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## Editorial



**A Church Street house ready for Halloween**

By the time you read this, villagers will have celebrated Halloween and the Guy Fawkes bonfire and fireworks – hopefully in better weather than the Victorian Street Fayre! We now look forward to all the festive activities such as the Harbury Christmas Fayre and the Ladbroke Christmas Party.

Now that the Fosse Way closure and Park Lane/Bush Heath Lane road works are underway, causing a significant increase in traffic in the centre of Harbury, maybe we should leave a little extra time for our journey to save unnecessary stress.

Next month the News will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual Christmas cards; please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

The Editors extend their condolences to the families of Rene Delin and Meriel Williamson.

## Harbury Diary

### NOVEMBER

- Sat 5** Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Senior Citizens  
Bonfire and Fireworks on Recreation Ground, Bonfire lit 6.00pm, Fireworks 6.30pm
- Sun 6** **THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast

- Sun 6 All Souls Service, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  
Meningitis Now and Macgregor Ward Fund-Raiser, 12 noon to 4.00pm in Village Hall
- Mon 7 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 8 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,  
Priors Marston (3 miles - one hill)  
Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury W.I., AGM, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 11 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Save the Children  
Craft Fayre, 10.00am - 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Windmill Singers, 7.30pm, Southam Grange Hall – tickets £5 (see article)
- Sun 13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Second Before Advent)**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Remembrance Service, 10.15am  
Act of Remembrance 11.00am at War Memorial  
Messy Church, 3.00 to 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 14 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 15 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,  
Clifford Chambers (4½ miles)  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 18 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall  
PTA Quiz Night, 7.30 for 8.00pm in School Hall  
Ladbroke Supper and Race Night, 7.00pm, Harbury Village Hall
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Twinning Association

**Sun 20 CHRIST THE KING (Sunday next before Advent)**

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Sun 20 Saints Alive Informal Family Communion - Remembering',  
10.30am

Evensong, 6.00pm

Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

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Mon 21 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall

Martial Arts, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Tues 22 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Patient Participation Group, Dementia Friends meeting, 7.30pm in  
Tom Hauley Room

Julian Meeting, 8.00pm

Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,  
Warwick Parkway to Hatton Locks Café for coffee (4 miles)

Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall

Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 24 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PMHarbury Theatre Group presents "All Exclusive", doors open  
7.00pm, curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 25 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall

Harbury Theatre Group presents "All Exclusive", doors open  
7.00pm, curtain up 7.30pm, Village HallSat 26 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid  
of Junior Rugby

Evensong with the Interdum Singers, 4.00pm

Harbury Theatre Group presents "All Exclusive", doors open  
7.00pm, curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall**Sun 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon 28 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall

Martial Arts, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Tues 29 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall

Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Harbury Society talk by Chris Gibb on Village WW1 Blue Plaque  
Trail, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley RoomWed 30 Wednesday Walk, 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park,  
Brinklow (3 miles)

Wed 30 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 to 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall

## DECEMBER

Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
 Folk Club, 8.00pm at Village Club

Fri 2 Soup Kitchen at Ashton House, 12 noon – 2.00pm. All welcome.

Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid  
 of Harbury Pre-School  
 Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Village Hall


Sun 4 **ADVENT II**  
 Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast  
 Taizé Service, 6.00pm

Tues 6 Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Horticultural Society Festive Fun, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,  
 Hampton Wood (Sherbourne) (5 miles)  
 Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
 Mothers' Union AGM, 2.30pm, plus "Craft for Christmas"

Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

**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
November	Wed	Fri	
	9	11	Grey Bin
	16	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	23	25	Grey Bin
	30		Green & Blue Lid Bins
Dec		2	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	7	9	Grey Bin
	14	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins



**All Saints  
HARBURY**

## From the Rector

**Reverend Craig Grocock**

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉ [kankudai43@aol.co.uk](mailto:kankudai43@aol.co.uk)

### Light in the Darkness

I am not so keen on this time of year. The clocks have moved back, we're plunged into darkness at five o'clock in the evening and it's dark when we get up in the morning. It's enough to make you want to adopt a hedgehog lifestyle and hibernate for the winter! The dark really does affect many of us, as anyone who suffers from SAD (seasonally adjusted disorder) will know all too well. If you're worried about something and wake during the night problems can seem so much worse then. Our imaginations run riot in the dark!

As a child during the miners' strikes of the early 70's I remember my mum lighting candles when the power went off. Our sitting room would be plunged into darkness and Mum would light the candle on the coffee table and the candle light appeared to push back the darkness to the corners of the room. It's no wonder that throughout history light has become such a powerful symbol. Our Sikh and Hindu friends will soon be celebrating Diwali, a festival of light celebrating the triumph of good over evil.

The Christian tradition describes Jesus as the Light of the World, illuminating and 'pushing back' those dark corners that can frighten and confuse us. When a person is baptized (Christened) they are given a lighted candle to remind them that they have passed from 'darkness to light'.

There is much 'darkness' in the world and consequently fear and confusion. As Christians we believe that God welcomes us into his light, into his living presence when we come to him. He never turns us away but delights to welcome us no matter what we are or what we've been. Trust and faith in God is so transformative not only for ourselves but for our world. His peace brings the deep inner peace we so often seek especially when feeling lost, lonely, hurt or when we simply long to feel loved. May Christ's light shine brightly for all of us and may it truly push back the darkness.

God bless.

### From the Registers

#### *Baptism*

9 <sup>th</sup> October	Diesel Harris
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Dean Merrick
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Isabelle Rose Rowell

## *Wedding*

24<sup>th</sup> September      Norman James Hingston to Gillian Wendy Carpenter

## *Funeral*

11<sup>th</sup> October      Rene Delin (94 years)

## *Burial of Ashes*

18<sup>th</sup> October      Patricia Mettrick



### **From the Churchwardens**

**Liz & John**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has undertaken a project looking at how we can improve the buildings in the short term to make them more comfortable and to be able to better engage with all who come in.

After working closely with the Diocese of Coventry to see what other churches in the area have done, we would now like to make some temporary changes to the layout of the church. This would be in the form of an experiment which the Diocese allows for up to 15 months provided anything we do is minor and completely reversible and doesn't fix anything new to the building.

For our experiment we would like to try and create a space in church we propose to call "The Hub" where we can show visitors to the church what is happening in our services, in our home groups, our work in the community and to generally promote the healthy life of the church that may not be apparent if you visit outside of service times. We want to make this a comfortable space that people can spend time in and will be aimed both at visitors to the church as well as existing churchgoers.

The most suitable space we have agreed on is where the Children's Corner is currently located, so the temporary proposal is to move the Children's Corner to the other side of the nave into a slightly smaller space, which will be in a less prominent but more central position.

If you have any comments or suggestions please contact us on [communications@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:communications@allsaintsharbury.org) or talk to Rev Craig or either of us, the church wardens. (Liz: 612421 or John: 614206)

After saying all that we now feel a little like Homer Simpson and say "Doh" as, with the onset of winter, the church will be locked a little earlier - from mid-afternoon - except on Sundays when there are evening services.



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

A sobering afternoon for us last month, when Mr Tony Mumford explained the work of the Blue Sky centre. Based at the George Elliot hospital in Nuneaton, it is one of sadly few sexual assault referral centres in the country. Here, the victims of these most wicked crimes can be treated with care and respect. After the necessary clinical examination, the centre provides for them to shower and have fresh clothes in a confidential and sympathetic atmosphere.

Mothers' Union branches in the diocese support this work with a supply of toiletries; we have done so and plan to do so again. You can bring them to our next meeting, and we will also add on any surplus from our stall at the Christmas Fair and any items less suitable for sale such as more mundane bathroom requisites.

The subscriptions for 2017 are due in January, but it would be helpful for Sue Field to have some before then, in an envelope with the member's name. This is each member's contribution to the wider work of Mothers' Union, not our branch, and will be £22.50 (or £20 for indoor members who are not able to attend meetings).

Also please give Sue your overseas box as soon as convenient.

### Christmas Fair

We welcome gifts for our usual toiletries stall, to be placed in the box in church before Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November please.

7<sup>th</sup> December: after a brief AGM (thankfully Chris is willing to continue as our leader), we shall be making Christmas table decorations to take home. Materials will be provided but please bring secateurs and any odd baubles or glittery bits you would like to include.

Meeting as usual – 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room following communion at 2pm.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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

### NOVEMBER

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|-----|---|---|
| Sat | 5 | Bonfire & Fireworks, 6.30pm, Farmyard Field<br>Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall        |
| Sun | 6 | <b>Third Sunday before Advent</b><br>Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments |
| Mon | 7 | Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close   |



- Wed 9 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall  
 Fri 11 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall  
 Sat 12 Free Concert, 7.30pm, Church  
**Sun 13 Remembrance Sunday**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Village Remembrance Service, 3.00pm  
 Wed 16 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Fri 18 Supper and Race Night, 7.00pm, Harbury Village Hall  
**Sun 20 Sunday before Advent**  
 Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am  
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 Wed 23 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 24 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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 5.30PM  
**Sun 27 First Sunday in Advent**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Wed 30 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
**DECEMBER**  
**Sun 4 Second Sunday in Advent**  
 Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments  
 Mon 5 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close  
 Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Wed 7 Ladbroke Church open for coffee and cake while a peal is rung,  
 10.00am - 12 noon  
 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Sat 10 Ladbroke Christmas Party, 7.30pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

**Jackie West**

Our Harvest Festival at the start of the month was great. The church was decorated with beautiful autumnal arrangements of flowers and berries, we sang our favourite harvest hymns and Rev Craig's friend Graham Nunn brought along his special bible - one that bursts into flames when he opened it, to the delight of the congregation. Afterwards we had a party in the Village Hall where Rev Nikki's marble game was a resounding success and after a tasty lunch Graham entertained us with more magic tricks. Many thanks to our flower arrangers, cooks and other helpers on the day and also to everyone



who gave donations of food in church - the fresh vegetables were gratefully received by Castel Froma in Leamington Spa and the non-perishables taken to our local food bank collection point (at Southam Tesco's), The website **fosse.foodbank.org.uk** explains what the foodbank does and how to give or receive help.

In the last few weeks many people have been taking up the promises they bought at our auction in September. If all has gone quiet on yours don't hesitate to get in contact with the person who made the promise and if you don't have their details get in touch with me on [ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com). Fundraising for building repairs continues with a concert in church at Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, a Supper and Race night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and a coffee morning in church while a (full) peal is rung on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 10am. There are more details about these events later in the magazine and once again we are inviting people to send their Christmas wishes to local friends via the Harbury & Ladbroke News (see Editorial, page 2) &/or on a giant card in church and to donate the money saved to our All Saints for All Generations campaign.

Do you shop on line? Many people do especially at this time of year. Do it through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and you could raise a **free** donation for Ladbroke Church every time you shop at one of the major retailers like Amazon, M&S, John Lewis, Sainsburys and a wide range of service providers from insurance to holidays. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation and it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to **<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ladbrokechurch/>** and join for free (*I suggest you opt out of the regular updates and reminders and decline giving your card details for high street donations*).
2. Every time you shop online, go to [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Ladbroke Church will be really grateful; just three people have raised nearly £40 this way in the last year or so - think how much we could raise if 50 more and some businesses joined us.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Meriel Williamson but pleased to be able to share in a service of thanksgiving for her life on 1<sup>st</sup> November which, being All Saints Day, is the patronal festival of All Saints Church, Ladbroke. November is always a time of looking back and being grateful to those who have directly touched our lives or influenced them indirectly. Everyone is welcome to come and remember those who gave their lives during war as wreaths are laid at the war memorial in church at our the Village Remembrance Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm.

## From the Registers

### *Service of Thanksgiving*

1<sup>st</sup> November

Meriel Williamson

### *Flower Rota*

13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November

Susan Moore

No flowers during Advent

	<b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b>	<b>Carol Lane</b>
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The AGM was held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October when members heard Joan, our secretary, give the Annual Report and Hazel present the accounts. All of the committee members were happy to stand for re-election and votes from the members confirmed their appointment. Thus the committee for 2017 consists of Dianne Surgey, Joan Perry, Heather Brooks, Susan Moore, Jenny Barrett, Sue Lord, Lesley Jeffries and Hazel Harrison. Further voting resulted in Dianne remaining as President for the coming year.

Dianne thanked the committee for their help over the past year and gave particular mention to Lesley for her organisation of the excellent speakers and to Hazel for taking on the role of Treasurer.

She also thanked the many members who had helped to make the coffee morning on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> in the Tom Hauley Room particularly successful – and fun!

Many ladies were sporting decorated hands from the henna painting at the Essence of India Day and had also enjoyed a range of Indian food and 'throwing some moves' at the Bollywood dancing.

Other outings this month included a performance of "Kiss Me Kate" at the Spa Centre and a visit to Batsford Arboretum.

### **Dates for your Diaries:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - The Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI Christmas Social. Lunch at The Bell.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service at Stockton Church.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Learn to Knit, Federation House from 10.00am to 3.00pm, £15

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Serious Science Lecture: The story of female astronauts. L/Spa Baptist Church. 7.30 – 9.30. £8.25.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Get to know your sewing machine. Federation House. 10.00am- 3.00pm.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Monday. Federation Quiz, Harbury Village Hall. £15 per team.

After a selection of goodies and a glass of wine, Dianne entertained us with a Good Wife Guide from the 50s and some practical advice to follow prior to your first mammogram!!

The November meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> will have taken place before this edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News is distributed. I can thoroughly recommend the January meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> as I have already heard Graham and Nicky Lewis talk about their visit to Chile and Easter Island and it is fascinating.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and new members are always welcome.



## Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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

We have quite a few things happening between now and the end of the year, so we hope to see you at some (or hopefully all) of these events:



Our next supper and film night will be on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** in the Village Hall. Our choice of film this time is **'Woman in Gold'** - a true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family in the Second World War as she attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Doors open at 7pm for supper with an 8pm start for the film.

Tickets cost £12 and include food. Bring your own drinks.

*Please book early as these evenings are always very popular.*

Tickets available from Nicky on 815196.



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** brings one of our very popular race nights to **Harbury Village Hall** – proceeds to go jointly to Ladbroke Matters and All Saints' Ladbroke Church building repair fund. There are six genuine wooden horses to have a flutter on, so do come along and join in the fun. Doors open 7pm.

Tickets, to include a hot supper, are £10 for adults and £5 for children available from Kip on 815004. Bar available.



Planning for our **Annual Christmas Party** is well under way. This will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** in the Village Hall. There will be light refreshments, live music, and a guest DJ! So dust off your dancing shoes and put this date in your diary now. More details soon.

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

### September 2016

£50	Carol Lane	£50	Kate Liverton
£25	John Liverton	£25	Roger Plaskett
£25	Geoff Lane	£10	Brian Whitehouse
£10	Simon and Jackie West	£10	Alan Rylance
£10	Laura Taylor	£10	Joan Perry

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**

"The camera never lies - but the computer does!" So said Jackie West as she explained the manipulation of images using computer software, illustrating the point by squeezing Steve Morten's head into a space suit (digitally speaking). Such software comes in many varieties from the very simple to the fiendishly complex but the application used most widely at our level is Photoshop Elements. By cropping a picture, altering the contrast and brightness, sharpening it up and perhaps blotting out some distracting detail, she showed how to bring out the best in a photograph. It was also an opportunity to prepare pictures to be made into greetings cards.

At the other end of the hall we had a chance to photograph the blade of a very fine antique Japanese sword, kindly brought in by the friend of a club member. The subtle wavy patterns in the steel were a real challenge to



**Mounting Exhibition Photos**

capture and a lot of effort went into changing and moving lights and finding just the right camera angle. Meanwhile, a small group were mounting the prints that we had selected earlier in the year in preparation for our exhibition at the John Turner Festival at Southam College on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Our next meeting, on 1<sup>st</sup> November, will include a competition on the weather. Then, on 6<sup>th</sup> December, we shall be looking at photographs taken during our outings. Visitors and guests are always welcome to our meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## Ladbroke General Section

### Ladbroke Whist Drives

A couple of whist drives are being held in Ladbroke Village Hall (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November) to see how they work with others helping Betty run the evenings. It is hoped they will continue on a regular basis after that. If you are interested in coming along please contact Betty on 812234.

**Betty Winkfield**

### Supper and Traditional Race Night, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Betting on videos not your thing? Not ours either! Our traditional races are more like a giant party game as these photos from a previous time show. If you wish, you can bring a table of friends and form a syndicate, you can be a jockey or bid to nominate someone else to reel in your wooden horse and you can place bets on the tote, but most of all just come along and enjoy the fun as the horses race towards the finish line.



The event is taking place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, at Harbury Village Hall (as it's bigger than Ladbroke's) with the doors and cash bar opening at 7.00pm. If you want to offer a lift from and back to Ladbroke afterwards or see if any lifts are available please contact Carol 814715.

Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children and include a chicken and chip supper and can be booked by emailing [bookings@ladbrokematters.uk](mailto:bookings@ladbrokematters.uk) or contacting Susan 07770 786981 or Kip 815004. The event is in aid of Ladbroke Church's building repair fund and Ladbroke Matters, which runs the Village Hall and Millennium Green.

**Susan Moore & Kip Warr**

## **Free Concert in Ladbroke Church - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

'For Good' is a song from the musical 'Wicked' and will close the concert in Ladbroke Church on November 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30pm.

Many of you have met my great niece from Australia, Krystal, on one of her many visits to Ladbroke. She will be accompanying her two fellow post graduate students, Sian and Harriet, from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in a selection of lieder, opera duets and songs from musical theatre.

There is no entrance fee and we are grateful to the three girls who are giving their time and talents for the benefit of the Ladbroke Church fundraising campaign.

Wine and nibbles will be available in the interval and there will be an opportunity to donate at the end of the evening.

**Carol Lane**

## **Peal to be rung on Ladbroke Church Bells, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Have you lived in Ladbroke for more than 30 years? If the answer is yes then you may have heard the previous peal ring from All Saints Church. "I hear the bells rung each week" you may think but a (full) peal is quite special. To explain: in most countries bells are fixed and the noise comes from them being struck however, in the UK, the bells are hung with movable clappers inside. It was around 400 years ago that the practice of turning the bell full circle with a rope and wheel to get the fullest tone was developed. From this evolved the art of change-ringing. When the bells sound down the scale they are ringing ROUNDS; a CHANGE is when the bells ring in an order other than rounds and in a set piece no change should be repeated - a PEAL is over 5000 changes and it takes over two hours to ring.

In the last 50 years there have only been three peals rung from All Saints Church Ladbroke, in 1966, 1976 and 1986, so we are very pleased to be welcoming a group of visiting bell ringers on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December to ring another one. To celebrate the occasion, there will be a coffee morning in church from 10.00am to noon that day when there will be small exhibition on our bells, as well as coffee and cake, raffle etc in aid of our All Saints for All Generations campaign, to raise funds for building repairs. Do come along if you can.

**Keith Archer & Jackie West**



## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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### September 2016

**Library** - The new lighting has been installed and more shelving will be bought with the S106 money from the Quarries development.

**School** - There was disturbing news about the Bishop of Coventry's approach to Southam School's consultation on a Multi-Academy Trust. He would not allow any of the C of E Schools to negotiate with the Trust, despite Governors concerns that their feeder schools would be "left behind". Cllr Gibb, a Harbury Governor, was not happy about this nor the fact that Harbury School's Trust Deed was not available, so the Governors could make no decision. It was agreed that the PC should write to the Bishop and to Justin Welby to ask him to intervene.

**Police** - PC Cramp was reported to believe that the serial burglars had "moved on", but everyone was encouraged to ensure they still locked their back gates.

**Village Hall** - Cllr Gibb asked that the Booking Secretary made it clear to hirers that they should not plaster the village with sale signs as had happened recently. It was suggested that the "Buy & Sell it in Harbury" Facebook site was available to publicise events.

**County Council** – County Cllr Bob Stevens feared more cuts-back as the County had to lose 300+ staff by 2020. The Fosse would be shut or have traffic controls from 8<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> February for work on the railway bridge which was being damaged by lorries. Cabling was also being laid to the solar farm near Sharmer Farm. The Boundary Commission's ideas on new Parliamentary Constituencies were out for consultation. Exploratory boreholes under Ufton Wood were being drilled in advance of HS2.

**Planning** - Cllrs had no comments to make on crown reduction of trees at Deny's Close, Temple End; on extensions to 18 Hereburgh Way; amendments to plans for Hillside, Binswood End; tree clearance at the Cement Works; or the replacement of a conservatory with an extension at 4 Pirie Close.

They did object on plans: to turn an isolated barn in Bishops Parish, without proper access, into a residence; to installing roof-lights at Wissett Lodge, Church Street as neighbours had objected and to the Walworth Farm Battery Storage proposals because of their impact on Bishop's Cemetery. The Council agreed to object on the grounds of the intolerable noise and nuisance



to Burgess Care's retrospective application to legalise the use of a detached building for care accommodation.

Several people had alerted the Parish Council to the use of Hornton stone on the new estate being built on Bush Heath Lane and the PC has already contacted Stratford District Council who seem to have failed to specify the right stone. Local resident Mr Woodward said he pointed this out to the site manager along with residents concern about the dust that the building works is generating.

The Chairman expressed concern at the lack of progress on the new Surgery for the Cement Works. Developers were to build and equip a new Surgery on the Quarries site for the Harbury and Bishops Itchington practice with no rent to pay for 20 years; however the Clinical Commissioning Group would not support this. Our MP was to meet them to ask they think again about this.

**Planning responses made out of Council** - No Representation on: Replacement Dwelling at Stapenhall Farm Depper's Bridge; extensions and new walls at 6 Vicarage Lane; communications pole at Bull Ring Farm; tree-works at Harbury House and 21 Farm Street and extensions at 13 Bush Heath Lane.

**Stratford Planning Decisions** - Permission granted; Meadow Farm, Bush Heath Road stable extension; 46 Frances Road porch and extension; Harbury Depot tree-works.

Refused: Bull Ring Lane 32 Extra Care Flats and 21 houses.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - The Plan group would meet on 5<sup>th</sup> October, at the end of the consultation period on the draft.

The Welcome Pack was only waiting for the Energy Initiative's input and bus timetables.

**Recreation Grounds** - The Clerk struggled to find anyone to undertake the small maintenance and repair jobs at the grounds. The Cllrs decided to have "Elmwood" benches on the Fitness Track and now have to design the signs with the distances and the time it takes to walk between them. Cllr Thornley offered to find out what these were. Cllr's decided on balance not to permit the use of the fields for pony rides after Bonfire Night because of the potential damage that could cause.

**Lighting** - There were problems getting the damaged light in Manor Road replaced. The County had declared it in need of emergency repairs and Cllrs agreed to the Chair's suggestion that a replacement should be ordered and re-imbursement for its cost sought.

**Signage** - The Hereburgh Way developer would be asked to fund the cost of a sign to Ridgley Way as SDC does not provide them. Cllr Knowles reported that the 40mph sign in Butt Lane had still not been replaced.

**Burial Grounds** - Neighbours would be consulted about the replacement perimeter fence and the new holly hedge. Cllr Summers received permission to have the alley of Irish yews reduced to 7 foot in height to allow easier maintenance. This was at Michael Mann's suggestion and he would do the work for £300 which would be paid for by the Friends of the Burial Grounds.

**Bus Service** - Cllr Gibb explained that all our Bus Services are commercial but that Stagecoach has told the County they will give up our routes because they do not cover their costs. The County failed to find other commercial operators to run the service and are now seeking tenders for a subsidised service, but this will only cover transport from Southam to Bishops Itchington, Harbury and Leamington and vice versa. There will be no buses to Daventry or Banbury.

Cllr Gibb wants the County to have a 'Fare Review' to improve the affordability to passengers; to use low floor vehicles and run the service on Tuesdays and Saturdays to Warwick Hospital, all to encourage more people to use the services. The PC decided to support these ideas.

**WW1 Project** - Cllr Gibb thanked the Clerk for finalising the Listed Buildings Applications and Richard Marshall-Hardy for taking copies of the plaques to householders to decide on the size suitable for their properties. The project website should be running by 11<sup>th</sup> November but all the plaques would not be in place until the end of the year when planning consent for the Listed Buildings was confirmed. There would be a ceremony later. He thanked everyone who had been part of the project.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## **Third Anniversary of our Neighbourhood Plan**

In October 2013 a questionnaire was delivered to every household in the parish and 25% of them returned. This was the start of our work to complete a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Harbury Parish. On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013 we held the first of many consultations. We had problems with continuity of meetings, and therefore ideas, during 2014 because residents who volunteered to help had many other commitments. There was another community consultation at the Carnival in June. A settled steering group was established in January 2015 which moved things forward and another community consultation held in May 2015 for residents to view our objectives. A consultant was appointed at the end of 2015 (paid for by grants) and his advice was invaluable as he helped us focus on producing a first draft of this 'document for the community'. There was a display at the Village Hall's opening ceremony in April 2016 and many amendments and online consultations since then. The Plan has been re-drafted four times because of comments received from residents, statutory consultees and Stratford District Council. The final version of the plan is expected to go forward to referendum in the Spring of 2017 and we will need your support at

this time - three and a half years after we began! (unless we have further delays).

Some of the original issues which we think would be the same if we undertook another survey now:

**Top 5 LIKES:** community spirit, friendliness, shops (including Post Office and Chemist), many facilities and the rural aspects of the village.

**Top 5 DISLIKES:** inconsiderate parking, traffic congestion, cars speeding through village, dog fouling and the lack of facilities for teenagers.

Some things don't change! But many other things will in this day and age! The Neighbourhood Plan sets out our vision and our objectives for the future.

**Councillor Pat Summers - on behalf of Harbury Parish Council**



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Juilia Fowler**



Wasn't the PTA's Victorian Street Fayre wonderful? Our tombola seethed with children hoping to win sweets or craft goodies or seeds or any of a range of small items ingeniously crammed into decorated jam jars. We donated the entire takings - £200.00 - to Harbury School to buy topic reference books for each year group.

Now we're busy 'painting everything' after Marie Stanley's inspiring demonstration of the wonders of chalk paint at October's meeting. Marie's shop, Hillbilly's Vintage Crafts, in Leamington, is a treasure trove of possibilities, as is her Facebook page - @hillbilyscreations. We highly recommend her as a speaker. So, what can be painted? Wooden furniture, of course, but also metalwork, picture frames, plastic plant pots, kitchen cabinets, paper, china, glass, curtains, upholstery (yes, really), lampshades, concrete, stone, plaster, indoors, outdoors. Husbands should keep moving if they want to avoid being stencilled...

Four of us had an action-filled time at Warwickshire WI Federation's splendid 'Essence of India' day on 28<sup>th</sup> September. We patterned our hands with henna, heard about the caste system, tasted spices, sampled chai after watching



it being made, enjoyed a fabulous lunch prepared by three Fed Trustees who'd attended a course in Indian cuisine, were stunned by a fashion show and sari-wearing demonstration, made new friends, AND had a stab at Bollywood dancing. This last treat had looked to be impossible, as the hall was a little too small, and the sound system much too temperamental. Nothing daunted, the presenter hustled us all out to the car park and we danced to music played on her iPhone.

WI events and activities all play into the mission 'to inspire and enrich the lives of all women and girls who wish to play an active role in their communities, widen their horizons and learn new skills'. In a bid to provide something for everyone, events are organised at local, county and national levels - examples respectively being our chalk paint session or darts team, the Warwickshire Federation's India day or craft workshops, and a special National WI event in November at the National Gallery, exploring 'Women in Art'. Three of us are looking forward to attending this, not to mention fitting in a spot of Christmas shopping.

Upcoming Harbury events are our AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> November, when the President and Committee for the forthcoming year will be elected; December meeting and 'Yesteryear Quiz' on the 8<sup>th</sup>; and the Group Carol Service at Long Itchington on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

More news soon on our hunt for photos and stories to strengthen our historical records, but do let us know if you have any pictures, clippings or information about Harbury WI and its members.

Harbury WI meets at the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30 for 7.45pm, on the second Thursday of the month. All women are welcome, whether it's to hear a particular speaker, or to see if WI is for you. Contact us on [harburywi@gmail.com](mailto:harburywi@gmail.com), or 07834 667 523. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/harburywi](http://www.facebook.com/harburywi)



## **Folk Club**

**Doug & Janny Freeman**

### **October 2016 Folk Club**

This month's theme was "Transport", and the performers steered us through the evening with references to different modes of transport.

The evening was opened by Ian and Sue with two fine songs about a weary hobo and a wayfaring stranger. Ray and Anne rode the American railways, but suffered a train wreck in West Virginia. Rik started on a racing clipper ship, and then had to slow down for motorway cones. Sally rode through Paris in a sports car, before requesting that we get to her by any means of transport. Lou and Mary had us leaving on a jet plane, and then visited the west coast of Scotland. Pete Grassby left New Orleans on a railroad car, and

then returned nearer home rolling down the Fosse Way. Peter McDonald finished the first half by lamenting dipsticks and seals, and finally huddling around an engine room's little pot stove.

The musicians of the orchestra took to the stage at the start of the second half and manoeuvred us through four tunes which apparently had some tenuous transport connections. Sue Harris acknowledged National Poetry Day by impersonating a traffic police officer stopping unsuspecting motorists. Norman flew on a 747, and then delighted us with a self-penned song about "little triggers to our memory that can transport us back to the moment they happened". Pete Mason chronicled the fate of a sunken ship and the efforts to salvage the vessel, but were they successful? Morris Oxford, Tina and Graham, gave us tales of stealing purses and a misogynist hunter, but as far as we could tell bypassed the theme. Keith Donnelly brought a fine evening to a rousing finish in his own unique folky, jokey, karaoke style. He then dreamed of going to California, and the audience demanded more and so Keith put on his rocket shoes.

An evening of excellent entertainment, and our thanks go to all the performers, the audience, and the Village Club's staff. The charity raffle raised £51 which has been donated to Harbury e-wheels.

It was a break from tradition by only having two halves. Whatever next? Well find out next month when the club will be hosted by Peter McDonald on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November when the theme will be "Around the World in Three Hours".



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**

The main activity this month has been concerned with the arrangements for our Jazz Evening on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Ticket sales have been good and we look forward to another evening of the music of Django Reinhardt which will have taken place before this edition goes to press.

Next month we will be having our Annual General Meeting in the Crown Inn followed by a French film and buffet supper.



### **December 2016 Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News**

**Adverts to:** 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to  
advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Articles & Christmas Greetings to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or  
e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November





## A shared community activity.....

Many people who live in Harbury often describe its friendliness, its neighbourliness and its willingness to help others and support local events.

Our organza lavender bag making is no exception and indeed this year has been magnificently supported by no less than four sources of lavender from gardens around the village. Many, many thanks to Tony, Barbara, Aimee and Simon for their contribution; our house smelt delicious for weeks as the flowers dried to perfection. The children all enjoyed making bags for their families, such an easy activity for them to succeed at and lots of opportunity for new words and skills. Plus we were all once again very relaxed during and after the Toddler session – have no record of how long that feeling lasted of course.



Nicoletta from **Usborne Books** joined us on 10<sup>th</sup> October and brought lots of nice books to share and sell; she contributed two new books to the Group which were welcome.

Lots to look forward to with spooky Halloween on the horizon. Plus we have been approached by **Brambles Cycle Club** which provides bikes and helmets, organising sessions to help children aged two to four years, with their balance, co-ordination and physical literacy. Sounds great and something very different from our usual programme, which we are always excited by.

We were delighted to be approached by Brambles. It is heartening to learn that new people are continuing to hear about our village Toddler Group and are keen to contribute to our range of activities.

There are essential repairs being done to the Preschool room so we are all 'decanting' to the Tom Hauley Room which at short notice has been able to accommodate us – feedback for next time.

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

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

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



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Autumn:** The children have been experiencing many of the autumnal delights that we associate with this wonderful and colourful time of year.

The role-play area was transformed into an imaginative world of woodland creatures and stories which captured the essence of our changing landscapes and seasons.

**Walk to the Spinney:** We are so lucky in Harbury to have a beautiful natural environment on our doorstep and thanks to our volunteer helpers we set off on a group walk through the village to the Spinney. There, the children found leaves, sticks, feathers and interesting natural objects to collect. They made bark rubbings and a 'camp fire', sang songs and pretended to roast marshmallows. We used our magical 'listening spheres' to help us to hear and contemplate our surroundings. When back from our walk we shared our autumn haul, and used the leaves, sticks and conkers to create collage pictures and leaf prints.



The 30<sup>th</sup> October brings Diwali, the festival of light, when the children experience some of the stories and songs associated with the celebrations. We learn to use our hands to mould clay into diva lamps and create wonderful Rangoli designs in paint using our fingers. Pumpkins and gourds will also be brought into Pre-School and the children will have time to investigate their many varied and wonderful forms.

**Annual General Meeting:** The Pre-School relies heavily on its wonderful 'family' of volunteers and no more so than its committee, who oversee the management of the Pre-School. Following this year's AGM our hardworking Chair, Mireille, stepped down and we take this opportunity to thank her for her committed and unwavering hard work to help ensure that Pre-School continues to be the success it is today. We wish her well on her next venture. We also welcome new committee members and look forward to another fantastic year at Harbury Pre-School.



**Fundraising:** The Harbury Victorian Street Fayre proved to be a wonderful event to attend and be enjoyed by all ages. The Pre-School parents rallied and pulled together to produce a stall serving baguettes with wine for the adults and prettily wrapped sweets and a lucky dip for the children. As day turned into night fun was had and of course, funds raised for the children. Special

thanks go to Rob from Cana for helping us supply the wine and to Rory and Aseia for their hospitality, ensuring our stall was a success.

Watch this space for some exciting news about our next event.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton, Business Manager: e-mail [enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) phone 07907 598461 or look at the website [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk). Please note that although the starting age for Pre-School is normally two years nine months, your child is never too young to be registered.







## Village Hall Update

**Chris Finch**

The Village Hall committee decided it was time for a change to celebrate the New Year and so agreed that another group would be given the chance to organise an 'evening with a difference'. It's good to know that there will be an event in the hall, which will be different, as it is doubtful that many people are familiar with contra dance (or contra-dance). It's a folk dance made up of long lines of couples and has been enjoyed in many countries of the world since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. It's sometimes described as New England Folk dance or Appalachian Folk dance and has been made popular by weekly or monthly dances in the UK and USA for many years. The contact for the event is Jen Morgan and tickets can be booked on [www.wegotickets.com/sct/gdbTH4Nt9p](http://www.wegotickets.com/sct/gdbTH4Nt9p).

The talk by Mark Wood - 'My Life in a Freezer' was very well received with the assembled attendees marvelling at the stamina and mental strength which allow an individual to conquer the most inhospitable places on earth in complete isolation. As he wryly mentioned in part of his talk, it's easy to be an Arctic/Antarctic explorer in the icy wilderness on your own, when you hail from Coventry!! What did he mean?

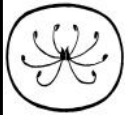
Since the last Village Hall update, many more people have had chance to view the newly re-sanded and varnished floor and have commented on the improved appearance - apart from the more efficient way of looking after it - appreciated by our marvellous caretakers, Tom and Flo Marsh. It does not need quite the same 'buffing' and treating on a regular basis as the old floor surface did, so it's a bonus all round!

There are always other plans in hand for the improvement of the hall, but it's necessary to find the funds before moving on to inform villagers about our efforts in detail. The reason why the Village Hall has a regular update in the Harbury & Ladbroke News is the opportunity to inform everyone about any successes or worries which beset the committee from time to time.

A recent success has been the introduction of a karate class on Monday evening, which has allowed a hitherto unavailable martial art to be offered to people of all ages. A recent worry has been to find some of the hall facilities used without prior agreement, either by people who have not booked in for a particular hiring slot or who are using the fridges and freezer at a time when other people have hired the premises. The hirers then arrive to find a group already in residence. In one case, a village hirer turned up for a party for his daughter as agreed, only to find that there was nowhere to put his prepared food as all the cold storage had been filled by 'persons unknown'??

The Village Hall does have a clear booking arrangement detailed on the Parish Council web-site and the booking secretary is always available to ensure that the desired facility/(facilities) are available. There are email details on the web-site and a dedicated line on 01926 612819 for access to the booking secretary. If everyone follows the guidelines, then no problems arise, as recently experienced!

Many thanks.



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morral**

What an excellent start we enjoyed at our first meeting of the new season on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Linda Smith and her husband Phil paid a very welcome return visit to us. It was a shame that there were so few of us but I understand that some of our members were on holiday. Linda, as you know, runs an aquatic nursery called Waterside in Leicestershire and is in the process of moving to a new field, more about that later.

For a few years they have exhibited at Malvern and were asked if they had ever considered exhibiting at the Chelsea Flower Show. Quite an honour - so they thought about it and decided to try it as there had not been an aquatic exhibit in the grand marquee for over 25 years. You have to apply to exhibit almost a year before the event and they were duly notified in November of acceptance for May 2011. Bearing in mind that the huge exhibits can cost many hundreds of thousands pounds their display was very much cheaper than that.

Phil made the framework to contain the many gallons of water but in February of 2010 there was snow in February so many of the plants suffered. The grasses and other aquatic plants were duly trimmed back then and most of them were ready for the display. The huge bowls used as miniature water gardens were very heavy but since 2012 have been made of fibreglass so are less heavy and easier to handle. Three weeks before the opening day the showground starts to be a hive of activity. The only entrance is through the main gates and is a one-way system which gets very busy. They left the nursery on the Saturday with two vans loaded with equipment and plants. There were 130 exhibits in the marquee and they were lucky to get a good pitch near one of the entrances. The display was duly completed and 800 gallons of water were needed. Linda had to wade in the water to ensure that all of the water lilies were at peak form. Statuary was also used and a very clever trick with a mirror effect so that it seemed that the lilies went under the bridges, a brilliant optical illusion. They had some very illustrious visitors to their display and one of them, Roy Lancaster, named one of the plants on show as one of the three best plants in the marquee.

Judging takes place overnight on the Monday and on the Tuesday morning all the exhibitors know the results etc. They were awarded a silver medal which was brilliant for a first attempt but they were re-judged as one of the judges had marked very low and then were awarded a silver gilt so they actually had two medals. Of course, they went back in 2011 to the same pitch and duly won a gold medal which we were lucky enough to see and handle after the talk. After 2012 they designed a different shape for the display which proved to be another gold medal and they were nominated for the best exhibit but came second. Since 2012 and up to last year they have continued to win gold medals for their stunning displays. Linda uses local statuary, lovely big butterflies and dragonflies to embellish the stand. When you consider that the outlay is very modest compared to others you can appreciate all of their hard work and commitment. Linda said that they only had part-time help for many years but are building a younger team and this is proving to be an investment for their future. Added to that the nursery is in the process of moving to a new arable one acre field with 30,000 plants. They had to remove stones and other obstacles completely before the poly tunnels could be erected. There is no electricity on site and they control the temperature by opening and closing the tunnels. Any thoughts of retirement are on permanent hold!!! Do have a look at their website [watersidenursery.co.uk](http://watersidenursery.co.uk) for all information and you can also order plants on line. There were lots of questions after the talk and everyone said how remarkable they were and what a great evening it had been.

As the Autumn colours are emerging it is a great time to get out and about to savour them so here are a few suggestions. As well as our local arboretum at Batsford, just a little further afield Westonbirt, post code GL8 8QS, has special seasonal trails and much more. Open daily from 10.30am to dusk and the cost is only £6 in November and £4 in December. We visited Hergestcroft gardens near Kington in Herefordshire, post code HR5 3EG, a few years ago and here too are splendid Autumn tints. Open daily from 11.30am to 5.30pm or dusk and cost is £6.50, refreshments available.

Slightly nearer is Blenheim Palace; they have formal gardens and walks open from 10am to 5.30pm. Entrance is a little dearer at £10 but it is a huge area to explore. My favourite outing in the last few years was to a lovely National Trust garden and house in Wiltshire called Stourhead, post code BA12 6GF. I have looked on the website today and it looks awesome. The colours are reflected in the lake and the various follies come into their own at this time of year. Go for a lovely day out with great food and seasonal plants for sale. Open from 9am to 5pm daily and free of course to National Trust members. A plug again (I hear you groaning) for Upton House and Gardens. The dahlias are still spectacular as are the asters and other flowering plants. The bog garden too is looking good. Come along on 10<sup>th</sup> November when Mary Berry will be announcing if our 30,000 triangles of red, white and blue have beaten the Guinness record for the longest bunting. Some of it will be on display but

as it stretches for about four miles not all of it! In November and December we are open Friday to Monday from 12 noon to 4pm. I hope to see you there.

By the time you read this we will have had our November meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> when Robin Pearce was talking to us about ornamental grasses and hardy ferns. The next meeting after that will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Tom Hauley room from 8pm when we will be having our Festive Fun evening with quizzes and games and a buffet. Please come along for another great night, new members or visitors are very welcome.

I look forward to seeing you and just enjoy our glorious Autumn, we are very lucky to have such glorious countryside on our doorstep.



## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

It's the 27<sup>th</sup> October and daylight and night time are of equal length. This weekend we have the ritual of altering the clocks which for a time will give us an illusion of lighter mornings before the sun dips ever more towards the south. However compensations abound. Our grandchildren, on a visit, harvested sweet chestnuts of reasonable size on the ground beneath the trees outside our Village Hall. Kicking through fallen leaves is always great fun - I recommend it to relieve pent-up emotion.

Blackberries have lost most of their sweetness - 'the Devil is in them' as folk used to say. Today I found some mushrooms growing on the verge in Bascote Heath. Unlike those on the European mainland, we are not adventurous when harvesting fungi so probably miss a lot that are good to eat. Blewits (*Lepista nuda*) are one woodland species that deserve our attention, though please take care. I suggest going with an expert until you have your eye in, so to speak. The gills of young specimens are a lavender blue colour fading to brown with age.

Last month, I mentioned the tombs of Patrick Leigh-Fermor and his wife Joan in the churchyard at Dumbleton in Gloucestershire. The inscriptions have been translated for us by our Belgian friend Frank who is a fluent Greek speaker. Joan's reads 'May the earth that covers her be light' which is a traditional Greek epitaph. Patrick's reads 'He was just, wise and courageous. In addition he was the best of all things Hellenic-mankind has no quality more precious'. This is a quotation from the Greek poet, Kavafis.

Paul Hancock let me know of a large moth he had found and photographed. It was clinging to the brickwork of his house in Crown Street early in October. After deliberation, we decided it was a *Convolvulus Hawk Moth* and this was confirmed by Warwickshire's resident expert, David Brown. This moth is an occasional visitor from the Mediterranean basin and North Africa. It has a pink and black striped body only revealed when its wings open. With a wingspan

of 10cms it is a large insect. (A Red Admiral Butterfly has a wingspan of about 6cms). As its common name suggests it feeds on Convolvulus (bindweed) and other flowers such as Nicotinia sylvestris (Tobacco plant). These have nectaries at the end of a long, narrow tube. In common with many hawk moths, feeding with a long proboscis is done whilst hovering. David was excited by Paul's report and will feature it in a magazine.

Yesterday the Wednesday Walkers set off from Tysoe and climbed through woods to the Warwickshire/Oxfordshire border. We noted the red soil and pondered where the Red Horse, known to have once been cut out on hillside turf, had been sited. Some trees such as maple are in golden autumn raiment but many, like the oak, are still green. As temperatures drop, the valuable photosynthesising pigment, chlorophyll, is reabsorbed from leaves before they are shed.

Many horse chestnut leaves are scarred and discoloured by the activities of certain micro moth caterpillars. They are small enough to live and feed from the cellular layer which lies between the surfaces of a leaf. With a hand lens you will be able to spot their tunnels. From Kingston Manor Farm a farm road climbs towards Kingston Farm in a south easterly direction. It is flanked on both sides by American poplars. They lean slightly towards the north-east away from the prevailing wind. Viewed from a distance the foliage takes on an ethereal silver hue a complete contrast to the green and russet colours of other trees.

As the first frosts arrive and parts of the natural world go into hibernation there will still be wildlife activity. Tony and Shirley Brunton told me they had seen a flock of Fieldfare earlier in the week. These will have migrated from north east Europe as autumn turns to winter and the birds compete for food. Our hedgerows sagging under the weight of berries will become their sanctuary.



## General Section

### Victorian Street Fayre

Thank you Harbury! Yet another amazing Victorian Street Fayre in spite of the rain. A great turn out by villagers and visitors made sure the 13<sup>th</sup> Fayre was an outstanding event. It was great to see the return of Mr. Alexander who entertained packed crowds and also welcome new entertainers The Grinnigogs, Mel Harvey and Mickey the amazing juggler. It was unfortunate the fairground was not able to erect the helter-skelter due to the rain; however, the new entertainers in the Wonderland tent provided a great alternative to amuse kids and adults.



All of the entertainers and stall holders said Harbury gave them the warmest welcome and Mr. Alexander declared it one of his favourite places to perform.

A massive thank you to the residents of Chapel Street without whom we couldn't put on the event and to all who came and supported the event to help raise a fantastic amount of money.

The fancy dress winners of the Killian shield and trophy were: Harbury Young Theatre Group and the Harris family.

We also would like to thank those who sponsored us to help make this event special: Harbury PC, David Wilson Homes for the lighting, Rob and Libby Darlison of Cana Wines, the Gamecock and Paul and Mary Mugleston.

**Julie and Brian Young**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall from 5.00pm. Invitations will be delivered to you in early November.

In addition to the Christmas Party, we also have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along to support us.

As usual we will be having a raffle at both the coffee morning and the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes for either event they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member at the coffee morning in November.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and/or the coffee morning and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

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

# Harbury Victorian Street Fayre - October 2016

Photos taken by: Brian Young





## Harbury Pre-School - Our Pre-School Needs You!

Harbury Pre-School is not only a fantastic part of our village community but it is also a registered charity that is currently managed by a committee of dedicated volunteers, a committee that currently has some positions available within it. This would be ideal for people within the local community who want to be involved in rewarding, much-needed and worthwhile voluntary work.

These positions could be perfect for you if you are retired, semi-retired or are just able to offer a few hours a month of your spare time to work within a fantastic team, meet new people and have some fun.

Those of you with skills in business, education, finance or general administration may find these roles ideal; however these skills are certainly not essential, so if this is of interest to you we would love to hear from you to explain further.

For further information, please don't delay and contact Lindsey Stevens (07939 968960) or Theresa Potter@harburypreschool2@gmail.com

**Pre-School Committee**

## Harbury Cemetery Update

The Friends of Harbury Cemetery would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us over the last months.

The school children planted 1000 native English bluebells one Wednesday afternoon and the adults planted another 1000 bluebell bulbs the following week. It should look stunning next year! We have had plants and Cornish mixed bulbs donated, so thank you so much. Also thanks to Michael Mann and Linden for removing the 'waste' to the bonfire site.

We will still have to keep on top of the weeding, so sessions on the first Thursday morning of each month (9-11am) will continue all winter. In the spring we will sow seeds ready for summer flowering. People visiting the cemetery comment on how much larger, and brighter, it seems since we began, so we will continue our efforts.

**Pat Summers**



## Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

There have been two successful events in the last month in the Library: an antiques valuation with Hansons which threw up a number of surprises, and a very entertaining Meet the Writer event with local screen writer and TV adaptor Andrew Davies. Look out for other upcoming events in the Library such as the Christmas Decorations Workshops on Tuesday



6<sup>th</sup> December, 7 - 9pm or Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 1 - 3pm, run by the Village Sewing Bee.

Continuing with our quest to bring you new and exciting reading opportunities, we were able, thanks to a generous donation, to have a shelf full of all six Booker Prize short list books ready to be borrowed on the day the winner was announced.



The Library is open five and a half days a week and is run and staffed entirely by volunteers, as is Biblio's, our prizewinning café which provides great coffee and home baked cakes on Wednesday-Saturday mornings. Come and visit, and if you decide you would like to volunteer too, please contact us.

library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk      www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

Tel: 01926 258776

## Connections Café

During October, Connections, the café for those with a diagnosis of dementia and their carers, celebrated its first birthday with a rousing singalong, cake and a quiz. We have had a very successful first year, but as a price of success we have grown too large for the Library café area and are due to re-locate from November to the Tom Hauley Room. All else will remain the same, and anyone with a dementia diagnosis and their carers are very welcome to join us there on 16<sup>th</sup> November and thereafter every third Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.

The organisers would like to thank Harbury Village Library and the Pam Britton Trust for their support in establishing this worthwhile enterprise, and of course all our visitors, loyal volunteers and musicians who have helped to make each month's session so enjoyable.

For further information, please contact either: Jill (01926 612483) jillbaker2015@outlook.com or Janice (01926 612340) janellmont@gmail.com

**Janice Montague**



## Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month, though local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School, and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time!

Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

Here is a list of traders in the village from 1941. Can you match the trades to the definitions? There is a prize for anyone who matches twenty of them correctly.

Publican	Makes bread and cakes
Grocer/General Stores	Cobbler
Hairdresser	Farrier
Blacksmith	Coal Merchant
Draper	Market Gardener
Butcher	Confectioner
Cuts gents' hair	Cuts ladies' hair
Puts shoes on horses	Makes items out of metal
Grinds corn into flour	Makes ladies' clothes
Deals in coal and coke	Makes and sells hats
Kills animals and sells meat	Sells wonderful sweets!
Runs a public house	Sells tea, butter, tins etc
Haberdasher	Milliner
Barber	Grows vegetables to sell to the greengrocer
Baker	Makes coffins and buries people!
Tailor	Breeds chickens
Undertaker	Makes clothes for men
Miller	Mends shoes
Poultry farmer	Sells buttons, ribbons etc

Thank you to all those who supported our stall at the Victorian Street Fayre on 1<sup>st</sup> October and to members of the Group for donating the prizes.



The chocolate and sweet tombola proved very popular. We are delighted to say that

we made a profit of £160 to add into our funds for purchasing materials to help organise our archives.

Don't forget that the Heritage Room is open at the Primary School on the first Tuesday in each month from 6-30pm until 8-30pm and at other times by request.

Shown above are members of the Group on the stall.

**Nigel Chapman**



### **Christmas Fayre – 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Village Hall!**

It may seem early but we would really like help from all of you to make the Fayre even better than last year. This year there will be even more stalls from which you will be able to buy new gifts, and of course the usual children's activities - but we do still rely on donations for the various church stalls that we run. We therefore invite donations for the following - **Bottles** (any sort) for the tombola (these can be placed in the box to be found in the choir vestry or handed into Liz McBride, 1 Park Lane); **Bottles of red wine** for the mulled wine (vestry box or Sally Stringer, 30 Mill St); **Chocolate** (any sort) for choc tombola (vestry box or Bill and Judy Timson (Manor Stables, Park Lane); **Cakes** (Bobbie Sharpe 11.30am onwards on the day); **Crafts** (Carol Jackson 11.30am onwards on the day). Thank you in advance for your generosity. Money raised from the stalls will go towards Church funds and the Memorial Garden.

**Elaine Barnden**

### **Harbury NSPCC Committee**

**Ladies' Lunch** - Many thanks to everyone who came to our Ladies' Lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> October. We made £952 profit which is an excellent result and we want to thank all our regular supporters in Harbury for their generosity and support.

**December Quiz-** We are holding our annual quiz on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Club. Teams of four cost £20 which includes a delicious supper of sandwiches and mince pies. We will start promptly at 7.30pm. If you are interested in entering a team please contact Elaine Bruce on 614664.

**Burns Night** - Southam 2000 Rotary is holding another Burns Night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Harbury Village Hall. We have been asked to organize the raffle again; last year we raised £350.

Tickets cost £32.50 per person which includes a three course meal plus whiskey tasting. A piper will play, the haggis will be addressed and it is a really enjoyable way to spend a cold and miserable January evening.

The event starts at 7.30pm. If you are interested in booking tickets please contact Elaine Bruce on 614664.

**Elaine Bruce**



## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

### **Chilling out**

I will admit that I was relieved, stress easing away as I saw 120 or more of you flooding into the Village Hall to join Mark Wood in the 'Freezer' at his talk on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to all those who supported the event and to those who came to hear the wonderful Caldicot Male Voice Choir concert soon after. You have helped to make it possible for Harbury e-Wheels to run for many months with full funding. It allows us to provide free transport to people in need, using the E-Car Club emissions-free electric Renault Zoes, whilst we plan future fundraising. We have also been able to donate £250 to Hire a Hero, Mark's preferred charity. To give you an idea of how valuable the Harbury e-Wheels service is proving to be, this is a recent comment from one of the agencies with which we work:

*'Fantastic service by the way; it has opened up so many possibilities for our clients, notably those with physical or mental health impairments which prevent them accessing the services they need.'*

### **The bus and the buzz**

There is uncertainty about bus services to and from Harbury from next year. The electric cars might prove a useful option for some of you. If three or four people arrange to go shopping together, for example, the cost of using the car can be shared between you. Not only will you be able to travel to several shops without walking with loaded shopping bags



slapping against your legs, you will also be able to load all your shopping into the car and take it door to door at a time to suit you.

If you haven't used or seen the electric cars lately, you may be surprised to see that Zoe (one of our electric car twins) has new clothes. She is all dressed up to party. Why not take her out? She turns heads.

If you are interested in the future of transport and the rapid changes that are happening in electric vehicle design, the event below may interest you. There will be a few electric vehicles there to test drive. I shall be speaking at the event about Harbury's car club and e-Wheels:

### **Electric vehicles: solving the rural mobility challenge**

Date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am - 3.00pm

Venue: Stareton Hall at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ

This event identifies how electric vehicles can be used as a viable transport option for rural businesses and motorists through new research from a demonstrator trial in Warwickshire. (Warwickshire Rural Electric Vehicle project – WREV).

The event will draw on the experiences of a range of small businesses who adopted electric vehicle technology as part of the WREV project. It will also allow stakeholders interested in electric vehicles the **opportunity to test drive an electric vehicle**.

The day will feature presentations from academics, and industry representatives, alongside dialogue with trial participants, to consider how EVs can be utilised as a mobility and/or sustainable business solution for those in rural locations.

The event is free to attend and lunch will be provided. Businesses on Stoneleigh Park welcome.

Register online (places are limited) [www.eventsforce.net/cu/3494](http://www.eventsforce.net/cu/3494)

[www.wrev.org.uk](http://www.wrev.org.uk)

### **Insulation, ventilation, deflation**

Four of us recently went to the National Self Build and Renovation Centre (NSBRC) in Swindon for the Big Green Home Show. Here you can meet and talk to inspiring professionals in every aspect of home building and energy efficiency, who will happily deflate you by telling you all the mistakes you have made by not talking to them first. They don't mean to deflate you. It just seems that there is always a new bit of technical knowledge or a new product that has made your sure-fire choice obsolete or unwise, less efficient than you thought, even dangerous occasionally. Sometimes you get it right. It is still, for example, an established maxim that making your building well insulated and draught-free is the top priority. Obvious really. Draughts do bring in fresh air, so if you eliminate them you have to replace their effect

mechanically, ideally with a ventilation system that pre-warms the air with the stale air on its way out. Ingenious. If you bring in cold air you simply create condensation, which you have just spent a lot of money trying to exclude.

The NSBRC (nsbrc.co.uk) runs regular events and workshops and is open six days a week with no entry charge.

**Bob Sherman – T: 612277  
e: info@harburyenergy.co.uk**

## **Gypsies and Travellers Update – October 2016**

Overview - It is as wide as it is long!

Stratford District Council have reduced their number of pitches as was needed in their needs assessment of 2014 and kept the 'required by' date of 2020. Whereas Warwick District Council have retained their forecasted number of pitches needed but have extended the 'required by' date from 2019 to 2029. This re-think was caused by a re-definition by the Government of what is meant by a 'Gypsy and Traveller'.

### **Stratford District Council**

In 2014 Stratford DC calculated 71 pitches\*\* would be needed by 2029. They have now completed a new assessment (of their G&T Accommodation), which calls for a reduced number of pitches. The exact number of pitches will be disclosed after a report has been presented and approved by the Stratford DC Cabinet Meeting to be held around autumn 2016. SDC will go out to public consultation sometime after February 2017.

\*\* At the assessment of 2014, the 71 pitches would be as follows:-

41 pitches 2014 to 2019

11 pitches 2019 to 2024

12 pitches 2024 to 2029

7 pitches 2029 to 2031

### **1. Background to G&T site selection as known at 26th November 2015**

Stratford DC were looking for five years' supply of pitches.

In January 2016 their consultation was to be incorporated into the draft local plan that would go out to consultation and include district wide public sessions

May 2016: The final plan was to be resubmitted to the inspector for examination and in February 2017 the Local Plan would be adopted.

2. These dates proved optimistic. SDC had conducted a consultation 18<sup>th</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and then produced a document of 'Proposed Sites within the District.'

No sites were proposed within the Harbury Parish due to the close proximity of the Warwick DC (almost certain site) at the Leamington Football Club. They then intended to develop this into a document for formal district wideconsultation for their adoption. The date of this consultation was to have been June/July 2016, but has now slipped.

3. Stratford DC Planning and Policy Dept. Position in August 2016

The evidence suggests fewer than previously thought sites are now required. The SDC Policy Dept is preparing a report for Council Members to be available in October 2016 and in time for the SDC Cabinet Meeting of November 2016. Following Cabinet approval, there will be a district consultation that will take place sometime after February 2017.

### **Warwick District Council**

Warwick DC have retained the original 31 pitches needed, but have extended the 'required by' date from 2019 to 2029. WDC will go out to public consultation around mid-2017.

Council officers advised on 26th August 2016 that the site possibilities near to Harbury are: GT04: Preferred option site, Land at Harbury Lane/Fosse Way. Leamington Football Ground.... But now there are viability issues to resolve.

GT02: Alternative Option Site: Land abutting the Fosse Way close to its junction with the A425, next to Fosseyway roundabout, opposite Fosseyway side of the Warwick Exhibition Centre.

GT05: Alternative Option Site: Land at Tachbrook Hill Farm, A452, close to J13 M40.

1. WDC say their previously identified need of 31 pitches has been rechecked against their original research of 2013 and also in light of new government definitions of G&Ts. This made a difference, although the number of sites will remain at 31 pitches.

2. The Stratford Road proposed site (out of the blue) is now not available because one of the land owners objected to 'any of his part of the site being used as an access'. This, in effect, took the site out of further consideration and had only come to light through the WDC consultation when WDC had thought access would not be an issue.

3. Nearest to Harbury is the WDC Leamington Football Club site. The club has agreed to move to a new WDC Sports Complex site at Gallows Hill, Warwick, but WDC now have legal priority and funding issues surrounding the football club site, and consequently, are carrying out 'viability' studies. So this site is by no means a 'done-deal'.

WDC have researched alternative sites, but no further work on sites will be carried out until around December 2016. There would be a public consultation

on their suggested site allocations but this might be next year, around the middle of 2017.

Of the next WDC public consultation, I am told, all of those who responded to previous consultations will be contacted from their data-base if respondents have asked for this. This includes Harbury Parish Council.

All in all, both our District Councils had ideas of what was to be a quick formulation of a plan for the accommodation of Gypsies and Travellers, slowed down or delayed by policy, re-assessment of needs, staff shortages, revised priorities and financial constraints, all of which has caused this consultation slippage of around 18 months.

**Ken Stephenson**

## Harbury Then and Now

Sometimes the 'best laid plans of mice and men' go awry, which has happened with the idea suggested by the Harbury Heritage committee that it would be a fascinating exercise to update one of the early photographs of Chapel Street (included in a recent magazine) with a modern day interpretation of village life. An invitation was posted through all the doors of residents of the street asking if they would be interested in helping to re-create an image showing life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Three families agreed that they would be willing to get involved, but it was felt that it would not be sufficient to mirror the numbers shown in the 1852 photograph, which had approximately 20 villagers in everyday wear with bicycles and prams etc. So for the time being, the idea has been shelved until warmer weather in 2017, when an invitation will be extended to all villagers to find anyone willing to be part of a photograph showing life 'as we know it' today. It seems like a good idea so it will be pursued when we can find enough willing volunteers!

**Chris Finch**



## Soup Kitchen Invitation

The annual soup kitchen event, which has been held in December for several years, will again take place at **Ashton House** (almost facing the end of Hall Lane - before the bend in the road to Deppers Bridge). There will be a range of seven home-made soups to savour and a welcome drink of mulled wine on arrival. There is no need to reserve a ticket (priced £7.50), which includes a glass of wine and whichever soup appeals to the palate. Once one offering has been tried, it will be possible to sample a different soup or a further bowl of the original preference until the supply is exhausted! There will also be a raffle with traditional Christmas items, including whiskey, wine, chocolates and the inevitable poinsettia! If you fancy an enjoyable lunch time in pleasant company and delightful surroundings, make a date for 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 12.00pm - 2.00pm.

**Chris Finch**



## Apple Chimeras - Curiosity!

This apple turned up at a school in Tividale, Sandwell. Daughter Emma (Stephenson, Manor Orchard) found this apple as they were preparing lunches.

I was surprised to find what appears to be a double variety apple otherwise known as a 'chimera'. The apple is half flushed and half striped, a perfect half as though it had been dipped in dye, truly amazing.

Ian Crute lived in Harbury when director at The Wellesbourne Horticultural Research site. He said:

*"Cursory scrutiny of the scientific literature suggests that skin colour in apples could be controlled by a single gene (but this is the subject of controversy) - the red colour is due to the production of a substance called anthocyanin. It seems likely that the results from a mutation in the cell layer making the skin of a red apple such that cells in one section cannot make anthocyanin. It may be that this particular fruit could be of interest to apple geneticists".*

*"This is known as a chimera where one of the first two cells has developed differently giving rise to one half of the apple being different," he said. It is unlikely to be stable.*

*There are instances of some striped apples and pears where the mutation remains stable including one striped pear in the collection at Wisley called 'Pysanka'.*

It could provide the basis for a scientific breakthrough - or is a well-known but unusual curiosity! It turns out that this phenomenon occurs reasonably often in some varieties (such as Royal Gala) - and it is the result of mutation in the gene(s) that controls skin colour.

When I looked at this apple, I thought it a good 'wind-up' and that somebody had painted half of it red. After close inspection, I could see the remarkable



split colours on the fruit were a natural phenomenon. Experts say that the odds of finding an apple with such a perfect line between the green and the red are more than one million to one. In such cases, the red side usually tastes sweeter than the green side - because it has seen more sunshine during its growth.

The red and green split is totally perfect - it's a genuine one-off and none of us have ever seen an apple like it before. I'm sure a few hundred years ago it would have been seen as a supernatural sign or something. Being worth a try, I put a line on Euromillions ...sadly, that ended any thoughts of a mystic sign!

**Ken Stephenson**



## **The Way of the Roses**

In 2010, Sustrans the cycling charity created a new coast-to-coast route across Lancashire and Yorkshire called (appropriately) the Way of the Roses.

In spring 2011, out of the blue I got an email publicising a small-group ride to mark its opening. It was a time when I was training for my bike ride across France, so I joined it, and loved it. So much so that ever since then Jenny has kept asking "When are we going to do it together?" So finally we did, last week. It worked out even better than the first time. Here's a summary, in the hope that it might tempt other cyclists who have a week to spare some time.

It's 170 miles from Morecambe to Bridlington, practically all on very quiet country lanes, some of it totally traffic-free. As far as Fountains Abbey (roughly half way), there are some awesome hills, with views to match, but the second half is much flatter. We allowed three days for the first half and two for the second, which worked very well. We booked all our B&Bs in advance, and were very glad of a hot bath at the end of each day! Most days, we managed a coffee stop as well as a lunch stop.

The Sustrans signposting, with its red and white roses, is brilliant. With that, and an excellent single-sheet map, it's easy to find your way.

The best bits?

Day 1 to Settle: the views north to Ingleborough (and three rainbows in one day).

Day 2 to Pateley Bridge: the downhill to Airedale (and four Dales in one day).

Day 3 to Ripon: Brimham Rocks and the traffic-free Fountains Abbey deer park.

Day 4 to Pocklington: the ride through York.

Day 5 to Bridlington: the view of Flamborough Head to greet the end of the ride.

We had pretty good weather, and mostly the wind was behind us. And the Dales scenery was beautiful.

Tempted, anyone? We can lend you the map!

**Andrew & Jenny Patrick**

## **Patient Participation Group**

The PPG of the Harbury, Ladbroke and Bishops Itchington surgeries met on 23<sup>rd</sup> September to consider issues affecting patients.

Following a very successful **Dementia Friends meeting** at Southam Surgery, the PPG will be holding a session in Harbury on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room behind All Saints Church. Dementia Friends Champion Tony Britton will be speaking on recognising and managing dementia, and recruiting Dementia Friends to support people living with dementia. One in fourteen over-65s lives with dementia, and the session aims to inform you, turning understanding to positive action.

We also discussed:

**The difficulty of parking** at both surgeries. Surgery staff are asked not to use the surgery car parks if possible, leaving them for patients. In Harbury this has led to increased parking round the surgery entrance. If mobile patients and visitors walked or cycled to the surgery, this would help. For some patients, this is not practical. Please leave room for them.

**The music played in the waiting room** covers private discussions in reception, but we realise the music can't always be to everybody's taste.

**Missed appointments.** These waste time and resources, and delay the treatment of other patients. A brief call or email to the surgery if you find you are unable to attend will mean that your appointment can be taken by someone in need.

You can also cancel appointments by having an **online account**. With it, you can book and cancel appointments, order repeat prescriptions or view your medical records. Please ask reception staff.

We are fortunate to have such warm and welcoming people on reception. Please help them to make the best use of the time of our surgery professionals.

The PPG meets next on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, before this edition of Harbury and Ladbroke news is published. But you can register your interest at any time, and raise issues concerning either surgeries with Asim Arif at [Asim.Arif@harburysurgery.nhs.uk](mailto:Asim.Arif@harburysurgery.nhs.uk) or with me at [john23stringer@gmail.com](mailto:john23stringer@gmail.com) or on 01926 613214.

**John Stringer**  
**Chairman, Patient Participation Group**



## Foodbank and Christmas

Please will you help to give some Christmas cheer this year to people, including children, in need of help? I know it's only November, but this is the month that the Foodbank starts to collect, not only the usual donations, but also special Christmas food and treats. I have been asked to let you know that the local foodbank organisers prefer not to receive any specific Christmas items after **4<sup>th</sup> December**, which seems very early, but they like to distribute items throughout December.

Anything within date like Christmas puddings, cakes, mince pies and children's treats will be much appreciated. Also special toiletries would be very gratefully received. I know this is true because on Christmas Eve, a couple of years ago, I was privileged to be able to help distribute food, including Christmas extras, to a mother and daughter who had just been referred for help from the CAB. Without the foodbank they would have had very little that Christmas. Please donate what you can to the collection point in church, just to the left of the main entrance. It will be taken by e-Wheels to Kineton and please be assured that your gift will be very gratefully received by people who otherwise would be fearing a bleak Christmas.

**Jill Winter**  
**Tel: 612585**

## Windmill Singers - [www.windmillsingers.co.uk](http://www.windmillsingers.co.uk)

Established Southam choir, the **Windmill Singers** has announced the appointment of retired Warwick University lecturer **Dr Gerard Hyland** as their new Musical Director.

Dr Hyland has had considerable experience of directing choirs in mid-Warwickshire: as Musical Director of **St Peter's** church choir Leamington and Warwick's **Aylesford Singers**; as founder of **Musica Sacra**, a choir specialising in 19<sup>th</sup> century church music. He is an organist at many churches in Southam and surrounding villages.

Formed over fifty years ago, the **Windmill Singers** has a wide and ever expanding repertoire of not only sacred but modern popular and traditional musical arrangements in four-part harmony and has an annual sell-out cabaret concert with invited guest artists at Southam Grange Hall - this year **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**.

The choir has a highly accomplished accompanist and in addition to singing at local charity events is invited each year to sing at a UK Cathedral during the summer – next year at Leicester.

Rehearsals take place each Thursday (7.45-9.45pm) at St Mary's School in Wood Street, Southam. Anyone interested in joining the choir - no auditions needed - should contact either the **Windmill Singers** Chairman, Keith Meadham, 01926 813976 or Secretary, Linda Pantling, 0784 597 2827.

**Bob Teers**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

Many villagers walking along Bush Heath Lane recently have expressed surprise at what may be seen of the new estate which is shooting up behind the hedgerow. It would appear that, in a nod to environmental 'localism' the developers have clad their first and prominent house, not in Harbury-type lias, but in brown Hornton stone.

This would look wonderful and relevant a few miles down the road, say in Fenny Compton, but it is inappropriate and the wrong colour for Harbury.

Unfortunately I don't think the hedge is going to be high enough!

**Terry Hunt**

### Dear Editors

*I would like to say a very big thank you through your pages to all my friends who have sent cards, flowers, good wishes and prayers during my recent stay in hospital.*

*I have always known that Harbury is a special place to live and these past few weeks have shown me just how good it is.*

*Thank you all once again.*

*With love from*

**Betty Barr**

### Dear Editors

#### **A.B.C Club – Affected by Bowel Cancer**

*The coffee morning held on 24<sup>th</sup> September raised £251.86 for this support group – for which we are so grateful. Our thanks go to everyone who supported us, in so many ways. The morning was “buzzing” and a very happy event which, for some of our members, was a first visit and greatly enjoyed.*

*In the past, we have been able to fund a one week holiday to Bournemouth for a patient and carer who would otherwise be unable to go away. The Colorectal Nurse Team are currently planning to enable someone to enjoy*

*this facility soon. Our successful visit to Harbury will help greatly with this, along with other support such as providing goodie bags of essential supplies for our patients on discharge after surgery. Comfort blankets/cushions and, in some circumstances, help receiving Wiltshire Farm food delivery.*

*We continue to hold general meetings with relevant speakers throughout the year and have an active social calendar, where people are able to gain support from shared experiences, as well as having an enjoyable time.*

*We are pleased to say that we shall be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2017 – thank you for your support over the years.*

*Programme details can be found on [www.warwckabc.co.uk](http://www.warwckabc.co.uk)*

*General information: Colorectal Nursing Team – 01926 495321, Ext. 4336*

*Club Chairman – Brian Wakefield – 01926 401362*

**Moya Waterman**

**On behalf of A.B.C Club Committee**

## 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](mailto:harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk)

**BELLRINGERS:** Friday, 7.30pm, Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939, Email: [alison@abt1.net](mailto: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](mailto: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, Tom Hauley Room

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

**GUIDES:** Monday, 7.15 - 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: [harburyguides@btinternet.com](mailto: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: John O'Keefe Tel: 07939 127580

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

**Under 7's – Year 2**

Coach: Marcus Birch Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 8's – Year 3 (Mixed)**

Coach: Phil Hetherington Tel: 07773 352731

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

**Under 9's – Year 4 (Mixed)**

Coach: Eugene Murphy Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 10's – Year 5 (Mixed)**

Coach Katie Wales Tel : 07785 459232

Training Saturday 10.15am. Harbury Playing Fields

**Under 11's – Year 6 (Mixed)**

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 12's – Year 7 (Mixed)**

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 13's – Year 8 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Gillingham Tel: 07528 580761

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 14's – Year 9 (Mixed)**

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 16's – Year 10 & 11 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Tel: 612036, Email: ebbie@dimmock.org.uk

**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:** Wednesday, 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

BOOKINGS FOR		
HARBURY SCOUT HUT	HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB CONCERT ROOM	HARBURY VILLAGE HALL
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## All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
	10.30am	Little Saints
	6.00pm	Various/Ad hoc (see pew sheet)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service
	6.00pm	Evensong
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion followed by coffee