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## Editorial



Our editorial photograph shows 'Village Crier' John Travis talking to the Lord Lieutenant Tim Cox, and local man Deputy Lord Lieutenant Joe Greenwell, at the recent opening of the Village Hall extension. The ceremony went off very well and well done to the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work with the arrangements.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May there are the elections for the Police and

Crime Commissioner; do use this democratic opportunity to elect the Commissioner for the next four years. The polling stations in Harbury and Ladbroke are at the usual locations.

Harbury Carnival and the preceding pub games week are fast approaching, so get your stall booked, floats prepared and your team ready for all the fun.

It is sad to report that Alice Wilkins who had lived for many years in Dickens Road before moving into a residential home, recently passed away at the grand old age 100. She was well known in the village and a great character too.

## Harbury Diary

### MAY

Sun

#### 1 EASTER VI

Eucharist Service, 9.00am

Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by food & refreshments

Taizé Service, 6.00pm

Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon

#### 2 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Tues

#### 3 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall

Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room -

Helen Picton, Potted History - Old Court Nurseries

- Wed 4 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
Bluebell wood at Wootton Wawen (4½ miles-hilly)  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - "Women in  
Water Aid"  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 5 Police and Crime Commissioner voting, 7.00am-10.00pm in  
Village Hall  
**ASCENSION DAY**  
Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00am, Harbury Village Library  
Eucharist Service at **Ladbroke** 7.30pm  
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Fri 6 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 7 Coffee morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of  
Harbury Society
- Sun 8 EASTER VII**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00-5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 9 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 10 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
Bluebells Oakley Wood – Ashorne (3 miles-flat)  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00am, Harbury Village Library  
Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm in Farley Room of Village Hall  
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room – Resolution Meeting
- Fri 13 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 14 Coffee morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of  
Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.
- Sun 15 PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Annual Fun ride and Horse Blessing, 11.30am-2.30pm,  
Chesterton Church
- Mon 16 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 17 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm

- Wed 18 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Snitterfield - Welcome Monument (4 miles)  
Connections Café, for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers, 2.00pm, Harbury Village Library  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00am, Harbury Village Library  
Theatre Group "Bags of Laughter" production, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 20 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Theatre Group "Bags of Laughter" production, 7.30pm in Village Hall  
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- Sat 21 Coffee morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of GASS to include presentation of the 'Spirit of Harbury' Award  
Theatre Group "Bags of Laughter" production, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 22 TRINITY SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 23 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 24 WI Group Outing  
Antique Valuation Event with Adrian Rathbone, specialising in Fine Art, Paintings and General Antiques, 4.00-6.30pm, Harbury Village Library  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 25 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Farnborough - Avon Dassett (4½ miles hilly with stiles)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00 pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Tunes & Tales, 10.00am, Harbury Village Library  
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM  
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 27 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 28 Coffee morning, 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Church work with children

**Sun 29 TRINITY I**

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

**Mon 30 SPRING BANK HOLIDAY****Tues 31** Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall

Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

**JUNE****Wed 1** Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -

Stretton on Dunsmore with pub meal (5 miles)

Holy Communion, 2.00pm

M.U. Meeting, 2.30 pm, Tom Hauley Room, "Street Pastors in Leamington Spa"

**Thurs 2** Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

Tunes &amp; Tales, 10.00am, Harbury Village Library

Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club

**Sat 4** Coffee morning 10.00am-12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Twinning Association

Ufton Village Fete, 2.00-4.00pm, the White Hart, Ufton

**Sun 5 TRINITYII**


Eucharist Service, 9.00am

Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food &amp; refreshments

Evening Service, 6.00pm

Wheelbarrow Race, race begins 1.00pm from the Shakespeare

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

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
<b>May</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	4	6	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	11	13	Grey Bin
	18	20	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	25	27	Grey Bin
<b>June</b>	1	3	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	8	10	Grey Bin
	15	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins



## From the Rector

**Reverend Craig Grocock**

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

### **'God Stuff' in the pub!**

I write this having enjoyed a great evening in the Gamecock yesterday with around a dozen other people. We met in the pub to simply have a drink and talk about God, simply that. It was really good to be able to just talk and let the conversation take us anywhere. We discussed what God means to us, what image we have of him, the Big Bang and why Jesus and Christianity and not one of the other faiths?

I believe that whilst many people might not want to attend churches in this country for various reasons, there is still a strong interest for many in spirituality and spiritual things. In my experience, many people are longing for stillness, peace and the opportunity to find ways of connecting with themselves and finding more to life. We are all leading increasingly busy and frantic lives and because of this we are in grave danger of losing ourselves.

Having the opportunity to meet up informally over a beer for a chat about God stuff, about real purpose and meaning to life may resonate with you as you read this. We are going to have another evening like this very soon. You would be more than welcome to come along and join us. There is no such thing as a bad or stupid question. Come with your doubts, your scepticism, your curiosity or just to listen if you want. If you are interested in the next evening do give me call so I can let you know of the date when we set it.

Hope to see you there.

## **From the Registers**

### *Funeral*

13<sup>th</sup> April     Alice Wilkins (aged 100 years)

### *Baptism*

10<sup>th</sup> April     Alfie Miles-Bench

10<sup>th</sup> April     James Collett

10<sup>th</sup> April     Abigail Miles





## From the Churchwardens

Elaine & John

Well it looks as if Spring has well and truly arrived, just as another eventful year in the church calendar has come to an end. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April we held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) during which time various reports are given, and elections and appointments are made for the forthcoming year. As a result, for this coming year there will be a change in Churchwardens. John Guilford will remain as Churchwarden but Elaine Barnden will be stepping down and Liz McBride will take on the role. We are sure that many of you already know Liz from her involvement in various other village activities and her spells as Churchwarden in previous years - she can be contacted on 612421. We wish her well in picking up this responsibility again.

We are still working hard at improving all our communication practices both within and outside church. Our work on the 8 Essential Qualities of Growing Churches continues, and further information and updates will be posted on the website over the next few weeks. We have also now set up a dedicated email address for you to send comments and suggestions that will help us improve any aspect of our church life - [communication@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:communication@allsaintsharbury.org). All messages will be responded to.

Memorial Garden-wise, as you know, we have removed the tree and are now looking for help with the groundworks. We are planning to appoint a firm of contractors in this respect but offers of help with labouring, gardening, planting, building or pledges of money to help us complete the works would be most welcome. If you feel you can help in any of these respects, please contact [fabric@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:fabric@allsaintsharbury.org)

All Saints has a small group of individuals to organise various social events run by the church - the main ones being the Harvest Supper and Christmas Fayre, though a number of smaller events also come under this umbrella. We really are a small group and would welcome other volunteers from the village - and this would not mean that you would be committed for every event. If you would like to be more involved on the social side of things please contact Sally Stringer (613214).

And finally an update on our service activities:



The next Messy Church will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> May and we will be exploring the Pentecost story which will include crafts about fire and light and an opportunity to dance and sing – all very messily! Please do come along with your family for a fun way to meet with God, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration – as the photos below show.



Our next Saints Alive on 15<sup>th</sup> May will also focus on the theme of Pentecost.

Saints Alive is our informal communion service:

Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month

10.30am – service lasts for approx. 45 minutes

Modern worship style.....family friendly.....informal atmosphere.... and cake afterwards!

All ages welcome!

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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Thank you to all who supported the Bread and Broth lunch, which raised £104. This will enable us to make a donation to the work of Diocesan Action and Outreach Group.

Members have attended the Lady Day service at Southam and a members' evening at Stoneleigh.

Future Dates: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – A deanery get together at Whitnash with a beetle drive and fish and chip supper. Cost £6.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – A quiet day at Rugby.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Mary Sumner day tea at Whitnash.

Our April meeting was delighted to be addressed by our new diocesan President, Jane Hill. She has been an M.U. member for only ten years. Prior to that, in her life as a special needs teacher, she didn't see its relevance to her. She then moved to work for the international charity CORD and visited Burundi and South Sudan. There, she saw the significance of the work of M.U., whose membership saw women empowered to becoming accepted in leadership roles acknowledged by men. She spoke about her vision for M.U, branches in a changing world, quoting our Lord as the vine and we as the branches. As such we can bear fruit in the fellowship in faith with each other and sharing God's love in our communities.

Our next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May will feature a talk about Water Aid. All welcome: 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room after 2pm communion.



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

## 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 & Crime Commissioner, Village Hall  
Ascension Day Service, 7.30pm

Sat 7 Live & Local: Mumbo Jumbo Troubadors and Raconteurs, doors open 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 8 Easter 6

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Mon 9 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Wed 11 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Thurs 12 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 14 Millennium Green Working Party, 9.30am, Millennium Green  
Coffee morning by Ladbroke WI, 10 am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room, Harbury

### Sun 15 Pentecost

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Wed 18 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK

Sat 21 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 22 Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 25 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Homegroup, 8pm, venue TBC

Thurs 26 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM

Sat 28 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 29 Trinity 1

Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am

## JUNE

Wed 1 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 2 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 4 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 5 Trinity 2

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments



## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

Our memorial book recording the names of *"neighbours, friends and loved ones who have enriched the lives of those who worship at Ladbroke Church or come here to remember them"* is now on the chest at the front of the south aisle. If you wish to have a name added or spot anything needing correction, please let me know.

In the last week of April we had our annual meetings and started a renewed focus on our *All Saints for all generations* campaign. There was a service on stewardship and the use of our time, talents and money and a special evening of prayer. We met at church and around the building found information and other prompts to point us towards different aspects of Ladbroke church life. These materials will remain in church to help all who would like to thank God for His faithfulness through the generations and to seek his blessing on our current needs, including the £250,000 required for building repairs. It is said "God knows where the money is - it's in our pockets!" so can I thank everyone who has generously donated to the fund raising campaign since it started. Also on the fund raising front we have been given a few suggestions of people who might be invited to form a team and will be speaking to them soon but more volunteers and additional suggestions are always welcome.

Finally, if you want to get any photogenic pictures of the church in the next few months please take them by 22<sup>nd</sup> May before the repairs, supported by the Government's Roof Repair Fund grant, start. Whilst these are happening there may be limited access to the inside of the church during the week, but services will not be affected.

## Flower Rota

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Laura Taylor
8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Kate Todman
29 <sup>th</sup> May & 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Betty Winkfield



## Ladbroke Annual Village Meeting

Jackie West

Welcoming approximately 20 villagers to the meeting, Derek Batty, Chairman of Ladbroke Parish Council reminded us that it was the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ladbroke Parish Council, it having first met in 1896. He thanked Jane Cove for being the parish clerk for the last 8 years and introduced Kirsty Buttle our

new clerk. We have four Parish Councillors, that is Derek plus Val Copley, Martin Neal and Phil Maffey and if anyone is interested in joining them we are allowed five so one more person could be co-opted.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - It had been a quiet year crime-wise, the marking session in the pub car park had marked over 400 items and if anyone had further items to be marked and wished to borrow the marking set they should contact Jim Laidler.

**HS2 Action Group** - as planned, the Ladbroke Action Group had formally finished and its funds distributed to the Alibone Trust, Village Hall and Millennium Green.

**Parish Council** - Our precept is £5,000 and the expenses were mainly for the clerk, street lights, insurance and grants to the village hall. The cost of the defibrillator was met by a grant. The ongoing saga and frustration regarding flood prevention had continued; £50,000 was allocated to Ladbroke but the balancing pond is not being progressed. Property level assessments were conducted last year and eventually reported but are considered "hardly worth the paper they were written on" and it was ironic that the only place that flooded a few weeks ago - the village hall - was not assessed! The council are seeking full details of the suggested new culvert that we are told will remove all but three properties from flood risk for £65,000. WCC Councillor, Bob Stevens is also asking for accurate costs and identification of a source for the additional £15,000, hopefully we will get the information by the May meeting of the Parish Council.

There had been a meeting about having a Neighbourhood Plan but as only one volunteer came forward this is not being progressed. The last housing needs survey was in 2008 so another is due but not being progressed at present. Over the last year the council considered a number of planning applications for trees, new homes, conversions and extensions within the parish and for major developments beyond our boundaries. The defibrillator was obtained. The Parish Council have been involved with HS2 activities, particularly since the local action group finished and Derek has five memory sticks with the content of the Hybrid Bill updates (five pallets of paper documents were refused!). The Bill is expected to go through the House of Lords by Christmas and work to start in 2017.

**WCC** - Bob Stevens has been our councillor since 1992 and last year was the chairman so had additional civic duties including citizenship ceremonies. He reported that local government is changing, with more responsibilities but less money. Some changes such as Harbury Library being run by volunteers have been a success but there is a limit to how far council and volunteer resources can stretch. Bob was also concerned about proposals for a West Midland Unitary Authority as this does nothing for rural districts and he consistently votes against it. The SDC Core Strategy had been agreed with the inspector, so future housing developments not included in it are less likely.

**SDC** - see points on previous page.

**Alibone Charity** - this distributes funds from renting out two fields off Radbourne Lane. Half of the money goes to the church and the non-ecclesiastical trustees gave grants to the Village Hall towards the AV system and new roof. After many years as the clerk, Geoff Lane retired and Mike Todman took up the role.

**Church** - Rev Craig started by saying that the church was not just for those that attend but for the whole community. Highlights last year included the Garden Party at The Old Rectory, the Clearance Sale at Sarah's Cottage, Heritage Open Days and Beer and Carols. The lowlight was having part of the roof stolen, though prompt detection by Betty and a tarp organised by Mark Teverson prevented the organ below being damaged. Craig thinks ours is a cracking church (in the best sense of the word), though it does need £250,000 for repairs too, so is looking to access and tap into people who can help - big hitters and big ideas, as well as the smaller ones. Craig finished his report by thanking us for being the people and village we are.

**Village Hall and Millennium Green** - Although two separate charities they have the same three trustees and one team - Ladbroke Matters - that maintains both and organises fund raising events. New members on the team are always welcome.

The HS2 action group, Alibone Trust, Parish Council, Tracy Lochhead and Allan Ballard were thanked for their support towards the new roof and improving the facilities at the Village Hall which hosts regular film nights (with great food thanks to the cooks), table tennis (more members welcome) and is hired by other groups and for parties etc as well as one off fund raising events like the Race Night, Quiz and Christmas Party (thanks to Clive and Angie Coleman).

On the Millennium Green the hedge had been laid, slabs in the play area relaid, the trim trail uprights stabilised and there was a new gate to make it more accessible (supplied by WCC but requiring a lot of hard work by volunteers to install). The labyrinth will be recut this year and when the fruit trees start yielding fruit in future this can be picked by villagers. The next Millennium Green working party will be on 14<sup>th</sup> May - all welcome.

**WI** - This is buoyant with 27 members and although the meeting day has changed to the first Thursday of the month, they enjoy the same varied programme of speakers, craft evenings and visits plus opportunities to join in activities and trips organised at area, county and national level.

**Photography Club** - this meets monthly, usually the first Tuesday. In the last year it has enjoyed talks, competitions, trips, meals and seeing new equipment. The club encourages visitors and guests and new members at every skill level. If you need further incentive, delicious cake is provided by one of the members.

**Whist** - Last year there were 36 whist drives with over six tables each time. Popularity has increased now the Village Hall is warmer and six new members from Banbury have decreased the average age.

**Bell Ringers** - It has been a good year. Mike Rigby the trainer from Lighthorne attends and the seven regulars are grateful to Don Darkes who steps in if they are short. The team are always looking to recruit more members. This year there were repairs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> bell, the cost of which was kept down by the ringers assisting.



## **Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute**

**Carol Lane**

At our April meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Ruth Smith involved us in her knowledge and expertise about life as a housekeeper in a Victorian household.

Her interest in this topic came as a result of talking to her grandmother who held that position from an early age, from a book which was in the possession of her husband's mother and from her own experience of family recollections.

Lizzie, her grandmother, started her working life as a maid and quickly gained experience and, when the opportunity arose, was promoted to housekeeper. Even at a young age, she must have been highly thought of, as she was loaned to the household of a bank manager as that family, having 7 children under the age of 9, were not coping. The older among us could almost smell the 'Napisan' buckets which would have been in great evidence with so many young children.

Ruth referred to the cookery books which were used at that time and we were amazed that anyone should bother to catch, pluck and remove the insides of 12 sparrows and larks (should you be able to find that many larks these days) to make a pie. We chose not to hear the recipe for cod's heads as none of us thought we would need it!

In the days before refrigeration, charcoal powder would be dusted over meat and poultry which had already 'gone off' to draw out the toxins before it was cooked and eaten.

When the household had no more need of the housekeeper, Lizzie was offered an apprenticeship in anything she chose, so she became a dressmaker.

Because there was so much more labour needed to run a house then, for example the endless stream of coal buckets needed to be taken to upstairs bedrooms, many fairly modest establishments employed servants. Although it was hard work, the life of a servant could be quite acceptable with the right employer.

Ruth also gives a talk about children in Victorian times and can be contacted on [ruthsmith5k@talktalk.net](mailto:ruthsmith5k@talktalk.net)

In the business meeting which followed, Dianne reported that six members had had a very enjoyable day at the Annual Federation meeting at Chesford Grange. The speakers were very good, especially Heather Jacks who won the Great Sewing Bee and Steve Brookes from CWR who gave us some excellent gardening tips (Dianne now has a tip to keep cats from misusing your garden if you ask her!)

### **Dates for your diary:**

23<sup>rd</sup> May, Fashion Show in Stockton. Clothes provided by Edinburgh Woollen Mill.

*(this is not a WI event but some members will be going and may be able to offer lifts)*

14<sup>th</sup> May, Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room. Usual offers of help on the day, cakes, raffle prizes, books and bric-a-brac are welcomed.

8<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm. Group meeting in Long Itchington. Tickets £3

25<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am – 1.00pm Singing for Fun in Federation House. £15



**Yorkshire Tea.** Could people please save the bar codes and give them to a WI member. Rotary works with the Wheelchair Foundation UK and they can use these to buy wheelchairs (Yorkshire Tea donates 10p for every 80 teabags).

**Next meeting.** Please note the change of date from the programme. It will now be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. This is our Resolutions meeting when we discuss the two resolutions to go forward to the NFWI meeting in June. There will be refreshments provided by the committee.

Dianne urged members to take a few minutes to read about this year's resolutions ready for the discussion and vote.

1. Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia. We call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that have been admitted into hospital.
2. Avoid food waste, address food poverty. The WI calls on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food on to charities thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK.

More information can be found on Dianne's e-mail to us all and from WI Life.



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 supper and film night held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April was once again a huge success with all 46 tickets sold. We had visitors from as far afield as London, Cornwall, and even Australia coming to enjoy our lasagne supper and to watch 'Bridge of Spies'. It was good to see other new faces too. Our next film and supper night is scheduled for **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** and we'll let you know soon what the film will be.



In the meantime, 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@ladbrokematters.uk](mailto:bookings@ladbrokematters.uk). 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.



You may recall that on 9<sup>th</sup> March we experienced some flash flooding in the area. Unfortunately, the Village Hall's toilet block suffered a minor flood on that day and although the toilets are still serviceable we are currently de-humidifying the area, and the carpets in the entrance hall will be replaced.

The defibrillator has now been installed next to the entrance door to the Village Hall. There is also some new lighting at the entrance to the hall from the road which automatically illuminates between dusk and dawn.



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 for March 2016:

£50	Malcolm Wray	£50	Carol and Peter Loftus
£25	Trevor Jay	£25	Jim and Pauline Laidler
£25	Sophie Kendall	£10	Graham Lewis
£10	Kip and Mif Warr	£10	Keith and Sandra Archer
£10	Mary Coley	£10	Martin and Debra Neal

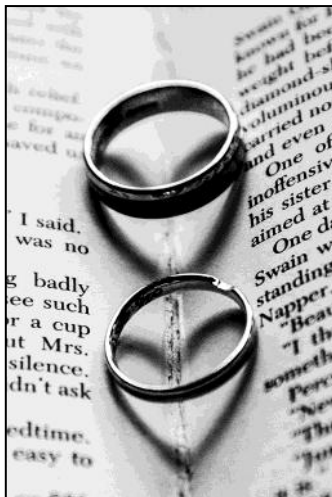
**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**

We had a real taste of the work of a professional photographer at our April meeting. Russell Griffiths has 32 years' experience, first as a part-time trainee wedding photographer, then a full-time employee and studio manager. He and his wife, Donna, set up Prestige Photography in Shirley in 1989 and they now specialise in portrait, wedding and commercial photography with a large studio for portraits and pets. His images of families just made you want to smile, but the seemingly informal - even haphazard - groups were actually carefully arranged (technical tip: try to arrange them to make triangular shapes). Weddings have been a staple of the business and they have now covered some five thousand ceremonies. The move to digital cameras has had a liberating effect. In the days of film cameras they would take about fifty photographs at a wedding, mainly of groups. Now they can take hundreds of shots so there is scope, not only for groups, but also for still life subjects, action shots and other ways to catch the romance and fun of the occasion (tip: be quick, don't let people get bored).



*Wedding Rings by  
Russell Griffiths*



Their commercial photography covers a variety of subjects: business events, new housing, conferences, food, sporting events and others. He showed how to get good shots of large groups (take from a high angle with a long lens - no-one can hide). Food photography is popular amongst the photographers because they can eat the dish after the shoot, though it has usually gone cold by then! (Use mashed potato instead of ice cream - it doesn't melt). He was official photographer for the Ryder Cup at the Belfry and was given the genuine gold cup to photograph; he kept it by his bed overnight to keep it safe (shiny metal is a difficult subject).



*Ryder Cup & Eagle*

During the question and answer session it became clear just how much planning goes into professional photography: golf courses look best in the early hours; locations must be selected carefully for informal wedding shots; standing someone next to dark vegetation can improve modelling in a portrait; watch out for unwanted shadows if the sun comes out. We are very grateful to Russell for his excellent talk and many suggestions for improving our techniques; time will tell whether we are able to implement them.

In May we shall be selecting pictures for this year's exhibition and in June we shall have another professional photographer speaking. 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)



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley**

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

## **March 2016**

The Chairman reported the existing Library Committee had been re-elected and that he and Bob Sherman were chasing the County Council for the Section 106 monies promised for the Library from the Plough Lane and Station Road developments. He was confident that the S106 contribution for the Bush Heath Lane development would also be forthcoming.

Councillor Gibb attended the Harbury School Governors' meeting where the predicted intake for September was expected to be around 24, which would mean substantially less funding. He then drew Councillors' attention to the

two recent accidents at the Bendigo Mitchell (Fosse) Crossroads, one of which resulted in a two hour closure. Councillor Ekins said a number of near-misses had been reported where impatient drivers had cut across vehicles turning right off the Fosse.

**Planning:** No representation was made by the Parish Council to a further application for three garage spaces at Stapenhall Farm; for tree felling at Temple Cottage and 8 Farm Street; demolition of an outhouse and building of a single storey rear extension at 3 Church Terrace and re-modelling Eastfields Farm, Deppers Bridge.

Stratford District had given permission for a loft conversion at The Bungalow, Chapel Street; demolition of outbuildings and erection of a side extension at Old Timbers, 28 Ivy Lane.

**Properties:** The playing field's junior swing seats will be replaced. The car park drainage channel and the jammed bollards have been repaired. Plans continue for the "Walking Route" round the playing fields which will be set up during the summer. The western side of the fields which was damaged by the Bonfire vehicles will cost £170 to restore and the Council hopes to find a solution that will prevent similar damage in the future.

The Hillside development has paid the £6,663 S106 monies and the Parish has six years in which to spend it on youth and adult recreational facilities. A climbing wall was suggested.

Councillor Summers reported that several people had congratulated her and the volunteers for their work tidying the Burial Grounds. There had been a good response to her appeal for bulbs, seeds and garden plants but these could not be planted until the ivy had been "got rid of". She had a quote of £475 for work on the "Wonky Burial Grounds Hedge". She wanted to have 35 metres pulled up initially, and Ascot fencing erected, to which the rest could be roped. However, Councillor Gibb wanted her to postpone this until after the bus route consultation.

Treasurer Tony Mancell reminded Councillor Summers that the PC was already committed to £2,250 for tree work and maintenance there this year. Colin Sheasby was due to do the next tree survey soon and would advise the Council whether trees needed replacing. A number of the large trees would be "finished" in the next 5-10 years and would need replacing so she wanted to save some of her funding for that.

There was discussion about the plans for the disposal of excess soil from the Burial Grounds which could be done by using the driveway to the west of the area, cutting through the hedge to drive a tractor and trailer into the area. Councillor Summers thought only one grave was likely to be affected as there were no other headstones but colleagues pointed out not all graves are marked. She would need to identify which graves would be impacted, put up notices and advise the relatives of her intentions.

The allotments still had some vacant plots which needed to be cleared of weeds and Michael Mann would be asked to quote for this work.

**Environment:** One of the Manor Road lights needed to be realigned.

Councillor Gibb reported a good response to the consultation on changing the route of buses through the village. This consultation closed on 15<sup>th</sup> April and he would present a paper on it at the next meeting when a decision on whether to implement the plan would be made.

**Finance and General Purposes:** Councillors dutifully noted and approved the Financial Report, the Bank Standing Orders and Direct Debit; the Internal Audit, the Risk Management Report, and their own Standing Orders Review.

They agreed a grant of £186 for the hire of the Village Hall for the Harbury Show and £1131 for a new screen for the Village Cinema. A request for £1,000 to pay for entertainment at the Victorian Street Fayre would be referred back to the Council when the organisation could show it was a properly constituted entity.

**Centenary Project:** The research was done and designs for the plaques to go on the homes of the 34 WW1 fallen had to be arranged and ordered.

**Any other Business:** Councillors Thompson and Allen agreed to examine the Emergency Plan and update its contents if necessary. They would have to include the railway cutting as a potential danger.

A local business had asked to be included on the PC Website. The Chairman suggested there could be a local business section.

**Councillors' Corner** would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 10am-Noon and the PCSO would be invited.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in the Farley Room of the Village Hall.



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our Speaker for April, Nigel Briggs, said there were over 70 bridges in Leamington and here are just some of the ones he showed us.

This virtual tour started with Victoria Bridge at the Pump Rooms which is on the site of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century crossing of the Leam. By 1783 the river was bridged but only for northbound traffic, southbound carriages had to use the ford. The bridge was widened in 1840 and 1847 in Gothic style with three arches. The balustrade was replaced in 1984 and the parapet repaired in 2015.



The 1903 De Normanville "Suspension Bridge" (it has no chains or cables and is supported by wrought iron rods) replaced a smaller 1847 bridge. This innovative and striking structure incorporated a water pumping turbine and boat pass, and is adjacent to the Elephant Wash.

This was once a major route from the original Leamington Priors to Lillington but when the Jephson Gardens were established, the right of way was preserved by creating an underpass (with several bridges over) in 1830.

Willes Road Bridge was opened in 1827 and along with Newbold Bridge was paid for by Mr Willes. Mr Briggs was told that in earlier times the Police used the river to dispose of arms handed in during an amnesty and more recently divers discovered some still in the river!

The historic photos included one of a steam engine which had fallen into the canal and one of Clapham Terrace where there was once a bridge between the two old Barracks opposite. The crossing of the canal by Flavels is achieved by the 1880's "Ladder" bridge – with precipitous brick steps up to the bridge itself; this being the route from Lillington to Whitnash. The crossing was restored in 1988 with Landfill Tax Grants.

The Napton Canal road bridge of the 1800s, in Clemens Street, was in the posh part of Leamington that included the Raleigh Gardens. Nealson and Althorpe Streets, off High Street, have railway bridges of the 1850s with 41 arches, some of which are used by local businesses.

The High Street was once crossed by two railway bridges; the first for the Leamington to Rugby Railway (now demolished) and the second for the Great Western. There were photos too of the Lower Avenue Bridge and the Railway Station itself, rebuilt in 1939 in Art Deco style with its subway and the old footbridge.

Our next event is a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10 – Noon.



Quite a busy time in April.

Our coffee morning was well-attended and we thank everybody for coming, also those who provided raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac.

We attended the Village Hall opening ceremony with the Lord Lieutenant which was enjoyable. We visited the displays of all the activities, the extensions plus the refreshments. Before the day, seven members collected litter surrounding the Village Hall.

Must say all the daffs provided by the W.I. were in bloom and we hope they will produce more next year.

Members who went to the Dogs Trust at Kenilworth were most impressed with the care they give to the dogs. They are given every attention to make their stay so much better than a lot had experienced before and the cleanliness of the place is fantastic. Helen and Jane were great showing us around. Thanks to Peggie for arranging the visit.

Lin Hayes has received the bulb catalogue and interested members can contact her.

Believe it or not, it is now time to order our 2017 diary.

Julie was our representative at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Federation meeting at Chesford Grange on 21<sup>st</sup> March and will be reporting on the day at the next meeting.

The speaker this month was Clive Radford on the Past and Present Lives on the Grand Union Canal. He is the lock-keeper at Hatton which entails the upkeep as well as different occupations but he is a dedicated chap who loves his job. He certainly knows the history of the canals especially the Grand Union Canal.

He told us about the origin of the G.U. Canal, about the Irish and farm workers that dug the canals and the boatwomen and their families – and did they work hard! It certainly showed on their faces. He showed us the style of painting the boats and the fact that there were women who worked on them during World War II and loved it. He described the well known industries that were built along the canal and how they loaded and unloaded their wares. Also, one must not forget all the pubs that were built for the workers.

We learnt so much about the canal and how it changed when first the trains, then roads, took over. We thoroughly enjoyed Clive's talk and recommend him.

Next meeting at the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 745pm – Resolutions Meeting.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Andrew Lawrence**

Looking back over 2015, what a year it has been! It will certainly stand out in the annals of the Group as it was the year a permanent stage was built in the Village Hall.

On 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Harbury Theatre Group's production of "Sleeping Beauty" opened to a delighted audience in a packed Village Hall fifty six years after the group was officially formed. It was the Group's first ever performance on the permanent stage. And what a performance it was! Under the direction of Keith Hayes, the team performed with "pace and passion" and the audiences loved it.

I was privileged to lead a small team that has sifted through the Group's stock of photos, press cuttings, programmes, costumes etc. to compile a display for the official opening of the new stage by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire on 16<sup>th</sup> April. This material reveals an incredible tradition of community theatre in Harbury that has involved a huge number of people in acting, dancing, singing, making costumes, sets and props, painting scenery, writing plays, designing ingenious sound and lighting effects, catering for working parties and so many other tasks that bring people together and develop skills. I think Mrs Mabel Aitcheson, the vicar's wife, who in 1949 first assembled a group of Harbury thespians, would be well pleased to see how we are getting on today. I think she would have loved our pantomime and been particularly impressed to know that three dedicated ladies hold junior theatre sessions attracting about forty children every Tuesday evening. She might also have been pleased to hear about the many other things we've done this year:

- "Stage Struck" by John and Yvonne Edleston played to full houses on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May and achieved great feedback from our audiences. Jo Banbury, Celia Stockdale and Chris Beaton rose to the challenge of the three biggest parts and they were well supported by some great performances from Sue Lawrence, Keith Hayes, John Travis, Will Jones, Ali Hodge and Janet Thornley (in some very interesting costumes!)
- On 13<sup>th</sup> June our Carnival float with the theme of "There ain't nothing like a dame" was very colourful and would have won if there had been a prize for the loudest float. We got third prize again and had a lot of fun. Well organized again Chris Beaton.
- There was no November production in 2015 as the stage was still under construction and we spent a lot of time working to make sure we were ready to move our essential theatrical stuff into the new area. There were working parties to clear out the barn at Chesterton Fields

Farm, to install new lighting and sound equipment, to move our costumes and equipment into the mezzanine area when it was ready, to adapt the old staging so that it could be stored under the new stage and to adapt existing scenery flats and drops so that they could be used on the new stage. At the centre of all this work was Brian Wade who helped with HTG work but also acted as project manager for the development and the main link between the architect and the Village Hall committee.

- Meanwhile the Junior Group performed “Christmas Creepy Crawlies” in the School Hall. Emily, Joy and Katie the leaders, managed to give every child a speaking part.
- And then we were into the pantomime! There have been plenty of great reviews and it was clearly a huge success both in the quality of our performance and in the numbers who came to see it. I won't repeat the many great comments but I'll just highlight a couple of things: I thought it was brilliant that so many children took part. The idea of having a different team for each performance was inspired. It presented some big challenges to ensure that each team was well rehearsed and could fit in with the rest of the cast but it worked a treat. Well done everyone who made that happen. I was also delighted that Chris Barber came back after a long gap and played the part of Marigold, the Dame brilliantly.
- During the year we also managed to enjoy ourselves with a skittles evening, poetry reading and a summer garden party.

So we are now well into the rehearsals for “Bags of Laughter” (to be performed on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May see full page advert for details.) It's a new challenge for most of us because it consists of 17 short sketches played to an audience seated in cabaret fashion with action taking place around them as well as on the stage. Each sketch is very funny in itself but the trick will be to hold it together with slick transition between the sketches. If anyone can do it, Harbury Theatre Group can. What do you think Mrs Aitcheson?



## Folk Club

**Peter McDonald**

The 377<sup>th</sup> session of Harbury Folk Club on 7<sup>th</sup> May had the theme of ‘Roots’ which, as usual, was interpreted in all sorts of ingenious ways by the performers. And what a line-up of performers – I had to fit in 18 separate acts, comprising 27 individuals! It was an MC's nightmare but it's a nice problem to have.

I started the evening with ‘Don't Slay that Potato’ – an anti-vegetarian song – then I handed over to Rik who sang ‘Wild Goose’ (a story of a ‘were-geese’?)

and 'Hole in the Window'. Newcomer to Harbury, Ian Pittaway, impressed us with the traditional 'The Trees They Do Grow High', accompanied on medieval harp, and then surprised us by leading us in an unusual round, an ancient setting of 'Three Blind Mice'. Ray and Anne were up next with 'Shenandoah' and 'Valley of Strathmore' and then Martin gave us the Sting song, 'Dead Man's Boots' and a Les Barker poem about never-ending 'Garden Waste'. The Harvesters finished the first half for us with their own 'A Cut Above' followed by an Appalachian murder ballad, 'Down in the Willow Garden'.

The Folk Club Choir filled the 'stage' as we started the second half with a Jamaican song, 'Plant de Leta' (which might or might not have anything to do with the theme), followed by our first performance of the Sydney Carter song, 'John Ball', about an English priest who took a prominent part in the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 and was hung, drawn and quartered for his trouble. I decided to adopt a 'hair' slant on the theme with Sid Kipper's clever song 'Combing the Main', about the hairdressing ships (Clippers) which used to ply the oceans. Sue Crum sang 'My Little Garden', where we all had to count her potatoes, before she was joined by Ted on 'Farmer's Toast' whose rousing chorus ends with the words, "Long life and success to the Farmer". Then along came Debbie with two poems – one of her own and one by Pam Ayres, 'My Little Foolsies' – followed by Peter Mason with two of his favourite songs – 'Kilkelly' and Ralph McTell's 'The Setting'. Des was next with two great chorus songs – an ode to 'Glorious Ale' (a.k.a. his 'Bacon song') and the sea shanty 'Shallow Brown' – before we welcomed another newcomer to Harbury, John Zetterstrom, who sang 'I've got a song' and 'Mermaid'. To finish off a longer-than-usual second half, Ted joined up with Jem and Phil, as The Somerville Gentlemen, to bring us a lovely version of the Everly Brothers' classic 'So Sad', and in complete contrast, a music hall song called 'Love, Love, Love' from the repertoire of former Midlands duo, Cosmotheke.

As we started the third half, it was clear that we were heading for a late finish but many of the audience decided to stay, sensing that there was plenty of good music still to go. Robin, from Warwick Folk Club, sang Ralph McTell's 'England' and followed it with the self-penned 'Much Maligned', a song about Judge Jefferies to whom he is a distant relation. Bob chose very well with the beautiful 'Town I loved so Well' and then the hilarious monologue 'The Charabanc Trip' which he delivered immaculately and with great humour. Mick Bisiker sang Steve Knightley's 'Roots' (good choice, Mick!) and 'The Rose of Allandale' leaving Jem and Phil to finish the evening with a very skilful and dramatic version of another Cosmotheke music hall song, 'Timothy, let's have a look at it'. Brilliant stuff!

The raffle raised a worthy £75 for Cancer Research. The next Folk Club will be on 5<sup>th</sup> May, hosted by Des and Debbie, with the theme of 'Colours'. As always, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm in the comfort of the Village Club – an evening of free acoustic music – what's not to like?





## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**



On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of April twenty-four members of the Association enjoyed Supper and a 9 pin skittles tournament at the Navigation Inn at Wootton Wawen. Once again the event was efficiently arranged by Margaret McDonald, who this year chose French Rivers for the names of each competing team. The members drew lots to determine their team and,

after three closely-fought rounds, the team that was named after the river Dordogne, which consisted of Shirley Brunton, John Freeman, Peter McDonald, Gill Alder and Sharon Hancock, came first, beating the next best team by six clear pins. The highest individual scorer that evening was Sharon Hancock. Shown are the members of the winning team and the highest individual scorer, who were presented with certificates and had a gold foiled chocolate medal hung around their necks. The lowest scorer went home with a wooden spoon. The evening was wound up with a game of 'Killer' (a last person standing competition) which was won by Graham Alder who defeated his wife Gill in a one-skittle shoot out.



On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May the Twinning Association members will be holding a Safari Sunday lunch and in June will once again be participating in the village Carnival pub games week and on Carnival day will be providing refreshments at a stand on the playing fields.



## Harbury Tennis Club

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

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

Although we play year round, April is the traditional start of the summer season and the last month has been very busy. It started off on 3<sup>rd</sup> April with our AGM which took all of 30 minutes! Delighted to say, some new

(and young!) blood joined the committee when Olly Wiltshire volunteered to join and his offer was quickly accepted. There was no revolt so the rest of the committee remains Colin Mercer (Chairman), Mary Thompson (Secretary), Paul Crowton (Treasurer), Caroline Morland, Sue Mercer, Peter Walshe and Steve Fitzgerald.

We quickly moved on to the "Chequebook" Tournament which is a painless way to extract subscriptions from members. It was a great success! Not only did the sun shine, but bank balances were emptied willingly for the very reasonable (no increase) subscription for 2016. Twenty hopefuls were paired using the "Walshie" spreadsheet/seeding/thumb-in-the-air approach. It proved to be exceedingly close with countless tie-breaks. As usual, the 'play a let serve' caught out a few, and the cruelty of the sudden-death deuce to decide close games was also felt by some. But good humour prevailed. The semi-finals continued the evenness of the competitors with both needing tie-breaks to decide the outcome. Karen



Bristow and Nigel Eaton defeated Sue Panton and Peter Rollason by 3 points, whilst new committee member, Olly Wiltshire and honourable treasurer, Paul Crowton were beaten by a sudden-death deuce on the tie-break by Helen Cooper and Steve Marshall. One-point agony! The final was also dramatic and needed yet another tie-break to settle it. Helen and Steve were the narrow winners.

The summer leagues have now started with three fixtures already completed in the Warwickshire Aegon Seniors Mixed Doubles (Group E, Tier 2). In the matches against Blossomfield, LMRCA Rugby, and Edgbaston Priory, the "squad" to date (Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Karen Bristow, Sue Panton, Steve Stark, David Bristow, Nigel Eaton, and Colin Mercer) has been very consistent, coming second with 0-4 defeats in all three! However, there have been some very close contests and really enjoyable tennis.

The Banbury Summer league fixtures have started and include a new weekend mixed format, and Harbury took part in the first match with a trip to Deddington. The men's pairing was Olly Wiltshire and Joe Robson, and the two instantly set about the task in hand and grabbed the early lead after a long-fought first game. Unfortunately, the lead was not held for long and Deddington fought back to take a 3-1 lead. After several long games, the first set ended with Harbury winning 6-4. The second set was almost a carbon

copy of the first but the visitors came back with a five-game winning streak to win the set at 6-3.

Caroline Morland and Katy Wiltshire had a slightly tougher match with the home side taking the advantage. Once again an extremely competitive and evenly matched pairing with numerous long rallies and deuces. Harbury were unlucky not to get more out of the match, but Deddington edged it 6-4, 6-3.

With all to play for in the mixed doubles, Caroline and Olly had a tricky start but quickly recovered to put Harbury on the front foot and they sauntered home for the first set 6-3. The second set was another up and down score line with neither team able to hold on to the lead, but Deddington, with home advantage, held their nerve to win the set 6-4.

Joe and Katy made a smashing start in their match taking the first set 6-4. The second set was even closer with nothing to separate the two teams. Joe and Katy had lost the early advantage but came storming back from 1-4 down to take the set to a tie-break. Deddington once again held their nerve under pressure to take the set and halve the rubber. So, the match ended in a 2-2 draw which was enough to propel Harbury to top of the league!

The Juniors haven't had the best of weather with the first two Monday sessions badly affected by rain. However, they are a tough and enthusiastic bunch and keep coming back! It's particularly pleasing that for the Mini red group (8 and under) we have 13 children participating, the highest number for some time. For more details of times and days of all lessons please contact Lianne Candappa on 07919 104093, email [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk), or visit [www.coolsportz.co.uk](http://www.coolsportz.co.uk).

Finally, the club was delighted to be invited to the Village Hall opening. Head coach, Lianne Candappa, has been able to use the hall during the winter for the mini red groups which has helped us build the numbers. We took the opportunity to have a display of the development of the courts in 1973, the club's founding in 1980, and some more recent activity, and it was great to chat with a number of the club's founder members.



## Harbury Toddler Group

**Lynne Barton**

Hello to everyone reading this article from Harbury Toddler Group.

We always like to have the 'kettle on' to facilitate chatter, friendships and interaction, although we could do with our own Polly – do you remember the rhyme? Polly put the kettle on!!! Perhaps not, but the children sing it really well. Anyway this is the plea - we need a volunteer to support us every Monday morning. Please could you help? Lynne, Selina and Reg would love to hear from you.

We are pleased that the Library staff are so helpful and tolerant of the noise we often make, particularly so of late as we have had some super visitors, each one bringing a different approach, different ways of engaging and different ways of capturing young children's imagination which is so critical to their development and so lovely to watch as they jump about with no inhibitions.



First there was Kelsey from Gymboree and this guy should be on TV best suited to CBeebies, the children's channel. We tweeted about him and @CBeebies re-tweeted - how great is that? His enthusiasm at our morning session left us breathless as the children danced, clapped, sang and the room was

turned onto a cacophony of sounds. Thank you Kelsey. Look out for a Gymboree class near you.

Then there was Nikki from Dandy Development who really wowed us with some super imaginative themes. We took a dip in the ocean - I think you can just spot the fishes swimming by, then we caught flying bubbles; it was magical. The children listened intently and Nikki used signs to include everyone, thoroughly recommended. Nikki is now running a class in the village and I am sure it is a great addition to the Village Hall Programme. Many many thanks for coming, hope to see you again soon.



In between being artists, dancers and performers we did have quieter moments. With spring in the air we planted sunflowers, nasturtiums and cosmos with everyone already reporting lots of active





little seedlings. Olivia you are concentrating beautifully and can't wait to see how tall your sunflower becomes!!

Lynne, Selina and Reg look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five. Come on round, the kettle's on and don't forget, if you want to be the one to put it on, please call.

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

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



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

With Easter falling early this year, it seems that we have not been back at Pre-School for very long since the holidays, but we have managed to pack plenty into the time available. After the holiday, we were delighted to welcome Eshan who began his Pre-School journey with us and has settled in very well.



**Dentistry and tooth care** – We were very pleased to have a visit from Annie and Ana of A&H Dental Care, who came to talk to the children about the importance of proper tooth care. The children were even able to practise cleaning the teeth of the friendly dragon!



**Jolly Phonics** – The children have been learning the Jolly Phonics songs and reading the Jolly Phonics book as part of their literacy development. The songs are all sung to familiar tunes and this is proving to be a fun way for the children to learn letter sounds.



**Graphics** – The new white boards in the outdoor classroom have been put to great use, as the children practise their writing and drawing skills.

**Garden Planting** – With spring finally beginning to show itself, the children enjoyed planting potatoes in the containers in the outdoor play area, and runner beans in individual pots to take home. We are looking forward to seeing the results of their labours towards the end of the term.



**The Jungle** – We don't want to give away too many secrets about the Pre-School carnival float, but it **could** have something to do with the jungle! In preparation, the role play area was made into a jungle, with lots of fierce looking soft toy animals, and the children have been producing some fantastic artwork, like this great painting of a tiger. Lots of wild animal books have been read and jungle songs have been very popular at circle time.

**Thanks** – We are very grateful to Lockwoods in Leamington Spa, for their generous donation of writing pads and pens. Each child received a pad and pen and there are plenty left over for use in the Pre-School.



*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)*



## Banana Moon Day Nursery

Lucy Nealon

The last few weeks have brought a whole variety of themes and celebrations from Book Day to Vaisakhi to Spring and Bakeries. Pre-school have been learning about people who help us and we have had a whole host of visitors including doctors, the army, firemen, Zoey the Guide dog and the police. They have also been learning about healthy eating, making their own smoothies and doing a spot of baking.



One of the questions we often get asked is whether we prepare children to start school. The simple answer is yes!

It is a huge step in the life of a child (and parent) and we do everything we can to make this transition as smooth and stress free as possible. We work closely with the local schools and take their guidance on the skills they would like us to equip the children with. This covers everything from writing, listening, name recognition to being able to go to the toilet and put their coat on by themselves and generally developing life skills and building confidence. There is a lot of emphasis on promoting the children to be independent. In the summer term, we welcome all local reception teachers into the nursery and also take the children to a school so they can start to visualise what a day in the life at a school might look like as well as discussing this in some depth in circle time etc. We also support parents in advising them on activities that they can do at home to help children with the transition.

You may also remember a while ago that I wrote about purchasing a defibrillator for the village. This is ready to be used, we are just waiting for

confirmation that it has been registered with the Ambulance Service and then it will be mounted to the Nursery outside wall for public access. Hopefully more detail to follow next month.



## Harbury Primary School

**Kate Guymer**

We hope that all the children have a really successful time during this term. In particular we wish the Year 6 a very special last term with us and both them and Year 2 the best of luck with their forthcoming national assessments. We know they will all do their very best.

**Netball Tournament:** On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, the girls in the netball team played in a tournament at Long Itchington Primary School. The players were Imi (GS), Lily (C), Maddie (GA), Ellie B (WA), Martha (GD), Bethany L (GK) with Ellie M and Kylie as WD. In our first match we lost to Long Itchington 5-2. Then our second match, which would decide whether we had a place in the semi-final, was against Southam, we won 6-0. After a long wait, we were ready to play the semi-final match against St Lawrence, the one school that we had already played before and lost against 15-2 (a gap of 13), this time we lost 10-3 (a gap of 7); this shows how we have improved. We stayed to watch the final, between St Lawrence and St James. St Lawrence won 6-0. Even though Amber had sprained her finger and couldn't play, we named our team mascot after her, Amber La La. We were sorry that Mrs Neale had to stay at school and teach but we had some wonderful helpers and would like to thank Corinna Butler, Dayle and Paige Adams for their support. Well done to everyone who played, especially Kylie who stepped in at the last minute.

### **Written by Imi and Lily**

**Careers Day - 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Many thanks to those parents who have offered to join us for our first careers day in June when we hope to offer an insight into as many different jobs as possible to our children. We would love to add to our list so please get in touch if you are able to help.

**Shanghai visitors:** Those of you who attended the last celebration assembly before Easter would have spotted that I was with a group of visitors that day. We were asked by a parent who works in this field if we could host a delegation of government officials and teachers from all stages of education in China. Design Technology is not currently taught as part of the curriculum there and so they wanted to find out what we did. Our children, as always, represented us brilliantly in talking about their DT experiences and projects and our visitors were fascinated by many aspects of schooling in this country.

**Job opportunity:** The school is seeking to appoint a new midday supervisor for every lunchtime. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Wilson for information on 01926 612656.





Over the past couple of months, the PTA has been busy organising some fun events for the summer term and beyond:

In June, the **Father's Day Gift Shop** will be opening its doors for Harbury School children to buy their own gifts for their Dads/Grandads/Uncles during the school day. Look out for further information and deadline dates for sending money into school.

During the afternoon of Father's Day itself, a new **Family Treasure Hunt** will be taking place around the village, followed by food and drinks at **The Gamecock**. All families in the village and surrounds are very welcome to take part. Further details will be published on notice boards and on Facebook nearer the time.

The first Saturday in July will see our traditional school fair take on a new twist: The **Summer Family Fun Day** between 3-6pm will include lots of fun activities for children, as well as food, drinks and entertainment for adults. Again, everyone is welcome and we do hope to see you there!

We're also delighted to announce that the **Victorian Street Fayre** will be returning to Harbury on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Preparations are well under way for what we hope will be another fantastic event. If you would like to book a stall or are able to donate a prize for our popular raffle, then please email Julie Young on [harburyppta@outlook.com](mailto:harburyppta@outlook.com)

### Diary Dates

Father's Day Treasure Hunt      Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June - afternoon

Summer Family Fun Day      Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3-6pm

Victorian Street Fayre      Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

More details on all the events will follow and the best way to keep up to date or find out any additional information is to view or follow our public access Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/HarburySchoolPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HarburySchoolPTA)

Finally, a massive thank you to all those who have signed up to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/harburyschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/harburyschool) and those who continue to donate their unwanted textile items to our clothing bin in the school carpark. Since November, we've raised nearly £900 towards school funds from just these two initiatives. A fantastic result! To find out more or to get involved, take a look at our Facebook page or contact the PTA for details.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

It rained in the early part of the morning and there was even some sleet, but by the time the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire accompanied by his wife arrived at the Village Hall at the same time as Bob Stevens (chair of W.C.C.), there was no hint of rain (frozen or otherwise). It would, however, by all accounts, have been difficult to dampen the spirits of Harbury villagers who turned out in force to join in the celebrations at the Harbury Community Library and Biblio's, followed by the official opening of the hall extension, including the stage and changing room area. The day had been billed as a chance for everyone to see the magnificent addition to the Village Hall and to 'go behind the scenes' and there was a constant procession of people anxious to take advantage of the invitation.



In the backstage area, Harbury Theatre group had mounted an impressive display covering the history of the group from its early beginnings, whilst members dressed as the Tin Man, the Sultan from Aladdin and a cowgirl welcomed visitors in style! There were also stands mounted by CAMRA and the Harbury Junior Football Club, which were displays in addition to those around the hall, representing the various groups who are regular hirers of the hall.

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# VILLAGE HALL OPENING CEREMONY

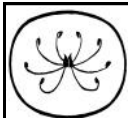


The Lord Lieutenant engaged with each representative on the displays before joining V.H. chairman Geoff Thorpe on the stage to acknowledge the work of those involved in the building, as well as committee members who had applied for grants from several major Landfill Trusts, (including BiffaAward, Veolia and WREN). A member of the Harbury Junior Theatre Group, Mia Morrill, presented a posy to the Lord Lieutenant's wife, after which Geoff paid tribute to all villagers who had contributed to the Buy-a-Brick fund-raising schemes - for the original initiative in 1973 and then for the most recent request in 2013. As has been mentioned several times in Village Hall updates, both the management committee and the fund-raising committee were keen to record the contributions of all villagers who have supported the requests for financial support over the years. As a result, the information panels on either side of the plaque, unveiled by the Lord Lieutenant, document the evolution of the hall through its four main development stages (including ALL the sources of funding) as well as the names of all those who have contributed to the two Buy-a-Brick schemes.

Apart from the display stands in the hall, there were demonstrations from three groups who use the hall each week, including Inspire Dance, The Harbury Junior Theatre Group and Zumba - (ladies activity session). Each of these presentations took to the stage, whilst the invited guests were offered canapes and prosecco wine - sourced from local businesses – Wendy's Catering and Cana Wines. There was also a continuous production of bacon baps/hot dogs and samosas from the kitchen and fortunately, the guesstimate of how many should be catered for, proved about right.

After the excitement of the celebration day had died down following the event, the Village Hall committees met for the AGM, at which the existing members of the management committee were voted in 'en bloc', whilst the fund-raising committee decided to wind up their group and so transferred any remaining monies into the V.H.'s general maintenance fund.

If it was thought that now the major push is over, it will mean that the main committee will cease to have any goals in the coming years, nothing could be further from the truth - an improvement to the heating system is long overdue, as also modifications to the lighting system. Although the P.V.s contribute significantly to offsetting the electricity costs, there are plans to improve the insulation of the hall, so that it becomes even more cost effective and 'greener'. We hope everyone enjoyed being part of the celebration day and we thank all those who joined us in making the day an avowed success.



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morrill**

Who would have thought that our talk in April about weeds, useful, beautiful but unloved, would have been so interesting and entertaining. Roger Umpleby gave us, in just over an hour, so much information together with the most exquisite pictures.

He started by saying that, as per the Oxford dictionary, a weed is a plant growing where it is not wanted. Under the heading "not wanted" it is 1) an alien 2) poisonous 3) competitive 4) spreading or getting too big 5) damaging and lastly harbours pests and diseases, such as whitefly.

We saw some lovely scenic photos featuring gorse which of course is an alien. Moving on to the dreaded Japanese knot weed which left unchecked can cause damage to buildings; it was introduced by the Victorians - they have a lot to answer for! Himalayan balsam also gets too big and is poisonous. The Spanish bluebell is also an alien and is slowly taking over from our lovely native bluebell.

Amongst poisonous plants, henbane flowers were once recommended by Anthony Worrall Thompson as tasty added to salads; hopefully he didn't eat these as he would have been quite poorly! You really need to prevent seeds setting on some weeds and never compost weeds with ripe or semi ripe seeds. Farmyard manure can often contain seeds too. Also plants bought in pots from some nurseries can contain that awful yellow sorrel/bittercress and these weeds need to be removed prior to planting out.

Hygiene is most important and regular hoeing and weeding will eliminate almost all of these unwanted species. The only herbicide recommended is glyphosate but I see that the dreaded EU is now saying that it should be banned. Used wisely as with everything else, it is a useful thing to have.

Useful weeds...medicinal, edible, beneficial to other plants, food for animals and ornamental came next. I will not name all of the ones Roger described but narrow it down to a few. Edible plants such as the roots of horseradish grated with wild parsnip and evening primrose are tasty. Who knew that ground elder, a menace to most gardeners, can be eaten like spinach? As the young leaves emerge it is also a mild sedative and an anti inflammatory. You can also make a ground elder pesto, don't all rush at once for the recipe!

Nettles of course should be encouraged for the ladybirds and caterpillars which feed on them. The caterpillars then turn into stunning butterflies. We saw superb photos of red admiral and tortoiseshell butterflies. Nettles can also be turned into soup and again used in pesto and polenta. They also produce a yellow dye, yes really! Dandelions are the very devil to eradicate, you only have to leave a tiny bit of root in the ground and up they pop. These too have medicinal uses as a diuretic and are a source of vitamin A, B, C, D, and K. Not forgetting dandelion wine. The celandine, which incidentally was Wordsworth's favourite plant and not the daffodil, has another altogether different medicinal use for treating ringworm and piles!!

Yarrow and achillea can be used in salads and if chewed can relieve toothache, to cleanse skin and to stop the flow of blood. Two of my favourite wild flowers, cowslips and violets are a great food source for the fritillary butterfly. Cuckoo pint or Lords and Ladies, which has poisonous berries, has tubers which can be used for ringworm. There must have been a lot of ringworm in mediaeval times.

Agricultural weeds such as eye bright, scarlet pimpernel, poppies, scabious, wild pansy and many more are so needed for food for birds and butterflies. At this point Roger showed us the most amazing photo, the only one which he didn't take, of a rainbow with storm clouds in the background, a bolt of lightning over a field of poppies. We finished off talking about that thug ivy. It is poisonous, but extract from ivy is used in cough medicine. The berries are a great food source for birds and it provides shelter in the winter for birds and bugs. I didn't like to mention to Roger that I am waging war on ivy in my garden - but I have left some as, at present, there are two blackbird families busy nesting. Roger ended by saying that weeds are edible as well as medicinal and useful and are also free. He answered many questions and we all agreed that it had been another super talk.

Do watch the very best gardening programme on the TV, The Beechgrove Garden which is on BBC2 on a Sunday morning usually about 8.45am. It is full of useful and practical advice - plus the lovely Chris Beardshaw. It covers more in half an hour than you get from other similar programmes and the presenters are very knowledgeable and all have very many years of training.

Don't forget our two day trips, the first on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Hanbury Hall and Gardens near Droitwich. If you saw the Antiques Roadshow last Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> April), it was filmed there and hopefully it has given you a taste for this lovely house and garden. We then go nearby to Spetchley Park Gardens. Cost is only £25, we leave Village Hall at 9.30am and Spetchley at 6.00pm, arriving home by 7.00pm. The second trip is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July when we will spend all day at Sherborne Castle and Gardens, the home of Sir Walter Raleigh, with a Capability Brown garden and landscape. Cost is a mere £26.50, we leave Village Hall at 8.30am and Sherborne at 5.00pm. Please phone me if you would like to come; I can promise you two brilliant days out. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lastly here a few suggestions for garden visits in May, all NGS, so teas will be available. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> go to White Cottage and Nursery at Stock Green near Inkberrow, post code B96 6SZ. A two acre garden with herbaceous plantings, shrubs, stream, bog garden and a meadow full of fritillaries. Open 11.30am to 4.30pm and cost is £3. For something completely different, as they say, Hewell Grange near Tardebigge, post code, B97 6QS will be open on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> between 10.00am and 3.30pm at a cost of £5. I used to play hockey in these grounds when I was at the High School at Redditch nearby but it is now a prison. Don't be put off by this, it has a Capability Brown park and lake plus rhododendrons, azalias, formal garden, bluebell wood and much more. Pre-booking is essential as there will be escorted groups taken around and sensible footwear is essential too. Contact 01527 783017 or email [roy.jones@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:roy.jones@hmps.gsi.gov.uk). The tours last over 60 minutes and if you find any hockey balls they probably belong to my old school!

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Packington Hall at Meriden, post code CV7 7HF will be open from 2.00 to 5.00pm and cost is £5. Another Capability Brown landscape with 100 acres of parkland lake and very many more features.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Harrells Hardy plants and Nurseries, Rudge Road, Evesham, post code WR11 4JR will be open from 2.00 to 5.00pm and cost is £3. A lovely naturalistic style garden with perennials and grasses and plants for sale.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Holland House Main Street, Cropthorne, post code WR10 3NB will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm and cost is £4. Formal gardens here laid out by Lutyens in 1904, in a riverside setting with a sunken garden, vegetable garden and much more.

Lastly on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> there will be two gardens open at Marlbrook near Bromsgrove, post code B69 1DY. They will be open from 1.30 to 5.30pm and cost is £5. Two individual gardens, an exotic garden with a Mediterranean feel, and the other a plants woman's cottage garden.

Our last meeting of the season will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room and we will be welcoming back Helen Picton from Old Court Nurseries, Colwell near Malvern and she will be talking about a potted history of the nursery which has three generations of the same family running it very successfully. It is famous for its asters and there will be an opportunity to buy plants too. Do come along for a lovely relaxing evening with refreshments after the talk and a super raffle. We only charge £2 for visitors as it is not worth joining at this stage, but if you like what we do you can join when our talks start again in October and we only charge £10 for the whole season and you get discounts at local nurseries too. I look forward to seeing everyone.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

It might seem strange to talk about snowdrops at this time of year but I've just had a delivery of another nine different named varieties of these wonderful bulbs from a lady from Northampton. She is a real collector and has over 200 different varieties and I'm lucky enough to be given some each year for the last few years. The differences are subtle; it might be the shape of the flower or the markings on the petals. So, I shall be looking forward to seeing what they look like next year.

I guess that is what gardening is all about, looking ahead and being optimistic and patient.

In case you didn't know, we have a good range of alpine and rockery plants which are ideal for small gardens or for those of you who like to grow easy-to-look-after plants. They are suitable for growing in sinks, on walls,

in containers or for the edges of borders. Gardening on a miniature scale can be very rewarding.

Obviously this time of year can be very busy so here are a few 'to do' ideas.

- Put in stakes for taller growing perennials (this is a job I'm not good at doing).
- Use feed and weed on lawns.
- Plant cabbage plants.
- Towards the end of the month you can remove old daffodil leaves.
- Lots of seeds to sow, including sweet corn, peas and mangetout, carrots, French beans, runner beans and lettuce. This year for the first time I'm trying carrots in a large pot, they will be in the polytunnel so I should get them earlier than usual.

Fingers crossed for some decent weather for the next few weeks.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton*

*Tel: 01926 812737*

*[www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)*



## **Nature Notes**

**John Hancock**

Leam Valley Local Nature Reserve will forever be associated for me with the name of Jack Watkins. He was the warden there for many years and organised work parties to clear scrub and rank vegetation which threatened to overwhelm some of the special habitats. I remember one summer helping with some mowing when he found a harvest mouse's nest, a small domed structure woven from grasses. He later used this as a teaching aid when discussing wildlife and its preservation with a group of schoolchildren. Jack showed me the small seasonally flooded area close to the river where the Snake's-head Fritillary (*Fritillaria meleagris*) could be found in April and May. This plant of the Lily family grows from a corm (an organ of vegetable reproduction distinct from a bulb) as does the crocus. I have seen the flower there but failed to find it this year - perhaps I went too early in the season.

The bird hide overlooking the lake at the far end of the reserve is named the Jack Watkins Hide. The lake, extended in 2000 when Andy Tasker was Chairman of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, is fringed with vegetation now. Here I have seen a kingfisher in the past and on one memorable occasion, a hobby overhead. This bird is our smallest falcon being only slightly larger than a swift. Its Latin name is *Falco subbuteo*. If the second part of the name sounds familiar, it is worth digressing to explain. Peter Adolph was demobbed in 1945 and to supplement his earnings from a natural history business, he invented a football game and called it 'The Hobby' after his favourite bird of prey. The Patent Registrar refused the name so Adolph substituted the bird's Latin



name Subbuteo. I am indebted to that mine of information 'Birds Britannica' by Mark Cocker and Richard Mabey for these facts.

One of our U3A Natural History Group members, Pat Poulson, suggested we visit Cricklade this April to see the display of fritillaries in North Meadow close to the infant Thames. This is a National Nature Reserve and a traditional hay meadow. It is common land where for hundreds of years the people of Cricklade have had the right to graze livestock from 12<sup>th</sup> August to 12<sup>th</sup> February. A Court Leet, forerunner of local government, administers the grazing and upkeep of the meadow. The hay crop is cut after 1<sup>st</sup> July when the wild flowers have set seed and it has to be removed by 12<sup>th</sup> August to allow grazing. This regime and frequent flooding ensures the growth of many plants and maintains the great variety of species. Traditional, unimproved hay meadows have disappeared at an alarming rate. Warwickshire's remnant is Draycote Meadows ( os sheet 140; SP 448 706). Take a look in early summer and go back in time.

When we visited Cricklade on 18<sup>th</sup> April, the meadow was closed due to flooding but luckily a nearby Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Reserve at Lower Moor Farm was open and we were able to see hundreds if not thousands of fritillaries in bloom mixed with cowslip and a variety of grasses in early stages of their growth with names like Crested Dog's Tail and Quaking Grass. In the ditches were patches of marsh marigold and the sward revealed the distinctive spotted leaves of early purple orchids. We were told that the species-rich flood meadows were the lowland equivalent of chalk downland in terms of variety.

Today, 19<sup>th</sup> April, the temperature in the afternoon approached 16C. This brought out a number of butterflies including Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Orange Tip, all seen in the garden. Later, whilst paying a visit to the Cubbington Pear tree, I saw my first Comma of the year. The pear blossom was out in part but there is a lot more bud to open yet. It is sad to think that with HS2 coming, this could be its last year.

Now shades of green delight the eye from the pale green of tiny, fresh oak leaves to the deepening green of already quite mature horse chestnut leaves. Venture into our local woods, such as at Bascote, to see the carpet of bluebells and wood anemones.



## General Section

### The Spirit of Harbury

The Spirit of Harbury Award 2016 will be presented on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May during the coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room. Thank you to GASS for allowing us the opportunity.

**Alison, Andrew and Steve Hunt**



## **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, 6:00pm. Tickets £5.

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

**Andrew Patrick**

## **Carnival Games and Wheelbarrow Race Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

### **Get your barrows in good shape!**

You can take part on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, scheduled to start at The Shakespeare this year. You will need to complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms will be available in May from the pubs and Mike McBride on 612421. (Volunteers are also needed to help marshal the race – please get in touch with Mike).

And **Pub Games Week** follows:

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Aunt Sally – The Crown
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Horseshoes – The Gamecock
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Skittles – The Old New Inn
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz – The Village Club

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

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

**Peter Walshe**

**On behalf of the Carnival Committee**



## **Carnival is Nearly Here – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Dress up, join the parade and enjoy the entertainment and stalls at Carnival 2016.

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 eight persons, Walking Tableau Family, Walking Tableau Adults, Walking Adult and Walking Child.

The usual Dog Show, Fun Fair and Shirley Pipe Band will make up the fun afternoon as well as events in the grand ring and fancy dress competitions.

This year's Carnival King is Ethan:



*"Hi, my name is Ethan, I'm 10 years old and I'm in year 6. I have two brothers who, despite their annoying ways, I seem to cope with! I have a pet fish called Ned, he's a Butterfly Goldfish. My hobbies are all about sport but predominately cross country, skiing and rugby. I'm from Southam and I always play football with my*

*neighbours. In September I'm going to Southam College, leaving behind most of my friends.*

*I was chuffed to bits to be named Carnival King and I hope to see you all there."*

And the Queen is Imi:

*"Hi, my name is Imi, I'm eleven years old and I've lived in Harbury since I was born. I live with my mum, my dad and my slightly annoying brother. I have two dogs which I love to bits. I belong to clubs such as Harbury Theatre Group, Guides, Karate and Dance. My favourite thing to do is dance, I love it!*

*In September I will be going to Kings High School with my best friend Lily.*

*I am really looking forward to being Carnival Queen."*

To see them come to Carnival!

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

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

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

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

See you there!

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

## **Road Closures for the Carnival (at times between 12.30 and 2pm) - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Stratford District Council and the police require us to have a rolling closure of certain roads to allow the parade to go through the streets of Harbury. We anticipate this will only be for about 10 to 15 minutes as the parade moves through the village as we will be managing a 'rolling' road closure.

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

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

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

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

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

Firstly, we would like to thank Paul Winchester for organising and running a quiz night in the Village Hall at the beginning of April. He has done this a number of times in recent years and we are grateful for this fund-raising opportunity. Our thanks also go to everyone who took part in the quiz – 22 teams this year which was fantastic. Thank you each and everyone.

The invitations for the Summer Outing to Cambridge will have been delivered by the time you read this. Please return them to Mugleston's Country Fayre or 1, Park Lane by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. We have had a few questions about whether we will be stopping on the way back. Yes we will, somewhere.

A number of you who have said they are coming have also said that they would be willing to pay something towards the cost of the trip. All we can say is that any donations towards our fundraising would be most welcome, but that you can also buy as many raffle tickets on the coaches as you like!

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

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

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

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

## Chocolate Tombola

Last year we had a chocolate tombola stall at the Carnival and it was a very successful fund raiser. We are going to do the same again this year. We would be very grateful for any chocolate donations: this can be anything large or small (finger of fudge or a box of chocolates), all would be much appreciated. The money raised is going towards the coach for the Senior Citizens' outing to Cambridge and the Christmas dinner.

If you would like us to collect your goodies please call 612066 or you can drop them off at Julie Clarke's 32 South Parade or Mike McBride 1 Park Lane.

Thank you so much.

**Senior Citizens Committee**



## Harbury Village Library – Fourth Anniversary

In 2010 it became clear that Harbury Village Library (HVL), housed in the old school building in the centre of the village, was under threat of closure due to cuts to council funds. A substantial group of villagers was determined not to let this happen, and with the aid of various grants and a lot of hard work the library re-opened in May 2012, after having been closed for several months for refurbishment, as a volunteer run Community Library and Cafe.

If you haven't visited in the last few years, you will probably be surprised by the bright, welcoming atmosphere and the choices on offer in our library. Anyone with a Warwickshire library card (which can be obtained online at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries> if you haven't already got one) can borrow up to 10 books including best-selling fiction, cookery books, biographies, travel guides etc., as well as selecting adult and children's board games, large print, audio books and children's DVDs (for the last two of which there is a small charge); using Wi-Fi or researching your ancestry on one of three open access computers; using printing and laminating facilities; viewing and maybe purchasing from the display of original artwork by local artists, while enjoying a delicious coffee, or other drink, and home-made cake or choose from a selection of other baked goods..

A noticeable feature of the newly constituted HVL is the 3,000 or so books which have been donated by villagers or purchased through our *Buy a Book* scheme since 2012, in addition to the rotating stock supplied by Warwickshire County Library Service. This has added not only to the quantity of books, but also to the quality, with many prizewinning bestsellers appearing on our shelves very quickly. Over 800 people have joined the separate internal library, the Blue Label Collection, which, as this figure represents almost a third of the total population of the village, suggests that the library is generally well-used and much appreciated. The stock of foreign language books, begun previously by donations from our twinned town of Samois-sur-Seine, has also

been added to. There are shelves devoted to local authors and to family history, the latter of which supplements the *Ancestry* software for those wishing to research their own forbears on the library's computers free of charge. Recently, a scheme to allow donated board games to be borrowed from or played in the library has also been introduced and is proving popular.

An important development instituted by HVL has been the attempt to encourage usage by local children of our wide ranging stock of children's and young adults' books. Regular visits from school children from the local primary school have been arranged to help with their project topics, and the Head Teacher is very supportive of these and other initiatives to familiarise the children with what is on offer at HVL. Apart from the country-wide Holiday Book Schemes, a regular session of '*Tunes and Tales*' run by a volunteer brings in babies and toddlers (and attendant adults) who hopefully will continue to use the library as they grow up. This popular session now runs from 10am on Thursdays for about half an hour.

The re-vamped facilities have also been attractive for several groups in the village to hire for their regular meetings, such as a book group and a writing group, but the space has also been used as a comfortable setting for talks by local authors; art exhibitions; a tea party and antique valuation sessions (another one of these is due to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May). In addition, the building has been useful as a setting for displays of local interest such as information about the recent land slip in the railway cutting, and a model of the proposed memorial garden in the Church. Two new regular activities begun in late 2015 are a monthly café for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their carers called Connections, and weekly sewing classes.

A new and popular innovation which was designed to help fund this project was a café, christened Biblio's, on the premises. Apart from its value to older members of the community who can meet regularly with friends, and for young parents who can chat elsewhere than on a chilly street corner after dropping their children off at school, visitors from other villages, passing cyclists, walkers and holiday makers have all taken advantage of this venue. The coffee is freshly ground and brewed – no instant granules here - and the cakes are home baked by a committed group of bakers who use fair trade and organic ingredients wherever possible and give their expertise as well as use of their home kitchens as a contribution to the success of HVL. The quality of this enterprise was recognised by the award of Highly Commended in the 2014 Countryside Alliance Award start up category.

Volunteers are crucial to the successful operation of HVL: there are currently about 50 regular volunteers for the issue desk and other library-related tasks, and 40 or so bakers and counter staff for the café, which is open in the mornings from Wednesday to Saturday throughout the year. The Library itself is now open for five full weekdays and a half day on Saturday, as opposed to the two part days when Council run. It also has its own website,

Facebook page and Twitter account, so it is generally far more accessible than previously.

HVL has also acted as an important role-model and learning resource for other communities experiencing similar changes to their library services, and there have been visits and enquiries from places like Leicestershire, Birmingham, Staffordshire, Shropshire, and even further afield, including Essex and Lancashire.

Finally it must be acknowledged that all of this could not have been achieved over the last four years without the hard work of the original steering committee, and all the volunteers, plus the support of the Parish Council, which underwrote the first three years of operation, Harbury Church PCC. Warwickshire County Council and the people of Harbury, who we trust will carry on borrowing and donating books and consuming the coffee and cakes so that HVL can continue to thrive. We hope that in future, even more villagers will become regular visitors, to volunteer or to partake of this valuable community service.

[www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](http://www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk)  
01926 258776

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### **Harbury Village Library Steering Committee**



#### **Antique Valuation Event at Harbury Village Library**

**What:** Antique Valuation Event with Adrian Rathbone, Hanson's Associate Director specialising in fine art, paintings and general antiques.

**Where:** Harbury Village Library.

**When:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, from 4pm to 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

**Rich Fowler**



#### **Report of the Monday Senior Badminton Club (ladies & men)**

Picture, if you will, an average Monday morning at around 10.00am at the Village Hall. There is a flurry of activity; zimmer frames are parked in a neat row and a four are already on court. It is a needle game, no quarter is given or expected. The fact that all are on zimmers is neither here nor there. Each player has learnt the skills of swinging their frames and then themselves to change position. In their teeth are clamped their racquets until each is in position and then the shots are made with startling accuracy. Only once has there been an occurrence of teeth still being left attached to the racquet when the shot has been made. In this case the point was won by the

toothless one - the teeth then being retrieved and replaced. During the morning there is a time for coffee, chat and a catching up on the latest medical advances. It is a happy bunch of people who leave calling themselves: **the Monday Senior Badminton Club (ladies & men)!**

**Bryan Pratt**

**PS: This article came about through a rumour being spread that we are the Geriatric Badminton Club!!**

## **Dogs for Good**

I just wanted to say a very, very big thank you to everyone who supported my Spring Fayre and BBQ on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at The Gamecock pub; the event raised a massive **£756.75 in aid of 'Dogs for Good.'**

This sum includes £132.00 from the BBQ run by Libby and Rob Darlison, £12.18 from the collection tin behind the bar at The Gamecock - thank you to all the beer and wine drinkers - £107.00 from the auction of a One Month Family Membership to Nuffield Health in Warwick, and, a very generous donation of £200.00 from a businessman in the village who wishes to remain anonymous.

I would like to also mention the fantastic support from local businesses whose donations made such a difference to the amount of money we raised: The Gamecock in Harbury, the Co-op in Harbury, Pooch Parlour in Harbury, Tesco in Leamington & Warwick, Sainsbury's in Wellesbourne and Nuffield Health in Warwick.



***Annie & Indi***



***Some of the volunteers and their fabulous dogs***



I am still collecting donations of: newspapers, blankets, towels, bedding, and dog toys, as well as used stamps, costume jewellery, foreign coins, old phones, and empty ink cartridges. I am happy to collect these items from you, or feel free to leave outside our garage door at 33 Mill Street, Harbury (thank you for all the donations so far!)

You can find out more about Dogs for Good at [www.dogsforgood.org](http://www.dogsforgood.org) (or why not go and meet some of the volunteers and their dogs at *Hatton Fun Dog Show* on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, or at the *Dogs for Good Fun Day* at Stoneleigh Park on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July) and you can follow my fundraising efforts on my Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176595679355761/> (Super Doggies In Need).

Thank you very much.

**Indianna Long - (age 16)**  
**01926 613311 or 07535 622707**



## **Cycling for RAF Benevolent Fund**

This month (May) I will be taking part in the Davis Double Century in California. It is a 200 mile cycle ride which must be completed within 20 hours. Quite an undertaking!

I decided to complete this epic ride for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. I chose this charity because some time ago, through work, I met Group Captain Tom Barrett. Tom grew up in Harbury, some of you may remember him.

I found Tom to be a most charismatic and engaging person and we both had Harbury and cycling in common. Very sadly, in March 2011, Tom was tragically killed whilst cycling home from work. Tom was a keen cyclist and an advocate of the RAF Benevolent Fund so I felt it would be appropriate to complete this challenge in his memory. Over the past 15 years or so the majority of civil engineering and construction works I have undertaken have been at RAF stations around the country and I felt that this would be a fitting acknowledgment.

To support me please visit [www.justgiving.com/Sean-Mansell1](http://www.justgiving.com/Sean-Mansell1)

**Sean Mansell**

## **Grown Ups and Wigglers**

So the under 5s dance and movement class, Grown Ups and Wigglers in Harbury, launched with a bang on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Tom Hauley Room. Ten families danced and moved their way through the session and all had great fun. Thanks to Hannah for leading such a creative and thoughtful session.

Jenny Davis, Director of Arts Uplift said "I am absolutely delighted with the response so far to the new group in Harbury. I am so pleased that so many people think it's a great idea to get fit with your toddler and help their child to develop their co-ordination, balance and creativity. It was a joy to see so many parents bonding with their child through the delight of movement."

The classes are every Friday in term time from 10am to 11am until 15<sup>th</sup> July and there are still a few more places for families if people are interested. You can still join even though the term has started. There would be a warm welcome for you. The class includes a refreshment break so you can meet other like minded parents or grandparents and enjoy a drink and a biscuit!

For more information and to book contact Jenny Davis 07946 585978 or e-mail [jenny.artservice@icloud.com](mailto:jenny.artservice@icloud.com). Also there is a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/GrownupsandWigglers](http://www.facebook.com/GrownupsandWigglers) if you want to like and share it and keep up to date. There are images of the class on here also.

**Jenny Davis**



## **Harbury Village Show**

All is on track for the Show on 10<sup>th</sup> September. A reminder that entries are open to all residents of Harbury, Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge and Chesterton, pupils of Harbury School and members of the W.I., Horticultural Society and Art Classes.

The schedules are now in the Library – do take a look and consider having a go.

To whet your appetite, as the better weather comes, these are the photography classes: My Idea of Paradise, Gates, In My Kitchen, Best Friend, Distorted (black and white).

**Harbury Show Steering Group**



## **Chesterton Church**

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, from 11.30am - 2.30pm there will be the Annual Fun Ride and Horse Blessing starting from the field in front of the church. Come along to take part or help out, or just to watch. There is a choice of different courses with optional jumps to cater for mixed abilities, all through glorious countryside, away from traffic. Refreshments available and a raffle.

All enquiries to Lynne Smith, 07759 454195.

**Elizabeth Holding**





## Born to be a Baggie

Harbury resident Dean Walton has a new book out covering his football supporting life. Over the last 50 years he has rarely missed a West Bromwich Albion game at The Hawthorns and has followed his beloved 'Baggies' all over the world, watching them play in 18 different countries and on nearly 200 different grounds.

Follow Dean's travels through three divisions over five decades. From UEFA Cup joy on a warm Valencia evening to questioning his own sanity on a freezing cold night in Hartlepool. From Wembley success to humiliating relegation in Bath, every emotion is covered.



Football is about much more than the match itself. This book will strike a chord with any dedicated football supporter.

For further information contact Dean at [borntobeabaggie@gmail.com](mailto:borntobeabaggie@gmail.com)

**Dean Walton**

## Ufton Village Fete - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**2-4pm at The White Hart**

Cream teas, plants, cakes and produce, children's books and toys, Bric a Brac, tombola, grand raffle, children's fancy dress competition: theme "Kings and Queens". Entertainment by Inspire Dance and Tap and Groove.

Admission £1.00, children under 16 free (proceeds to Ufton Church).

**Gillian Ingham**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### ***Dear Editors***

*We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and supported our coffee morning in aid of the Guide Dogs. We raised the fantastic amount of £365.17.*

*Thank you for all your donations for this worthy cause and to all the people who helped before and during the morning.*

***The Lines Family***

**Dear Editors**

*A very big thank you to Mrs Dronfield, Mrs Finch and all of the people of Harbury and beyond who have come in to our pharmacy to sign our petition to help prevent the closure of some pharmacies due to Government funding. We have had hundreds of signatures and have passed them on to the relevant people.*

*We all at Harbury Pharmacy were very appreciative and humbled by all your support.*

*Thanks again.*

**Suresh, Mahesh and all the staff at Harbury Pharmacy**

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**Dear Editors**

**Should we be concerned? Yes we should.**

*Harbury is a great place to live, but it needs to be managed. The basic layout of Harbury as we know dates back to the 18th century. The roads were designed to handle slow moving traffic and horse drawn farm vehicles. In other words, Harbury is now out of date and needs to be brought into the 21st century. To do this requires a complete study of all aspects of what we as the residents want and need.*

*Firstly, Harbury has an ageing population, coupled with an expanding birth rate. To achieve what we want we must first set targets by producing a twenty year programme, broken down into two year, five year, ten year programmes.*

*We cannot afford to allow a problem to arise and fix it with a “seat of the pants” solution, e.g. the present bus route consultation; the buses are not the problem, it’s the parking around the Post Office and Chapel Street. This problem has not happened overnight, the area has slowly become a bottle neck. We must foresee these problems and fix them before they become serious.*

*A village is like a large company, it needs to be managed and know what it wants and how to get there - by setting targets and keeping to them. We, as residents of Harbury, must make sure that we take an active part in achieving our targets. This way we will have the village we want and deserve. Let’s all pull together.*

**Ted Ross**

## Regular Diary Dates

**ART CLASSES:** Monday, 1.00 - 3.00pm, Tuesday, 10.00am - 12 noon and 1.00 - 3.00pm, Wednesday, 10.00am - 12 noon, The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Tel: 614251

**BEAVERS:** Thursday, 5.30 - 6.40pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494,  
Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

**BELLRINGERS:** Friday, 7.30pm, Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939, Email: alison@abt1.net

**BIBLE STUDY:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, 1.45 - 3.15pm, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 10.30am - 12 noon, Mary Catt, Tel: 612864

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

**BROWNIES:** Monday, 5.45 - 7.00pm, Scout Hut, Email: paulabranscomb@aol.com,  
Tel: 613007

**BUMPS & BUNDLES:** Tuesday, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 611914

**CONNECTIONS CAFE:** (for those with dementia & their carers), every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 2.00pm, Biblio's Café, Harbury Library

**CUBS:** Wednesday, 6.45 - 8.15pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494,  
Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

**GUIDES:** Monday, 7.15 - 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: harburyguides@btinternet.com,  
Tel: 614316

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612534

### HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

#### Under 6's – Year 1 (Mixed)

Coach: Marcus Birch Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

#### Under 7's, 8's & 9's – Year 2, 3 & 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Katie Wales Tel: 07785 459232

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

#### Under 10's – Year 5 (Mixed)

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

#### Under 11's – Year 6 (Mixed)

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 01926 612617

Training: Saturday 9.15am. Harbury Park

#### Under 12's – Year 7 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Gillingham Tel: 07528 580761

Training: Tuesday 6.30pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

#### Under 13's – Year 8 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

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#### Under 15's – Year 9 & 10 (Mixed)

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Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** The Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Monday, 12 noon - 3.30pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 9.00am - 3.30pm, Wednesday and Friday, 9.00am - 1.30pm, Text: 07907 598461, enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

**HARBURY THEATRE GROUP:** Last Tuesday of month, The Shakespeare, Tel: 614937

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** The Wight School, High Street, Harbury.

Monday, 9.30am - 11.15am, Lynne Barton, Tel: 612748

**HARBURY UKULELE GROUP:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 8.00pm, Village Pubs, Tel: 612377

**HARBURY VILLAGE CINEMA:** Lana Long, Tel: 613311 or 07535 622707,

Email: markandlana@aol.com

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498 (evenings). Bingo every Friday 8.30pm – non members welcome.

**HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY:** Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Tel: 258776,

Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm and Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** Wednesday, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall, Tel: 614217

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month (Oct - May excluding January) 8.00pm,

Tom Hauley Room, Judy Morrall, Tel: 613103

**INSPIRE DANCE:** Wednesday, 4.00 - 7.00pm, Village Hall, Tel: 07875 715876

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon, Scout Hut

Sue Hartland, Tel: 612734

**HARBURY NETBALL CLUB (Senior & Junior):** Training: Thursday, Harbury Playing Fields

U14 - 5.30 - 6.30pm, U16 - 6.30 - 7.30pm, Intermediate Seniors, 7.00 - 8.00pm,

Senior League, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Tel: 613163

**MOTHERS' UNION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 2.30pm, Tel: 613757

**RAINBOWS:** Tuesday, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Scout Hut, Email: Debbie@dimmock.org.uk

Tel: 612036,

**SCOUTS:** Thursday, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612897, harburyscouts@hotmail.co.uk

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays

5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

**TABLE TENNIS:** Thursday, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809

**TAI CHI (Nei Chia Association),** Monday, 7.30pm, Ufton Village Hall, Tel: 612277

**TENNIS CLUB:** Harbury Tennis Courts, South Parade. CV33 9HZ

Playing Times: Tuesday, 6.30 - 10.00pm, Thursday, 6.30 - 10.00pm,

Sunday 10.00am - 12 noon

**Members** may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked. **Guests** playing with members should pay £1 an hour.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email [sucolmercer@btinternet.com](mailto:sucolmercer@btinternet.com))

**Non-members** - Courts should be booked at Country Fayre, Chapel Street £4 per court per hour) Floodlit bookings - £7 per court per hour.

**Minis and Juniors** (age 3 - 17) For details of Junior membership, contact Sue Mercer: [sucolmercer@btinternet.com](mailto:sucolmercer@btinternet.com)

**Coaching:** Adult and Junior coaching takes place throughout the year provided by Coolsportz. For up to date information contact [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)

**TOM HAULEY ROOM COFFEE MORNING:** Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tel: 613214

**W.I.:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 614896

**WEDNESDAY WALKERS:** Weds, 9.40am, meet Village Hall Car Park, Tel: 614188 or 614809

**YOGA:** Tuesday, 1.30 - 3.00pm and 6.00 - 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 817904

**YOUTH GROUP – ICON:** Sunday, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 07833 702835

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4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am	Said Communion Sung Eucharist
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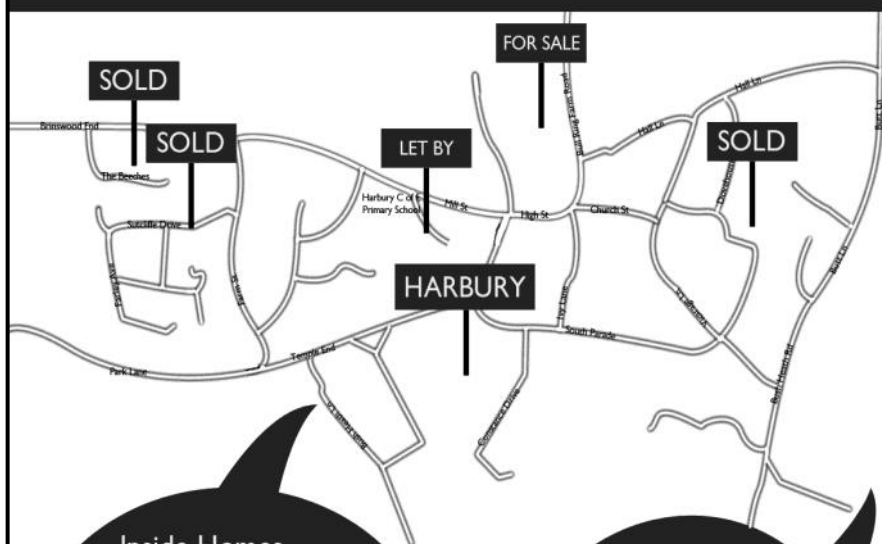
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