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## Editorial

In this month's edition of the News, we learn of the loss of one Village service and another under threat. The regular Blood Donors sessions held at the Village Hall have been discontinued. Also rural pharmacies are under threat from changes to Government funding. Harbury Pharmacy has a petition against these changes and we would encourage all villagers to sign it.

The Parish Council consultation about a proposed change to the bus route through the Village is still open and will be considered at the April meeting of the Council.

Ladbroke is hosting its first 'Live and Local' blues band on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, this will be a popular event, so get your tickets early.

Enclosed with this month's News is the 2016 Harbury Directory which provides more details about organisations and groups in the Village. We hope that you will find this a useful publication.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Michael Grimes, Quona Huntley and John Small. John was a former Cub Leader in Harbury for many years.

## Harbury Diary

### APRIL

- |      |   |   |
|------|---|---|
| Sat  | 2 | Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Meningitis<br>Quiz Night, 7.30pm in Village Hall  |
| Sun  | 3 | <b>EASTER II</b><br>Sung Eucharist 9.00am<br>Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments<br>Celtic Service, 6.00pm<br>Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  |
| Mon  | 4 | Village Club AGM, 7.30pm in Village Club  |
| Tues | 5 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall<br>Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall<br>Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm in School<br>Holy Communion, 7.30pm<br>Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - Useful, Beautiful but unloved – an alternative look at weeds. |
| Wed  | 6 | Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Combrook to Compton Verney (4 miles)<br>Holy Communion, 2.00pm   |

- Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room -  
Jane Hill, Diocesan President, talks about her new role  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion, 9.45 am, followed by coffee
- Fri 8 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Guide Dogs
- Sun 10 EASTER III**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00 pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  
French Street Market, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Southam High Street
- Mon 11 Upholstery, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Harbury Society "Bridges of Leamington Spa", 7.30 for 8.00pm in  
Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 12 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
Ladbroke (4½ miles - some hills and stiles)  
W.I goes to the Dogs Trust (afternoon)  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room - Past and present  
lives on the Grand Union Canal – Clive Radford
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of W.I.  
Village Hall Opening Ceremony with Lord Lieutenant,  
10.00am - 2.00pm
- Sun 17 EASTER IV**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Annual Parish Church Meeting, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 18 Upholstery, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Annual General Meeting of Harbury Village Hall Management  
Committee, 7.30pm in the Farley Room, All welcome
- Tues 19 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Harbury Theatre Group AGM, 8.00pm at The Shakespeare  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30 pm
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
Eathorpe to Marton (3½ miles)  
Connections Café for those with a dementia diagnosis and  
their carers, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Harbury Village Library  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall

Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall  
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Thurs 21 Holy Communion, 9.45 am, followed by coffee  
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 5.30PM

Sat 23 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of P.C.C.

**Sun 24 EASTER V**

Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon 25 Upholstery, 9.15am in Village Hall

Tues 26 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm

Wed 27 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
 Claverdon (5 miles - hilly) with optional pub lunch  
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall

Thurs 28 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
 Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Fri 29 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall

Sat 30 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Air Ambulance

**MAY**

**Sun 1 EASTER VI**

Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food & refreshments  
 Taizé Service, 6.00pm  
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Tues 3 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre 6.30pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room -  
 Old Court Nurseries - A potted history by Helen Picton

Wed 4 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
 Bluebell Woods at Wootton Wawen (hilly 4½ miles)  
 Holy Communion, 2.00pm


Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, THR – "Women in Water Aid"

Thurs 5 Holy Communion 9.45am, followed by coffee  
 Eucharist Service at Ladbroke 7.30pm  
 Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club

Sat 7 Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Harbury Society



## Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
April	Wed	Fri	
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin
	20	22	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	27	29	Grey Bin
May	4	6	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	11	13	Grey Bin
	18	20	Green & Blue Lid Bins



**ALL SAINTS  
HARBURY**

## From the Rector

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### **Easter - the best news ever!**

They had watched him die. Hanging from a cross, nails in hands and feet, gasping for air, they had heard him call out with the last bit of energy he could muster, *"It is finished!"* He was dead., really dead.

I have spent much time recalling the events of that first Easter morning because I want us all to grasp the wonder of the whole event, the message of the angel telling the disciples that the man they saw crucified is alive, the joy that filled the women who previously had been so sad, filled with so much disappointment, so confused and disillusioned. The words of the angel had instantly made a change in their lives; their whole outlook on who Jesus was and what he achieved was reversed; their fear of death had been changed to hope.

The resurrection is not something that just happened 2000 years ago. It has changed the way we look at life today. It has changed the way we look at the **future**.

The greatest threat we face in the future is death. The fear of death controls our life much more than we realize. This fear can dictate what we eat, what activities we engage in, where we live. The fear of death makes us attentive to every ache and pain in our body.

But the resurrection of Jesus takes the 'teeth' out of death. Easter shows us that there is life beyond the grave. Death is no longer a giant ... it is a mere blip on the screen of eternity. Jesus' return from the grave allows us to face death with new confidence. We understand now that death is a passing from life in this world to life in eternity. Nothing more.

What will happen to Christians when they die is certain. Unlike a football game when the outcome is unknown even right up to the last minutes of the game. There may be some doubt as to what paths our life may take. We may even have to face many fearful things, but the end of the game of life is not in doubt. We know who will be the winners. The future is certain and sealed for us.

The resurrection is not something that just happened 2000 years ago. It has changed the way we look at the ***past***.

Does your past haunt you? Do you worry that God knows what you are really like – that he knows your secret thoughts and desires and that one day he is going to ask you to explain? Are there some past deeds that you feel God would have a hard time forgiving? Do you fear that some of your past decisions will come back to get you? If so, you are not alone.

But Easter has good news for us all. Our Saviour is a *living* saviour. The risen Jesus has promised that he would walk with his disciples all of their days in this life. He will be with us in our fears. He gives us courage when our knees would buckle. He brings new life, rekindles hope, sustains us and recreates us in circumstances that would seem to be the most hopeless.

The women went to the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning, sad, depressed, confused, red-eyed and grieving. They ran back excited and joyful. Easter had changed them and it can change you!

God bless.

## **From the Registers**

### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

13<sup>th</sup> March Samuel Robert Heelam

28<sup>th</sup> March Ivie Joy Williams

### *Funerals at All Saints' Harbury*

7<sup>th</sup> March Quona Huntley (aged 90 years)

### *Memorial Service*

5<sup>th</sup> March Michael Grimes



## From the Churchwardens

**Elaine & John**

There is very little to report in this edition unfortunately. Background work on the Memorial Garden is pressing on but there is little to report at this stage. Remember that the plans can still be viewed in church.

We mentioned in the last month's H&L News that we are taking a look at how the church is used, not just for worship but at other times as well. For instance, we would like All Saints to be used as a meeting place for some of the community groups in Harbury, as well as being open every day for visitors to look around and for individual prayer and reflection. We have now visited other churches to get some ideas and have also concluded a series of discussion forums on various subjects, but further views and comments are welcomed on any aspect of the church - so please do contact us on: [fabric@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:fabric@allsaintsharbury.org). As a church, we plan to be discussing some of these ideas in more detail over the coming weeks but welcome ideas from anyone.

And finally an update on our service activities:

We are pleased to say that Messy Church is proving to be a great success. The next Messy Church is on 10<sup>th</sup> April 3-5pm, when we will be 'springing' ahead, making nests, growing plants, creating a collage and generally being very messy. Please do come along with your family for a fun way to meet with God, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Our Palm Sunday service commenced with a procession which left the school and led into a joyful service of praise. Please watch out for the posters for the next Saints Alive service to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April - the service is informal, includes communion and is designed for all ages so please do come along

<http://www.allsaintsharbury.org>



## Mothers' Union

**Gillian Hare**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bread and Broth lunch; a happy occasion which raised over £100. This will enable us to run our branch here as well as supporting the wider work of Mothers' Union.

Our March meeting heard us discussing various headline news items which Barbara Thistlethwaite had selected.

Members have been to the service to commission the new diocesan president, and trustees including our own Barbara Fowkes. The preacher was Bishop Christopher.

We also gave bookmarks to all ladies at our Mothering Sunday service. The Lady Day service is at Southam on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm after 2.00pm communion. We shall have the pleasure of hearing from the new President, Jane Hill.

## Harbury Church Flowers

We have been decorating the church with flowers for over 40 years. We are a happy band of ladies, but we are all getting older and could do with some new blood!

If there is anyone who would like to join us, no expertise in flower arranging needed, you would be very welcome.

There is a rota to show each group when it is their turn to decorate the church, usually on Friday or Saturday.

So come along and see how it all works.



**Jo House - Tel: 613892**

# Ladbroke News & Diary

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

## APRIL

Sat 2 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### **Sun 3 Easter 1**

Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### **Sun 10 Easter 2**

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 13 Annual Village Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 14 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Fri 15 Film Night - *Bridge of Spies*, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 8.00pm

Sat 16 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### **Sun 17 Easter 3**

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Wed 20 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

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- Sat 23 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 24 Easter 4**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Wed 27 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Ladbroke Church Annual Meetings, 7.30pm  
 Thurs 28 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close  
 Sat 30 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

## MAY

- Sun 1 Easter 5**  
 Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments  
 Tues 3 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Wed 4 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 5 Voting for the Police Commissioner, Village Hall  
 (WI will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>)  
 Ascension Day Service, 7.30pm  
 Sat 7 Live & Local: Mumbo Jumbo Troubadors and Raconteurs,  
 doors open 7.30pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

**Jackie West**

One of the highlights of last month was our Lent Lunches. There was as we have come to expect a delicious selection of soup, breads and cheese and a real buzz as we chatted round the tables, many thanks to everyone who supported the lunches especially the hosts and cooks. Inside our church building we topped and tailed March with special services, starting by celebrating Mothering Sunday on 6<sup>th</sup> March with posies - thanks to Rose Allington, great music from Kate, Alice and Rory and a playdough challenge from Rev Nikki. She asked us to make something which symbolised love and family and there was a wonderful selection from hearts, rings and homes to a cup of tea, a bandage and even a rose chosen because "love makes us bloom". The end of the month it was Easter. As I write we are just at the start of Easter Week but by the time you read this, we will have been through the cycle of remembering Jesus as a celebrated leader on Palm Sunday, a humble man about to be betrayed at the Last Supper, a despised and suffering one on the cross on Good Friday and then alive again and offering everyone a new beginning on Easter Sunday. We thank Revs. Craig, Nikki and Ann for leading our Easter services; Bill, Kate and the choir for the special music on Good Friday and the flower arrangers for their wonderful displays - which were joined this year by Easter gardens made by some of the Year 2 pupils from St James School, Southam.

Homegroup continues to meet once a fortnight alternating each month between Wednesdays and Thursdays so that people with commitments on one of those evenings can join us on the other one - the actual dates are in the Ladbroke Diary just before this article.

Our annual church meetings are on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. There is a short one when everyone in the parish, church goer or not, votes in the church wardens and then the main meeting at which the annual accounts are presented, the previous year reviewed, the PCC is elected plus any other business that those present wish to raise. Forms to join the church's electoral roll and nomination forms for churchwardens and the PCC are available on the table near the font but even if you do not wish to commit yourself in this way please, come along to the meetings and support those who help keep Ladbroke Church going.

Last year we had a soft start to a fund raising campaign, called *All Saints For All Generations* as that's what we want to ensure - this beautiful Grade 1 listed building standing for generations to come. And not just for those who come Sunday by Sunday but for everyone who sees it as a location for traditional events like the village carol service and weddings; special events like concerts and exhibitions; for those who appreciate it as a historical place to visit or just part of the view as they walk around Ladbroke. The repairs funded mainly by the grant we were awarded last year will be starting in a few weeks time so it's essential to step up raising money for the next phases, expected to cost a further £250,000. The PCC doesn't have the skills, contacts or time to fund-raise sums of this magnitude, therefore we are seeking people to form a specific *All Saints For All Generations* fund raising team. If you think you have the time and enthusiasm to be part of this group or even better, the talents and contacts to lead it or if you can suggest people we can approach, please speak with Rev Craig or contact Jackie by email: **ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com** or phone 810331. These people do not need to be church goers or even live in Ladbroke, just to support the goal of having the church building here for the benefit of our own and future generations.



## Ladbroke Parish Council

**Jackie West**

Here are the main points from the Parish Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March. As usual, the formal minutes by the clerk will go up on the noticeboard by the pub and the village website, **[www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk)**

**Neighbourhood Watch** - our NW co-ordinator now has a pen for marking items with your postcode, so if you missed the session run by the police last year and want to mark bikes, garden equipment, tools etc please contact Jim Laidler.

**Defibrillator** - The equipment and the case are now here and will go on the wall of the Village Hall soon, together with additional external lighting.

**Goods Vehicle Licence** - the application for The Barn, Ladbroke Hill Lane had been approved with the condition that access/egress is via Radbourne Lane only.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - Following the well attended meeting about this, only one person had volunteered which is insufficient to take it forward.

**Planning** - There was no objection to a new agricultural building for cattle isolation pens and feed store at Folly Fields Farm. SDC had approved treeworks on sycamores at Ladbroke Hall and demolition of a conservatory and construction of the single storey extension at The Willows in Radbourne Lane.

**Proposed development just south of Galanos House** - Cllr Neal had attended the exhibition on this which seemed to be testing the water of local opinion ahead of an application for outline planning permission for more than 200 new homes. You can view and feedback on the two options, one of which includes a burial ground, at <http://www.framptons-planning.com/portfolio/item/land-east-of-banbury-road-southam/> but formal comments can only be made when planning permission is sought.

**Highways and Footpaths** - Concerns had been raised again about large containers on the back of lorries being driven through the village and on the road to Deppers Bridge, damaging the roadside when large vehicles pass, and also about burning of waste on a local farm. Formal complaints about the latter need to be reported immediately to the SDC enforcement officer.

**Flooding and Drainage** - Flooding on the road near the church was raised around Christmas time and some remedial work was done. We are still awaiting the second stage to fix problems by the field entrance - thought to be due to tree roots - and once that is resolved any remaining problems in that area e.g. on the other side of the road, will be raised.

Following the exceptionally hard rain the night before the meeting, the A423 had flooded at Radbourne Lane and near the layby the road was impassable for a while. Our councillors wondered if the drainage here needed looking at further but were reminded the part near the layby will be rebuilt as part of HS2. The only local flooding inside properties (known to those present) was in the entrance and toilet area of the Village Hall but it had been a close thing for several homes near the brook. This emphasised the need to press on with property level protection now and not wait for some possible improved solution in the vague future as is being suggested by the authorities.

**Village Hall and Millennium Green** - The Village Hall trustees thanked the Parish Council for their grant of £1500 towards the new roof which proved very effective in keeping out rain the previous night. There will be a film night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April and a *Live and Local* music event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Broadband** - a new cabinet has been installed in Southam so some householders may be able to get increased speed.

**SDC** - The SDC part of council tax will increase by 3.17% (allowed to be more than 2% without a referendum, as it is the first increase in five years and still very low compared to others). Senior management is being re-organised - the Chief Executive is being made redundant with his responsibilities being picked up by two people at lower level. However with

redundancy pay etc. this will cost more in the short term, though should save significant sums over five years.

**WCC** - The WCC part of council tax is expected to rise by 3.9% mainly due to the rising cost of adult and children's care due to increases in the minimum wage and changes in legislation. HS2 Ltd have reorganised their management structure and Ladbroke is now in the Southam sector; the third reading of the bill was before Easter.

**Next Meetings:** Annual Village Meeting - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm  
Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.45pm



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

Our meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Village Hall was a practical evening and when we arrived the tables were already set out with the things we needed to make greetings cards.

Member Hazel Harrison had stepped in at the last minute when the booked speaker was unable to be with us. Hazel explained that the method of iris folding which she was about to demonstrate started in Holland in the 1700s. It uses the concept of the old camera shutter with layers of leaves which overlap each other into a pattern.

We each chose a set which included a blank card with a cut-out shape. As I wanted to make an Easter card my shape was a chicken. There were also coloured shiny strips of paper - which Hazel and Heather had helpfully already folded for us.

With Hazel and Heather on hand to help we were all pleased with our efforts by the end of the evening.

Hazel can be contacted at [harrisonhm@msn.com](mailto:harrisonhm@msn.com)



In the business meeting, Dianne thanked members for the donations of craft items which will be sold at the Associated Country Women of the World conference in Warwick later in the year - which can be seen in the accompanying photo over the page - and for donations of sanitary products for homeless women.

Dianne then gave out the dates for the following events:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Ladbroke WI outing to Singing in the Rain, (contact Sue Moore for details).



18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> May. Golf taster days at Stonebridge or Kenilworth, £10 (book direct yourself)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Annual Group meeting in Long Itchington Village Hall. The competition this year is to make a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday card for the Queen.

Entries by 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Write a letter to your younger self, £7.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. American Independence Day walk to Stockton and Napton, £4.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Visit to Chavenage House where part of Poldark was filmed, £26.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room, Harbury.** This is one of our main fund raiser events of the year, so please do come along on the day if you can. We need help to run the event. Also, we will need cakes to sell (we do have a reputation to uphold!), books and bric a brac as well as raffle prizes. Items can be brought to the next meeting if you wish.

**Twiddlemuffs:** These are used for people with dementia or elderly patients in hospital and can be both stimulating and comforting as they keep their hands warm and give them something to fiddle with. Several WIs have been involved in making or knitting these and it has been suggested that we could produce some to donate to Poppy Lodge at Galanos House and local hospitals. You can access patterns online if needed or Mandy has some copies available. If you are a knitter this is a useful way of using up oddments of wool as the more varied the better to create different shapes and textures.

Also note that the May meeting has been changed to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May as the Village Hall is being used as a polling station on our usual night.

The next meeting is on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm when Ruth Smith will give a talk on The Victorian Housekeeper.



**Ladbroke Matters**

**David Wright**

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



Our next supper and film night is scheduled for **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. After a hearty supper we will be screening *Bridge of Spies* (rating 12A), directed by Stephen Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance - who won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

Doors open at 7pm. Film starts at 8pm. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £12 for a two course hot meal (including our mini puds!).

Please telephone Nicky on 815196 to book tickets by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April please.



On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** we will be presenting our first *Live & Local* act in the Village Hall when we welcome the **Mumbo Jumbo Troubadours and Raconteurs**. With elegant country blues and vibrant good-time roots music from these British Blues Award nominees, unsurpassable musicianship, powerful songs and punchy vocals, this is one great live band!

Tickets are now available for £10 each from Nicky (815196) or email [bookings@ladbroke matters.uk](mailto:bookings@ladbroke matters.uk). We anticipate this to be a very popular event so please book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited. Drinks and light refreshments will be available at an extra charge. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Check the band out at [www.mumbo-jumbo.biz](http://www.mumbo-jumbo.biz).

**Live & Local** is a joint initiative subsidised by the Arts Council and local County Councils to bring live entertainment to rural communities in the Midlands. Details of all performances can be seen on their website [www.liveandlocal.org.uk](http://www.liveandlocal.org.uk), or contact David Wright (07940 413707) for a list of performances around Warwickshire.

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

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

### Draw results for February 2016

£50	Joley Malby	£10	Cyril Spence
£50	Lorna Carleton	£10	Richard Walker
£25	Andy Bendzak	£10	Margaret Bosworth
£25	Helen Ballard	£10	Kate Pickin
£25	Alan Lord	£10	Joan Perry

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**

It has been another good year for the Club: competitions, workshops, outings, talks and exhibitions kept us actively involved and our finances are in good fettle. Since it was our AGM we had the essential business of electing the committee. A familiar hush descended when we invited nominations, so the committee is once again Kip Warr (Chairman), Jackie West (Secretary), Mike Todman (Treasurer) and Jennie Daniels and Graham Gee (committee members who manage the display board and outings respectively). Then we came to the Photographer of the Year award.

There was a moment of bewilderment when Jackie explained the scoring system and, with FIFA in the news, some members might have had doubts when she presented the trophy to the chairman!



**Ladbroke Hall by Jackie West**

Our competition this month was on landscapes and we had more than 30 entries taken all round the world; two are illustrated here. It was one of those occasions when two photographers (Mike Todman and Sally Simmons) scooped most of the prizes but their pictures fully justified their success. We followed this with a phototopic, also on the subject of landscapes. In this type of session we try to improve our skills by taking a more technical look at members' pictures and discussing their content, composition and, in some cases, problems.



**Norwegian Lake and Glacier by Tony Lorimer**

During April and May we shall be selecting pictures for this year's exhibition and having a walkabout in Long Itchington (hoping that it does not pour with rain as it did last time we went there).

Visitors and guests are always welcome to our meetings.

For more information see our website: ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## Ladbroke General Section

### Annual Village Meeting, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

The Parish Council hold an Annual Meeting each Spring to review and summarise events from the previous 12 months. As well as Council Reports there will be updates from a range of village organisations. This year's meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Jackie West**



## Harbury Society

**Linda Ridgley**

After our AGM where the existing Committee was re-elected, we had a wonderfully enlightening talk by Archie Pitts on the £1.1m proposal to improve the Pump Room Gardens and refurbish the Bandstand.

Local Authorities now have no obligation or money to do this themselves.

The Gardens are 200 years old and showing their age. Leamington Society has worked with Warwick DC since 2008 to secure grants to fund improvements. Only 2½ of the original 8 Linden Arches were left so these were the first task. Warwick DC put in £40K and the volunteers raised the rest - £80K and the Arches were finished in 2012.

The heyday of Bandstands was from the 1850's to WW11 (there were 1100 in the country and now about 600 are left). Our Bandstand is the focal point of the Gardens and the best of only four MacFarlane type remaining.

But it is crumbling, with parts broken, railings missing, additions made to improve stability and the basement storage area sealed off and the floor held up with Acroprops!

It is not just the Bandstand that the Society is going to fix with its £1M+ Lottery grant, but the whole gardens, which have quite severe drainage problems.

The Gardens are underlain by non-porous clay giving a naturally high water table. The fall of the gardens is from the river to the Linden Walk. Excess rain or flood water has nowhere for to go – it can only evaporate. The solution will be to install a Swale in the “Rain Garden”, to temporarily hold the water. The Clay soil will be broken up and de-compacted and a porous drainage system will then also be installed.

Other works include new railings in a Late Victorian style which will be put up to protect the grass and provide a barrier along the riverside as Health and Safety demands. The paths will be surfaced with bonded gravel and tarmac stabilised with a blue brick edging.

So by the Peace Festival in 2017, Leamington will have its Gardens improved and a splendid refurbished Bandstand. The public will benefit from the new activities and events held there. Warwick DC promises to maintain all of this for the next ten years and must gain Green Flag Status for the Gardens to boot.



**Next Meeting:** Mr Briggs on “Bridges of Leamington, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Jeanne Beaumont**

Members recently attended the funeral of a previous member, Quona Huntley. Quona was a very kind and generous person as her relations and family knew. Her cakes and mince pies for all occasions were great. She will be greatly missed.

At the W.I. County Quiz final Wishaw W.I. came first, Harbury W.I. came fifth. There were about 14 County W.I.'s taking part.

Members will be visiting the Dog Trust at Kenilworth on Wednesday afternoon, 13<sup>th</sup> April. Our Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We will be representing Harbury W.I. on the same day at the Village Hall Open Day. The Group Outing on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May will be going to Leominster and Hampton Court Castle. The Annual Group Meeting at Long Itchington is on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Will not go further than that as there will be a lot more dates to memorise.

The speaker was Steven Bruce speaking on “Stories from the Auction Room” and we had many. A retired Auctioneer but still working part-time in Birmingham, he told us of the different things that kept his work surprising,

interesting and at times amazing. He brought a few articles with a matching story. He also told us about the house clearers and how they benefited. We will remember about them! Members brought articles for Steven to look at and comment on. Some were very surprised as they were going to throw the articles away.

Next Meeting will be at the Tom Hauley Room on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, 7.45pm. The Speaker: Clive Radford - Past and Present Lives on the Grand Union Canal



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Jo Banbury**

Well there is no rest for the panto wicked! Us theatre group members are already back to it rehearsing the next show – entitled “Bags of Laughter”. Our late spring production will bring you a host of hilarious sketches, filled with adorable characters, that you will have you laughing all night long. This night of comedy has something for everyone, so make sure you save the dates – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May.

Back by popular demand, the Saturday evening performance will include a light supper; and of course with the bar this makes a great night out with friends – so make sure you book those tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets will go on sale later in the month, with more details in the next edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Harbury Theatre group will also be hosting the Amateur Community Theatre (ACT) Festival this year in the Village Hall later in June - dates to be confirmed shortly. This is an opportunity to be entertained by other local theatre groups from surrounding areas, as they perform short pieces/plays selected for this event. Only organised every two years, these showcases have a great community feel, and I would heartedly recommend popping along for at least one of the evenings if not all of them (every night a different set of performances).

Our next meeting - which is also our AGM - is slightly earlier than usual, being held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, at 8pm in The Shakespeare. Please do come along and join us, and join in!

## **Sleeping Beauty Review (5 stars)**

I couldn't believe my luck when, out of the blue, I got a telephone call from the Producer Brian Wade asking me to do the critique for the Harbury Theatre Group's Pantomime! This was going to be their first production on the new stage and I couldn't wait to be in the first night audience to see it before my very eyes. When I arrived immediately my eyes were drawn to the stage area and the new blue curtains and pelmet. Then ahead of me I saw the sound and lighting desk awash with new technology. Everyone had a black t-shirt on with Harbury Theatre Group on it and the Village Hall had been transformed

into a rather professional theatre! I was told by Gordon Robbins that all the main actors were wearing wireless microphones. Well that was me made up!

There is always a level of expectation before the curtains are drawn back, by the audience, to see what the set is going to look like. On this occasion we had Alan and Betty Barr sat upon their thrones as the King and Queen to get the ball rolling. Then on came the Fairies! And with that came the difficulty of writing my notes with tears dripping out of my eyes! I will never be able to look at a string vest and a tutu in the same way ever again! Emily Jackson's entrance as Poison Ivy was suitably evil with a laugh that made my spine shiver most horribly. Her cackle bounced off the back of the hall and the audience gave as much as they got.

Pantomime is a wonderful craft that blends both adult and child humour seamlessly and tonight made no exception. Onto the stage came the Harbury Theatre Group Juniors who sang and danced to 'Wake Up It's A Beautiful Morning.' They all had good strong vocals and harmonies as well.

Another part of pantomime is the Dame and Chris Barber as Marigold was wonderful. Playing the Dame is not an easy one. It can make or break a pantomime. All I can say is that some people are born to certain roles and Chris was brilliant. *Her* costumes were extraordinary and *her* way with the audience was superb. Then the audience joined in to 'Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life.' Chris Beaton, as Andy (Hi Andy!), came on to the stage with his Fruit Batmobile where the jokes came thick and fast.

Once more we were treated to the Fairies, with a fabulous rolled down back drop, and some very funny ad-libs too! Prince Rupert (Will Jones) came on with his servant Maurice (John Travis) with one of the funniest French accents I have heard since watching 'Allo 'Allo as a child! Baskerville, the Dog, played by Abigail Banbury was sensational. In acting the trick is be moving all of the time and she made Baskerville my Best in Show if we are talking Crufts here. Then we were treated to the HTG Juniors with a song all about celebrating good times. And one of them had the longest pony tails I have ever seen! One of the best lines was when the Dame arrived on stage with a new hair style and it was heard said, 'that looks like an explosion in a candy floss factory!'

Princess Snowdrop (Jo Banbury) was rather streetwise and spent her opening scenes busy on her smart phone which shows just how much this form of technology has taken over our lives. Operation Jam Tart was Sleeping Beauty's answer to the Great British Bake Off. This was where things got wonderfully messy and I had to hold myself back from joining in. After seeing that *show stopper* (or was it their *signature dish*?) we had the song 'Nine 'Til Five' to take us to the interval!

After a swift rub down with an oily rag and some refreshments I sat down ready for the second half. My face had only just stopped aching from part one. We had a new set with the chaise longue! I was hoping to see that make an appearance. Another dance and song routine beautifully led by Joy Russell (playing Ruby) and this time we had lots of Ken Dodd feather dusters too!

Then Princess Snowdrop gave us 'Holding Out For A Hero' with the Fairies dancing in the background. This was where Geoff's fairy wig came off and the audience roared with laughter. Then the Princess pricked her finger to Poison Ivy's delight. How Jo Banbury didn't corpse whilst she was 'sleeping' was beyond me!

In the next scene Poison Ivy and the HTG Juniors sang their version of 'Poker Face' as Evil Face. Throughout the pantomime a lot of the words to the songs had been changed. This made the songs more appropriate to the theme of the pantomime which worked very well. Then we had a fabulous sword fight with lots of moves, which isn't easy to choreograph. Then along came the Prince to wake up his Princess. Here the song 'The One That I Want' from Grease was delivered with excellent comic timing and a very catchy dance move too.

Then the Fairies came on and how Peter Ball, the prompt, managed to do his job was miraculous. The Fairies went off script with some superb ad libbing and the audience loved it. Then we had the cinema screen come down and the words were projected on to it. We were able to sing along to 'YMCA' whilst doing the actions, the left side of the hall competing with the right. Before I knew it, it was the end and we applauded the cast to the song 'Walking On Sunshine'.



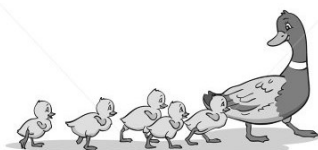
The Fairies had lights on their wings and that was ace.

The costumes were rich and vibrant throughout the whole production so a big well done to the costumiers. The singing and dancing were well executed. I had listened to many great sound effects. Plus the script had lots of local references which went down very well with the audience. There was also a good mix of adult and child jokes too. The new stage made scene changes quieter and each scene was colourful and apt.

I would like to thank Keith Hayes for directing such a fun production and Simon Stenner for his musical direction. Everyone involved with this (the cast, the back stage team and the front of house) did a splendid job! I was suitably impressed.

Well done! Now where did I put my tutu?

**Deborah Ellis**







## Folk Club

Ted Crum

The evening began (before any singers or audience arrived) with a technical battle as your scribe struggled with the lighting system. We could only persuade it to provide blinding brilliance or Stygian blackness, and it was only the intervention of an unnamed hero who delicately indicated a previously unnoticed dimmer switch that saved a great deal of embarrassment.

The theme for this month was Belonging. As has been said before, we are blessed with a veritable cornucopia of talent in Harbury, and our March meeting was funny, moving, thought-provoking, and downright mad in almost equal proportions.

Sue Crum started the evening with a lovely rendition of Gordon Smith's Come by the Hills, and your scribe followed with Misalliance, a tragic love song from Flanders and Swann. We then invited Janny and Maureen to the stage, and as always marvelled at their coordination and tight harmony as they sang The Flame, then (and they made it very clear that they were absolutely not referring to anyone present in the room) a song about husbands called Silly old Fool.

Ray and Anne travelled from Whitnash to sing Catch the Wind and Messing about on the River, and were followed by our very own Mr. Music Peter McDonald who sang Dougie McLean's Garden Valley, following this with a tour de force on ukulele and harmonica, You belong to Me.

Harbury Folk Club benefits from a number of singers from far afield who visit when they are in our area, and Barbara Bridges is one of these welcome returnees. She gave us Yellow on the Broom and Tom Stephenson's Highway of Freedom, telling of the creation of the Pennine Way. Peter Mason closed the first half, giving his powerful style full rein with A Place called England and the wonderfully evocative Slipjigs and Reels.

It is difficult to describe the impact made by the act which started the second half. Suffice it to say that the Daft Dames crashed onto the stage in a whirl of wigs and enormous dresses, with make-up fit for a panto and a vocal style somewhere between the Beverley Sisters and Morecambe and Wise. Their rendition of There Is Nothing Like Us Dames brought the house down, and their subsequent number Could Be Daft Dames produced enough applause (plus hoots, whistles, table thumps and stamps) to see them all back out to their dressing room before we subsided.

The poor chap who had the unenviable task of following them was someone your scribe had not seen at the club before, Robin. He sang songs from the Albion Band and Bob Dylan. He then accompanied another of our wandering friends, Sue Harris. They sang Travelling Light and Eleanor Rigby and prompted their audience into some very fine chorus singing.

Peter Bones unleashed his beloved Taylor guitar and gave us his version of Bournemouth Is In Hampshire, following it with Graham Pratt's Bundling, describing certain courting procedures in the last century. One Peter replaced another in the person of Mr. Grassby. His renditions of £40 Pound Wedding and the hauntingly beautiful Maori song Welcome to New Zealand were, as always, beautifully crafted and delivered.

To end the second half, Ian and Sue Hartland wove their magic with their own versions of East Virginia and the evocative Home Place.

The legendary third half opened with Peter Mason. His song with the chorus "What's the use of roots if you can't spread them, what's the use of wings if you can't fly" must have made every parent in the audience gulp just a little. Once again, Peter replaced Peter, this time McDonald swapping with Mason. He sang Hard Times of Old England, and once again the Harbury Chorus Engine opened up.

Ian and Sue came back to sing Wagon Wheel (again the chorus singing was terrific), and Peter Grassby finished the evening with a song about the last Warwickshire Miner.

The raffle raised £62 (well done everyone!) and this will go to MND, our chosen charity. Next month's theme will be Roots, so plenty of gardening songs please.



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**

March has been a quiet month for the Association as we had to postpone the Quiz Night which we will now hold later in the year.

The arrangements are in hand for the Supper and Skittles evening at the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and plans are being made for a Safari Sunday Lunch in May.

At the end of June we shall be travelling to Samois-sur-Seine for our bi-annual visit. Our twinning partners have chosen this date in order that they may invite us to attend the Django Reinhardt Jazz Festival which is held annually on an island in the Seine alongside the village.

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## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC>

The weather presented us with a new problem in March when following torrential rain the courts were flooded, something I've not seen since I joined the club in 1994! It took a couple of days for the "tide" to go out and I'm pleased to say there doesn't seem to have been any permanent damage.

The LTA is keen to make the most of Great Britain winning the Davis Cup last year for the first time in 79 years, and create a legacy by promoting the game and inspiring players and coaches to play. This received a further boost recently with the exciting win against Japan in Birmingham. Harbury were able to take part in the legacy celebrations when our Head Coach, Lianne Candappa gave some of our Juniors a taster of the event, which seems to have gone down very well!!

By the time you read this article the club's summer programme being delivered by *cool/sportz* will have started with all groups now playing outside. For the 2015/16 winter programme we extended the time the youngest group used the excellent facilities in the village hall. This has been very successful and we'll be repeating it for winter 2016/17.

For the summer programme *cool/sportz* are running the following sessions on Mondays:

Mini Red (4-8 years) 4.30-5.30pm,

Mini Orange and Green (8-11 years), 4.30-5.30pm

Yellow Ball 11 + years 5.30-6.30pm,

Adults 6.30-7.30pm - pay as you go

And on Thursdays -

Mini Red (4-8 years) 4.30-5.30pm

Adult Improvers 5.45-6.45pm – pay as you go



For more information about this and times and days of all lessons or details of individual coaching please contact Lianne Candappa on 07919 104093 or visit [www.coolsportz.co.uk](http://www.coolsportz.co.uk)

In the final Banbury League match Harbury entertained Tysoe "A". Debs Brookes and Colin Mercer were joined by Katy and Olly Wilshire who were making their debuts. It was a keenly contested match with Tysoe coming out on top with a 5-3 win to clinch promotion to Division 3 as runners up. Harbury finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place but only 3 points behind Tysoe so not a bad season!

In the Banbury Floodlit League, Harbury travelled to table topping Deddington "B" where Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Josh Marshall (making his first appearance of the season) and Colin Mercer gave the home side a really good game. After Caroline and Debs won their rubber 2-0 and Colin and Josh halved theirs Harbury were just in front going into the mixed doubles. Both were very close with the Deddington pair beating Caroline and Josh. Debs and Colin lost their first set 6-7 after a very tense tiebreak so needed to win the second set to secure an overall draw which they duly did! The 4-4 draw was enough for Deddington to become Division 4 runners up which is now effectively a relegation play-off!



## Harbury Toddler Group

**Lynne Barton**

Thank you for supporting us by taking the time to read this article.

We often try new ideas to provide a stimulating and learning experience for everyone who attends Toddlers, a new volunteer came recently with a keyboard and some musical instruments. She played classical musical pieces during the session and singing before the children went home.



Music sometimes has a way of evoking memories and that was certainly the case for some of our parents and grandparents as the session progressed.

Thank you Jayne we know that you intend to use your musical abilities for therapeutic purposes in the future and wish you well.



We say bye bye to Eshan this Easter as he will be attending Pre School, we wish you all the very best in your new and exciting journey.

Alison Hunt with her One, Two, Three and Away story and singing sessions captured the children's imagination and we really appreciate this coming together of the community encompassing a span of the generations.

Our Toddler Group relies on its 'subs' from families to help contribute to the running of the sessions throughout the year and the shortfall is made up from fund raising activities such as the Coffee Morning at All Saints which we love doing. Thank you to all who contributed by coming, donating or making cakes we were able to bank £193 to support our activities, summer trip, insurance, consumables, rent and cleaning. If you have the opportunity to nominate a deserving local charity in your place of work, leisure or other contacts please give us a thought.

We have recently met a wonderful sixteen year old whose art work is incredible, she is able to create brilliant drawings but of particular interest to Toddlers is that she is able to draw portraits from photographs and has an extensive portfolio as part of her school course work. We would like to encourage her to establish a 'pocket money' business so if you would like to see just how good she is please speak to Lynne or Selina next time you come.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope your children enjoyed their chickens, eggs and baskets courtesy of our super 'Artistic Director' Aimee Mann, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago.

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

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

Thinking of coming along or need more information please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email [lynnebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)



**Chesterton Windmill in the Spring time**



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Mothering Sunday** - We began March by preparing for Mother's Day. The children created beautiful cards with observational Chinese style watercolour blossom paintings, and told us why their mummies were special to them. After writing in the cards, they carefully placed them in the envelope. They then decorated small gift boxes with jewels and stars and chose a chocolate treat to go in them for their mummies. We understand that some even made it home to the person intended!

**Visitors** - Wow what exciting visitors we had at Pre-School!

**Farm Babies** - First, the children were very pleased to receive a visit from Jamie's daddy, who brought Bow the sheepdog puppy and a delightful lamb to show them.

The children had the opportunity to hold the lamb and feel her woolly coat, as well as stroking Bow and hearing about how the animals are cared for on the farm. We are very grateful to Jamie's daddy, David, for bringing these lovely, well behaved animals to see us.



In keeping with the farming theme, we read farm animal themed stories, such as "The Little Red Tractor" and sang about Old MacDonald and Baa Baa Black Sheep. The builders tray was filled with bark chip, small tractors and farm animals with small wooden blocks for making enclosures.

**Fire Service** - We were lucky that there were no emergency call outs so that three busy firefighters could come over from Leamington Fire Station in their fire engine! Many of the children tried on the helmet and fireproof jacket – they were a bit big!





After some great discussions with the children (including breakfast choices and dinosaurs!), Firefighters Larry and Rob led everyone outside to look at, climb inside the engine and then hear the sirens..."Again, again" responded the children! The firemen were wonderful with the children and we are all very grateful to them for giving up their time.

After the visit, the children enjoyed playing with the vehicles outside with firefighter hats and tabards. They created a 'control room' in the play house, include a clip board and pencil, telephone and other technology toys. Small world play indoors involved fire engines and other emergency vehicles with Happy Street buildings and people.



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

*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](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org)*



## Village Hall Update

**Chris Finch**

It's over 50 years since there was a special celebration event in the Village Hall, so it's probably time that villagers should have the opportunity to witness the tremendous strides which have been made in the intervening time and especially in the last few years. The **Open Day** on 16<sup>th</sup> April promises to provide all visitors with a day to remember, especially since it has been confirmed that the Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire will officially open the new extension with its stage and changing rooms. There will be displays in the hall showing aspects of the activities for which hirers use the hall and there will also be short demonstrations on the stage from groups which train youngsters and adults in various leisure pursuits, including the theatre and dance.

It promises to be an enjoyable experience with plenty to see and appreciate, including perhaps the bacon rolls / sausage baps / samosas which are on offer along with a hot drink for the princely sum of £1.50. It's hard to guess how many people will turn up to have a 'brunch', but members of the village hall committees and GASS will continue to provide the fare until supplies run out.

One of the lasting mementoes of the day will be the unveiling of the plaque by the Lord Lieutenant, which will sit between two display plaques, explaining a short history of the Village Hall. The text included below has been researched by using documents preserved in the Harbury Heritage Room, including all the old minute books and articles from newspapers covering the period from the late 1950's when the idea for a community hall was first proposed. The display plaques, which will be a permanent feature of the hall, show the increasing size of the building using coded layouts to show each of the main developments since 1962.

*'The need for a Village Hall in Harbury was very apparent on the occasion of the celebrations in the village marking the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 on 2nd June 1953. Inclement weather made the planned outdoor function impracticable and the Wight School was found to be very inadequate.*

*A small group of people started the movement to raise funds for the building of a hall. In 1962 with the help of substantial grants from the Ministry of Education and Warwickshire County Council, the Village Hall was built and officially opened by Mr John Profumo M.P. O.B.E on 24th March 1962.*

*After the opening of the main hall with its pitched roof was opened, it wasn't long before the committee of the day started discussions in 1966 to extend the building at the south and west ends to provide the Farley, Windmill and Fosse rooms and an extended kitchen. As before, funds were sought from voluntary donations, a regular tote, as well as from the profits from bingo, tombola and the Harbury Fete, which was organised by the village hall committee. The first 'Buy a Brick' idea was introduced at the Fete (now the Carnival) in 1973 and a 200 Club started with 152 members from the village community.*

*The flat roofed extension, opened in 1974 was funded partly by the popular monthly dances and the on-going fund-raising involving many of the organisations which used the hall, whilst a personal guarantor covered the outstanding debt secured against the loan from the local council.*

*Within ten years, the committee decided to create a sloping roof to replace the flat roof on the extension, which was prone to leaking and the Parish Council offered to cover the balance of the costs incurred by the building work. In the eighties and nineties general maintenance was the watchword, before the storage heating system was installed and some improvements made to the existing ladies toilets.*

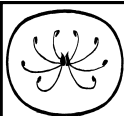
*Until the Millennium, no further modernisation was considered and the hall became very dated. Plans gradually evolved to improve the building, as grants from various sources were more forth-coming and after the second 'Buy a Brick' initiative was implemented, committee members successfully applied to the local council (SDC-Southam Vision) for the creation of a new toilet block. In 2010 a grant from Veolia Environmental Trust funded internal roof repairs and added effective insulation, whilst Ford Britain Trust financed new rear doors and CAMRA created the sliding doors between two of the meeting rooms to create the Veolia Suite in memory of John Ridgley.*



*Almost each year between 2011 and 2014, the village hall was granted funding to purchase the solar panels (Awards for All), modernise the kitchen (WREN), develop new hatches (SDC) and finally to achieve the long hoped-for modern changing rooms (BiffaAward) and permanent stage in the new extension (Veolia Environmental Trust). Today the village hall has become 'fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century', which was an avowed aim of committee members who wished to continue the vision of a community building which would serve its residents for years to come'.*

As with all matters in connection with the hall, nothing ever stays the same for long and a new fire alarm system has been fitted and the Health and Safety regulations updated on the village hall part of the Harbury Parish Council web-site. There has also been a recent stock-take of all the crockery, cutlery and kitchen utensils and whilst the majority of items still remain in the cupboards some appear to have gone 'walkabout' or been lost?? If, however, anyone finds any crockery which may have emanated from the hall, an amnesty is always in place for anything to be returned!!

As a final footnote about Harbury's **Celebration Day**, please look out for information on the village notice-boards about the timing of various parts of the day, as the Lord Lieutenant, as well as the Chair of Warwickshire County Council, will be visiting Biblio's first before being transported on to the village hall by the e-cars. As part of the recognition of all the community activities which Harbury does so well, it was felt that Biblio's, e-cars and the village hall improvements should all feature in the Celebration Day. It will be a day to remember, so put it in the diary and we look forward to seeing you.



## Horticultural Society

**Judy Morrall**

Almost 40 of us enjoyed the last meeting in March when Adrian James made a very welcome return visit. His talk was entitled A Garden from Scratch. We charted his progress when he moved from Kidderminster to the lovely village of Offenham near Evesham. He and his wife Sheila, more of whom later, opened their garden in Kidderminster for the NGS but it became too cramped for the number of visitors they were receiving. So they began to look for a property with a blank canvass. They found a suitable property with almost an acre of garden at the side and back of the house. It had been agricultural land and the previous owner had trained dogs, hence no plants as it had never been a garden.

They moved 5 van loads of plants, pots, troughs, a greenhouse which had been dismantled, compost bags and much more. Adrian did a design to have fruit, vegetables, a rill and borders. There was a huge 40 foot conifer hedge at the edge of the property and this was the first thing to be tackled after getting permission to do so. They were all taken down and the roots dug out and the land instantly looked lighter and bigger. A lot of chippings were put to good use. A huge willow tree was also taken out with the help of the local tree surgeon. The trunk was dug out by hand by Sheila and a damson tree was

revealed which has borne much fruit. The dry stone walls were in a bad state and again Sheila discovered a new skill and set about restoring these. They did have help initially from Adrian's stepson and daughter-in-law, but mostly it was the two of them who developed the garden. Adrian, who is a brilliant photographer also still works full-time, but it is a credit to both of them that the transformation was completed in about a year and a half.

In September 2009 the wooden greenhouse was erected, and the only damage suffered was just one pane of glass. In January of 2010 there was a lot of snow and work was halted for a while. Raised beds were put in place and a beech hedge planted. Then in April a polytunnel was put up and lots of seedlings brought on and much more. Paths were then started to be laid and work started on the rill which has lovely calm planting on either side. By August, Adrian started to build retaining walls with curves, nothing easy! The garden was by now starting to take shape and plants beginning to spread out. Fruit trees had been planted and these too now bear much fruit. By the next year in February there were banks of snowdrops and primroses and a seating area was made and some more paths put in place. Lots of scented plants are used and there are huge drifts of colourful combinations.

A huge platform was built so that you can see the garden from above and this too was done by Adrian. He has water butts all around the garden and at the last count he had 37, which are used to water plants most nights in the summer. There are some lovely pots at the side of the rill, climbers trailing over various arches and now there is a romantic border. It is still evolving with little rooms and colour all through the year. A local sculptor and glass worker has made some lovely installations which sit in the rill and are lit at night, very spectacular. The garden has been open for the NGS since 2014 and over 3 days they had over a thousand visitors. We saw a photo of a group of visitors on one of the open days and a very miserable lady in the background was so funny! The garden is amazing and will be open again in August this year. How they have achieved so much in a really short space of time is truly remarkable. In addition they had the house updated, gluttons for punishment! Adrian answered questions after the talk and everyone said how they enjoyed the evening.

No one spotted the deliberate mistake last month regarding dates for our day trips. The first one is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June (and not 15<sup>th</sup> as stated) when we will visit Hanbury Hall and Gardens, near Droitwich, in the morning then on to Spetchley Park Gardens near Worcester in the afternoon. Both of these have superb gardens and well worth visiting. The cost is £25 and we leave the Village Hall at 9.30am and Spetchley at 6.00pm and will be back in about an hour. The second one is an all day trip to Sherborne Castle and Gardens where there is a Capability Brown exhibition to mark the 300 years since his birth. The gardens and the castle are amazing and the cost for this is only £26.50. Leave Village Hall at 8.30am and Sherborne at 5.00pm. If anyone wants a good day out, being driven there and back, and excellent value do please contact me as unfortunately the trips are not very well subscribed this year and it would be lovely to welcome some new faces, I look forward to hearing from you.

Here are a few suggestions for visits in April, all NGS so a very worthwhile cause. On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> there are 2 gardens open in Stretton on Fosse not far from here, from 2.00 to 6.00pm and the cost is £6. Bridge Nursery near Napton is open each Thursday to Sunday from 14<sup>th</sup> April for the NGS scheme from 10.00am to 4.00pm and cost is only £2.50 plus tea. Don't forget that this is one of the nurseries who lets us have discount so please do go along and give your support. On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Bretforton Manor near Evesham post code WR 11 7JA will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm and cost is £6. Lots to see and enjoy here; it has been recently redesigned and has many interesting features including stocks and a cider barn. Kiftsgate Court near Chipping Campden will open for NGS on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00 to 6.00pm and cost is £8. This garden is home to the famous Kiftsgate rose and is gardened entirely by lady gardeners of 3 generations. For something nostalgic the garden of the late Rosemary Verey at Barnsley House near Cirencester, post code GL7 5EE, will be open on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am to 4.30pm and the cost is £5.50. Lastly (do I hear a sigh of relief!) there will be 10 gardens open in Blockley near Moreton in Marsh post code, GL56 9DB, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> from 2.00 to 6.00pm and cost is £6. Mill Dene garden which we visited a few years ago is one of the gardens featured. Blockley is a lovely village with a stream flowing through it. All of the gardens mentioned have teas too.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Tom Hauley room at 8.00pm when Roger Umplesby will be talking about weeds, useful, beautiful but unloved. Then the last meeting of this season will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May when Helen Picton who recently got married, will be visiting us again and this time her talk is entitled Old Court Nurseries, a potted History. It is her family's nursery and is of course well known for the collection of asters and she will be bringing along plants for sale. So a lot to look forward to and enjoy. I hope to see everyone at the meetings. Do come along if you are new to the village or have not been to a meeting before, we have an excellent talk followed by a brilliant raffle and refreshments. Enjoy the lighter evenings and dare I say warmer weather.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

Have you noticed how much established native hedging has been removed recently? It seems that whenever I drive anywhere these days there are more and more hawthorn and blackthorn cut down to the ground. It used to be farmers who were accused of destroying hedges but now its all in the name of 'progress' for all the new housing estates being put up by developers. Certainly the birds will suffer; there will be fewer nesting sites for them. But these places also offer the right environment for many creatures. Okay, the developers will probably plant some new shrubs (or maybe they won't) but in the meantime what will happen to all this wildlife? This is where you can help....plant some evergreen shrubs of your own and think twice before removing trees and shrubs from your garden especially at this time of year.

Busy time of the year ahead.....

Weeds need removing....sow radish, spinach, and lettuce....sow runner beans, cucumber and courgettes in a greenhouse.....put stakes round some of the taller growing perennials, if the soil has warmed up try using nematodes to control slugs, there are likely to be plenty this year....even the smallest garden can have some alpine plants and they are easy to grow.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*  
*[www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)*



## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March the morning was clear and sunny as I walked up Mill Street for the daily paper. Squinting into the low sun, my cap tipped forward as a visor, I heard several jackdaws squabbling before I saw the birds. They were inspecting a chimney pot as a potential nest site. They are the smallest of our crows which are all part of the family Corvidae. The jackdaw's ash grey head makes it instantly recognisable.

With high pressure and continental weather due to give way to more traditional rain-bearing clouds from the west by the end of the week, the outdoors beckoned. However the U3A Natural History Group had booked the Tom Hauley Room and lined up Graham Robson to show us his latest DVD. This was entitled 'Wildlife around Marton 2015' and showed a cornucopia of species with excellent photography and commentary. Rarities included the Turtle Dove and Avocet but the main message was the stunning variety of wildlife that can be seen close to home. The DVD is available priced £10 from Graham - call 01926 632260. Income is donated to Myton Hospice. Since starting making films eight years ago Graham has raised £15,000.

Sharon and I have recently been privileged to have a holiday in Malta. With the temperature approaching 20C we saw butterflies on the wing including Painted Lady (*Cynthia cardui*). This insect can survive in frost free environments south of the Alps. We only see them here from May onwards when the population explodes in the Mediterranean basin.

We went by ferry to the smaller island of Gozo and visited the UNESCO World Heritage site at Dwjra. Here, the Tertiary era sedimentary rock on the coast has weathered into sea caves, tunnels, arches and stacks. These rocks were laid down some 24 million years ago and abound with fossil sea urchins and bivalves. Offshore is an island known as Fungus Rock. Here a strange plant can be found growing. It appears to be a fungus but is in fact a parasitic flowering plant. It has no chlorophyll and relies on its host such as Tamarisk for nutrients. It had a wide variety of uses in European, Arabic and Chinese herbal medicine. DNA suggests it is related to Stonecrops. Its Latin name is *Cynomarium coccineus*. Google will tell you more.

Cycling back from Southam today (Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March) I stopped by Bascote Wood and took a short stroll along its southern edge. Plenty of Bluebell leaves but just two flowers. Soon it will be a glorious sea of blue. Dog's Mercury was in flower and plenty of Primroses. In the hedge were a fine group of Wood Anemones. Some hedgerow hawthorn is leafing up and sticky buds unfurling to reveal small, pale green Horse Chestnut leaves. With increasing daylight and some warmth, winter is in retreat.

Last year Trish and Brian Harrison found a perfect Woodcock on their patio. Possibly it had become disorientated by the work in Harbury cutting and flown into a window. After debate I took the dead bird to a taxidermist at Ebrington. The good news is that another Woodcock, very much alive, has been seen at Harbury Spoilbank Nature Reserve. More reports please.



## General Section



### Harbury "Knitwits" Appeal for knitting wool

We are a group who meet on a Monday afternoon and knit for various good causes. These include hats for Mission for Seafarers, baby clothes for Warwick Hospital Premature Baby Unit, "huggy blankets" for abused children and knee blankets for disabled people. We also drink tea and have a good chat!

We urgently need more WOOL!! Any colour any ply!! If you have any wool lurking in a cupboard or loft that you would like to donate please ring Barbara on 01926 613555.

Many thanks for reading this.

**Barbara Thistlethwaite**



### Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

Our AGM which was held in March confirmed Sharon Hancock as Chair and Nicola Thompson as Treasurer. Thanks to the generosity of people in our community we now have over 3,000 books in our own Harbury Village Library Blue Label Collection, in addition to the extensive rotating stock provided by Warwickshire County Council. You can now browse this collection online by going to our website and, if you click on the "Request Book" link against an entry in the online catalogue, we will get the book ready for you and email you to let you know when it is available.

We would like to thank Bob Sherman for his work on the newly cleared ground at the front of the building, and look forward to seeing the results of the planting later in the year.

If you know a few tunes and can read a nice tale then you could be just the person we are looking for. Our previous *Tunes and Tales* leader ran a well-attended group, supported by 5-10 babies and toddlers, every Wednesday at 10am for about half an hour in term time. This was a great service for the village which provided young children with an introduction to the library, more business for the café and a short break for busy mums and other carers. Not to mention entertainment for all the Biblio's and Library staff! If you think you or someone you know could help, please contact us as shown below.

It is hard to believe, but it is now nearly four years since Harbury Village Library re-opened its doors as a Community Library entirely run by volunteers from the village. A good time to reflect and look to the future, so watch this space next month for a review of the Library and its varied facilities and activities – some may surprise you!

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Telephone: 01926 258776

**Janice Montague**



## **Dance & Movement Class**

Arts Uplift is proud to present its first Grown Up and Wiggles under 5s dance and movement class starting in Harbury at The Tom Hauley Room, next to the Church, on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 10-11am.

The classes are aimed at children aged 18 months plus up until school age and they need to be walking. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to give it a go. The classes are fun, interactive, creative and will keep you fit.

This class if successful will be the first of many in the Warwickshire area with Alcester being the next one to launch.

Jenny Davis, Director of Arts Uplift says "As a parent myself I found it difficult to exercise and keep fit when my child was under five, as she was always there. I couldn't afford the gym and the local leisure centres didn't offer crèche facilities, so I thought why not offer something where your child can come with you and they can get something out of it also!"

For more information see advert in the magazine and to book contact Jenny Davis 07946 585978 jenny.artservice@icloud.com or like my facebook page facebook.com/artsuplift

**Jenny Davis**



## **Beekeeping Taster Day, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers hold an annual Beekeeping Taster Day. Apart from background information about bees, the event covers practical considerations: equipment required, where to obtain it and costs, the annual beekeeping husbandry process and how much time it takes, and where bees can be kept.

Provided the weather is suitable, delegates have an opportunity to handle bees (but certainly don't have to!). The cost is £23 per person.

This year the Taster Day will be at Bourton Hall, Nr Rugby on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

There is an online booking form at [www.warleambees.org](http://www.warleambees.org)

If you have any queries about the Beekeeping Taster Day ring Tim Foden on 01926 632388 or email [tim\\_foden@hotmail.com](mailto:tim_foden@hotmail.com)

**John Stringer 613214**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

### **Summer Outing**

This year we have decided to head east for our trip and we will be going to Cambridge. The trip will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** and we will be leaving the Village Hall at 8.30am.

Quoting from the Cambridge tourism website it says:

*"Be inspired by the many beautiful museums and art galleries. Admire the beautiful architecture and majestic college buildings.*

*Explore quaint passages set around the historic market place and colleges, where a unique and relaxing shopping experience can be found. Here a blend of independent shops is mingled with high street brands.*

*Relax in the many beautiful pubs, restaurants and cafes."*

We will be sending out invitations in April or early May. So we can get a good idea of the number of people who will be coming we would like you to return them to Mugleston's Country Fayre by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**.

More details will follow in the coming months but if you want to know anything about the outing please contact Julie Clarke on 612066 or me on 612421.

Thank you all for your support at the THR coffee morning in March. We raised £208.

**Mike McBride**

**On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



### **Zadok the Priest comes to Harbury, on 11<sup>th</sup> June**

On the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June there will be celebrations up and down the country for Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Harbury intends to play its part with a concert in Church presented by the Warwickshire Singers:-

### **Music for a Royal Birthday**

All Saints' Church, Harbury, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 6:00 pm, Tickets £5.

The concert will last about an hour. Everyone welcome. If you want more information, please contact Andrew Patrick ([andrewpharbury@gmail.com](mailto:andrewpharbury@gmail.com)).

**Andrew Patrick**



## **Support your local pharmacy**

The Pharmacy in High Street is collecting signatures, which will be collated and sent to the National Pharmacy Association to register community opposition to a Government proposal to close some local pharmacies. The Department of Health has 'announced cuts to pharmacies and is also proposing a number of supposed efficiencies, including large scale automated dispensing'. The petition is an important part of the campaign to retain the community pharmacy network, particularly in rural areas, as many older patients would find it extremely difficult to travel to the nearest town in order to obtain a prescription.

The Pharmacy in Harbury has become a vital part of the village services and the two pharmacists who operate the prescription service are highly regarded for their efforts in ensuring that all patients have a speedy response to any request. Suresh and Manesh have become a by-word amongst villagers for their efficient service and the manner in which they attend to the concerns of anyone who needs further explanation about the medicines they are taking. Their concern for their customers is paramount and the friendly atmosphere engendered in the shop makes a visit there a pleasurable experience.

It's therefore vital that each patient who visits the shop signs the petition which is on the counter, as each signature will count towards the aim of retaining country-wide pharmacies for the benefit of the community. For further information about the proposals, the NPA has a direct line on 01727 800511 or queries may be emailed to [independentsvoice@npa.co.uk](mailto:independentsvoice@npa.co.uk)

**Chris Finch**



## **Art Classes**

The art classes are going very well and there will be more time slots on offer in September. A complete beginner class will take place on Monday mornings 10am - 12 noon.

I will be doing painting demonstrations on several days during the Warwickshire Open Studios in my studio. Anyone interested can come along and see what we get up to.

For parents of children of an artistic nature, I am also creating time to host children's parties. These will be specifically designed around the age group and number of children.

Contact Jan Freeman on 07746 871134 / [janfreemanartist@mac.com](mailto:janfreemanartist@mac.com) for further information.

**Jan Freeman**





## Village Show

The schedules for the Show on 10<sup>th</sup> September are now finalised and will soon be available in the Library.

The new vegetable judge from last year made some suggestions which are incorporated; please check carefully and also refer to the R.H.S. handbook which will be available in the Library with "On with the Show" and the amended rules for the Top Tray.

The Show is about much more than fruit and vegetables, and it would be great to have more entries in the art and craft sections. And Bake Off will have nothing on us; look out for a new class for the men to cook!

**Gillian Hare**  
**Steering Group**



## Harbury Energy Initiative

### Fair to share

I have now been told at three conferences that the world has moved on from an ownership based economy to a sharing economy. What they are referring to is the emergence quite rapidly of billion dollar businesses such as AirBnB, a company that owns no resources but earns revenue from people who are prepared to share their houses with others for income. People are now sharing parking spaces in cities, their cars as taxis in order to make or save money; and we all share information on social media, sometimes rather more than is desirable. HEI has a data projector. We would be happy to share that for a small (or large) donation. The money will go towards our e-Wheels project. But no, you can't share my credit card.

### Harbuddies

The recent E-Car Club deal of £25 life membership with £15 of free drive time was attractive enough to bring in 5 or 6 new members. Welcome! We are aware that the unplugging and especially the re-plugging part of the process when using the cars can seem complicated. For that reason we have put a step by step guide in each car and we are introducing two ideas to support people who are a little unsure of what to do or are on their maiden run. On Saturday mornings from 11am to 12 noon a volunteer member will be in the Library to deal with any questions and to go through the processes on one of the cars. In addition we are now trialing a Harbuddy scheme where more experienced members will support new members at a mutually convenient time.

If you want to know more about either of those ideas contact us on [info@harburyenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@harburyenergy.co.uk).



## **e-Wheels appreciated**

e-Wheels has now passed 160 hours of free transport provided to people in the community who would otherwise be unable for financial reasons to get to often critically important appointments. One of the agencies recently wrote to us:

*"This is a relatively new service which has been a real help to some of our folks who use the Foodbank on a regular basis. Trips have been made possible for all sort of reasons that otherwise would not have been so. Using electric cars must be better for reducing carbon emissions as well as providing a clean and friendly service for vulnerable folks who struggle with everyday common issues of getting from A to B. I can't praise the volunteers enough for all they have done. Society too often excludes these folks from getting anything good to look forward to but the availability of transport is a major plus factor for each of them. Getting to mental health clinics, doctors, dental & optician appointments really makes a difference. Living in rural parts of south Warwickshire transport is both costly and infrequent therefore e-Wheels has been a lifeline. Thank you for all you do and the difference you have made in lives."*

## **Shared on air**

Today at lunchtime I joined Brody Swain on air on 'Brody's Bunch' on BBC CWR. I didn't really get the opportunity on that, very enjoyable as it was, to talk about what HEI does. Maybe next time. On the other hand I was asked to take part in a speed information session at the major national event 'Smarter Travel Live' in Milton Keynes, where our little car club and e-Wheels social transport scheme were the focus of quite a lot of interest. Our own attention in HEI has to be directed strongly now to raising the funds to keep the project going. If you can help or have any ideas do share them with us.

## **Coming this month**

This month we are delighted to have the opportunity to show, on separate occasions, the Bishop of Warwick and the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire what we are doing in the local community. As most of you will know the Lord Lieutenant is visiting Harbury on 16<sup>th</sup> April for Harbury Celebration Day and HEI is proud to be a part of that with the electric cars playing a prominent role transporting the Lord Lieutenant and the Chair of Warwickshire County Councils from their homes to Harbury. You could say that we are giving the event a bit of a lift - but it might be wise not to.

Also later this month we start our environment focused programme with the church. Please note that on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> May there will be two talks, open to all and free to attend, one by Godfrey Armitage, the recently appointed Diocesan Environment Officer, and one by organic farmer, eco-house builder and electric car driver George Browning. I can promise that it will not be dry liturgical stuff but food for thought. Do come and bring your point of view.



## Blood Donors

I am sorry to have to tell you that the session in March was the last one in Harbury. The Blood Service has decided to maximize their resources by concentrating on fewer venues with larger sessions. We shall be contacted and offered alternatives; probably Southam or Leamington will be our nearest. I know these will not be so convenient, but we are all aware of the people whose need for blood products threatens their healthy recovery, so I hope most of us can make the extra effort. Meanwhile, an enormous thank you to all. The last session was attended by 107 volunteers, of whom 96 could make a donation – a brilliant finale!

**Gillian Hare**



## Prepare for Carnival - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

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

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

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

Trade Float, Independent Float, Children's Float

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead

Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons,

Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons

Walking Tableau Family

Walking Tableau Adults

Walking Adult, Walking Child



The Parade will be led as usual by the Shirley Pipe Band

Get your creative ideas up and running and prepare to make this a Parade to be hoorayed.

To book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 or email: [mike\\_mcbride@talk21.com](mailto:mike_mcbride@talk21.com)

(Games and equipment available on a first come first served basis).



Southam's main High Street will be closed to traffic during the market, so everyone can enjoy the event in a safe environment. Southam's businesses, pubs and cafés are being encouraged to open during the market and join in with French-themed displays, offers and activities.

**Pam McConnell**  
**Southam First**



## **Southam College Community Education**

Southam College Community Education Centre offers a varied programme of courses, both daytime and evening, in Southam and surrounding villages.

Summer term classes commence week starting 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. Leaflets will be available from local libraries, shops and leisure centre or visit our page on the Southam College website <http://www.southamcollege.com/CommEd1>. For further information, please contact us on 01926 810942 or email [commmed.s@welearn365.com](mailto:commmed.s@welearn365.com)

Like Southam College on Facebook for updates and links to our programme.

**Sue Hawthorn**  
**Southam College Community Education Centre**  
**Tel: (01926) 810942**



## **LETTERS TO THE EDITORS**

**Dear Editors**

**Mike Grimes**

*Izzy and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and practical support during the difficult time whilst Mike was in hospital and after his death. We were overwhelmed by the messages of sympathy and flowers received and the endless prayers offered for us.*

*A special thanks also to Rev Craig and Rev Ann who conducted Mike's Memorial Service and made it a very special day for us.*

**Izzy Grimes**



**Dear Editors**

*To the father and son who were looking for a missing drone lost in Hall Lane in the last few weeks, this has now been found. Please call so we can arrange to get it back to you.*

*Thanks.*

**Kathy Sampson (07961 543921)**

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**Dear Editors**

*Please can we invite nominations for the Spirit of Harbury award 2016. The award in memory of John Hunt, recognises those people who help make Harbury special - generally through the generous application of their time.*

*It is heartwarming that that so many people are nominated each year and to learn of how their actions positively impact live in the village. Regrettably though there is only one award each year but we do keep a record of everybody put forward.*

*Please send the name and a few details of the person you would like to put forward to [alisonmhunt@icloud.com](mailto:alisonmhunt@icloud.com) or call 612931.*

*Thank you.*

**Alison, Andrew and Steven Hunt**

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***This is a shorter version of a letter that Peter Rollason has sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council and he asked if it could also be published in the Harbury & Ladbroke News.***

**Dear Chairman****Re Proposed Alteration to the Bus Route**

*I read with some concern the article published in the March edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News concerning the alteration of the bus route in Harbury. I was led to believe that proper consultation would be conducted but understand that the only consultation appears to be the response to the article in the Harbury and Ladbroke News. Please note that not everybody reads this publication and many bus users who come to Harbury, come from outside the village and will, therefore, not be aware of the proposals at all.*

*I acknowledge, as someone who lives on Farm Street, that I'm open to a charge of "nimbyism"; however nothing could be further from the truth. My concerns are for the good of the village in general.*

*As to my reasons for the objection:*

*Firstly, I think it absolutely essential that the bus should pass through the centre of the village for the benefit of the shops and pubs situated in the*

*middle of the village. It seems quite obvious to me that moving the bus stop to the cemetery would impact on all the shops. The finances of all village businesses are always difficult and if we were to lose any of them then Harbury would be so much the poorer. The current layby is solely dedicated to the use of the buses whereas the layby at the cemetery is often used by people tending graves and by funeral directors when conducting burials and interments.*

*Secondly, Park Lane is often used to park a large number of cars at the beginning and the end of the school day and throughout Saturday mornings for well over 150m making passage by car, and certainly by bus, difficult in the extreme. The cemetery layby is also very close to the sharp bend and visibility is not good at all.*

*Thirdly, Farm Street is far from ideal for the passage of buses. On-street parking during the day and particularly at the end of and beginning of each day and in the evenings is very prevalent. This is particularly so that the north end and on many occasions I have had to reverse to allow someone turning into Farm Street from Binswood End to proceed up the hill. At other times, cars have to wait half across Binswood End if more than one is trying to enter Farm Street. The terraced houses at this point have no alternative parking facilities. This hill is often icy in winter and the visibility there is very limited. During muck spreading and silage making, Farm Street is used by large tractors and trailers making two-way traffic difficult. The farmers would have no alternative route whereas the buses do.*

*I fully acknowledge that Chapel Street also suffers problems but it I cannot see, in the light of the issues set out above, that changing the route will not have any other effect but to just transfer the problems and, if anything, exacerbate them.*

*Having lived in the village for 33 years, I have only admiration for the way the Parish Council has conducted itself and I have every confidence that the councillors will approach this issue as they appear to have done so in the past. I would merely urge caution here and request that prior to any decision being made, if indeed that involves an element of change, proper consultation takes place and due consideration is given to the views of all those who respond .*

*Many thanks,*

**Peter Rollason**

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### **Dear Editors**

*I am writing to express my support for the re-routing of the bus service away from the most congested street in the village, Chapel St. Our terraced housing, splendid shops and magnificent pub mean that legal parking is usually at a premium but add to this deliveries, double yellow line parking and a pinch point where the street narrows and you have a problem.*

*Unless you live in Chapel St you are probably unaware of how often there is a complete jam of vehicles caused by a bus that is not able to get through. So the bus company, all those who have had cars damaged and those who have wandered the street searching for the owner of the blocking vehicle will all be delighted by this overdue and common sense solution.*

**Nick Tawney**

**Chapel St, Harbury**

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**Dear Editors**

**Re proposed changes to the bus route**

*Before the Parish Council decide on changes to the proposed bus route, I would like to highlight some of my concerns regarding the suggested stops at the cemetery and the bottom of Bush Heath Lane.*

*Vulnerable members of the community waiting for the bus at an isolated spot will not be able to access help as readily, as there is nowhere close for them to seek assistance. If there are any difficulties with regard to personal safety, Mill Street has shops open till late and there are pubs nearby, so there is a continuous public presence in the later hours.*

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service
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4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
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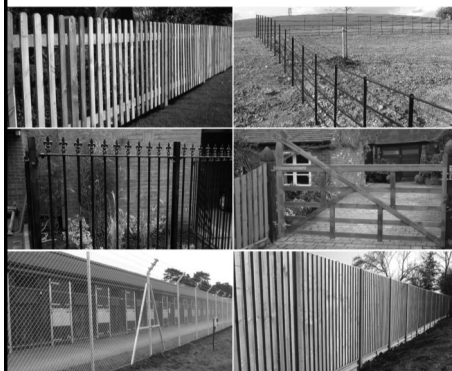
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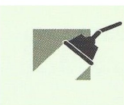
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