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Editorial



This year's carnival is dedicated to Danny Killian, who for many years was a great supporter of the annual event as he was also of the Victorian Street Fayre, where this picture of him was taken. Many of us will remember him at the head of the carnival procession, driving one of his vintage cars accompanied by the king and queen.

A recurring theme for June is gardens and in both villages there are fine examples of what can be achieved, which can be seen in Ladbroke on the 21st June and in Harbury on the 27th and 28th June. For those who appreciate art there will also be the opportunity to meet local artists in their studios during the Harbury open garden

weekend. This is part of the Warwickshire Open Studios event which runs from the 27th June to the 12th July.

Do take the opportunity to view the display of Mike Bloxham's photographs in Harbury Village Hall. These provide an insight to life in the village since the 1970s, see the Village Hall article.

For those with some spare time, there are a number of volunteering opportunities in this month's magazine.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Mary Snow and Brian Taylor. who for many years was the Village Postmaster and Grocer.

| Harbury Diary | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|--|--|
| JUNE | | | | |
| Sat | 6 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Village with a Vision with the Spirit of Harbury shield being presented | | |
| Sun | 7 | TRINITY I Sung Communion, 9.00am Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm | | |

| Sun | 7 | Harbury Wheelbarrow Race, registration 12.30pm, race begins 1.00pm, from the Crown Inn |
|------------|-----|--|
| Mon | 8 | Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall |
| WOT | 0 | Carnival Week Pub Games - Aunt Sally at Shakespeare Inn |
| Tues | 9 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall |
| Tues | 3 | Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall |
| | | Carnival Week Pub Games - Horseshoes at The Gamecock |
| | | Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 10 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, |
| wea | 10 | Draycote Wildflower Meadow (3½ miles flat) |
| | | Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room |
| | | Carnival Week Pub Games - Skittles at the Old New Inn |
| Thurs | 11 | Fair arrives at Playing Fields |
| mare | •• | Blood Donors, 1.30-3.30pm and 4.30-7.30pm in Village Hall |
| | | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee |
| | | Carnival Week Pub Games - Quiz at Village Club |
| | | Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, History of John Lewis |
| Fri | 12 | Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall |
| | | Rev Barry Jackson, Local Foodbanks, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley |
| | | Room |
| Sat | 13 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid |
| | | of Ladbroke Church |
| | | Harbury Carnival, 12.00noon floats in position in Sutcliffe |
| | | Drive, 12.15pm judging of floats, 1.00pm Carnival Procession. |
| | | Please note: Rolling road closures for duration of Parade. |
| Sun | 14 | TRINITY II |
| | | Holy Communion, 8.00am |
| | | Sung Communion, 10.30am |
| Mon | 15 | Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall |
| | | Talk on Meditation within the Christian Tradition, 7.00pm in |
| | | Tom Hauley Room |
| | | ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, |
| | | HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK |
| Tues | 16 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall |
| | | Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall |
| | | Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 17 | Harbury Senior Citizens outing to Cardiff, coaches depart |
| | | 8.30am from Village Hall |
| | | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, |
| | | Farnborough - Mollington (5 miles hilly) |
| | | Harbury Village Library, 7.30pm, 'Meet your local author' - |
| - . | 4.0 | Angela Huth. Tickets available from Library |
| Thurs | | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee |
| Fri | 19 | Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall |
| Sat | 20 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid |
| | | of Myton Hospice |

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| Sun | 21 | TRINITY III (Father's Day) |
|-------|----|---|
| | | Harbury School PTA Beer Walk, registration at School |
| | | 11.30am-12.30pm followed by BBQ from 5.00pm at |
| | | The Gamecock |
| | | Holy Communion, 8.00am |
| | | "Saints Alive" Service, 10.30am |
| | | Evensong, 6.00pm |
| Mon | 22 | Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall |
| Tues | 23 | Tennis Club Strawberry Tournament, 6.00pm |
| | | Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall |
| | | Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| | | Julian Meeting, 8.00pm |
| Wed | 24 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, |
| | | Offchurch - Newbold Comyn (5 miles flat) |
| | | Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room |
| Thurs | 25 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee |
| | | ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, |
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| | | 5.30PM |
| | | Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Fri | 26 | Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall |
| | | Conservative BBQ, 7.00pm, Village Hall |
| Sat | 27 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid |
| | | of Bumps and Bundles |
| | | Harbury Open Gardens (& Warwickshire Open Studios), |
| | | 12 noon-6.00pm, programmes from 1 South Parade, £5 |
| Sun | 28 | TRINITY IV |
| | | Holy Communion, 8.00am |
| | | Sung Communion, 10.30am |
| | | Harbury Open Gardens (& Warwickshire Open Studios), |
| | | 12 noon-6.00pm, programmes from 1 South Parade, £5 |
| Mon | | Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall |
| Tues | 30 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall |
| | | Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall |
| | | Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| JULY | , | |
| Wed | 1 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, |
| | | Wroxton (4 miles varied) |
| | | N.B. No 2.00pm Communion Service today |
| | | Mothers' Union visit St. Mark's Church, Bilton, followed by tea |
| Thurs | 2 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee |
| | | Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club |
| Sat | 4 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid |
| | | of the Village Show |
| | | Harbury School PTA Summer Fayre, 12noon-3.00pm on |
| | | School Grounds |

Sun 5 TRINITY V

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|-------|----|--|
| | | We welcome our new Curate, Nikki Moon today |
| | | Sung Communion, 9.00am |
| | | Little Saints' 'Pets Service', 10.30am, followed by food & |
| | | refreshments |
| | | Taizé Service, 6.00pm |
| | | Pre-School Barn Dance with Rumble-O, 8.00-11.30pm at the |
| | | Village Hall |
| Tues | 7 | Heritage Room open 6.30-8.30pm at School |
| | | Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 8 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, |
| | | Combrook - Compton Verney (4 miles varied) |
| | | Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room |
| Thurs | 9 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee |
| | | Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Hypnotherapy by |
| | | Annabel Jones |
| Sat | 11 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid |
| | | of Mothers' Union |
| | | Junior Football Club Presentation Night and Disco, 6.30pm in |
| | | Village Hall |
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| | Deppers Bridge | Harbury | Ladbroke | Collection Week |
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| ЭГ | 10 | 11 | 12 | Grey Bin |
| June | 17 | 18 | 19 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | Grey Bin |
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| | 8 | 9 | 10 | Grey Bin |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |



From the Rector

Reverend Craig Groocock

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Our Churchyard is a sanctuary for wildlife

I wanted to write something this month, our first summer month, about the churchyard at Harbury.

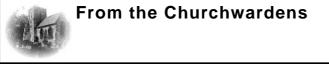
I understand the comments from a number of people about the length of the grass and how unkempt the churchyard appears to be at times especially

through the Summer. We have had a policy at the church for many years now to encourage wildlife and for the churchyard to be a space that allows for this. Many churchyards have escaped the widespread changes in our countryside and they are therefore of great value and should be cherished. Many of the plants that flourish here are becoming rare in the countryside. For insects, birds and mammals this space becomes a haven. A number of churches across the country have been doing similar things to this. St Gregory's at Offchurch is one such churchyard nearby which is worth visiting to see what they have achieved.

The PCC have recently agreed that parts of our churchyard continue to be managed in a way that benefits our local wildlife. You will find areas left unmown until the natural plants that grow there have seeded, providing food and shelter for the insects that depend on them. The mowing has been developed to maximise the variety and quantity of wild flowers. Limited areas are mown short on a regular basis to ensure the church looks tidy and cared for. The largest area is also mown frequently but the grass is left longer, this encourages low growing flowers particularly in spring. About a quarter of the area – the 'Meadow' on the right side of church - is not mown at all until the second half of July, when the vetch has half seeded. The grass when cut is then raked off into piles, which form important food and sheltering places for many creatures.

Charles Catt is currently conducting a survey of wildflowers in the churchyard. We have no great rarities but a few of the more unusual plants are greater celandine, celery leaved buttercup, orange hawkweed and Duke of Argyll's tea plant.

If you are interested and would like to know more then do talk to Charles Catt or Bob Sherman who will be happy to discuss all of this with you. God bless.



Elaine & John

As we now head towards the summer months, first an update on our long awaited memorial garden. At the parochial church committee (PCC) meetings on the 11th May an updated design for the extended memorial garden was presented and received a very positive response. A communication and action plan is being discussed and a full update will be provided next month.

Our Family Service 'Saints Alive' theme for May was 'Promises, Promises' which was very appropriate, as we welcomed Jacob Cullen into the church family through his baptism. We also looked at some of the promises that God has made us. Our June service on the 21st will be entitled Father God's Day and will be a service of thanksgiving and praise, focussing more on sung worship and bible reflections. As usual, we celebrate afterwards, as we always do, with drinks and cakes.

All Saints is planning to enter a team for the 'pub' games at the forthcoming Carnival. Twelve people will be needed – so if you fancy participating in various events please contact one of the Churchwardens (contact details below).

A date for the diary - a talk on Food Banks by the Rev. Barry Jackson will take place in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 12th June. All are welcome.

And finally, an update on our 'Growing Church' programme entitled the Eight Essential Qualities. You will recall that we participated in a survey that helped us focus on areas of our church life in need of further development. The results were recently presented to the PCC and four areas were identified that merit further work: Need-oriented Evangelism, Inspiring Worship, Effective Structures and Holistic Small Groups. We decided that the way forward would be to set up small short term discussion groups whose aim it will be to put forward suggestions for improvement and change and then come up with an action plan. We really would like to encourage a diverse cross-section of the church and village communities to participate – so if you would like to know more – or even join one of the discussion groups please contact one of the Churchwardens, John Guilford (614206) or Elaine Barnden (813654).

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

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

| 26 th April | George Thomas Thornicroft |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 17 th May | Jacob Richard Peter George Cullen |

Funerals

18th May Brian Taylor Age 80 years

21st May Mary Snow Age 87 years



Gillian Hare

At our May meeting we did not have our usual Communion service, but had a quiet devotional time led in prayer by Chris and Sally. We were then pleased to welcome Charles Catt, who told us a little about God's wonderful world as evidenced in the wildlife of our canal system. Charles reckons he has walked 600km along the Grand Union (from London to Birmingham) and the Stratford, Coventry, Oxford and Worcester canals. He illustrated his talk with a selection from his collection of 2,000 photographs, showing us something of the variety of habitats he encountered. Even in London's Limehouse Basin nature has established itself, the Mile End ecology park recognised the uniqueness of the area; London Zoo surprisingly straddles the canal with the sounds of lions roaring and exotic creatures glimpsed. In many places animals, insects and plants had taken advantage of the safety and seclusion of the bank away from the towpath to make their homes. We are so fortunate that the vision of a few enthusiasts in the 1950s has preserved this precious resource for everyone's enjoyment. Thank you, Charles.

A few notices:

The proceeds of our coffee morning will be sent to A.F.I.A (the holiday scheme for deprived families).

The Tom Hauley lunch raised £200 for church funds.

Friday 12th June – a deanery social evening at St Margaret's, Whitnash, with a beetle drive and refreshments. Contact Chris to arrange lifts.

Saturday 11th July – Tom Hauley coffee morning – the usual help will be needed please.

Thursday 6th August – Mary Sumner Day. Harbury M.U will host a deanery afternoon tea party.

The other highlight of May was in the morning service on the 10th when our Diocesan President, Di Sliwinski came to commission Chris Rutherford as our Branch Leader. She also addressed the congregation with a brief overview of Mother's Union work, at home and abroad. The Archbishop of Canterbury is a member and the previous Archbishop praised us as the fifth arm of the Church. With four million members worldwide, and many projects ranging from parenting projects and prison visiting to literacy schemes in developing countries, we should be justly proud of the way our organisation continues to act out the vision of our founder.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings - don't wait to be invited.

The June meeting will have passed when you read this, so the next one will be on 1st July. We will be the guests of M.U. at St Mark's Church, Bilton near Rugby for a tour of their church followed by tea. Chris will match up drivers and passengers so please let her know if you can come. These summer trips have become established as very happy occasions as well as an opportunity to meet members in other places.

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Thursday 25th June

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JUNE

| Sat | 6 | Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
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| Sun | 7 | Trinity I |
| | | Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments |
| Wed | 10 | Table Tennis 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall |
| Fri | 12 | Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 8.00pm, Village Hall |
| Sat | 13 | Coffee morning, 10.00-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room, Harbury, in aid of Ladbroke Church |
| Sun | 14 | Trinity II |
| | | Holy Communion (sung) 9.00am |
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| Wed | 17 | Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall |
| Thurs | s 18 | Home Group, 8.00pm, venue TBC |
| Sat | 20 | Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 21 | Trinity III |
| | | Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am |
| | | The Old Rectory Garden open, 3.00-5.30pm |
| Wed | 24 | Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall |
| Thurs | 5 25 | ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, |
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| | | WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sat | 27 | Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 28 | Trinity IV |
| | | Holy Communion (sung) 9.00am |
| JULY | , | |
| Wed | 1 | Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall |
| | | Home Group, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close |
| Sat | 4 | Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 5 | Trinity V |
| | | Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments |
| Tues | 7 | Photography Club BBQ |
| Wed | 8 | Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall |



Ladbroke Church News



Jackie West

This last month you may have heard our campanologists, that's bell ringers to you and me, ringing for both local celebrations (a silver wedding) and national events (the birth of the royal baby and the 70th anniversary of VE Day). It's good to know that several new ringers are now part of the team. They are a friendly bunch and always on the look out for more members so if you are interested do contact tower captain, Keith Archer, to find out more. Or you could go along to the demonstration and taster session at the Edgehill Ringing Centre, St Peter's Kineton on Saturday 27th June from 10.00am - 12 noon to give it a try.



With most of our regulars unable to make consecutive Home Group meetings this session, rather than follow a theme, we are looking at a different Psalm each time. This is an ideal opportunity for people who are too busy to come each fortnight or unsure if it is for them, to join us on Thursday 18th June or Wednesday 1st July.

Over the last few weeks thoughts have been very focused on our church building and the repairs that need to be done. Following the good news that the Government's Roof Repair Fund will support the majority of work on urgent roof, gutter and drainpipe work, the next steps are to get a number of surveys done by specialists to define the specification correctly. These include bat surveys: we had a scoping survey in May and in July/early August ecologists will return to conduct dawn and dusk surveys to count the numbers emerging and, using bat detectors, identify the species from their calls.

The churchwardens and our PCC treasurer have been planning how we may raise the further £250,000 we need for the other urgent repairs. When the 1876 renovations were done by Sir Gilbert Scott, the Rector at the time

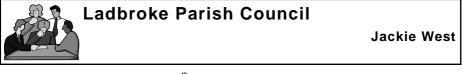
contributed 45% of the cost - unfortunately Rev Craig's pockets are not that deep! We will only be able to raise this huge sum by a combination of generous donations, fund raising activities, further grants and lots of work. Jane and David Rutherford are opening their lovely gardens at The Old Rectory next door to the church on Sunday 21st June, 3.00-5.30pm in aid of the church and we will use this to raise awareness of our "All Saints' for all generations" fund raising campaign, so I hope talk to you about it there.

Flower Rota

14th & 21st June 28th June & 5th July Margie Bosworth

Jean Cleews





I didn't make the meeting on 6th May but I have gleaned the key points from a chat with the Chairman and the official minutes, which can be found on the notice board by the pub. The meeting started with the Parish Council's AGM. Derek Batty, Valerie Copley, Phil Maffey and Martin Neal will continue to be our Parish Councillors, the end of year finance and asset register were approved.

Neighbourhood Watch The e-news alert about a suspicious person appears to have been a false alarm - it was a friend of a local person looking for them around the village as they were not at home, still, better safe than sorry.

Planning - Permission for the extension and internal changes at Bell View Cottage had been granted and the Parish Council had no comments on amendments subsequently submitted. They supported Rectory Farm's change of use of agricultural building to residential dwelling, including new roof and fenestration as it uses redundant disused buildings retaining the same footprint and it will enhance the immediate setting. The application for screen fencing at 9 Hedges Close is retrospective and still under review.

SDC had granted approval for change of use to a dwelling house for Woodlands House Farm (prior approval) and Ladbroke Grove Bungalow (retrospective) and permitted Kings Barn to change from holiday home to permanent dwelling but not similar changes for Windmill View or Spire View. They had also refused removal of a yew at Woodlands.

Highways, Footpaths & Drainage - Work had been done on the drains in Banbury Road and Bridge Lane, details have been requested so we have them locally for future reference.

Property Level Protection (PLP) discussions with householders whose properties have flooded in the past should start soon. Individual homes may be affected differently by the brook and run off from fields and roads which may give rise to different recommendations, the parish council has asked to be kept "in the loop" to ensure the overall picture is known and proposals are consolidated.

HS2 - More documents are to be made available as part of the hybrid bill. The Parish Council do not have many metres of shelf space to store hard copy and have requested an electronic copy only. *I suggested after the meeting that we should request a hard copy of the local map book(s).*

Village Hall & Millennium Green - A new pedestrian gate has been installed on the green to make it easier for pushchairs and wheel chairs.

WCC & SDC - Both Bob Stevens and Chris Williams were re-elected and thank those who supported them. In Southam only four people were prepared to continue/stand as councillors, as this is below the minimum number a further election is required (or they will be managed by SDC). Although low attendance at the annual village meeting last month and recent parish council meetings suggests a disappointing level of public interest here at least we have councillors and others representing the interests of Ladbroke residents.

SDC is now almost entirely Conservative (31 of 36 councillors, with 3 Lib Dem, 1 Labour, 1 Independent). It will need to focus on finalising the core strategy, especially the inspectors comments on reconsidering 1500 homes on Wellsbourne airfield and a late submission for homes near the Dallas Burston Polo Grounds.

Next meeting: 15th July



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute Carol Lane

There was a poor turnout of members on Thursday, 28th May when this year's resolution was discussed. The resolution was that the assessment of people who needed nursing and/or social care should be combined. Following a lot of discussion our views were given to the representative to take to the National Federation meeting in The Albert Hall on 4th June. This event is being screened live in Napton Village Hall from 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Dianne was very sorry to have to announce that Kerry had decided she had to stand down as secretary. Kerry has been wonderfully efficient and will be very much missed. A replacement is being sought for the next four months until the AGM in October.

Many members from Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge had attended the Group

meeting in Napton during the month when Tom Heap was the very entertaining guest speaker.

Sue Moore and Jenny Barrett are to replace the plants in the planters outside the Village Hall in the middle of June when all chance of frost is finished.

The tapestry of Ladbroke scenes which had been left unfinished on the death of Kath Telford is being completed using the designs which Kath had intended to use.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 23rd June at 7.00pm. Craft evening at Heather's, 89, Stowe Drive, Southam.

Tuesday 11th August. Trip to Adam's Farm. Places still available

Wednesday 19th August at Two Boats Inn, Long Itchington. The Mikron Theatre Company will perform a play based on the WI centenary year.

Monday 12th October. Autumn 6 mile walk.

Tuesday 27th October. Visit to poppy factory.

There is a change to the speaker at June's meeting on the 25th. We will now hear about The Yellow Hat Tribe which will show contemporary artwork with humour from the artist herself who lives on an ostrich farm!! Gifts, cards, mugs and paintings will be available for sale. Visitors welcome.



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.



Our next Film night will be on **Friday 12th June** and we will be screening 'Pride' - a feel good movie set in 1984 at the height of the miner's strike. In London, the Lesbian and Gay Society (LGS) is out on the streets collecting money for the miners.....and it's the starving Welsh miners who gladly accept their donations...with

hilarious consequences!

So come and join us for a trip back to the 80s. Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 8pm. Tickets are £12 including a two course hot meal. No bar but please bring your own drinks. Contact Nicky Lewis on 815196 or nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk by Wednesday 10th June. **Payment must be made in advance.**



The next event we have planned for the Summer season has a musical flavour: Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" from scratch in Ladbroke Village Hall on **Friday 10th July at 7.30pm.**.

Local soloists but mainly yourselves! Come and join the singing for a fun evening. Tickets at £12 to include a light supper and a

glass of wine or soft drink are available from Margaret Bosworth on 817312 or margandboz@btinternet.com. Music scores will be provided.



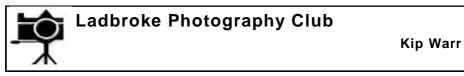
Sadly, we have had to cancel the proposed music festival on the green in August, but other exciting events are in the pipeline for later this year.

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

Millennium Club Monthly Draw Results

| £50 | Angie Coleman | £50 | Paul Taylor |
|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------|
| £25 | Mike Connon | £25 | Mary Coley |
| £25 | John and Jenny Barrett | £10 | Geoff Timms |
| £10 | Richard Walker | £10 | Joan Perry |
| £10 | Christine Baker | £10 | Brian Whitehouse |

Margaret Bosworth



It's the time of year when we select members' photographs to go into our annual exhibition. In previous years we have exhibited at the village fete, in the church and at the John Turner event in Southam. We have yet to decide where the exhibition will go this year but it will be worth seeing as we have a selection of excellent and varied pictures. The selection process is very democratic: each member's photos are laid out on the table and we all vote for the ones we like so everyone is represented in the final show.

Our photo topic was Shadows and Reflections. As ever, the offerings were very varied, although there were a number of pictures featuring the photographers' own shadows (shadow selfies, perhaps?). The purpose of these sessions is to take a critical look at our photographs and look for ways

of improving our technique. On this occasion we were enjoying the pictures too much to want to exercise our critical faculties.

Our next meeting will be on 7.30pm Tuesday, 2nd June, in Ladbroke Village Hall when we shall be taking action shots which will be a good preparation for a session later in the month when we go out to photograph horses in action. Visitors and guests are welcome, as always.

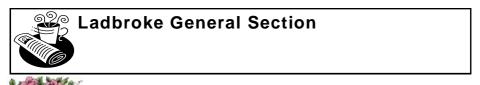


Shadows - Kip Warr



For more information about the club and our programme see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszonephotogclub@yahoo.co.uk

Sunset reflections - Andy Pittaway



The Old Rectory Garden - Sunday 21st June

Come and celebrate the longest day of the year by joining us at The Old Rectory Garden (next door to Ladbroke Church) on Sunday 21st June between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. Admission £5, children under 12 free, in aid of Ladbroke Church. Bell ringers from Ladbroke and beyond are being invited to ring from 2pm before joining us in the garden. Fingers crossed it will be a balmy summer afternoon, ideal for strolling around the lovely grounds and relaxing over a cup of tea and some home baking, while listening to music from Ladbroke Sounds, a.k.a. Kate, Alice, Rory and Kip. There will be a few stalls selling plants, cakes, produce and homemade items together with games to entertain children and the young at heart - we have it on good authority that hook-a-duck will be included!

Jackie West



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

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Now don't get confused: - this is the Council's AGM where they dish out membership of Working Parties to Parish Councillors - all newly elected this time. The Annual Parish Meeting comes later in the month, when we can quiz our elected representatives or discuss anything else we want.

Having re-elected Tim Lockley as Chairman, with Keith Thompson Vice-Chair, they decided who sat on the various "Working Parties". The Chairman did try to change the way planning was scrutinised, suggesting a merger with the Neighbourhood Plan and a role for all the Councillors in all planning scrutiny. However he failed to convince everyone.

Then 'Outside Bodies' representation was up for allocation. Tim reported that the school was looking for a community Governor, however no-one from the PC volunteered. Keith Tompson and Samantha Allen got Village with a Vision which Pat Summers already attends.

Then we had Public Participation where Ken Stephenson reminded Councillors they had again made No Representation outside of a meeting, on amended plans for a large house on part of Lullington Lodge garden, to which they had previously objected. The lack of a meeting was perfectly legal but did not give neighbours a chance to express their concerns. His argument was that he thought the PC should have objected as they had to the previous plans.

Pat Summers said the height of the proposed house had been reduced, although Ken said it was the same height as previously. Mrs Hendry, from Dove Cottage thanked the Councillors who had subsequently visited her property, although she was concerned about the damage to the ecology of the site. Also as her cottage is lower than the proposed house she was concerned about potential flooding from the paved-over garden of the development. Sean Neill, the previous owner, supported her in these concerns. District Councillors had made objections regarding the planning application.

Amanda Lewis had asked for this to be reconsidered as she felt the Council had let the neighbours down and five of the PC's previous objections should still have stood. Keith Thompson, who had been on holiday when no representation was made, supported her. However, Councillors Allen, Summers, Knowles and the Chairman voted against an objection with only Councillors Lewis and Thompson for. Martin Shepherd accompanied by a representative of Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology asked for Council support for plans at Spiers Farm where a Traction Engine Heritage Centre was to be created. The value of the exhibits was such that there was a need for a house, attached to the existing commercial buildings, to accommodate a warden. The venture would create two full time posts and employ two apprentices.

Pat Summers said Councillors had visited the site and she was impressed with the set up and would support it as part of our heritage. Councillor Thompson had some reservations as it was on the escarpment (where the Parish seeks to preseve the open views). The Chairman said other buildings on the escarpment were nearer the village. It was brownfield land and there was already a sustainable business on the site. The security issues were clear. The Council decided to support the application.

Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath New Village - the developers had put forward their plans for the development. Keith Thompson thought the additional traffic it would generate would be our main concern, but that the plans provided for traffic lights at the Bendigo Mitchell (Fosse) Crossroads. County Councillor Stevens revealed that both the County and Bishops Itchington had objected and the Parish Council agreed to object due to the negative impact of traffic.

Gypsy Sites - Warwick District is still considering the Football Ground for a site. Stratford District Council would publish their sites before the Core Strategy was complete.

County Councillor Bob Stevens reported that Warwickshire did not favour amalgamation with Birmingham, so was looking at joining other Shire Counties, but this would mean becoming a Unitary Authority (doing away with the Districts in the present three tier system). Health and Social budgets would be integrated. He congratulated Harbury on the Electric Car Scheme and revealled that he was nominated as the County Council Chairman.

Reports

Village Hall - Building work had been held up by the discovery of asbestos but was now progressing well.

Carnival - Councillors agreed to be on a rota to open and close the playing fields for the Fair which will arrive before the Carnival this year.

Environment - Various complaints about the lack of grass cutting were not the Council's responsibility. Manor Road to Hereburgh Way is private property; Park Lane from Manor Road to Bush Heath Lane is cut by Stratford District Council and south of Hereburgh/Ridgley Way was presently the responsibility of County Highways but will be in the Parish's mowing contract for next year.

Play Equipment – Councillors will undertake regular safety inspections, but the Council needs to appoint a professional for the annual play equipment inspection.

Next Meeting: Thursday 25th June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Harbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

THANK YOU to the 203 people who turned up on Saturday 23rd May to look at the draft of our proposed 'Plan' and those of other developers in the village.

The scale of the proposed developments came as a shock to a few residents who obviously hadn't realised that some houses will have to be built in the parish, and various plans by developers have already been passed by Stratford District Council. We want a say in where future development should happen, and the scale of it, which is why the Neighbourhood Plan is so important.

The NP Steering Committee will now look at your comments and amend our objectives and policies accordingly. They will then be put onto the website:

www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

The consultant that has been appointed, Kirkwells, will look at our draft proposals and all related material and it will be written up as a draft document which then has to go to Stratford District Council before an official referendum takes place, as the 'Plan' has to have your backing.

We cannot please all of the people all of the time, but the best interests of the parish will always be the first priority.

The Steering Group has a couple of vacancies and if you have a positive, open-minded approach to the future we would welcome your help.

Councillor Pat Summers Email: patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Council Elections 2015

The number of votes recorded for each candidate in the recent election is as follows:

| ALLEN, Samantha Laura | 716 Elected |
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| GIBB, Christopher Leslie | 644 Elected |
| KNOWLES, Alan George | 701 Elected |
| LEWIS, Amanda Jane | 629 Elected |
| LOCKLEY, Timothy James | 763 Elected |
| MANCELL, Anthony Charles | 661 Elected |
| ROSS, Edward Barry | 429 Not Elected |
| SUMMERS, Patricia Irene | 734 Elected |
| THOMPSON, Keith Ernest | 659 Elected |
| THORNLEY, Janet | 874 Elected |

Councillor's Corner



Jacqui Harris



Stratford District Council

Following the elections on 7th May I would like to introduce myself to the Harbury and Deppers Bridge readers of the Harbury & Ladbroke News as the Stratford District Councillor for the Harbury Ward, which includes the villages of Harbury (including Deppers Bridge), Chesterton & Kingston, and Lighthorne Heath. Ladbroke is now part of the Bishops Itchington Ward and has a different Councillor.

I would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to turn out and vote at the elections whether or not they voted for me. It was great to see so many of you actively participating in the process. As some of you will be aware the reorganisation of SDC which occurred at this election not only reduced the total number of councillors from 53 to 36, thus saving Council Tax payers some money, but also implemented the concept of the whole council being elected for four years together with single member wards, meaning that I am the only councillor to represent the Harbury Ward. These are significant changes. I am currently working hard to get up to speed with the workings of local government through a series of workshops and training sessions in Stratford as well as trying to attend as many local events and group meetings as possible. As you can imagine this is a significant task and it may take me a little while to get fully au fait with everything, so I would ask for your patience while I do this.

However I am your councillor and I am available now to help anyone with any contacted issues they feel can assist with. 1 can be via Т jacqui,harris@stratford-dc.gov.uk or 07927 639352. I'm looking forward to my new role and meeting as many of you as possible over the coming months. One event I will be attending later this month, along with Jeremy Wright, is the annual BBQ to be held at the Village Hall on 26th June – anyone interested can obtain tickets from Bernard Cadogan on 613503.



We had the most beautiful, warm sunny evening for our visit to Marton and its Museum. David Fry and Joan Sherratt were guides for a meander round the village and tour of the Museum, which was purpose-built alongside the sports pavilion as part of a planning deal. The playing fields and their excellent play equipment (for both children and adults) attracted much interest from our members who tried it out!

The Museum is crammed full of bygones, mainly from our agricultural past but with other crafts and their tools, including shoe and watch making, carpentry, lace and dressmaking, sewing machines and typewriters of all types and ages; items from the last war (a baby's gas mask adorns a doll in perambulator), and more.

The tour round the village was enlightening but somewhat sad as Marton has lost all its shops and other facilities. The Black Horse is now an Indian restaurant and the Hare & Hounds went long ago!



We dived down a hidden right of way between old cottages that led us into Church Street where we saw the old bake-house and its well preserved barn complete with a kennel built in under the external staircase. The dog would have been chained there to catch any rats that tried to reach the stored grain.

We entered the tiny Church of St Esprit – the only such dedication in this country – and admired the uplifting Victorian

inscriptions and beautiful woolwork kneelers celebrating the flora and fauna of the parish.

We finished with tea and some splendid cake and thanked the village for a wonderful evening.

Next Events: We will have a display of Village Green Spaces at the Carnival on **Saturday 13th June** when we will also sell jewellery and china.

Monday 14th September a talk on the **Cutting** - Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm for 8pm – more details later.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

At the last meeting there was discussion and voting for the resolution that Dorothy takes to the Albert Hall in June.

Dorothy went to the Annual Federation meeting at Chesford Grange and said it was an enjoyable day.

John Johnson from Johnson Coaches gave an amusing account of the firm's history.

A cheque was presented to the Central England Rehabilitation Unit to purchase equipment which would enhance the patient's stay in the unit.

The highlight of the meeting was the well known theatre, radio and variety star, Judith Hibbert. Judith's daughter takes the part of Demelza in Poldark. Using only a change of hat, coat, gesture and timing she portrayed well known stars of the past. Judith had her audience in fits of laughter and her standing ovation was well deserved.

At the end of the meeting thanks were given to Jeryl Stone who was finishing her final year as Federation Chairman.

Best wishes to Gillian who won the Denman Bursary this year. She will certainly enjoy her time at Denman.

An excellent evening was enjoyed at the Group meeting in Napton Village Hall in May. We enjoyed great refreshments, and also an entertaining talk by Tom Heap from TV's Countryfile.

Kath Mancell came second in the super photography competition judged by Tom Heap.

The Group outing will be on Wednesday 2nd September.

We are getting prepared for the Carnival entry on 13th June. The cake stall will be there and we are asking members for cakes and preserves please.

There will also be "Guess the Weight of the Cake" which Ann Mayer has baked. See you there.

Next meeting at the Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 11th June – speaker on the history of John Lewis.



"... an outstandingly good production! A good script, and brilliant individual performances by actors playing out of their skin (literally?)" (audience member).

On Thursday 14th May, I had the pleasure of being in the audience for Harbury Theatre Group's opening night of 'Stage Struck' - a hilarious comedy about a theatrical agency which has fallen on hard times.

With mistaken identities and plenty of physical comedy, the play had the audience chuckling from the start and then throughout as the story of retrieving stolen jewels, arresting bad guys and saving the agency was told.

Jo Banbury, as the secretary, was amazing, seamlessly flitting between accents whilst flirting outrageously, fighting over the phone and making endless cups of tea. Celia Stockdale gave a fantastic performance as calm-in-a-crisis Jenny, with a huge amount of lines to deliver and nearly as many costume changes!

Chris Beaton, Keith Hayes and John Travis gave their usual hilarious performances that kept the audience amused. Then, of course, the multitalented Sue Lawrence, William Jones and Ali Hodge kept us entertained with magic, ventriloquism, line dancing and bell ringing, to name just a few of their talents. Last but not least, Janet Thornley - what a star you are - and what a memorable and amazing final scene!

Andrew Lawrence, the director, made sure the fast-paced and energetic sequences were staged brilliantly and the many sound effects were timed and delivered to perfection, adding to the overall comic effect.

Watching 'Stage Struck' was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and, although it made me miss being on stage, I loved being part of the audience. Well done Harbury Theatre Group!

Harbury Theatre group meet on the last Tuesday of the month - 8pm at The Shakespeare. Come along to the next meeting to see what it's all about - whether you want to be in front or behind the curtain, there is something for everyone.



Sue Hartland

This was the 366th Harbury Folk Club and we had lots of interpretations of the theme "The Birds and the Bees".

Ian and Sue opened with "Bushes and Briars" followed by "Mr Tambourine Man" which fitted the theme because "The Byrds" recorded it! Rik was next with "Skylark" and "The Snows they Melt the Soonest" Ann and Ray performed "Miss Otis Regrets" and "Big Rock Candy Mountain" and Maureen and Janny sang "One April Morning" and the sublime "Searching for Lambs". Ted and Sue were next with "Claudie Banks" and then Ted couldn't resist the ever popular Flanders and Swann song "The Honeysuckle and the Bindweed". We were then treated to a duo called Elementary Penguin (Harry and Matthew) who sang "What's Wrong" followed by "Angie Baby". It's always good to see new faces at the club.

The Choir opened the second half with "Place in the Choir" and "May Song" and then Des continued with "Cock Robin" and "The King". Richard sang "The Old Woman who swallowed a Fly" and "It's Good to be by the Seashore". Sue Harris performed "Curragh of Kildare" and "The Red Headed Ann" followed by Peter McDonald singing "Red Winged Blackbird" and "Lady Take your Time". Pete Grassby was next first teaching us a Maori Song and then performing "Lovely Molly". The Somerville Gents followed with "The Wanton Seed" and then got us all laughing when they sang "Crassanova".

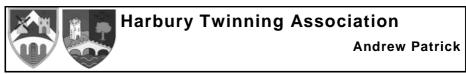
Keith closed with "The Witch of Westmorland" and "Sticking Feathers to my Arms again".

We had time for a short third half with Ann and Ray opening with "Jenny Wren Bride" followed by Peter McDonald singing "Wild Flying Dove". Keith played a fabulous version of "Albatross" and The Somerville Gents closed the evening with the hilarious "The Country Banker".

The raffle raised £56 towards my Race for Life 5k race for Cancer Research, thank you so much for contributing.

Next month is hosted by Doug and Janny and the theme is "The Calendar".

Thank you to all the performers and the audience for a splendid evening!



On Friday 24th April, just too late to report in May's Harbury News, we held our annual Skittles Evening at the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen. This year, we were all French flowers, and the winning team were *Rose*.



The winner of the splendid wooden spoon was Tony Brunton, (who may prefer to remain anonymous).

Our friends from Samois-sur-Seine visited us the weekend of 8th - 11th May. Although there were slightly fewer of them than in previous years (2 minibuses instead of a coach), as usual it was a delight to have them with us in Harbury. Thanks to good planning, good luck with the weather, and good work by everyone, we had a great weekend!

Among the highlights-

On Saturday morning John Hancock led a super country walk based on Fenny Compton, with excellent views and fascinating insights into 19th-century canal and railway history (see centre-page pictures), and ending very agreeably with lunch at the Merrie Lion.

In the afternoon, the Gamecock and the Shakespeare hosted pub games of Skittles and Aunt Sally excellently organised by Tony and Colin. The winner, François Oudiou, received his trophy from the winner of last year's petanque competition Judy Finch, during the interval of the evening's *Playing Django* concert.

The French enjoyed the music so much that they have invited us to visit them next year during their prestigious *Festival Django Reinhardt*. Bring it on!



Trophy Presentation

Sunday we spent at Blenheim Palace exploring the house and gardens, - and the Cascade (see centre pages). Finally, after our evening meal in families we all gathered at the Gamecock to enjoy some British cheeses and receive a gift of a fine book for the library *la Vie secrète des Insectes*. In return, we presented farewell gifts of a selection of chutney and pickles from our very own Gruntfuttock (alias Nigel Chapman).

And for some of us it didn't stop there! The following week an Anglo-French group of *vélomanes* cycled off to Stow-on-the-Wold for four days in the Cotswolds. Mostly the weather was good, with excellent views from Broadway Tower and Dover's Hill. The journey home was horrible – wet, windy and bitterly cold. Luckily Friday was fine again, for a lovely ride round Shuckburgh, Priors Marston and Burton Dassett. But perhaps the best was the final cream tea, at Peter and Margaret's!

As has been explained before, we are a community association open to **all** residents of Harbury (French-speaking or not)! If you want to try us out, please drop in to see us at our Carnival stall on 13th June and/or join us for a French meal on 14th July (Bastille Day). If you'd like any more information, please contact Sally (613214) or me (614359) any time.

Harbury Juniors Football Club

lan Jones

Chairman's Report: Ian Jones

The Club is actively seeking new Committee members to guide and shape the future of the Club. I will be standing down as Chairman at the end of July. The Chairman's role is a figurehead for the Club rather than an active administrative role. Ideally, we would like a parent (or guardian) of a player in the younger age groups to take this role on. However, if others are interested, please contact me for more details.

In addition, we are seeking a new Club Welfare Officer. This is an important role that is responsible for the co-ordination of the club's child welfare activities (with support from the FA). The main tasks associated with the role are the verification of the ID for CRB (now called DBS - Disclosure and Barring Service) checks and providing the first point of contact for any welfare issues that arise. In addition, the role provides on-going guidance to coaches and officers of the club. A great deal of support is available from the FA in this role. As well as being CRB (DBS) checked yourself, you'll need to attend an FA CWO training course which takes one evening.

If you are interested in supporting a great community organisation which provides opportunities for the young people in our area to be active, make friends and learn the game, then please contact me for more information (Ian Jones 612201). Harbury Juniors FC is a registered charity and an FA Charter Standard Development Club.

Under 10's Match Report: Malcolm Tanner

25th April: Harbury Juniors 2 v Kineton 2

Having lost heavily to Kineton U11 's earlier in the season, this game showed how much the team has progressed as they dominated the match for long periods and were unlucky not to come away with a victory.

With the defence of Max W, Joe W and Jamie S solid at the back and Ollie S running midfield, it was only a matter of time before Harbury scored. It was Ollie S who floated in a corner for Josh C to head in off a defender. Whilst Harbury continued to press, a defensive error allowed Kineton to equalise.

However the team showed commitment and following enthusiasm and persistence from Archie C, Harbury won the ball which fell to Josh C who controlled it and passed to Harry L who smashed the ball into the net. The spectacular goal was only matched by Harry L's spectacular celebrations!

Archie C was denied a goal after dribbling past three players and hitting the upright and in defence Joe was superb. Whilst being tackled by two players, he calmly made a dragback to create space and then passed the ball out wide.

Whilst Kineton scored another goal to level the game at 2-2, it does not take away the vast improvement the players have made individually and as a team over the season and they should all be very proud of their efforts.

10th May - Three Counties Tournament: Roanne Finch

After a dramatic penalty shoot-out against Tysoe Tornadoes, Harbury Juniors Under 10 Football team took well-deserved runners-up medals at the Three Counties Tournament held at Tysoe on Sunday 10th May.

To reach the final, Harbury played four matches. Their first against their final opponents was an equally matched game, as the final itself would prove to be. Harbury dominated possession with individual demonstrations of great technique and truly wonderful moments of link-up play, but the strength and powerful attacking drives of The Tornadoes balanced Harbury's flair. Harbury's 1-0 lead, delivered by a wonder strike from Archie, was leveled to 1-1 before the break. Harbury took the lead again in beautiful style with Josh passing a perfectly weighted ball through to his twin brother Daniel who slotted it away with precision into the bottom left-hand corner of the net. The Tornadoes equaled the scoring for a 2-2 draw.

Harbury's next match against Tysoe Trojans lacked the dynamism and passion of their previous game. Rebecca gave a strong performance in goal, and Max and Joe paired up well again to provide a composed defence. In attack, moves quickly broke down and, despite many individual good performances, there was a lack of fluidity and final delivery in Harbury's play. Final score 1-0 to The Trojans.

Harbury needed a good win against their next opponents, Tysoe Tigers, to have any hope of progressing, and they certainly produced that. Archie was on superb form, leading the team to a resounding 7-0 victory that was as impressive in the effortless interplay and individual moments of magic as it was in the score-line. Ben H's opener was added to twice more by Archie and then Harry made it 4-0 before half time with a well-placed glance on another of Ben H's powerful strikes. In the second half, Archie soon got his hat trick, scored again, and Daniel added one more. There was great openness to Harbury's attacking play, with lovely movement on and off the ball. Jamie worked tirelessly to create space, Nick made strong, surging drives forward and Ollie went on an amazing run from deep in his own half passing several opposition players as he feinted and stepped over the ball showing great agility and poise.

Ollie's hard work would be rewarded in the next tie against Byfield with a crucial late goal-mouth scrambled strike that would be the only goal of the match and a guarantee of a place in the final. In an end-to-end game, Arthur played a vital role as the last line of defence as Harbury continued to push forward seeking that all-important win.

In the final, an early goal by Harry gave Harbury a welcome lead, which was cancelled out by the Tornadoes in the second half to take the game to penalties. Having given an outstanding performance throughout the tournament, and especially in both Harbury's encounters with a strong Tornado side, Ben G took the challenge of the penalty shoot out in his stride saving two attempts and scoring his own goal. In the end it was to be Tysoe Tornadoes day in a closely matched contest. Jed and Tom are also singled out for praise for their commitment to play in whatever position they were asked throughout the tournament, and for doing so with great enthusiasm.

Harbury may have come runners up, but in the sheer brilliance of some of the individual displays of skill, the great teamwork, flowing football and stunning goals scored, they were certainly winners.

The coaching team and parents are all very proud of our players.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer www.tennis-today.net/harbury

We had a great time at our Great British Tennis Weekend event on 17th May. The weather was good and there was plenty of interest in the activities on offer with a number of visitors joining the club, which was great. Sue Panton is pictured explaining the basics of the game to some of the younger participants!

For our next big event we are running a number of taster sessions in five local primary schools which will be followed by a Primary Schools Tennis Festival at the club on Wednesday 24th June. This has been partly

funded by a grant from Warwickshire County Council's Councillor's Grant fund, supported by Councillor Bob Stevens, that the club has matched. It's been really good making links with the schools and great that Harbury has such good facilities to be able to host such an event.

It's also been a good month on the playing front with three wins from three matches even without our No.1 man Steve Stark who has been injured! The first was in the Warwickshire Aegon Classic Veterans' League when we welcomed the biggest Club in the area, the Edgbaston Priory Club, to our courts for our final round robin fixture in the group stage. Ours are very different to the superb facilities EPC are used to and they had a taster of the contrast when a ball was hit out of court during the warm up into the long grass and nettles! Anyway, it was a very enjoyable (and long!) afternoon for Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, David Bristow and Colin Mercer with three of the four rubbers going to a third set championship tiebreak. Pleased to report that we won two of them which combined with Caroline and Debs'



straight sets win in the ladies doubles gave us an overall 3-1 win. Unfortunately it wasn't enough for us to qualify for the knockout stages of the tournament as we finished in third place in our group.

In the Banbury League, the Club secured its first win of the summer with Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Sue Panton, Paul Crowton, Steve Marshall and Colin Mercer being in good form to record a convincing 8-1 success against Banbury West End. The next game was against unbeaten league leaders Banbury Town and Caroline, Debs and Sue carried their fine form into the match winning all three ladies' doubles rubbers. There was one change to Harbury's men with Josh Marshall joining Steve Marshall and Colin. Banbury, as usual, fielded a very strong men's team but the Harbury trio pushed the home men really hard with Steve and Colin coming back from 4-1 down to win 7-6 after a very close tiebreak. Colin and Caroline had won the opening mixed doubles so the overall result was an excellent 5-4 win for Harbury.

Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton



Sue Thomas from Rhythm Time who runs music classes in many parts of Warwickshire came to Toddlers as our special guest.

She bought a varied selection of musical instruments, pictures and CDs to encourage the children to differentiate between high and low sounds, develop an understanding of tempo, pulse

and stillness. As it was all so new to everyone, the children rose to the occasion brilliantly and listened really well, stopping when instructed.

We also made our own instruments with decorated bottles, peas and pasta - sorry about the noise, it's all in a good cause !!!!!!!



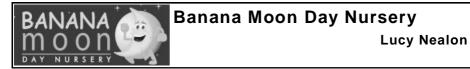


In June we welcome *Tom Tom Photographic*, our local amateur photographer who will take pictures of the children at play as a keepsake of your little one's time at Toddlers.

Entrust Care Partnership is responsible for the running of the group and we sell donated pre-loved children's toys and clothes to raise money to provide services for disabled children and young people. If you have any items for us, please bring them along to Toddlers or drop them off at 26 Vicarage Lane.

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

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



We were lucky enough to be given some caterpillars. The children observed the life cycle of a caterpillar from larva to chrysalis to butterfly before releasing them in the garden.





The children making rainbow fruit kebabs



With the theme for May being rainbows, the children have done everything from dressing up in the colours of the rainbow to making rainbow cake, to lots of rainbow themed art and crafts.

As we move into June the children are busy prepping for Father's Day and the special breakfast we are having for daddies/carers.

Pre-school are very much focused on getting ready for school not only from an academic point of view but also making sure they are comfortable with the more practical things like being able to put their coat on! The children will continue to visit school over the coming weeks so they are familiar and confident when they start in September.

Congratulations to all of the staff who have recently completed their Paediatric First Aid training.

For more details contact Lucy Nealon - 01926 612374.



Babies 'exploring' yellow paint



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Staff & Committee

Work on the theme of "The Jolly Postman" continued apace during May, in preparation for the Carnival. All will become clear on the dav!

Goldilocks - The children learned all about Goldilocks and the three bears, reenacting the story in the role play area, with lots of "Who's been eating MY porridge?" in various tones of voice, depending on whether they were Daddy, Mummy or Baby bear. Porridge was served at snack time and we sang the song "When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears".



French Visitor - To widen the children's horizons, we were delighted to welcome Gabriel's mummy, who told the story of Goldilocks in French and also brought Madeleines to eat! Thank you very much Brigitte.

Donation – We are very grateful to the Warwick Natural History Society whose generous donation from their legacy fund grants enabled us to



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purchase new resources including: small world mini beasts and bugs and British Woodland animals, animal sound lotto and insect life cycle figures.





Hospitals – Following Harry's stay in hospital, the role play area changed once again, this time into a hospital ward, with doctors' and outfits. nurses' bandages. stethoscopes and other medical equipment. The staff were concerned to learn that they had all kinds of ailments of which they were completely unaware! The theme was also extended to the outdoor classroom. where the doctor travelled around on his ambulance.

Gardening – The beans and potatoes that were planted last month have begun to grow and the children spent time watering and caring for them.

Some children brought in hand drawn pictures and photographs of how their bean was growing at home, others recorded the growth of the potatoes and other plants at Pre-School by producing drawings.





If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator:

e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org

Harbury Primary School



Harbury School Needs Your Help

All schools in the UK are going through a process of re-organising their Governing Bodies to meet new legislation. In Harbury the consequence of this is that we now have vacancies for five Governors to help manage the future of the school. The role of the Governing Body is to set the strategic direction, plan improvements and measure / monitor performance. We are seeking people from the local community with a wide range of skills including financial planning / monitoring, project management, setting targets / objectives, data analysis. We are particularly interested in people who do not have children at the school and have links with the wider local community and businesses.

If you think you can help, please have a look at the job description that can be found at www.harburyschool.com, please go to About School>Governors. To make an application please email admin3032@welearn365.com with a brief description of the relevant skills you have and why you are interested in being a Governor. The closing date for applications is 12th June 2015.

Alan Bennett Chair of Governors



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

The infants celebrated May Day with some traditional maypole dancing enjoyed by the rest of the school and their parents. Congratulations to our 100 Club winners Kim Lines and Janine Browne who both received £50 in the May Day draw. The last two draws for this year will be at the Summer Fayre and during the last assembly of term.

We had our popular Thursday Market on 14th May with our usual array of stalls selling toys, books, cakes, sweets and uniform. Please note there will not be another Thursday Market this term due to the Summer Fayre.

Our next major event is the Beer Walk on Sunday 21st June. Registration is 11.30am-12.30pm in the School Hall (adults £4, children £2). You will be provided with a map showing the suggested route (kindly organised by Nigel Chapman) which will take in the Harbury pubs and a PTA refreshment stop that will offer walkers local beers, soft drinks and rolls etc. Children will be given a special sheet which they can use to collect stickers from all of the participating pubs. In the evening the PTA will be running a BBQ at

the Gamecock starting from 5pm. Both events are open to the whole community so please come along and support us if you can.

As well as the traditional beer walk we will also be running a Father's Day shop at school in the week before Father's Day to allow any children who wish to participate to purchase a small gift for a loved one.

The school Summer Fayre is on Saturday 4th July from 12pm-3pm. There will be lots of different stalls including toys, books, tombolas, games, a raffle, BBQ, café with cakes/refreshments and a bar run by CANA. We hope as many parents as possible can donate a small amount of time to help for some of the Fayre and we would welcome as many people as possible along on the day. Please bring the sunshine with you.

Dates for the Diary

Father's Day Beer Walk – 21st June. Walkers need to register at school 11.30am-12.30pm. BBQ from 5pm at the Gamecock.

School Summer Fayre – 4th July 12pm-3pm on the school grounds.

Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Work continues apace on the extension at the Village Hall. Outside, the old football store has been demolished and the foundations are taking shape, whilst inside the shower trough (very 1960's!), toilets and internal walls in the changing rooms have also been removed. Once the external wall had been exposed after the removal of the football store, Gill Gurden, the longest serving member of the Harbury Village Hall committee joined chairman, Geoff Thorpe for a wall-breaking photo opportunity which was intended for publication in the local press, as well as by the Landfill Trusts, which have provided a significant amount of funding. Also present were John Warner, the contracted builder, Bryan Wallington and John Davis who both worked on the original building in the sixties, whilst John Davis has still not 'hung up his boots', as he is assisting with much of the current ground breaking work.



Each part of the development is being recorded, so that villagers can appreciate the scale of the work, which will see a stage built in the changing room area and the new changing facilities created in the extended 'building envelope'.

Shower trough removed from the changing rooms

Demolition continuing of the old football store. From left: Geoff, Gill, John W, Bryan and John D



Last month a far more significant contribution to a photographic record of the village was unveiled in the Farley Room (part of the Veolia suite), as the family of Mike Bloxham gathered to view the two mounted collages, which are part of the collection of photographs taken by Mike during almost 30 years as the Harbury & Ladbroke News photographer. So far, two mounted collages have been put on the wall, as a tribute to the incredible contribution to the magazine made by Mike and there are three further photographic collages which will be substituted at a later date. In addition, 200 additional photographs have been selected, which will be mounted in future, to show the



range of events captured for the magazine on a month by month basis. Doubtless theatre -goers who attended June's Theatre Group production in the hall, will have not failed to notice the photographs and commemorative plaque, as they queued for drinks during the interval?

The event which celebrated the unveiling of the collages was attended by representatives of the Village Hall and H&L News committees; the latter being responsible for arranging for the plaque and the wooden frames to be made. At the Saturday morning event, John Holden, Chairman of the H&L News welcomed the Bloxham family, as he outlined Mike's incredible commitment in creating the photographic record.

"Each month Mike would submit to the editors, a selection of photographs he had taken in recent weeks. Each photograph was meticulously numbered with an accompanying sheet of captions. As well as photographing village events, he would take shots of incidental scenes that caught his eye – things going on in the street and village characters, as well capturing the changing seasons in the surrounding landscape. Now these photographs provide us with an insight on life in the village a generation ago and a rich archive preserved for the future.



John Holden (L), Geoff Thorpe (R), Wendy, Doreen & Mark Bloxham

I can recall in committee meetings that Mike would tell us how he developed the negatives and then the prints in his mother's bathroom and later in his own home in Mill Street - (all this was part of the photographic process before digital cameras were available!). Thank you to the Village Hall committee for agreeing to fixing the boards here and to Doreen, Wendy and Mark for providing the vast archive, which has made this project possible. We are here today to remember Mike's dedication to a hobby that brought him so much enjoyment, which will undoubtedly provide endless pleasure for villagers for years to come".

Chris Finch



Our last meeting of the season on 5th May was really well attended by over 40 members. We were thoroughly entertained by our speaker Duncan Coombes who is partly retired from lecturing at Pershore College. The topic was "The Flora of Northern Japan".

Duncan and his wife, who is a geologist, visited there between July and August in 2012. Hokkaido has cold winters with snow and Honshu is a very lively area. We saw the bullet trains from Tokyo passing through rice fields and Tokyo has some fabulous gardens in true Japanese style with pine trees and huge tiger lilies which are a favourite of Duncan's. The rural areas still have farming plots similar to our allotments. We saw some spectacular lilies at a lily farm in all colours; you could almost smell them! Irises and Japanese clematis with huge flowers combined with campanula-like flowers form an explosion of colour. The mountains dominate and rivers which are so clear run down from them. The soil is poor, acidic and lava from the volcanoes. However astilbes flourish as do chenensis and we saw some really attractive butterflies. The bamboos are enormous too with stout canes towering above. Here there are also giant lilies growing in the wild as the conditions really do suit them. Someone asked about lily beetle which is here in Warwickshire but Duncan assured us that it is confined to Europe.

By Honshu we saw a local beauty spot in a chasm with again white campanulas and more lilies. We saw the local botanic gardens which were

spectacular. In the Southern part there are cereals and of course rice but not at all built up. The awful Japanese knotweed flourishes by the roadsides and as you know grows so very quickly and is an absolute menace, it can crack pavements and buildings too.

Duncan and his wife ventured to the top of a volcano which was still active and the ground was steaming, an amazing sight. At the bottom there are many varieties of hydrangea including the paniculata and honeysuckle together with horsetail or equisitum. Down in Saparo the lovely park had a lily garden too including a very rare one called silkroad, we saw it being propagated, here too there was large bamboo. The Winter Olympics were held in Saparo many years ago and still has ski runs.

We then went north to the tip of the island which is a nature reserve and wetland centre. As it is by the sea and has volcanic sand, irises love these conditions. There were some lovely colours and these were mixed with the tall variety of lobelia. Even Rosa Rugosa manages to survive here. We saw a lovely Japanese hotel which had the colourful screens in silk with some amazing figures on them. There were even sulphur springs you could bathe in.

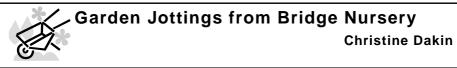
Here is more of an authentic Japanese feel with pagodas, acers, scree beds, bridges, bonsai trees - absolutely magical. In the middle of Tokyo to which we returned there is a typically English park almost like a Capability Brown design with hedges cloud pruned, tulip trees, conifers and shrubs together with the coral plant and hibiscus. An odd combination but it really worked. Duncan said that everyone was friendly and the guide he had made the holiday one to remember. There were so many plants, too many to mention but I hope that I have given just a taste of what he and his wife experienced. He is such an enthusiastic speaker and lots of members spoke to him after his talk. He likes to come to Harbury and I am sure that he will be most welcome on his next visit.

No more meetings until October but I will remind you in good time about an extra in September when Nigel will open the Heritage Room for us with a focus on horticultural matters. Also I have arranged an evening tour of gardens of Sulgrave Manor in August but again I will ensure that all the relevant information is in my article nearer to the dates. As mentioned before I still have seats for trips on 11th June to Croome and Meadow Farm, cost £22 including coffee and cake in the afternoon, then a whole day to Trentham Gardens on 16th July, cost £22.50.If you would like to join us please phone me, we are a very friendly group.

Just a few of the NGS gardens open in June...as follows. On Saturday 6th June, Weston under Wetherley gardens will be open from 12.30 to 5.00pm. There are nine gardens open with teas in the village hall and the cost is £4. On June 6th and 7th Pershore, near Worcester, are having their open gardens from 1.00 to 5.00pm, there will be 20 gardens open with teas and the cost is £5.

Dorsington Gardens are open on Sunday 14th June from 1.00 to 5.00pm and seven gardens are open with teas available at a cost of £5. On Sunday 14th June, Lighthorne gardens will be open from 2.00 to 6.00pm with teas and nine gardens to see at a cost of £6.The next weekend sees Kenilworth have their open gardens on 21st June from 1.00 to 5.00 with six gardens to see and teas at a cost of £5. Also on that date, which is a Sunday, I can highly recommend Withybed Green open gardens near Alvechurch, post code B48 7PL.This a delightful village near to Alvechurch with seven varied gardens open from 1.00 to 6.00pm in aid of Ladbroke Church. I will not mention any other open gardens on the last weekend of 27th and 28th June as I suspect that you will all want to see our very own garden walkabout. Kathleen and Margaret have both worked so very hard to ensure that this will go ahead this year. My thanks to them both.

Whatever you do in June which I hope will be "flaming June" please enjoy our wonderful varied gardens and I look forward to seeing you on the trips or at the walkabout.



We are still finding things that are missing after a break-in at the beginning of May. Someone damaged the gate in order to drive in and also took the shed door off its hinges, (Philip had to spend all day fixing the gate and door). Weed killer, compost, a pruning saw, a socket set and some steps were stolen. It's a horrible feeling to know that someone has just helped themselves to your property which we work so hard for. We hadn't had a break-in for quite a while so, in some ways, it was inevitable. We think it must have been someone who does some gardening.

There are always plenty of things other than criminals to think about and it has been a particularly busy time trying to get the weeding done and to remove the forget-me-not plants before they seed themselves everywhere. It's also a strange year in that we have nearly sold out of a number of different plants which no-one bought over the last two or three years. I wish I had a crystal ball so I knew which plants to grow and which to avoid.

Hasn't the blossom been fantastic this year? Unfortunately the strong winds have blown the petals off the trees within days.

Jobs

- Prune early flowering shrubs such as Spirea arguta and quince.
- Also prune Clematis montana after flowering.

Garden Jottings continues on page 40

HEI - Electric Car Club



Bob Sherman opens the events .. with one eye on Biblio's cakes



Tim Lockley helps Sofia Edwards to cut the ribbon



Charlie Quigley, E-Car







Above - HEI logo, designed by Sofia Edwards Upper left - The crowd gathers outside Lower left - The internal non-combustion (electric) engine being explained

Twinning Association visit



At the Oxford canal, Fenny Compton (Saturday morning)

'Playing Django' at the Village Hall (Saturday evening)





Sheila, Angelica and Rosemary at the Cascade, Blenheim Palace (Sunday)

And after a week's cycling in the Cotswolds, . .

French rules for croquet in the McDonalds' garden!



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- Sow more carrots, peas and French beans
- Tomato plants will need the side shoots removing and will need feeding.
- Leeks and sweet corn plants can be planted out now.
- You can safely move tender plants outside now including bedding plants.
- Don't forget to water newly planted plants at this time of year.

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



John Hancock

'Sumer is icumen in

Lhude sing cuccu'

Written by a 13th century monk at Reading Abbey, these words still grace the remaining abbey ruins to remind us when winter seems too long, that as spring arrives so do our migrating birds. This year, as last, Sharon and I have not heard the cuckoo's call locally although other villagers have been luckier. Joe Van Hoorebeck heard one call near Chesterton Windmill and Bill Russell somewhat further away near limington. I vowed to get myself in on the act and decided that a ride through the heavily wooded countryside near Ryton Pools would be my best bet. I set out on Saturday 23rd May cycling on minor roads through Bascote Heath, Long Itchington and Hunningham before reaching the larger woods of Wappenbury and Ryton. On the way I was very impressed with the glorious red blossom on the Judas tree (Cercis siliguastrum) in the garden of Midway bungalow immediately on the left after crossing Bascote Heath crossroads. At Hunningham I took an off road option and used the bridleway to Wappenbury. This leads slightly downhill to cross the River Learn by a restored pack horse bridge before going through the Iron Age fort guarding the river crossing and emerging alongside the parish church (dedicated to St John the Baptist). I cycled towards Princethorpe turning left across fields into the woods. There was plenty of bird song but no cuckoo. Emerging down Paget's Lane and the outskirts of Bubbenhall I was soon in the cafe at the Wildlife Centre enjoying a coffee. Next door is a bookshop and office. A webcam was relaying pictures from inside a nest box where a brood of great tits were being reared. Maybe it was not going to be my lucky day as the fledglings had flown the nest just before I arrived.

Back up Paget's Lane on the way home, I asked a couple walking their dog if they had heard a cuckoo. 'Oh yes' was the reply, 'we hear one most mornings'

Bank Holiday Monday was cool and cloudy but dry. We had arranged to meet our daughter and her family on the Shropshire/Powys border south west of Shrewsbury. They were taking part in 'Springtime in Shropshire', an annual orienteering competition and camping over the weekend near Ludlow. We met them on the breezy slopes of Corndon Hill. After a picnic we set off for a walk which took us to Mitchell's Fold, a Bronze Age stone circle similar to the Rollright Stones. My granddaughter Millie found a very hairy caterpillar which I have tentatively identified as the larva of a Garden Tiger moth.

Everyone heard a cuckoo several times though I must say I had to cup my ear and stand stock still to be sure. Last year Everdon Stubbs in Northamptonshire, this year Mid Wales; it does not auger well for the bird's survival. It may be parasitic in its habits but it is part of our folk history.

Today, 26th May, the sun is shining and it's warm behind the glass of the Big Cup cafe opposite Learnington Parish Church as I write these notes. I have just walked through Welch's Meadow and Jephson Gardens. The meadows were set aside as a flood defence for the town in the 1840s. The Gardens were laid out in 1834. Earlier in the year Wellington boots would have been the preferred footwear for the meadows but now it was dry underfoot. Lots of silverweed with its buttercup-like flowers was colonising the short sward. Sedge (which has a triangular stem) was growing alongside the river and a rather lovely purple flowered Umbellifer was overtaking it for height.

I noted where blackcurrant and raspberry were growing, the seeds presumably having been washed down to the spot during previous floods and taken hold on the rich alluvial soil. It used to be like this on most of our rivers. Natural methods of restoring fertility trump use of artificial fertilisers any day but I guess we will not go back to those days as even such rivers as the Nile are controlled by dams and the surrounding land irrigated rather than allowing the river to inundate large areas as in the haphazard days of old.

Now high summer beckons with lots more natural delights to come. Enjoy the countryside.



General Section

Harbury Carnival – Saturday 13th June

(Parade Judging Starts 12.15pm from Sutcliffe Drive)



A special year and tribute

This year the Carnival will be dedicated to the memory of a great supporter Dan Killian who played a huge role over many years.

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

The Parade: Vehicles, Floats and walking entries in position in Sutcliffe Drive by 12 noon and judging begins at 12.15.

We look forward to seeing you with your local organisation, pub, street or friends and see what ideas you have come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession. Here is a reminder of the list of categories for the Parade: *(NOTE: Parade leaves at 1pm)* Trade Float, Independent Float, Children's Float, Decorated Bike/Pram/Car, Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead, Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons, Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons, Walking Tableau Family, Walking Tableau Adults, Walking Adult, Walking Child.

The programme is as follows:

- 12:00 Float vehicles must be in position
- 12:15 Judging of floats at Sutcliffe Drive
- 13:00 Carnival Procession Led by the Shirley Pipe Band
- 14:00 Fancy Dress Competition
- 14:45 Shirley Pipe Band
- 15:30 Inspire Dance Company
- 16:00 Dog Show (with Paula Bailey of Emscote Vets, Warwick)

16:30 Grand Carnival Draw & Lucky Programme Draw

17:00 Fete Closes

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

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

Don't forget the Games Week:

Sunday 7th Wheelbarrow Race – The Crown

Monday 8th Aunt Sally – The Shakespeare

Tuesday 9th Horseshoes – The Gamecock

Wednesday 10th Skittles – The Old New Inn

Thursday 11th Quiz – The Village Club

For the **Wheelbarrow Race** which starts and ends at the Crown Inn, Mike McBride is your contact on 612421.

Many thanks to our twenty four great SPONSORS: Alleviate, Banana Moon Nursery, Brooks Chimney Sweep, Cana Imports, Drop Dead Gorgeous, Harbury Neighbourhood Plan, Harbury Pharmacy, Harbury Supermarket & Post Office, Health & Wellness, Kleinmann Properties, Miles of Tiles, Mugleston's Country Fayre, OCD Outside Cleaning Direct, Rollasons – Solicitors, Rollason Timber, Southam Carpets, The Crown Inn, The Door Store, The Gamecock, The Salon, TM & JM Grey Builders, Top to Toe Beauty, Warwickshire Young Voices

Dress up and cavort at the Carnival! See you there...

Peter Walshe on behalf of the Carnival Committee

Harbury Senior Citizens' Committee Update

Everyone who requested a seat for the trip to Cardiff will be going, so please turn up at the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th June. The coaches will be leaving at 8:30am.

We do have a few spare seats available so if you fancy a day out in Cardiff at a cost of £10 please call me on 612421. First come, first served.

Thank you to those who came along to the coffee morning in May to support us. We made £179. We would also like to thank Paul Winchester for the donation of £600 from the quiz night that he ran recently. Not only was it a lot of fun but it benefited local Harbury organisations. As you may know from the insert in the May edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we are running a chocolate tombola at the carnival. While we have received donations already, if you should have any unwanted chocolate that you don't want the temptation of eating, then we will be happy to help you by taking the temptation and using it in a good cause. Any donations can be left at **32 South Parade**.

Also, during the Harbury Gardens Walkabout we will be selling teas, cakes and ice cream at **32 South Parade** so please come along and support us as well as the gardens walkabout. Thank you.

Mike McBride, On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Blood Donors

The next session in Harbury Village Hall will be Thursday 11th June. Please make your usual praiseworthy effort to attend, as we

are in the time of year when people are away on holiday.

To book an appointment phone 0300 123 2323 or go online at www.blood.uk

Gillian Hare



Open Studios

Warwickshire Open Studios has become established as an annual event which is eagerly awaited by its followers in, and outside of, the County. The principle of free access to artists' studios and workshops is encouraging for the practitioner; enables bargains to be purchased by the cognoscenti and, hopefully, stimulates awareness and interest across the creative arts for new consumers.

This year the Open Studios 'season' is from Saturday 27th June until Sunday 12th July, providing free admission to over 120 venues across the county, exhibiting work from 239 local artists and designer makers.

As in previous years, Harbury is well represented with eleven artists showing a full range of art and craft: from painting and sculpture to photography and jewellery. Details of locations of venues and opening times may be found in free brochures which are widely available at the usual outlets in the village.

This year, as an additional feature, a number of studios will be participating in the Harbury Garden Walkabout taking place on the first weekend, 27th and 28th June – double delight!

Terry Hunt





Open Gardens – 27th & 28th June

Only a few weeks until Open Gardens – time to start thinking about scarecrows. It would be really good if we could have lots of scarecrows or tableaux around the village – the wittier the better.

We have confidence in the creativity of Harbury!

Margaret Commons, 613963 Kath Ellis, 612326



Harbury Village Show

Plans for the show on 12th September are proceeding well. It is now time for those who were awarded cups and trophies last year to return them for engraving. Please take them to Dorothy Grove, 37 Mill Street. Her phone number is 612710 if you want to check that she is in.

Engraving is just one of the expenses of the show and we are very grateful for financial support from the Parish Council, Harbury Society and the Carnival Committee. To add to this, we shall run the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 4th July. Any support of this will be most welcome.

The schedules and "On with the Show" are available in the Library. There is something for everyone, not just the gardeners. So if you enjoy craft, cookery, art or photography do have a look. As an encouragement, exhibitors have free entry to see the show. Let's make it as least as good as last year.

The Show Team

The Spirit of Harbury

The Spirit of Harbury shield will be presented on June 6th in the Tom Hauley room at the Village with a Vision coffee morning.

Alison, Andrew & Stephen Hunt

Mrs Kluth and Mrs Booth

As you may be aware, after many years at Harbury Primary School, both Mrs Kluth and Mrs Booth will be retiring at the end of this term. We would like to commemorate their careers with a "Book of Memories" and so if any past students and/or parents have any memories (including photographs if possible) in relation to Mrs Kluth and/or Mrs Booth, I would be grateful if you could email the details to me at:- jack_reeves@hotmail.co.uk.



Pre-School is delighted to be running the carnival BBQ again this year which will be taking place in the Village Hall playing fields. We'll be cooking beef burgers, hot dogs and this year veggie burgers too! We'll also be selling soft drinks. We really hope to see you there.

Barn Dance – 5th July

The posters are up, the tickets are on sale and Rumble-O is getting ready to party with us at the Village Hall. Tickets are £10 in advance, £11 on the door and nibbles are included throughout the night. Cana is providing a brilliant bar and there will be dancing and a "tin can alley" for a bit of brief respite. Our raffle on the night will be our best ever with prizes such as tickets to Warwick Castle and Hatton Country Park and vouchers for many of our local pubs and Cana. We really hope you can join us, it's an important event for us and we would welcome your support. Tickets are available from Cana and Mugleston's.

Friends of Pre-School Scheme

Our new initiative will be launching very soon with leaflets included within the July edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News. To recap, this scheme will enable you to donate £1 a month for a year, providing valuable funds each month. Thank you to all of the local businesses who have agreed to have forms for people to pick up, we'll be in touch with you soon with them.

Dates for your Diary

Here are the final few events for this school year for your diaries.

July onwards - Friends of Pre-School Scheme up and running!

13th June – Carnival BBQ

5th July – Barn Dance with Rumble-O

Bags 2 School Collection Update

We would like to thank everyone who bagged up their unwanted clothes and soft toys and dropped them off to the Crown Inn for our Bags2School collection. We are pleased to report we raised £144 in this activity. Thank you also to The Crown Inn for providing our drop off and pick up point, and for storing everything inside in the meantime.

Thanks for reading,

Harbury Energy Initiative



Those cars

Would it be okay if I just mentioned the electric car club? It's a subject I have been known to cover before occasionally and I wouldn't want to give the impression of being obsessed...even if I am.

IT'S LAUNCHED AND LIVE!!

Over 70 people attended the launch on a warm evening in May much to the delight of our commercial partner, E-Car Club, and much to my relief. I should have known that Harbury would turn out to support something as innovative and adventurous as this. Since the launch it appears that 37 people have joined already and now have the opportunity to use these clean technology cars. We owe a great deal of thanks to all those whose help was essential to making this happen, not least the PCC, Library and Pre-School for allowing us to run a cable into the building to connect to the electricity supply and the Parish Council for agreeing to take on the service agreement with E-Car Club.

The cars are a delight to drive. One of our members, for whom the scent of petrol is more enticing than coffee and the roar of a V8 engine more uplifting than Viagra, was sufficiently moved by his experience to say:

"As a confessed lover of petrol driven cars, I approached the E-Car Club Renault Zoe not without a little curiosity. My experience of electric cars was somewhat limited to few miles in a Renault Twizzy. Whilst it was fun, with its size, layout and doors exposed to the elements, it struck me as little more than a toy.

Now the Renault Zoe was quite different. A few electrical gizmos but other than a spooky lack of noise and no gear change necessary, it drove like a normal modern family car, which is praise indeed. Comfortable, with good visibility and light conventional controls, the electric car has come a long way in a short period of time.

In short, with the investment being made by motor manufacturers it will only be a few years before the battery/range issue is resolved, then I believe electric cars will become the norm. All it would then need would be a V8 soundtrack and we'd all be happy!"

If you are a new member, I hope that by the time you read this, E-Car will have been able to process the rush of applications that came in following the launch. There has been some confusion about the extra entitlement of hours for those who did the survey but there will be no problem if you joined before this benefit was announced. We and E-Car both know who completed our survey and the extra hours will be applied retrospectively. It is also possible for several people in one household to join at half price each, if the primary member's banking details are used for all of them. This is termed a

'Community' membership on E-Car's website; additional members are part of one 'community' (in an act of enormous generosity I have allowed my wife to be part of my community at a cost of just £15). If in any doubt about any aspect of membership or use, ring E-Car on 0203 603 2259.

HEI is keen to help anyone calculate whether the club will save them money or not. We will be happy to look at this for you to help you decide whether the club will work for you; it doesn't suit every situation. In general any family keeping a second car that does fairly low mileage is likely to be better off using the electric cars. As part of this we are looking for people who have joined who will allow us to use them as anonymous case studies for the benefit of informing others. Do contact me if you are happy to do that. As a first step, here are two recent situations calculated using the Carplus calculator:

Case 1: A recently retired couple have to decide whether to keep their second car, a 7-year-old Nissan Micra, or rely on the car club. The Nissan is worth £3000 and is used for only 3,500 miles a year. The monthly complete running costs for the car are approximately £150. The likelihood is that the couple will use the car club no more than 20 hours a month on average, making a cost of £110 per month. The annual saving will therefore be about £480.

Case 2: A retired couple have already disposed of their 20-year-old second car, a wise decision as it was costing them £158 per month for just 3000 miles of annual driving. They expect to use the car club for about 10 hours a month at a cost of £55 per month, cutting 3,000 miles off the annual use of their main car. That reduction saves them £30 a month roughly. They will therefore spend £300 a year more than if they just relied on one car but will spend nearly £2,000 a year less than if they replaced their second car, something they had been considering.

More geeky stuff

Quite some time ago a number of people whose houses were powered by the sun (my poetic way of referring to photovoltaic panels) installed an Immersun kit. This is a device that diverts surplus generation from the panels to heat your water, thus giving even greater savings. Jo Huggett, the Business Development Director for 4eco Ltd, the company that supplied the devices, is very keen to have some feedback from users. If you feel like being nice to Jo, please contact her at jo.huggett@4ecoltd.co.uk or call her on 01472 398838.

The Carnival

It may come as a complete surprise to you - but probably not - that the theme for our carnival stand this year will be the electric car club. Come along and chat to us about the scheme. You'll be able to join at the reduced rate with two free hours of driving, if you haven't already. In any case we like talking to you.

Village with a Vision

AT LAST!!

It's great to be able to bring you some real news about the proposal for an Extra Care Facility in the village. It's been so very long in coming that we began to wonder if....

The new scheme also has 15 two and three bedroomed houses which are for affordable housing, and six for market housing.

Anyway, on Saturday 23rd May the Parish Council held a Neighbourhood Plan afternoon in the Village Hall, and we were invited to attend. This we did together with Mr. John Hallam, who displayed and answered questions about the plans for the site.

John Hallam Associates are committed to providing lifestyle with regard to the environment and energy saving measures, leading to a better quality of life. They have also won civic awards for heritage and new build development.

As you know our group have been looking for this development for the past 3 - 4 years, and Village with a Vision have been working with the Price family who own the Bull Ring Farm Road field, and the family have been putting in great effort also to see this exciting project move forward.

During Saturday afternoon many villagers came to look and talk about the plans, and to comment both for and against. Neighbours around the proposed site are obviously concerned about access and the effects it will have.

The plans are being completed in readiness to be sent to Stratford-upon-Avon District Council where they will be examined by the Planning Department as a formal application, after which Highways, and other interested parties and people will have the chance to make their comments.

> Tony Stubbs Chairman



Harbury Village Library

BIBLIO'S CAFÉ The library has just celebrated its third birthday, and we would like to thank everyone who has helped to maintain and improve this excellent village facility. On Saturday 4th July we will offer a special welcome to pupils from Harbury Primary School who will have just received their new cards as part of Warwickshire's "Library Card for Every Child" scheme. There will also be information about the Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is "Record Breakers". Please look out for more details of this event on our website and on our Facebook page.

We're looking forward to the second edition of "Meet your local author" on the 17th of June, 7.30pm, when Angela Huth will be talking about her new book.

Tickets will be on sale in the library from later on this week and will include a drink and biscuits.

Biblio's café is also three years old and has gone from strength to strength. In the first month of opening just over 400 customers visited the café. There are now nearly 600 each month. We would like to thank all our customers for your continued support. Our dedicated band of volunteers make sure there is always a wonderful display of cakes on offer. We are however always looking for more volunteers. If anyone is interested and wants to find out more, please call into the café. You will be made very welcome and it is an opportunity to make new friends. If there are any young people (aged 15+) who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award, why not come and work in the café on Saturday mornings. It will be a great experience for you and will count towards your award.

The E-car launch took place on the 13th May at Harbury library. On behalf of the E-car club, the café provided tea/coffee and cakes for all the visitors. It was a very successful evening. The café is eagerly awaiting the purchase of a new "double cup" coffee machine which will be more efficient.

Visitors to the Library and/or Biblio's Café will be familiar with the everchanging display of pictures and ceramics by local artists. For three weeks, starting on 22nd June, the exhibition will be a little different, featuring 13 Harbury artists, most of whom are also taking part in the annual Warwickshire Open Studios (WOS). WOS itself runs from 27th June to 12th July and many of the artists with work on display in the Library will be having their own exhibitions in their studios during this period, so the first week (from 22nd June) provides a preview opportunity.

If you appreciate art, why not take this opportunity of visiting the Library and artists' studios in Harbury? Jan Freeman's article ('Art Tapas at the Library!') in this issue has more details and a special leaflet will be available in the Library.

Tim Lockley

Art Tapas at the Library!

From June 22nd to July 12th the library is holding an art taster show to tempt you to go along to one of the many and varied studios open to the public during Warwickshire Open Studios.

The show curated by Peter McDonald will show sample pieces of work by 13 Harbury artists, most of whom will be displaying the main body of their work in their homes and studios.

Brochures with full details of the location and opening times of the studios will be available in the library. So if you would like to see more of a particular artist's work, or to have a chat about painting techniques, art supplies or classes, just grab one, as they are free.

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I am sure Biblios will be able to cater for your every whim, with a wonderful selection of cakes, coffees and teas to choose from as you view the exhibition.

Jan Freeman



Saturday Coffee Mornings

The group who were supposed to be running the Tom Hauley coffee morning on **25th July** has let us down so we are left with a gap. **Can anyone take it on** to raise some money for their favourite charity, group or good cause? If so, please let me know (613214 or sal.47@hotmail.co.uk). You need about six people to help, raffle tickets and prizes, and cakes, plus books, bric-a-brac etc if you want to raise more. If no-one comes forward we shall have no alternative but to cancel the coffee morning on that day.

Sally Stringer



Harbury - Then and Now

For more years than even he might remember, Nigel Chapman has amassed a vast collection of Harbury artefacts, which are located in the Heritage Room at the Primary school. Only he could perhaps tell us how it all started, but the boxes of class photos, school videos, maps, village photos, newspaper cuttings, estate agents particulars and every Harbury & Ladbroke News copy from the first edition are all catalogued, so that there is a fascinating view of Harbury over many years.

The room is open on a regular basis each month, but individuals or groups can contact Nigel and arrange to spend a 'happy hour' searching through the archive and finding all manner of information about the village, which may otherwise have been long forgotten. The room is also opened up on parents' evenings at the school and for events such as the Garden Walkabout, when visitors are discovering hidden corners of the village, as they view the various gardens on display.

There is a small group of very willing volunteers, who assist with maintaining the collection, as well as gradually digitising as much of the material as possible. There is so much to fascinate any villager that no-one would be disappointed by taking time out to call in and discover something about Harbury from previous years.

Already, the group has produced an informative booklet, 'Let's Go Shopping in Harbury', which detailed all the buildings around the village, which were used in former times as a bakery, a butchers, a shoe repairer, a betting shop, as well as a sweet shop, newsagents or even a dress shop. At a recent meeting, it was suggested that it might be a challenging exercise to publish a second booklet, which would show some of the old photographs from as far back as Victorian times and then compare the street scene of the present time from exactly the same position.

The latest idea to promote an awareness of how the village has changed has identified a number of photographs as being of particular interest, as they show buildings which have been modified or demolished in the past 50+ years. A comparison can then be made with the street scenes with which we are familiar today.

Although many of the older parts of the village have been recorded, there is very little evidence of the massive changes which took place from the sixties, as the new estates were developed and infilling took place creating Sutcliffe Pastures, Manor Road and Manor Orchard estate, Constance Drive and later Pirie Close, Percival Close and more recently Hillside and the Hereburgh Way development. If anyone has photographs which might show the open spaces before all this expansion took place, the chance to take a photocopy for the archive would be much appreciated. Please call in to the Heritage Room when it is open or arrange to meet Mr Chapman at the school, if you have evidence which would extend our view of 'then and now' for future reference.



The first photo selected to whet the appetite of those who are intrigued to see the dramatic changes the village has undergone, shows a view from High Street looking down Mill Street towards the Shakespeare. Although the street scene is instantly recognisable, how many of us would have known about the cottages demolished to make way for the Foodmart or the small shed on the corner of Mill Lane next to the Co-op?

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Chris Finch

Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Award Group

Expedition season is now in full swing. Bronzes explored the local area for their practice expedition and will be heading to the Cotswolds for their final one. Silvers have been to the Shropshire Hills and will qualify in the Black Mountains where the Golds practised. They'll go up to the Lake District to qualify.

Current Year 9s wanting to start Bronze D of E in September 2015 please contact us through our website: www.harburydofe.co.uk



There will be a meeting for you and parents/guardians to explain what is involved in September in the Tom Hauley Room. Last year we were oversubscribed so it is worth letting us know soon if you want to do the award with us. You can also find out about the award on www.dofe.org

If you are not already doing the award with us and want to see if there is space in the Silver or Gold groups for 2015-16, contact us via the website above. Decisions are made about all the groups when we have a complete picture of who is interested in September.

Kathy Sampson [01926 612116] Bronze 2015-16 Caroline Hill [01926 613780] Silver 2015-16 Nick Tawney [01926 614062] Gold 2015-16

Mill Street Marathon Man

On 26th April 2015 I ran my fourth London Marathon, this time for Hospice UK. On a cool and cloudy morning I lined up with more than 38,000 other competitors in Greenwich and set off shortly before 10:00am for twenty-sixand-a-bit miles and made very good progress for the first fifteen miles before a brief attack of cramp forced me to slow down. Despite this, I was still on course to beat my target time of 4 hours by the time I reached twenty miles. Then another cramp attack forced me to slow to a jog/walk for the remaining six miles, but I still crossed the finishing line in The Mall in four hours and thirty-four minutes, to receive a handsome and heavy finishers' medal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the generous people (you know who you are!) who donated to my charity, either through the web page

or by kindly posting cheques and cash through my front door in the weeks leading up to the marathon. So far I have raised $\pounds 2,819.75$ for Hospice UK.

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

As ever, taking part in such a memorable event was made all the more worthwhile by the generosity of all my sponsors. The support every runner receives around the course from thousands of complete strangers is magnificent and, inevitably, I have entered the ballot for a place in the 2016 London Marathon.

> lan Hartland 01926 612734

Foodbanks – Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW - Last year, NATIONAL FOODBANKS provided emergency food aid and support to 1,084,604 people?

DID YOU KNOW - From May 2013, LOCAL FOODBANKS provided emergency food aid to over 363 people, mostly from the Southam, Kineton and Wellesbourne areas, including Bishops Itchington and Harbury?

DID YOU KNOW - Initial help is the provision of just three days of food per person?

Nationally there are at least 34,800 front line professionals who give foodbank vouchers to people in crisis?

On Friday 12th June in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm the Reverend Barry Jackson will come to explain the why, how, where and when of LOCAL FOODBANKS. Come and hear what happens to the food you have donated and learn how the cars in the new Electric Car Club may be used to help. An inspiring and interesting evening is promised.

Jill Winter

Harbury's Links with the Rail Network

After almost four months of continuous efforts by 'Murphy's Men' on behalf of Network Rail, the Harbury cutting is once again open for the transit of trains between Learnington and Banbury. It's been a mammoth task removing 350,000 tons of earth and rocks from the 'up line' side of the cutting and for a while the massive mountain on fields beyond the line was as much a talking point, as the work being carried out on the landslip.

Although, the latest problem may have been the most challenging for the current engineers working to correct the effects of slippage on a vertical fault at the top of the slope, it's not the first time that 'recovery work' has been needed to stabilise the embankment. Engineers had been working on a

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smaller landslip over a year ago and records from 1876 show that landslips have been recorded for almost 100 years on this section of the Great Western Railway.

Whilst the latest landslip featured Harbury in national as well as local newspaper headlines. there are villagers who worked on the railways before Dr Beeching took his 'axe' to hundreds of lines and railwav local stations, who could recount endless stories about life with 'British Rail'. Alf Butler in Hall Lane has collected an amazing set of photos relating to the days of steam and his memories of working from the age of 15



Steam train travelling towards Banbury

years, first as an engine cleaner and then as a fireman on the footplate alongside the driver, would provide material for countless articles. He has a fund of stories, including the delights of cooking bacon and eggs on the stoking shovel (after it had been hosed down with water!) and delivering coal to signal boxes along the route, when entry to the box was only granted by the signalman if there was no danger that his highly polished floor would be sullied!

Alf initially went to the LMS Milverton railway shed (located near the present Vauxhall garage on Rugby road) for an interview and eventually joined the Warwick shed, where he was inducted into all the duties expected of a fireman. After the closure of the Warwick shed due to Beeching, he later transferred to the Great Western shed at Learnington, at the end of Clapham Terrace, and at the age of 16 years, worked on the goods trains going to Banbury, Didcot and Old Arley. All of these sheds, as well as the line which went via Campion Hills out towards Marton, Stockton and Rugby disappeared in the re-organisation of the sixties. So too, did the Southam Road and Harbury station, which was situated just before the Deppers Bridge road bridge, whose only sign of former existence, apart from the photo shown overleaf, is the actual sign which was saved and is now displayed on one of the walls in the Severn Valley railway cafe at Kidderminster.

Apart from Alf, who has retained his endless fascination with railways, there were several other villagers who worked the lines locally, including Ted Bowell, Joe Field (Narrow) and Tony Killoran who all worked as fireman, as well as the gangers/plate-layers, including Ross Caswell, who were responsible for checking each section of the track. There is a footpath next to the line on the 'down side', along which the track workers took their

wheelbarrows and essential tools from the 3 Arches bridge towards Warwick, as they cleared the banks, the line (no leaves on the line then!?) and measured the 'packing' to see if there were enough chippings under the sleepers.



Southam Road and Harbury Station with Deppers Road Bridge in the distance

Harbury might have hit the headlines for maybe all the wrong reasons this year, but the history of the cutting, which is the deepest and widest manmade cutting in the U.K. should be recalled for its right to be considered a significant engineering miracle on the Great Western line. Isambard Kingdom Brunel discounted the idea of building a tunnel along the length of the Harbury section, in which case the Harbury cutting may never have hit the headlines!

Chris Finch

Volunteering Opportunities

Calling all drivers...

Back & 4th Community Transport is based at Warwick University Campus (HRI), Wellesbourne and provides minibus hire for residents of South Warwickshire. We are looking for extra volunteer drivers to take our passengers out and about in the local area and further afield, so if you have some time to spare and are interested in joining our team please give us a call.

You need to be between 25 and 70 years of age and we ask that volunteers complete a minimum of one drive per month for us. Apart from that our requirements are flexible to suit your availability.

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Full training to MiDAS (Minibus Drivers' Awareness Standards) is provided as well as all out of pocket expenses. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is completed for all volunteer drivers.

We also need volunteers to help out with other tasks including assisting people on a journey and with their supermarket shopping so if you have some spare time and would like to help the local community, please contact Kate Skinner on 01789 471595 or kates@wrccrural.org.uk for further information.

Kate Skinner Transport Project Manager Back & 4th Community Transport



Guide Dogs Needs your Support

Guide Dogs new service, My Guide supports people with sight loss to get out and about. Research has shown over 180,000 people who are visually impaired never or very rarely go out alone. My Guide helps people with sight loss get out of their homes and back into the community, rebuilding confidence and independence.

This service is now available and we are especially seeking support from people in the Warwickshire area.

Local visually impaired person Harriet Smith explains how the My Guide service is helping her.

"My name is Harriet Smith and I am twenty-four years old. I recently enquired about applying for a guide dog, and they suggested the My Guide service. The way the service works is that a visually impaired person is matched to a sighted volunteer in their local area who is willing to take them out and about. Before I met my volunteer, I had a meeting with a member of staff from Guide Dogs who explained the service to me in more detail. I found this useful because it gave me the opportunity to ask questions and express any possible concerns before anything went ahead. A couple of weeks later I was introduced to my guide volunteer, Diane, for the first time. The purpose of this meeting was to see how well we got on together.

I am still in the early days of using the My Guide service, but I feel it is going well. I have been on two outings with Diane, and I enjoyed both of them. I live in a rural area, so help with catching the bus is something that I feel Diane will help me with to build my confidence. I enjoy cooking, so I am planning to write a shopping list and go with Diane to a supermarket. As time goes on I am looking forward to exploring the local area and perhaps visiting some different places. I think the My Guide service will benefit me because it will help to increase my independence when I am out and about. It will also be a good way of developing my confidence towards getting a guide dog. I am also looking forward to the companionship it will offer, and to have the opportunity to go out with someone different other than my family." Guide Dogs are seeking volunteers who may have a couple of hours to give on a regular basis to help a person who is blind or partially sighted. Almost anyone can become a My Guide Volunteer, as long as you are over 18 and agree to a Criminal Records Bureau check.

There are two training sessions which are interesting and great fun. The first gives you the skills to safely and confidently guide a person. The second deals with the knowledge, boundaries and safeguarding around delivering My Guide to a service user. Each session lasts around 2 to 3 hours. When the training is completed you will receive a Certificate endorsed by Vision 2020.

For further information about how you can get involved please contact Jackie Elshaw, My Guide Ambassador, on 0771815579 or e-mail her on Jackie.elshaw@guidedogs.org.uk

Jackie Elshaw

Courier Fraud Incidents in Leamington Spa

There have recently been a number of attempted courier frauds in Learnington Spa, where offenders have called victims pretending to be from the police. They will state that the victim's bank cards have been used fraudulently, and then ask them to contact their bank. The fraudsters then stay on the line, in order to obtain bank details before sending a courier to collect the bank card, and use it to obtain cash. Fortunately each of the victims have realised this is a scam, and have not handed over any details.

Warwickshire Police are issuing the following advice:

- If you receive a call like this, please hang up immediately and call 101 from a different phone. If there is a crime in progress, please call 999.
- Please share this message with any elderly friends and relatives.
- Remember the police and bank would never ask for your PIN or send a courier to collect your card.

Katrina Taylor Warwickshire Police



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

The family of Mary Snow, whose funeral was on 21st May, would like to thank everyone warmly for their kindness and good wishes.

Paul Snow

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the villagers who voted for me in the recent District Council elections, especially those I had the chance to meet and talk to over the election period. I was sorry not to be successful, but send Councillor Jacqui Harris my best wishes for her term of office.

Janice Montague

Regular Diary Dates

ART CLASSES: The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Monday & Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm, Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm & Wednesday 10.00am – 12 noon (614251) **ART TUTORIALS:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (814923 or 01295 276465) BEAVERS: Scout Hut. Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (01788 816214) BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939) BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm (614809); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 noon (612864) BIBLIO'S CAFÉ (WITHIN HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY): Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am – 12 noon and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon **BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538) Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040) BUMPS & BUNDLES: Tom Hauley Room, Tuesdays, 10.30am - 12 noon (611914) CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES: Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (07837 152839) **COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Haulev Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00 noon (613214) **CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15pm (614730) **GUIDES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm – 9.00pm (614375) GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 8:00pm (07939 679533) **HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Harbury Village Club, 1st Thursday in the month 8:00pm (613730) HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534) HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB: Under 6s – Year 1 (Mixed) Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459232 Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School Under 7s & 8s – Year 2 & 3 (Mixed) Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459232 Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School Under 9s – Year 4 (Mixed) Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380 Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School Under 10s – Year 5 (Mixed) Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 01926 612617 Training: Saturday 9.15am. Harbury Park Under 11s – Year 6 (Mixed) Coach: Bob Church Tel: 01926 614366 Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

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Under 12s – Year 7 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

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Under 14s - Year 8 & 9 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

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HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12 noon – 3.30pm, Tues & Thurs – 9.00am, - 3.30pm, Wed & Fri – 9.00am – 1.30pm (07939 122087) enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

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

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

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

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

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498 (evenings).

Bingo every Friday 8.30pm - non members welcome.

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

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

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

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Scout Hut, Saturdays,

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

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

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

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

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

SLIMMING WORLD: Community Centre, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays 5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

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

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

TENNIS CLUB: Adult / Student Members Playing Times:

Tuesdays: 6.30pm- 10.00pm, Thursdays: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

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

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W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (612710)

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

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

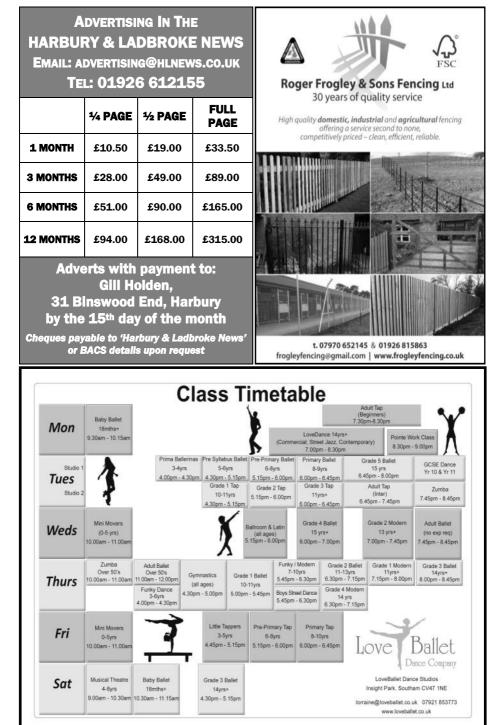
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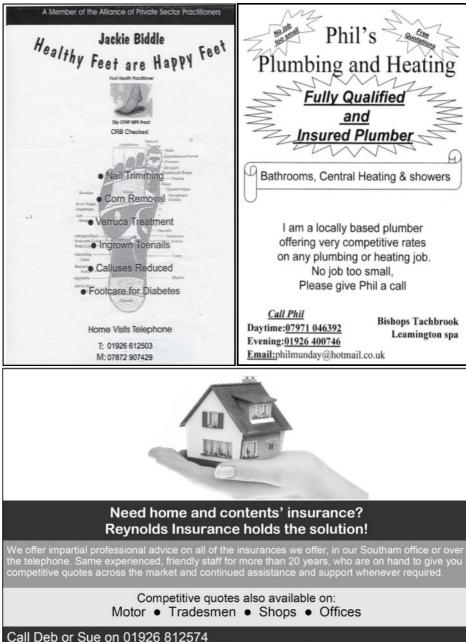
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