury for over forty years during which time I ran a small Plumbing and Heating Business.

I am now retired and I have been on the Parish Council for some years now and would like to continue for another term.

I find being a Parish Councillor very fulfilling and I hope to continue for many years to come being of service to the local community.



Amanda Lewis

I have lived in the village for 12 years, and having two young children fully appreciate the facilities and sense of community that this village has to offer. In 2009 I took the opportunity to become more involved in the community being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

As a Parish Councillor my goal has been to ensure that there is appropriate debate on all matters ensuring that decisions taken are in the best interests of the Community as a whole and in so doing I often find myself challenging the status quo.

I chair the Environment working party and am a member of the Finance and General Purposes working party and the Library working party. I have also joined the Village with a Vision Group and we are working hard in seeking to provide Care Facilities within our Community.



Tim Lockley

I have lived in the village for 18 years, been a Parish Councillor for 12 years and chairman for the past 7 years. My children attend Harbury Primary and Southam College, and I try to think of what kind of village their generation would like to live in when I make decisions. Harbury is a great place to bring up children and I see the Parish Council's job, if I was re-elected, as not only preserving what we have but also creating new opportunities. We cannot prevent change, but I think we can help to manage it. An example of what can be achieved when lots of people work together is the Village Library, which I also chair. We have transformed a threatened service into something very special for the community.



Tony Mancell

When we moved into Harbury 36 years ago it was the strong community spirit that was immediately noticeable and this still exists within our village. This community spirit exists because of the people who live here and the way we work together, making Harbury the village that it is.

I've been a member of Harbury Parish Council for the last 13 years, holding the position of Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes group. Over these years we have managed the Parish budget, setting the Parish Precept so that the Council can carry out its plans and responsibilities for the village, as well as supporting village organisations, such as Harbury Library, Village Hall and many of the youth groups in the village.

As well as ensuring that we use all of the Precept money we have each year, we make sure that the Council doesn't over spend. Also any tasks the Parish Council has that don't fall into the other sub-groups such as Planning, Environment and Properties, fall into ours!

I have felt privileged to be a Parish Councillor for the past 13 years and would like to continue in this role, so I am seeking re-election on May 7th, thank you.



Edward Ross

Hello Harbury,

My wife Brenda and I moved into Chapel Street, five years ago and soon realised what a wonderful place Harbury is, and how friendly the locals are. We were soon accepted and have made a great number of friends. We feel that this is the place we would like to remain for the rest of our lives.

Having finished the major part of work inside the house, I feel that the time has come for me to give back something to Harbury by standing for election to the Harbury Parish Council.

My working career revolved around the motor industry, where I was involved at a senior level in budget preparation and financial control, as well as short and long term planning. I was involved in people motivation so I feel I have something to offer in working with a committed team.

So if you feel that Harbury could use someone like me whose goal is to try and improve our village by listening to you the residents, then cast your vote for Edward Ross.



Pat Summers

My name is Pat Summers and I have lived in Harbury all my life. Many of you will remember my parents Derek and Eve Lowe. My husband Brian and I have moved three times within the village and brought up our two children here.

Over the years I have been involved in many village organisations and am proud of what has been achieved as Harbury has grown from the small village of my childhood to the vibrant, social and caring community that it is now.

I was co-opted onto the Parish Council in November 2010 as I wanted to 'put something back' into our very special society and find that I enjoy the variety of council business. I am a member of the Environment working group and chair the Planning working group. I helped co-ordinate the Parish Plan update in 2012 and am now involved in preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

I never realised the problems I would encounter regarding planning legislation as government targets have to be met by councils all over the country, and these will not change whichever political party is in power. The parish of Harbury is a special place to live, but it will have to grow and change in the future. The Neighbourhood Plan will help us to manage those changes and limit the growth.

My only interest is the protection and wellbeing of Harbury for future generations and I hope to be re-elected so that I can do that.



Keith Thompson

I have had the privilege and pleasure of being a member of Harbury Parish for 34 years, during which I was chairman for 3 years and chairman of the Finance and Properties Working Parties. I am currently Vice Chair and involved in many aspects of PC activity, including the Planning and Properties Working Parties.

I represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee and Village with a Vision.

My wife Mary and I bought a house in Harbury at the time of our marriage in 1968. Our two children were born, educated and brought up here and our daughter has returned to live in Deppers Bridge. The community spirit within Harbury is very special and important to us all and the Parish Council provides me with a means of contributing to it.

I retired in 2007 and this has enabled me to devote time during the day to the Parish Council and I therefore hope that you will enable me to continue to serve the Parishioners of Harbury, by voting for me on Thursday 7th May.



Janet Thornley

I have lived in Harbury for over 50 years. I have been a Parish Councillor for a total of 11 years. I have two children and my daughter still resides in Harbury. I have also served as a Governor at Harbury School

My main personal interests are bowls, music and theatre. I am on several village committees; Village Hall Management Committee, Village Hall Fund Raising Committee, Heritage Group, Harbury Energy Initiative, a long-time member of the Theatre Group and Twinning Association.

My present role as a parish councillor includes provision of facilities of play equipment and management of the playing fields. I am also involved in environmental issues within the parish boundary.

I was a prime mover in reinstating the weekly Youth Club sessions following which funds were raised to provide a skateboard park on the playing fields site. The Youth Project Group, set up some nine years' ago, raised funds for our youth and a BMX track has been constructed on the existing redundant earth mounds on the playing fields.

My aims are to foster closer relationships in order to promote respect and consideration across the age groups. Our community spirit is unique and I believe this will only continue to flourish if we encourage young people to participate in all aspects of village life. I feel passionately about maintaining rural lifestyles and village unity whilst seeking changes for the future development in order to benefit the needs of the whole community.

I consider it a privilege to serve on the Parish Council and I hope I can continue as a Harbury Parish Councillor, if elected, for the ensuing years.

May Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

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

Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by
5.30pm, Thursday 23rd April



Jacqui Harris – Conservative Candidate for Stratford District Council

Hello, I'm Jacqui Harris and I'm standing as the Conservative candidate in the Stratford District Council elections. I moved to Warwickshire in 2005 and as a Police Officer (now retired), worked at many levels including local, regional and national. This has given me many skills and abilities useful for supporting communities with local issues. As an Inspector, I managed a large sector interacting with many agencies and enjoyed my partnership working immensely. I have worked with Parish, District and County Councils and understand the concerns of village communities.

I managed many areas in my roles in the police, including the Wildlife and Countryside portfolio and it is my intention to support all aspects of rural life, including promotion and enjoyment of the countryside by everyone. I remain working in the community as a District Nurse, and I am used to dealing with difficult and sensitive situations. I have great communications skills and believe that I am approachable.

Like me you chose to live in a village and do not want to see that unique village ethos, including local businesses and schools, compromised. I understand from my visits around the ward that there is great unrest with all the change that is occurring and I would be happy to discuss views or ideas, especially those to enhance local facilities, with any resident.

I will use the breadth of my experience in the role as a councillor, working in partnership with your Parish and County Councillors to ensure that the voice of the Ward is listened to.

I look forward to representing you. You can contact me via 07927 639352.



Janice Elliott Montague – Liberal Democrat candidate for Stratford District Council

I am a retired University law lecturer and have lived in Harbury for over 35 years. My children both attended the local primary school and I served on the PTA. I was also involved in fundraising activities for the children's playground project, Hopscotch, and was a volunteer at the Youth Club.

I have been a supporter of our Community Library since the outset, and do a regular shift on the issue desk. Additionally, I have been a member of the editorial committee for the Harbury and Ladbroke News for several years and a distributor for many more. I have recently become a dementia navigator for Age Concern and would support efforts to make the community more aware of dementia sufferers' needs.

I am a member of the Tennis Club, and support the Village Hall fund raising and other activities. I feel it is essential that events like regular film screenings and the Games continue to take place to foster a sense of community. I appreciate the need for extra housing, especially for younger and elderly people, but believe the priority should be for affordable homes for local people, built to environmentally friendly standards and designed and executed in harmony with its surroundings. As more people live in the area, the need for traffic calming, sensible parking practices and litter control will become more important. The current electric car pool initiative is definitely something to be welcomed. I hope to represent Harbury's interests energetically in all these respects if elected.



Councillor's Corner

Bev Mann

Dear Residents,

As the elections are next month I am writing to say I shall not be standing this time as your District Councillor.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenging position as your District Councillor and have learnt so much during the last seven years in this position.

Many of the topics of concern from residents have mainly been with housing or lack of housing which unfortunately seems to be an ongoing problem of not enough houses available for rent at a reasonable rate.

Secondly, planning and, as our Core Strategy (local plan) is still in the hands of the Government Inspector for determination, we are unlikely to find out if this is recommended for adoption until after the elections.

This factor has allowed speculative planning applications by developers to be granted by our planning officers due to the twofold effect of no Core Strategy in place so carrying little weight and, secondly, the District Council not being able to demonstrate a five year land housing supply. These factors have made it difficult to resist planning applications and if they have been refused they are being overturned at appeal.

There have been positives however, with a freeze on our Council Tax and savings being realized with joint working with other local Councils.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to work as your local District representative and I wish the new candidates good luck in their campaigns.





Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Society AGM

Chairman John Hancock expressed his gratitude for the members' support, thanked the committee members and Secretary for helping him. A large part of their time has always been taken up with commenting on planning applications but this was more necessary now there was a cascade of plans.

Secretary Linda Ridgley highlighted the pressure for housing development: 48 homes already built; 90 homes with planning permission and 8 more pending. As well as environmental damage there were fears both the School and Surgery did not have space to accommodate the increase in population.

Treasurer John Holden presented the Accounts showing a decreased surplus but still a healthy balance sheet.

Tim Holland gave a presentation on the "Immortal" 29th Division and their Monument, the 39 foot high limestone obelisk now marooned on an island at the Fosse Way/A45 intersection - once the centre of an avenue of elms. The monument is the focus of commemoration of the men of the 29th who in 1915 mustered there in front of George V, before setting out on the Gallipoli Campaign which saw the greatest number of VCs awarded. By the end of the war the "Immortal" 29th had suffered 94,000 casualties having been sent later to the Western Front in January 1916.

Uniquely the Monument also celebrates their stay in Warwickshire as the Division was assembled from several different regiments which, prior to embarkation, were billeted all over Warwickshire, where they so endeared themselves that public money was raised in commemoration of them.

Locals welcomed the troops who brought economic benefits – with the extra income for locals from the billet money, and what the 17-18,000 men spent themselves. There were problems; some landladies protested that they were not paid; there was drinking and violence including a spectacular punch-up in Nuneaton that involved soldiers from three battalions.

As the time came to muster, the troops were centralised and on 12th September the 29th Division assembled on the A45 between Fosse Way and the Railway Station west of Dunchurch waiting for the King to review the thirteen thousand men who marched past the saluting point where the Monument now stands.

The Monument celebrates the efforts of the "Immortal 29th Division" in two ways; the fallen in its stone and the living in the avenue of trees that is still there today, but the only acknowledgement of its presence is the road sign on the Coventry side of the roundabout saying simply The War Memorial!

Chris Holland is the author of "Before Gallipoli: The 29th Division in Warwickshire and north Oxfordshire, December 1914 - March 1915", published by Warwickshire Great War Publications. Chris can be contacted on 024 7654 2493. There is more information on his book and the Immortal 29th Division on:-

www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/1700-soldiers-invaded-coventry-warwickshire-8766531

Next Meeting: "From Small Beginnings" - **Monday 20th April 7.30pm for 8pm** in the Tom Hauley Room when Bernard Cadogan's talk "From Small Beginnings" is about the Southam Heritage Collection.

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p>Jeanne Beaumont</p>
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March came and so did the lovely Spring flowers making us much happier. Must mention that we were sorry to hear of the passing of Ann Mann, a member of the W.I. for some years.

We held our coffee morning on 14th March which is always well supported. The helpers were great, as was the raffle and the cakes sold out quickly. We thank everybody.

We will hear about the Annual Federation Meeting on 30th March next month. The Group Meeting is on Monday 18th May, 7.30pm at Napton Village Hall. The speaker will be Tom Heap from TV's Countryfile. There is a Royal Garden Party for the 100th anniversary of the W.I. on 2nd June.

The speaker, in March, was Maureen Sutherland speaking on "The Art of Course Guiding" (the ups and downs of a tourist guide). Maureen had been a teacher for 30 years and when she retired she did some part-time teaching and organised some school parties travelling abroad, which was a very responsible job she found out. Then she saw a course advertised at the Stratford Tec. to train as a Course Tourist Guide. She did so and so began her second profession.

We were told about her experiences with different nationalities and their ways. How some wished for a day's tour of all sights to last a very short time. Some wanted to go on an entirely different route than was planned. All varied travels which at times proved very tiring but so many interesting ones with nice people. She says it makes her job so interesting.

Next meeting at the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday, 9th April, 7.45pm. Speaker: Ellie Targett – "Another Man's Shoes".



Harbury Theatre Group

Andrew Lawrence

Rehearsals for our spring production "Stage struck" by John and Yvonne Eddleston are going really well. It is about a theatrical agency and a detective agency whose fortunes (and misfortunes) become rather too closely linked. It's a very funny play with some complicated movements typical of all good farces. Progress was slow at first because we just couldn't stop laughing but we've managed to pull ourselves together and focus on making a great performance. We hope you will enjoy it as much as the last one. Posters are being designed by Richard Marshall-Hardy and they will be on village notice boards soon. In the meantime here are the details for your diary:

At the Village Hall on 14th, 15th and 16th May, doors open at 7.00pm and curtain up at 7.30pm. Tickets available (from early April) from Cana, Mugleston's or phone 613488 – cost Adults £7, Concessions £5. We promise you a great night out!

Theatre Group Junior section

Over the last term, HTG Juniors have been learning how to act as an ensemble and understanding why it is so important in the theatre. Using techniques learnt through team games, improvisations and vocal work, the children have become a chorus, in the style of Ancient Greek Theatre, and are working on a retelling of 'The Gruffalo'. With over forty voices all speaking the well-known lines of the narrator; over forty bodies becoming the scenery and over forty pairs of feet creating a rhythm, the effect is quite wonderful, and the children have embraced this new style with their usual energy and enthusiasm. Our newest and youngest members are taking on the roles of the Mouse, Owl, Snake and Fox and, of course, we will be incorporating the usual singing and dancing that our young and talented group enjoy so much. We plan to perform our version of 'The Gruffalo' to the parents of our members towards the end of the summer term.

HTG Juniors meet once a week on Tuesday at the Village Hall and is for children aged 7 and up. If you are interested in joining, please contact us on htgjuniors123@gmail.com

Emily Jackson



Folk Club

Peter Bones

Owing to several of our regulars suffering from colds and other winter ailments, the number of performers who turned for the folk club of 5th March was down to only nine. The audience also seemed rather depleted.

However with the theme being “Special Places” those taking part provided a wide and interesting variety of material which was well received by those present.

Liz and I started with the well known local song, “English Meadow”, one of our “special places”, and in spite of the reduced numbers, we were encouraged by the enthusiastic singing of the audience during the choruses. The evening continued with many songs with either a chorus or refrain, and there was no holding back when it came to everyone joining in.

It was good to welcome a newcomer, Adam, who significantly reduced the average age of those present. He came across as a talented singer and guitarist and we hope to see more of him in the future.

Another newcomer was Malcolm who delighted the audience with the playing of the saxophone while being accompanied by Barbara. We hope to see him again as well.

Among my personal favourites of the evening were “Another Day in Middle England” and “A Cut above the Usual Affair”, both written and sung by Ian and Sue, aka “The Harvesters”.

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

The raffle raised a total of £50.00 for the Leamington Night Shelter, a local charity that provides temporary accommodation and help for those living rough in Leamington Spa. Many thanks to those who contributed.

The Folk Club continues to meet at the Harbury Club on a regular basis and we are grateful to the committee and bar staff for their continuing welcome and hospitality. We meet at 8pm on the first Thursday of the month, the admission is free, and all are welcome, whether singers, poets or just members of the audience.



Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick



We received very sad news from Samois in March that Georges Guillo Lohan had died, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Georges had been a member of the original ‘expeditionary force’ that came to Harbury in 1997 to see what we were like. (Luckily for us, he took back a very favourable report.) From then on he was strongly committed to the twinning. Despite the tragic illness of his wife Yvonne, the door of his house was always open to us. And he made no secret of the fact that he loved Harbury.

In addition to his career as an editor of medical journals, he was a mountaineer, canoeist, cyclist and sailor. From 2001 to 2008 he was Maire of Samois. The church of Samois was packed for his funeral.

On a lighter note, Sue Boniface has kindly written this note about our St David's Day Quiz:-

"A most enjoyable event at the village club was attended by approximately seventy people. As it was the evening of St. David's Day, participating teams needed to have some knowledge of Welsh geography, traditions, literature, food and prominent Welsh men and women.

The evening was punctuated by some groans as the questions and answers were delivered, yet I am sure I speak for everyone by reporting an evening of fun, as well as learning some interesting facts about Wales. We were provided with lovely sandwiches in the interval and there was a raffle with a large and varied number of prizes to conclude the evening. Many thanks to all those members of the Association who collated and delivered the questions, made sandwiches, organised and welcomed us, and to the Village Club for hosting the event."

As Tony explained last month, we are a community association open to all residents of Harbury (French speaking or not)! If you would like to come to our supper and skittles evening at the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen on Friday 24th April, or if you'd like any other information, please contact Sally (613214) or me (614359).



Harbury Juniors Football Club

Ian Jones

Under 10's Match Report: Malcolm Tanner

28th February: Tysoe Saxons 5 v Harbury Juniors 0

Harbury more than matched their high flying opponents in the early stages of this match and could well have taken the lead with good efforts from Archie C and Daniel C. However with Harbury pressing forward, Tysoe took advantage with their fast forwards and scored two goals in quick succession.

Harbury continued to play impressive football and but for some excellent goalkeeping the woodwork would have got back on even terms. Defensive errors allowed Tysoe to score two further goals; but in the last quarter it was all Harbury who were pushing for a well deserved goal which continued to elude them.

In the last minute Tysoe scored a breakaway goal to make the score 5-0 which does not reflect the quality of football in this evenly fought contest.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

The Club is participating in the Great British Tennis Weekend and will be holding an open morning on Sunday 17th May. This is a national initiative and we'll be offering free tennis for people of all ages. There will be more details in next month's edition of Harbury News but in the meantime if you'd like more information please contact me.

The Banbury Winter Leagues have now finished with mixed fortunes! In the weekend format, relegation from Division 3 was confirmed with a 1-7 reversal against Byfield C in the final match of the season. It was better news in the floodlit format and the season ended with Caroline Moreland, Eira Owen, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer being in good form and recording an emphatic 8-0 win against Deddington C. That guaranteed Harbury third place in Division 3, a very satisfying season after being promoted last year. There's not much time for rest and by the time you read this we will have played our first matches in the Banbury Summer League (Division 4) in the Warwickshire Aegon Veterans league, a new venture for us!

The Junior spring coaching has finished and some of the mini red children are pictured with their coach Wendy West. The summer programme starts on 13th April and sessions are available for 3 to 16 year olds. For more details contact Lucy on 07966 665291 or by email at: admin@tennisolutions.co



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton



Hello Melissa, is that a Mother's Day Card your going to make? Balloon painting is such fun!!

We were busy with other art and craft activities making Easter Cards for everyone with chicks, eggs and rabbits at the ready. All the children of course had their own Easter Egg to take home.

Corrine, a holistic therapist visited Toddlers during the Easter holidays and relaxed moms, dads and carers with lovely gentle hand massages, reflexology and shoulder de-stressing. Wonderful. If you would like to visit her at her practice, she is based in Wolston and can be contacted on corinnearmsden@hotmail.co.uk

There's lots to look forward to in the coming weeks with Mya's mother Lydia taking the lead with a 'Mya Marvellous Craft Corner' and a surprise animal visitor.

Thank you all for your continued support and Lynne, Emma and Paul look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five.

We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) and meet at 9.30am, saying bye bye at 11.15am.

Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Mothering Sunday – We began March by preparing for Mothers' Day. The children created beautiful cards with observational paintings of spring flowers and told us why their mummies were special to them. After writing in the cards, they carefully placed them in the envelope, together with a personalised keyring containing a photo of themselves on one side and a hand drawn picture of their mummy on the other.

The Jolly Postman – After listening to the story of "The Jolly Postman", the children wrote a letter to themselves and took them to the Post Office. They went in to see Guv behind the counter, weighing letters and checking the stamps before putting them in the large sack. They then went outside again to put their own letters into the post box.



The role play area soon became a post office, with envelopes and stamps, weighing scales and a sack for the mail. The children

made large parcels by wrapping up wooden blocks and wrote letters to their friends to be posted in their home made red post box.



Road Safety – We had a visit from Caroline from 'Warwick the Bear Road Safety' roadshow. The children listened carefully as she told a story, with help from "Warwick the Bear", sang songs, and gave each child a road safety story book to take home.



The children then practised in the outdoor play area before putting their road safety skills to good use when visiting the Post Office.

Postman Michael - There was lots of excitement when Michael the postman came to visit in his uniform, bringing his post bag, his Personal Digital Assistant scanner and his van. The children were all allowed to have a turn using the PDA, before going outside to see Michael's van, where they were able to sit in the driver's seat. We'd like to thank Michael for stopping at Pre-School whilst on his rounds!



Easter – We were delighted to welcome Rev Craig and Gill Guilford who came to tell us the Easter story and, at the end of the term, the children made lovely (and no doubt delicious) Easter nests, using shredded wheat and chocolate, which were then filled with tiny chocolate eggs.

Farewell – Sadly we will be saying farewell to Hunter and Otis as they leave Pre-School at the end of this term, but we wish them well as they settle into their new settings.

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



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

In March we held another successful shop for the children at school in honour of Mothers' Day. Thank you to Julie Young and her team of helpers for making it so special. The children really seem to enjoy being able to choose something for a loved one and then taking it home nicely wrapped to surprise a family member. We had some lovely comments from some of the mums about the gifts they received.

We also had our Easter themed Thursday Market where some great craft activity sets were being sold to keep the children occupied over the Easter holidays. We had our normal array of cakes, sweets, uniform, games and toys all run by the PTA as well as stalls from Earthworms and others wishing to sell unwanted toys etc. Thanks to our PTA helpers and bakers who help run these events twice a term under the expert guidance of Wendy Crowder.

At the moment there is a wonderful display of decorated Easter egg pictures throughout the school which is an annual competition run by the PTA. Congratulations to our class winners who will each be presented with an Easter egg at the last assembly of term and a special thanks to Rev Craig for judging the competition.

The Easter egg class winners:

R-Jessie, Y1-Mia, Y2-Lucy, Y3-Amelia, Y4-Nuala, Y5-Jamie, Y6-Eleanor

Finally the PTA would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter.

Dates for the Diary

Next Thursday Market – 14th May 3.15pm-4pm in the School Hall. Book a table for £1.50 by emailing HarburyPTA@outlook.com

PTA Beer Walk – 21st June followed by an evening BBQ at The Gamecock.

PTA Summer Fayre – 4th July on the school grounds.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

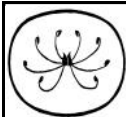
Would you be interested in joining a successful team which manages the Village Hall? Have you got innovative ideas about ways in which the Hall could be used in addition to its current occupation by hirers? If the answer to either of these questions is in the affirmative, maybe you should attend the AGM of the Village Hall which is being held on Monday April 13th at 7.30pm. As with many organisations in the village, the present committees are always on the lookout for 'fresh faces' and even more so, for anyone who could bring a new perspective to the potential usage of the Hall. We hope someone will be inspired to take up the challenge, especially as we move into ground-breaking territory (literally!!) in the next few months.

As detailed previously, the building work is due to commence just after Easter and although the Hall will be one metre shorter as development continues, a screen will be in place to restrict the effects of dust etc, so that it is anticipated that all the standard events will be able to continue.

The last film for the season drew a capacity crowd for 'The Imitation Game', as expected, but it has become increasingly important for village film-goers to book their seats early at CANA Wines, especially if the food option is taken up. Several people asking for tickets at the last minute for TIG were disappointed to find it was sold out days beforehand, as it proved so popular. The next film is scheduled for Autumn when the Rural Cinema organisation selects its next set of films for distribution throughout the County.

The padded chairs which were surplus to requirements in the Hall have been given to the school, but there are still several non-stackable tables, which would be given FREE to a good home, if anyone has a need for a substantial table in a potting shed or greenhouse.

As happens on a regular basis, the corridor in the toilet area is again a temporary home to some lost property, including a child's raincoat, a hooded top, a sweater and a long electric extension cable on a reel. If anyone recognises anyone of these items or wishes to request a table for home use, please ring Geoff in 613801.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

The March meeting was very well attended and it was nice to see some new faces. Our speaker was Adrian James who is a garden photographer. Before he gave his talk about Bodenheim Arboretum through the seasons, he explained that he was asked in 1997 if he would take some photographs for

their brochure. He was living at that time close to the Arboretum at Wolverley near to Kidderminster. He did take photographs and has been doing so ever since.

For those of us who visited there last June on our first day trip, you will remember that it was started by the current owner's father in 1973, in a natural valley. It is over 156 acres with 4 miles of paths and 11 pools, over 3000 trees and shrubs and it is also a working farm. Adrian started with Winter when the big pool by the reception area was frozen over. The images of the bare trees and shrubs highlighted the structure of the areas seen in the stunning photographs. Amongst the black and white images, flashes of colour were occasionally seen and this added to the drama. At Christmas there is a live nativity with the farm animals coming into their own, especially the donkeys. There are set pieces too around the farm buildings which act as stables. We saw some very quirky cut outs of the various characters from the story. There is still scent from mahonias and the banks of the pools have colour from the bracken around the edges. The bark on the prunus trees also come into prominence at this time of the year. Frost on the hedges and reflections from the water add to the almost ghostly scene. The dead oak leaves in Ryland Grove which was planted in memory of the owner's brother reveal a sunset streaming through, just magical.

Spring came next with hundreds of daffodils under the beech hedges, very bold splashes of yellow. Daphnes and early Ioniceras give off a lovely fragrance. The gazebo is also surrounded by colour. Adrian said that he liked to take photographs of the farm animals but you do need a lot of patience. However we were then treated to an amazing sight of three lambs in a row walking along a path, sheer genius. Blossom from the various fruit trees with masses of white and pink clouds, a sure sign of Spring. The acers and beeches with colourful leaves forming added to the spectacle.

Onto summer when the absolute highlight was the laburnum tunnel a wonderful sight of billowing yellow flowers full of bees searching for pollen. Near to a Monet style bridge the azaleas and rhododendrons put on a show too. The ancient armillary sphere which was used by astronomers to study stars looks very much at home in front of the gazebo. On the giant island in the main pool huge gunneras appear. The acer glade by the laburnum tunnel begins to show off all colours from green to reds. Wild flowers add to the abundance of colours from the trees, flowers and shrubs.

Autumn next with the reflections around the various pools emphasizing the change in the colours of the leaves on the trees. Splashes of reds from the spindle bush, chokeberries and parrotas. Peeling bark from the silver birch trees and the beech trees are usually last to shed their leaves. The misty early mornings reflect the melancholy. Some leaves appear to be a bluey green. Too many trees to mention but Adrian managed to capture the moods of season and you could almost feel that you were scrunching through the dead leaves underfoot.

Adrian was asked which was his favourite season and time to visit etc and he said all of them. He is a brilliant ambassador for the Arborteum and his skill with a camera is awesome. We look forward to another visit from him next year.

With Spring definitely here, there are many gardens and events to enjoy. Here are a few suggestions. The annual specialist plant fair will be again held at Spetchley Park Gardens on the outskirts of Worcester on Sunday 26th April from 11.00am to 5.00pm, with demonstrations, plant talks, garden tours and refreshments. Admission is £5 on the day. Near to Moreton in Marsh the spring gardens at The Old Chequer, Draycott, post code GL56 9LB will be open on Sunday 12th April from 2.00 to 5.00pm. Cost not known.

Under the NGS.... Kiftsgate Court near to Hidcote Gardens will be open on 13th April from 2.00 to 6.00pm with refreshments, cost is £6. Nearby Upton Wold Gardens on the A44 near Chipping Campden post code GL56 9TR will be open in the afternoon. Another stunning garden with formal and surprises around each feature. I believe the cost to be £8. At Stretton on Fosse in Warwickshire there will be two gardens open in the centre of the village on Sunday 12th April. Court House, a four acre evolving garden with year round interest and Old Beams a few doors away, a walled cottage garden on a slope with lawn, rockery fruit cage and vegetable garden. Combined admission to both is £5 from 2.00 to 5.00pm with homemade teas and plants for sale. Don't forget to visit Christine at Bridge Nurseries, Napton and buy some of her excellent plants and use your discount.

I still have places on both of the day trips. 11th June to Croome Court and Meadow Farm, leave the Village Hall at 9.30am, cost £22 and 16th July all day to Trentham Gardens leave Village Hall at 9.00am and cost is £22.50. Both of these trips are excellent value; the uptake is a bit disappointing and I would like two full coaches. Please give me a ring if you would like to come. All of the places we are due to visit are stunning, what could be nicer than being driven there and then great gardens to enjoy plus places to eat and plants to buy? I look forward to hearing from you.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th April in the Tom Hauley Room at 8.00pm. The speaker is Rob Cole with his wife Diane and he will be talking about Autumn Fare. I suspect that we will be seeing photographs of their garden at Meadow Farm which we will be visiting on 11th June. Do come along; he is an excellent speaker. Afterwards enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits with an excellent raffle. The last meeting of the season will be on Tuesday 5th May again Tom Hauley room at 8.00pm and we are having a welcome return visit from Duncan Coombes and he will be talking about the flora of Northern Japan.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and wish you all a lovely Easter.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Last month I was chuntering on about wildlife and I've since realised that I missed out a couple of things. We've had one or two warm days and this resulted in the ants making an appearance in the tunnel. It's becoming a real problem because they sometimes make nests in pots and they seem to be impossible to eradicate. The garden is swarming with ants in the summer (we also have them at home in and around the patio door), I hate it when they become flying ants. If anyone has a magic remedy for getting rid of them please let me know.

It won't be long before the lily beetle makes its unwelcome appearance. Luckily they are bright red so easily seen but equally easily lost if they get knocked off the leaves of lilies or fritillaries. They do a lot of damage but can be controlled by carefully catching them and squishing them ruthlessly.

I live in fear of the new greater spotted giant ladybird. Now we all think of the common ladybird as being the gardener's friend, it happily eats aphids so we don't have to use horrible sprays. But this new one, which was first discovered in Wisley gardens, is twice the size of our normal one, it is peacock blue with pink spots. It doesn't eat aphids but eats its smaller cousin. The news report suggested that it emerges on or around the 1st April. Watch out!!

Meanwhile there is plenty to do in the garden.....feed roses.....sow peas and carrots.....prune forsythia and flowering currant bushes when the flowers have finished.....prune hardy fuchsias and buddleia.....plant out sweet peas and gladioli.....plant potatoes.....sow lettuce, radish and spinach.....and, as ever, keep up with the weeding.

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

There was another crisp, frosty start today (25th March) but this will be the last for a while as a band of rain is due to speed in from the west tomorrow. Signs of spring are everywhere. A house sparrow was carrying some nest material in its beak as I walked up Mill Street to collect our newspaper. Yesterday, a magpie was carrying something more substantial and jackdaws were examining chimney pots. Down Hambridge Road past Holmes House, the rookery in the roadside ash trees was getting quite active and noisy as the

birds repaired their nests. Soon, summer visitors such as swallows will be with us as the days lengthen and insects proliferate.

Yesterday I had a piece of luck. I had cycled over to Oakley Wood to search for the rare (in Warwickshire) False Morel. A wildlife specialist and photographer, Kay Reeve, had shown us a picture of the fungus at our U3A Natural History Group meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Afterwards she gave me some instruction on how to find it. It is quite small and well camouflaged so despite a diligent search I failed and set off to ride home. On the way out of the wood, a man was walking towards me. I asked him if he knew the wood well and he turned out to be Dave Champion who had discovered the Morel in the first place. He took me to the site. I had walked past it as its camouflage in the leaf litter was perfect. Consult a text book or computer to get an understanding of these unusual looking fungi. Instead of the typical mushroom cap they have a conical fruiting body with a honeycomb network of ridges and pits giving it a large surface area. It attracts insects by its distinctive aroma and these in turn distribute its spores to new sites. Morels are much prized by mushroom hunters but must always be cooked rather than eaten raw. My advice would be to avoid them. As its name suggests the False Morel is more likely to be toxic.

Thanks to Geoff Thorpe I have seen my first frogspawn of the year. This was in a ditch running along the south-eastern boundary of Bascote Woods. There were several clumps with a frog on guard when I went on 19th March. Wood Anemone, Primrose and Violet were in flower but the glory of the woods, its bluebells will be best seen in a month's time.

I had a chat with Michael Thwaites when we met in the village recently. We had both seen our first Brimstone butterflies of the year. They were the butter yellow coloured males which always emerge from hibernation first. The female's upper wings are much paler than those of the male though the underwings in both are similar, a greenish yellow perfectly resembling a leaf. As resting or feeding Brimstones have their wings closed, this makes for good camouflage. The food plant of their caterpillar is Common or Alder Blackthorn. I have been shown the eggs of this species on these small trees close to the car park at Draycote Water. Later, typical feeding damage to the leaf can help to find the caterpillar in June.

When Kay Reeve came to talk to us at the Tom Hauley Room, I asked the group to enter on a list an interesting wildlife sighting made this year. Moya Waterman had seen a Tortoiseshell butterfly on 12th March and three of us had seen Brimstones on 20th March. One member from Lillington sent me a photograph of a Green Woodpecker feeding upon ants on her lawn. It was a male as it sported, what could be described as, a red moustache. Pam Reason from Bishops Itchington had seen two cock pheasants fighting over territory.

If you would like to help with a Warwickshire Fungus Survey please contact David Antrobus on 0121 422 8830.

Tricia Harrison recently told me of a bird she and Brian had found on the patio to the rear of their house. When I went to take a look it was a perfectly preserved, exquisitely marked, medium-sized wader with a long bill. I took it home for identification and to photograph.

Subsequently I showed it to several villagers and we agreed it was a woodcock. Martin and Amanda Randall said years ago they could remember hearing a woodcock whilst visiting Harbury Spinney. Presumably this was so called 'roding', a mysterious territorial or courtship display over treetops with bowed wings whilst making a series of grunts and whistles. Perhaps our bird had become disorientated by the work on the cutting and flown into a window.

In the end, after deliberation with Chris and Stan Finch and after getting permission from Tricia and Brian I took it down to John Burton in Ebrington. He is a taxidermist and was happy to take the woodcock with its provenance provided. Stuffed animals aren't really my forte but it seemed a shame just to bury such a beautiful creature. It was worth going to Ebrington to see the Aladdin's cave of fauna John Burton has collected, preserved and displayed from ptarmigan to eagles and tarantulas to butterflies. If you want to visit look up "taxidermist" in Yellow Pages.



General Section

The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Presentation



On the 26th of February Richard Bloxham went to St James Palace to be presented with his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Many of you will know Richard from his involvement with various groups in the village including the Theatre Group, Cubs and Scouts. He also worked in Harbury supermarket and could be seen flying around the village on his bike doing his numerous paper rounds in his teenage years. He was born in the village and attended Harbury and Southam Schools.

Richard has worked hard to achieve this award carrying out numerous tasks laid down in the structure of the scheme. These include skill (cooking) a physical skill (badminton), volunteering (helping with cubs and still does) and a residential activity (he worked on a canal refurbishment and learned to drive a mini digger). He also went on an expedition, hiking and wild camping in the Lake District. He achieved all this with lots of encouragement from the leaders

and his family so with all the hard work done and the paperwork completed (just before the deadline of his 25th birthday) the award day was set.

You are only allowed to take one guest on the day so with much debate (and a toss of a coin) it was decided Dad would go with him. We decided to travel by train; we caught it at Banbury because of the land slip. We parked at Richard's place of work in Banbury where he works as a toolmaker at a plastics company. We arrived at Marylebone to be greeted with pouring rain but this did not stop a gold winner trekking to the palace on foot, we arrived in good time and walked in the courtyard with 300 other awardees and their guests. We were shown to our seats in the splendid throne room. Our MC for the afternoon was Phil Brown the Olympic silver medallist in the 4 x 4 100 metre relay in the Los Angeles Olympics 1984 and the motivational speaker was Justin Packshaw. Then suddenly about 10 minutes before the allotted time two big doors at the end of the room were flung open and a sprightly Duke of Edinburgh bounded into the room chatting to the award winners and their guests, making witty remarks in true Prince Philip fashion, then he moved to the next group and the speeches and subsequent presentations were made.

We had a look around the palace and were told of all the events that had taken place over the centuries, we were showed the room where Elizabeth I waited for news of the Spanish Armada!! So all done we set off for home.

This is a splendid achievement only obtained through hard work and determination, well done Richard. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people in the Harbury D of E group for all their hard work helping young people achieve these awards.

Malc Bloxham

Harbury at the Oscars!

One evening earlier this month, I had the pleasure of being introduced to Brian Taylor. Older residents will remember Brian, following on from his father Archie, as the village post-master of Church Street.

We were in the gilded opulence of Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London for their annual Craft & Design Council Awards. This prestigious event, has for more than 100 years, encouraged and promoted the pursuit of excellence in craftsmanship and design amongst practitioners in the UK engaged in jewellery, silversmithing and allied crafts. Known affectionately as the 'Jewellery Oscars', they are fully sponsored by the industry and attract royal patronage.

Brian was extremely proud as Clive, his son and Harbury resident, was called to the presentation rostrum several times. He received the Gold Award for Technological Innovation; a commendation for 2D Design; the Senior Award

for achieving the highest standard of craftsmanship across all other senior awards in the competition, as well as a shortlisting for a Premier Award.

Clive's award winning piece, made in his Birmingham workshop, is a striking and elegant, motorised executive LED desk lamp made from sterling silver, which is operated by non-contact proximity sensors or by using an app on a mobile phone or tablet.



Composite image showing Clive's desk lamp off and on (photo: Clive Taylor)

It is the latest creation from Clive who specialises in designing and making functional objects incorporating traditional silversmithing with modern technology. His desk lamp and the awards it has attracted are a culmination of a career that has focussed on precision, manufacturing and new technology.

An award-winning apprenticed toolmaker with AP Leamington he soon pursued an interest in new technology, specifically laser cutting and marking. Clive was soon to become a specialist in this field developing software for many companies throughout Europe. One such company was the London Assay Office which fuelled an interest in silversmithing. Redundancy gave him the opportunity to develop this interest, starting with a part-time course at Warwickshire College and leading to HND and First Class BA (Hons) qualifications from Birmingham's School of Jewellery.

Graduating last year with a prototype of his desk lamp he won the Goldsmiths' Company award for silversmithing at the New Designers exhibition in London.

Clive is currently an Artist in Residence at the School of Jewellery, Birmingham, and is working on further developments of his unique lamp. (www.clivetaylordesigns.co.uk)

Terry Hunt

Harbury landslip – The Work Continues

As you will have seen, Network Rail reopened the railway between Leamington Spa and Banbury on Friday 13th March - three weeks earlier than originally expected. Our teams worked round the clock to get the trains running again less than six weeks after the landslip.

Network Rail's Chief Executive, Mark Carne, said:

"I would like to thank the residents of Harbury for their ongoing patience. Harbury cutting has suffered from landslips for more than 150 years. We have secured the cutting and made it safe and will carry out long-term repairs which will significantly reduce the chances of similar incidents in the future."

So our work continues – mainly during daytime hours and overnight on weekends - to re-grade the western slope. We are also repairing Bull Ring Farm Bridge. Watchmen are on site 24/7 to alert us of any sudden movements inside the cutting. We are monitoring survey stations, tilt sensors and boreholes. There were no significant movements of the earth this week.



During the week ending 21st March 2015, our teams:

- shifted 10,000 tonnes of soil and rock from the western end of the site
- took 7,000 tonnes from the site to Ufton landfill
- carried out core drilling and soil nailing into the cutting close to the tunnel portal



We hope to have finished removing the soil by the end of the year. We are looking into whether we can do this faster – but without vastly increasing the cost or causing too much more traffic through local villages.

We understand local people are keen to know what the cutting will eventually look like when we finally finish. We plan to “green” the affected area by hydroseeding it with organic fast-growing grass. Hydroseeding is a planting process that uses a slurry of seed and mulch. The slurry is sprayed from a tank over prepared ground. But because the site is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), we will need to get agreement from Natural England for any landscaping or hydroseeding.

We think our exclusive use of the local tip and the sheer amount still to be transferred there will ultimately lead to the tip being closed. We hope that's welcome news.

Network Rail plans to resurface the library car park in late March/early April. We and our contractors, Murphy, are happy to give information presentations to local schools and organise site visits.

If you'd like to see a speeded-up video of the work we've done so far, we've put one up on our YouTube channel – search YouTube for Network Rail Harbury.

If you have any questions, please call our 24-hour helpline on 08457 11 41 41. That way, your concerns will be logged properly in the system before they are passed on to me and my team.

Thank you all again for putting up with us. We hope to be out of your way as soon as we possibly can.

Alison Bell
Senior Communications Manager
Network Rail – London North Western route

Thank You to Murphy's and Network Rail

A big thank you to Murphy's [Network Rail's contractor] who have resurfaced the car park behind the Library as a thank you to the community for putting up with all the disruption over the last few months. The car park was in a very poor state, and really needed doing. This gesture has saved the Library, the Pre-School, GASS, and the church a lot of money, and we are very grateful!

Tim Lockley
Chairman, Harbury Village Library



Harbury Village Library

Biblio's café has been very busy recently and whilst we have had some new recruits the café is always looking for new volunteers, whether it is baking, serving behind the counter or washing up. If you have any time to spare and want to help, please visit the café to speak to one of the volunteers.

We had a special cake on offer during Red Nose Day and raised £20 for the charity. A new venture has been to display a different cake recipe each month, both on the library website and on our Facebook page. They are proving to be very popular and we have had very positive feedback.

The café now has a visitor's book and we would encourage all customers to write a few lines to let us know how you think we are doing.

Antiques Valuation Event

The first valuation event proved to be so popular that we have organised another one. It will take place on **Tuesday 14th April from 4 to 7pm in the library**. Anyone interested can have up to 6 items valued by Charles Hanson and his team. Items can also be consigned into auction if you would like to sell any of them. Although you won't need a ticket for this event, a donation of £2 to Harbury Village Library is suggested.

Biblio's café will open specially for this event, so that you can sit and enjoy a drink and homemade cake in the event of queues and of course, to socialise and look at the display of antiques-related books.

Sue Wurr

Carnival will be Here – Saturday 13th June



It's not too soon to be thinking about Carnival 2015 and how you might dress up.

The Big Parade assembles at 12 noon in Sutcliffe Drive to judge your entries.

There are coveted ribbons to be won for the first three places for most categories that include:

Trade Float

Independent Float

Children's' Float

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead

Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons

Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons

Walking Tableau Family

Walking Tableau Adults

Walking Adult

Walking Child

You, too, could 'Float' around the Village or give your pennies away for community groups (see photo).

Get your creative ideas up and running and prepare to make this a great year.

The usual Dog Show, Fun Fair and Shirley Pipe Band will make up the fun afternoon as well as the Jean Champ School of Dance – and lots more.

To book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421

To advertise in the Programme, call Julie Linforth on 613355.

To support the Raffle, (WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE ANY RAFFLE PRIZES), call Haidee Powell on 612044.

And, any questions about the Carnival, John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.

And get your Barrows in for Games Week!

The Wheelbarrow Race for residents will start the Games Week on Sunday 7th June, you can take part on Sunday 8th June, scheduled to start at the Crown this year. You will need to complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms will be available in May from the pubs and Mike McBride on 612421.

And Pub Games Week continues:

Monday 8th Aunt Sally – The Shakespeare

Tuesday 9th Horseshoes – The Gamecock

Wednesday 10th Skittles – The Old New Inn

Thursday 11th Quiz – The Village Club

Don't delay, put it all in your diary today!

**Submitted by Peter Walshe
On behalf of the Carnival Committee**

Village with a Vision

It's all been very quiet in recent months, but we are aware of various discussions going on in the background. We are hopeful that we shall have some news to give you in the near future.

In the meantime, we would advise you that our AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th April, in the Tom Hauley Room. All are welcome.

**Tony Stubbs - Chairman
Village with a Vision**

Watercolour and Pastel classes

A few openings are available to anyone who would like to join a watercolour or pastel painting class held in my studio in Harbury.

If you would like to try your hand, classes are on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, term starts on 13th April.

I shall also be teaching a range of one day workshops over the next few months. These will be posted on the notice boards and are suitable for painters at any stage of development.

For more information call Jan on 07746 871134.

Jan Freeman



Harbury Open Gardens

It has been necessary to change the date of Open Gardens. It will now be held on the following weekend – 28th and 29th June.

We will be contacting everyone who has volunteered to open to make sure that the new date is convenient for them. We are still looking for more people to open their gardens. Please contact Margaret Commons 613963 or Kathleen Ellis 612326.

Margaret Commons



Harbury Energy Initiative

The Logo

We have a new logo! This is how we look to Year 4 pupil Sofia Edwards, winner of our logo competition at the school and we love the look. Don't you?

It was a great pleasure to be able to present Sofia with her winner's certificate at a school assembly on 19th March and we now look forward to seeing the logo on the new cars, when they arrive. We were delighted with the entries, all of which can be seen in the foyer of the school. I would have liked to show you some of the other entries but they are mostly hand painted or in a format that cannot easily be transferred for this article.

Car Club update

You may have got the impression from last month's article that I am marginally not in complete control of the development of the car club. Everything is still on track ...but here's some information to confirm your suspicions. We are now back to Plan A and **will** after all have two cars at the library (in the gleaming newly upgraded car park), not one at each of two

locations, as I reported last month. I could explain why but I think you might possibly lose interest quite quickly.

The good news is that we have a signed agreement now and are waiting for the technician to come and set up the charging point. The cars have been ordered and I have been talking to the marketing person at E-Car Club about how we let everyone know what a brilliant scheme this is. In the meantime, with what is left of my muddled brain, I am collecting ideas for using the cars for social benefit. One of our aims is to find ways of making the cars useful to the less well off in the community. I have already been given some good suggestions relating to the local food bank. If you have any other ideas, do let me know.

Whilst the club will be set up so that all processes are on-line, we will still need a local presence to keep an eye on things and champion the cars. HEI is forming a small group to act in this role. If you would like to be part of that, do let me know. You'll be in very good company.

Community Energy

I think I mentioned the concept of patience last month, not a character trait with which I am very familiar personally. Things have not gone to plan with our idea to use the roofs of some local industrial buildings for solar generation. Undaunted we are starting again and have had a free desktop study done by a consultancy with some suggestions for what we might do. Many agreements are needed and much goodwill garnered to make this happen, so I'm going to have to be patient and go with the flow - or trickle.

Energy saving and money saving

The government has just recently announced the next phase of the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund (see <http://gdorb.decc.gov.uk/installers/green-deal-home-improvement-fund>). The announcement says:

'Up to £5,600 will be available to households in England and Wales to help with the cost of installing energy saving measures such as solid wall insulation, double glazing, boilers, cavity wall and floor insulation.

The GDHIF third release offers a new incentive rate of up to £1250 for installing any two measure from an approved list of eleven energy saving measures, detailed below. The 25% increase in rate makes it even more appealing for thousands more householders throughout England and Wales to undertake multiple measure improvements and enjoy a warmer home for less.

With the GDHIF Third Release, domestic energy customers will be able to receive:

- up to £3750 for installing solid wall insulation;

- and/or up to £1250 for installing two measures from an approved list
- up to £100 refunded for their Green Deal Assessment if it recommends the measure(s) applied for;
- up to £500 more if applying within 12 months of buying a new home.

The approved list is for two measures from any of the following:

1. a condensing gas boiler on mains gas
2. double or triple glazing as a replacement for single glazing
3. secondary glazing
4. energy efficient replacement external doors
5. cavity wall insulation
6. floor insulation
7. flat-roof insulation
8. insulation for a room in the roof
9. a replacement warm air unit
10. fan-assisted storage heaters
11. a waste water heat recovery system

HEI plans to be at the carnival this year with the electric cars. We hope to see you there.

Next month: information on programmable radiator valves, a substantial improvement on regular thermostatic radiator valves that can save around 30% of heating costs on hot water radiators.

And updates, of course.

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Village Show

The schedules for this year's show on 12th September will be available in the Library soon after Easter. So there's plenty of time to get growing or sewing or snapping.

This year's photography titles will be: Weather, Patterns, Man at Work, Close Up and Warwickshire Landmark (in black and white).

The fount of all knowledge, "On with the Show" is available for reference in the Library. Please consult it to avoid disappointment.

Gillian Hare
for the Show Team

Harbury NSPCC Committee

We would like to thank all the ladies who attended our lunch on Thursday 12th March in the Tom Hauley Room. We raised £746 which is excellent and we are delighted with this result.

Thanks to our speaker, Chris Drewitt, who gave a fascinating speech about his career and experiences in motor racing and flying.

Our next lunch will be in October. We have nine ladies on our committee at the moment, but we are always keen to recruit more members. If you are interested in joining us, please give Elaine Bruce a ring on 614664.

NSPCC Committee

The Spirit of Harbury

It is time, once again, to ask for your nominations for the Spirit of Harbury. So many people contribute to make Harbury a special place to live; freely giving of their time and energy to keep the village buzzing, and we need to recognise them. None of the events, clubs, organisations which we enjoy or even rely on, run themselves, nor does the litter pick itself up - I've seen you clearing up at the park, you know who you are! In short, we are faced each year with the very difficult task of choosing a recipient from an increasingly long list on which every name is deserving. We wanted to let you know that if you have nominated someone in the past they are on record and if they haven't been successful yet it doesn't mean they won't be in the future. So your nominations please to alisonmhunt@icloud.com or 01926 612931.

Andrew Hunt



Harbury Heritage Room

As usual the Heritage Room, with its hundreds of Harbury-related documents and photos, is open on Tuesday 7th April and Tuesday 5th May from 6.30-8.30pm. You are welcome to come and browse at your leisure. We would be delighted to see you. We will also open on Garden Walkabout Day, when the school grounds will also be open.

The children have been investigating street names, but would like to know the origin of the following:

Leycester Close, Neale's Close, Beggars (apostrophe?) Lane, Frances Road and Ivy Lane. Information is also sketchy about Margaret Close, Constance Drive and Penelope Close. Has Heber Drive a connection to someone called Heber Percy, or is it just the old name for Harbury? Mary Shelley has given us a resume of the buildings in Mill Lane, revealing some interesting facts about the buildings and their history.

If you can shed any light on the above please contact the Heritage Group at nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to join the Group, help with digitising documents or generally be a helper, we would love to see you!

Nigel Chapman



Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

**Barn Dance – Saturday 25th April, 8pm – 11.30pm,
Village Hall**

We're all set for our first party night and posters are now on our village notice boards. We have a fantastic band and caller, Tin Can Alley, bar from Cana and a raffle with prizes from some amazing businesses. The ticket price is £15 and includes dinner and dessert. Tickets are available from Cana and Mugleston's or ask a Pre-School mum and they can get them for you too. Please come along, we promise we'll have fun and it's all to support our lovely Pre-School.

Bags 2 School Collection – 11th May, The Crown Inn

Please save your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, belts and soft toys! Neil and Michelle from The Crown Inn have kindly offered to be our collection point, so please bag them up and drop them by the back door of The Crown from Wednesday 6th May. They will be collected first thing Monday 11th. (Unfortunately Bags 2 School are unable to take anything other than those stated above). Thank you to everyone who supports us with this activity.

Dates for your Diary

As we have so much to raise this year it's a busy one, here are the next few events for your diaries.

25th April – Barn Dance

11th May – Bags 2 School Collection

13th June – Carnival BBQ

5th July – Party Night

Coffee Morning Update

Thank you to everyone who supported us at our coffee morning on 7th March. It was a lovely sunny morning and we were delighted to raise £250.45.

Thank you,

Julie Balch



Mill Street Marathon Man

On 26th April 2015 I will be running for my fourth time in the world-famous Virgin Money London Marathon for an excellent and important cause. Hospice UK is the national charity for hospice care, which believes that everyone matters throughout their life right up until they die, and that no one should die in avoidable pain, suffering or emotional distress. The Charity was previously known as 'Help the Hospices'.

I am hoping to raise as much money as possible from as many sponsors as I can persuade and would welcome a donation, no matter how small or large. Like so many other charitable organisations, Hospice UK relies upon donations to continue its invaluable work and every pound contributed makes a difference.

Donations can be made on-line at my VirginMoneyGiving page: www.virginmoneygiving.com/lanHartland

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My training is going well, with a personal best achieved in a half marathon at the beginning of March, so I will be there in London on Sunday 26th, waving to the television cameras (along with 40,000 other people!) and taking part in the largest annual fundraising event in the world. I took up running at 54 and, eight years later, I am still enthusiastic, proving that you don't have to be young to achieve anything you want.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this. I do hope you may be willing to help in some small way?

Ian Hartland

01926 61273 Mob: 07983 991848

Horse Blessing and Fun Ride at Chesterton Church Sunday 17th May

Once again a horse Blessing and fun ride will be held near the Church. Jumps will be available weather permitting. Optional individual Blessing.

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Contact: Lynne Smith 07759454195. This event has always been very enjoyable for horse and rider.

Jo Spurr - 01926 614431

Advance Notice - Local Foodbank

Rev Barry Jackson will give a presentation on the local Foodbank. Friday 12th June, Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm.

Jill Winter

Southam College Community Education

Southam College Community Education Centre offers a varied programme of courses, both daytime and evening, in Southam and surrounding villages. Summer term classes commence week starting 20th April, 2015. Leaflets will be available from local libraries, shops and the Leisure Centre or visit our page on the Southam College website <http://www.southamcollege.com/CommEd1> . For further information, please contact us on 01926 810942 or email commmed.s@welearn365.com

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Sue Hawthorn

Southam College Community Education Centre



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Sally Collins
The Cinnamon Trust



Southam & District Lions Club

Southam Lions will be holding their May Day Fete on Monday 4th May 2015 on the Bowling Green Pub Car Park, Southam. It all starts at 2pm. There will be Stalls / Cakes / Toys and Games / Penny Arcade / Bouncy Castle / Punch & Judy / Ice Cream / Raffle / Facepainting / Book Stall / Refreshments.

Entertainment is by the Secret Garden Musical Theatre. To hire a stall please contact Lion Malcolm on 01926 814294 or visit our website for details. Come along and have fun, all in aid of local charities!

www.southamlions.org.uk

Peter Guy



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors

On behalf of Harbury Toddler Group, thank you all so very much for supporting our coffee morning on 28th February.

It was fantastic, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the event raised an amazing £211. This money will be spent on providing stimulating activities for the toddlers of the village and the wider surroundings to enjoy on a Monday morning.

We thank each and everyone for your valued contribution and thanks also to All Saints' Church whose members are so active in our community.

With kind regards

Lynne Barton (Toddler Lead)

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, good wishes and support - moral and practical! - following my recent surgery.

It means a great deal to both myself and Steve, and I feel fortunate to be surrounded by such kindness.

Kind regards

Maureen Darby

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Coffee Morning on 7th March. Harbury Pre-School are thrilled to have raised £250.45. Thanks also to Phoenix Cards and Lua for their donations.

Katharine Giblin

Harbury Pre-school Fundraising Group



All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 st Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Communion
	10.30am	"Little Saints' Service" followed by food & refreshments in the Tom Hauley Room
	6.00pm	Evening Worship - a different style of service each month
2 nd , 4 th (and 5 th) Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Communion
3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	"Saints Alive" All-age Service without Communion (40 minutes maximum)
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion followed by coffee

Times of weekday services are displayed on the notice in the lychgate.

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Regular Diary Dates

ART CLASSES: The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Monday & Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm,
Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm & Wednesday 10.00am – 12 noon (614251)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459232

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Under 9s – Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

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Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 01926 612617

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

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP: Last Tuesday of the month, The Gamecock (611930)

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

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

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

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498 (evenings).

Bingo every Friday 8.30pm - non members welcome.

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

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

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm Contact John Mayo (613339)

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

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

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

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

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

SLIMMING WORLD: Community Centre, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays 5.30 and 7.00pm, Janine Tel: 07453 886968

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TAI CHI: Ufton Village Hall, Monday, 7.30 (612277)

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

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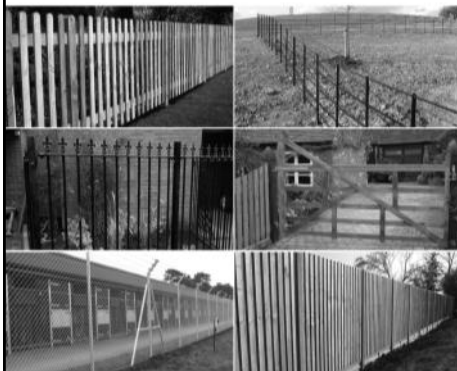
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