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## Editorial

We hope you enjoy the Christmas events this month in the villages. The little ones should look out for Santa visiting Harbury in early December and Ladbroke on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of Southam Lions.

You will notice from the Refuse Rota that there are no changes to the usual bin collection dates in Harbury or Ladbroke during the festive season. However, Deppers Bridge has some changes.

A reminder that, due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, the articles deadline for the next edition of the magazine will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. However, copies will not be available from the printers until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and these will be distributed as soon as possible after this date.

We extend our condolences to the families of Ralph Swadling, Andy Crompton and Malcolm Norgate.

Finally, we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# Harbury Diary

## DECEMBER

- |            |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat        | 2        | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind<br>Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm, Village Hall                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b><br>Holy Communion, 9.00am<br>Little Saints' Service followed by breakfast, 10.30am<br>Advent Carol Service, 6.00pm<br>Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall<br>Christmas Quiz for Air Ambulance, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club                       |
| Mon        | 4        | Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall<br>Advent Meditation (part 2), 2.00 - 3.30pm, Tom Hauley Room<br>Southam Lions Father Christmas visits Harbury (1) up to and including the new Oakfields Estate from 5.30 - 8.00pm<br>Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall |
| Tue        | 5        | Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall<br>Southam Lions Father Christmas visits Harbury (2) from 5.30 - 8.00pm<br>Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School<br>Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall<br>Holy Communion with Advent Reflection, 7.30pm             |
| Wed        | 6        | Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Southam (4 miles)                                                                                                                                                                                          |


- Wed 6 Mothers' Union Communion Service followed by Advent Meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 8 Dandy Development, 9.15am, Village Hall
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Heritage Group  
Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, 5.00 for 5.30pm start, Village Hall
- Sun 10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Advent Meditation (part 3), 2.00 - 3.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Martial Arts, 6.30pm, in Village Hall
- Tue 12 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion with Advent Reflection, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Ufton and pub lunch (pre-book) (4 miles)  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Meeting Point, Christmas Carvery, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn WI, 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room - Thoughtfully Wrapped with Alan Keech
- Fri 15 Twinning Association Christmas Party, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis  
Junior Football Club Disco, Village Hall
- Sun 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Christingle Service, 4.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 18 Advent Meditation (part 4), 2.00 - 3.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Last posting day for GASS Christmas Post
- Tue 19 Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion with Advent Reflection, 7.30pm
- Wed 20 No Wednesday Walk  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Beer & Carols, 7.00pm, The Crown Inn  
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- Thurs 21 Holy Communion, followed by coffee, 9.45am  
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5.30PM
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of All Saints PCC (free)
- Sun 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Holy Communion joint service **at Ladbroke**, 9.00am  
(no 8am or 10.30am at Harbury)  
Dressing of the Crib Service, 1.30pm  
Village Carol Service, 5.00pm  
Midnight Mass, 11.15pm
- Mon 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
- Tues 26 No Communion Service
- Wed 27 No Wednesday Walk
- Thurs 28 No Communion Service
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Mothers' Union, Southam
- Sun 31 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

### JANUARY 2018

- Mon 1 Hereburgh Morris 'Hangover Tour', 12 noon, Crown Inn
- Tue 2 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 3 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Moreton Morrell (3 miles flat)  
Mothers' Union Party, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Church Work with Children  
Tennis Club Muffler Tournament, 10.30am
- Sun 7 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST / FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am  
Little Saints' Service followed by breakfast, 10.30am  
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
- Tue 9 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Eathorpe - Marton (3½ miles flat)
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury Senior Citizens  
Harbury Village Cinema, film to be announced



<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>			
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury, Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge outlying properties</b>	<b>Collection Week</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	6	8	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	13	15	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	20	22	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	<b>Blue Bin Wed 27 Dec Green Bin Sat 30 Dec</b>	29	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
<b>January</b>	3	5	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	10	12	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	17	19	<b>Grey Bin</b>

	<b>From the Curate</b>	
	<b>All Saints HARBURY</b>	<b>Rev Dr Nikki Moon</b> ☎0789 1012660    ✉ : njmoon@outlook.com

At this stage of the year, we're all looking forward to Christmas and rightly so, for it is the time to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, and to give thanks that we can come together with those we love.

But when we look back on an extraordinary eleven months, we seem to be living in a very dangerous world: terrorism across the globe; oppression; fear of war; famine; the dreadful plight of refugees. We have to think of Syria, the Holy Land, North Korea, Myanmar, the Yemen, Barcelona and, nearer to home, London and Manchester. So many will face a Christmas of loss, oppression, poverty, hunger and homelessness.

So what have we learned in the two thousand odd years since that first Christmas? Not a lot it seems. The Romans were pretty good at oppression and, under their rule, their subjects became equally skilled at insurgency. There was no room at the inn and the Holy Family were forced to flee into Egypt.

The message may seem all doom and gloom. Facts are facts, but, of course they don't tell the whole story, thanks to so many people, of different faiths and of none, who are all working with love for the good of the world. Let us hold them and all whom they help in our hearts, and so keep the true spirit of Christmas in the best way we can. For we too have the capacity to make a difference, to be the light that shines in a dark world this Christmas season through the kindness and love we show to one another and to strangers we meet along the way.

May you have a peaceful Christmas season.



## From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

There was no rain on Remembrance Sunday for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year in a row (according to Colin Ingram's records). The service was well attended as usual and thanks to all the uniformed groups and their flag bearers for their part in the ceremony. We would also like to thank Rebekah Dimmock who, for the second year, played so well at the Cenotaph. The collection for the Royal British Legion raised £566.

You should by now have received our Christmas cards with the details of the Christmas Festival both here and at Ladbroke. Please note this year's change of times for the Christmas Eve crib service at **1.30pm** and the candlelit Village Carol Service at **5.00pm**. We look forward to welcoming all to Church to join in celebrating Christmas.

The Christmas Fayre will have been and gone by the time you read this but we hope that you enjoyed it and thanks to those who ran stalls, games and raffles and to the Morris Dancers and children for entertaining us. The Fayre itself raises much needed funds for the Church and the raffle for Myton Hospice.

The PCC (i.e the church council – not to be confused with Parish Council!) was pleased to receive a good response to the questionnaire survey about the developments for the Information Area (Hub) and Children's Corner, and that an application is now being made to the Diocese to consider ongoing improvements to the two current sites in the Church.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Liz McBride (tel: 612421) or Michael Vincent (tel: 614806)

## From the Registers

### *Funeral*

1<sup>st</sup> November      Ralph Swadling (85 years)



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our service in November was led by Reverend Ann Mulley and was followed by our AGM. We are pleased that Chris Rutherford will continue to lead us for another year, and she reminded us of our activities in the year just ending. As well as many interesting talks and times of fellowship, we have given Bibles to wedding couples, Baptism cards, collected toiletries for the Christmas Fair

and the Blue Sky Centre, bought gifts for prisoners' children and held coffee mornings in aid of wider MU projects.

We thanked Sue Field as she retires from her role as treasurer, and are delighted that, since the meeting, Jo Spurr will take on that job.

As you read this, we shall have again put on the toiletries stall, as well as several members helping with other aspects of the Fair.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Diocesan Advent Service at Wellesbourne at 11am.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – our pre-Christmas meeting at 2.30pm after 2pm Communion. This year there will be a change of format as we shall have a sample production by some of the Open the Book team of the Legend of the Fourth Wise Man. Do come – visitors are most welcome.

And in 2018, start the year with a party on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2.30pm. Please bring a Bran Tub gift up to £2 in value.

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

### DECEMBER

#### Sun 3 Advent I

Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Mon 4 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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

Thurs 7 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 8 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Christmas Film Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall

#### Sun 10 Advent II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Mon 11 WI Group Carol Service, Ladbroke Church, 7.30pm

Wed 13 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 14 Yoga, 6.00pm, Village Hall

Beer and Carols, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn

WI, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Fri 15 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Southam Lions Father Christmas visits Ladbroke (after Bishops Itchington)

#### Sun 17 Advent III

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Village Carol Service, 6.30pm

Mon 18 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close,

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

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- Sun 24 Advent IV / Christmas Eve**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
Crib Service for children and families, 3.00pm
- Mon 25 Christmas Day**  
Family Communion with Carols, 9.00am
- Sun 31 Christmas I**  
Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am

### JANUARY 2018

- Wed 3 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 4 Yoga, 6.00pm, Village Hall  
WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 5 Yoga, 9.30am
- Sun 7 Christmas II**  
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Wed 10 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall



November saw three notable services at the Church:

At our family service on 5<sup>th</sup> November the Bishop of Warwick came to preach and to confirm 12 candidates from Southam deanery by the laying on of hands, four of whom were from Ladbroke. As Bishop John said in his sermon, Jesus has form with twelve disciples.

The following Sunday was Remembrance Sunday, and we paid our respects to all those who have paid the highest price to defend us, particularly remembering those from Ladbroke whose names are on our War Memorial.



**Andy making sure Millie has a good view at Ladbroke Fete**

In between these two services, on 9<sup>th</sup> November a full church said their sad farewells to Andy Crompton who will be remembered striding around the locality with his Jack Russells and, for decades to come, for his thatching, including that of Church Cottage next door to Ladbroke Church. Other thatchers, an ear of corn in their lapel button holes, came to pay their respects and one colleague had made a straw peacock, Andy's "hallmark", but it was the tributes both spoken and written that brought a tear to many an eye.



We were reminded of his love for his family, his friends, his dogs and the countryside. To quote just a couple of the phrases used, Andy had "made my expectations of men far too high" and was "a true gentleman who listened and cared but partied and laughed just as hard". Fitting tributes indeed.

We also extend our condolences to the family of Malcom Norgate.

We would like to thank everyone who filled in the Eight Essential Qualities survey form last month and also the six stalwarts who supported the churchyard working party despite the drizzle that morning; let's hope it's better gardening weather for the next one in the spring.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> December is the beginning of Advent and Posada will have started; this is when our models of Mary and Joseph stay in different homes around the parish before being placed in the crib scene in church on Christmas Eve. Advent means that Christmas is fast approaching and we shall be delivering a Christmas Card to every home in the village with details of all our Christmas services. You are particularly invited to join us on:

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.00pm "Beer and Carols" at The Bell Inn

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm Carol Service

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3.00pm Dressing of the Crib

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.00am Christmas Day Service

And finally... Happy Christmas from all at Ladbroke Church



	<h2>Ladbroke Parish Council</h2>	<p><b>Simon West</b></p>
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*Official minutes can be viewed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn or on the parish council page of the website. <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/parish-council/pc-meetings>*

### November 2017

**SDC:** The £1m windfall from the sale of garages from Orbit Housing Association will be re-invested in social housing. Southam and Kenilworth constituency will disappear if boundary changes occur, and we are likely to be part of the new Rugby and Southam constituency for general elections.

**WCC:** Uncertainty around Brexit is preventing decisions. School buses to transport pupils between Ladbroke and Southam will continue as the walking route is considered unsafe based on ROSPA guidelines. The assessment was done in 2015 during Toll Bar Island changes, now that is finished there are even more lorries on the A423.

**Planning:** Folly Fields Farm are seeking retrospective permission for importing and depositing topsoil to raise soil above bedrock to assist with land husbandry - a soil contamination survey will be requested to confirm that it is topsoil; mud on the road should be reported to WCC. The Parish Council will

make no representations regarding HS2 Windmill Hill habitat creation (12 mitigation ponds, three hibernacula, two reptile basking banks and fencing on land east of the bypass), tree works at High House and Ladbroke Hall, felling of five cypress and ash tree in Bridge Lane or swapping doors and windows at Swanick Barn in Hedges Close. The application for an extension at The Lares had been approved and now the owners are seeking demolition of the existing house and garage and erection of a replacement dwelling which the Parish Council supported. The application for two homes behind The Bell Inn had been withdrawn.

**Highways & Footpaths:** Footpaths in the parish of Southam are being audited, including SM32 the footpath between Southam and Ladbroke. Villager Zoe James was involved and suggests the formation of a Ladbroke group to check all the footpaths in our parish and keep them clear; apparently you can use secateurs.

Cllr Batty has spoken with WCC Footpaths about the end of Windmill Lane and is contacting the landowner. The Parish Council will defer any discussion until they have all the facts, especially regarding safety. Peter Williamson reported that it is a D road and the footpath was moved legally to the adjacent field where (at that time) visibility to cross the bypass was better.

There are concerns about speeding through Ladbroke.

**Flooding & Drainage:** Work to sort out the flooding towards the church is scheduled for 13-18th November.

Residents affected by flooding from the stream attended a meeting the previous week. Surveys on each house are now done or being done. Cllr Batty walked with the hydrologist along the water course, to see, in particular, where the tributary though the grounds of Ladbroke Hall joins the main Lot Brook. Finally, it looks as if the model will be updated based on local input rather than relying on assumptions, some of which may have been incorrect! Updating the model may change the size of the culvert needed under the bypass and also the predicted water-level rise times.

**Broadband:** The Parish Council are to chase CSW for a contact at Openreach to request at least monthly updates on what is going on.

**Housing Needs Survey:** This is an independent evidence based survey which can be used to help defend planning decisions, however at Fenny Compton only seven forms were returned from over 300 sent out! The decision whether to do a survey in Ladbroke was deferred to the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January





## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November our speaker was Stephen Bruce, a local auctioneer, who began by telling us a little of his background. He now deals mainly with probate.

He told us how important it is to get a correct valuation for items when dealing with probate, bearing in mind commission costs, VAT and insurance. Many auction houses won't take anything under a value of £30 so a decision needs to be taken about whether or not they are worth auctioning.

Stephen discussed what appeals to people today and he said that young people aren't interested in antiques. Consequently, he advised against buying as an investment, only purchasing things because we like them. He urged us to enjoy anything we bought rather than store it away. Other items mentioned were paper weights and old cookery books which are currently very collectable but china and figurines, even well-known makes, are of little value.

During his time of doing valuations for probate he would often find unusual items tucked away. After looking around a dark and grim house full of old, fairly worthless furniture he once discovered that the curtains were weighted down with very valuable old coins. On another occasion a rather dismal old chest had £5,000 hidden away in a drawer. Stephen warned against taking any old coins to the bank as they will only give you face value whereas many are worth quite a lot more on the open market.

He did talk about family relationships as he often discovered distant relatives would 'come out of the woodwork' when a relation died. He could always tell who they were and they always showed the greatest interest in the value of items he looked at! However, when it came to relatives coming out of the woodwork, nothing prepared us for the story he told about two elderly ladies in Eastbourne who wanted to get rid of a large item that was taking up too much room. This proved to be their grandfather who had been stuffed and displayed in a cabinet in their home for many years! Apparently there had once been a Frenchman who did taxidermy on people!

Stephen was a very entertaining speaker and we hope that he will come back next year to do some valuations for us.

The Business Meeting followed during which Dianne informed us of the following events:

### **Group Carol Service**

This year it is our turn to host the event in Ladbroke church on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Pam and Julie will provide their famous mulled wine but we do need volunteers to provide soft drinks, mince pies and nibbles. Please let Joan know if you can help and, if so, what you could make. We will need to be there by 7.00pm at the latest to get everything ready.

As parking is very restricted, it would be very helpful if you could be dropped off rather than park there.

**Christmas Social** - As I think you all know the date has been changed to 14<sup>th</sup> December. This should be a good evening with a variety of games so you can try your hand at table tennis, Jenga, Giant Connect, Giant Draughts and feely bags (I know, you can't wait!) We would be grateful if you could bring a plate of nibbles and the committee will provide drinks. The evening kicks off at the slightly later time of 7.45pm.

**Hatton Christmas Shopping** - The WI are offered a 20% discount on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 5.00 - 8.30pm when there will be over 30 stalls, free mulled wine and mince pies, a visit from Santa and much more. Dianne has tickets.

**Centenary Produce and Crafts Show** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Napton Village Hall.

This is an opportunity for everyone to show off their skills and there are so many categories that there really is something for everyone! See Dianne for entry forms.

**Dance Quiz** - £1, (I'm sure you are all following Strictly!) to do over the Christmas holidays. Entries to be submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (you send it off yourself). This one does appear to be a little easier than the last - please see Hazel for your copy.

**Resolutions** - The short list has now been published. There are five listed:

Positive Body Image

Stop Female Genital Mutilation

Raising Awareness of modern slavery in the UK

Mental Health matters

Healthier Mouth, Healthier Body

Individual decisions need to be made by the February meeting but the final choice will be made in May. The group representative (this year from Napton) will then take our decision to the Annual meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Cardiff.

**Poppies** - As part of the Centenary celebrations, and to commemorate the end of WW1, WFWI want to create a stunning display of poppies in St. Mary's Church, Warwick from September to November next year. We have been asked if every WI member could donate at least one poppy made in any medium, knitted, crocheted, sewn, felted or made with paper or cardboard. We need to take our poppies to Federation House by 26<sup>th</sup> July. If you can't find a pattern, please let Dianne know.





## 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.



The next supper and film extravaganza will be our Christmas special on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** and we are **fully booked!** The film will be 'Hidden Figures' – the true story of three highly intelligent African-American women working for NASA in the early 1960s. This visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big. A festive Christmas pre-film meal is included.

If you would like advance notice of future film dates, email Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) to be added to the film night email circular.

We are hoping to have another of our popular village safari suppers on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Watch this space for more details!



We would like to welcome Caryl Thompson, voted in as our new Trustee at our AGM last month. She joins Kip Warr, Debra Neal, and Gray Lewis, who have been our Trustees for the last four years.

We want to thank all who have helped with and supported our events over the past year. None of them would have happened without you! Our 2018 programme will be available soon, but in the meantime we wish everybody a peaceful Christmas and hope to see you again in the New Year.



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 Photography Club

Kip Warr

It's always fun and instructive when we have an evening when members bring along some of their favourite pictures. There is such a variety of subjects and discussion about how the shots were taken. You see two overleaf: David's picture of the horse and rider (La Gardienne) was taken in the Camargue at dusk (or was it dawn?). Antony's was crafted by superimposing one image on another, giving the effect of mist in the trees.



In early January we treat ourselves to a pub meal then, in February, we have our AGM. Meanwhile the committee will have drawn up a programme for 2018. For more information see our website:

([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto))

or contact:

[jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)

### **La Gardienne by David Tiley**

### **Akerton Garden by Antony Watts**



## **Ladbroke General Section**

### **Ladbroke Village Hall and Millennium Green AGMs**

The public AGMs of both charities were held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Although separate entities they have the same trustees and supporting team, Ladbroke Matters. Chairman, Kip Warr, summarised the past year and thanked everyone involved.

For the Millennium Green there was the regular maintenance by contractors and volunteer working parties had trimmed bushes, maintained the children's play area and cut back and removed vegetation from the lower part of the green to improve the wildflower area.

The Village Hall had over 100 bookings in the last year. Whist drives had ceased but table tennis on Wednesday evenings is popular as are Film Nights and other regular users are the Parish Council, WI, Photography Club and Yoga. People are encouraged to hire the hall for their own events and

private parties too. In the past year (ie to end September) the hall had been used as a polling station three times, with the wooden booths replaced by metal ones. Peter Baker had kindly donated 21 stacking chairs, allowing old wonky ones to be pensioned off. The windows had been replaced with double glazing (the Alibone Charity and Parish Council were thanked for their generous support) and very recently stage lighting had been installed. It is planned to submit an application to the HS2 Community Fund for further improvements to the Village Hall.

Treasurer, Graham Lewis then presented the accounts for the past financial year. Ladbroke Matters Events (Film Nights, a Race Night joint with Ladbroke Church, a Quiz and a Barbecue with Live Band) had raised over £3700, the Monthly Draw £2610 and Easy Fundraising (i.e. donations as you shop on-line) £52; the other main sources of income were hall hire and donations/grants. Overall across both charities, the surplus for the year was £2562.

Kip Warr, Graham Lewis and Debra Neal were re-elected and Caryl Thompson was elected as a fourth trustee.

**Jackie West**

## Family Spirit

The Ladbroke Players are a bit like a chameleon - they look different every time you see them! Perhaps this is not surprising given that it's a couple of years since the last time our local theatre group were on stage but newcomers Su McClellan and Russell Griffith looked very much at home among our long term thespian friends.

Although it was not a pantomime, the actors put in plenty of exaggeration as the action unfolded: Kip Warr as grouchy Arthur in his old man's misbuttoned cardy, Su as his kind but dowdy adopted daughter, Susan Moore as posh but uncaring daughter Sandra, and Margie Bosworth as the house hunter who could sense the spirits in the room.



The audience very quickly became engaged in the plot and characters, so much so that when Bill Bosworth, who played Sandra's mean husband Steve, entered he was greeted with boos. They were amused at Trevor Jay's depiction of the Cherub (Grade 4) trying to keep things on track, and laughed out loud as he caught a file of information floating down from the rafters and when he managed to refer back (with the right silly voices) to his roles in previous productions. I understand that Russell only volunteered to get some practice speaking to a crowd before a father-of-the-bride speech next year but he proved his versatility, taking on two very different roles - a nervous

estate agent and an elderly clairvoyant lady who had the audience in stitches.

On the night it is the cast that are in the limelight but every show needs direction, backstage and front of house support. Ladbroke Players were well served by director, Kate Pickin, and by Tony Watts on the new lighting system which had only been purchased a few days before and so had to be installed



as well as programmed and operated. Peter Baker and my husband, Simon, had created a sitting room with the right degree of scruffiness and filled it with furniture begged, borrowed and stolen from various sources, *correction*: I'm told the three chairs taken from the bonfire were not stolen but rescued!

As the play proceeded, the gentle twists and revelations reached a satisfactory conclusion and it wasn't only mean Steve who got his just desserts - the hard work by all involved paid off too and we all hope it's not long before the Ladbroke Players are entertaining us with their next production.

**Text by Jackie West, photos by Allan Ballard**



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley**

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**October 2017**

### **Public Participation**

Several concerns were expressed. (1) The safety and maintenance problems of residents on the David Wilson Homes development. District Cllr Jacqui Harris was helping to resolve these. (2) The phone mast to the north of the Cutting, for which retrospective permission was being sought. Mr and Mrs Dyson complained that it was too close to their home and it was already erected. Chairman Tim Lockley advised that as the original permission was for a site even closer to their home, and this would be the default option, it might be better to ask for screening.

### **Reports**

County Cllr Stevens confirmed the new fencing for the school was in place and a larger gate would be fitted off Wagstaffe Close to allow emergency vehicles access to the school. He highlighted the consultation on proposed



constituency boundary changes; the home/school transport review; and the pending report on the future of Children's Services.

Parish Cllr Cristou asked for a grant of £2K for the E-Wheels Project which uses volunteers to transport people to medical appointments. The group raises £4.5K itself but has costs of £6.5K.

The Council agreed to the request and recommended other possible funding sources.

Parish Cllr Gibb drew attention to the closure of the greengrocer's shop and two of the four remaining village pubs. The Shakespeare was to reopen with a tenant on a five year lease.

## **Planning**

Cllrs agreed to ask for planting to mitigate the impact of the phone mast. They decided not to comment on plans to remove the purple sycamore at Yew Tree Cottage. Cllr Summers said there was nothing to report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan except that the information on the Parish Council's website was out of date. The work on defining Assets of Community Value was deferred.

## **Properties**

Cllr Ekins thought the Play Area Inspection Report was harsh. It judged several older pieces of play equipment, including the rocking horse, by current regulations when they were low risk and easily repaired. New parts for the sputnik had been ordered and most of the painting was done.

Our County Councillor would help with money for the Walking Track and a third quote was needed for the adult fitness equipment planned to accompany it. The car park entrance was to be improved when money was available.

Cllr Summers asked for more volunteers to clear weeds from the Burial Grounds before more bulbs could be planted. She hoped the fencing could be taken away to fuel the Bonfire.

More tenants had come forward for the Allotments but some rubbish, including a couple of old baths, needed to be cleared for them.

## **Environment**

A plan was discussed to plant poppies round the War Memorial on Crown Green. County Highways had pointed out that poppies grow on disturbed ground. This would mean the turf would have to be removed and/or the grass left unmown until the plants had finished flowering. Cllrs thought this would look untidy and decided the churchyard itself would be more suitable, or if seeds were to be scattered on the Green they should be close to the churchyard wall.

The Council was very angry that the development of the Spinney Paddock had damaged Pound Green. Vehicles had driven over it causing deep ruts and the expensive heavy oak bollards had disappeared.

## Finance

Chairman Tim Lockley was concerned the County had not made Southam College aware it could use some S106 money from Harbury's on-going developments to help it absorb the extra pupils these generate. Harbury School knew about the money but Southam did not.

Tim had read the "turgid" Government Consultation "Right Homes in Right Places" so that his colleagues did not have to! The only points of interest were the suggestion that Housing Need Surveys would be made simpler by the use of Office of National Statistics data, and the belief that if house prices were high it was an indication that more homes needed to be built.

There were long discussions on whether the sports groups should have licences or leases for their use of the playing fields with the major sticking point being the Tennis Club clubhouse and the potential costs associated with the floodlighting. Cllr Rutherford expressed concerns about the maintenance costs falling on the Council, but eventually they decided on the lease option.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7.30pm in the **Tom Hauley Room**.

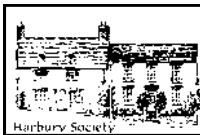
## Traffic and the Environment

It's not just towns and cities which suffer from traffic pollution. Harbury village centre also has its share of congestion and traffic fumes. We are asking you to think before you drive to the shops or the school. Do you really need to take your car? Can you set off five minutes earlier on foot instead? In particular, please don't leave the car engine running while you go to the shops or pick up your children from school. We are lucky enough to live in the countryside so let's do what we can to ensure we breathe clean, fresh country air.

## Parish Council Minutes

Just a reminder that the report on parish council meetings in the Harbury News is written by Harbury's very own special correspondent, Linda Ridgley, who is independent of the parish council. The official minutes of all parish council meetings are available on our website or from the parish council office if you don't have access to the internet.

**Harbury Parish Council**



**Harbury Society**

**Linda Ridgley**

Barry Franklin's talk on the Wartime Camouflage Unit base in Leamington was wonderful. He blended humour with information about the men and women of the unit, the buildings they worked in and snippets about other Leamington history. We will surely have to invite him back again soon.

The Camouflage Unit was based mainly in four properties:- the Regent Hotel; the area where the Loft Theatre now stands which had been the roller-skating rink; the Old Art Gallery and Museum Buildings in Avenue Road and The Gables in north Leamington. Other sites were at Whitnash Airfield, out at Baginton and at Compton Verney where smoke-making machines were tested.

The Leamington group built a huge water tank in the Art Gallery to test out camouflaged model ships. They also had a giant turntable to enable them to assess their work from all angles. Some targets were covered with grass roofs, some with netting and added leaves – all to deceive the German Bombers. A Tiger Moth took photographs of the resulting camouflaged targets to test the efficacy of the work.

The staff were somewhat bohemian in their dress and lifestyle and many were artists or stage designers. Barry showed some of their avant-garde paintings in the modern style and illustrations of the way that the resulting camouflage was tested. Staff were paid by the government but were allowed to take on private commissions. Some of their murals remained for some time in the Liberal Club which was next to the Regent Hotel. One, now lost, was in the Council Offices.

We then diverged into the setting up of the National (later British) Restaurants one of which was in Livery Street. We saw the painting of “Grace at the Sausage Hatch” which caused some hilarity. In 1942 teas were 1/- (5p) available from 6-8pm. In 1943 a School Meals Service was started based in Brunswick Street. Two adapted vehicles from the Ford Emergency Food Vans Trust delivered meals to schools and homes. Barry showed photos of the Newbold Terrace area of Jephson Gardens being ploughed up for food and even the flower beds were used – to grow tomatoes.

Barry finished with photos showing the effects of German bombing on Leamington. There were six raids which killed several civilians and two soldiers. A separate raid in 1940 missed the Lockheed factory but demolished homes. A bomb landed in the middle of the Pump Room Gardens, another outside the Parish Church scattering tombstones. A landmine in Kinross Road killed one person. A bomb fell in York Road near the Camouflage Unit and another moved Queen Victoria on her plinth. The bombsite in Bedford Street was the last to be redeveloped after the war.

The Leamington Society raised money to commemorate the people killed in the bombing and they are now remembered by a plaque on the War Memorial in Leamington.

Harbury Society's next meeting is the members' Social on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January in the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm.





Show of hands, please - is it "God Rest You Merry, *Gentlemen*", or "*Gentlefolk*? And do we sing *Ye* or *You*? And what about that comma? Are we wishing peace and joy to all, or suggesting a little lie-down after too much sherry? This is Harbury WI's choice at the forthcoming Group Carol Service - innocuous enough, you might think; been around since the 16th century; everyone knows the tune and the first couple of verses. Who knew it would trigger an interesting debate about inclusiveness and punctuation?

Something we're all agreed on is the success of the movie nights, and we'd like to thank the community for supporting the events so enthusiastically. The next shows are on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018. We can accommodate 90 people for the fish and chip supper, and another 20 or so who choose the £5.00 option - but be sure to buy your tickets in good time, as the fish suppers often sell out a few days before the show. We'd also like to express our gratitude to Suresh and his team at the Pharmacy for doing such a great job as our box office.

November was Annual Meeting month, when we gave our yearly rendition of *Jerusalem*, sang a capella in 38 different keys and time signatures, and elected the Committee and President for 2017/18. Serving this year are Sue Coupe, Maureen Handle, Lin Hayes, Ann Meyer (President), Chris Rutherford, Hilary Scott (Secretary) Pauline Smith, Mary Thompson and Gill Thorpe (Treasurer). Jean Appleton stood down, and was thanked for her success and hard work as our Speaker Secretary. We heard from Ann what an enjoyable time she'd had recently at the WI's college, Denman. Every year we give one member a bursary towards any class at Denman. Ann won the draw this time, and chose a two-day residential course on leather crafts.

2017 was a good year for us, with a memorable theatre trip and fascinating speakers, some of whom kept us spellbound or left us horrified (rowing across the Atlantic? shipwrecked in Antarctica? the ghastly realities of FGM?). We took on the Village Cinema and hosted fundraising dinners, signed up new members and, of course, enjoyed friendship and support in our corner of the UK's largest women's organisation. Behind the scenes, we've been modernising our systems, with streamlined business meetings, email communication and a Facebook page.

2018 will be a great year, with February marking our centenary. Tony Mancell has taken a lovely photo of us all, for that month's *H&LN* and *Corunna News*, Warwickshire Federation of WI's monthly magazine. To get the celebrations off to a colourful start, several of us set out another 100 daffodil bulbs in the Village Hall grounds in November. They should bloom during our birthday month, at the same time as the 100 we planted in 2015. Our membership is increasing, and we're enjoying adding new ideas and skills to our long-established strengths. So, if you've been thinking of joining WI, or just coming

along to see what it's all about, what better time for that than the first of our second 100 years?

### Coming up next:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm, Carol Service Ladbroke Church

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, Gift presentation ideas with Alan Keech - *Thoughtfully Wrapped* - [www.thoughtfullywrapped.com](http://www.thoughtfullywrapped.com) Please bring a bottle to wrap (full if you want to give it; empty is fine if you're just practising), sellotape and scissors. Alan will have suitable paper available at £1.00 per sheet, or you can bring your own. Just make sure it's robust enough to keep a shape.

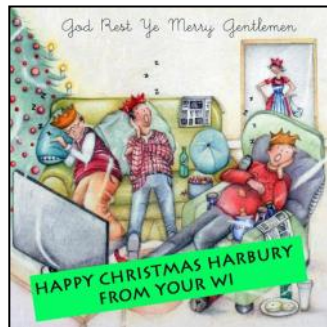
11<sup>th</sup> January - Monthly meeting

13<sup>th</sup> January - Village Cinema

26<sup>th</sup> January - New Year Party

And finally, may we wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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 at [harburywi@gmail.com](mailto:harburywi@gmail.com), or call Mary Thompson on 01926 612050. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/harbury](http://www.facebook.com/harbury)



## Folk Club

**Peter Bones**

Most folk songs convey some form of emotion, so when I suggested "Emotions" as the theme for the night, it was not difficult to find appropriate songs.

Liz and I started the evening with an attempt to set the emotion of merriment, by singing "Landlord fill the Flowing Bowl" and soon the audience, that numbered between 50 and 60, was singing along with gusto.

There then followed a number of songs performed by the 11 individual artistes or groups, containing references to a variety of emotions including anger, sorrow, love, hate, homesickness and reflection, to name but a few.

Although I found most of the items performed were to a very high standard, my particular favourites of the evening were Don Arthurson, who is a newcomer to the club and proved to be a very talented rag-time guitar player,

and Keith Donnelly who sang “Happiness is a Sad Song” which he wrote just for the evening.

After a very full three “halves”, the entertainment finished with an informal music session which seemed to provide an uplifting emotion to conclude what I thought was a most enjoyable Folk Club. Many thanks to all who contributed, whether as a performer or a member of the audience. For a complete list of who sang what, please visit the Folk Club website, [www.tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub](http://www.tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub)

Thanks also to those who contributed to the raffle which raised a respectable £76.00, which being near Remembrance Day, has been donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal, and thanks again to the bar staff and committee of the Harbury Club who, once again, were very helpful and welcoming.

The next meeting of the club will be on 7<sup>th</sup> December and will be hosted by Ian Hartland. The theme is to be “Friends and Family”.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Andrew Lawrence**

### Merlin – The Pantomime

By the time you read this, Harbury Theatre Group’s show “Merlin – the Pantomime” will be over. At the time of writing (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November) we have finished our rehearsals. We’ve sold over 500 tickets for the four shows and we can’t wait to start performing later this week. We’re determined to give you one of our best shows yet.

On the opposite page are some photos from the dress rehearsal. It’s been a blast!



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we held our Annual General Meeting. The outgoing Chairman, Peter Rollason, thanked the members who had helped him to enjoy his two years in the office. Richard Marshall-Hardy was unanimously elected as Chairman and, with the support of all the members present, agreed to continue as Treasurer in addition to being the Chairman. Ceri Edwards has, after a one-year gap to continue with her studies, resumed the office of Secretary.

Our upcoming social events are: a Christmas party with an Australian theme on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Tom Hauley Rooms; and our annual Fête des Rois celebration on the 6<sup>th</sup> January which will, once again, be hosted by David and June Eaves.

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# Harbury Theatre Group presents



## *Merlin the Pantomime*



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(Fête des Rois is the Christian celebration of Epiphany which is to mark the arrival of the three wise men (kings) to Bethlehem where they gave their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus).

The big event for 2018 will be our exchange visit to Samois-sur-Seine during the weekend commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May when we will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our twinning relationship.

Just speak to one of our members if you are interested in joining a most pleasant association whose aims are to promote and foster friendship and understanding between the residents of Harbury and the residents of Samois-sur-Seine in France. You do not need to be able to speak French, travel to France or open your home to a French visitor. You can join as a social member and participate in our social activities where you will find a warm welcome.



### **Bonfire**

It took months of planning then all went up in smoke and ended with a bang - quite literally! What was it? The Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks Display of course. This event is the biggest venture for G.A.S.S. (Guides and Scouts Support) and we are pleased to report that we raised over £2,000 towards the upkeep of the Scout Hut and new equipment for the uniformed youth groups of Harbury.

This community event could not happen without helpers giving us their time and energy. These people are too numerous to mention all by name but we must pay particular thanks to:

- Mike McBride and his team of volunteers for such a wonderful display of fireworks (I'm sure it gets bigger every year!)
- Paul Quinney and the team of Cub leaders and Scout leaders who managed the magnificent bonfire.
- All of the children from our uniformed groups, their parents and other volunteers who turned out with 4x4s and trailers on a slightly soggy Saturday morning to collect material for the bonfire.
- The ladies who prepared and served up hot food and drinks.
- Our stewards who manned the gates and kept everyone safe.
- Everyone who gave time in the week after the event to litter pick, rake ashes and remove bonfire debris from the field.



- Harbury Pharmacy who sold tickets and local people who provided straw and lent us a tractor.
- The Parish Council for allowing us to use the playing field.

We also need to say a big “Thank You” to everyone who supported us by coming along to the event and to the 50 households who made a cash donation in return for having firewood collected from their garden. This community support is what makes for a successful event and we are pleased to be part of it.

So, with the bonfire finished, the G.A.S.S. committee are already working on our next fundraising opportunity .....

### **G.A.S.S. Christmas Post**

As usual G.A.S.S. will be running a village Christmas postal service. So, in return for a generous donation, why not let us deliver all of your Harbury Christmas cards in that busy run up to the festive season?

This year the Christmas post service will start on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** and the last posting day will be on Monday **18<sup>th</sup> December**. You will find our special post box in Harbury Library. Please remember to put the **house name/number and the road name** on your envelopes as we cannot deliver your cards without this information! We are able to deliver anywhere in Harbury village but, unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to deliver any further afield.



## **Harbury Juniors Football Club**

**Richard Woodhead**

Welcome to another season of junior football. Hopefully this will be as successful as previous seasons and we can continue to offer youngsters from Bishop's Itchington, Harbury and the surrounding area the opportunity to play football with us. Welcome too to all our new players and their families. We hope you have a happy and rewarding time with us as the players develop through the age groups.

This year we have started a new team which is for Reception and Year 1 boys and girls which trains on Saturday mornings. We still have spaces available, particularly for Year 1 players. If you have a child who would like to play, please contact the team coach Steve on 07850 464286 or [monty7777@outlook.com](mailto:monty7777@outlook.com) for more details.

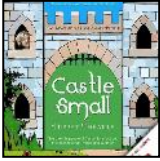
We need to pass on a big thank you to Mark Evans of Integrity Solutions who has sponsored our Under 9s and also to Mansard Carpentry who have bought a defibrillator for the Club. These donations are a massive help, as we are a self-funded charity club, so generosity like this really benefits the club.

Best wishes to all of you for the season ahead.



## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton



Our **Hawaiian Beach Party** was not only well attended but parents reported that it was a huge success. Children, parents and volunteers all dressed for the part and the sand, sea, shells and windmill making was enjoyed by everyone.

It's often a village affair and this was no different with our own Alison Hunt leading the Storytime before our good-bye song. Barbara's wonderful large shells (saved over many weeks from M & S where else?!) provided a fabulous base for our mustard and cress sowing.



Castle Small Puppets entertained us with a beach show, which included a princess, knight and non-scary dragon! You can see the children were enchanted by the puppets.

We had a shared picnic with plenty of sandwiches, sausages and snacks and in the background we had music from

The Beach Boys - we look forward to another special event next year.

### Forthcoming attractions

By the time you read this the year will be coming to a close. We have had another really enjoyable time meeting lots of new children from Harbury and the surrounding area, plus many of our lovely familiar faces. We have watched them grow in size and confidence, developing new skills and new friends. We have welcomed two new babies; Elliot, brother to Florence and Monty and also William, brother to Amber. We are privileged and blessed to share part of their



journey and hope we have managed to facilitate some new and lasting friendships for parents as well as the children.

The new Calendar for 2018 is in progress but we still have a few more things to look forward to this year including:



A trip through the **Magic Door** to visit John or Sue our friendly Librarians.

**Christmas Art and Craft** by Aimee. This will be her last art activity as she is now developing her wonderful Mentoring Service for parents caring for a child or young person with a disability which we are so pleased to be supporting. Thank you for your help Aimee and we'll continue to look forward to seeing you with Jago at our weekly sessions. If there are any other parents who would like to do the activity from time to time, please do let us know: we do appreciate it and know there are many many skills within the group.

Our **Christmas Party** at the Tom Hauley Room on 18<sup>th</sup> December, hopefully with special guest.

### Thank You

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us during the year, especially Selina, Reg and Chelly without whom I would not be able to run the group. There are so many who have contributed, indeed too many to list. I always include their names in our regular articles but THANK YOU ALL!

**Happy Christmas from all of us xxx**

### Come and join us

If you want to join us at the Toddler Group then Lynne, Selina, Chelly and Reg look forward to welcoming you - 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 [lynnebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)

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**Adverts to:** 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to [advertising@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:advertising@hlnews.co.uk) by 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to [articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk) by 5.30pm, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December



**New children:** We are delighted to welcome Annabelle and Freddie who joined us after half term. Both have settled in very well with their new friends and we look forward to being a special part of their learning journey.



**Autumn Walk:** We were accompanied by the beautiful colours of autumn on our walk to The Spinney. Buckets in hand, the children thoroughly enjoyed collecting natural objects related to autumn. Their buckets were soon filled with all the colours of autumn, including leaves of different shades, shapes and sizes; conkers; twigs, seeds and feathers. Once in the woods, the children created some bark rubbings using crayons and used 'listening spheres' to concentrate on the many different sounds around us. We heard birds singing, leaves rustling, wind blowing and even the odd aeroplane!



Back in the warmth of Pre-School, we examined our finds and the children have been using them to create some stunning autumn collages which have made a colourful wall display.



**Healthy Eating:** Supported by the book '*Oliver's Vegetables*' by Vivian French, we have been learning about healthy eating. We have been looking at where vegetables grow and examining their different properties.

Thanks to the kindness of our parents, Pre-School has been inundated with donations of different vegetables for us to look at and taste. After being chopped up by the children, they were used to create a tasty vegetable stew for the children to enjoy at snack time. This has been very welcome on the recent cold and frosty mornings.



**Looking forward:** Pre-school will soon be filled with song as the children start preparing for our Pre-School Nativity. As is now tradition, we plan to hold this special event at a real stable yard thanks to the generosity of Bud Jackson. We will also be making decorations for the Pre-School Christmas tree and wrapping presents in Santa's workshop. We are even expecting a visit from someone rather special during our last day of term!

**AGM:** The Annual General Meeting of the Pre-School took place on 1<sup>st</sup> November and we are delighted to announce that a new committee of parent volunteers was elected to continue the important work of the Pre-School. We thank our outgoing parents for all their hard work and dedication ensuring that Harbury continues to offer great preschool education.

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 phone 07907 598461 or look at the website 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

Geoff Thorpe

December, at last we can try out the new heating system. The only complaint is that it is too hot in the hall! Wonderful! and for the first time frost has lingered on the roof. The new insulation works!

This a busy time for the hall. The first Christmas Fair is in November and two more in December. Merlin, the Theatre Group's panto in November, was great fun, "Oh yes it was". A cast of thirty odd and as many more backstage,

just a wonderful effort. Add in various private parties and all the regular bookings and I am afraid we occasionally have to turn bookings away. There is no cinema this month as all the Saturday evenings were booked. This all adds up to a big thank you to Celia Neill and Susan Littlewood, the booking secretary and treasurer respectively. These two jobs involve a lot of hard work, a very special thank you to them both.

Tickets for the **Burn's Night** celebrations on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January are selling well, please let me know if you wish to come. A good evening is guaranteed. A classic Burn's Night super, the haggis to be piped in and addressed traditionally, plus a set of whiskies to taste. All very light hearted, the last thing Robbie would have wanted was for anyone to think it was serious!!! Tickets £32.50, tel Geoff 613801.

Christmas Greetings from the Village Hall team.



While I was gardening today it occurred to me (not for the first time) that most of what I do is removing stuff. Obviously, there are the weeds which include creeping buttercup, dandelions, thistles, rose-bay willow herb, brambles and hairy bitter cress. There are also many self-seeded seedlings of cultivated plants which put themselves in the 'wrong' place. Aquilegias in particular are very clever at getting into the middle of other plants and they are not very easy to remove. Cowslips love this ground and multiply enthusiastically as do many other plants especially *Verbena bonariensis*.

At this time of year I'm cutting back many of the perennials and some shrubs are getting a trim. Some clumps have become too big and they need reducing. Consequently I'm backwards and forwards with the wheelbarrow making large heaps to burn.

It seems to me that it wouldn't take long for the garden to become an overgrown, weedy jungle if I stopped gardening for a while. Maybe all us gardeners are control freaks?

Time now to rake up leaves, mulch the borders with your homemade compost, sow sweet peas (I start mine in pots away from where the mice can get them) and check out the seed catalogues.

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





## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today (19<sup>th</sup> November), pressure is high. The temperature overnight came close to freezing and by mid-afternoon peaked at 8C. Sunshine brought out the rich autumn leaf tints though many trees have lost their foliage entirely. The oaks are the exception and stand out with almost a full complement of russet-coloured leaves. The valuable green chlorophyll pigment essential for photosynthesis has drained away to be stored for next year's new growth.

Tomorrow I plan to visit the National War Memorial Arboretum near Alrewas in Staffordshire. It is not a good forecast but waiting for fine weather in the UK is a gamble and these places should be seen in rain as well as shine.

Moira Lamont called to me recently as I walked up Mill Street. She showed me a photograph of a striking caterpillar she had found in a hedge whilst staying in the Charente region of South West France. It was a good inch in length, light green in colour with a darker longitudinal stripe. A formidable hooked spike on the last segment completed its armoury. David Brown identified it as the larva of a Hawk moth but not one seen this side of the Channel.

Early in November we had a family gathering at Hartington Hall Youth Hostel in the Derbyshire Dales. Here, the carboniferous limestone has been eroded by water to form impressive gorges. Walks were enjoyed in both Lathkill and Beresford Dales. The River Lathkill flows into the Derwent whilst the upland stream coursing down Beresford Dale becomes the River Dove. Derwent and Dove flow into the River Trent outside the National Park. Caves are a feature of the landscape, a world hidden below the surface that has been formed by water over millions of years. Early man utilised the protection offered by some of these caves and left representations of the fauna abounding in the surrounding area. Two places in Britain where rock art can be seen are the Gower peninsula in South Wales and Creswell Crags near Worksop in Nottinghamshire. The rock of the Gower is from the Carboniferous period (360 – 299 million years ago) whilst that at Creswell is from the Permian (299 – 252 million years ago). At the time the cave paintings were made some 15,000 years ago, Britain was still joined to the continent. Hunters tracked and trapped the animals using caves as temporary camps. With modern archaeological techniques more of their lifestyle is being revealed.

Earlier today, whilst walking over the fields to Chesterton, I saw my first Fieldfares of the season. These birds together with Redwings are North European Thrushes and cross to the British Isles when rowan berries are exhausted and the temperature drops in Scandinavia. Large flocks were once the norm but numbers have dropped in recent years.

*Nature Notes continues on page 34*

*Trisha Harrison thanks all her friends in Harbury and Ladbroke for their wonderful support over the past year and wishes them a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. Her donation will be given to The Heart Foundation.*

*Alan and Sue Lord wish all their friends in Ladbroke and Harbury a peaceful, happy Christmas and a healthy 2018.*

*Colin and Jen Ingram wish all our friends and neighbours a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Instead of cards we will donate to a local charity.*

*We hope all our Harbury friends will have a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Instead of Cards to our neighbours, we are sending a donation to Harbury e-wheels.*

*Love and best wishes  
from Andrew & Jenny Patrick*

*Michael and Gillian Hare send their best wishes to their friends in Harbury. Instead of cards, we shall be making a donation to Global Care for teacher training in South Sudan.*

*We wish all our friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy 2018.  
Jackie & Simon West*

*The Ellis-Greenway Family and Green Chameleon would like to wish friends, family, neighbours and Clients a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2018. xx*



*Barbara and David Thistlethwaite wish their many friends in Harbury a very merry and peaceful Christmas. In lieu of sending cards we will donate to our chosen charities.*

*Beryl Checkley wishes her friends a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

*Dear friends,  
I shall be making a donation to the  
charities again this year. I will be  
cards. So I would like to take the  
opportunity to wish you all a  
Harbury and Ladbroke a  
Blessed Christmas, and a  
Tony S*

*Happy Christmas and best wishes,  
from Pauline*

*John and I would like to take the opportunity to wish our friends and acquaintances a very Merry Christmas and all good things. We are donating to three charities: The Brocks, The Heart Foundation and The Red Cross.*





Joan and Tom Smith would like to wish all their dear friends in Harbury and Ladbroke a very happy Christmas and New Year. We have had the best Christmas present of all with the news that Joan now has no detectable cancer cells. So again we would like to thank you all for your wonderful support, you're all completely fantastic.

We would like to wish all our friends in Harbury a joyful and peaceful Christmas and may 2018 bring us all health and happiness.

Best wishes from

Moira and Peter Rollason and family

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To all our friends who prefer to donate rather than send Christmas cards we wish you and your families a very happy Christmas, and instead of sending a card we shall donate to Cure Leukaemia. To those friends who enjoy Christmas cards we shall still be sending yours.

Sally and John (Stringer)

*Alan and Pauline Hayes would like to wish all their friends in Harbury a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have made a donation to Myton Hospice instead of sending cards.*

*Gordon Bennett would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness and support over the last difficult 12 months and to wish them a joyful Christmas and happy and healthy 2018.*

*A very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018 to all our friends and neighbours in Ladbroke and Harbury. We will be donating to charity this year instead of sending cards.*

*Nicky and Gray Lewis*

**Continued from page 31....**

On a fungi foray in Bubbenhall Woods with the U3A Natural History Group on 13<sup>th</sup> November, we were lucky to have a dry day and two expert guides in John and Val Roberts. Well over twenty species were found including King Alfred's Cake, Green Elf Cup, and Candle Snuff fungus. The names are very descriptive and a Google search will show you these fungi in close up. John and Val are coming to the Tom Hauley Room on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (10am-noon) to show us wildlife photographs from a holiday in Costa Rica. Do come along if you would be interested to join us. It costs £2, payable on the day. I guarantee you will enjoy the photographs and John's erudite talk.

In October I recommended a book by John Lewis-Stempel titled 'The Running Hare'. I have just finished an earlier book of his called 'Meadowland - The Private Life of an English Field'. The author, a farmer in Herefordshire near Hay-on-Wye records the passing seasons in an ancient meadow. The prose is eloquent and I learned a lot about farming in harmony with nature. One page is devoted to incoming thrushes and we learn that the Fieldfare takes its name from the Anglo-Saxon 'felde-fare' meaning the traveller over the fields. For Chaucer, Turdus pilaris was the 'frosty feldefare' and harsh weather does indeed drive them south from their Scandinavian homeland. A million Redwings and Fieldfares once came down from the north.

Finally, I would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and say thank you to those readers who have supplied me with wildlife stories throughout the year. Please do contact me if you have a tale to tell. [j.hancock43@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hancock43@btinternet.com) or phone 612860.

**General Section****Operation Christmas Child**

An amazing total of 143 shoeboxes full of good things were packed. So many people were so generous; the knitting especially was tremendous and it is good to think of all those children snuggled into our scarves, hats and gloves and playing with their new – and maybe only – toys.

The other **very** good news is that the project will not be finishing here in Harbury. We are delighted to be handing it on to Sally Townsend and Sue Johnson, who both offered to carry on with it. So please keep on knitting and looking out for bargains.

Thank you so much for your support over the past eight years.

**Mike Jones & Gillian Hare**





## Harbury Craft Fair 2017

At this year's Craft Fair we managed to raise £1,735 which, as always, will be donated to Myton Hospice.

Thank you to everyone that came to support us throughout the day, the continued support from locals and visitors alike is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Another big thank you obviously goes to our team of volunteers, your time and effort is crucial to the event being the success that it is every year. The raffle was as popular as ever so a big thank you to everyone that donated prizes and congratulations to Bridget who won the first prize!

Once again I must give a special mention and a massive thank you to my mum, Shirley Crossan. We are often complimented on how efficiently the Craft Fair is organised and run and this is, without a doubt, down to Mum. Her dedication to the finer details is essential to the behind the scenes organisation throughout the year and, ultimately, the smooth running of the Craft Fair on the day itself. Thanks Mum!

Next year will be Harbury Myton Support Group's 10<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair. So, here's to a couple of months rest before we start planning our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event!

Thank you everyone!

**Fiona Cadwallader**

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 5.00 for a 5.30pm start in Harbury Village Hall.

Invitations were delivered and returned in November so we can confirm that everyone who requested places can come along to the party.

The committee members, helpers and entertainers look forward to seeing you at the party and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Finally, as a result of the changing state pension rules we need to amend our constitution. As you know, the ages at which we get our state pension have been increasing. Therefore the committee have decided that we will change the eligibility criteria for attending our events in line with the government guidelines. Also, if you are eligible but your wife/husband/partner is not of state pension age then a small fee will be required should you wish them to join you at the Christmas Party or summer outing or any other future activity.

We hope you will understand the reasons for these changes and however young you are we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It is early, but our next coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018. We hope to see you there.

**Mike McBride**

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

## Harbury Village Club & Institute Ltd

Hello again to everyone. Where have the last few weeks gone? Such a lot has been happening at our club. Events, meetings, other club functions and the darts, cribbage, pool, dominoes and snooker. Some evenings have been buzzing, with three different events taking place. The Friday Bingo sessions are now very popular and, as promised last month, here are details of the Family Christmas Bingo. It will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December and families and children are very welcome. As we will be playing for prizes and not money the children can play too plus there will be a bumper raffle. Eyes down at 7.30pm and the concert room will be open from 7.00pm for the sale of tickets. We realise that Sunday is not the ideal day but all our Saturdays are booked and we have brought the time forward as we are conscious children have school the next day. We look forward to seeing everyone for what promises to be a family friendly fun time.

I have been and replaced the bedding plants in the pots and this weekend John will be helping me to take down the baskets which have been so colourful and have lasted for seven months. I will also replace the bedding on the driveway and plant some tete-a-tete daffodil bulbs. This bedding scheme too has lasted seven months and some of the plants are still in full bloom. I will replot these at home and use again next year. Once a gardener always a gardener!

Just a couple of snippets from the club records. There is a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 1974 advising us that "the club had been registered under the Industrial and Provincial Societies Acts 1928 and continue to be so registered." I then found a Certificate of Insurance dated 29<sup>th</sup> December 1974. The premium was £110.78 and the person who was then steward was a Mr P W Jamieson. Interestingly the main building and the Steward's cottage were then valued at £20,000 and the contents at £2,500, how times have changed. There are some brilliant old conveyancing documents and I will give more details next month.

Once again the lovely ladies who play darts at the club on Wednesdays have given us a donation this time of £120. I have sent a letter of thanks but this really does mean a lot to us so a huge thank you again to all of you and so pleased that you are continuing to enjoy our facilities.

The remedial work at the Club Cottage has been finished to a high standard and we thank T.M. Grey and J.M. Grey for doing such a professional job and making the outside so much more attractive and no green damp!

Unfortunately, Joe Hunt was not able to join our bar team as stated in last month's article. He was offered a full time bar job at the Crown and we wish him luck there. We will be adding to our team but more about that next month. The Christmas party is taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and thank you to those of you who returned the slips to us. We hope that everyone who attends has a good time.

At our last committee meeting it was noted that there were a few jobs that need doing inside the club and these will be taken care of during the next

couple of weeks. One of our members mentioned that parts of the car park were dark but it was felt that the lighting we had was more than adequate and we do not want to install more lighting as we respect the immediate neighbours' privacy as they would not want bright lights shining into their homes. Clive distributed the takings sheet and advised that the amount of £3,400 and a further amount of £1200 had yet to be paid into the bank. This will obviously reflect on the total shown in credit at the bank. Not quite as much as last month but we have had to pay Corporation Tax and the builder, a total of £4,604, but we are still in a good position and things are looking very positive. Last year we would not have been able to afford to pay for any such building work so you see we are on the up and with increased membership and extra revenue we are very optimistic. We will be putting more up to date music in the juke box as apparently it is very dated! We discussed dates for the Xmas and New Year opening but did not finalise the times so please look on the notice board in the next week for actual times.

We approved another eight new members, incredible. No more bookings for the concert room but we still have two events in December and this year we have had more bookings than ever before. Thank you to all who have used our facilities, let's aim to equal or exceed the total in 2018. The date of the next committee meeting is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm.

I hate to mention this but in January subscriptions will be due. I will go to the club on successive Mondays in January to accept your membership renewal payments and stamp your cards. A lot of our members leave their cards behind the bar for all the year after payment. I will sort these into alphabetical order to make things easier. If you have paid over the last few weeks your new card and, if appropriate, key fob will be behind the bar.

Once again thank you for all the nice things you are saying, look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

**Judy Morrall**



## **Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café**

It has been a busy time in the lead up to Christmas for the volunteers in the Library, helping with the sale of pantomime tickets and those for our own Murder Mystery, which was cleverly solved by the audience at a very enjoyable evening event. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success.



We are also hosting the GASS post box for village Christmas postal deliveries this year, so when you come in to post your cards please do take the

opportunity to look around at all the new and Christmas books on display which can be borrowed with your Warwickshire library card, and if Biblio's is open (9.15am to 12 noon Wednesdays to Fridays, and 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays) you can also enjoy a cup of delicious fresh brewed coffee or tea and sample the range of home baked goodies on display. You may even find a piece of art on the walls or a booklet of local walks which is perfect to buy for a Christmas present!

The Library is open from 9am – 5pm every week day and 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays. The Café will be open for its final pre-Christmas session on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the Library will remain open until 5pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, reopening in the New Year with Biblio's on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

We are a community run and managed undertaking, and if you would like to find out more about us or are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please use the contacts below.

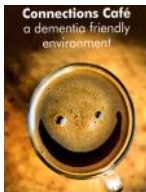
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**Janice Montague**



## **Connections Café for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers**

Connections Café has been running very successfully in Harbury for over two years, firstly in the Library and now in the Tom Hauley Room behind the Church. It is held on the third Wednesday every month, so the next session will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 2-4pm**. As usual, there will be a wide selection of hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes to choose from. In keeping with the season, this month there will be festive songs to listen to or accompany vocally or on percussion, as well as the usual games of trionimoes, jigsaws and various art activities. Do please come and join us if you, a friend, family member or neighbour has a dementia diagnosis and would like to spend a couple of hours in the company of a friendly, welcoming and supportive group of people. We require that a carer accompanies the person with a diagnosis and so look forward to meeting both of you there.

For further information or to organise a lift please contact: Jill - 01926 612483 or Janice - 01926 612340.

**Janice Montague**





## Harbury Energy Initiative

### What's blowing in the wind?

Early in November Cllr Chris Christou and I went to London on behalf of the Parish Council to attend a Low Carbon Britain event, organised for the government by SmartKlub. Such events are usually devoted principally to energy saving and renewable generation, as this was, but a large part of this one was set aside for discussion of air quality and pollution, a subject that has been on HEI's agenda for some time (see Harbury & Ladbroke News, August 2017).

### Health and air quality

Alison Cook, Director of Policy and Communications at the British Lung Foundation, set out the background with some hard hitting facts. The UK has the worst lung disease record in Europe with most of its major cities breaching the European agreed safe levels of nitrous oxide (NOx) and particulate emissions. The statistics on the health effects of diesel vehicle exhaust emissions in particular are alarming. The evidence suggests that total aggregate life expectancy in the UK is reduced by some 360,000 years at present levels of air pollution (see Uearthed website for how this is calculated). Children are at greater risk of suffering than adults, as the air they breath is closer to exhaust level and their bodies are still developing. Such is the national concern that measures such as zero emission and low emission zones are being implemented as quickly as can be managed. There is a growing focus on encouraging people out of cars and onto bicycles through new simple to use smartphone app accessed 'dockless' bike schemes, electric bikes and workplace incentives. The government has also created a Clean Air Fund for local authorities to deliver local solutions.

### Children at risk

School gates are a particular place of concern, as parents frequently leave engines running when delivering or collecting their children. There is potential for local authorities to impose engine switch-off at school gates to prevent highly polluting engine idling. A myth that Alison Cook was keen to expose was the belief that taking your children to school by car was safer for them than walking. It has been shown that children in cars are actually exposed to more air pollution than those outside.

### What shall we do?

HEI would like to develop greater awareness of the pernicious but invisible dangers of exhaust emissions, not only because of their effect on our climate but also for their more immediate risks to health. We would like to discuss the idea of signs in key places, such as the village centre and outside school gates, requesting that drivers do not leave engines idling. We want to talk to the Parish Council, the school and as many as are interested. Leading on this for HEI is Alison Hodge with Chris Christou as our Parish Council contact.

## Amazing new technology

The pace of development in new technology is quite breathtaking. One product we were introduced to at the conference is a product close to launch based on aerogels. These are highly absorbent but also highly insulating. What grabbed my interest was that they can be applied to external surfaces of houses for insulation and at just 1mm thick are many times more effective than standard external wall insulation. Worth waiting for.

**Bob Sherman**  
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[www.harburyenergy.co.uk](http://www.harburyenergy.co.uk)



## Harbury E-Wheels

### Am I eligible to use Harbury e-Wheels?

We currently help around 30 people in Harbury with our free transport. Word is getting out and as a result we get a number of calls from people who find getting about difficult, wanting to know if we can help them. We probably can. To be eligible you have to be referred to us by one of the local social agencies, so that we know that you need help. After that it becomes simpler.

#### **If you think you might be eligible you can ask one of several people:**

- Harbury surgery or any other surgery that you attend - ask in Reception
- The church - we can't yet confirm contacts for the church, as Craig is away. Details in December.
- Age UK

You need to be aware that we only have two cars, so they may not always be available. Your other option is to use the Southam VASA Community Transport scheme - 01926 817525. There is a charge for using this service based on a cost per mile.

#### **Strictly not ballroom**

I can reassure you that, thanks to the wild success of the 2017 e-Wheels barn dance with Reel to Reel and Tom Tilley as caller, there will be another chance to strut your stuff in 2018. It will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October but I regret that we don't have tickets available just yet. Can you bear to wait?

The event helped us to raise over £400 but our delight was heightened by the fact that everyone told us what a great evening they had (including the band). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make it happen and those who came to support it (with wild enthusiasm...or without).

## **TESCO** Bags of Help Bags of Help

I still can't tell you as I write this how we did in the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. We are still waiting with febrile anticipation to hear. It could be any day soon.

If you would like to consider us for a Christmas donation, please get in touch with Liz McBride at [lizzie.mcbride@talk21.com](mailto:lizzie.mcbride@talk21.com) or 612421.

**Bob Sherman - Tel: 612277**





## Harbury Knitwits

Harbury Knitwits have been producing knitted items for various charitable causes for the last sixteen years.

They meet on a Monday afternoon in Harbury to talk, drink tea and of course to “KNIT”.

At the present time they are producing baby clothes for the premature baby unit at Warwick Hospital, hats for The Mission to Seafarers and blankets and shawls for the residents of Galanos House.

To carry out all this good work they need a constant supply of new clean wool! Any colour, any ply!!

If you have a few balls of wool you would like to donate to our group please ring Barbara Thistlethwaite on 01926 613555.

Many thanks for reading this article.

**Barbara Thistlethwaite**



## Cybercrime and Scammers

Despite the festive season being nearly upon us there are some in society who would rather inflict misery and pain on vulnerable people. Several Harbury people have recently been defrauded out of thousands of pounds of money they can ill afford to lose.

What am I talking about? Well the latest of these scams seems to come via a phone call telling you that you are in serious trouble with, let us say, the Inland Revenue (HMRC) and that they can help you to avoid imminent prosecution if you cooperate with them and do what they say. You will be warned not to discuss this phone call with anyone else, including your wife or husband! The scammer will then try and persuade you to part with money – actually they will try and persuade you to buy gift cards which can be easily translated into money. They will tell you to drive round to many different shops and buy Apple iTunes gift cards over a period of days. Each day they will call you up and ask you to scratch these cards and reveal the numbers on them and read them out over the phone. At this point you will have effectually lost your money, possibly several hundred pounds per call! They may also try to persuade you to operate the web cam on your laptop or tablet so that they can see you, your surroundings and the gift cards. This is to make sure no one else is witnessing what is going on and they can safely continue with more calls.

The details above are from one specific incident but there may be many variations on this theme – it may be alleged that your utility company is suing you or you may be asked to purchase other companies' gift cards. Whatever the excuse the purpose will be the same – to steal serious sums of money from you. Anyone to whom you may owe money will certainly not advise you to purchase items from another company.

Please remember banks, HMRC, utility companies etc will **NEVER** call you or email you out of the blue and then start a process that involves you sending money anywhere or buying anything. If you receive any such call, phone Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or review this web page <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or call the police on 101 and describe what has happened. There is no charge for these services and they will be able to tell you what to do next. If you are uncomfortable contacting any of the above, then discuss the call with one or ideally more people you really trust, **BEFORE** you pass over any information. A day's delay will **NEVER** cause you any additional problems and may save you a lot of money and a lot of distress – instant action in response to these or similar calls is **NEVER** necessary.

Just one final point, the same message above applies to any call you receive telling you that your computer (PC, tablet, phone) has a problem, or is causing a problem. **DO NOT** follow any instructions you are asked to carry out. **DO NOT** do anything the caller tells you to do. Instead put the phone down and talk to a trusted friend or someone you know who understands computers before doing anything. As a last resort pop into the Village Library and ask the people behind the desk to make a note of your details and pass them on to the Library IT support person who will be able to advise you on the best course of action.

**Bernard Cadogan**



### Harbury Heritage Room

The Heritage Room is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30 to 8.30pm, though we are happy to open at other times by request of local societies and groups. The next two Open Evenings are 5<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January. It would be good to see you!

At our Open Evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will have a display commemorating the centenary of the Women's Institute in the village, consisting of photos and documentation gathered over the years.

The Southam Heritage Group has recently had a display of items connected with the pubs in the town. We are hoping to do likewise for the pubs and ex-pubs in Harbury. This exhibition will start at our April Open Evening. If you have any material relevant to this subject, we would be pleased to incorporate it. Written memories of what the pubs used to be like, and the characters associated with them, would also be helpful.

We have taken four of the classes from the school on a short trail around the village visiting some of the Blue Plaques commemorating those who lost their lives in WW1. Opposite is the Harbury Blue Plaques Wordsearch 1 using the names of some of those men. If you have a Year 3 child, you will probably have already seen this!

We always welcome interested people of any age to the Harbury Heritage Group. If you would like to join us please contact [nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk)

**Nigel Chapman**

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## Southam Lights Switch-On and Father Christmas Float Dates - 2017

Ho ho ho! – it is getting very near that exciting time of the year for children and adults alike.

**Southam & District Lions Club** will be helping Father Christmas visit as many local children as possible. They will be able to tell him how good they have been, and describe the kinds of presents they hope to receive this year. Remember, he has a list and will be checking it twice!



Santa may find some chocolate to give out as he makes his way around the district.

This year Santa's helpers/Elves will be collecting for the following charities:  
**The National Autistic Society and MacMillan Cancer Support.**

The following is a schedule of the visits we will be making near you, so this gives you time to make sure you are about and do not miss him.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Harbury 1 - up to and including the new Oakfields Estate on Bush Heath Lane - from 5.30pm to 8.00pm.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Harbury 2 - from 5.30pm to 8.00pm.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Bishops Itchington 2 and then Ladbroke - from 5.30pm to 8.00pm.

*Note: Start time is leaving from Southam (this is because Father Christmas likes to have a short break after his journey down from the North Pole).*

*All visits are subject to weather conditions and Elf availability.*

**Southam District Lions**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, gifts and cards received on our retirement.*

*Special thanks to Pete Woodward, Kathryn Reid and Nick and Sheila Burt for arranging the surprise champagne and cake celebration with Chapel Street residents.*

*Most of all we must thank all our customers who have supported us regularly for so many years.*

*Thank you,*

**Paul and Mary Mugleston and family**

### **Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank everyone who came along to our DKMS Stem Cell Donor Awareness Event. We feel very lucky to live in such a caring and supportive village – thank you all.*

*The event was a roaring success with 39 people joining the register and £340 being raised to support this life saving work. Aside from that fantastic result we have truly never seen so many home baked cakes in one place - amazing.*

*DKMS were delighted with the outcome. All registrations will now be processed, and any one of them could give the opportunity to provide a second chance of life.*

*Thanks also to everyone who helped to make it possible by baking, helping and organising.*

**Julie Balch**

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:  
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## Regular Diary Dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CONNECTIONS CAFE:** (for those with dementia & their carers), 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612340

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

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

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

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

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Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury Playing Fields

#### Under 10s – Year 5 (Mixed)

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Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College

#### Under 11s – Year 6 (Mixed)

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

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

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

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	6.00pm	Evensong
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
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	12.30pm	Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
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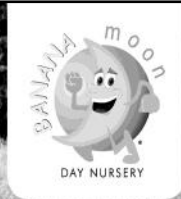
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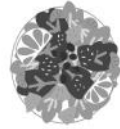


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#### Mini Mix (4-7 yrs)

4.45pm - 5.45pm

#### LoveDance (14yrs+)

6.45pm - 8.15pm

#### Adult Tap (Beginners)

7.15pm - 8.15pm

#### Adult Tap (Inter)

8.15pm - 9.15pm

#### Mini Movers (0-5yrs)

9.30am - 10.30am

#### Grade 2 Modern (12yrs+)

4.45pm - 5.30pm

#### Grade 3 Modern (13yrs+)

4.45pm - 5.30pm

#### Grade 4 Ballet (15yrs+)

5.30pm - 6.30pm

#### Grade 6 Tap (15 yrs+)

5.30pm - 6.30pm

#### Grade 4 Modern (14yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

#### Grade 5 Modern (15 yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

#### Pointe Class (Beg)

7.15pm - 8.15pm

#### Pointe Class (Inter/Adv)

7.15pm - 8.15pm

#### Adult Ballet (no exp req)

8.00pm - 9.00pm

#### Zumba (Over 50's)

10.00am - 11.00am

#### Adult Ballet (Over 50s)

11.00am - 12.00pm

#### Funky Dance (3-6yrs)

4.00pm - 4.30pm

#### Acro Gym (all ages)

4.30pm - 5.00pm

#### Commercial / Contemporary (9yrs+)

4.45pm - 5.45pm

#### Grade 1 Ballet (10-11yrs)

5.00pm - 5.45pm

#### Funky / Modern (7-10yrs)

5.45pm - 6.30pm

#### Boys Street Dance

5.45pm - 6.30pm

#### Grade 2 Ballet (11-13yrs)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

#### Grade 1 Modern (10-12yrs)

7.15pm - 8.00pm

#### Grade 3 Ballet (14yrs+)

8.00pm - 8.45pm

### Friday

#### Mini Movers (0-5yrs)

10.00am - 11.00am

#### Little Tappers (3-5yrs)

4.00pm - 4.30pm

#### Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)

4.30pm - 5.15pm

#### Cheerleading (6 yrs+)

4.45pm - 5.30pm

#### Primary Tap (8-10yrs)

5.15pm - 6.00pm

#### GCSE Dance

5.00pm - 7.00pm

#### Inter Ballet (16yrs+)

7.00pm - 8.15pm



### Tuesday

#### Prima Ballerinas (3-4yrs)

4.00pm - 4.30pm

#### Grade 1 Tap (10-11yrs)

4.15pm - 5.00pm

#### Intro to Ballet (5-6yrs)

4.30pm - 5.15pm

#### Grade 2 Tap (12-13yrs)

5.00pm - 5.45pm

#### Pre-Primary Ballet (6-8yrs)

5.15pm - 6.00pm

#### Grade 4 Tap (14yrs +)

5.45pm - 6.30pm

#### Primary Ballet (8-9 yrs)

6.00pm - 6.45pm

#### Grade 3 Tap (13 yrs +)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

#### Grade 5 Ballet (15yrs +)

6.45pm - 8.00pm

#### Adult Tap (Adv)

7.15pm - 8.15pm

#### Inter Foundation Ballet

8.00pm - 9.15pm

#### Adult Tap (Beg / Inter)

8.15pm - 9.15pm

### Saturday

#### Rhythmic Gymnastics

9.00am - 9.45am

#### Musical Theatre (4-8yrs)

9.00am - 10.30am

#### Aesthetic Gymnastics (11 yrs+)

9.45am - 11.15am

#### Baby Ballet (18mths+)

10.30am - 11.15am

#### Musical Theatre (9yrs+)

11.15am - 12.45pm

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