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Editorial

Network Rail sent us this photograph of their 'Harbury Landslip 2nd Birthday Cake', we hope they are not planning future celebration cakes!!

On the 7th May there are the elections for Parliament, the District Council and for Harbury Parish Council. This is your opportunity to determine who will represent us at all levels of Government.

After many years of fundraising, work has now commenced on developing Harbury Village Hall. Chris Finch in her article describes the first stage of the work.

Next month sees the annual Harbury village games week and Carnival. Details on how to take part and join in the fun appear in the magazine.

The electric cars are coming to Harbury!! The insert provides information on how to join the Car Club and be able to use the cars.

At the recent Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM, the Committee's gratitude was recorded to the magazine distributors who deliver the magazine throughout the year in all weathers – many thanks indeed.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Gwen Boardman, Mary Cook and Jonathan Johnson.

Harbury Diary

MAY

Sat	2	Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior Citizens Benefit
Sun	**3**	**EASTER V** Sung Communion, 9.00am Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments Celtic Service, 6.00pm

Mon	4	BANK HOLIDAY Upholstery, 10.00am in Farley Room of Village Hall Southam & District Lions Club May Day Fete starts 2.00pm at the Bowling Green pub car park, Southam
Tues	5	Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm Heritage Room open 6.30-8-30pm at School Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - Duncan Coombs, the Flora of Northern Japan
Weds	6	Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, Bus to Bishops Itchington walk back through Thwaites Estate (4 miles) Holy Communion, 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm: Charles Catt - "Canal Wildlife" Ballroom Dancing, 8.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	7	Polling Day, 7.00am to 10.00pm at Village Hall Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
Sat	9	Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Village Hall Development Twinning Jazz Evening in Village Hall
Sun	**10**	**EASTER VI** Holy Communion, 8.00am Sung Communion, 10.30am (including the Commissioning of Christine Rutherford as Branch Leader of Mothers' Union).
Mon	11	Upholstery, 10.00am in Farley Room of Village Hall Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall Harbury Society Marton Meander, 7.00pm at Marton Museum
Tues	12	Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Weds	13	Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, Oakley Wood (3 miles) Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	14	Ascension Day Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee Harbury Theatre Group presents "Stage Struck", doors open 7.00pm in Village Hall Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Resolutions
Fri	15	Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall Harbury Theatre Group presents "Stage Struck", doors open 7.00pm in Village Hall The Windmill Singers, Spring Concert, 7.30pm at the Chapel, Wood Street, Southam

Fri	15	ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
Sat	16	Coffee Morning 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Brownies Harbury Theatre Group presents “Stage Struck”, doors open 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	**17**	**EASTER VII – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY** Holy Communion, 8.00am “Saints Alive” Service, 10.30am Evensong, 6.00pm Horse Blessing, 12 noon at Chesterton Church
Mon	18	Upholstery,10.00am in Farley Room of Village Hall Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall Harbury W.I., Group Meeting at Napton Village Hall
Tues	19	Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Wed	20	Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, Hornton - Horley (4 miles) Ballroom Dancing, 8.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	21	Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Fri	22	Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
Sat	23	Coffee Morning 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Work/Children Neighbourhood Development Plan open afternoon, 2.00-5.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	**24**	**PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY** Holy Communion, 8.00am Sung Communion, 10.30am
Mon	25	BANK HOLIDAY Upholstery, 10.00am in Farley Room of Village Hall Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Tues	26	Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
Weds	27	No Wednesday Walkers Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Ballroom Dancing, 8.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	28	Holy Communion 9.45am, followed by coffee ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm in Village Hall
Fri	29	Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
Sat	30	Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Heart Foundation

Sun 31 TRINITY SUNDAY
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Communion, 10.30am

JUNE

Tues 2 Heritage Room open 6.30-8-30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Weds 3 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, Shennington with pub lunch (5 miles – hilly)
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room:
Speaker - Dementia Friends (An Alzheimer's Society initiative)
Deanery Teaching Evening with Bishop Christopher, 7.30pm In Church

Thurs 4 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club

Sat 6 Coffee Morning 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Village with a Vision
Ufton Church Fete, 2.00-4.00pm, the Old Rectory Gardens, Southam Road, Ufton

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
Harbury Wheelbarrow Race, registration 12.30pm, race begins 1.00pm, starts at Crown Inn

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

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
May	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	6	7	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	14	15	Grey Bin
	20	21	22	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	27	28	29	Grey Bin
June	3	4	5	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	10	11	12	Grey Bin
	17	18	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins

From the Rector

Reverend Craig Groocock
The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉ kankudai43@aol.co.uk

What type of society do you want to see?

By the time you read this we may well have a new Government! Running up to the General Election we were all inundated with manifestos, promises, pledges . . . you name it. During the election campaign 'Churches Together in Britain' have been challenging us to reflect on what type of society we want to become during the lifetime of this next parliament – a good question. I wonder what sort of society I want to see?

I believe that we are called to follow Jesus' teaching, to live out our Christian lives through loving our neighbour as ourselves. That's a political command – because it is about how we are to relate to those around us. Any action that has an effect on others within our community (locally, nationally or internationally) is by definition political. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, and ask 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven', we are involving ourselves in politics, because of our Christian faith.

The Church of England Bishops wrote a (very long) pastoral letter last month urging all Anglicans to use their vote. They also encouraged us to especially support candidates (of whichever party) who show, among others, the following key values in their policies:

- Halting and reversing the accumulation of power and wealth in fewer and fewer hands, whether those of the state, corporations or individuals.
- Involving people at a deeper level in the decisions that affect them most.
- Recognising the distinctive communities, whether defined by geography, religion or culture, which make up the nation and enabling all to thrive and participate together.
- Demonstrating that the weak, the dependent, the sick, the aged and the vulnerable are persons of equal value to everybody else.

You still occasionally hear criticism that the church shouldn't get involved in politics. I remember Archbishop Desmond Tutu once saying however, 'I wonder what Bible people read when they say that religion and politics don't mix!'. Jesus showed a bias throughout his ministry to the poor, the weak, the vulnerable and those ignored by the rest of society. I want to see a society where our politicians (of whatever persuasion) do the same.

God bless.

From the Registers

Memorial Service

9th April Jonathan Johnson (Age 51 years)

Funeral

21st April Gwen Boardman (Age 96 years)

From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

Spring is well and truly here and we praise God for the beautiful weather that we are currently enjoying. We had a wonderful series of services to help us focus on Holy Week, culminating with a celebration of new life in the risen Christ on Easter Sunday, but have now settled back into our normal service offering – to which you are all most welcome to attend.

Our Family Service 'Saints Alive' theme for April was 'Where will you put your Cross?', an appropriate theme with the current focus on the Election. This is a more informal service and we hope that this may appeal more to those of you who prefer less structure in a church service. We particularly try and cater for the younger members of our congregation, and on this occasion we ran our own local election campaign. Whilst we try and inject a bit of fun and interaction to the proceedings, the underlying messages of course are still meaningful and God centred. We celebrated afterwards, as we always do, with drinks and cakes in the Tom Hauley Room. Even if you do not come to other services please do come and join us every third Sunday of the month for our more informal Saints Alive service where we explore God's word in a more contemporary way.

And don't forget that at 10.30am on the first Sunday of every month Little Saints meet, first in church for about 20 minutes and then afterwards in the Tom Hauley Room for bacon butties and croissants. This is aimed at toddlers and small children (who we encourage to bring their mums and dads) and we are pleased to say that this has grown tremendously and is now a very popular (and lively) service.

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

Some of you will be aware of the All Saints tradition of Posada, which is a Spanish word that means 'inn' or 'shelter'. Modern day Posada uses nativity

figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from home to home overnight within and outside the village, usually over the Advent period. This symbolises making room for Jesus in our lives, homes and communities. A welcome prayer accompanies the figures as they travel.

However, this year we are sending our Posada figures with willing people along on their holidays or business trips throughout the year to see how far they travel worldwide, so if you would like to have Mary and Joseph as travelling companions please contact John (614206) or Elaine (813654). We are tracking their travels on the notice board by the font.

And finally, please do not forget our regular Tom Hauley Room lunches. For a very modest cost, a delicious home cooked three course meal can be had on the third Saturday of every month. As you can imagine, this is very popular, especially for the senior members of our community who love the opportunity to share time and a meal with others – but unfortunately we are a bit thin on the ground for volunteers to organise the lunches for the rest of the year after June. There is an army of willing helpers but we could do with a few volunteers to co-ordinate the armies! If you would like to help, please contact Elaine (813654) ad she will be happy to 'buddy up' and walk you through what you need to do.

Mothers' Union

Anne Moore

At our April meeting, Christine Rutherford talked about different ways of celebrating Easter throughout the world, illustrated by a varied selection of coloured slides.

There is a worrying custom still practised in the Philippines where people actually volunteer to be crucified. This practice is condemned by a local Bishop as being spiritual vanity. People flock to watch this horrible spectacle being enacted, for all the wrong reasons.

There are many ancient rituals leading up to Good Friday and Easter – known as Miracle, Passion or Mystery Plays. The Passion Play at Oberammergau every ten years is probably the most famous. A most moving spectacle, bringing to life the events of that amazing week.

Churches all over the world have their own ways of marking Easter – from the Parade of Penitents in Malaga, through to very elaborate parades with statues mounted on high wagons, being pulled through the streets.

So many traditions have sprung up over the years: Simnel Cake for Mothering Sunday; Hot Cross Buns and fish on Good Friday; spring lamb eaten on Easter Day, and Easter eggs symbolising New Life. Egg Rolling started in the U.S.A. to symbolise the stone rolling away from Jesus' Tomb.

We all remembered new clothes for Easter, being a reason to dress smartly for this important festival in the Christian Year.

On 6th May Charles Catt will be telling us about God's Wonderful Wildlife on the canals.
On May 10th, at the 10.30am service in church, Christine Rutherford will be commissioned as Branch Leader.
On 3rd June we shall welcome a speaker from Dementia Friends (an Alzheimer's Society initiative).
All meetings start at 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room, and guests are always welcome.

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

MAY		
Sat	2	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun	**3**	**Easter V**
		Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
Wed	6	Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall
Thurs	7	Polling Day, 7.00am – 10.00pm, Village Hall
Sun	**10**	**Easter VI**
		Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Tues	12	Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed	13	Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Thurs	14	Ascension Day Service, 7.30pm
Fri	15	ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
Sat	16	Men's Breakfast, 8.30am, Village Hall
		Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun	**17**	**Easter VII**
		Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
Wed	20	Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall
Sat	23	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun	**24**	**Easter IV**
		Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Thurs	28	ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
		WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat	30	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun	**31**	**Trinity Sunday**
		Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am
JUNE		
Tues	2	Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed	3	Table Tennis, 6.30-8.00pm, Village Hall
Sat	6	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun	**7**	**Trinity I**
		Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

The start of April coincided with the end of Holy week and a number of special services at All Saints' church. On the Thursday evening we were joined by folk from Harbury to focus on the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples; we not only shared the symbols of bread and wine but Bishop John washed the feet of twelve members of the congregation recalling how Christ did not come to lord it over us but to serve. On Good Friday the "Hour at the Cross" at lunchtime and the "Cross of Christ" service led by Bill and the choir in the evening reminded us that Jesus not only served but became the sacrifice to put us right with God. Then on Easter day, in a church filled with bright flowers and resounding music from Kate, Kip, Alice and Rory, we celebrated Jesus's resurrection and the promise of a new start for those that want it. There were some other celebrations too that morning, a bible signed by the Bishop was presented to Betty Winkfield in recognition of her 44 years on the PCC, Rev. Craig received a framed photo of part of our east window and a cake with a candle for each decade in honour of his birthday and, after our service, the youngsters celebrated their success as hunter-gatherers by finding lots of chocolate eggs in the churchyard (you can see more photos on the church events page of the village websitewww.ladbroke-pc.org.uk).

You may have read in The Courier that we were one of the 502 churches who will be given a grant from the Government's Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund to address urgent roof repairs that will ensure it is weathertight, safe and open for use. The Government announced a total funding package of £30million in the first round of grants from the fund which is administered by the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) on behalf of the Department for Culture Media & Sport (DCMS). The grants are only for work on roofs and rainwater goods and in our case are for work to be done in the next two years on the aisle beams, gutters and downpipes and some other bits and pieces. It's amazing how quickly the costs add up and it was fantastic news to hear that we that we will receive, up to £76,300. I'm sure this was because there are a lot of other, even more expensive repairs to the stonework (especially on the tower and butresses), the pointing and the windows that need to be done within the next 1-5 years and we will have to find the money for these from other sources. We are very well supported by donations from the congregation and local community, enabling us to meet our normal annual

running costs but major repairs like these are way beyond our regular income. Over the years we have been very fortunate to have received legacies to enable major work to be done but these have now been used up and we are in the planning stage of a major campaign to raise money for the current set of repairs that our church building needs. The £76,300 grant from the Roof Repair Fund is a great start and (provided the rules are not changed) we should be able to reclaim the VAT but we still need to raise £250,000!

From the Registers

Funeral

9th April Agnes Mary Cook (known in Ladbroke as Mary Teverson)

Flower Rota

3rd & 10th May	Kate Todman
17th & 24th May	Laura Taylor
31st May & 7th June	Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Men's Breakfast

Are you a man who enjoys a hearty breakfast?

Then why not spend an hour at Ladbroke Village Hall on Saturday 16th May from 8.30am to chat with others over a delicious cooked breakfast.

Rev. Craig Groocock, will provide food for thought with a brief talk entitled 'Jesus …not Religion!'

Tickets available for £5 each from David Wright.
Email: davidwright1303@gmail.com, or telephone: 07940 413707.

David Wright

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

Local historian Linda Doyle was our speaker on Thursday 23rd April. The talk was entitled The Battle of Southam and it was made even more interesting by Linda's special references to Ladbroke and the surrounding villages.

The Civil War, which took place between 1642 and 1651, was the last time a war was fought on English soil and was so chaotic and violent that it set

father against son and brother against brother.

There were very many causes of unrest and these included the enclosure of land which divided the previously open land by hedges and ditches. This prevented farmers from moving stock and hampered the trade of wool, meat and cheese between towns such as Coventry and Oxford. Southam was used as a stopping place on royal journeys and the inhabitants were expected to provide for the upkeep of the king and his retinue of servants and horses.

Factors such as these caused local residents to experience resistance to the King.

On 23rd August when the King was staying in Southam, Parliamentarians from Coventry arrived and the skirmish took place just two months before the Battle of Edgehill. Southam experienced much devastation but Ladbroke was unscathed. Linda told us to look in The Old Mint at the marks on the pillar on the right of the entrance where the soldiers sharpened their swords while waiting to be paid.

In explaining the ownership of Ladbroke from that time Linda mentioned many names which are still significant, for example the Chebsey family from which Chebsey Court is named and The Alibone family who bequeathed the land which is still managed by the Alibone Trust.

I had not realised that Church Cottage is the only building remaining from 10 which stood around the edge of Farmyard Field.

Linda recommended the Southam Heritage Summer Exhibition which is to take place in Vivian House, Market Hill on Sunday, 26th May. Linda can be contacted at Linda@allhistoric.co.uk

During the business meeting Dianne thanked those who had helped with the successful coffee morning.

Dates for your diary:

Monday, 18th May - 7.30pm: Group meeting in Napton Village Hall. Speaker - Tom Heap

WI diaries need to be ordered by 21st May.

The next meeting will discuss the resolution for the coming year and some form of gaming will take place!

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Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

What we do

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

Another of our popular ***film and supper evenings*** took place on Friday 10th April in the village hall. The film was *Mr Turner,* which was enjoyed by the 30 or so people who came along. The catering team produced some spectacular food including shepherd's pie, cottage pie, steak and kidney pie, fish pie and a selection of mouth-watering mini-puds.

Our next film evening is scheduled for **Friday 12th June**. These times are ideal for meeting friends and making new ones. Further details available soon.

The two events we have planned for the Summer season have a musical flavour. These are a Gilbert & Sullivan evening on **Friday 10th July** (not 4th July as previously stated), and a music festival on the green on **August Bank Holiday Saturday (29th).** We hope to see you at both of these events.

Get involved

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).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£50	Andy Bendzak	£50	Margaret Bosworth
£25	Avril Court	£25	Colin and Kay Constable
£25	Carol and Peter Loftus	£10	Seth and Debs Brown
£10	Helen Ballard	£10	Peter Baker
£10	Keith Tancock	£10	Jim and Pauline Laidler

Margaret Bosworth

Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Eggs by Tony Mancell

How do you like your eggs at Easter? Raw? Boiled? Plain or decorated? Whole, smashed or half-eaten? The twenty-seven entries for our competition on the theme of Eggs included all of those and many other variants. There was a nice touch of humour as you can see in Tony's winning picture illustrated here. We also had some fabulous colour effects from Mike Todman's images with light shone through a hard-boiled and shelled egg. Sadly he did not succeed in his attempts to scramble an egg in its shell so we were left to imagine what that might have looked like or, indeed, what he might have looked like if the raw egg had broken whilst he was spinning it with a power drill. We moved on to the topic of composition. We brought along sets of photographs of a subject; one boring picture and four better ones. Subtle differences in angle, timing and focus can make a big difference to an image. Members showed how they had made their pictures more interesting. Catching the moment when a puppy snuggles into someone's arm or when two dray horses are looking at their groom (who, incidentally, was feeding them beer!) Using a wide aperture to focus on some flowers and blur the rest. Avoiding a fussy background to a statue (difficult when someone has built a magnificent hotel right behind it!) Or framing the image to bring out the best features, as Alan Knowles did with this statuette in his garden.

Composition by Alan Knowles

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 12th May, in Ladbroke Village Hall, when we shall select photographs for an exhibition and have a session on Shadows and Reflections. Visitors and guests are welcome, as always. For more information about the club and our programme see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk

Ladbroke General Section

Mary Cook (Teverson) 31st July 1930 to 21st March 2015

Mary was a Ladbroke resident for 30 years. She was born at Leam Farm, Hellidon. Mary had a sister (older) and a brother (younger). They all made farming their life. Mary was a star student at Moulton College, Northampton, studying poultry keeping. She followed that by going all over the country sexing day old chicks.

Mary married Phillip Teverson in the early 1950's and moved to the Poultry Farm. After a time they set up a poultry business, selling eggs and chickens. They had four children Jeanette, Mark, Dawn and Heather. Tragically, Phillip died at the age of 42 in 1971 leaving Mary to cope. It became too hard and she sold the hens. Mary raised the children on her own with help from good friends and neighbours. She joined in all that was going on in the village; helping at the school and was an active member of the WI and church.

In 1982 she met and married Peter Cook. They lived at Peter's farm at Combrooke on the Fosse Way. They worked together on the farm until Peter became too ill and decided to retire and move to Harbury. Here they enjoyed the coffee mornings. Peter was often seen riding around the village on his mobility scooter. Sadly he too died and left Mary on her own. Unfortunately she too became poorly and her family took care of her until she passed peacefully away.

Mary was another of Ladbroke stalwarts but part of her family still live here. She leaves 8 grandchildren who are all a credit to her, and one great grandson, Ronnie.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Annual Village Meeting

There was a disappointing turn out of villagers at the annual village meeting on 15th April – just 12 came. As the clerk was away I had the honour (?) of taking notes of discussion which will be combined with the full reports given to become the formal minutes. As much of what was said has already appeared in this magazine over the last 12 months this is just a summary with a focus on new information.

Neighbourhood Watch - There were four crimes recorded by the police in Ladbroke Parish over the last twelve months and the main lesson to take out of them is the need for continued vigilance over securing cars and outbuildings. This is the case in all rural areas and Ladbroke is no exception despite being a low-crime area. The police invite calls to the 101 number

whenever any suspicious activity is observed and they can reference a number of cases which have benefited from the accumulation of information from different sources. Indeed, a 101 call from Ladbroke concerning door-to-door salesmen with inadequate ID helped the police to take action and potentially prevent more serious illegal activity.

As regards information coming to us rather than from us, the main channels are emails from the following:

tradingstandards@warwickshire.gov.uk (to register for county-wide info on 'scams')

Katrina.Taylor@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk (to register for Southam area info)

Relay@warwickshire.police.uk (to register for County-wide information)

Anyone can receive these e-mails by contacting the originators and for anyone without e-mail, Jim Laidler our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator will provide hard copy on request.

HS2 Action Group - Martin Neal, Steve Copley and Graham Long appeared before the Parliamentary Select Committee earlier this year, pleading for:

- the A423 roadbridge to be removed or lowered - it's likely to remain, but its height and design are still to be defined
- a new footpath and cycleway alongside the A423 between Ladbroke and Southam - granted
- better traffic management to mitigate Ladbroke becoming a 'rat run' during construction - accepted in principle
- improvements in the flood protection and water management plans from HS2 to mitigate impacts upon Ladbroke – it's unclear if we have won anything

After five years of campaigning against HS2 and getting the best deal possible for our village, the group's activities have been winding down. Active campaigning will now cease and follow up should be dealt with by our Parish Council in conjunction with the District and County Councils. The Action Group is being suspended with the audited surplus funds (£2,335) held over in case it needs to restart activities. When it is finally wound up any remaining funds will be split equally between the Village Hall trust, the Millenium Green trust and the Alibone Trust as it was on this basis that funds were raised and so generously donated.

Graham Long thanked everybody who has helped in the cause over the last five years and in return was thanked for all he and the Action Group has done for Ladbroke, in particular getting the line of route moved away from the main village.

Parish Council - The precept remained at £5000 for the third year with the main expenses: clerk's salary (£1759), insurance (£373), Village Hall hire (£300), electricity & street light maintenance (£299) tree felling on Common Land (£250) and noticeboard refurbishment (£325). There were no requests for grants for the Village Hall or Millennium Green. Income was £940 more than expenditure and the balance in the bank at the end of the year £9693.

There were many planning applications over the year, those within the parish related to individual properties but there were also more significant developments considered beyond our boundaries.

The Parish Council have been involved with all HS2 meetings including the presentation to the Select Committee and thanked Graham Long on behalf of the village for his total dedication, co-ordination and tireless efforts to optimise the benefits for the Ladbroke village.

Banbury road was resurfaced. There are ongoing concerns about the erosion of verges both en route to Deppers Bridge and e.g. by Hall Farm caused by wide vehicles and by vehicles pulling in to pass oncoming traffic, especially when one does not pull in fully to the left kerb because of overhanging trees.

Flood alleviation measures beyond the bypass made no significant progress and now property level protection (PLP) studies at all properties previously affected are anticipated, with measures identified to be funded mainly from the WCC budget already secured for Ladbroke.

Installation of a public use defibrilllator in the Telephone box in Banbury Road is being considered - any views would be appreciated.

Appreciation was expressed for the work done by the Chairman and the other Parish Councillors and they were thanked for being prepared to stand again.

WCC – Councillor Bob Stevens outlined his wide-ranging remit: HS2, public health, integration of health with social care, childrens' welfare, safeguarding and honouring the military covenant!

The council has had to make major budget cuts, it is outsourcing where financially viable and also partnering other local authorities to combine resources eg the internal audit function with Worcestershire's and merging the Warwickshire and Mercia police forces.

The result of the general election could have a fundamental influence on local government in England and the promises made by leaders of all parties during the Scottish devolution debate has re-introduced the concept of regionalisation and devolution of powers - Birmingham is lobbying for a “Greater Birmingham Authority” to embrace not only Birmingham but Solihull, Coventry and Warwickshire as well.

SDC – Councillor Chris Williams was absent due to a slipped disc but sent a written report. Boundary changes have reduced the number of councillors from 59 to 36 and operational efficiencies by working with South Northants

and Cherwell councils has absorbed £1M cuts enabling council tax (for SDC) to be frozen; it is the lowest in Warwickshire. We are the 7th best district council in UK for waste recycling which keeps landfill costs low.

SDC's planning committee voted against the Deppers Bridge solar farm proposals and last week the appeal against this was unsuccessful. The Core Strategy will need to be changed before approval – the inspector supports 14,000 new homes in the next 15 years (rather than the 11,500 proposed) with new developments of 900 at Southam and 1500 on Wellsbourne Airfield to be considered. Ladbroke is a Category 4 village so the only development that will be supported is replacement of existing buildings or single units either infill or use of brownfield land. There is no prospect of estate developments.

Alibone Trust - The trust is responsible for 16 acres of land in Radbourne Lane and the distribution of funds arising, half to the church and half for non-ecclesiastical purposes. In 2014, £1170 rent was received, the church was given £700 and a grant of £1000 made to HS2 action group. The non-ecclesiastical fund stands at £2295 and is available for any sensible proposals on behalf of the village.

Ladbroke Church - The past year included Rev Annie leading us while Rev Craig was on sabbatical; presenting bibles to pupils in the top class at St James School Southam and visit from year 5 pupils; sharing meals at the Feast of Sound, Picnic on the Green, Harvest Lunch, Magic Supper and recently at Lent Lunches; our first Posada and many special services. There have also been 4 weddings, 5 baptisms & 6 funerals.

In 2014 we had our quinquennial inspection which showed that like the Forth Bridge no sooner has one task been completed, there are more to do. What is in urgent need of attention now is some of the stonework, lots of the pointing, the gutters and drainpipes and the timbers holding up the aisle roofs. Ladbroke church is very well supported by donations from the congregation & local community but major repairs are way beyond our regular income. We heard at the end of March that we had been awarded a £76,300 grant from the Government's Roof Repair Fund which is a fantastic start to our fundraising campaign but we still have a long, long way to go.

Thanks were given to the many people who support the church financially and with their time and talents with a special mention of Betty Winkfield who after 44 years on it has decided to stand down from the PCC – but we are not letting her go that easily and have made her an honorary member!

Village Hall and Millennium Green - 'Ladbroke Matters' combines the management and fund-raising for the Village Hall and Millennium Green under a single team and set of trustees: Debra Neal, Secretary, Gray Lewis, Treasurer, and Kip Warr, Chairman. The team are: Alan Lord, Carol Lane, David Wright, Helen Morton, Margie Bosworth, Martin Neal and Nicky Lewis plus the trustees. Individual members assume specific responsibilities and the

team benefits from skilled and enthusiastic help from villagers, especially in cooking for events and in maintenance on the green.

The various events organised in 2014 included regular film nights and table tennis plus special events like quizzes, the traditional race night and a safari supper. Margie Bosworth was thanked for organising the Millennium Draw which provides regular income for the hall with further thanks to the regular and occasional hall users and also Andy Crompton for fixing leaks in the roof.

Over the past year the hedge has been laid on the Millennium Green and the hall was spruced up a bit by adding the counter by the entrance. The next big need is to replace and insulate the hall roof and perhaps improve disabled access to the toilets.

Coming up are more film nights and a quiz and there will be music both in the hall and on the green. Hopefully there will be lots of villagers at these events and don't forget the table tennis on Wednesday evenings. Anyone who wants to join the Ladbroke Matters team and play an active part will be welcomed.

WI - The WI meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month and has had a fascinating range of speakers and demonstrations with everything from Appalachian dancers and physiotherapy based tai chi to talks from those setting up a bread making project in Africa and police forensic work in TV dramas, not to mention a visit from Dazzle, the assistance dog and a hilarious curling competition. The WI also provided refreshments for the Hope 14 event on the green, ran coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury and raised £300 to support the brain injury unit in Warwick.

The committee saw quite a lot of change this year with only three existing members staying on and six new people joining. A craft group meets monthly in homes and more trips are being organised.

Photography Club – This is now well established, with members from Ladbroke, Harbury and Southam and aged in their teens through to their seventies. The club has a varied programme of activities including competitions, outings, workshops and discussions. These are reported in the Harbury and Ladbroke News and some of the winning shots from competitions are displayed on the board in the Village Hall. Members from the club won prizes again at the John Turner Festival in Southam.

The club usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Ladbroke Village Hall and welcomes guests. People of all levels of skill are welcome to join and if you need a final incentive to come, one of the Harbury members brings delicious cakes to the meetings.

Whist Drive – After a winter break there were a record 9 tables when it resumed at the end of March. There are whist drives in Ladbroke on 3 Saturdays a month (not on the second one when it is at Stockton), raising about £30 per evening for the Village Hall. Supporters continue to be from outside the village.

Bell Ringers - since the addition of new ringers, it is easier to have practice nights and ring for Church events. There have been a few group events such as a recent trip to Coventry Cathedral. The bell ringers are always looking for new recruits and anyone is very welcome to come and join them on their practice night, normally Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. Bell ringing is a lot of fun and a good way of keeping fit!

Jackie West

The Old Rectory Garden - Sunday 21st June

It's still a few weeks until the roses will be in bloom, but mark the date in your diary now if you would like to see the garden at The Old Rectory, Ladbroke on Sunday 21st June. It will be open from 3.00-5.30pm in aid of Ladbroke Church. There will be cream teas and cakes available, produce and plant stalls and games to amuse the children. Admission: £5, free for children under 12 years.

Jackie West

Puppy Love

Dog owners and other regular walkers in Ladbroke will have noticed the absence of a certain black labrador in March and early April. Fifi, the guide dog brood bitch, was otherwise occupied taking care of her fifth and last litter. With only five puppies (rather than her usual ten or eleven) Fifi, and Joan who looks after her, might have thought they were going to have an easy time but it was not be. Not only were these ones bigger but they were more mischeivous and as soon as they could walk they decided that Fifi's bed in the kitchen was far superior to their own, leaving poor Mum to find somewhere else to lie down! Ladbroke's tiny canine celebrities are now living across the UK with their puppy walkers allowing Fifi to sleep on her own bed once more. To celebrate their departure, I've invested in new shoe laces to replace the pair wrecked by tiny fangs.

Jackie West

Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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Members of the public outnumbered Parish Councillors at this last meeting before the elections.

Chairman Tim Lockley presented both a metaphorical and physical bouquet to retiring Parish Councillor Sharon Hancock, praising her work over 37 years. Her colleague, Parish Councillor Thompson announced he would throw a party in her honour. Apart from Sharon Hancock all the present Councillors are up for election together with Mr Gibb of Phoenix House and Mr Ross of Chapel St.

Neighbourhood PC Jamie Cramp, pleaded for residents, who had been hit by the recent spate of crime (catalytic converter thefts, farm-buildings and cars broken into) to report incidents. One person was in custody. The Police would be promoting crime prevention at the Carnival and he urged folk to have property marked.

There was then a very lengthy Public Participation Session dominated by the latest plans for the garden of Lullington Lodge to which neighbours have objected in the strongest terms but the Parish Council had made “No Representation”. That meant it would not go before the District’s Planning Committee and the residents would be denied the opportunity to put their case there.

Ken Stephenson went on, at length, to berate the Council for making no objection to the plans for the garden at Lullington Lodge. Due to a response being required by Stratford District before the regular meeting, Councillors had been contacted for their views by the Clerk, and then the Clerk, as the Standing Orders permitted, had made the formal response on their behalf.

Mrs Hendry from Dove Cottage complained the building would overshadow her small garden as it was on her western boundary. The proposal to allow run-off to drain the soakaways from the large paved area could flood her house which was a metre lower and had no foundations. Previous owner Sean Neill claimed the new house could not be “sustainable” if it made an existing property uninhabitable. He said there was no point in producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan if the Parish Council did not even use the existing Village Design Guidelines (VDS) to protect the Conservation Area and green spaces.

Colin Sheasby, the Council’s Arborist, joined in defending the garden’s trees and rubbishing the Tree Survey and especially the loss of the Japanese Larch. The VDS policies were there to protect historic buildings and trees in

large gardens. He too had concerns about flooding of his properties as three-quarters of the site would be house or paving.

Chairman, Tim Lockley made a vigorous defence of their position saying those Councillors contacted were unanimous in their decision. Councillor Pat Summers said the applicant had tried to put right everything the Council objected to in the previous application and had put lots of work into his plans to appease objectors. But Mr Stephenson did not believe the new plans had dealt with the previous objections.

The argument went back and forth with the Chairman pointing out the new National Planning Policy Framework gave very little opportunity for anyone to successfully object to applications due to the presumption in favour of development. He cited Gladman's Plans as an example where the Council objected to no avail and he said until SDC had its Core Strategy approved this would continue.

The Harbury Society Secretary suggested that a proper Planning Sub-Committee that met in public to assess planning applications would give the public reassurance by its openness and allow them to explain their concerns to the Council, but was told the current Standing Orders did not allow this. Parish Councillor Amanda Lewis urged the objectors to lobby District Councillors Mann and Kettle to put the residents' concerns to the Case Officer.

Other Planning

Solar Farm at Fields Farm Southam - the Chairman had concerns that the planned route for HGVs ran through Bishops Itchington, over the weight limited Railway Bridge, and through the traffic calming at Deppers Bridge! So they would object.

They were content with the Elms Farm, Plough Lane, an amendment reducing the number of CCTV cameras and similarly content with the reduction from 7 to 5 houses at Henrys, Bush Heath Lane as their original response still stands.

The Solar Farm at Deppers was dismissed at Appeal.

The Council is wading through the two boxes of plans and paperwork for the Gaydon New Village which the developers have submitted for approval ahead of the Local Plan decision. The deadline for submissions is 28th May and it will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Pat Summers reported there would be a Public Open Day on 23rd May in the Village Hall. Southam College was preparing a youth survey and she would work with Harbury School too. She had set up a basic website for the project. The Steering Group was looking at different elements – housing, traffic, leisure and the Conservation Area.

Properties

A new litter bin for Deppers Bridge and a new bench for Harbury play area were approved. Murphys had repainted the lines on the playing fields car park. The Parish Councillors will be responsible for letting the fair on and off the fields over Carnival week. Their Arborist will monitor the need to prune Cemetery beech trees over the next two years.

Environment

Eon will continue to supply electricity for the street lights until a decision is made on an alternative provider. The Parish Council rejected a request for a 'No Ball Games' sign for the Percival Drive Green. Parish Councillor Summers reported Deppers' residents do not like the traffic calming there at all! Councillors gave permission for a skip to be sited temporarily on the Crown Green.

Finance

The books balance. The Internal Audit has now to go to External Audit. The Councillors agreed to pay the Village Hall the £15K grant previously set aside. An application has been submitted to Heritage Lottery for a Grant for the WWI commemoration.

Next Meeting: 14th May, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Annual Parish Meeting 28th May, 7.30pm in Village Hall with (hopefully) a talk on Geology and the Railway Cutting.

Parish Council Election - Harbury Ward

Along with the parliamentary and district council elections, there will also be a parish council election for the 9 seats in Harbury Ward on Thursday, 7th May 2015. This is the first contested election we have had for several years and we hope that you will take the opportunity to vote for those you would like to represent you over the next 4 years. It's really encouraging to see this number of people willing to serve their local community so please show your support, and turn out and vote on 7th May.

Deppers Bridge Ward

We have one seat which represents Deppers Bridge. Unfortunately no valid nominations were received for this ward which means that there is still a vacancy. The parish council will now fill this seat by co-option. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish clerk on 614646 before 14th May 2015.

Christmas Lights – Help Needed

After many years of committed service, Mike McBride and Gordon Bennett have decided it is time to let someone else have the enjoyment of putting up the village Christmas lights. If you would like to help, please contact the parish council office on 614646. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mike and Gordon for all their help over the years.

Harbury Parish Council

Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Bernard Cadogan is a man full of energy and enthusiasm, usually to be seen "cycling furiously" round the village. But he is also one of the prime movers in saving the Cardall Collection for future generations.

Jack Cardall, sometime dance band leader, business man, coal merchant, and garage owner amassed the collection housed in his home Beechhurst. After he died, his wife Rennie moved to The Coachhouse where the collection occupied the ground floor.

The Friends of the Collection were trying to find it a permanent home and this took on a greater priority when Rennie was diagnosed with cancer and subsequently died. The Group had no money and no alternative premises! But then Major Mills offered the Old Labour Exchange, a wood and asbestos roofed pavilion with no foundations for the price of £600/annum for 5 years. So they packed up the collection, renovated and improved the building which was opened by the Major in May 2009.

Major Mills died in 2013 and his property was to be sold. Jenny Firth offered them her basement in Vivien House rent free until this July. So they moved again on the wettest weekend of January 2014! The basement is a lovely space with old ranges and its own pump. Being in the town centre has been a big success. They can put posters on the railings outside and exhibitions on the walls. The Friends can now begin to display things the way they want. Consultants estimated they had over 2,000 items but so far they have uncovered 4,800, and have only got through about a third of the objects!

Plans to redevelop the Town Centre feature space for community use and the Group was to have some of it by March 2015! But it's not finished and they are not sure they will be able to move in even in July. The amount of space has reduced and the costs would be higher.

Bernard feels they have achieved a lot in nine years. People are more aware of local history and there's terrific support from local businesses. Their vision is for the collection to be a resource for all the town, young, old and in-betweens, but there is still a lot to be done.

Bernard answered questions from the audience particularly on finance:- subscriptions, talks, a 200 club and walk and talk guided events. He thinks he has talked to over 1,000 people so far. The Collection is open on Tuesday mornings. Chairman John Hancock thanked him for his talk and his drive and presented him with a donation to what is now known as the Southam Heritage Collection.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th May starting 7pm, pre-booking essential, £4.50 per person.

Marton Meander: Guided Heritage and visit to Marton Museum with tea and cakes

Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Here we are again having had some lovely days.

Sad news again as Mai Watson passed away recently. She had been a member of the W.I. for some years. She will be remembered for her care of guide dogs and walking hers around the Thwaites estate. Her previous career was in the nursing profession.

Congratulations to Lin Hayes who won the draw to attend the W.I. Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in June. We look forward to her report.

We hope to see some photos of Warwickshire from members at the next meeting when some will be chosen to enter the competition at the Group Meeting at Napton on 18th May.

The evening meeting was attended with our speaker Ellie Targett – "Another Man's Shoes" and we were very pleased to welcome guests for the evening.

We had not heard too much about Norway during the war except about the only source of heavy water production necessary for the production of atomic bombs that Hitler wanted.

Another Man's Shoes captures the atmosphere of life in occupied Norway and the moving account of courage, determination and self sacrifice by the Norwegian resistance movement told by Sven Somme. We were also told of the Norwegian scientist's escape from German custody during that time.

His daughter Ellie gave us an interesting account, much enjoyed by her audience.

Next meeting: Thursday 14th May, Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm - Resolutions

Harbury Theatre Group

Brian Wade & Emily Jackson

The May production of "Stage Struck" combines all the many skills of the Harbury Theatre Group (HTG) to provide an evening of fun and entertainment on the nights of the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. Come along to this unique production so that you can say "I was there for one of the last performances by HTG on the temporary stage" because HTG's next production will be performed on the new permanent stage in the extended Village Hall in 2016. The doors open at 7.00pm and curtain up at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Cana, Mugleston's or phone 613488 – cost Adults £7 and Concessions £5.

The actors seen on the stage are the public face of HTG. But to get them there requires a large support group with many skills and resources. This group includes the Director, Producer, Stage Manager and Backstage Crew, Front of House Manager and Crew, the Wardrobe Department, the Prompt and Sound, Lighting and Special Effects Technicians. If you throw music into the mix a musical Director and Choreographer swell the ranks. The set has to be designed, the costumes selected, sourced or made and the area scoured for the correct props. Currently the stage has to be erected (but not for long), the sets constructed and the stage dressed. The actors are the point of a wide based support pyramid. In another life you may have had an interest in theatre at a position within this pyramid so why not come and join us, sharing your skills and experience. If you have not been involved before, join us and gain new skills and shared experiences from a group of friendly people who are only too willing to share their knowledge.

Brian Wade

Harbury Theatre Group Juniors

Look out for Harbury Theatre Group Juniors again at this year's carnival. The children will be performing some of the songs and dances they have learnt this term as well as acting out a short scene. They will be performing in the Village Hall, so why not stop by, grab a coffee and a cake and enjoy the show!!! We hope to see you there!

Harbury Theatre Group Juniors meet every Tuesday from 6.30-7.30pm at the Village Hall. If you are interested in joining, please email htgjuniors123@gmail.com.

Emily Jackson

Folk Club

Ian Hartland

Three hundred and sixty-six Folk Clubs later and we're still counting. The theme chosen for the April edition was "Home", which proved to be popular with all of the performers. Sue and I kicked off the first half with our self-penned song "There's No Place Like Home" and followed it with Kate Long's "Who Will Watch The Home Place?" Sue Harris followed with a backing track recorded by her late husband as she sang "Sandwood Home to Kyle", a tribute to the late John Renbourn. She then sang Jake Thackery's "The Widow of Brid". Ray and Anne came up next and gave us Tom Paxton's "Victoria Dines Alone" and John Denver's popular "Country Roads". Rik sang the beautiful Australian song "Cock of the North" and a very fine version of Abba's "Fernando", which brought back memories of the time of his daughter's birth. Ted and Sue followed with "Come By the Hills" and Brecht's

“The Wife of the Soldier”. Excellent stuff. Our final spot of the half was taken by Rik’s previously-mentioned daughter Helen, back in the UK for Easter from Madrid. Her rendition of the song “Royal” was lovely and she followed it with the ever-popular Irish song “She Moved Through the Fair”.

The second half commenced with two songs from the Harbury Choir For All Seasons, singing the first song they’d learned “Linden Lea” and then a successful public debut performance of their latest song, Nancy Kerr’s “Queen Of Waters”. Following such a large congregation is always a challenge, but Martin Day was the ideal candidate. He sang an American song “One Hand on the Radio, One Hand on the Wheel”. He followed that with Tom Lehrer’s humorous “My Home Town”. Peter McD was next to the stage with “Where Ravens Feed” and a second Tom Paxton song of the evening “Home to Me is Anywhere You Are”. Always a favourite with the Folk Club Chorus Engine. Barbara was once again in Harbury and sang “Follow the Heron Home” and an amusing song about the canals, “The Rochdale Nine”, an instructional ditty about tackling a tricky set of locks in a narrowboat. Peter Mason took to the floor next and gave us “Hull and Halifax and Hell” and then “England Green, England Grey”. Our next performer had travelled that morning from his home in Aberystwyth and had only learned of the theme when he arrived in Harbury. Richard sang “Over Yonder Banks” and followed that with “I’m Gonna Find My Way Back Home”, a distinctly blues-flavoured song. To close our second half, Mick Bisiker sang his excellent self-penned song “Ball and Chain” and completed his set with “Mullingar”.

The third half was a little light on audience and performer numbers, but those who stayed enjoyed more fine music. Sue and I sang “Sweet Sunny South”, an American Civil War song and were followed by Peter Mason who sang Eric Bogle’s “Now I’m Easy”. Richard was tempted back to the stage and sang, “Here’s to the Summer Days”, a sentiment none of us could argue with. Peter McD returned with his third song (and the third Tom Paxton song of the evening) “Leaving London”. The Chorus Engine was in fine voice, even given the reduced numbers in the room. Mick returned with his earliest self-penned song “The Arun Canal”, with its catchy chorus. Our final spot was a spontaneous “supergroup” comprising Martin, Sue Harris and Barbara, who gave us the song we’d been expecting to hear all evening “Rolling Home”. As rousing a way as any of rounding off an evening of fine music.

And so another memorable evening came to an end. An impressive amount of £71.00 was raised in the raffle to benefit Hospice UK, for which charity I will be competing in April’s London Marathon. Many thanks must go to the generosity of all present for achieving such a magnificent amount. The next Folk Club takes place on Thursday 7th May, with Sue in charge. Her theme for the evening will be “The Birds and The Bees”. So many connotations… We look forward to seeing you there at the Harbury Club at 8:00pm.

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Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

At the time of going to press we will have held our Supper and Skittles evening at the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen. This event has once again been efficiently arranged by Margaret McDonald. This year Margaret has chosen to give the teams floral names, in French of course. Next month we will be able to let you know who the winners were, maybe with a photograph.

It is seventeen years since the Pledge of Friendship was signed between the people of Harbury and the people from the village of Samois-sur Seine, France and on Friday 8th May we will welcome our friends from Samoir-sur-Seine on their bi-annual visit to Harbury. Some will come by coach, others will drive or fly and once again a group will cycle the 400 miles between the two villages. A busy weekend is planned with outdoor as well as indoor activities, so let us hope the weather is kind. It will be interesting to find their reaction to sounds of swing being played by “Playing Django” in the Village Hall on Saturday evening especially as Django Reinhardt was born in Samoir-sur-Seine and where they hold a Django Reinhardt Festival each year. The cyclists together with some of our members will extend the holiday by touring the Cotswolds during the following week.

May of course is the month for finalising arrangements for the village Carnival in June and the Twinning Association will once again be present with a stand in the playing field.

Harbury Cricket Club

George Bloxham

A new cricket season is fast approaching, and if the spring weather is anything to go by it should prove to be a good one! I wanted to take this opportunity to put some words together for two Legends who have been a big part of the club over the years.

Richard Carr (aka The Major); HCC Groundsman - for looking after our pitch and grounds for a significant number of years. He has decided to give us his notice (1 year) and is hanging up the keys to his shed! He has provided us with an invaluable service over the years and produces one of the best pitches in the area. I’m sure Richard will continue to be involved behind the scenes with the club, but for now I would like to thank him for his sterling efforts with the club.

Phil Mugleston. Although Phil is still going to play for us, he has handed over the baton of captaincy to me. He has been a brilliant captain, and has held the team together through thick and thin. Phil was a very fair captain and I’m

sure all of the players have learnt something from him over the years. So thanks Phil, I'll be purchasing some thick socks to try and fill your boots!

Our season starts with an away game at Barford on the 5th of May with games going on weekly until September. With this we have our fantasy league, a real fun opportunity to have a cheeky stab at picking a winning team from our players, for only £10 – you could win the top prize of £50!

We had 25 teams enter our fantasy league last year – we would love to have more! It is a really good way to keep the players improving and also the good banter going in the club. Importantly, these little extras help run the club - and you could win £50! Last season, congratulations went to Paul Mugleston on winning the top £50 prize, Tom McKenzie second with £30 and Alex Hawkins third with £20. To give it a go contact us on email (see below), Facebook or contact Jez on 0780 1105994 or ask for details at Mugleston Country Fayre.

We are always looking for new players to join our club; we hold regular training sessions at Harbury rugby club and have games on Tuesdays and Sundays.

If you want any more information please contact myself George Bloxham, Thomas McKenzie or Jez Hunt. harburycc@hotmail.co.uk

Harbury Juniors Football Club

Ian Jones

Chairman's Report

The Annual Presentation Night will take place on 11th July at Harbury Village Hall, doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Besides the awards there will be a buffet, disco and raffle so make a note in your diary.

Harbury Tennis Club

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

The Club is taking part in the "Great British Tennis Weekend", a national initiative to increase participation in tennis. So, on **Sunday 17th May** there's an opportunity for you to get outdoors and try tennis for FREE! We have a number of activities between 10.00am and 1.00pm BUT you don't have to commit for the whole 3 hours as each activity is split into 30 minute taster sessions so you and your family can try a single session or sample everything that's on offer! The activities are:

Family Time: *Families can get active by hitting on the tennis courts at the same time and have fun while learning new skills in an enjoyable*

environment. We'll provide modified balls and rackets for the younger ones, and coaches will be on hand to give you some pointers if you want them.

Mini Tennis: *Children between 3 and 10 years old can get stuck into learning the basics of tennis with fun equipment designed for kids. Mini Tennis offers a perfect introduction to the sport, with all the fun and energy of the real thing. They can also have a go at beating their parents!*

Tennis Xpress: *Adults of all abilities can use these sessions to learn the basics of the game and have the opportunity to play some points. A qualified coach will be on hand to give you tips to help improve your game and get you feeling comfortable on court.*

Adult Coaching: *This is ideal for people new to the sport or who haven't picked up a racket in a long time. You can borrow our rackets if you don't have your own, just come prepared to hit a few balls and have some fun.*

Cardio Tennis: *This is a fun, sociable group fitness class set on a tennis court and open to all ages and abilities. Supported by motivating music you'll get to hit lots of tennis balls during the session and have a great cardio workout at the same time.*

Any of the above sessions can be booked online at: lta.org.uk/gbtw

I hope I've whetted your appetite and you'll give it a try but if it sounds too energetic for a Sunday morning, come and join us for a coffee and biscuits and watch everyone else run around!

On the playing front we started our new season with the traditional Cheque Book Tournament in foul wet weather plus gale force winds! As Tournament Organiser Peter Walshe reported, the lottery of the windy gusts swirling in the rain played havoc with serves and shots but only seemed to add to the fun. It made a mockery of Billie Jean King's definition of tennis: "Tennis is a perfect combination of violent action taking place in an atmosphere of total tranquillity". The only tranquillity was shown by the sporting contestants who went to the wire. A narrow victory for Joe Robson and Robert Stockdale who edged out, by one point, the runners-up, Chris Cousins and Colin Mercer.

On the league front it's been a busy month with 3 matches in the Warwickshire Aegon Classic Veterans' League as well as the opening match in the Banbury Summer League. It's the club's first foray into the Aegon Classic and so far it's been very successful with the "squad" of Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Sue Panton, Eira Owen, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer enjoying two excellent home wins against Rugby and Warwick Tennis Clubs in the round robin stage. The third match was a narrow defeat by 5 sets to 4 at Warwick Boat Club in the shadow of the castle, beautiful surroundings! At the time of writing we're top of our group with matches against Edgbaston Archery and Edgbaston Priory to be played.

In the Banbury League we were promoted to Division 4 last year and our first fixture ended in narrow 3-6 defeat against Kings Sutton for Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Sue Mercer, Steve Stark, Steve Fitzgerald, and Colin Mercer. It was a very close match and 4 of the 9 rubbers went to tiebreaks but unfortunately we lost 3 of them - could have been a very different outcome!!

Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Parents and carers never cease to amaze us with their talents.

This month it was the turn of Lydia, who is mother to Mya. She prepared a wonderful craft table for every child at Toddlers to enjoy.

Check out this array of delights, she had made baked dough shapes to decorate and display with ribbons, special paints, pipe cleaners, pom poms, tissue and little eyes, we were all very excited, thank you so much.

The lovely weather saw the children enjoying the outdoor space for the first time this month, with bikes, slides and rockers - it is great for us to see the ongoing development of confidence and abilities as the children mature.

We were delighted to welcome a new baby brother Jago, at only three days old WOW, but already much loved by Bella and Freddie and everyone in the Mann household, many congratulations from us all. ☺

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.

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

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

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

Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

After Easter the children came back to Pre-School full of chocolate and enthusiasm. The first thing that was noticed was the fantastic new car park. Our very grateful thanks to the contractors from Murphys who allowed the children to sit in the digger during a short break while the work was going on, and for building a new gate for us, from the play area into the car park.

Planting - Taking their cue from the lovely spring weather, the children planted beans in pots to take home and potatoes in the buckets outside, as well as putting more beans in clear pots on damp paper so that they will be able to see the germination and growth.

"The Elves and the Shoemaker" started us off, with the role play area becoming a shoe shop and old fashioned cobbler's. The till, calculator, tape measures, work bench and tools all came into use and there was a variety of footwear to try on and "buy".

Songs – At circle time, the children sang "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary",

"Peter Hammers with One Hammer" and "Cobbler, Cobbler Mend My Shoe", to which Angus added his own version spoken in his "QBert" voice:

"Cobbler Cobbler mend my shoe,
At half past twenty-one.
Stitch it backwards and forwards,
And get it mended by half past two!"

Using their cutting and threading skills, the children made their own shoes. First they drew round their foot and then cut out the shape before using the hole punch and wool to "stitch" the soles.

Hobbit House – The Cuthbertson family very kindly let us take over their wonderful "Hobbit House" for an afternoon story time, where the children listened to "The Three Little Pigs" story while sitting in a real house made of wood.

Back at Pre-School the children made their own straw house and painted wonderful pictures of the pigs, the big, bad wolf and the houses.

In our outdoor play area the children re-told the story in their own words, with much huffing and puffing by the big, bad wolf as he tried to blow the houses down!

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

Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

The children have been off for Easter and the PTA has returned for our busiest term with a Beer Walk, evening BBQ and Summer Fayre all planned.

Congratulations to Mandy Brain and Sally Springer who were our 100 Club winners in the draw on 27th March and each received a cheque for £50. This term there will be 3 more draws so if you are interested in purchasing one of the spare numbers for £7.20 with 6 chances to win £50 then please email HarburyPTA@outlook.com

There will only be one Thursday Market this term due to the Summer Fayre so if you would like a stall for £1.50 on 14th May please contact Wendy in the PTA.

Planning is underway for our annual Beer Walk which, by tradition, is organised on Father's Day (21st June). It is open to the whole community and bringing a dad is not mandatory. The route is planned by Mr Chapman and will include stops at all the local Harbury hostelries where children can get stickers and it will also include a cross country route to a location where the PTA will serve refreshments including beer, soft drinks and rolls. Registration is 11.30am-12.30pm in the School Hall. This will be followed in the evening by a BBQ which is laid on by the PTA and kindly hosted at The Gamecock starting from around 5pm. All welcome.

Our biggest fundraising event of the whole year is our Summer Fayre on 4th July. Please support the school by coming along between 12pm-3pm. There will be a whole array of stalls and games, plus a BBQ, café and a bar run by CANA. We are looking for volunteers to join our entertainment line-up so if you are a group or individual who is happy to donate their time for some of the event we would love to hear from you. Please contact Julie at HarburyPTA@outlook.com

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday Market – 14th May 3.15pm-4pm in the School Hall.

PTA Beer Walk – 21st June. Register at school between 11.30am-12.30pm.

PTA Evening BBQ – 21st June. From 5pm at The Gamecock.

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

June Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News
Adverts to: 31 Binswood End, Harbury or e-mail to advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 15th May
Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm Thursday 28th May

Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

After months of careful planning involving an architect, a quantity surveyor, a village construction expert, dedicated fund-raisers and endless discussions in committee meetings about the final stage of development at Village Hall, work by a local builder has eventually begun on time.

Unfortunately, as with many 1960's buildings, asbestos has been discovered in various parts of the original construction and this will have to be removed before building can commence safely. All stages of the on-going construction work will be carefully monitored and it is not anticipated that there will be too much disruption to the use of the hall. If any of the hirers encounter a problem at any time in the coming weeks, they are asked to contact one of the committee members whose details are listed in the display case outside the main entrance.

End wall with section removed for RSJs

RSJs manoeuvred into place

One of the first stages needed for the extension is the removal of a section of the end wall, so that two RSJ's (reinforced steel joists, in 'builder-speak') can be inserted to provide the strength to support the wall above the level of the proscenium arch. This is essential, as the majority of the wall will be removed to make the opening for the stage area, which will project above floor level so that storage space will be provided underneath for theatre group props etc. Although the work proceeding internally e.g. demolition of the out-dated shower and toilet facilities may not be obvious to villagers who do not use the hall on a regular basis, the external work to produce the initial secure 'building envelope' will doubtless be observed with fascination by all passers-by?

As shown by notices attached to the railings alongside South Parade, the building project has been supported by generous grants from two landfill trusts:

Biffa Award – Building Communities. Transforming Lives and Veolia Environmental Trust - with money from the Landfill Communities Fund.

Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

At our last meeting in April which was a lovely sunny Spring evening, we looked at a different season. Rob and Diane Cole made a very welcome return and the topic was Autumn Fare. As usual most of the pictures we saw were taken at Meadow Farm which is their own nursery and gardens.

We started off in September and saw a small orchard with some apple trees including Newton Wonder which fruits every other year. The flowers at their very best in yellows and oranges, very fiery, included crocosmia, echinacea, clematis tangutica and heleniums. Lots of cyclamen under trees of vibrant colours including acers and liquidamber. The cyclamen seeds are distributed by ants and in white and pink. Phlox lasts very well and does not need staking if planted amongst other tall plants.

One of my favourites is eucomis with tall spires of flowers along with the ginger lily, hedychium, very exotic looking but quite hardy. There were some very tall rudbeckias amongst the sunflowers and different forms of kniphofia, the red hot poker plants. Not one of my favourite plants but placed amongst similar colours it looked very much at home. In a long border there were some colourful crab apple trees with large red fruits, ideal for crab apple jelly. Rose hips look good now as do the tall red variety of lobelias. Everlasting sweet peas in white twine around other plants and these too last well into Autumn.

Asters of course are a magnificent sight in Autumn and Rob mentioned the Picton's at Colwell nursery near Malvern who hold a national collection of asters. If you remember last May, Helen Picton came and gave us a talk and brought along some of the many plants they breed. I am happy to say that Helen has recently got married to Rob Barber who is head gardener at Ragley Hall and she will be paying us a return visit next year.

Penstemons are still flowering at this time and look good with the seed heads of tall grasses. The stipa gigantia comes into its own and is very regal. Dahlias of course are synonymous with Autumn and are enjoying a revival all due to the Bishop of Landaff! I love the statuesque plant tetrapanax and the leaves grow to enormous sizes like huge dinner plates. This is frost hardy to about 5 degrees below freezing and is a quirky plant to have. I have its relative a pseudopanax which doesn't get so big but it too is a statement plant; it has come through hard frosts. We saw Diane's hanging baskets still looking good in September and even October - the secret is dead heading and feeding. Butterflies too love the Autumn and are making a comeback. Euonymous have super colours in the autumn as the pyracanthas. There were lots more plants and trees shown but too numerous to mention so I hope that I have covered enough of them to give you a flavour of what to

expect later in the year. We saw the garden at Meadow Farm slowly transform into the beginning of winter with frost and mists, very poetic. Another excellent talk was enjoyed by all with the bonus of very reasonably priced plants to buy.

We shall be visiting Meadow Farm on Thursday 11th June on our first day trip in the afternoon and visiting Croome Court in the morning. I still have lots of spaces and it would be good to have more on the coach. It is near to Worcester so not far and we should be back by just after 6.00pm and leave the Village Hall at 9.30am. The cost is £22 which includes tea/coffee and cake in the afternoon. I also have spaces for the trip on Thursday 16th July to Trentham Gardens and the whole day will be spent at these superb gardens. Leave the Village Hall at 9.00am and depart from Trentham Gardens at 5.00pm and the cost for this trip is £22.50. Both trips are excellent value and I would love to welcome some more faces, please give me a ring.

Open gardens really get into their stride in May and here are a few suggestion for visits. Near to Stratford upon Avon, Broad Marston and Pebworth have 9 gardens open on Sunday 24th May from 2.00 to 6.00pm and the cost is £6 with teas in the Village Hall, the post code is CV37 8XZ. On Thursday 21st May Harrells Hardy plant nursery in Rudge Road, Evesham, post code WR11 4JR will be open from 2.00 to 5.00pm at a cost of £3 with teas and plants to buy.

Headington gardens near Oxford have 5 gardens open on Sunday 17th May from 2.00 to 6.00pm at a cost of £5 and will be very well sign posted. We visited Red House Farm many years ago, it is at Bradley Green near Redditch post code B96 6QT and will be open on Thursday 7th May between 12.00 and 5.00pm admission is £2.50. It is a super place to visit, a peaceful haven with a nursery open too. Mill Gardens at 55 Mill Street Warwick which are in the shadow of Warwick Castle are open daily from 9.00 to 6.00pm until October. The late Arthur Measures created these superb gardens and the family are now continuing the tradition. I met his son whilst I was at Upton House recently and had a very nice chat. I explained that as I too live at a 55 Mill Street I used to get Christmas cards for his father delivered to me!!!!! Do enjoy the lovely month of May, my favourite time of the year. Maybe you will make it to the Malvern Flower Show or Chelsea, whatever you do soak up the atmosphere of Spring.

Our last meeting of the season is on Tuesday 5th May in Tom Hauley Room at 8.00pm. Our speaker will be Duncan Coombs who will be talking about the flora of Northern Japan. Duncan is another excellent speaker and we look forward to seeing him. I am arranging an evening garden visit for August and I will have all details for you at the May meeting. I have finalised the speakers for 2015/16 as they tend to get booked up for a year in advance.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting, your chance to sign up and pay for the trips.

Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

As always, this is one of the busiest times of the gardening year. It is also most people's favourite season. Plants are looking fresh and there is much to look forward to. As long as there are no late frosts which can sometimes happen this month then everything should continue to put on plenty of new growth. If we are unlucky enough to have a frost forecast then it would be wise to have some horticultural fleece ready to protect tender plants.

Some plants might start flowering this month and then flower continuously until September or even October. I'm thinking of some of the hardy geraniums, verbena, erigeron and geum to mention a few. Among my favourite plants for this time of year are Veronica pallida 'Gentianoides', Iris pallida 'Variegata' and Sisyrichium striatum.

Lots of reasons to get out in the garden this month and lots of jobs to do……

- Plant up hanging baskets and window boxes with summer bedding plants
- Plant out dahlia tubers
- Apply feed and weed products on lawns.
- Plant out cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce plants.
- Sow seeds of courgettes, sweet corn and cucumbers early in the month.
- You can sow runner beans and French beans outside later in the month. Peas and carrots can also be sown.
- Potatoes will need to be earthed up when the leaves begin to show.

I always say this…….but don't forget to keep weeding.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

First of all I must make an apology. In last month's article I failed to notice an error. Alder Buckthorn is the food plant of the Brimstone butterfly's caterpillar, not Alder Blackthorn as printed. Today, Monday 20th April, dawned with a frost and -3C was reported. The day warmed up splendidly and many early species of butterfly were on the wing when I walked along the sheltered south

side of Ufton Wood. Brimstones, the yellow male and the paler female jousted in that scrubby unkempt few yards of ground between the trees and the young corn. Insects do not appreciate manicured terrain so this is just right for them. Peacock butterflies basked in the sunshine with their wings open to absorb the heat. I watched a dogfight between two male Small Tortoiseshell butterflies as they spiralled high into the air ducking and diving to compete for a perching place. The process was repeated until the intruder flew off leaving the victor to wait for a passing female. Mating apparently occurs deep inside a nettle patch. Orange Tip butterflies of both sexes were also on the wing. It is only the male which possesses orange wing tips and the female is a more sober white.

As well as looking at butterflies, I walked the unofficial path which runs just inside the wood. Bluebells, Lesser Celandine, violets and Wood Anemones were in profusion- a glorious sight. The white petals of the Wood Anemones have a beautiful tinge of violet on the underside seen more clearly when the flower closes. I found a patch of flowers which were pink throughout. In one spot an ash trunk divided into two a few feet above the ground. The hollow between the trunks had filled with moist leaf litter and in this grew two sizeable clumps of violets. Another ash tree had fallen sometime ago and the bowl was studded with the round rock hard black fungi known as King Alfred's Cakes. I searched in vain for the first wild orchid of the year. I had almost given up when I saw a small half-open Early Purple Orchid. The rosette of leaves close to the ground is spotted to a greater or lesser degree. Unspotted leaves are reported as are leaves which are so heavily spotted as to be almost black. Flowers are not usually fully open until May so a return visit will be necessary to check for more. They are never common in the wood but so far I have never failed to find some. In Shakespeare's 'Hamlet', we find the Queen saying in reference to Ophelia

'There with fantastic garlands did she come

Of craw-flowers, nettles, daisies and long purples;

That liberal shepherds give a grosser name

But our cold maids do dead men's fingers call them'

Long purples and 'dead men's fingers refer to the flower and the bloated underground tubers respectively.

For the above I am indebted to the magisterial volume on British Wild Orchids written by V.S. Summerhayes and published in the New Naturalist Series.

Tiny pale green oak leaves were unfurling as were Ash and Hazel. Back in Harbury, the horse chestnut on Bull Ring Green was heavy with leaf and its flower spikes, while prominent, had yet to fully open. By contrast, close by, three lime trees had yet to show their leaves and looked positively wintery in appearance.

On 8th April, I saw my first swallows while cycling up Bush Heath Lane. A few days later there were more but Sharon and I were now in Sicily. We were enjoying our first visit to this, the largest Mediterranean island. It has a chequered history including some hundred years of Norman domination from 1061. While this country had a Norman invasion under William the Conqueror, Sicily succumbed to the Hautevilles and King Roger 1st. Castles and church buildings in Norman style provide an impressive legacy. Earlier Sicily had a series of Greek city states the most grand being Syracuse where Archimedes lived. Wars with the Carthaginians were followed by centuries of Roman rule when the island was one of the granaries of the Empire.

We were lucky to have fine weather with the temperatures in the middle of the day reaching the low 20's. The Roman mosaics at the Villa Romana del Casale near the town of Piazza Armerano in the centre of the island were a highlight. Preserved by a mudslide the site has been extensively excavated and sympathetically restored. The floor of one vast room shows tigers, ostriches, elephants and rhino being trapped and transported to Rome to take part in 'games' to gratify the population.

At the Greco-Roman temple and theatre sites we saw plentiful Acanthus leaves and flower buds. This plant then appears in stone decorating Corinthian capitals. A fine garden at the Greek temples near Agrimento was a shady haven after viewing the archaeology. Here we saw oranges, lemons, mandarins, clementines and grapefruit amongst olives, almonds and figs. A small stream flanked by canes ran through the garden with willow, tamarisk and poplar growing on its banks.

The roads were often bordered by a yellow flowering shrub. At first we thought it was a Broom but closer observation revealed the yellow pompoms of Mimosa. It is of course a delight to see spring with all its burgeoning growth back in our own 'back yard'. Enjoy every moment.

General Section

Wheelbarrow Race and Carnival Games, Sunday 7th – 11th June

Get your Barrows in good shape!

You can take part on Sunday 7th June, scheduled to start at the Crown this year. You will need to complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms will be available in May from the pubs and Mike McBride on 612421. (Volunteers also welcome to help marshal the race – please get in touch with Mike.)

And **Pub Games Week** follows:

Monday 8th Aunt Sally – The Shakespeare

Tuesday 9th Horseshoes – The Gamecock

Wednesday 10th Skittles – The Old New Inn

Thursday 11th Quiz – The Village Club

Teams of 4 for each event, with a maximum of 12 altogether across the week (entry £1 per person). For a simple explanation, or to enter, contact Mike McBride!

The winners will be playing for the **Dan Killian Trophy** in fond memory of the person who started the Pub Games and gave so much to the Carnival and other community events.

Peter Walshe
On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Carnival is Nearly Here – Saturday 13th June

Dress up, join the Parade and enjoy the entertainment and stall at Carnival 2015.

The Big Parade assembles at 12 noon in Sutcliffe Drive to judge your entries.There are coveted ribbons to be won for the first three places for most categories that include:

Trade Float, Independent Float, Children's' Float, Decorated Bike/Pram/Car, Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead, Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons, Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons, Walking Tableau Family, Walking Tableau Adults, Walking Adult and Walking Child.

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

This year's Carnival King is Joe:

I am eleven years old and was born on the 14th January 2004 in Warwick Hospital.

I've lived in Harbury all my life and have a sister called Mae who is nine years old. My pets are a cat called Nellie and three chickens who are always trying to escape. When I'm not at school, I enjoy orienteering, hiking, running, camping and being a scout with 1st Harbury Scout Troop.

And the Queen is Eleanor:

I am 10 years old. I too have lived in Harbury all my life and I love the Carnival. I am in Year 6 at Harbury School and next year I am going to Stratford Grammar School. I sing in two choirs, Harbury School Choir and

Warwickshire Young Voices. I like climbing, running and drawing and I LOVE reading. I really love playing with my friends, they are very important to me.

To see the Carnival King and Queen come to Carnival!

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

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

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

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

See you there!

Peter Walshe
On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Road Closures for Carnival (at times between 12.30 & 2pm) Saturday 13th June

The Police require us to have a rolling closure of certain roads to allow the Parade to go through the streets of Harbury. We anticipate this will only be for about 10 to 15 minutes depending on the road as we will be managing a 'rolling' road closure.

We need a few volunteers to help us divert any traffic - please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or John Broomfield on 614258.

The roads affected are: Sutcliffe Drive, Farm Street, Park Lane, Bush Heath Lane, Manor Road, Chapel Street, High Street, Ivy Lane, Church Street, Church Terrace, Hall Lane, Crown Street, Dovehouse Lane, Frances Road, Vicarage Lane and South Parade.

Apologies for any inconvenience, but it is for a good cause.

Peter Walshe, on behalf of the Carnival Committee

Harbury Energy Initiative

The cars are here!!

Take a peek round the back of the library and you will see them snuggled up against the wall - unless, as we hope, someone has booked them out.

But first I thought that you might like to see this picture of Sofia proudly holding her design for our logo. This appeared in the Leamington Courier a few weeks ago alongside good coverage of the logo competition and the new venture.

It seems that there is considerable interest in our electric car club amongst the umbrella organisation Carplus member operators around the country to see if our scheme, a small rural community enterprise, is successful enough to be replicated elsewhere. Please help to make it so!

With this copy of the Harbury and Ladbroke News comes a flyer from E-Car Club and you will see that there is a special deal for early joiners. There will be a queue behind me so get in before the rush. Actually there will be no need to queue, as the process is simple and all done on-line. If you don't have internet access, the volunteers at the library will be able to help you just as soon as I have written up the notes for them. I might even have done it by now. I have been keeping in touch with those who gave us email addresses for the survey, as we are looking to see what extra offers we can provide for you. Some of you, however, appear to have changed your email addresses or we have them down wrong. If you haven't had two update emails from me this year and you think you should have done, do let me know.

The technobabble bit

Last week I promised you information on 'smart' electronic programmable radiator valves (ePRVs). I bet you have been desperately waiting for this issue to drop on to your doormat to get more information.

Most houses have thermostatic valves on their radiators with a range of manual settings, usually from 0 to 5. This is better than having none but isn't all that efficient. Electronic ones allow you to programme each room to exactly the temperature you want when you want, reducing your gas use and costs. A study carried out over four years by a chartered engineer found that ePRVs cut his gas use by 30%. He has kept detailed records of his gas consumption since 2008 (but then we all do that, don't we?), so had good figures for comparison. There are several makes on the market, including Chalmor, Pegler, Salus and Honeywell.

There are also much improved energy storage systems that don't need a garage full of batteries. This will enable users of PV panels to store electricity that they aren't using immediately. A new company is coming to this area soon and I am told that they will reliably undercut all the current suppliers on price by a fair margin.

The Big Plan

On the afternoon of 23rd May HEI will be at the Village Hall with a display as part of the consultation event to find out what you all think of the ideas to date produced by the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) steering group. This process is about the village itself setting down what development it wants, where and of what standard. HEI's role has been to look at sustainability and energy issues, suggesting policies that require that any houses that are built in the village meet the highest possible energy conservation measures.

The NDP is important to all of us. Without it developers will be able to build whatever they like. Do come along and let us know what you think.

Bob Sherman – Tel: 612277
Email: shermanbob55@gmail.com

THE CARS ARE HERE!

Harbury's electric car club launches at Harbury Library, High Street, 6.00pm on 13th May

All Welcome

Come and hear about how to join this exciting new venture, come and see the cars.

We'll be there till we run out of people to talk to.

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

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

Please save your **unwanted clothes**, **paired shoes**, **handbags**, **hats**, **bags**, **scarves** and **ties**, **jewellery**, **belts** and **soft toys**! Collection will take place at the back door of The Crown Inn first thing Monday 11th May. Please bag up your items and drop them by the back door from Wednesday 6th May until late Sunday 10th. (Unfortunately Bags 2 School are unable to take anything other than those stated above). Thank you to everyone who supports us with this activity, and also to The Crown Inn too.

Friends of Pre-School Scheme

We are excited to announce a new initiative which we hope will enable our village to support Pre-School over a year. The Friends of Pre-School Scheme will enable you to donate £1 a month for a year, providing valuable funds each month. A leaflet will be included within the next edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News, but in the meantime we are aiming to post one through your door early this month with our Bags2School flyer. We really hope that you would support us in this way - it will help us significantly to meet our fund raising needs this year.

Dates for your Diary

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

11th May – Bags 2 School Collection

13th June – Carnival BBQ

5th July – Barn Dance with Rumble-O

Barn Dance – 25th April Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to postpone our Barn Dance until July. The team were all very disappointed, and would like to thank Cana Wines, the Village Hall and the fabulous Rumble-O band for their understanding.

Julie Balch

Open Gardens – 27th & 28th June

Open Gardens now coincides with the first weekend of Warwickshire Open Studios, which will benefit both events. We would also encourage people to put out scarecrows/tableaux again as it definitely introduced a fun element last time. There will be at least twenty gardens open. If you can help with selling programmes for an hour or two on either day, please contact us. Donations of cakes to the Tom Hauley Room on either morning would be greatly appreciated.

Margaret Commons, 613963
Kathleen Ellis, 612326

Blood Donors

The next session in Harbury will be on Thursday 11th June. To book an appointment phone 0300 123 2323 or go online at www.blood.co.uk

Gillian Hare

Harbury Village Show

The schedules for the show on 12th September are now available in the library. Please note that the children's classes are on a separate schedule.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

The invitations for the Summer Outing to Cardiff will have been delivered by the time you read this. Please return them to Mugleston's Country Fayre or number 1, Park Lane by **Friday 15th May**. We have had a few questions about whether we will be stopping on the way back. Yes we will.

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

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

We are running a chocolate tombola stall at the Carnival. If you would like to donate some chocolate based prizes for the stall they would be welcome and much appreciated.

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

Harbury Heritage Room

As usual the Heritage Room, with its hundreds of Harbury-related documents and photos, is open on Tuesday 5th May and Tuesday 2nd June from 6.30-8.30pm. You are welcome to come and browse at your leisure. We would be delighted to see you. We will also open on Garden Walkabout Day, when the school grounds will also be open.

Seventy five years ago, the school log-book recorded the children arriving from Dagenham and Coventry, escaping from the Blitz.

July 1940

17th: The children evacuated to Harbury from the east coast who had been previously evacuated from Dagenham in Essex have today commenced work in the school, they and the Harbury children working as one school. The Handicrafts room is being used by one class and additional desks have been supplied by the Education Committee. Visits to the school have been made by the Director of Education Mr Perkins; Assistant Director Mr Stone in addition to HM Government Inspectors Mr Cresswell and Miss Du Pré. The classes are:

Class I Seniors 56 under Edgar W Dickens Head and Mr J Evans Dagenham

Class II Few Seniors + Juniors 48 under Mr R Farrow Harbury and Miss Hunt Dagenham

Class III Juniors (Handicraft Room) 34 under Miss Scott Dagenham

Class IV Juniors 36 under Miss Northall Harbury

August

2nd: School closed at 3.45 pm for Summer holidays

19th: School reopened

September

2nd: Promotions today

Classes now arranged

Class	***Age range***	***Harbury children***	***Dagenham refugees***	***Coventry refugees***	***Total***
I	*11-14*	*31*	*21*	*1*	*53*
II	*9-12*	*28*	*24*	*1*	*53*
III	*8-10*	*13*	*23*		*36*
IV	*6-8*	*13*	*13*	*3*	*35*

16th: Mr Evans teacher in charge of Dagenham Evacuees joined HM Forces

20th: Miss Fletcher, School Nurse made a routine inspection of children

October

7th: Mr Cooke of Hornchurch Essex commenced duties in place of Mr Evans

9th: Miss Hollyman, an evacuee teacher who has been working at the Infants School Harbury, commenced duties in this department and is in charge of Class 4

9th & 10th: Dr Livingstone conducted a routine medical inspection of the School examining 66 children. The school consists of 182 children 88 Harbury children and 94 evacuees

21st: Mr Cresswell HMI called this afternoon. We have 186 on registers. Of this number 92 are local children including 6 private evacuees

25th: School closed today for mid-term holiday

November

5th: School reopened

28th: We have now 186 children on the register. Of these 84 are Harbury children (32 boys, 52 girls), 15 are private evacuees (8 boys. 7 girls) and 87 are official evacuees (50 boys, 37 girls).

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

Nigel Chapman

Bumps and Bundles

March and April went well at Bumps, as in March we were open for the Easter holidays. With older siblings coming along too, we had a craft table for them and activities. We have lots of babies visiting all around the same age. Crawlers walkers and rollers. Plus some tiny babies. If we can get enough people we will do the carnival this year. If you are a past, present or future attendee of Bumps and Bundles and you would like to take part in the carnival, we can walk around together and dress up the prams/pushchairs, babies and parents (if wanted). I thought maybe the theme could be storybook characters. Let me know if you wish to join us.

If you are a mum to be, a new parent or grandparents with little ones to look after, we are open every Tuesday in the Tom Hauley Room (room behind the church) from 10:30am to 12.00 noon. It's an informal drop in where you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and meet other people. From bump to 3 years.

Kelly Jones

Harbury Village Library

A successful Antiques Valuation event was held on 14th April, with the valuer from Hanson's busy for the whole three hours. Biblio's café was open and many of the participants relaxed and enjoyed a drink and cake while waiting for their items to be valued.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the occasion such a success.

Biblio's café is looking for volunteers, from Year 10 upwards, to work as interns on Saturday mornings in the café. You could achieve a food hygiene qualification and it would be something positive on your CV, to show that you have engaged in voluntary work and work experience.

Is there anyone who has a china teapot they do not use any more as unfortunately, one of ours has broken? If you could donate one to us and maybe some matching cups, we would be grateful. Please call in the café or we can collect. Please contact Pat Draper on 612040.

Once it is up and running, the library will have information about the electric cars and will act as a point of contact if hirers have any questions.

Going to France this year? The collection of French books, now almost 100, could prove useful if you want to brush up on your language skills before the summer holidays.

Don't forget that the art work is always changing and that anyone interested in displaying their work in the library should contact Peter MacDonald by email at: HarburyLibraryArt@gmail.com

Opening Hours

Biblio's café: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15 to 12.00 and on Saturday from 10.00 to 12.00.

Harbury Village Library: Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 5.00 and on Saturday from 10.00 to 12.00.

Please remember that the library will be closed on Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May.

Sue Wurr

'When she got there the cupboard was bare...

And so the poor doggie had none.' So ends the nursery rhyme, but sadly today it's not hungry dogs, but hungry people who concern so many of us. To help those who find themselves in a crisis situation, the Trussell Trust started a system of Foodbanks, which have grown in number over the years. Nationally they now provide emergency food aid to many thousands, including single people, families and the elderly. The Trust started as a Christian initiative and is not affiliated to any political party. People who live in this area and need access to a Foodbank, are being helped through local distribution centres. On **Friday 12th June** at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room, the Reverend Barry Jackson from Kineton, is coming to explain how they work. He will talk about the organisation and logistics involved and will also be able to dispel some of the misinformation which is occasionally heard.

Please come to find out more and to ask questions. Be prepared to be surprised, even shocked. Barry, using his wide experience of organising the Fosse Foodbank and having met many people who have been in real need, will be an inspiring speaker.

(If you wish to donate non-perishable food to our local Foodbank, there is a collection box in All Saints' Church at the entrance to the choir vestry).

Jill Winter - 612585

Jamboree Quiz

On the 20th of March, I held a Japan Jamboree fundraising quiz at the Primary School with Japan related questions. It was a great evening and I managed to raise over £750, which is a real boost to my World Scout Jamboree fundraising target of £3000. I would like to thank a number of people because without them this quiz wouldn't have been such a success: Mark, Linda, Becky and Sam Casement for organising the questions, CANA for providing the bar and my friends (Dan, Eloise, Lisa and Seb) for helping on the night.

Finally, a big **thank you** to all the teams that took part.

Dom Priest

News From Sheilaac Ncube

It has been a few months since my first article. And it was quite a surprise to see how some of the people from my old Harbury days reconnected with me because of it. It was an unexpected but joyous outcome.

In my previous article I took the opportunity to thank all that contributed to my stay in the UK. It was something I longed to do for years but did not have the means by which to do so. I mentioned how grateful I was for the firm foundation I received, it being necessary for children especially with disabilities. It was with that in mind that I developed a passion for working in a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and decided that I myself wanted to start my own NGO.

Most NGOs in my country are based more on charity or humanitarian assistance and to a lesser extent on Empowerment, with even lesser main stream NGO's having beneficiary programmes streamlined to benefit People with Disabilities (PWDs). In the event where NGOs are specifically for People with Disabilities, they also are highly charity based and in any case do not reach all possible benefactors. In my perception children with disabilities will usually go through primary and relatively fewer go through High school without any real career prospects. Options to such children after High school are under normal circumstances, limited to art and craft, tailoring and a vast majority selling wares at every street corner and in worse cases living on

handouts. School in their cases is usually seen as a right of path not really a tool for a brighter future.

I aim to start an NGO in the near future with the main programmes/projects being for students attending High School whereby they are assisted with career guidance as well as providing them with help in the process of gaining entrance into Tertiary institutions, away from the norm of just vocational centers and for those already in Tertiary institutions we would source Internships and Job placements. The organization will also be involved in the campaigning and lobbying for corporate companies to include People with Disabilities in their organisational structures in the same way gender equality is considered a priority. As a graduate with a disability I have in many situations found myself going to interviews where I was just as qualified if not more so but refused a fair opportunity. Just this January I was refused an interview after I was called in by a certain company, but that is just an example of the many challenges PWDs face in finding employment. If it's tough for people in general what more for PWDs. There is gap that needs to be bridged and that is what my NGO will seek to achieve.

The main aim is to provide more than one set of opportunities to an already challenged demographic group of people so as to bring about a balance in the communities, cities and country we live in.

I am yet to find the funds that I need to start this NGO, but I'm determined!

Sheilaac Ncube

Election Hustings in Harbury

Jeremy Wright, Attorney General and MP for Kenilworth and Southam for the past five years, held the first of his election campaign public meetings in Harbury Village Hall on 8th April. The meeting, which was advertised in last month's Harbury Diary, attracted a good attendance of about 40 people who listened to Jeremy speak for 5 minutes and then answer a wide variety of questions from the audience for a further hour before drawing the meeting to a close. Jacqui Harris who is standing for the Stratford District Council election and representatives from the Liberal Democrats also attended. Most attendees probably found the opportunity to ask their own questions and listen to a thoughtful and well-reasoned discussion much more illuminating than all the televised debates, illustrating how lucky Harbury is to have such a splendid facility as the Village Hall for such events.

Bernard Cadogen

Ufton Church Fete

This will be held on Saturday 6th June, 2.00-4.00pm in the Old Rectory Gardens, Southam Road, Ufton - *Alice in Wonderland* theme with *Mad Hatter's Teaparty* children's fancy dress competition, grand raffle, plants, cakes, tombola, gifts, quality bric a brac and clothes. Refreshments. All ages welcome.

Gillian Ingham

Chesterton Church – Horse Blessing

Please make a note in your diaries for Sunday 17th May. This is the date of our Horse Blessing at the Church starting at 12 noon. Your horses and ponies are the most loyal friends and deserve to be thanked and blessed. After registration there will be an exhilarating ride around our stunning countryside. Plenty of refreshments available. £12.00 to enter or £10 if previously booked. Post to 15 Hillside Harbury CV33 9EU or contact Lynne Smith, 07759 454195.

Jo Spur
614431

Southam United Bowls Club

On behalf of the Bowls Club we would like to thank all those that attended our fund raising fashion show evening at the Harbury Village Club on 9th April, 2015.

It was well attended and a good night was had by all, and we would like to express our thanks to Harbury Village Club for allowing it to be held on their premises.

We hope to arrange another show in October, so watch out for the publicity.

If anyone would like to find out more about outdoor bowling, the Club are having two open days on Sunday 10th and 17th of May at our Banbury Road, Southam venue. Members will be on hand from 10am to 5pm. All you need to bring will be a pair of flat soled lightweight shoes.

On the evening of 10th May, starting at 6.30pm we are holding a social "Hot Pot" night. We would need to know some idea of numbers.

For further details – Jim Lyne on 01926 612878.

Jim Lyne

Volunteers needed for start-up school in Chennai, Southern India

Below are details of a volunteer position in Chennai Southern India, that I hope may be of some interest to a gap year student or energetic early retiree or similar. A friend of mine has set this school up and is looking for volunteers who can stay for a minimum of 12 weeks and be involved in contributing to its success.

About this role

You will be part of a passionate team that loves and adores imparting knowledge to the children in a more holistic way. An integral education aimed at enriching knowledge, identifying and developing an ability that is unique to every child. People who are interested in delivering a stress free education and interested in shaping young minds need only apply.

Our focus areas include:

1. Creative programs (art, craft, music etc)

2. Articulation and language - speaking and writing skills

3. Physical development (team building and sports)

Expectations: Provide a minimum of 4 hours per day, 5 days a week

Preparation: Time and place of volunteership work would be at the school premises in 191, Santhi Nagar, Periya Pudur, Salem 636016.

Length of Commitment: A minimum of 12 weeks with a maximum of 12 months would be preferred and needs to be set when the volunteer starts.

Provided: Support towards accommodation, food and local travel assistance to places of interest outside of volunteership hours on an availability basis.

This is a paid volunteership and compensation would be decided based on candidate merit and hours spent.

Desired Skills and Experience: Multi lingual volunteers with 1 or more Indian or foreign language skill or art/craft/music skills are encouraged to apply. Teaching experience or project managerial experience preferred but not necessary. Good English communication skills. Leadership skills with past experience in being part of or organizing fund raising events such as music concerts, marathon/other sports events etc would be a big bonus! Students seeking internship experience are welcome to apply.

About this company: Sri Sri Ravishankar Bal Mandir based out of Salem, Tamil Nadu, South India is a start up school. It undertakes, carries out and promotes educational activities to children in imparting a stress free education system. Towards making the time enriching to children, the management at

Salem would like to invite volunteers who are interested in developing other skill based activities such as pottery, painting, art, crafts or any other exciting projects that would inspire, nourish and satisfy a child's creative spirit.

Age group of pupils would be 3 up to 7 or 8 years. The nearest airport is Bangalore and transport from there to school can be arranged.

For further details please contact me on 01926 614115 or email christhomsonuk@yahoo.co.uk or Contact Adi by email directly on adithyaraghavan@gmail.com

Christine Thomson

The Windmill Singers

The Windmill Singers and Guests present their Spring Concert on Friday 15th May 7.30pm at the Chapel, Wood Street, Southam. Southam's own choir will be presenting a selection of songs and music from its popular repertoire under the direction of musical director Bill Buckler.

Free light refreshments will be available during the interval. Tickets, £3.00 – obtainable from The Corner Café, Market Hill, Southam or from the Windmill's Chairman, Keith Meadham on 01926 813976.

The choir has been invited to sing at services at Hereford Cathedral, on 23rd August and will start rehearsals from June onwards. Any singers interested in joining the choir for the event should contact the Windmill's chairman for further information. The choir rehearses at St Mary's RC School, Daventry Road, Southam, on Thursday evenings from 7.45 to 9.45pm.

Bob Teers

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors and all residents of the Parish of Harbury

Members of the Parish Council - working with a Steering Group - are producing a Neighbourhood Plan so that we have a say in the future development of our parish. We would like to invite you all to an ***Open Afternoon at the Village Hall on 23rd May between 2-5pm****. Please call in at any time during the afternoon and see our draft proposals. Make your views known.*

We do need your opinions and your support.

Councillor Pat Summers

Dear Editors

It seems ages since I retired from working voluntarily with my friends at Harbury Library on Friday afternoons, but an awful lot has happened since then.

My partner Ellyn and I have found a large house in Suffolk, not far from where Ellyn grew up and still has relatives, so we have moved to Cockfield, a very spread-out village about six miles south of Bury St Edmunds.

We've been welcomed warmly by all the friendly residents of 'our' estate just off Great Green, a vast triangular grassed green at the northern end of the village (complete with cricket pitch), and we have been given lots of help and advice.

Neighbours have pointed us to reliable workmen and good suppliers of materials, and we now know where all the DIY shops are located in Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury and Ipswich! Workmen have been beavering away completely redecorating the house and hopefully the work will be mostly finished before moving in our furniture.

There's no mains gas supply in this part of Suffolk, so when our large oil tank unexpectedly developed a leak, the tank had to be replaced urgently. It had to be manhandled over our neighbour's fence to get the new tank into its position in our rear garden!

Now the whole house is in the middle of being re-carpeted, but the end is in sight and Ellyn's furniture will be arriving imminently. Eventually, my furniture can also make the move to Suffolk.

Safe and secure caravan storage is not readily found these days as gardens get ever smaller and inaccessable, but luckily we have been offered a very good, very secure storage site on a hill not far from Cockfield -- several storage sites we investigated were very insecure and one at Stowmarket "only flooded 3 or 4 times a year"! We abandoned any ideas of going to that site immediately!

I shall always miss my good friends in Harbury, Southam and Warwick, but I want to thank everyone for their friendship over the past 30 years of living in Harbury. There is always the Harbury website for news of what is happening in the village, so although I now live in East Anglia, Warwickshire will never be far away.

All the very best,

Bill Tranter and Ellyn Wilkinson

Dear Editors

We thank everyone who supported the coffee morning for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance on April 11th in the Tom Hauley room.

You made this such a success that we have been able to send them a cheque for £281 from the proceeds.

Again, many thanks.

Harbury Air Ambulance Support Group

All Saints HARBURY

All Saints' Church Harbury
Sunday Services

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

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

Priest in Charge: Reverend Craig Groocock
The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377
Email: kankudai43@aol.co.uk www.allsaintsharbury.org

BOOKINGS FOR

HARBURY SCOUT HUT	HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB CONCERT ROOM	HARBURY VILLAGE HALL
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Regular Diary Dates

ART CLASSES: The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Monday & Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm, Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm & Wednesday 10.00am – 12 noon (614251)
ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (814923 or 01295 276465)
BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (01788 816214)
BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)
BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm (614809); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 noon (612864)
BIBLIO'S CAFÉ (WITHIN HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY): Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am – 12 noon and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon
BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538)
Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)
BUMPS & BUNDLES: Tom Hauley Room, Tuesdays, 10.30am – 12 noon (611914)
CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES: Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (07837 152839)
COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00 noon (613214)
CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15pm (614730)
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
Under 12s – Year 7 (Mixed)
Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087
Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch
Under 14s – Year 8 & 9 (Mixed)
Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803
Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

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

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP: Last Tuesday of the month, 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 7.00pm, Janine Tel: 07453 886968
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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Members may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked**. Guests** playing with members should pay £1 an hour.
If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email sucol-mercer@tiscali.co.uk
Non-members - Courts should be booked at Country Fayre, Chapel Street
£4 per court per hour) Floodlit bookings - £7 per court per hour.
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For up to date information contact admin@tennisolutions.co.uk
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W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (612710)
WEDNESDAY WALKERS: Village Hall, Wednesday 9.40am (614188)
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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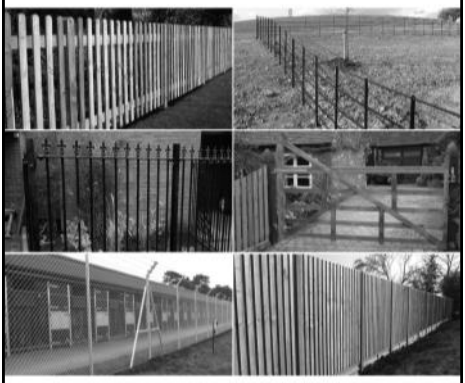

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Class Timetable

Mon
- Baby Ballet 18mths+ 9.30am - 10.15am
- Adult Tap (Beginners) 7.30pm-8.30pm
- LoveDance 14yrs+ (Commercial, Street Jazz, Contemporary) 7.00pm - 8.30pm
- Pointe Work Class 8.30pm - 9.00pm

Tues (Studio 1 / Studio 2)
- Prima Ballerinas 3-4yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm
- Pre Syllabus Ballet 5-6yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm
- Pre-Primary Ballet 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Primary Ballet 8-9yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm
- Grade 5 Ballet 15 yrs 6.45pm - 8.00pm
- GCSE Dance Yr 10 & Yr 11
- Grade 1 Tap 10-11yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm
- Grade 2 Tap 5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Grade 3 Tap 11yrs+ 6.00pm - 6.45pm
- Adult Tap (Inter) 6.45pm - 7.45pm
- Zumba 7.45pm - 8.45pm

Weds
- Mini Movers (0-5 yrs) 10.00am - 11.00am
- Ballroom & Latin (all ages) 5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Grade 4 Ballet 15 yrs+ 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- Grade 2 Modern 13 yrs+ 7.00pm - 7.45pm
- Adult Ballet (no exp req) 7.45pm - 8.45pm

Thurs
- Zumba Over 50's 10.00am - 11.00am
- Adult Ballet Over 50's 11.00am - 12.00pm
- Funky Dance 3-6yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm
- Gymnastics (all ages) 4.30pm - 5.00pm
- Grade 1 Ballet 10-11yrs 5.00pm - 5.45pm
- Funky / Modern 7-10yrs 5.45pm - 6.30pm
- Boys Street Dance 5.45pm - 6.30pm
- Grade 2 Ballet 11-13yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm
- Grade 4 Modern 14 yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm
- Grade 1 Modern 11yrs+ 7.15pm - 8.00pm
- Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 8.00pm - 8.45pm

Fri
- Mini Movers 0-5yrs 10.00am - 11.00am
- Little Tappers 3-5yrs 4.45pm - 5.15pm
- Pre-Primary Tap 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Primary Tap 8-10yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm

Sat
- Musical Theatre 4-8yrs 9.00am - 10.30am
- Baby Ballet 18mths+ 10.30am - 11.15am
- Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 4.30pm - 5.15pm

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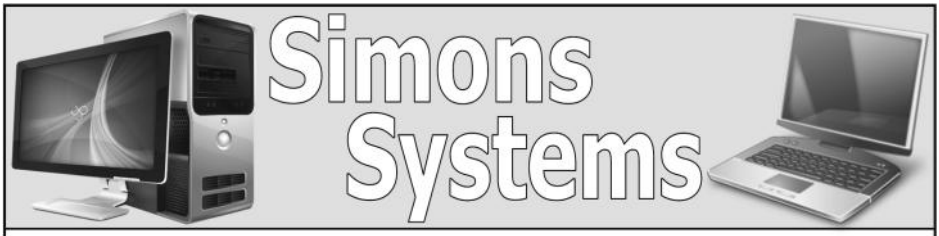

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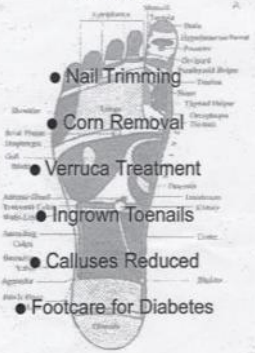

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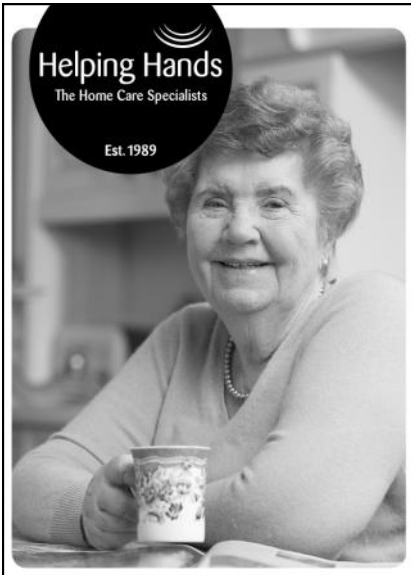

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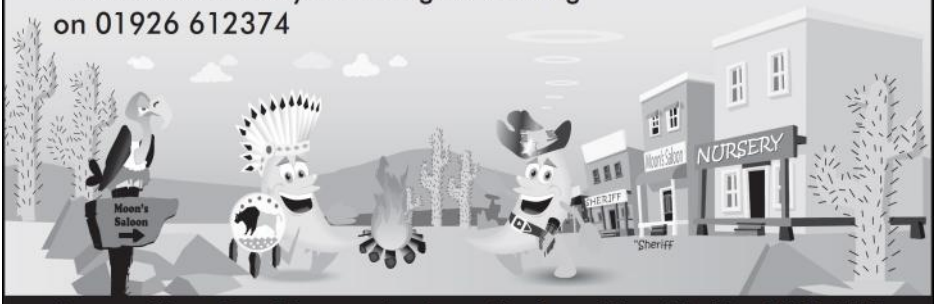

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