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Editorial

The Editors wish to join with the village in congratulating three Harbury residents who have been awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List. Geoff Thorpe, Paul Winchester and Jill Credland are recognised for their outstanding voluntary service to the community of Harbury.

As we look forward to a long, hot summer (?) it would be good to think the long tradition of Harbury village cricket might continue into the future, and our team is very keen to recruit new players of all ages and experience. Further details can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Finally, the Editors extend their condolences to the family of Bryan Harrison.

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

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| Sat | 4 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of G.A.S.S. |
| Sun | 5 | 4th BEFORE LENT Holy Communion, 9.00am Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall |
| Mon | 6 | Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall Neighbourhood Plan second consultation starts until Monday 20 th March (see article) |
| Tues | 7 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm Horticultural Society, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room - Howard Drury - Cottage Garden Story |
| Wed | 8 | Wednesday Walk, meet Village Hall Car Park at 9.40am, Stoneleigh – Stareton, (3 or 4 miles) Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Inspire Dance, 4.00 - 7.00pm in Village Hall Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| Thurs | 9 | Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee W.I., Members' Night, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room |

- Fri 10 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of NSPCC
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Bridget Jones's Baby', doors open 6.30, film starts 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 12 3rd BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Children's Church, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 13 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Village Hall Committee, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 14 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Wednesday Walk, meet Village Hall Car Park at 9.40am, Ufton - Bascote (4 miles) with optional pub lunch
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.00 - 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Harbury Pre-School Fashion and Fizz Evening, 7.00 - 9.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 17 Dandy Development, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Harbury Juniors Football Club
- Sun 19 2nd BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Saints Alive! Informal Family Communion Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
Steam Chicken CD Launch and fund raising tea, 2.00pm in Village Hall
- Mon 20 Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
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- Tues 21 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury Society Talk on Guys Cliffe Walled Garden, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 22 Wednesday Walk, meet Village Hall Car Park at 9.40am, Abbey Fields - Kenilworth Castle, (4 miles flat)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

- Thurs 23 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 25 Harbury & Ladbroke Lenten Quiet Day, 10.00am - 3.30pm
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid
of Mothers' Union
- Sun 26 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Children's Church, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 27 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 28 SHROVE TUESDAY
Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm

MARCH


- Wed 1 ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday Walk, meet Village Hall Car Park at 9.40am,
Newbold Pacey - Oakley Wood (4½ miles)
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
'Rangoon to Mandalay' - Chris Rutherford
Inspire Dance, 4.00 - 7.00pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, 7.30pm at **Ladbroke**
- Thurs 2 Friends of Harbury Cemetery, Weeding and Tidying, 9.00 -
11.00am
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 4 Friends of Harbury Cemetery, Sowing Seeds, 9.00 - 11.00am
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid
of Harbury Senior Citizens
- Sun 5 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast
Taizé Service, 6.00pm

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Refuse Collection Rota

|  | Deppers Bridge | Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties | Collection Week |
|--|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| February | Wed | Fri | |
| | 8 | 10 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 15 | 17 | Grey Bin |
| | 22 | 24 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| March | 1 | 3 | Grey Bin |
| | 8 | 10 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 15 | 17 | Grey Bin |



**All Saints
HARBURY**

From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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Love is...



...unconditional.

Love is . . .

Do you remember these cartoons? They were massive years ago. Many of them werewell, sentimental clap-trap, but this one I found recently says it all about true love I believe.

We're thinking about love this month as Valentine's Day comes our way again. Some say that Valentine was a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up his faith. He died on February 14th, 269 A.D. Legend says

that Valentine had fallen in love with the jailer's daughter and left a farewell note for the girl, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine" (how sweet!)

Love is a strange word, which expresses a wide range of emotions. We can use the word glibly, casually and throw it around so easily without thinking. As Christians however, we believe that love is expressed most profoundly when it's unconditional, a love that gives without counting the cost and doesn't demand anything in return. We see this in Jesus who gave his life for each of us unconditionally, the perfect and most complete example of love. The amazing thing is that God didn't check first to see if we were worthy of his love, he didn't get the clip-board out and tick the boxes to see if we are holy or good enough (none of us are), he did it anyway because . . .well, God's love is like that!

God bless.



From the Churchwardens

Liz & John

Every couple of months, the Parochial Church Council meet to discuss wide ranging matters that affect church life and our first meeting of the year on the 23rd January was no exception. The agenda covered a brief overview of our accounts, prior to the presentation of the final year end accounts at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), Church Fees, Safeguarding and Health & Safety, a report on the fabric of the church, Ufton church and next Christmas!

One of the most important pieces of business concluded at the meeting was the appointment of our new Treasurer, Andrew Lawrence. Andrew has stepped forward as Vikki and John Hall step down from this role. We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Vikki and John for the great service they have given to the church and wish Andrew well as he endeavours to get his head around the financial working of the church.

Our APCM takes place on Sunday 19th March at 6pm and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting lasts for around one hour and provides a useful recap on all that has happened over the past 12 months as well as thoughts and plans for the year ahead.

There is good news about the Memorial Garden of Remembrance as we hope that work will commence on 2nd May. Sincere thanks to everyone who responded to our appeal over Christmas to assist with the funding of this project. We still have a long way to go and are exploring other potential funding streams but if you can help in any way, it is not too late to donate!

Whilst Reverend Craig is now back and busy with his Parish work and services, unfortunately Reverend Nikki is not so lucky. Nikki has had a severe back complaint that is still causing her discomfort but she is doing her best to return to some of her duties. We wish her well on the road to recovery.

There is now something for children every Sunday at 10.30am. We have introduced a children's church on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month. This allows the children to come along to church and have some fun in the Tom Hauley Room whilst their mums, dads and/or carers can join the main service in church. The children return to church in time to come to the communion rail if they wish with whoever brought them to church. Little Saints is still on the 1st Sunday and Saints Alive on the 3rd.

Messy Church continues to thrive and in January everyone got rather wet finding out all about baptism and how Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan. This month Messy Church takes place on 12th February and the theme is Families.

If you wish to find out more about the above (or anything else come to that) please do not hesitate to get in touch with either one of us.

Liz (612421) John (614206)

From the Registers

Thanksgiving Service

18th January

Bryan Harrison (77 years)



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our New Year party was, as ever, a happy, relaxed afternoon, with a game of Pass the Parcel, singing and listening to music played by Michael Hare and, of course, a delicious tea.

Members then, and since, offered their sincere condolences to Trisha Harrison on her tragic loss. Many of us were privileged to attend the memorial service – what a moving tribute to an amazing man.

We have now heard, at our February meeting, about the work of our diocesan chaplain Rev Pam Gould.

Our next event will be the coffee morning on 25th February; as usual offers of help, cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac will be welcome.

And at our March meeting, Chris Rutherford will tell us all about her recent visit to Burma. Titled "From Rangoon to Mandalay", I am certain this will be of interest to many people, so a reminder that we do welcome visitors to our meetings – 2.30pm on 1st March in the Tom Hauley Room following Communion at 2pm.

Gillian Hare

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

FEBRUARY

Sun 5 4th Sunday before Lent

Family Communion (with Christingles) 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Mon 6 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 8 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 12 3rd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (sung)

Wed 15 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 19 2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 20 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

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5.30PM**Sun 26 1st Sunday before Lent**

Holy Communion (sung)

MARCH

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

Ash Wednesday Service, 7.30pm

Thurs 2 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 5 1st Sunday of Lent

Family Communion 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Mon 6 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 8 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Ladbroke Church News****Jackie West**

We have missed Rev Nikki who has been signed off sick since before Christmas with back problems and hope she'll be out of pain and be back with us again soon.

Our Christmas Quiz entertained quite a few of you and I'm pleased to announce the winner was Jennie Daniels. Many thanks to everyone who had a go and well done Jennie. If you are still thwarted by some of the questions I'll leave the answers on the church website, **ladbrokechurch.org.uk** until the end of February. January was, as usual, a quiet month at All Saints Church but here are a couple of dates for your diary:

1st March - Ash Wednesday Service at 7.30pm

18th March - Evening concert by Krystal Tunnicliffe and friends. If you came to the previous concert back in November you'll know what a treat is in store.

Flower Rota5th February

Carole Loftus

12th & 19th February

Sue Lord





Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

For once, the meeting on 11th January 2017 had many more members of the public than councillors present. This was because staff from HS2 Ltd were speaking. Matt Hadlington is the Senior Community Engagement Manager for the central region (M25 to Leamington) and Lydia Smith covers C3, the area from Brackley to Southam. They want to talk now with as many people as possible who will be impacted directly or indirectly by HS2 during construction to understand local issues, and so that going forward HS2 engages better with the communities it affects.

General timings for Phase 1

Feb 2017 - Royal Assent

Mid to end 2017- Enabling works e.g. ecology and archaeology surveys, habitat creation, utilities works, site compounds etc

2017 to 2018 - Detailed design work

Late 2018 - "Noisy work" starts

Opportunities for local benefits

1. Community Investment Programme - HS2 Ltd's contractors are required to go beyond their immediate construction role and provide a service that benefits and improves the local areas where they work e.g. using an on-site digger to dig a trench across a playing field.

2. A Community & Environment Fund and a Business & Local Economy Fund will be activated at Royal Assent. £40M has been allocated with £15M of this for the central area. Bids will need to be good quality and funding should be issued quickly. The Engagement Officers and also Sarah Leigh at WCC will provide more information when it becomes available and support communities with their bids.

HS2 Helpline

For any issues during construction ring the helpline first. All calls will be logged and passed on to a specific person at the contractors. HS2 Ltd's community engagement officers will be notified so they are aware of issues raised.

Contractors

Morgan Sindall and BAM Nuttall have been appointed contractors for the enabling works in our area. Contractors will engage with local communities by:

- developing and implementing a Community Liaison Plan

- being responsible for notifications (e.g. for road closures), resident liaison, door knocking
- responding to helpdesk requests
- co-ordinating site visits
- undertaking a regular community survey

Then we heard from Gareth Epps who, at Royal Assent, will become the independent HS2 Construction Commissioner: see www.hs2-cc.org.uk for more information. The role is to ensure fair and independent resolution of complaints relating to HS2. Like an ombudsman he will not get involved at the early stages of complaints but will mediate in unresolved disputes. He will also make recommendations to HS2 Ltd on how complaints can be minimised and will be the arbiter for the Small Claims Scheme. Gareth was an elected local councillor for 10 years and has considerable experience developing community relations for Cross Rail and in dispute resolution. He told us it is inevitable there will be some issues and complaints, but efficient projects are the best neighbours so it was in HS2 Ltd's interests to make their contractors accountable for their actions using a carrot and stick approach - the contractors are incentivised to have good community engagement and if issues slow down progress it could cost them £1M a day!

Questions

Will we get to see detailed plans early enough for any comments to be taken on board?

HS2 Ltd should be discussing with landowners during the design phase. Proposed changes need to be realistic and if they can't be adopted as a minimum HS2 Ltd should explain why not. Royal Assent is like outline planning permission and the detailed planning consents need to be signed off by the local authority (though if they refuse they can be rapidly overruled!).

Regarding traffic we understood there would be specified routes for lorries but what about sub-contractors' vans rat running?

Specified routes (or ones to avoid) can be agreed for all vehicles going to and from HS2 sites and if you think agreements are being broken and causing a problem take a photo of the registration number and report it!

The rest of the Parish Council meeting followed, the key points of interest being:

Neighbourhood Watch - various warnings had been sent out by e-news

Finances - the reason for maintaining the precept despite high reserves is documented in the parish council section of the village website, ladbroke-pc.org.uk

Highways and Footpaths - the undergrowth at the end of Windmill Lane had been cut back, it was assumed by Highways Dept. Lack of progress on clearing the blockage (a traffic cone in the drain) that results in flooding on the road near the church is to be chased, also a check on whether there is any drain at all on the opposite side which also floods.

Flooding and Drainage - there is now a hydrology report which shows that the bottle neck in the flow along the Lot Brook is between the Banbury Road bridge and the Millennium Green bridge due to a very low gradient, only 1 in 200. However the brook should be able to cope with all the water that drains into it provided it is kept clear. Letters have been sent to the riparian owners reminding them of their responsibilities and several have started clearing the banks and removing vegetation that had fallen into the brook. Concerns were expressed that with a number of improvements all moving water from areas that previously flooded into the brook, the cumulative effect might exceed the calculated capacity. It was suggested that the report be put on the website so it is available to anyone who wished to see it.

Village Hall and Millennium Green - Ideas for improvements to the Village Hall are being developed for an HS2 Community Fund bid.

High Speed Broadband - The people at WCC who should be co-ordinating the roll out are unable to tell us anything useful and our councillors are getting ever more frustrated! It appears that work to enable fibre to the home is being considered - this would be good for the core of the village but unlikely to benefit more outlying properties. To make matters worse, they will not accept a general need for Phase 3 roll out from the Parish Council but cannot supply information to individuals (ie if they will be in Phase 2) to enable them to respond! *Since the meeting, contractors have been putting in duct work for fibre near Church Cottage and Lodge House so perhaps the area having fibre in Phase 2 is larger than we had feared.*

Proposed Admission Policy at Southam College - Objections are being raised to the proposal that only primary schools in the same multi academy trust are feeder schools (i.e. higher priority than geographical location). This would mean that if it is oversubscribed in future, which is quite possible with all the new housing, pupils at schools such as St James, Southam, Long Itchington and Napton might not be able to go to Southam College even though in the geographical area. The consultation runs to end January.

SDC and WCC - There were the usual updates on savings to be made, with cuts to services being considered. The Chief Executive of WCC is retiring but will not be replaced until the elections in May or maybe not at all.

Parish Council Clerk - This was Kirsty's last meeting as she has given in her notice, the position will be advertised.

Next meeting - Wednesday 8th March.

Our January meeting held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday 5th saw Gray and Nicky Lewis entertain and inform us of their two and a half week stay in Southern Chile and Argentina. The area visited, Patagonia, meaning Land of the Big Feet, was supposedly so called, because when the Portuguese first landed they encountered huge footprints which they subsequently realised were because the inhabitants wore snow shoes!



This was no package tour but a carefully put together trip - by Lewis Tours - for the party of friends to see many unusual geographical features. These were well illustrated, including the marble caves, icebergs, and glaciers all with the atmospheric background of the Andes.

Gray showed maps of the particular area of South America which they visited and then described the places they stayed in and the wonderful, unique - by tourist standards - trips the local inhabitants treated them to.

Nicky then took over to show us more of the flora and fauna of the region and went on to explain some of the buildings, notably the wooden churches built by the Jesuit missionaries in the 1600s.

The final leg of the tour was to Easter Island, a very small land mass (10 x 5 miles), which is noted for the huge stone heads called Moai which were cut from natural volcanic rock and moved into position a thousand years ago. It was thought that they represented power and authority but to the people who created them they were repositories for sacred spirits.

It was a fascinating account which both informed and entertained – the perfect combination!

After Dianne had wished the members a Happy New Year, in the business meeting which followed we agreed what a very enjoyable occasion our Christmas lunch at The Bell had been.

Five members had spent a day at the National Federation of the WI in London where they received a guided tour which gave them a better understanding of how the WI operates.

This year's six resolutions which have been selected from the many suggestions under consideration are laid out in detail in WI Life. Our voting slips have been submitted to Warwickshire Federation.

Forthcoming Events for 2017:

Poetry morning: Thurs. 9th February, 9.45am, Fed House, £2 (no need to book - just turn up) Topic: Nonsense!

Craft Dabble Day: Sat. 22nd April (new date), 10.00am-3.00pm, Mancetter Memorial Hall, £17 inc. coffee and lunch

Barrow Boys and Bankers: blue badge tour of London (see sheet for details): Wed. 3rd May, 7.00am Tesco, £48 inc. coffee and lunch

Embroidery workshop: Sat 6th May, 10.00am-3.00pm, Fed House, £25 + £20/£15 for materials **Same day as our coffee morning in Harbury!**

Bluebell Walk: Mon 8th May, 10.30-1.00pm (approx), "Oaklands" Baddesley Clinton, £4.50

The King under the car park: Richard III visitor centre Leicester: Mon 15th May, 8.30am Tesco, £24

Alison Mitchell, Professional Costumier: Mon 22nd May, 7.30-10.00pm, Lapworth Village Hall, £20 inc. wine and cheese supper.

All the above new events need to be booked in February, so while you don't HAVE to book now it would be advisable to do so if you want to be sure of a place.

Events previously mentioned:

WI Fair, Alexandra Palace London: Thurs 30th March 2017, 7.30am, Tesco, £28 (£17 coach only). Places still available

Scriptwriting workshop: Sat 1st April, 10.30am-3.00pm, Fed House £17 (bring packed lunch)

AFM: Mon 10th April, doors open 9.00am Chesford Grange, £15

Inside future robots, Serious Science: Tues 25th April, 7.30-9.30pm. L/Spa Baptist Church, £8.25

ShoWIng Off: Sat 29th April, 10.00am-3.30pm, Hatton Park Village Hall, £20 inc. coffee and light lunch

Fun and Games afternoon: Mon 13th March, 2.00-4.30pm, Meon Village Hall, £10 inc. soft drinks and cakes

Keep the Date: Sat 10th June The Trustees invite you to an event at Federation House, 11.00am-3.00pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd February when Frances Freeman will talk about 'A Working Warwickshire Wood'. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall and will start at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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



By the time you read this we will have screened 'The Man from UNCLE' at the first of this year's **Supper and Film Nights**. There are more planned for this year on the Friday evenings of 7th April, 14th July, and a Christmas special on 8th December. These events are always very popular and sell out very quickly, so put it in your diaries now to book early!



We have more events planned for later this year including a barbecue with live music, a quiz night, and a murder mystery supper, so watch this space for more information!

The **piano in the Village Hall** is looking for a new home. It is tuneable, and we enjoyed a rendition of 'Promised Land' played on it by our visiting live act Mumbo Jumbo last year. Contact the Ladbroke Matters' trustees if you would like to buy it.



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

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

December 2016

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|-----|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| £50 | Simon and Jackie West | £50 | Steve and Val Copley |
| £25 | Pete Edgar | £25 | Mike and Kate Todman |
| £25 | David Rose | £10 | Malcolm Wray |
| £10 | Mary Coley | £10 | Margaret Bosworth |
| £10 | Derek and Colette Batty | £10 | Sheena Healey |

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Dinner at the Bell Inn has become a regular fixture in our annual diary and in January they did us proud once again with their now renowned food and service.

On Tuesday 7th February we shall meet in Ladbroke Village Hall for our brief AGM followed by a session on painting with light. Visitors and guests are always welcome and the 7th March meeting should be particularly interesting - a talk by Rusty Aldwinckle titled "Challenge" about taking photos outside her comfort zone. These meetings will, as usual, be at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

January 2017

County Cllr Bob Stevens announced the retiring Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council was not being replaced for the moment as the County faced a further £6m in cuts. Children's Services and Centres would be hit, but the County was making a special levy to help fund Social Services. Overall the County had lost £100m, staffing was reduced by 20%, but the good news was that Councillors still had £5,000 each to give as grants.

Cllr Gibb reported some families have removed their children from other schools because they would no longer be a feeder school for Southam College. Cllr Stevens explained the Diocese has refused to allow its schools to join Southam College when it becomes an Academy Trust.

Planning

The Parish Council made no representation on plans for extensions at 6 South Parade, Wissett Lodge and 53 Mill Street or minor amendments to plans at the quarries. They supported plans for 20 timber lodges at Harbury Fields Farm. The new development at Hillside would be named Treen's Close. The Chairman reported that plans for the Old New Inn would be submitted soon and the PC had encouraged the developer to consult residents about them.

The PC decided to go ahead with the minor reduction in lampposts on the Bush Heath Road estate, which would still be much greater than in anywhere else in the village. Ironstone would not be used on any of the houses still to be constructed. The use of orange stone on the houses at the entrance to the estate was the fault of the District Council and would not be rectified.

The District Council had made amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan and the Plan was now to be put out to public consultation from 6th February to 20th March.

Playing Fields

Some Ridgley Way residents had told the PC they did not want a bench placed near the gate from the playing fields to their estate - however, the installation was approved. Signs are being commissioned for the walking trail around the fields.

Cemetery

An inspection of the safety of gravestones would be undertaken. Cllr Summers reported a complaint about a fir tree growing out of a grave and the offer of a 10ft tall horse chestnut tree for the Burial Grounds. She had asked the advice of the Parish tree surgeon who cautioned that though it would become a fine tree, it would be very tall and its canopy would take up a considerable space. He suggested it should go on the mound at the end of Bush Heath Lane and this was agreed.

Noticeboards

Following research and advice from Richard Marshall-Hardy the PC agreed to order seven English oak notice boards for the village at a potential cost of £11K.

WW1 Commemoration

The Plaques had arrived and would be erected by the end of February. A launch event was being planned to celebrate the project.

Grants

The Church is raising funds of £25K for its "Memorial Garden" and approached the Parish Council for help. Cllr Thornley queried whether the Council was permitted to make grants to them. The Clerk advised that they could not contribute to the fabric of the Church. The Chair explained that although they could not give to "Religious Bodies" for religious purposes this application was for the grounds. As there were no further objections, the Chairman suggested that the PC should match what was raised and this was agreed.

Next Meeting

23rd February 2017, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Quarterly Report

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Made considerable progress towards completing the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Agreed a street-lighting layout for the new housing development.
- Begun planning for replacement notice boards in the village
- Agreed a budget that raises the precept by 4.6% to fund new play equipment, a bus token scheme for teenagers, and contribute to the new memorial garden at the church.

Tim Lockley

Harbury Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is going to a second consultation from Monday 6th February until Monday 20th March - a period of six weeks. Formal notices will be placed on parish notice boards and in next month's Harbury News.

The Plan will be available to view online, although the harburyneighbourhoodplan website will cease to operate in February. All NEW comments will need to go through the Parish Council website. The Plan was amended after the last consultation so any comments made then do not need submitting again. Hard copies of the Plan will be available to view in the Library and the Parish Office.

Councillor Pat Summers

(Tel: 612059 if you need more information)



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Chris Gibb's talk on the work of the World War One Commemoration Project was very well received. The amount of work that the volunteers undertook to discover the homes of the fallen was amazing, and their serendipitous discovery of the 1913 Land Ownership Census - a comprehensive record of owners of every property in the Parish and those who had lived there - was a great help.

Sharon Hancock previously researched the men who had gone to war and visited most of their graves but wanted to know more about them. Chris secured £13K from the Heritage Lottery and his own company to produce a Village Trail to put plaques on the houses of the men who died, and 23

volunteers helped with the research discovering something about every one of the 34 men.

Richard Marshall-Hardy designed the plaques and approached current owners for permission to put them on their houses – small plaques close to the pavement, bigger ones higher up. Permission had to be sought to put plaques on the two houses which were Listed Buildings.

The stories of each man were written up by Alice Woodhouse and these will be available in the Heritage Room and published on the PC website along with the stories and, photographs of the fallen. The hope is that friends and relatives will be able to add to these. The WW1 Trail round the village will also appear on the website and a Warwick University academic will add a piece on conditions in Warwickshire at the time of World War 1.

The trail is quite spread out as some men lived in Deppers Bridge and some down by the Fosse. The Trail starts at Chris's home (Phoenix House) which will have a QR Code allowing Smartphones to download the histories of all the men.

Chris urged everyone to look out for the plaques and to remember the generation and the men of Harbury who fell in the War to end Wars.

Next Events:

Saturday 28th January: Society Social at the Crown starts 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st February: Talk - Guys Cliffe Walled Garden, Tom Hauley
Room 7.30 for 8pm

Wednesday 22nd March: AGM with Talk by David Howe, Tom Hauley
Room 7.30 for 8pm

Monday 3rd April: Talk on China, Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm

Saturday 27th May: Society Coffee Morning, Tom Hauley Room
10am till Noon



Harbury Theatre Group

Sue Lawrence

Following on from our successful November production "All exclusive" we are starting work on our next offering in May. Play readings will be held to choose a play followed by auditions in early February. Then it's full steam ahead. The production will be directed by Ali Hodge but we need a producer to lead the team working on publicity, front of house management and all those other things that happen behind the scenes. If you would like to have a go at this role please contact Andrew Lawrence on 614937 or Ali on 612029.

The junior section's production of Olivia was a huge success. The singing and dancing by our talented group of children was wonderful and the audiences were charmed. Well done to everyone involved.

Neither of these productions would have been possible without the hard work and expertise of our technical support team and back stage crew. Many thanks to all of them. We are delighted that some new members have joined us recently. If you would like to join us either in an acting role or behind the scenes please contact Andrew (on the phone number opposite) or speak to any of our other members.



Folk Club

Deborah Ellis

It was minus 3⁰C on my dashboard as I pulled up outside the Village Club for our 386th Folk Club. The theme was 'Celebrations and Special Occasions'. Des opened the evening's entertainment with a fabulous Brian Blessed impersonation to bring the audience to attention. Flash Gordon, fabulous film! His first song was 'Staines Morris' and his second was about falling in love with a carnival girl in 'Fakenham Fair'. This got the Harbury Chorus Engine warmed up for the evening's entertainment ahead. Pete and Liz Bones were up next with 'Gower Wassail' that had a fabulous catchy chorus of 'fal-de-doll be-doll'. And their second was one of Pete's all time favourites, 'Crazy Man Michael' that had Liz singing a beautiful crisp and clear vocal.

Our third performers were SRS, who have attended Harbury Folk Club on several occasions: they are a trio who played keyboard, guitar and flute. They sang 'The Things You Wish Yourself' and 'Innocent New Year' which was all about short-lived New Year's resolutions! Ray came to Folk Club all by himself as his regular singer/wife was recovering after her second hip replacement. He sang 'Dancing at Whitsun' which is one of my favourites, and the 'Manchester Rambler', all about the right to roam.

Peter McDonald was our next performer and he sang a Huw Williams song 'Struck it Right This Time' and a Richard Thompson song 'We'll Sing Hallelujah'. These were two fabulous songs with one about optimism and being positive and the other one had a chorus for us all to sing along to. Then we had Ted and Sue Crum. Ted spoke about the worry of having a song 'gazumped' by another performer. *(I can remember when I first started going to Folk Club I was always so worried that the song that I had spent ages practising would be performed by someone else before it came my turn. It didn't stop me singing 'Dirty Old Town' for the second time at one folk club though!)* But Ted and Sue were lucky and they went on to perform 'The Serving Girl's Holiday' and 'A Song for the Weather'.

Our next performers are fabulous. I first saw them at our Folk Club years ago and I was hooked. And to have the pleasure of MC'ing for them at Warwick

Folk Festival was awesome. They decided to ignore the theme completely! The Bianco Quartet sang 'Bye Bye Love' and 'I Made it to Heaven'. Both songs were arranged beautifully. And that was the end of the first half.

After a quick runaround the audience selling raffle tickets, the second half began with the Warwick Folk Festival 'Mini Choir'. They sang 'Fa' Afetai' and 'New River Train' and the arrangement of these songs was exquisite. The five members of Rumble-O sang 'We Will Sing' and then 'Bold Nelson's Praise' all about the Battle of Trafalgar. Lou and Mary are Grandpa and Grand Daughter. He can recite poems by Yeats and she can play loads of instruments. And how they harmonized! And Mary played the keyboard magnificently! Their two songs were 'Glad I Didn't Know' and 'The Most of the Earth'.

Keith Donnelly. Do I need to say more? He sang, 'Isn't That the Way to Say Goodbye?' and 'Let's Have a Party'. He is a splendid raconteur. His stories are based on real life events and given the *Donnelly Twist* at the end. He gets his inspiration from everywhere. He also takes audience participation to a new level too. This time he got us waving our arms up in the air and it was great fun. He also sang 'Happy Birthday' to my Mum whose birthday it was that night. Richard sang, 'What Kind of Life' a song about his father which was rather poignant and a John Golding Song, 'Get Along, Move Along'.

Pete Grassby sang a John Conolly song, 'The Widowmaker' and 'It's a Sin to Tell a Lie'. Debbie brought with her a poem and a song. The poem 'Love as a Traveller' was written for a wedding and with all the well deserved BEM's being awarded in the village she sang a song that had a very tenuous link to Sir Ken Dodd in it with, 'Liverpool Lullaby'.

The Folk Club Choir finished the evening (yes, we had two halves this time which is very, very rare – by the time the second half came to an end, it was home time!), with two Christmas songs - the traditional song 'Hark, Hark What News' and John Kirkpatrick's 'Chariots'.

We had seven raffle prizes! Yes, seven. And the raffle raised £80 (Des rounded it up) to be split equally between the Trussell Trust and the Salvation Army. The next Folk Club will be held on 2nd February at the Village Club. The theme is 'the last two songs you would choose to sing....ever!' Your hosts for the evening are Maureen and Steve Darby.

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/what-we-do/> <http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/>



Harbury Folk Club – Our World Concert

The Village Hall was filled to capacity on Saturday 21st January for the Harbury Folk Club "Our World" concert. This, our sixth annual concert, was again a sell-out.



The evening featured 23 local artists and an energetic support crew of six. Debbie Ellis, our MC, introduced the splendid variety of acts: Folk Club Orchestra, Rumble-o, Pete and Liz Bones, Janny Freeman and Maureen Darby, The Harvesters, 5 Daft Dames, Ted and Sue Crum, Peter

McDonald, and the Folk Club Choir. The finale of the evening was the song "We are the World" performed by all the artists with the audience joining in.

I would like to thank the many people who so freely gave their time to make the evening such a success. The performers would like to say a big thank you to our very appreciative audience.

We made a profit of £781 which has been donated to the Harbury Village Hall. The six concerts have raised a total of £4,482 for the Village Hall.

Doug Freeman



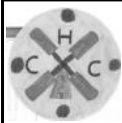
Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

As publicised in the last edition of Harbury and Ladbrooke News we celebrated Twelfth Night with a "Fete des Rois" party. Once again June and David Eaves welcomed the members of the Association into their home for a very enjoyable evening. David set us the challenge of identifying where his superb photographs were taken and Peter Rollason set us two brain testing quizzes. The "Galette des Rois" cakes, made by the members, were served. Each cake contained a "feve" (a small china figure) and the individuals who found it in their portion of cake were crowned king. This evening the three kings crowned were; June Eaves, Andrew Patrick and Cos Christou. The history of "Fete des Rois" celebrations is worth researching.

Our task now is to make and finalise the plans for the visit of our French friends from Samoie sur Seine during the weekend commencing Friday 5th May.





Harbury Cricket Club

Richard Carr

Harbury has a very long cricketing tradition. In the 1920s and 30s, the club played on a field adjacent to the junction of Butt Lane and Station Road and later on the field where the school is now sited.



Harbury Cricket Team 1930

Back Row L to R: Dud Gascoigne (?), Harry Jenkins (?), Jack Bloxham, Duff White, B.Bushell, (?) Lew Hodges (?) Will Freeman

Front Row L to R: Lug Freeman, Les Overton, George Freeman(?), Dick Thorneycroft, (?) Dusty Lines, Freddy Green (?)

This photograph, with most of the players identified, has been provided to the Heritage Room for its archive collection.

The club was reformed in the early 1970s by Rex Humphreys and Terry Bell and was made up of other village players, including Bryan Wallington, Henry Bowles and Derek Smith. For approximately 10 years, the club played at the Cement Works ground with wickets expertly prepared by Bunny Raby. In 1982 with the imminent closure of the Works on the Deppers Bridge to Bishop's Itchington Road, a square was laid at Waterloo Fields, Middle Road Harbury - the Harbury Rugby Club's ground.

For many years, Harbury had two very successful Sunday teams and the occasional midweek evening matches. Among the captains were

John Clifford, Mike Daniels, Ian Jackson, Gary Lowe, and Ed and Will Russell.

In the nineties, Harbury combined with Southam to form a Saturday league team for several seasons. Sunday matches were always 'friendlies', usually playing teams within 20-30 miles of Harbury, although matches were played against Manton, near Marlborough, Wiltshire. With a dwindling number of players, mainly caused by retirements or people moving away and changing lifestyles, the club has struggled to fulfil fixtures.

In the past few years, the Sunday team has played both 40/40 and 20/20 matches with some 20/20 evening matches midweek. Harbury is also the 'Home' ground for Kenilworth 3rds. Harbury is a very large village and is still expanding, so it is essential that the Cricket Club continues and thrives. So, if you wish to play or know somebody who does (aged from 11 year upwards) please do not hesitate to get in touch with Chairman, Jez Hunt, long-serving secretary, Ian Holroyd or Captain, Tom McKenzie - see advertisement on page 44 for contact numbers.



Harbury Cricket Team 1998

Back Row - L to R - Ian Lowe, Les Sollis, Nathan Smith, Richard Lowe, Malcolm Tanner, Ian Jackson

Front Row L to R - Phil Linnett, Richard Carr, Mike Daniels, Gary Lowe, John Wilkinson, John Clifford





Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

We tried to play our traditional New Year's Muffler Tournament on two occasions but were thwarted by the weather on both. On the first, the courts were more suited to ice-skating and on the second it poured with rain all day!

The league teams have all been in action following the mid-season break, and it's looking good for the second half of the season. In the floodlit format the "B" team played the first match of 2017 when they entertained Hook Norton. Sue Panton, Karen Bristow, Olly Wiltshire and Josh Marshall were in fine form and romped to a 7-1 win. That win saw them overtake the visitors and move into second place in Division 4 with a game in hand.

The "A" Team followed this with a home match against Middleton Cheney. It was a very closely contested match but Caroline Morland, Helen Cooper, Steve Stark, and Colin Mercer came out winners by 6-2. That took Harbury to the top of Division 3, level on points with Kings Sutton but with a marginally better games difference.

In the weekend format the "A" Team consolidated their position at the top of Division 4 with a win at Tysoe. Caroline Morland, Helen Cooper, Steve Stark, and Nigel Eaton were far too strong for the home team and came home with an 8-0 win. That was followed by the eagerly awaited return match between Harbury "A" and Harbury "B". For this one Eira Owen and Debs Brookes joined Steve and Nigel in the "A" team, with the "B" team being Sue Panton, Katy Wiltshire, Joe Robson and Steve Fitzgerald. The "A" team continued its good form and recorded another 8-0 win. In the Harbury tradition the post match refreshments were of the highest order, the first match included champagne and for the return cheese and port were on the menu!

The Junior winter coaching programme, delivered by *coolsportz*, has started and is going well on Monday and Thursday evenings, and there are also sessions for adults on Monday Evenings and a ladies' group on a Friday morning. For more details contact Lianne Candappa on 07919 104093 or email her at lianne@coolsportz.co.uk

Looking forward we are pleased to report that our coach Rob West has been selected by the LTA to run a "Tennis for Kids" course at Harbury later in the year. This is a national initiative aimed at children aged 5-8, new to tennis and we'll be offering a six week free course later in the year – details to follow later!

If you'd like more details about the club just give me a call on 01926 613284 or visit our website at clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

We welcomed an amazing 22 children and their parents, carers and grandparents at our first session of 2017; thanks to you all for continuing to support us.

We have put together our calendar of activities for 2017 and some are provided by our local Harbury Community; we are blessed to have people who volunteer for us and this year is no exception. Here are a couple of highlights:



16th January - Face Painting with Emily Robinson, mother to Florence and Monty



30th January - 'Through the magic door' - John and Sue our Harbury Librarians will read a story to the children.

I know you will all be as pleased as we are that **Aimee Mann**, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago, pictured below, has once again volunteered to be our **Artistic Director** for the year. She will be running an **art and craft activity every month** through January to December, how great is that?!?!



We are grateful to Lucy, owner of Banana Moon, who supports us regularly with resources and Aimee has already put the Tuff Tray to good use with messy farmyard play.

Ready prepared and looking almost too good to touch.

And after – wow - what fun we had exploring this sensory experience

We have fabulous funding news to share because The Entertainer, a toy shop in Leamington, gives grants under the banner of 'Jack gives back' and we received a cheque for £750 recently which gives us a fantastic platform to provide more special activities and guest visitors for our Toddler Group, plus we will be able to buy new paints, painting aprons, table top games and much more. We thanked all their customers for their generosity.

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

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

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

The New Term – Firstly we would like to wish a warm welcome to Florence, Grace and Mia who joined us at Pre-School at the beginning of the term and have settled in very well with their new friends. We also extend a warm welcome to Sophia our new member of staff whom we are thrilled to have on board the staffing team.



The Weather - The new term has begun as it should with suitably cold and frosty weather, ideal to help the children's learning when discussing the seasons and how they differ and change.

We have enjoyed discussions about the weather and its effect upon the environment around us. The frost on the outdoor surface provided a great medium for mark making and we used the giant snowflakes to mark make with mirrors to notice symmetry. Winter songs were sung, and the children learned about the properties of ice, helping to melt blocks of ice using warm hands, to reveal interesting objects frozen within.



We talked about the weather conditions, discussed the sort of clothing that we might need to keep ourselves warm. Coats, hats, gloves, scarves and wellies were used as items to 'buy and sell' in our winter clothes role play shop.

Sound and Rhythm Factory – The children will this month be given opportunities to try out various musical instruments and use their listening skills to hear similarities and differences and to communicate their thoughts or preferences. The children will also be exploring sound and creating their own instruments. They will be able to fill tubes

and pots with a variety of items, such as rice, beads and pasta, to experiment with the sounds that could be made with them.

Exploratory Play – The children have been letting their imagination run free when making lots of white playdough to experiment with. They were also given opportunities to get their hands covered in shaving foam and then cornflour in water and encouraged to move it around and see what shapes and patterns they could make with it – these proved very exciting and popular activities.



Outdoor Play – In the outdoor classroom, the children practised their building skills using a variety of equipment including the great supply of cardboard boxes kindly donated by the Conway family. The tool kits complimented the building activities as the children produced amazing structures which gave some wonderful learning opportunities to practice skills such as measuring and estimating as part of their creative play.

Fashion and Fizz – The fun begins at the Village Hall on Thursday 16th February, 7pm – 9.30pm where your ticket price includes a glass of fizz, canapes and a fashion show. There will also be an opportunity to buy key items for your wardrobe! Tickets available at just £5 each by contacting Lindsey on 07939 968960 or emailing fundraisingteamhps@gmail.com. £6 per ticket bought on the door.

February – With Chinese New Year upon us, look out for all sorts of Chinese activities next month

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 07939 122087 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk

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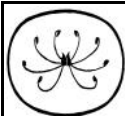
Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Looking back to January, apart from all the myriad of activities which take place every week, there were two events which helped to raise funds for the continued improvement of the Village Hall. The Folk Club 'Our World' Concert was a sell-out and raised £781 for future needs, whilst the Harbury Theatre Group generously gave £100 from the profits made at their recent coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

There are often comments made to committee members that we must have done all we want to do now, but the dynamic forces around the table at the regular meetings are unlikely to rest on their laurels for very long and always have an eye for something else which needs doing.

Looking forward to February, there are two scheduled events which will have a wide appeal - the Steamchicken event on Sunday 19th February with one of the country's top bands on the folk scene and the next film in the series for the Rural Cinema - 'Bridget Jones's Baby' on 11th February. The tickets for the concert from 4.00pm-6.00pm (doors open at 3.30pm) cost £6.00 and will include tea and cakes, as well as a feast of music. The concert is being organised by Ted and Sue Crum and tickets are available from suecrum@hotmail.co.uk. Tickets for the film can be purchased in advance from the Harbury Pharmacy.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

No meeting to report back on but four more to look forward to until May plus a day trip in June. Today it is glorious sunshine and now that the nights are getting lighter there is so much to look forward to. My seed order arrived about two weeks ago and I am having a great time planning where to grow them on my allotments. Can't wait to get started but my rhubarb will be ready in about 2 to 3 weeks and we are enjoying sprouts, leeks and celeriac. The fruit trees will be pruned in the next 2 weeks and these frosty days and nights are so beneficial as if it is too mild they flower early and with the risk of Spring frosts they will suffer and this will then reduce the yield.

Have you noticed the catkins in the hedgerows? These have been about since December and it really does cheer you up when you drive along and see swathes of them. My purple hazel tree has pink catkins and they normally appear in February but have been in blossom since January and they are fragrant too - a bonus, as well as the nuts in September, a value for money tree. My bay tree is about 15 feet high so will have to be pruned back in the

Spring but I always have a supply of bay leaves! Wisteria should be hard pruned now if not already done. Snowdrops are now putting in an appearance as are early flowering daffodils so there is a feeling of expectation in the air.

Here are a few suggestions of gardens to visit in February. The Jephson Gardens in Leamington are looking very colourful now, with bulbs popping up everywhere. Do take a look and then you can get refreshments in the Pump Rooms. At Warwick, Hill Close Gardens are having a snowdrop event on Sunday 19th from 11am to 4pm; admission is £4. It is a great place with fantastic views and food available. Elm Close in Welford on Avon, post code CV37 8PT is open on Saturday 18th from 1.30 to 3.30pm, admission is £3. There are many snowdrops and aconites to see and enjoy and some lovely features too in the gardens. Refreshments are available and proceeds from them will go the Red Cross. The Court House at Stretton-on-Fosse, post code GL56 9SD is open too on Sunday 19th from 11am to 4pm; admission here is £5. There is a 4-acre garden with fantastic views, water features shrubs and trees as well as snowdrops.

In Northamptonshire but not very far away, Evenly Wood gardens near Brackley, post code NN13 5SH are open from 4th until 28th February for snowdrop events, from 11am to 4pm - admission is £5 and food is available at weekends. Near to Oxford is Islip, get off the M40 for Oxford, drive along the A34 for about a mile then first turn left and right at top - this brings you to the village. I journeyed this way for 10 years on my way to work in Oxford so know it very well! Here there is a delightful cottage, post code OX5 2SQ, called Hollyhocks, a plants woman's garden with lots of winter colour and many spring bulbs and snowdrops, open on 19th February from 1.30 to 4.30pm, admission £3. There is a very friendly pub nearby, The Red Lion, which serves excellent food; you could go there after your visit.

You will be spoilt for choice on 19th as I have found another garden open near to Tetbury called the Old Rectory at Avening, post code GL8 8NF, open from 11.30 to 4pm, admission £3.50. Here is a 3-acre garden with so much to see and explore. It is mature woodland so stout footwear is advised! With huge drifts of snowdrops it is a sight to lift your spirits. Teas are available.

Of course, all local national Trust properties have superb winter gardens to visit - Baddesley Clinton, Packwood and Charlecote. Not forgetting Upton House and Gardens; when I was walking back up the drive last Sunday (22nd) after my volunteering duties, at the very top near to reception great clumps of snowdrops were in flower. The mirror pool should hopefully be repaired in the next few weeks and the fish returned. A lovely sight from the top of the lawns. It is open Saturdays and Sundays until 5th February then open six days from 11th..... hurry! I hope that you will get to visit at least one of the places mentioned.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th February in the Tom Hauley; talks start at 8pm. We are looking forward to a return visit from Howard Drury whose presentations are just amazing; the clarity of the pictures and the sound just

make it so very special. He will be talking about the Cottage Garden Story. Please do come along and give him a huge Harbury welcome. Visitors are very welcome; after the talk we enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits and draw the raffle which always has very sought after plants, bulbs and much more.

The talk in March is on 7th when a new speaker to the Society, Will Scott, who I have heard speak very well at another Society, will be talking about the restoration of the Walled Garden at Worcester. So, something to please everyone and then Duncan Coombs and Rob and Diane Cole. I look forward to seeing everyone in February.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today, 23rd January, high pressure dominates as it has done for a week and looks set to continue towards the end of the month. About the middle of the month we woke to a light covering of snow. Will this be the only fall of the winter? Since, frosty mornings, gritted roads and calm conditions have prevailed. Several snowdrops were pushing through the ground by the Stobo memorial bird bath in its sheltered position near the south door of All Saints' Church. Daffodils were in bloom in South Parade outside Tony Stubbs' house.

I've seen rooks fixing their nests and blackbirds duelling over territory. Several Harbury readers have reported a blackbird speckled with white as if it had had an accident with a tin of white paint. In fact it is an example of partial albinism. All white birds do occur but rarely reproduce as they are shunned by others.

Hazel catkins were beginning to open and shed pollen in certain sheltered settings in late December. A search of the twigs will usually reveal the insignificant red female flowers. They were quite numerous when the U3A Natural History Group visited Brandon Marsh Wildlife Centre on 9th January. Cormorants were loitering on suitable perches. One was standing with wings outstretched drying its feathers. It has to do this apparently to improve its buoyancy. Perhaps an ornithologist in the know can corroborate this theory. Walking a lakeside path between bird hides, two gentlemen approached and motioned us to keep quiet. We crept nearer and had a good view of Britain's smallest bird, the Goldcrest. It weighs in at about 6 grams which is little more than a 5 pence piece. Sometimes called the Golden Crested Wren it seems remarkable that it can fly across the North Sea to come here and escape the worst of the continental winter. A few days later, in our garden I got an excellent view of another Goldcrest. How lucky was that?

In front of Harbury Village Hall is the stump of a horse chestnut tree. I noticed several greyish fungi sprouting from its surface. The gills on the underside were white and the stems eccentric (offset rather than central to the cap). A cycling friend, Kerry Burton, is a mycologist. We took a look by torchlight

during the interval of the recent Folk Club concert. Kerry confirmed they were oyster mushrooms, an edible species with a worldwide distribution. They grow on most hard woods and the flavour is said to resemble oysters though another description is the taste of bitter almonds. They are used a lot in Asian cuisine especially in soups and stir fries. One intriguing fact is that the oyster mushroom is nematophagous; that is it catches nematode worms by paralysing them. This may have evolved to enable the fungus to obtain nitrogen.

Today we had an entertaining talk by Chris Edwards, an ornithologist who used to work at the RSPB reserve at Middleton Lakes near Tamworth. Now he is an independent film maker. He told us the history of the Reserve. Sand and gravel pits in the Tame valley have been sympathetically landscaped. The river is cleaner now than for 200 years. Birmingham is only 12 miles away and the river has been known to rise by 15 feet after heavy rain in the city, a consequence of all that tarmac. Now, birds seen include Bitterns and Avocets. Rarities such as Black-Tailed Stilt and Bar-Tailed Godwit have been sighted here. As a U3A Group, we have visited Middleton before and been impressed with what it has to offer. We have decided on a return visit in June after hearing of a new footbridge over the Tame, a heronry and an impressive look out. Close by is Middleton Hall, a building akin to Little Moreton Hall in appearance. It was lived in during the 17th century by the father of British botany John Ray. He coined the words 'petal' and 'pollen' and pre-dated Linnaeus in creating a system of classification.

This afternoon, I walked through Bascote Wood. Plenty of snowdrops were clustered round the graves in the tiny cemetery. A new memorial recorded the names of the men of Bascote Heath and Stoneythorpe who died in the 1st World War - six of them from this small area. Violet and Primrose leaves were pushing through the leaf litter in places. Several areas have been partially cleared leaving the mature oaks with more space and light. In the middle of the wood the land suddenly drops and slumps down the slope in waves. In some of the deeper troughs water had collected and may later provide a home for frogspawn. As a wood it's big enough to get lost. Well, perhaps that's an exaggeration, a memory of childhood playing in the countryside of Kent. I hope you enjoy some special wildlife moments as winter morphs into spring.



General Section



Harbury Heritage Room

As usual the Heritage Room, with its hundreds of Harbury-related documents and photos, is open on Tuesday 7th February and Tuesday 7th March from 6.30-8.30pm. You are welcome to come and browse

at your leisure. We would be delighted to see you. We are always open on the first Tuesday of the month, and other times by request.

Everything is catalogued so that we can trace items quickly. Browsing through the other day, I came across this "biography" of Dr. Sutcliffe. It's the man who gave his name to Sutcliffe Drive. Who wrote it and when, I have no idea, but its construction is certainly quirky!

Dr. Sutcliffe

At the age, of three Doctor Jack Sutcliffe, known in the village as Doctor Jack, came over from Ireland with his family to Victoria House, Farm Street, which had an orchard at the back. Dr. Jack's father soon became a G.P (General Practitioner) for Harbury and the area around. He did his round in the early days on a horse and cart (trap) until they became the first people to have a motor car in the village.

When Dr. Jack's father died, Jack took his place at the same surgery, although both his sisters were doctors.

To see the doctor you had to go up two steps. Then you had to go to the right of a screen. The seats you sat on were any old chairs, some all wood, some had leather seats; they were the kind you would find in a kitchen. The desk was covered in papers and there were pigeon holes in the walls full of papers as well. The walls were lined with bottles.

Dr. Jack would find out what was wrong with you, then he would go behind a screen with a bottle you had to bring with you, then he would make his own medicine.

For a child it would be raspberry but for an adult it would be white or black.

Even though he was a doctor, Dr. Jack smoked cigarettes, about 40 a day: his father before him had smoked a pipe.

Doctor Jack was, as well as being a doctor, a surgeon. When he got rid of a boil on the back of Mr Bird's hand he left a scar which is still there today.

Doctor Jack practised for 52 years, only leaving to serve in the Army in World War II, when his sister Olive took over his work.

A presentation was made to Jack and his wife in the Village Hall when he retired in 1967.

After a brief stay in Ireland, they lived in Suffolk, where Jack died and sadly, three weeks later, his wife also died.

Nigel Chapman

Tom Hauley Room Lunches

Thank you to all who attended the Soup and Sandwiches lunch and donated £108.50. A hot lunch will be served on Saturday 11th March. Apologies that these lunches won't be every month, but, at present, although we have lots of offers to help, there are only three people prepared to organise: Elaine Barndon, Gillian Hare and Rosemary Harley.

Rosemary Harley

Village with a Vision

Yes, we are still here, although all is very quiet with the project. As the architect's original proposal was not acceptable to the district council, we understand that further meetings are taking place between Stratford on Avon District Council and the architects. This does seem to be a very drawn out process; however we are still hopeful, but at the moment can only await further developments.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope and pray that 2017 will bring the good news we're waiting for.

Tony Stubbs
Chairman



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

If you've enjoyed the TV programme *Who Do You Think You Are?*, you might have considered looking back into your own past, but not quite known how to start. At Harbury Village Library, we subscribe to the web based programme, *Ancestry*, which allows you to search thousands of documents while sitting in a comfortable chair at a computer. The programme is available FREE in the Library, but to kick start your investigations we are running a number of introductory, small group sessions, also for free, starting with two in February. If you would like to join such a session, please come into the Library during opening hours, (9am-5pm Monday – Friday, 10am-12 noon on Saturdays) to add your name to the booking list, or, for further information, email events@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

While in the Library, you can borrow up to 10 books from our ever changing stock with your Warwickshire library card; consult other online services such as the British Newspaper Archive; browse the internet; examine the art work on display and, if you come on Wednesday – Friday between 9.15am and 12 noon, or Saturday 10am – 12 noon, enjoy hot drinks and home-made cakes from the award winning café, Biblio's.

As we are an entirely voluntary community enterprise, we are always looking for new volunteers to help on the issue desk or baking for or serving in the café. If you can spare some time to help us continue to run this successful undertaking, please contact us as below.

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www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

01926 258776

Janice Montague





Harbury Cemetery Update

By the time you read this 'The Friends of Harbury Cemetery' will probably have met on 2nd February to **weed and tidy** ready for sowing packets of wild flower seeds in March. The group will also be at the cemetery on Thursday morning 2nd March between 9 and 11am weeding and tidying.

We are putting in an extra session on **Saturday 4th March** so that as many of you as possible can help us to sow seeds. It is important that we keep the cemetery looking good as the bulbs are starting to show and will be at their best in the Spring. After that the wild flowers will create a spectacular show in the Summer.

Many residents have commented on how the cemetery looks so much better. Please remember that you can contribute with your time or plants or seeds.

Many thanks.

Pat Summers - Tel: 612059



Harbury Energy Initiative

I would like to feel that I have a growing loyal readership eager to pore over my monthly contribution but I know I am almost certainly deluded in that. The reality is more likely that it may be some relief to you that I don't have quite so much to say this month. I don't give up easily, however. This month I offer you a possible forthcoming money saving proposal to the village, school lighting (again), the electric cars (of course) and some nice stuff about Harbury e-Wheels. It's an easy read, so don't give up just yet.

Switching

On Tuesday 24th January a few members of HEI met informally with someone from a rapidly growing energy company. The company has developed a plan for providing energy to homeowners at competitive rates with financial benefit for the community added in. The majority of people have remained with the same energy company for a long time, usually on high cost annual variable tariffs. Energy companies rarely reward loyalty and you may be paying excessively high rates for your power and heat. Energy costs have been quite low for a while but are now starting to rise. It is anticipated that this will continue inexorably for some time. It is always advisable to compare rates and tariffs every year; you may be surprised at what you can save. By next month I should have more to tell you.

Switched on

Life is a bit brighter in our school since the first set of LED bulbs were installed. As eager readers who pore over my every word, you will know that

the job isn't finished yet. As with all schemes that require funding it takes time, rather a lot sometimes. We do have a bit of a plan, however, and things are progressing slowly. I may surprise you (and myself) one month with solid news.

Unplugged

Some of you may be aware that we had some irritating problems with the electric cars during December and early January. It isn't easy to get about in a car if you can't actually unlock the doors. It turns out, as so often, to have been something embarrassingly simple. Let's not go into it, as it only affected the volunteer drivers of e-Wheels. Don't forget that this alternative transport option is there for you to use. Did you know that if you are already a member, other members of your family can join at a much lower life membership rate if they are all on one account?

Another sort of plug...

Speaking of which, Harbury e-Wheels is organising a concert, 'Music to keep e-Wheels Rolling' on 31st March at 7pm in the church. If you were in the audience at the recent brilliant folk concert evening at the Village Hall, you will have heard about it. We are only able to provide transport at no charge by raising funds. At the concert we will be launching our first appeal. We don't need huge amounts, as our overheads are quite small, but must have a secure income to keep the wheels rolling. By the time you read this I might have some tickets to sell at £8 each. Get in first; folk concerts usually sell out. See the advert elsewhere in the magazine.



I am also very excited (not good at my age, probably) to present the new logo for Harbury e-Wheels.

We owe this with very grateful thanks to Richard Marshall-Hardy, who has provided all the design and production of the logo, poster, leaflet and other graphics for our appeal.

Bob Sherman - 612277
info@harburyenergy.co.uk

Harbury Village Club & Institute Ltd

Once again a big thank you for all of your nice feedback from my last article for our Village Club. We enjoyed seeing so many people over the last few weeks and have had a lot of new members. We have revised the hours we open on a Saturday from 1 to 3pm but the other hours remain unchanged. There are details of these on the notice board in the lobby.

I have been talking to Kate about how activities have changed over the years at the Club. There were always regular whist drives (my parents were avid players and I can also play. Plus I play a mean game of poker...misspent youth!) There were also weekly beetle drives, (again I suspect that some of you will wonder what on earth I am talking about, so ask your parents or

grandparents) - always an enjoyable night out. Thankfully we still have crib and dominoes.

There are some lovely old photos in the snooker room and I found two further ones in the Heritage Room recently. We would like to make either a scrap book or some sort of memory board of past members and activities, so if you do have any old photos we would love to see them and promise that we will take great care of them. We can hopefully help to identify the people in them. It will help to build a montage of all that the village was and is now. We feel that now is the time to do this as with all things digital we need to cherish our past memories. Thank you.

And last, a gentle reminder that the annual subs are now due; thank you to all of you who have already paid. Look forward to receiving your money and seeing you enjoying our facilities.

Judy Morrall (Secretary)

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

January and February are fairly quiet months for us but we do have some fund raising activities coming up. First is a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 4th March. We will also be supporting a quiz night being organised for the end of April, but details of that will appear elsewhere. No ideas yet on where the summer outing will be this year but we will let you have the details as soon as we have them.

We would like to thank you for the cards and letters that we have received regarding the Christmas party and would just like to let you know who the members of the committee are. The committee is chaired by Julie Clarke and consists of Gill Holden, Linda Roe, Ann Winchester, Judy Timson and me. We also get support from our partners and, as those of you who were at the party are aware, many volunteer helpers.

If you want further information about what we do, please come along to the coffee morning on 4th March and talk to a member of the committee.

Thank you.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Children's Air Ambulance

I would like to thank everyone who so generously supported the coffee morning held for the Children's Air Ambulance on 14th January. Thank you also to my wonderful team of helpers. As a result I was able to send the superb sum of £320.86 to the charity. In addition the two volunteers who sold the charity's merchandise raised £132.89. Jo Payne who directs the charity

came along herself and was delighted with the result and commented that Harbury people were very generous.

The Children's Air Ambulance provides a specially designed helicopter and crews to fly it in order to transport critically ill babies and children to the specialist facilities they need. In flight the children are looked after in intensive care conditions by specialist NHS teams. John and I became interested because our son Steve directs one of these teams based in Yorkshire. Most of their work is done using ambulances on the road but when distances are long and time is of the essence they use the Children's Air Ambulance and have now done over 100 flights with them. Thanks to hard fund raising, the charity has been able to purchase a second helicopter and there will now be one based at Oxford and one at Doncaster.



Once again, thank you Harbury for your support of this little known charity which makes such a difference to some very ill children.

Sharon Hancock



Village Show

An early entry for those new diaries – this year's show will be on Saturday 9th September. Schedules will be available in the spring, but a reminder for all you talented photographers: the subject carried over from last year is titled "Discarded". A challenge for the imagination as well as the lens and we look forward to seeing lots of entries.

And we proudly announce our very own website: www.harburyvillageshow.uk Check it out for some super photos from previous years.

Gillian Hare
Show Steering Group

Harbury is full of History!!

It might be said even new housing developments can have some value as Warwick County Council Archaeology Department has recently uncovered some interesting village history under the two sites in Dovehouse Lane. The two sites lie within an area of archaeological potential, within the extent of the medieval settlement of Harbury. The District Council when consenting to planning permissions included some conditions, and archaeology surveys.

Early Village History

The earliest evidence for human activity in the village comes from Roman coins and pottery found near the church although there are now a growing number of prehistoric sites in the parish which suggest the area has been inhabited for considerably longer. The earliest known reference to Harbury (*Edburberie*) is in the Domesday Survey of 1086, where there are five references, each referring to areas under different ownership. The overall population at this time can be estimated to be around 210 people. A priest is mentioned at that time and so we can infer the presence of a church, although, the present church was constructed in the 13th century.

The village, like others in the region, would almost certainly have expanded through the 12th and 13th centuries, before declining through the 14th and 15th centuries. The two sites in Dovehouse Lane lie within the probable extent of the medieval settlement of Harbury. Archaeology Warwick found evidence for occupation to the northeast in the 11th and 12th centuries during archaeological work at Field House, in 2012.

The extent of the medieval village can be reconstructed from early maps and the surviving topography as well as traces of ridge and furrow outside the village. Harbury House, a Grade II Listed Building dates partly to the 17th century and until recently it stood isolated with few houses in the immediate vicinity; archaeological recording has been carried out there and the gardens are noted on the Historic Environment record.

On the First Edition map of 1887 the two sites appear to be lying within an orchard. This is the same on the second edition map of 1905, with the site being developed in the 20th century. An archaeological evaluation undertaken by Archaeology Warwickshire in January 2016 revealed a number of medieval features.

On the old **Dovehouse Autos** site, a program of archaeological strip, map and sampling was undertaken, in advance of the construction of three new residential dwellings. Pottery recovered from the site shows that activity began in the late Saxon period and carried on through the Norman period probably culminating in the 12th or 13th century. (700/600yrs ago). A sequence of drainage gullies was recorded crossing the site, which by the 13th century included a version partially culverted in stone. A single substantial post-hole aligned with a series of gully-slots may have represented a boat-shaped byre (cow-shed). This new work adds to the growing evidence of late Saxon activity east of the parish church. The absence of any finds of later medieval or post-medieval date corresponds with the evidence from 19th century mapping, which suggests that such settlement developed further to the west; towards and beyond the church.

Late Saxon pottery has now been evidenced on a few local sites although the nature of the activity has not been characterized except on the adjacent site where a bank and ditch have been postulated as evidence for an enclosed settlement. The spread of pottery now recorded seems to suggest occupation

over a considerable area and it would be reasonable to assume this was some part of the pre-conquest settlement referred to in Domesday.

The stone-lined drain represents a considerable investment in materials and time to construct. It appears to have been one of a number of features designed to drain the area, or at least an area adjacent to that excavated. This repetitive action must therefore have been significant and very likely to do with animal husbandry or human occupation. Medieval byres are not commonly boat-shaped although it remains possible the Harbury example has been distorted by earth movement, but in any event the presently found evidence clearly demonstrates a focus of activity in the 12th-13th century.

These medieval features were concentrated in the northern part of the site (Dovehouse Lane), although they could extend further south. The cluster of features found in the trench could relate to medieval settlement. The stone lined drain is similar to examples found inside medieval barns such as those at Burton Dassett.

At the **Lullington Lodge** garden site, an archaeological evaluation consisting of two trial trenches was undertaken prior to the construction of a new dwelling. One trench revealed a gully containing a shard of late Anglo-Saxon pottery, and small pit group, of which one was clay lined, dating from the 13th/14th century. The other trench revealed a probable bank and ditch that contained pottery of 11th or 12th-century date. A pit cutting the bank contained a shard of late Anglo-Saxon pottery. These features represent a significant contribution to the development of Harbury.

In one trench a gully at the northern end of the trench, contained a single shard of Late Anglo-Saxon St Neots ware pottery in its fill. In the other trench a ditch has steepish sloping sides and a rounded base with a central rounded dip. It contained pottery and animal bone from the 10th through to the 13th century.

Warwick Archaeology says that the ditch and bank could be highly significant and potentially an early form of defensive work associated with Saxon settlement. The pit feature could also potentially be possibly a post-setting for a superstructure or fence, whereas the gully could be for drainage or could be an internal division within the area enclosed by ditch and bank.

Further archaeological work will be required in the form of a Watching Brief during all groundworks; a buffer zone will be required between the archaeological horizon and building foundations so as to limit the destruction of the archaeology.

This article is a summary of the archeological findings. The comprehensive site archive of both sites is fully referenced and deposited with Warwickshire Museum. Acknowledgements: Stuart Palmer Warwick Archaeology from whose findings this article is largely taken. Further detail/reading and more: see google "Warwick County Council 'Timetrail'".

Ken Stephenson

Greenshoots Foundation

Last month, Barbara Thistlewaite gave an account of the work of this charity and her son Brian's spell of volunteering in Cambodia, helping to produce food efficiently and sustainably. If you would like to contribute to this project, you may be interested to know that some of the Wednesday walkers will welcome sponsorship for their walk on 15th February.

For details please speak to Gillian Hare on 614809.

Thank you.

Gillian Hare



Rotary Rugby, Dunsmore and Southam 2000

Run for Rotary - Valentine 10k

This is one of a series of charity fundraising runs organised by local Rotary clubs. Come and get your New Year off to a good start.

A licensed 10km run, 10am, 19th February 2017 at Draycote Water, Warwickshire. Entrance is £14, (£12 for club runners) or £20 on the day. (Discounts may be available for groups of 10 or more. See contact details online for more information). Register online at Valentines 10K.

www.runforrotary.org.uk or call 0800 2289104.

Richard Hall

Napton Art Group

Napton Art Group is holding its ever-popular Easter Exhibition on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS), from 10am until 5pm. On display and for sale will be paintings, cards, photographs and craft exhibits. There will also be refreshments, a raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children.

Howard Collerson



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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

My family and I would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to all those friends from this wonderful village who attended in such numbers at Bryan's Service of Thanksgiving on 18th January at Harbury Church. Bryan would have been amazed and so touched at the overflowing church and the family and myself are overwhelmed by the kindness, concern and warmth we have subsequently received. This helps us through a sad and difficult time. How blessed we are to live in such a caring and vibrant community - so very special! Thank you, especially to Father Craig for his great love and support to our family and thanks also to all those concerned in making the Service a truly special occasion for us. The generous donations collected will go towards the creation of the Harbury Church Memorial Garden, a facility for all those living in this unique village.

Thank you everyone!

Trisha Harrison and Family

Dear Editors

I would like to express my thanks to the friends who sent sympathy cards on the loss of Don.

I must say my family also say how kind it was of those who attended Don's funeral.

They were pleased to meet you and we all appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Jeanne Beaumont

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

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

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

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

CONNECTIONS CAFE: (for those with dementia & their carers), every 3rd Wednesday, 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: 1st Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730

HARBURY FRIENDS: 2nd Tuesday of month, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612534

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 6's – Year 1 (Mixed)

Coach: John O'Keefe Tel: 07939 127580

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

Under 7's – Year 2

Coach: Marcus Birch Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 8's – Year 3 (Mixed)

Coach: Phil Hetherington Tel: 07773 352731

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

Under 9's – Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Eugene Murphy Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 10's – Year 5 (Mixed)

Coach Katie Wales Tel : 07785 459232

Training Saturday 10.15am. Harbury Playing Fields

Under 11's – Year 6 (Mixed)

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 12's – Year 7 (Mixed)

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 13's – Year 8 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Gillingham Tel: 07528 580761

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 14's – Year 9 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 16's – Year 10 & 11 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

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

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

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

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

HARBURY UKULELE GROUP: 1st & 3rd Mon of the month, 8.00pm, Village Pubs, Tel: 612377

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

Email: markandlana@aol.com

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

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

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

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

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: 1st Tuesday of month (Oct - May excluding January) 8.00pm,

Tom Hauley Room, Judy Morrall, Tel: 613103

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

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

Sue Hartland, Tel: 612734

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

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

League, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Tel: 613163

MOTHERS' UNION: 1st Wednesday of month, 2.30pm, Tel: 613757

RAINBOWS: Tuesday, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612036, Email debbie@dimmock.org.uk

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

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

5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

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

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

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

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Coaching: Adult and Junior coaching takes place throughout the year provided by

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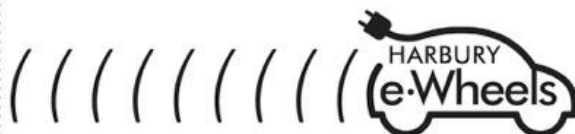
TOM HAULEY ROOM COFFEE MORNING: Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tel: 613214

W.I.: 2nd Thursday of month, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 614896

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

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

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



Music to keep e-wheels rolling

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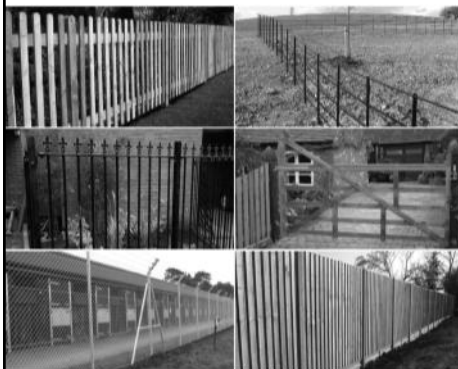
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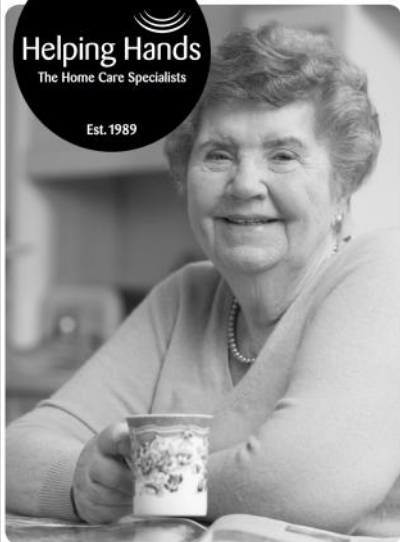
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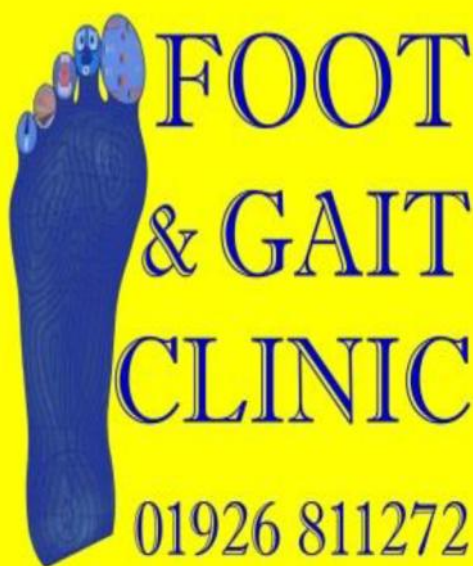
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