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Editorial



As our Editorial photograph shows there was a good attendance at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday for the silence and the laying of wreaths.

We look forward to the usual variety of traditional Christmas celebrations. The GASS Christmas post is well underway; remember to address your envelopes and give a donation for using the service. The Pre-school

Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair is on Sunday 13th December. On the following Saturday 19th at 4pm there are Carols around the village ending up at the Church where mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies will be served. The Christingle Service is the next day at 4pm. Ladbroke, on the 12th December, are holding a Christmas Extravaganza in the Village Hall and their traditional Carol Service on the 20th December at 6.30pm.

Harbury's draft Neighbourhood Plan is out for consultation and can be viewed in the Library and in the village pubs. It is also available on the Parish Council website. The consultation closes on the 15th January and your comments are very much encouraged.

We wish all of our readers a very Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Maureen Johnson.

Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary
PCC Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Village Hall

Sun 6 ADVENT II

Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments
Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm

- Sun 6 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
Inspire Dance, 11.00am in Village Hall
Harbury NSPCC Quiz, 7.30pm in Village Club
- Mon 7 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
Advent Course, 7.30pm in Church
- Tues 8 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.45am Village Hall Car Park,
Ufton with meal at White Hart (booking needed - 4 miles)
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Junior Tennis, 3.45pm in Village Hall
Beer and Carols, 7.00pm at the Crown Inn
Harbury WI, 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – “Sex, Elopements and Clandestine Marriages in the long 18th Century”
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis
Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party, 5.00 for 5.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 13 ADVENT III**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
Pre-School Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair, 11.00am - 3.00pm, in Village Hall
Chesterton Church, Candelit Carol Service, 5.00pm
- Mon 14 Toddler Group Christmas Party, 9.30 - 11.15am in Village Hall
Village Hall Committee, 7.30pm Farley Room Village Hall
Advent Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 15 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
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- Wed 16 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.45am Village Hall Car Park,
Hatton with coffee at café (4 miles)
Connections (Dementia Café), 2.00pm in Harbury Village Library
Inspire Dance Christmas Shopping Night, 6.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 17 Blood Donors, 1.30 - 3.30pm and 4.30 - 7.30pm, in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
School Carol Concert, 1.45pm in Church
- Fri 18 SCHOOL ENDS
- Sat 19 Free Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room

Sat 19 "A Village Christmas", 4.00pm, starting from the Old New Inn with Christmas Carols / tree outside Village Hall, Gamecock Garden, Crown Street, then Church for mulled wine and mince pies
G.A.S.S. Christmas Post deliveries finish 4.00pm today

Sun 20 ADVENT IV

Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Christingle Service, 4.00pm
N.B. No Evensong

Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon 21 Advent Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

Tues 22 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Wed 23 No Wednesday Walk

Thurs 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Crib Service, 2.00pm
Village Carol Service, 6.30pm
Midnight Mass, 11.15pm

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5.30PM

Fri 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Sat 26 No Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning

Sun 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

N.B. No 8.00am Service
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Tues 29 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Wed 30 No Wednesday walk

Thurs 31 New Year's Eve

Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

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Sat 2 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury W.I.

Sun 3 SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
Tennis Club Muffler Tournament 10.00am


Tues 5 SCHOOL BEGINS


Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Wed 6 EPIPHANY

Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.45am Village Hall Car Park,
Ashow (4 miles)
Mothers' Union Party, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Thurs 7 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 10 BAPTISM OF CHRIST/EPIPHANY I**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.45am Village Hall Car Park,
Tesco - Jephson with coffee at Café (4 miles)

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
December	Wed	Fri	
	9	11	Grey Bin
	16	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	23	Mon 28	Grey Bin
	30		Green & Blue Lid Bins
Jan		Sat 2	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	6	8	Grey Bin
	13	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins

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

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming", where Christians not only think about Christ's coming at Christmas, but also about his coming again at the end of time. During the 4th and 5th centuries, Advent was a season of preparation for those who were to be baptised early in the New Year. The season is given as a time of reflection where (if possible) we slow down a little and take some time to contemplate what the Christmas message means for us.

The Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The new Christian year begins on Advent Sunday (29th November) and leads up to the

twelve-day celebration of Christmas itself, which lasts from Christmas Eve until the 'Epiphany' season that begins on January 6th.

Advent traditionally has been a season of the year where we take a step back and reflect on what God's coming to us in the baby of Bethlehem really means. Sure, during this season all of us are preparing for the great festival of Christmas - buying and wrapping the presents, decorating the house, writing Christmas cards and even arranging those wonderful family visits!

But Advent should be about so much more than this. It invites all of us to take some time out to think about Jesus' coming to us, not just as an event in history, but his coming to each of us every day of the week.

Do try and make some time this Advent to slow down a bit, to stop, think and reflect. You might like to use some time during this season to pray for the many situations in our world that need our prayers. You might like to go onto the Just Pray website which has been developed to help people start praying (www.justpray.uk).

Enjoy the season of Advent for what it's meant to be and then be truly prepared to celebrate the greatest event the world has ever known with real joy.

God bless.



From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

Well it was about a year ago that All Saints embarked on a plan to look at ways in which we could do things better, both within the church and with the wider village community. We won't go into detail here about the changes we have made but will be producing a full report in the New Year which we will post on the website. Suffice it to say that we have found the experience of taking a long hard look at ourselves to be an interesting and rewarding one, and are confident that the changes will help us all become stronger disciples in the community.



We held a beautiful and poignant Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November when the war dead, to whom we owe so much, were honoured. Rev Craig reminded us in his sermon of the need not only to remember these heroes on one special day, but to continuously thank them all year round for the sacrifice they made for us to be able to have the freedom we enjoy today.

Our Saints Alive theme for October was focused around learning that when we let Jesus into our lives, irrespective of who we are, what talents we have and what we look like, He can help us blossom into what He wants us to be. As usual, at this time of year we are taking a break from Saints Alive for December and instead the Christingle service will take place on Sunday 20th. Saints Alive will resume in January (17th) and the theme will be Stillness, which will be a welcome opportunity to rest in the peace of the Lord after the hustle and bustle of Christmas.

During the year we made several improvements and changes to the church building and the grounds, which included the installation of a new sound system and the sprucing up of the churchyard. And last, but not least, we are very pleased to announce that the plans for the new Memorial Garden have now been recommended by the Coventry Diocese Advisory Committee and we are hopeful that it will shortly be signed off by the Chancellor. The next step will then be to remove the Spruce tree from the garden area to make way for the Garden itself. A big thank you to everyone who has helped with all aspects of church and churchyard maintenance over the past year.

We look forward to everything that is happening over the Advent and Christmas period at All Saints. December dates for your diary are as follows (all held in church unless specified otherwise):

Advent course	A short period of reflection to help us prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth	Mondays 7 th , 14 th and 21 st December	7.30pm
Beer and Carols at <i>The Crown</i>	An opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas – with beer!	Thursday 10 th December	7.00pm
A Village Christmas	Join us as we walk through the village and gather round Christmas trees singing carols	Saturday 19 th December, <i>starting at the Old New Inn</i>	4.00pm
Christingle service	A short candle-lit family service and the opportunity to learn of the relevance of the Christmas candle	Sunday 20 th December	4.00pm
Dressing of the Crib	Come along and help the Nativity characters find their way to the crib in time for Christmas Day	Thursday 24 th December	2.00pm
Village Carol Service	Enjoy your favourite carols and readings in candlelight	Thursday 24 th December	6.30pm
Midnight Mass	Please do come early to this service to herald in Christmas day	Thursday 24 th December	11.15pm
Sung Eucharist		Friday 25 th December	10.30am

This is a truly wonderful time of year when we celebrate Christ's birthday and the gift of God's son and we do hope to see you at some of the above events and services. If you would like any more information, please do get in touch with one of us – John (614206) or Elaine (813654).

And finally we would like to wish you a very blessed Christmas and best wishes to you all for a peaceful and Happy New Year!

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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Our November service was led by our curate, Nikki and, appropriately at this time of year, focused on remembrance.

Chris Rutherford then reported on our year, saying she had enjoyed her duties as branch leader and, to our relief and delight, is willing to continue. The year's highlights included celebrating our 110th anniversary and a tea for deanery members. We continued to give a Bible to every couple marrying at Harbury or Ladbrooke and to support wider M.U. projects here and abroad.

Chris then used her PowerPoint projector for a thought provoking study of images of Christ. These ranged from classic paintings (she is a fan of Caravaggio) through to movies such as The Last Temptation of Christ, to modern underwater art. A lively discussion followed as to which image resonated with us.

Dates to note:

1. Toiletries needed for Christmas Fair on 5th December
2. New Year Party, 2.30pm on 6th January: if possible please bring a bran tub present to the value of about £2
3. Coffee morning on Saturday 16th January. Help, cakes and raffle prizes are welcome.

The next year's subscription of £20.50 (which goes to M.U. wider work for women and families) is due. Please bring in an envelope with your name on.

The committee wish all members and friends a blessed and peaceful Christmas

Gillian Hare

Church History Books

These have sold very well, clearing all costs. Every copy sold now is clear profit to the church. They are now on sale at £2.99 - reduced from £5.99 - at the back of the church, from Mugleston's Country Fayre, at the Christmas Fayre, or from me. These last copies make good stocking fillers or Christmas gifts for friends and relatives with an interest in the village.

John Stringer, 30 Mill Street

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

DECEMBER

- Sat 5 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 6 Advent II**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Mon 7 W1, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 9 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sat 12 Christmas Party with "The Gamblers", doors open 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 13 Advent III**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Tue 15 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Wed 16 Table Tennis, children: 6.30 - 7.15pm, adults: 7.15 - 8.15pm, Village Hall
Beer and Carols, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn
- Sat 19 Christmas Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 20 Advent IV**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm
- Thurs 24 Christmas Eve
Dressing the Crib Service for children and families, 3.30pm
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- Fri 25 Christmas Day
Christmas Communion Service, 9.00am
- Sun 27 Christmas I**
Holy Communion, 9.00am

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- Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 3 Christmas II**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 5 Photography Club New Year's Meal
- Wed 6 Table Tennis, children: 6.30 - 7.15pm, adults: 7.15 - 8.15pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 7 W1, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 10 Christmas III**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 13 Table Tennis, children: 6.30 - 7.15pm, adults: 7.15 - 8.15pm, Village Hall





Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

Remembrance Service was a dignified and respectful occasion and once again, really poignant when the names and ages of each person who died in WW1 was read out. Our thanks to everyone involved especially Bill and the choir, the bell ringers, Martin with the flag and all the wreath layers who by my calculations spanned nine decades as well as the various groups associated with the Village and Church.

Advent is now upon us and Posada underway with our Nativity scene figures of Mary and Joseph passing from home to home, before coming back to church on Christmas Eve. If you look at them carefully you will see the figures have a good tan and their clothes are brighter than last year; those knowledgeable about such things may even be able to name various model railway shades thanks to the paint on offer. As mentioned last month, if you wish to send local Christmas greetings via the large card in Church, this is now up with lots of stickers available to add your personal message to it; accompanying donations for our building fund can be passed to Rev Craig, one of the PCC or put in the donation box.

And of course we are still keen for people to sign up with Easy Fundraising to raise money for us when they shop on-line, at no cost to themselves. Even if you are not reading this too late for Christmas purchases or perhaps you are just here on a visit, we would really appreciate your support in raising funds for repairs to our Grade 1 listed building. Just go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ladbrokechurch> and sign up for free. Then when you shop online go to Easy Fundraising first and select from over 3000 retailers. If you make a purchase in this way they will make a donation to our *All Saints for All Generations* appeal.

Christmas dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16 th , 7pm	Beer & Carols at The Bell Inn
Sunday 20 th , 6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve, 3.30pm	Dressing the Crib Service for children & families
Christmas Day, 9am	Christmas Communion Service

And finally, despite the hustle and bustle of the preparations and so many expectations of the festive season, may you find peace and joy this Christmas.





I don't know if I was the only member who was mystified at the title of our talk tonight which was 'Flower Making with Paint' but Sally Dunkley demonstrated the technique for shaping wires and dipping them into quick drying paint to make petals and leaves which could then be wired together. She developed this method herself with materials sourced from the internet. She calls them Fantasy Flowers and

there seemed no limit to the variety of forms they could take. With their shining opalescence they looked as if they were made from glass.

Having shown us how it should be done she generously provided the wires, shapes, tape and paint and came round as we struggled – it wasn't as easy as Sally made it look - but we all managed to make something 'worth taking home' I think.

Anyone wanting to know more about this is invited to contact Sally at sally.dunkley2@icloud.com

During the business meeting which followed we were reminded that subscriptions of £37.50 are due. Mandy Boyce, our efficient treasurer, also distributed next year's programme. We are grateful to Lesley Jeffries for again providing us with a variety of interesting speakers and activities.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 7th December: Christmas social starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Monday 21st March 2016: Annual Federation Meeting at Chesford Grange 10.30 – 3.30. Tickets available from Sue Moore.

Small craft items are required by the end of February to be sold at the Country Women of the World Conference in August 2016.

Finally we were treated to birthday cake in celebration of Sue Moore's special landmark birthday.



A reminder that WI meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month from January so that month's meeting will be on the 7th at 7.30pm when we have a musical evening entitled 'Away with the Fairies!' Well that should suit lots of us!

The darts team obviously peaked too early as we were knocked out by Long Itchington in the next round.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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.



We hope to see you at our **Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday 12th December.**

Clive Coleman has put together a live rock band called 'The Gamblers' (a nod to the betting shop named after our village) who will play a selection of pop classics. Now retired and living in Ladbroke, Clive used to be the local bobby for the Harbury and Ladbroke district and has always lived in the area. He told me that his grandfather celebrated his 21st birthday in our Village Hall many moons ago, and this gig will be a tribute to him. So dust off your dancing shoes in readiness!

Tickets are £10 each including pork, stuffing and apple rolls provided by Clive's wife, Angela. They can be obtained from Kip (815004) or by email from bookings@ladbrokematters.uk.

Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Village Hall. Bar available.

We would like to thank all who have helped with and supported our events over the past year. Our 2016 programme will be available soon, but in the meantime we wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

If you would like to join our team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the Trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw

Ladbroke Millennium Draw for October 2015

£50	Margaret Bosworth	£50	Kip and Mif Warr
£25	Kate Pickin	£25	Cyril Spence
£25	Lorna Carleton	£10	Geoff Timms
£10	John Liverton	£10	Tim Kelly
£10	Keith Tancock	£10	Lara Kelly

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Seeing our own photographs beautifully mounted by Jackie ready for display

in the John Turner Festival was very rewarding - we're not bad, are we? We had a lot of fun suggesting titles for them. Perhaps the best caption was for a picture of mounted troops in Civil War costume riding through Southam. The title? 'We stopped HS2'.

Our competition on the theme 'Black and White' was hotly contested and difficult to judge. We had a total of nine images tying for third places as announced by Edward Daniels with perfect comic timing. The winners are illustrated here.



**Wedding Guest by
Mike Todman**



Lakeland Track by Kip Warr

The meeting cantered on with pictures of horses in action. We had horses grazing on a cliff edge, dray horses drinking a pint of beer and horses in competition. Finally we had a master class from Jennie Daniels on photographing at dressage and show jumping events; the horse should be taken from precisely such and such an angle, with the legs just so and the rider looking eager. It was particularly

interesting to see the technical data (shutter speed and so on) associated with each image.

Our next meeting will be in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st December when we shall have a phototopic on 'People' and illustrated travellers' tales. As usual, visitors and guests will be welcome. For more information about the club and our programme see our website(tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk.



Ladbroke General Section

In Memory of Jim Clews

James Lawson Clews was born in Coventry in 1939. His father owned a tool making factory - making "nuts and bolts" for the car industry.

The family moved to Berkswell where they had a small holding. It was there that Jim had horses and learnt to ride. He excelled at this and was in the English Junior Show Jumping team but Jim had to give this up when his father died and he took over the running of the firm.

Jim and Jean came to live in Ladbroke after their marriage. Jim became a Parish Councillor and served on the Council for two terms. Although they went to the Methodist chapel in Cubbington regularly, Jim and Jean always came to concerts and choral services at Ladbroke Church. They both enjoyed putting on supper parties for the Friends of Ladbroke Church; Jim was very clever at setting quizzes and arranged "Guess Who?" photograph line ups to keep us all amused.

In his retirement, apart from keeping his garden immaculate, Jim took up wood turning and made some beautiful items, some of which were displayed at a craft exhibition in church a few years ago.

Jim was diagnosed with leukaemia in August/September this year and was having treatment. It was a great shock when we heard he had died. Our love, sympathy and prayers are with Jean, as she learns to cope with life without Jim. Thankfully she has many friends to support her.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke School - Memories and Memorabilia Wanted

Did you, a member of your family or someone you are still in contact with attend Ladbroke village school? Pupils at a local primary school will be doing a project on Ladbroke School next term and are keen to see photos, documents and other memorabilia and also to "interview" those who attended, taught or helped there. Some of their output will be displayed at the

2016 Heritage Open Day event in September here in Ladbroke, together with information about the private girls' school that was based in Ladbroke Hall for a short time. So, if you have anything linked with either school or can put us in contact with people who have personal memories of them, please email ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com or leave a message on 01926 810331.

Jackie West

Coffee, cake and..... shoeboxes

On 11th November several ladies from Ladbroke got together once again to fill shoe boxes with items for children and families in Romania who may never before have received a Christmas gift.

We had collected items from a list identified by Teams4u, the Christian charity which coordinates the collection and distribution of the boxes. We then had a lot of fun covering the shoe boxes with Christmas wrapping paper (OK, actually not everyone enjoyed that bit!!) before filling each box with a variety of toiletries, sweets, toys, hats, socks and scarves. The family boxes were a new idea this year and we were amazed that small saucepans, bowls, beakers all seemed to fit in.

We were delighted to fill **51** boxes (more than twice last year's number) and celebrated as is customary..... with coffee and cake!!



The Teams4u 2015 campaign was called 'Give Love in a Box this Christmas' and to everyone who gave their time and contributions so generously I want to say a huge big thank you as those boxes were really sent with love.

We hope the children enjoy receiving them as much as we all enjoyed putting them together. Start collecting for 2016!!

Sue Wright





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

November 2015

Your Parish Councillors are becoming more and more concerned about the level of housing development planned in Harbury, along Harbury Lane and at Gaydon "New Village". They complain about the lack of co-ordination and strategic oversight. Each developer presents his plans as needed, acceptable and having minimal effect on the area. No-one now takes a view of the cumulative effects or considers how the extra people and their needs can be assimilated.

This month Councillors had a pre-meeting presentation from David Wilson Homes about their plans for the western side of Bush Heath Lane; already given planning permission for 75 dwellings. In the meeting proper we heard that developers at the Quarries intend to build a new Surgery for Bishops Itchington in return for being allowed to build even more houses there. There were applications for the Henry's site for landscaping and accommodation in the roofs of three of the five bungalows; an application for 2,000 houses at the New Village; the Warwickshire Minerals Plan and the Gypsy and Traveller Site consultations from both Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council (Ken Stephenson was much exercised by the poor awareness and response to the Gypsy Site Consultation) and a Design Guide for the Warwick/Leamington "Urban Extension" much of which spreads down Harbury Lane to the Tachbrook Crossroads and beyond.

All this was in addition to smaller developer and householder applications which were considered: a live-work unit at Deppers and yet more work at Stapenhall Farm; extensions at Tresco Barn, Vicarage Lane; the felling of the storm-damaged cedar at Montgomery House; considerable expansion of The Lodge, Hall Lane and different plans for 1 Dovehouse Lane, formerly part of Lullington Lodge garden. This last attracted opposition from the usual suspects, Ken Stephenson and Harbury Society. The PC made no objections to any of these plans and mostly made "No Representation" but supported the Live-Work Unit at Deppers Bridge.

The Minerals Plan did not extract any sand or gravel in our Parish so Councillors made No Response. On the WDC Urban Design Guide they had concerns about the traffic and bottleneck at the Fosse Crossroads which were also relevant to the Gaydon New Village proposals. They sought further information on the "transport mitigation" and demanded an independent Transport Assessment as they feared the surrounding villages would be overwhelmed with commuter traffic. Councillors patted themselves on the

back for reaching the Draft Stage of our Neighbourhood Plan and voted it through to the next stage. Villagers will then have a chance to view the Draft in the Library before it is assessed by SDC prior to going to a Parish Referendum.

After a secret ballot Chris Christou was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Other organisations - Reports were received about possible replacement trees for the Library, a replacement ramp and lowering and repositioning of the many noticeboards. Twinning had sent condolences to France in the wake of the killings in Paris and the Tricolore had been flown at half-mast at the Village Hall. The Village Hall extension work was almost finished; the curtains would be hung and Rural Cinema restarts with "Mr Holmes". The Chairman and Clerk were assessors for the Local Council Awards Scheme and as a result of their experience were convinced Harbury could achieve a high rating next time if it applied for it.

Properties - Chairman Councillor Ekins reported that the closing device for the gate at the small children's play area needed to be eased as it closed too quickly and some items there needed painting. There was considerable debate about how damage to the playing fields, caused when the bonfire was built, could be made good. There was talk of creating a paved footpath from Hereburgh Way down the side of the fields but this did not seem financially viable. Councillor Mancell said there had to be budget provision for "managing" the cost of repairs after Bonfire Night.

Councillor Ekins pressed his colleagues to consider beginning the search for further burial space as he thought there might only be five more years' space in the present facility. The PC was legally the Burial Authority and had to provide space for burials. He reported the old pew was still in the Burial Grounds waiting for anyone who wanted to take it away; there was no-one on the waiting list for an allotment; and the Councillors agreed to pay the cost of installing a donated bench outside the Village Hall.

Finance - Councillors agreed to enrol their clerk in the Local Government Pension Scheme. They had been through the process to increase the Councillors' allowance to £350 with £700 for the Chairman's expenses. They approved the costs of cleaning the tennis courts and congratulated Councillor Gibb on the progress of the WWI Commemoration Project. They deferred consideration of a grant application from the Energy Initiative to check if it was a formally constituted body.

Environment - There was little progress on improving the safety in Church Street where vehicles were forced to mount the footway. Councillors preferred putting crab apple trees on the little green in Manor Orchard Close. They pledged to re-invigorate the Parish Paths Partnership. There was considerable discussion about the benefits of installing solar powered LED lit bollards on Deppers Bridge chicane. Councillor Gibb explained his discussions with Stagecoach and the County on his initiative to have the bus

route changed through the village so that it did not go through Chapel Street but along South Parade, Park Lane and Farm Street. He would like to have the bus shelter moved from outside the Post Office to alongside the School in Park Lane. The public would be consulted on the option.

Next Meeting: 28th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Draft

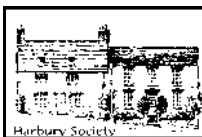
The Consultation Draft was approved by the Parish Council at their meeting on 26th November which now means that it can be viewed by parishioners for six weeks starting on 7th December 2015 until 15th January 2016. It will be available to view on the Parish Council's website <http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/> or <http://www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/>

There will also be printed copies for you to read in the Library and in the pubs (just the thing to look at over a glass of beer!)

Comments forms are available for you to make your views known: online, on the Facebook page or complete a printed form. Please remember that we cannot please all of the people all of the time - but we are working for the good of the parish as a whole.

Councillor Pat Summers

Email: patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley



I used a picture of Dickens to illustrate posters for Trevor Humphries' talk on the author and lo, Trevor turned up looking just like Dickens himself! The talk was about Leamington and Dickens, and to be honest Dickens wasn't here much and Leamington barely appears in any of his stories except *Dombey and Son*, but that didn't really matter as

the talk was more about Dickens' amazingly frenetic life and energy than the Spa Town. He often worked on two or three books at the same time thriving on the pressure.

In *Dombey & Son* Dickens gives credible descriptions of Leamington, probably cribbed from guide books of the time. He was here three times: 29th – 30th October 1838, 2-3 November 1858, and 1st – 2nd January 1862, with just overnight stays. In 1838 when there was a huge mania for recently

published *Pickwick* and *Oliver Twist*, he came here from London with Fizz his illustrator to research *Hard Times*. After a 10 hour coach journey they put up at Royal Copps' Hotel with "roaring fire, elegant dinner, snug room and capital beds". Next morning they went to Warwick, Stratford and Kenilworth which most impressed the novelist.

Twenty years later Dickens stayed at the Regent Hotel (his signature is in the Visitor's Book). He gave readings of his works at the Royal Music Hall (Parthenon) in Bath Street to huge crowds. There were two sessions of two hours at prices from 4/- to 1/- He put such energy into the readings that people fainted at his description of the death of Nancy and roared at the tales of drunken midwife Mrs Gamp.

In 1861 at the age of 50 he stayed at the Regent Hotel and made his third visit to the Royal Music Hall where he read all of *David Copperfield* and six chapters of *Nicholas Nickleby* and the *Trial of Pickwick*! He wrote to his Business Manager they "roared and roared in Leamington that must have shaken the air in Warwickshire."

Lively discussion followed on all things Dickens from which we learned he was a Parliamentary sketch writer and might have based Mr Macawber on his own father. Trevor extolled the delights of Leamington Literary Society and several of its coming talks: The Real Jeeves; Literature and the Lucys of Charlecote; John Clear Poet of Northants; and Joseph Ashby of Tysoe. For all of which we thanked him and presented him with a Dickens' Dictionary.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

By most comments November was a pleasant Annual Meeting. Dorothy Groves has been a super President and has worked very hard.

Julia Fowler was voted President and will keep Harbury W.I. continuing.

The Committee will be more or less the same with Jean Satinet joining. Jean and Jean Mann's mothers ran Harbury W.I. many years ago.

Needless to say Sylvia Green and Helen Johnson will be in charge of the raffle.

Our darts team played Stratford Lites recently but were not so lucky this time, although that said it was a good evening. Better luck next time.

Now Julia is making a good start with Marion Dickerson, our archivist. This year being the centenary of Women's Institute in the UK, they have been researching our own history. There is a lot of it as Harbury was one of the earliest WIs, founded in 1918, and we need your help. Old local newspaper stories and feisty letters to the editor (via the British Newspaper Archive, online at Harbury Library) tell us about the early days of rabbit rearing,

lambskin glove making and yes, jam making competitions. We are trawling the Harbury and Ladbroke News for information from the 70s onwards. But who are the women in our old photos? Where are they? And when?

Marion will display some of our pictures at the Library in the New Year. Do call in and see if you can put names to faces and we would welcome any memories anyone has of Harbury WI, or suggestions for obtaining more information.

So how is that for Julia's starter?

Next meeting – at the Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 10th December, 7.45pm with your bran tub present.

Speaker: "Sex, Elopements and Clandestine Marriages in the long 18th Century" – Rebecca Probert



Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Hayes

Harbury Village Hall has a new stage and new dressing rooms, so we, the Theatre Group, have a daunting challenge. We must come up with a first show that is worthy of these new surroundings. 2015 is a Pantomime year (we try to do one once every two years) and by this time in December we would normally have put this year's production to bed. However, the building work at the Hall has pushed everything back and our very first show will now be "Sleeping Beauty" on 25th, 26th & 27th of February. Slightly late for a pantomime maybe but I am sure the village will understand.

We have been rehearsing now for over a month; it has been a bit of a slow start as half term cut right across the initial blocking out process, but things have finally started to roll. The success of a rehearsal night can often be judged by the volume of laughter and it is getting louder. Also, to add even more interest to our evenings, Simon and Joy have started to rehearse the music. We do this hobby for fun and the fun factor is certainly building up now. I am not personally in this Panto: I am directing it - something I often try to avoid as it means a lot of work. However, this time round that may have been a good thing as we were in the enviable position of having too many people for the parts available. Some good people have only got chorus roles, although I am glad to see that they still appear to be enjoying themselves and putting their heart and soul into the singing. (We haven't got round to the dancing yet!)

The next problem to solve is our new acting space. It may be fresh and exciting but our existing equipment is old and worn and won't fit in well. We will have to adapt it or replace it. We have to find new ways to fix flats in position, new places to hang lights, new ways to fit curtains and backdrops, and all this is on top of making and painting our "Sleeping Beauty" set.

I have said it before but I must say it again: between now and February is going to be a very busy time for us.

However at the end of the day I am sure that the whole Theatre Group team will feel that it was well worthwhile, especially if you all flock to see us in your hundreds. So make a date in your diary for next February. See you there - I will be the one sat at the back with a worried look on my face.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

Unsurprisingly, the theme for the Folk Club meeting which took place on 5th November was "Remember Remember". And it certainly turned out to be an evening to remember!

By the time we arrived, which was some 20 minutes before the entertainment was due to start, the function room of the Village Club was already filling up. By 8 o'clock, there were very few seats left, and soon after it was necessary to bring in extra chairs. I cannot remember there being a previous Folk Club with such a large audience.

Whether it was the performers automatically rising to the challenge of having such a large audience, or something in the stars, everyone who took part seemed to be on absolute top form. The audience too were in fine voice right from joining in the chorus of the opening number which Liz and I sang. This generated a good early atmosphere which continued throughout the evening.

Fortunately there were plenty of performers too. In fact no fewer than 17 artistes or combinations of artistes took part, and shoe-horning them all into the time available was no mean feat. In the usual Harbury Folk Club manner, we managed to get three "halves" included, though the second half was disproportionally long as it included eight items, compared with the usual five or six. The items performed during the evening included a variety of songs, poems and monologues, most of which referred to either bonfire night, Remembrance Day or just remembering.

It was not until about 11:20 before the evening came to end, and I was surprised at the significant number of brave folk who stayed right to the end.

Although all items were of a high standard, for me the most memorable contribution was that made by the Daft Dames and their rendition of the Les Barker song "After the Goldfish" – a hilarious parody of the well known Neil Young song "After the Goldrush".

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

The raffle raised a total of £90 which, it being so close to Remembrance Day, was donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Many thanks to those who contributed.

Thanks also to the bar staff and committee of the Harbury Club who once again were very helpful and welcoming.

We meet there at 8pm on the first Thursday of the month, admission is free, and all are welcome, whether singers, poets or just members of the audience. The next meeting of the Club will have been and gone by the time you read this, so the one to look forward to will be on Thursday 6th January 2016.



Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick

As a result of November's AGM, most of the stalwarts are still on the Committee, plus the splendid news that Ceri Edwards has become English Secretary to parallel Sally Stringer as French Secretary. Peter Rollason has become caretaker Chairman, with Richard Marshall-Hardy Vice-Chairman.

By the time you read this, our Christmas Party will be upon us, with its usual zany mix of music, food and *Jeux-sans-Frontière*-type unserious competitions.

For 2016, if you're thinking of maybe coming with us to Samois one day, please bear in mind that next year's visit will be during the annual Jazz Festival that celebrates Django Reinhardt's music. At Midsummer. On a beautiful island in the River Seine. And you don't have to speak French.

If that's something you might be interested in, do contact Ceri (cerilea@hotmail.com) or any of the committee.

Meanwhile, **JOYEUX NOEL!!**



Guides and Scouts Support

G.A.S.S. Committee

Harbury Bonfire & Fireworks 2015

'The fireworks were fantastic' and 'a well organised event' were some of the comments overheard at this year's Harbury Bonfire & Fireworks held on Saturday 7th November 2015 at the playing fields.

Following a week of very heavy rain and two torrential downpours during the day, the evening weather was kinder, allowing for another safe and

successful community event, organised by GASS in support of Harbury Guides and Scout sections.

In terms of a fundraising result this was one of the most successful to date, going some way to fill the gap left with no Beer Festival this year.

On behalf of GASS I would like to thank the Parish Council, Village Hall, Mike McBride and team, Paul, Hayley and all the leaders, children, parents and numerous volunteers for helping us to make this event a success.

The continued success of this event is a result of all those involved either on the day or before and after, for which GASS rely on volunteer support. We look forward to see you all again in 2016.

Christmas Post 2015

Just in case there is anyone who is not aware of this great service provided by GASS, each year we run a village postal service that, for a generous donation, allows you to get all of your Harbury village Christmas cards delivered in the busy run up to Christmas.

All monies raised go to support Harbury uniformed groups and maintain the Scout Hut.

This year, the Christmas post will start on **Friday 27th November** and **finish** at 4pm on **Saturday 19th December**. You'll find the post box in Mugleston's as usual.

Reminder – To be able to deliver your cards you must put the road and house number as a minimum. Each year we get cards with just a first name on which can make it somewhat difficult to deliver them.

This year we are also in need of a couple of volunteers to replenish the ranks of our usual stalwart delivers. An ideal job for all you dog walkers out there. If you think you can help please contact me on 01926 612852.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

What a lot of thank yous there are to give in this edition! Harbury is very lucky to have such creative people who are willing to share their skills.

This photograph was taken by **Tom Tom photographic** (named by his young grandson who obviously thought him so important in his life he named him twice!)



Alan Toms is a local amateur photographer and friend, he joined us for a morning recently and took individual photographs of everyone but check out this group photo, you can just make out the actions to *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* and they really are all stars. Thank you so much for coming to Toddlers and introducing us to your families, we feel privileged.



The children are now responding so well to more 'grown up' stories. Karen introduced us to her little friend Teddy Eddie which captured imaginations.

At our fundraising Coffee Morning, Alison Hunt very kindly introduced herself and offered to come to share rhymes and tales with the children; she proved a great success and hopefully will come and engage us again.



Aimee, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago has given us some wonderful support over the year and her latest contribution involved preparing **Wild Things** for the children to make, parrots and lions – and yes she painted 20 plus toilet rolls, therapeutic apparently, painting toilet roll inserts that is, not making wild things.

If you would like to see Aimee in Entrust Care Partnership's four minute film and have access to the internet please do have a look at **Freddie and Friends** using this link. <https://youtu.be/XDGL72oB3L8>



Our Christmas Party will be held on our last Toddler session of 2015 on **Monday 14th December 9.30 – 11.15am at the Village Hall, thank you to Ceila and Geoff for being so very welcoming.** There will be Soft Play Take Away, party food, pass the parcel and of course the man himself shhhhhh.

Happy Christmas

New year session is **11th January 2016**, see you there.



Finally Lynne and Selina look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five, come on round the kettle's on.

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 11.15.

Thinking of coming along or need more information please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnbarton@btinternet.com



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Diwali – We began by talking about the Diwali Festival of Light, with the children making clay diwa lamps and singing the “Little Lamps” song. Indian style clothes adorned the dressing up rail and toasted naan bread was enjoyed at snack time. The role play area became an Indian kitchen, with balti bowls, Indian costumes, music and books.



Rangoli: Instead of using paintbrushes, the children experimented using their fingers, first in dry powder paint and again after adding water, to create wonderful Rangoli style paintings.

Guy Fawkes Night: In the indoor classroom the children made wonderful paintings and collages at the creative table, using black paper, pastels, drizzled glue and brightly coloured glitter. Wearing high vis jackets and hard hats for safety, they continued the theme outside, where they used our plastic building bricks to make a large scale reconstruction of a bonfire.





Remembrance Day: In deference to Remembrance Day, the children created their own poppy designs on fabric using red and black paint and then adding glitter for greater effect. When asked why we wear poppies, the children's replies were, "To tell us of the knights like the soldiers who protect everybody" and "Because the people died."

Autumn Walk: On our annual Autumn Walk to the Spinney, the children had a great time collecting leaves, twigs and conkers in their buckets, doing colourful bark rubbings on the trees and closing their eyes as they used listening spheres to identify the sounds around them. Thanks to those parents who came to help.




Leaf Man: The children had learned about the story of the 'Leaf Man' which inspired some fantastic pictures and collages made from the materials they had collected on the walks. A woodland area was created in the book area and this was equipped with a 'den', an assortment of soft toy woodland animals and autumnal books. The children also enjoyed hearing about "Hodge the



Hedgehog” and retelling the story with the help of our story sack. To round off the theme, several autumnal songs were sung at circle time.

Christmas: Amid great excitement, we are now beginning preparations ready for our Nativity Songtime at the stables in Mill Lane, and for a visit to Pre-School from a very busy Father Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

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

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury School PTA</h2> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">PTA Committee</p>
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It's an exciting time at Harbury School PTA, as November saw the voting in of an all-new, 15-strong committee, headed up by elected Chairperson - Julie Young. Julie has a wealth of fundraising experience in Harbury and is joined by a team of enthusiastic, skilled and talented parents. The new committee is already buzzing with fresh ideas for 2016, so watch this space for announcements of future events and activities!



Before hanging up their PTA hats for a much-needed break after all their hard work and effort, the previous team went out in style by organising some fantastic events this term. The annual sponsored walk in the beautiful autumn sunshine and our regular Quiz Night proved once again to be both great fun and a great success. A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved and to the wider community for their support.

We all know that school budgets are stretched these days and therefore fundraising is critical in filling those gaps. With your help, the PTA charity is able to enhance the learning experience for all our children and ensure that our local school is a really special place to be, both now and in the future. The committee welcomes new ideas and are always grateful for additional help and contributions. If you'd like to find out more, have any suggestions for fundraising ideas or would like to join our team of helpers, then we'd love to hear from you.

Email: harburypta@outlook.com

Do you shop on line?

If so, you could help raise vital funds for Harbury School by checking out through easyfundraising.org.uk. Did you know that whenever you buy something on line – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could

be raising a free donation for Harbury School. There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Harbury School PTA to say thank you for shopping with them. It's really simple and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/harburschool
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Harbury School PTA.

It couldn't be easier! There are no catches or hidden charges and the PTA will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP RAISE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?



**RECYCLE CLOTHES
RAISE FUNDS**

Our ClothesAid bin, located in the school carpark by the main entrance is always hungry for textile donations. Please bag-up any wearable, unwanted items and pop them into the bin outside school.

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YES PLEASE: women's, men's, babies and children's clothing, outerwear, pairs of shoes (tied together), accessories including hats, belts, bras and bags, also soft toys

NO THANKS, school uniforms/sports kits, branded clothing (ie, workwear), towels, bedding, books, cds, dvds.

Find out more at www.clothesaid.co.uk or contact the PTA by emailing harburyPTA@outlook.com

The new PTA committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a VERY Merry Christmas and we look forward to some great events and your continued support in 2016.



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

What have we done! What next?

Coronation Day in 1953 was a wash out, celebrations, street parties were a mess and Harbury had no indoor venue other than a tin hut where the club is now. This was the catalyst for a group of villagers to start to plan for a Village Hall, despite the inevitable doubters. "What do we need a hall for? It will "never get used"! Their tremendous efforts finally led to the hall opening in 1962. The £12,000 cost all from fund raising efforts in the village, no Lottery then, and a £4,000 loan. One regret at the time was that a stage was not part

of the plan. In later years the Farley Room was added and the kitchen extended.

Sadly the hall was “just maintained” for many years and by the Millennium was barely fit for purpose. The toilets, kitchen, and changing rooms were dreadful and the rear pitched roof, added in the 1980s to solve problems with the original flat roof, had begun to collapse. An open day and various meetings were held to ascertain what the village wanted. The top priorities were soon identified. New toilets and disabled facilities, a modernised kitchen, new changing rooms, a stage, new heating and insulation, a “greener building”. Apart from these requests the roof had to be made safe and chairs, tables and curtains all needed replacing. A daunting task!

The fundraising committee have been magnificent. In rough figures and to give you an idea of their achievement: The new toilets cost £35,000, the modernised kitchen £55,000, the work on the Farley Room and roof repair £40,000, the PV panels on the roof £22,000, the new changing rooms and stage £200,000. In addition we have some new tables and chairs, new curtains, the Farley Room partition and the cinema projector and screen.

Where has all this money come from? Again in rough figures. Landfill Communities Fund £200,000. Thanks here to The Veolia Environmental Trust, Biffa Award and WREN. The Big Lottery £10,000, various local authority grants £50,000 including the Parish Council. The Village Hall Cinema £12,000. The remainder of the money has come from fundraising events and of course the generosity of the local residents. The Buy a Brick campaign £33,500, the Promises Auction £4,000 and the many village groups who have organised events to support the hall. It is not possible to name them all here.

The building work is now finished. A big thank you to John Warner and his team.

What Next?

An “Honours Display” to acknowledge the many contributors to include, where possible, the original fundraising from the 1950s and 1960s.

A new, “green” heating system for the main hall and Farley Room, additional insulation for the main hall and a new entrance porch.

The support the Committee has had from many residents has been wonderful, not only financially but the generous gift of expertise, particularly in project management, accounting and Health and Safety.

As with the original plan to build the hall, there have been some doubts. What do we need a stage for? The temporary stage, used for so long, has been very good but once in position precludes the use of the hall for other functions, notably badminton. It is also a nightmare for rehearsal and set building which has to be condensed into a very restrictive one week. The theatre group, junior theatre group and dance classes are all very keen to use the new stage, it will be a great asset for such things as the junior football

awards presentation and in effect to enlarge the hall for dances and parties by allowing groups or discos to play from the stage.

Forthcoming Events in the Village Hall

The Cinema has started again with a well supported showing of Mr Holmes on 28th November. Don't miss the Folk Club Concert at the end of January but if you have not got a ticket you have missed it already as it sold out in 24 hours. The "New Year Dance" on Friday 8th January is not sold out yet but nearly, tickets from Geoff on 613801. Also in the near future:

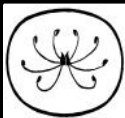
The Church Christmas Fair - Saturday 5th December.

Harbury Seniors' Christmas Party - Saturday 12th December.

The Preschool Christmas Fair - Sunday 13th December.

Give blood on Thursday 17th December.

Burns Night - Friday 22nd January. Southam Lions and the Harbury NSPCC



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

I think the rainy and windy weather deterred some of our members from the last meeting in November. However those of us who braved the elements had a brilliant evening. Our speaker was Rob Cole, ably assisted by his wife Diane. We visited his garden and nursery in June which was very enjoyable.

The talk was "Some Dublin Gardens" and we started off via Aer Lingus and landed in Dublin. Rob explained that they go on an organised tour of nine gardens with a tour guide. The first garden we saw was in Wicklow and belongs to an ex-broadcaster Carmel Douignan, rectangular in shape but definitely a plants woman's garden. Lawns and coastal planting with textures shapes and colours. Huge tetrapanax, a favourite of mine which you can grow here in Harbury, angel's fishing rods dangling their fragile flowers and many more including a type of sweet pea called polygala myrtifolia.

Then onto Corke Lodge which belongs to an architect, a regency villa. Lots of shrubs, lawns, woodland glade in just under an acre of garden. A lovely example of the cork oak dated back to 1820, stately tree ferns, lots of quirky statues and garden features all from garden salvage depots. Plus some wonderful topiary, my kind of garden.

The main garden visited was in Dublin and that of Helen Dillon, a very well respected gardener and speaker. I have seen it featured on many gardening programmes but in the "flesh" it is much smaller than you imagine. Again a Georgian house with tree ferns, her trade mark rill in the centre with huge borders either side. The colours were very well mixed together in the style of the late Christopher Lloyd. Huge begonias everywhere and a lovely melianthus major. She uses a lot of purple coloured lead buckets throughout

the garden which she can move around to fill in any gaps. A bit garish but a good idea to borrow.

We then moved on to a nearby botanic garden, Glasnevin. Lots of greenhouses a bit like a small version of the RHS gardens at Wisley. Herbaceous borders crammed with seasonal flowers and nice wide paths to meander through to the water garden. Lots of conifers and some regal grasses. Plenty of ideas to copy here.

Then Rob's presentation came to an abrupt finish. He said that he thought he had copied over all of the talk but apparently not! However we got a second talk then as he went on to show an edited version of a talk called "Look at That". I have never heard so much laughter from our members - all will become clear. As well as quirky garden images we saw road signs etc. Dull in Scotland is twinned with Boring in Oregon, USA. We saw light bulbs planted in bowls instead of the real ones! A visit to a local farm shop showed some funny spellings ie suaages (sausages), chops, joints (is that legal). Lots of spelling mistakes on plants too, hosta halcyon (halcyon) anememore (anemone) and many more but to see these was really funny.

A sign outside toilets in Jersey read...Ladies nappy changing is there something we should know? A road sign in China read..wrong way instead of wrong way. In the USA (where else), a sign read street not through instead of no through road. We then saw a plant fair in southern Paris suburbs which resembled Glastonbury as it was just a sea of mud with some very tiny plants in the middle of the mud! A picture by artist David John was supposed to be a self portrait but it looked just like Bill Wyman. A rock garden in Yorkshire was in fact a heap of stones in the middle of a lawn. A nearby shed had the most exquisite net curtains but not at all practical. In Madeira there was a viewing platform next to a huge viaduct with a sheer drop of about 1000 feet but not a lot to see as there was also a huge tunnel nearby which blocked the view, so not worth the climb!

Again some food wrongly named, butterball chicken, contains no butter! A crap apple tree for sale - no explanation needed. A sign advertising building workers called Have a go Builders! Genuine fake watches was another. A car number plate, RU4God.

We then saw some fantastic colour combinations in gardens, hence "Look at That". Huge masses of dahlia, delphiniums, aquilegia, astrantia with clematis weaving its way through, wonderful. Asters in all shapes and colours combined with sunflowers. Fields full of snowdrops, a sight to make you feel that in the depth of winter, spring is on its way. Rob then showed us some bees on poppies and some colourful butterflies, too many to mention. You really had to be there to enjoy and laugh at Rob's eclectic mixture of miss spelling etc. As I said earlier the Tom Hauley Room was full of the sound of laughter and anyone passing by must have wondered what was going on. All credit to Rob for saving the evening, I have no doubt that we shall be having another of his talks soon.

I expect that you will be busy in December but there are still some places to go to for a meal, a winter walk etc. Hill Close Gardens in Warwick will be open from Monday to Friday from 11.00am to 4.00pm, the views over the racecourse are stunning. Ryton Organic Gardens are open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm and the food there is very good. Batsford Arboretum near Moreton in Marsh too is open daily with the Christmas carvery available from 1st to 18th December at the cost of £14.50. They only close on Christmas day so an excellent place to visit to walk off too much food! Don't forget to visit us at Upton House and Gardens, the Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December from 11.00am with a wartime theme. The House will also be decorated with a 1940's theme and promises to be amazing, everyone has been working so hard making the decorations.

If you are going to London, Kew Gardens are having their annual lighting spectacle after dark. Do look at their website for more information as Kew is such a magical place in both daylight and in the dark.

Our December meeting will have taken place by the time that you read this so I will report back on that and the outcome of the AGM in my next article in January. Don't forget; no meeting in January; the next will be on 2nd February in Tom Hauley room at 8.00pm and the speaker is Dr John Page, more of that next month. Thank you to everyone for your support and help at our meetings. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

I finished last month's article by saying "cold frosty mornings are surely coming" - well, we had a taste of winter this weekend (21st/22nd November), waking on Saturday to our first snow this end of the year. It was not very much and no doubt the village children hope for more. Frosts soften fruit of all sorts from Hawthorn to Rowan and sloes. This makes them more palatable. Birds and small animals gorge themselves, laying down fat to withstand the rigours of winter. I watched a blackbird in the upper branches of one of our hedgerow damson trees delicately pluck the fruit. It reminded me of those scenes beloved of medieval artists. Usually the bird seems almost incidental to the painting or tapestry but in fact we are being told it is autumn and winter's coming.

November 12th proved to be perhaps our last taste of summer. The temperature rose to 16C. Sharon and I were sitting outside the new cafe, which is part of the library complex in Southam, with a group of cyclists. We had come from Leamington starting on Sustrans National Route 41 which takes in the Grand Union Canal towpath and Offchurch Greenway. We turned right where the trail met Welsh Road and headed for our coffee stop. Later, while having lunch at home we saw a butterfly on the wing in the back garden taking nectar from a Fatsia japonica. It proved to be a Red Admiral

(Vanessa atalanta). They can, rarely, overwinter here but their instinct is to head south. Some may cross to the continent but many perish in the attempt. Nettles are the caterpillars' food plant so gardens should not be ruthlessly tamed. Leave a significant area truly wild to allow wildlife to thrive. (Sharon says that is my excuse for not doing the garden).

David Brown came to speak to the U3A Natural History Group on November 16th. His subject was 'Discoveries of Butterflies and Moths in the British Isles over the last 20 years.' I will cite an example to give you a flavour of his talk. The Chequered Skipper was once to be found in the Midlands flying along woodland rides in early summer. Its last reported sighting in England was in 1976. Although always considered a rarity, its disappearance here came as a severe jolt to conservationists for in the 1960s there had been fine colonies on at least four East Midland Nature Reserves. (I am indebted to Jeremy Thomas and Richard Lewington's book "The Butterflies of Britain and Ireland" published by Dorling Kindersley for some of this information). David told us that all is not lost. Rather amazingly, a Chequered Skipper colony had been found 400 miles to the north in 1942. This was in the locality of Fort William discovered by Lt-Col Madworth-Praed. So, at the height of the Second World War, our military could still find time to pursue their hobbies. There could be a film in the making I would think. Argyll is the place to head for if you wish to see this insect next summer. The Skippers are the most moth-like and primitive of the families of butterflies. They are known as the Hesperidae. (The Hesperides were nymphs in Greek mythology, daughters of Hesperus. They kept watch with a dragon over the Garden of the Golden Apples in the Islands of the Blessed).

On 19th November, I was a guest of John Stringer and Gordon Robbins at a meeting of beekeepers in their HQ at Stoneleigh. Gemma Foster, a researcher from Coventry University, gave a most interesting talk on bumblebees. She dealt with their life cycle, colonies, foraging, pollination and their decline. We were given a lesson in how to distinguish bumblebees from some hoverflies which can superficially look the same. The latter have shorter antennae. Bumblebees evolved in the mountains of Asia so, having the equivalent of a fur coat, they are able to forage in relatively cold weather and steal a march on other insects so to speak.

Unfortunately, due to changes in agriculture, we have lost wild flowers and hedgerows. Two species of bumblebee have become extinct and seven species are priorities for conservation. Gemma told us, as gardeners, to plant flowers and avoid pesticides. Many examples of good practice can be seen locally. One that you will know is the wide, wild flower strips which are by courtesy of Squab Hall Farm. The farm is owned by Les Evans and his farm manager is Rob Fox. They are on either side of the track leading to Chesterton Windmill. In addition the mill is lit up at night now.

In closing I would like to wish all readers a Happy Christmas with many exciting wildlife discoveries in the year ahead. Do let me know what you find.

j.hancock43@btinternet.com, 01926 612860



Beryl Checkley wishes her friends in Harbury a joyful Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year. She will make charitable donations instead of sending cards this year.

Michael and Gillian Hare send Christmas greetings to their friends here. In lieu of cards we shall send a donation to Global Care. This is a Coventry based Christmas charity which is working with refugee children in Lebanon.

Gordon and Corina Bennett wish our friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We will be making a contribution to CMT UK,

Jenny and Andrew Patrick would like to wish a very Happy Christmas to all our friends in Harbury.

In place of cards, we are making contributions to the local Food Bank.

Colin and Jen Ingram send warm Christmas and New Year greetings and blessings to all our friends and neighbours in Harbury. Our donation in lieu of cards is to GASS.

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a peaceful Christmas
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Millington

Shwaite would like to wish all
very happy Christmas and a
peaceful New Year.
In addition to our chosen charity in
Christmas cards.

Twin wish all our friends
Harbury a very Happy
Peaceful New Year.

Friends
would like to make a donation
rather than send
Christmas cards.
We take this opportunity to
and Blessed Christmas
New Year.
Wishes, Tony Stubbs

would like to wish all their
Christmas and a Happy New
a donation to Myton Hospice.

May you all have a healthy
donation has been made to
Nurse Service.
Hunt.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2016
from Jackie & Simon West

(we're supporting Ladbroke Church's All Saints
for All Generations Campaign)

A Happy Christmas to our friends in
Harbury. Instead of cards we shall be
sending a donation to Myton Hospice.

Ian and Shazila Jackson

*As in previous years, we would like to wish
everyone in Harbury a happy and peaceful Christ-
mas and New Year. In place of local cards we will
make a donation to Oxfam.*

*With very best wishes from Peter, Moira,
Catriona, Ali and Robert Rollason x*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my
friends and neighbours in Harbury.*

*I will not be sending local cards but supporting
deserving charities as in previous years.*

Ralph Swadling

Bill and Margaret Bosworth would like to wish all
our friends in Ladbroke and Harbury a very Happy
Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2016. We
will be donating to All Saints Church in Ladbroke
in lieu of Christmas cards.



General Section



Operation Christmas Child

The packing day resulted in 159 boxes of good things, to go to children who have no Christmas cheer. An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed, particularly the donations towards transport costs. Your generosity is humbling.



Mike Jones & Gillian Hare



A Village Christmas! Saturday 19th December

Please do come and join us in this year's village celebration of Christmas by joining us for carols and readings as we walk the village and gather around various Christmas trees. We start outside the Old New Inn at 4pm and end up in church for a short informal service before we head off to the Tom Hauley Room for mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies - all courtesy of All Saints. As usual, please bring torches and lanterns to light our way - and we will have some special fun lights for the children - we would love you to dress up as a Nativity character to add to the festive fun.

Elaine Barnden

Newsflash.....Newsflash.....Newsflash

Breaking news in Harbury!

A rather large Christmas gift has mysteriously turned up in the Children's Corner in church. It arrived with this message:

'This special gift is for you, for you all, for everyone.'

We don't know what it is or where it's from – but do come along and take a look – and if anyone has any ideas then please let us know. And do please tell your friends and neighbours about it!

Elaine Barnden



John Ridgley Tree of Light

You will be aware that the trees outside the Library have been removed. One of these was the much loved Tree of Light which was the brilliant centre-piece of the village Christmas lights. It is hoped that an alternative tree can be found in the near future although this may not be in time for Christmas.

Over the past 5 years you may have sponsored a light and a total of £1,834 has been raised. Your donations are gratefully received, all of which will benefit children and young people in the village.

The Book of Remembrance is still in the Library and if you would like an entry please could you complete the form below. If you do not want to cut the form out of the News, forms can be found in the Book of Remembrance, in the Lych Gate at the Church or in Mugleston's.

Harbury Charities

Tree of Light



Please enter the following details in the Book of Remembrance. I enclose a donation of £_____

(cheques payable to Wagstaffe's Educational Foundation)

Name of Donor/s:-

In memory of :-

Message:- (optional)

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Please return to:-
Mugleston's, 11 Vicarage Lane or 16 Farm Street, Harbury



Blood Donors

The next session in Harbury will be on Thursday 17th December, 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm. The busy lead up to Christmas is a problem so please make every effort to go along – illness and accidents do not take a holiday. We have had no new donors at our last two sessions, so please spread the word, especially to young people aged 17 and upwards – maybe students home from university. As ever, it is worth making an appointment at www.blood.co.uk or 0300 123 2323 but places are kept for anyone turning up without one.

Gillian Hare



Halloween Capers

Ken Stephenson's photograph records some Halloween revellers who took part in the evening's ghostly goings on!

Editors



Harbury NSPCC Committee

Our next event is our annual quiz on Sunday 6th December in the Village Club. The quiz starts at 7.30pm prompt and costs £20 per team of four. A supper of sandwiches and mince pies will be served.

If you would like to book a team please ring Elaine Bruce on 614664 or Joan Broomfield on 614258.

Elaine Bruce

Harbury Craft Fair 2015

We are pleased to announce that once again the Craft Fair was a huge success this year!

Thank you to everyone that came along to support us. With your help we managed to raise £1,463.00 for Myton Hospice. Also a huge thank you to our volunteers, your time and effort was invaluable, we really could not do it without you.

And last but not least we cannot forget everyone, be it individuals or businesses, that donated raffle prizes. The raffle was a huge success and we

are pleased to say all raffle prizes have now been claimed/collected/delivered - all 49 of them! Thank you!

Here's to a rest for a couple of months before we start organising next year's Craft Fair!

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fiona Cadwallader & The Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Thanks to everyone who came to the coffee morning in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association, to those who donated raffle prizes and especially to those of you who could not make it to the coffee morning but who generously gave a donation. Thank you.

The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 12th December 2015 at 5pm for a 5.30pm start.

Invitations have been delivered to everyone on our list and should have been returned by the time you read this.

The committee members, helpers and entertainers look forward to seeing you at the party and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Mike McBride,

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Carnival Tombola in aid of the Senior Citizens

We know it is December but we are forward thinking!!! Last year at the Carnival we ran a chocolate tombola which was very successful; the only thing was we didn't have enough chocolate to keep the stall running all afternoon.

This is a plea – if you have too much chocolate given to you over Christmas and want to offload some we would be very grateful, or if you come across any buy one, get one free offers that would be good. We can collect Tel: 612066 or you can drop them off at 32 South Parade or 1 Park Lane.

Thanking you in advance.

Senior Citizens Committee



Bumps and Bundles

We have had lots of busy weeks at Bumps and Bundles, with lots of new people as well as a good number of regulars now which is fantastic. There is lots to look forward to in December we hope to have a craft day to make Christmas cards plus there will be the ever popular Christmas party on the 15th with food, music, fun and a visit from Father Christmas.



A merry Christmas from Bumps and Bundles. Bumps is a drop in baby group where you can relax with a cup of tea or coffee whilst meeting new friends. Every Tuesday (inc. school holidays) in the Tom Hauley room behind the church from 10:30 til 12 noon.

Kelly and Rosie

Local Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who so generously gives food to local people in need. Please continue to provide non-perishable and long life items, but as Christmas approaches you may like to know that the foodbank is also requesting some Christmas treats like sweets and chocolate. The collection point is in the church, in a plastic box, on the left just past the entrance. It occasionally gets moved into the room behind to make more space for an event such as a wedding or funeral, but it is always around there. Every week the box is full and its contents are taken to the warehouse in Kineton to be distributed to people in the Harbury, Bishops Itchington, Southam, Kineton and Wellesbourne areas, who find themselves in difficulty and needing help. Without your generosity many would go hungry.

Jill Winter 612585



Harbury Preschool Fundraising Group

Thank you so much to all who helped and supported the Pre-school coffee morning on 14th November. This event was a huge success and we raised a fantastic amount of money for the Pre-school.

Our next event for the diary is the Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair on **Sunday 13th December**, 11am-3pm.

We will have a hog roast, mulled wine and mince pies, live music, Father Christmas' grotto, children's craft activities, and some fantastic stalls selling the following: cheese hampers, Harbury honey, wooden toys, bags, jewellery, handmade cards, fudge and much more.

The perfect place to spend a festive lunch time and buy some truly unique Christmas presents!

Susannah Burden
Harbury Preschool Fundraising Group



Burns Night 2016

Southam 2000 Rotary, in conjunction with Harbury NSPCC Committee, is holding another Burns Night on Friday 22nd January 2016 in the Village Hall. The starting time is 7.30 for 8pm and the ticket price has remained the same, £30 per person. This includes a three course meal plus whisky tasting.

The Piper, Peter Rollason's address to the haggis and the excellent food and drink are bound to brighten a miserable January evening.

If you are interested in buying a ticket, please call Elaine Bruce on 614664.

Elaine Bruce



Harbury Heritage Room

Browsing through the documents the other day, I came across this item. When it was written, and by whom, I have no recollection. If you have any ideas, the Heritage Group would appreciate a contact.

A reminder: The Heritage Room is open on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30-8.30p.m. Hope to see you!

Bloxham HM94

Samuel and Ellen Bloxham with their seven children lived at Homelands in Vicarage Lane. After serving a spell in the army in India and Afghanistan, Samuel came home to Ufton and married Ellen Webb. They moved to Harbury where he got a job at the lime works, and she brought up their seven children. Early in the 1900's Ellen decided that as there was no newspaper shop in the village, she would set up a business from home. This she did, and sold the papers to order from a window overlooking the street, and also they were delivered by the Bloxham children in Harbury and Ufton.

The children walked down the Station Road every evening to fetch the nightly paper The Birmingham Mail, and on Friday evenings, the weekly papers were also collected from the station, in a wooden truck. After collecting the papers, sometimes in the dark, no street lights, the children delivered them the same

evening. Only the weekly papers were delivered on Saturdays. The Bloxhams wouldn't sell Sunday papers, this was a day of rest, and nothing must be done except to attend church. For the older ones this meant as many as three times a day. Among the papers and magazines and comics sold were John Bull, Farmers Weekly, Courier, Chips, Lot of Fun, Butterfly, Magnet, Comic Cuts and Boys Own. The Christian Herald was also delivered by the Bloxhams, but the Parish Magazine was the responsibility of the Misses Bishop.

Ellen Bloxham sold the Courier from about 1905-1955 approximately, latterly from Old Timbers in Ivy Lane.

Nigel Chapman



Harbury Ballroom Dancing Group: New Dancers Required

Ever had that Strictly moment and wished you could swirl or salsa on the dance floor? Well now is your chance. If there is enough interest, we are looking to set up a new beginners' group. No previous experience required it's all very relaxed and informal, so do come along and join us.

Also if couples with previous dancing experience want to join the existing group then you would be most welcome too. We are currently doing the Waltz the Cha cha and the Jive.



Dance classes are held on Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall. The beginners group is at 7.30pm with the intermediates group following after. You do need a partner to dance with and the costs are likely to be around £30 per six sessions.

For more information call Jo or Geoff on 613341 or email us at jomulley@doctors.org.uk

Jo Marston



Harbury Energy Initiative

Loose talk

I've done quite a lot of talking lately. People foolishly ask me to do it. Don't blame me.

On 3rd November I travelled down to Bristol to talk at the Carplus annual conference. They did ask me beforehand; I didn't just go to be annoying. To my amazement I found the delegate packs were full of references to Harbury and our little electric car scheme alongside the heavyweights from Norfolk, Nottingham and the North-East. They were especially interested in our

e-Wheels project and the social benefits we hope to bring to our community. Slipped in between the jargon-rich reports on Marketing, Contexts, Community Engagement, EVs and EAPCs were also two sheets telling the story in his own words of the journey in one of the electric cars by our member from Ladbroke, Adrian Davis, to Sheffield and back.

Back at home, Kenilworth group All Together Greener recklessly asked me to tell them all about HEI. I somehow managed to keep it to well under three hours (45 minutes actually) and travelled there in one of the cars for them to see. The very next day David Bristow and I showed the cars to an eager group of Scouts, taking them out on short trips round the village to experience an electrifying car ride. They asked a lot of questions.

In the News

In the last month we have appeared on several national websites and e-newsletters publicising our e-Wheels scheme, including Carplus, E-Car Club and Big60Million. E-Car Club members will have seen us featured at some length in their latest newsletter. They tell me that e-Wheels is a project they are keen to shout about proudly. On Monday 23rd November I appeared on the Coventry and Warwickshire Radio afternoon show (actually I didn't 'appear'; I was heard, of course) talking about e-Wheels and the car club. The hard part was choosing two songs for them to play. Out of all the music you like, how do you choose just two?! They want us back, this time to be in a competitive quiz. I fully expect to know none of the answers but I am allowed to take another HEI person with me. They haven't rushed to volunteer.

So far the local print media have not responded to my wheedling efforts to get similar notice. Journalism isn't quite what it used to be, however, as now you have to provide copy and pictures and be your own reporter.

Charged Up

As I submit copy e-Wheels has already clocked up some 30 hours of free transport to local residents referred to us. Private use of the cars is also growing, in part thanks to intrepid explorers such as Lyndon Thomas, who is now a free-ranging enthusiast for the cars. Although e-Wheels is now regularly booking out vehicles, there is still plenty of capacity for private bookings. Don't miss out!

Those concerned about re-charging on longer journeys will be pleased to know that we are to be provided with two POLAR cards giving access to the largest provider of charging points off the motorways. Use of these posts will be free. Our existing Source East cards will work with any Plugged-in Midlands posts already. There are many of these in Birmingham.

Coming Soon

A small HEI team plan to be at both the Christmas Fairs in December, Saturday 5th and Sunday 13th. We will be offering short experience trips in the cars and invitations to sign up for an 'E-Cars Unwrapped' session for anyone

who has recently joined, is thinking of joining, wants an info top-up or is just curious. How about gifting membership to someone for Christmas? Bet you never thought of that as an idea.

HEI will be holding its AGM at 8pm on December 16th at the Village Club. All are welcome. It is really just an excuse for a pint or two and a chat, although there is a bit of quick business to do as well. HEI exists for the village, so if you have an energy saving or generating idea for us to turn into a project, come along.

Bob Sherman

Tel: 612277, email: shermanbob55@gmail.com

Patient Participation Group

The PPG is a small group of volunteers whose role is to represent the patient viewpoint and support the partners and staff at both Harbury and Bishops Itchington surgeries. Groups like this one give support and encouragement; members are not village delegates but are always interested in opinions and ideas.

We are invited to have three priorities, and are working towards:

1. Supporting and encouraging responses to patient surveys. These are important in presenting the surgery's work to other agencies in the NHS.
2. Encouraging awareness of current NHS initiatives, aimed at particular conditions.
3. Collecting and publishing a list of agencies which we have personally found helpful.

General issues facing patients - the appointment system, for example - are also of interest to us. We welcome your suggestions.

The PPG is not a channel for medical complaints. We are fortunate in having an effective and efficient local service; formal procedures already exist for rare complaints.

You can contact or join the group and take part in online discussions at: www.harburysurgery.org.uk

You can contact me in Harbury on john23stringer@gmail.com, or Tony Thurlbeck, vice-chairman in Bishops Itchington on tonyt2@inbox.com

John Stringer, Chairman, PPG



Help for Refugees

Following our item in last month's issue, and as promised, here is an update. *Carrier of Hope's* aim this year is to bring Christmas cheer to 200 families in just 7 weeks' time! They'll do this in two ways:

Firstly, they intend to provide Christmas-in-a-bag. Some of you may remember this from previous years, but to remind you what it's all about, they would like to invite you to join them in doing something to let our asylum seeker, refugee and EU migrant families know that people really care about their plight. We can bring some love and hope to them this Christmas by providing them with a Christmas-Dinner-in-a Bag between Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th December.

Over these three days bags will be distributed to the people, containing the makings of a Christmas celebration. The average cost of a bag is £25 and will contain:

- A £10 voucher to buy a large chicken and fresh fruit and vegetables;
- A box of crackers;
- A cake
- A pudding of some kind
- Biscuits
- Sweets
- A Christmas card from you with a personal message of support

There are various ways you can help (if you wish to do this, more information can be obtained from Sue Sampson – contact details below):

1. You can have your own family make up a bag.
2. You can take a made up bag to the address below.
3. You can send money towards the cost of making up a bag. (Cheques made payable to Carriers of Hope)
4. You can buy items from the shopping list and take to Sue Sampson.

Secondly, on Wednesday 23rd December, three Father Christmases will be giving out presents to 400 people at their Christmas party. So, they need toys for children of all ages, and gifts for women suitable for their grand Father Christmas give-away. For the women, they like to give nice toiletries, scarves, gloves, handbags, make-up etc, etc. They are anticipating that they will be giving away over 400 bagged-up presents and so they need to start receiving items as soon as possible so that the "elves" have things to put into *Carriers*

of Hope Christmas carrier bags each Tuesday afternoon between now and Christmas. Probably the best thing would be to deliver Christmas gifts to the Sampsons' by arrangement (see contact below). Please do **not** wrap the presents.

The organiser of the appeal is: Sue Sampson 024 7645 6356. Or e-mail sues@carriersofhope.org.uk for more information

www.carriersofhope.org.uk/

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Carriers-of-Hope-Coventry/330328640393060>

The need remains for furniture, bedding, kitchenware, baby equipment - for big items please contact Alvaro Grana: (grana.alvaro@gmail.com or 07557 049755) or Godfrey (07958 499333) to arrange delivery or collection.

Clothing is not required at this stage, as they have sufficient to last into the New Year.

Nikki Moon, Jill Winter, John Eld

Help for the Homeless

We have written about help for asylum seekers and refugees, but you may be asking, what about the homeless? Well, local churches/organisations are running night shelters for the homeless and are in need of:

- volunteers
- cash donations
- food donations

Should you wish to be involved in helping these people in the wider community, we set out some contact details so that you can obtain more information on the work they do and the help they need:

Website for Coventry night shelter, giving information with a contact email:

<http://www.holytrinitycoventry.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=160360>

Leamington, also looking for financial support, food donations and volunteers:

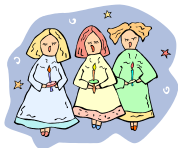
<http://www.leamingtonnightshelter.org.uk>

Rugby night shelter - looking for volunteers too:

<http://www.hope4.org.uk/index.html>



Rev'd Nikki Moon and Team



Chesterton Church

The Candlelit Carol Service is to be held on Sunday 13th December at 5pm. We would love you to join in with the merry singing of the Harbury Folk Group and enjoy the usual cup of mulled wine and mince pies.

Jo Spurr



Southam Town & Area Promotions Group

www.southam.co.uk

The Southam Town and Area Promotions Group has been working hard this summer to provide Southam and its surrounding villages with a new community website.

The website is now live, and not only provides Southam with an 'official' internet presence, but offers a resource for businesses and community groups in our rural area to promote themselves both to residents and potential visitors.

The objective of this new website is to raise awareness of what our local rural area has to offer. Through its 'What's On' listings and Community Directory, the site will promote local events and community groups' activities. Through its Business Directory, the site will promote local businesses and services. With its visitors' pages, the site provides a wealth of information for anyone visiting the area, and also encourages local residents to explore what is on their doorstep.

Anyone who runs a local business in our area, or who is involved in a local community group is welcome to add their business or group to the website's directory **FREE OF CHARGE**. Anyone who organises local events can add details to the website's 'What's On' listings – **FREE OF CHARGE**. Take a look at the site, and if you have any queries or need assistance in filling in the online directory listing form, please contact us on info@southam.co.uk

The website is run by volunteers who welcome your feedback. The project has received funding from Warwickshire County Council and is supported by Stratford District and Southam Town Councils.

Pam (McConnell)
Southam Town and Area Promotions Group
www.southam.co.uk



Southam 2000 Rotary - 'We're for Communities'

The third Run for Rotary 10k charity run at Draycote Water was held in glorious weather at the end of September. Well over £3,000 was raised for charity by the event jointly organised by Southam Rotary 2000 and Rugby Dunsmore Rotary. The money will go to a range of local, national and international charities.

Our club will once again support the national 'Rotary Young Chef' competition. Pupils from Southam College have excelled in previous years in this annual event. So we look forward to publicising some more good news from our local competitors this year.

The Rotary-organised 'Blackpool Holidays' offer a week-long break in June each year, for those in the community wanting a good value holiday in good company. For details of next year's trip call Rod Dyer on 01926-812322.

Among the many other projects and charities which Southam 2000 Rotary supports, we recently made a donation to the Napton Playgroup for the purchase of tables for toddlers. If there are other groups looking for small grants to help with their work in the community, please see the contact details below.

The club meets every Thursday at the Fox & Hen in Bascote Heath at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more about us, contact Dave Roberts on 01926-815831.

Richard Hall



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Could we, through your magazine, thank our friends and neighbours in Harbury, and beyond, for all the cards, letters and support we received during Maureen's last period of illness and since her death.

The level of support was illustrated in a packed Oakley Wood chapel on the 6th November. We have raised £1,110 in memory of Maureen; the money to be split between Myton Hospice and the Aylesford Unit at Warwick Hospital.

Thank you all.

Regards

Patrick Johnson, Nik and Aimee, Adam and Lindsey

Dear Editors

The Myton Hospice coffee morning raised £267.85. We thank everyone who joined us, for the cakes, raffle prizes and generous donations. The designs of the Christmas cards proved to be popular. The total amount for the sale of them was £351, a record.

Thank you all again and Happy Christmas.

Harbury Support Group



Dear Editors

May I through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, give this example of poor behaviour by a driver?

Just after 2.00pm on Friday 6th November my husband and I were travelling to Warwick and waiting in line to cross the Fosse Way at Bendigo Mitchell crossroads. There were two cars in front of us, when the car behind us started tooting. The first car crossed and while the next car was waiting for a gap in the traffic this driver started tooting again. This was repeated while we were waiting. The driver could not possibly see from his position if there were vehicles coming from the right and whether it was safe to cross. This aggressive and inconsiderate behaviour is dangerous and could have forced a less experienced driver to pull out before it was safe to do so. There are too many accidents at this spot already.

If, as we believe, this driver is local and knows this junction he should be ashamed of himself and learn some patience and some manners. If he had to be somewhere in such a hurry might I suggest that in future he leaves himself plenty of time to complete his journey without upsetting other drivers in the process.

Barbara Andrews



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New Year*

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, e-mail: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

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, e-mail: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

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

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct to May)
8:00pm Contact Judy Morrall (613103)

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10:00am - 12:00noon (612734)

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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, e-mail: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

SLIMMING WORLD: Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays
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TAI CHI: Ufton Village Hall, Monday, 7.30 (612277)

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Grade 3 Modern (13yrs+)
7.30pm - 8.15pm
Adult Ballet (no exp req)
8.15pm - 9.15pm

Thursday

Zumba (Over 50s)
10.00am - 11.00am
Adult Ballet (Over 50s)
11.00am - 12.00pm
Funky Dance (3-6yrs)
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Gymnastics (all ages)
4.30pm - 5.00pm
Acting & Performance (all)
4.45pm - 5.45pm
Grade 1 Ballet (10-11yrs)
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Commercial Street (9yrs+)
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Funky / Modern (7-10yrs)
5.45pm - 6.30pm
Boys Street Dance
5.45pm - 6.30pm
Grade 2 Ballet (11-13yrs)
6.30pm - 7.15pm
Grade 1 Modern (10-12yrs)
7.15pm - 8.00pm
Grade 3 Ballet (14yrs+)
8.00pm - 8.45pm

Friday

Mini Movers (0-5yrs)
10.00am - 11.00am
Little Tappers (3-5yrs)
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)
4.30pm - 5.15pm
Primary Tap (8-10yrs)
5.15pm - 6.00pm



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Saturday

Musical Theatre (4-8yrs)
9.00am - 10.30am
Rhythmic Gymnastics
9.00am - 9.45am
Baby Ballet (18mths+)
10.30am - 11.15am
Musical Theatre (8yrs+)
11.15am - 12.45pm

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