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## Editorial



Our photograph shows Carnival King Tom and Queen Eve at the head of the Carnival procession.

It was a shame that this year there were only three floats in the procession, although they were well supported by a number of walking tableau entries. It was good to see the traditional pub games week events taking place,

particularly the Wheelbarrow Race which had a new organising team this year. We have received a number of photographs of these events and we would like to thank all of those who have submitted these for publication.

We have extended the closing date of the magazine Student Award to the 21<sup>st</sup> July and further details appear in the magazine.

Finally we extend our condolences to the families of Graham Long and George Bleloch.

## Harbury Diary

### JULY

- |      |   |  |
|------|---|--|
| Sat  | 1 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Village Show  |
| Sun  | 2 | <b>TRINITY III</b><br>Holy Communion, 9.00am<br>Annual Pets' Service for all, 10.30am, followed by breakfast<br>Celtic Service, 6.00pm<br>Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall                            |
| Mon  | 3 | Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room Village Hall<br>Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall   |
| Tues | 4 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall<br>Meeting Point, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Crown Inn<br>Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall<br>Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School<br>Holy Communion, 7.30pm |


- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park - Boddington (4½ miles)  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Mothers' Union Outing to St. Gregory's, Tredington
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury Folk Club, 8.00pm at Harbury Club
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice  
Harbury School PTA Summer Fun Day, 3.00 - 6.00pm at the school
- Sun 9 TRINITY IV**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 10 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room, Village Hall  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Farley Room, Village Hall  
Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 11 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park - Hornton - Ratley (4½ miles). Hilly with optional pub lunch  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Harbury Village Library, 7.30pm, Sam Slemensek, from Warwickshire CC, will be giving a talk on Cyber Crime  
WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Shipwrecked in Antarctica with Georgie Hale
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Village Library's launch of Reading Challenge
- Sun 16 TRINITY V**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Saints Alive! Informal Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 17 Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 18 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park - Fenny Compton (4½ miles)  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Harbury Theatre Group, open audition for "Merlin", 7.30pm at 8 South Parade

- Thurs 20 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Fri 21 WI Waterperry Gardens Outing  
Hansons Antiques Valuation, 4.00 - 6.00pm, Harbury Village  
Library
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Mothers' Union
- Sun 23 TRINITY VI**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 24 Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Tuilagi Rugby Skills course at Rugby Club (until 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Tues 25 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park -  
Hornton to Horley (4 miles)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM  
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Farley Room, Village Hall
- Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Southam Bowls  
WI Tombola at Village Fun Day
- Sun 30 TRINITY VII**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

## AUGUST

- Tues 1 Heritage Room open 6.30pm to 8.30pm at school
- Wed 2 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park -  
Stoneleigh (3 - 4 miles), easy
- Thurs 3 Harbury Folk Club, 8.00pm at Harbury Club
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Shoe Box Appeal
- Sun 6 TRINITY VIII**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am  
Laying on of Hands Service, 6.00pm
- Tues 8 Meeting Point, 2.00 - 4.00pm, the Crown Inn  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park -  
Norton Lindsey (4 miles)
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
WI Garden Party

## Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
July	Wed	Fri	
	5	7	Grey Bin
	12	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	21	Grey Bin
	26	28	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Aug	2	4	Grey Bin
	9	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	18	Grey Bin



## From the Rector

**Reverend Craig Grocock**

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### Blessed are the poor . . .

It's over 105 years since the Titanic sank with a loss of 1,517 lives. As a result of the disaster lessons were learned and the law changed in relation to the number of lifeboats ships had to carry. But as we all know an individual's chances of survival were in no small measure impacted by wealth and social standing. 76% of 3<sup>rd</sup> class passengers died as opposed to 58% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class and 39% in first. Bruce Ismay, the Chair of the White Star line was afraid that a full complement of lifeboats would clutter the 1<sup>st</sup> class promenade decks and so ordered the number be reduced to 16, the minimum required by law at the time.

Yet sadly, whilst certain lessons about maritime safety were learned, the broader social lessons of why the poor were disproportionately more likely to die have not. There are tragic parallels between the Titanic disaster and the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Whilst it is too early to pre-empt what a public inquiry might discover, it does seem that cosmetic appearances came before safety. Like Titanic there were limited means of escape and the fire's victims were from the poorer end of the wealthiest borough in the UK.

Across the world the poor are more likely to be victims of crime, drop out of school, suffer poor health and die younger. Metaphorically speaking, just adding more lifeboats does nothing to challenge structural inequalities.

The former Roman Catholic Archbishop of Olinda and Recife in Brazil, Dom Hélder Pessoa Câmara raised this challenge; "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food they call me a communist".

The Bible makes clear God's concern for those most vulnerable in society, particularly the poor. The Grenfell disaster is not an opportunity for party political posturing. Rather it is a chance for all those in power, and for us who elect them, to reflect on the assumptions and neglect that seem to infect our system and keep people trapped in poverty and their voices unheard.

## From the Registers

### *Wedding Blessing*

9<sup>th</sup> June Maria & Danny Houghton-Samputh

### *Funeral*

19<sup>th</sup> June George Bleloch (79 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

The construction of the Memorial Garden is complete and we must thank IP Building Services for carrying out this project with both professionalism and sensitivity. The next phase will be to plant up the bed along the new wall as well as the raised bed along the existing wall. The internment areas will be grassed - however high summer is not the best time for this so it will be done later in the year.

We will need a working party of gardeners to help with planting, watering and caring for the new shrubs. We are looking into installing an outside tap and once this is done planting can begin.

If you can spare some time over the coming months please contact the churchwardens. You can now safely visit the area and if you wish to weed whilst there please do!!

During July a small group will also be planning benches, memorial books of remembrance and how all of it will be operated.

We have finally received the Quinquennial Inspection report from the Church architect which lists repairs to be done. This includes some work to the roof where tiles have slipped, along with blockwork repairs to the stone of the tower. There is a list of other repairs but these are the most urgent. Thank you to Nic Lee for liaising with our architect to draw up specifications.

Carnival Games – hmm – well what can be said about our performance? After three events we were joint last with the Old New Inn and they had only entered two events! We partially redeemed ourselves with the quiz and ended up in 7<sup>th</sup> place (out of 9). Hand/eye co-ordination needs to be worked on before next year! All good fun though.

Messy Church will be having a stall at the Big Beat family event on 29<sup>th</sup> July so come along and join in with creating a right old mess whilst meeting old and new friends.

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



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our June meeting, members were invited to share their wish lists. Whilst many of us acknowledged that we had already enjoyed most of our wished-for experiences, there were still some surprises. Balloon flights and bungee jumps were there, and of course a wish from everyone for world peace.

Two members went to Whitnash to join members from there and Southam for a beetle drive. Good fun.

Our next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July will be a visit to St Gregory's at Tredington. If anyone would like to come but hasn't been offered a lift, please contact Chris or any committee members at once. Similarly, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, for a visit to St James at Southam to celebrate Mary Sumner Day.

And a reminder to all our members of our coffee morning on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Please support us with cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac. This is our major fundraising event for Mothers' Union projects outside the Parish, including such worthwhile undertakings as parenting, holidays for those who have none and literacy classes abroad.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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

### JULY

- |            |          |  |
|------------|----------|--|
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>Trinity III</b>                                 |
|            |          | Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments |
| Tues       | 4        | Photography Club BBQ, 7.30pm, Whiteways            |
| Wed        | 5        | Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall          |
| Thurs      | 6        | WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall                           |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>Trinity IV</b>                                  |
|            |          | Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am                      |
| Tues       | 11       | Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close                  |

Wed 12 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 16 Trinity V**

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Wed 19 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
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**Sun 23 Trinity VI**

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 26 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM

**Sun 30 Trinity VII**

Holy Communion (said), 9.00am

**AUGUST**

Tues 1 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Ladbroke Church

Wed 2 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

**Sun 6 Trinity VIII**

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Wed 9 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

**Jackie West**

Ladbroke Church building holds a special place in many people's lives, two more being Stuart and Nicola who were wed there on 10<sup>th</sup> June and we wish them a long and happy marriage. Today (22<sup>nd</sup> June) it was full of family and friends celebrating the life of Graham Long - I expect everyone knew how much he liked to play golf before they came but they certainly knew it when the coffin arrived! Graham's legacy to Ladbroke residents arises mainly from his strong and articulate leadership of the local HS2 Action Group whose biggest success was to get the route lowered and moved well beyond the bypass but his family and an old school friend told us of his early life which is less well known. Graham was no star at school and joined the Midland Bank with just O-levels. He met his wife-to-be Pauline at the bank and because of their rule that you couldn't have a relationship with anyone at the same branch, he moved to another one. Graham loved his sports car but way before that he was a Mod on a scooter and his first car has flattened National Milk tins covering up gaps in the floor! However, the thing that really shone through all that was said was how much Graham loved Pauline and his children and grandchildren. A well loved and well respected man, we will miss him.



## From the Registers

### *Marriage*

10<sup>th</sup> June                      Stuart Moore and Nicola Boon

### *Funeral*

22<sup>nd</sup> June                      Graham John Long (aged 67)

	<p><b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b></p> <p><b>Carol Lane</b></p>
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Our meeting was held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June in Ladbroke Village Hall. Clive Radford, who is part of the customer service team based by the canal in Hatton gave a talk on 'Life on the Grand Union Canal, Past and Present' which was well illustrated, informative and really interesting.

Two main factors encouraged the building of canals in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Increased imports and exports and the products of the industrial revolution required better distribution, so 3,000 miles of canals were constructed to provide an integrated transport system for ferrying goods across the country.

The Grand Union Canal was formed from the amalgamation of several different canals and stretches from London to Birmingham. Most of the boats were commercial at that time and owned by many companies including Cadbury's, Heinz and Josiah Wedgwood.

The next section of Clive's talk showed the roles of the boatwomen who were depicted always wearing a bonnet. The living space in most boats was 6ft x 6ft 10 and despite the romantic notions of the rose decorated wares, the life of a boatwoman was a hand to mouth existence. A canal special inspectorate checked the education and living conditions of the children and schooling could be provided on a specially equipped canal boat.

During WW2 boats were used to move munitions and war material and as many of the boatmen had joined the forces, the women were recruited to undertake this hard and dangerous work.

Nowadays the main use of the canal is for boating holidays.

Clive can be contacted on [clive.radford1@btinternet.com](mailto:clive.radford1@btinternet.com) by anyone wishing to find out more on this fascinating subject on which I have only touched the surface.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June Dianne represented four local WIs at the National Federation of WIs in Liverpool, where 5,000 women assembled and expressed their views on topics which affect us all.

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 11 members from Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge joined seven other WIs in Napton Village Hall for the Annual Group Meeting. I'm sure this one will be long remembered as, after the reports from each group and refreshments, the lights were dimmed and suddenly 'Elvis' entertained us for the next hour!

### Dates for the diary:

**Outing to Leamington Temple** - on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, meeting there at 10.00am.

**Tewkesbury & Gloucestershire Steam Railway trip** - Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, £40, 9.00am Tesco (cream tea included!)

**Ros Trophy Competition** celebrating 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jane Austen's death. Prepare a three minute reading from any of her books. Cold collation lunch for audience and competitors, Lapworth Village Hall - Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. 2.00 for 2.30pm. £18

**Autumn Walk** - Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am, Kenilworth Castle, £4

**The magic of double knitting** - Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October or Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00-3.00pm, Federation House, £15

Date of next meeting: I hope your copy of the H&L News arrives in time for you to have the information about the July meeting, a jewellery demonstration and sale on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This is an open meeting and we hope non-members will join us at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



## 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.



**Millennium Green** – Summer is a great time to bring the kids or grandkids down to the Green for some fun. We have a super play area and picnic tables too!

Our next **Supper and Film Night** is planned for **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August**. These events are always very popular and sell out very quickly, so diarise to book early! Details of the film will be available soon. Email Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) if you would like to be added to the film night news list.



Other events planned for later this year are a quiz night on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, and a drama evening for **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Both in the Village Hall.

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

May 2017

£50	Trevor and Dianne Surgey	£50	Jo Horne
£25	Simon and Jackie West	£25	Kevin and Kate Pickin
£25	Tim Kelly	£10	Keith Tancock
£10	Tim Malby	£10	Scott and Siobahn Roberson
£10	Genarro and Tina Varriale	£10	Laura Taylor

Margaret Bosworth



## Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Four members of the club went on a photography trip to Sri Lanka and presented their results to an open meeting. Between them they took about ten thousand photos over nine days - fortunately they had slimmed this down to a manageable selection for the evening. Many of the scenes were to be expected: elephants and exotic birds, lush landscapes and lotus blossom, monkeys and carved masks, tea factories and afternoon tea at a colonial-style hotel. There were surprises, too, such as a Buddhist Sunday school, a turtle rescue centre, vertigo-inducing steps up Lion Rock at Sigiriya and the ruins of the ancient palace on top of the rock.



***Sea Turtle at the rescue centre***

Coming up we have a barbecue on 4<sup>th</sup> July with a competition on the theme "It makes me laugh", then we shall have a workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> August inside Ladbroke Church. We are also planning an outing to Oxford. For more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## Ladbroke General Section



### Churchyard Working Party

Although the grass is cut regularly by contractors and some graves are well cared for by relatives we need to tackle the elder, ivy and have a general clear up periodically. Can you spare a couple of hours and join a churchyard working party on the morning of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July or another half day during the preceding or following week (date to be decided when replies in). Bring your own tools - hot and cold drinks will be provided. If you can take part please let me know on 810331 or email [ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com) Thank you.

**Jackie West**



## Harbury Parish Council

**Linda Ridgley**

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

### May 2017

Probably the most interesting news was that our Parish Council decided not to take on the maintenance of the public open space on the David Wilson Homes development at Bush Heath Lane. Councillors were put off by the cost of mowing the grass and they were aware of the on-going liability of the oak trees' maintenance. So the new home-owners will be liable for the upkeep of the area. A Bush Heath Lane resident reminded Cllrs of the damage done to the verges, carriageway, kerbs and his driveway by HGVs delivering to the DWH site.

The Parish has taken on liability for the maintenance of the Green at the entrance to Percival Drive and the wooden staves which retain it. The wood has now rotted and the PC said it would replace it with stone if funds allow.

There was little change at this, the Parish Council's Annual Meeting, to the make-up of their various Working Parties. Tim Lockley is still Chairman with Keith Thompson as Vice-Chairman and Andy Rutherford fills the seat vacated by Alan Knowles.

### Reports

Cllr Gibb was delighted to report the school had a new greenhouse and unlike last year when the school was undersubscribed, this September there would be thirty new pupils. He advised that the WWI Project Plaques were all in

place (a map showing their locations is on the PC Website) and people could submit new evidence especially on those men whose homes had not been located. He was pleased with the local press coverage, the attendance of the school children at the Commemoration Event and the many photographs taken of the day.

Cllr Thompson attended Geoff Thorpe's BEM investiture and praised the improvements Geoff and his Committee have made to our Village Hall.

District Cllr Jacqui Harris confirmed Section 106 money had been agreed from the Gaydon Development which should eventually see traffic lights installed at the Fosse Crossroads. She had passed to the County, Harbury's complaints about street cleaning and spraying problems.

County Councillor Bob Stevens was to have a £32K fund for Highways improvements on his patch. He agreed with Cllr Gibb that proper signage was needed in advance of HGVs entering Deppers Bridge where the railway bridge is unsuitable for heavy traffic. Indeed this would become imperative once the HS2 work began.

## **Planning**

For once this was relatively non-controversial. There was "No Representation" on: a first floor extension at 36 Manor Orchard; a garage which had been converted into a bedroom at Dickens Road and a conservatory for the new bungalow at 18A Frances Road.

The Councillors' objection to the change to the status of a Barn in Ladbroke to a holiday let was based on its size, access and traffic generated, the lack of services and isolation. Plans to extend 12 Farley Avenue to the side and rear, were deemed overdevelopment.

There would be an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, at 7pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, to decide on amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, prior to its scrutiny by the Planning Inspectorate, in advance of the Public Referendum, which was now not likely to take place before September.

## **Properties**

Cllrs were still seeking quotes for the proposed climbing or bouldering wall, - they haven't decided which. They were very pleased with the repairs to the skatepark and the repairs and painting of play area equipment was underway. There had been complaints about youths gathering on the fields at night.

A new resident had expressed an interest in the half a plot still untaken on the allotments.

Two benches had been installed on the walking route and the Chairman had definite views on where the others should be placed. There were still discussions to be had over the work on the path extension. A very reasonable quote had been received for both materials and installation, but another contractor would be encouraged to requote. There was concern that the

edging had not stopped the path materials from spilling onto the grass and County Cllr Bob Stevens confirmed upgraded materials would qualify for a grant from his new funding pot.

There was some clarity on the replacement of the Burial Grounds boundary fence. Only the section east of the gates, beyond the remaining hedge up to the cottage, needed replacement. The rest just needed railing to retain the hedge and the Rugby Club had offered to install that. A meeting to discuss a potential site for the new Burial Grounds has yet to be arranged.

### **Finance**

Cllr Mancell praised the Clerk's work on the Finance Report. The £12,600 grant to the Church Memorial Garden was nodded through. The WWI Project was well within its budget and money would be retained for extra plaques as members of the public were encouraged to submit further research findings about the fallen. Hard copies from the WWI Website would be printed for the Library, Church and School.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the Village Hall, at the earlier time of 7pm to allow discussion of the Neighbourhood Plan amendments, prior to the Parish Council Meeting proper.

## **Harbury Parish Council – Quarterly Report**

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Successfully completed the World War I centenary project.
- Made grants to the church towards the memorial garden and the Village Club.
- Installed new benches at the park.
- Completed the second consultation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan which now goes to Stratford DC for review.

**Tim Lockley**  
Chairman



**Harbury Society**

**Linda Ridgley**

Our Carnival Stall this year featured the Roll a Penny Game kindly lent to us by Clive Taylor. Actually it is Roll a Tuppence but the principle is the same - set your coin off down a ramp and see if it lands inside a square. If it does you win various multiples of your original stake.



A simple, cheap game to play but it obviously appealed as we were busy all afternoon. We didn't make a profit – we knew we wouldn't but it was fun. Often the “old fashioned” simple games are best.

Later in June I led an amble round the village for “Harbury Friends” giving them a totally personal and highly speculative view of the history and evolution of the place.

We started at the Pound, explored evidence for the possible earliest site of the

village - the Bury. Then we looked at the sites of recent excavations that have revealed evidence of the Early Medieval centre of Harbury.

The sad fate of the Dovehouse, once the prestigious entrance to one of Harbury's Manor was decried by all. We pottered down footpaths to get different views of some of the older properties, meandered up Chapel Street and down into Temple End, finishing in Farm Street.

By the time you read this the Society members will have taken a similar walk round Southam peering into back lanes and looking at some of the towns oldest buildings.

For September we are organising a visit to the Guys Cliffe Walled Garden to see for ourselves the progress made by the volunteers who are bringing this fascinating but much neglected garden back to life.



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Julia Fowler**

Congratulations to Fiona Angove of Deppers Bridge who correctly guessed the weight of our cake at the Carnival. This year's creation was a splendid carrot cake made by Ann Meyer and weighing 2.5kg.

Diaries at the ready now; here are the dates for the Rural Cinema:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017
- 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018



The movies available are yet to be announced, but you can rest assured that we'll have fish and chips, ice cream and a wine bar.

So, what *is* the mystery of Agatha Christie? Well, if you were at our June meeting you'll know - and I'd hate to spoil the suspense for those of you yet to hear about it. Nick Channer, a BBC radio journalist and writer, came well-prepared with slides (haven't seen that technology for a while, but they went with the retro subject) and an encyclopaedic knowledge of the way Christie worked her houses into her writing. Many of us had visited Christie's Devon house, now owned by the National Trust, and enjoyed Nick's photos.

Following our talk from Nurse Alison Byrne on the subject of Female Genital Mutilation, Norma has written on members' behalf to Warwickshire Federation of WIs urging all WIs to learn about the practice and how to combat it. The letter - a very stiff one at that, as we were shocked that so few WIs have informed themselves about FGM - also went to National headquarters.

Our centenary year activities are taking shape, with something special offered every month, in addition to our regular meeting. We've used fundraising as an excuse for get-togethers over coffee or lunch, as well as flower-arranging sessions. Lots more events to come.

Why not come along to our next meeting and give WI a try? Visitors are always welcome, and we're quite friendly, really ....

### **Coming up next:**

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Decorate a Biscuit stall at the PTA's School Fayre
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	"Shipwrecked in Antarctica", with Georgie Hale
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Waterperry Gardens outing
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Garden Party (No meeting this month)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	"British Blind Sport", with Ian Carr.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Supper plus "Life with Morecambe and Wise"
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	"Celebration of Entertainment"
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Annual Meeting
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	"Thoughtfully Wrapped", with Alan Keech

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





## Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

Well no rest for the wicked so they say...and very soon Harbury Theatre Group will be up and at 'em again in search for the perfect Panto villain. Oh yes we will! Hot on the heels of our May production, we are now gearing up for the auditions for "Merlin", written by Bob Heather and Cheryl Barrett. It promises to be a fun show, with all the usual pantomime traditions, wrapped up in the legends of King Arthur's court. An open audition will be held at the home of our Chairman, Andrew Lawrence, at 8 South Parade, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, from 7.30pm. Please do come along and join us if you are interested in taking part on or off stage. Or even if you just want to know a bit more about the group and what we do. All are welcome.

Due to holidays, there will not be a monthly meeting in July. The next meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> August, at the Village Club from 8pm. We hope to see you there.



## Folk Club

Peter McDonald

'Small but perfectly formed' would be a good way to describe the audience at Folk Club No. 391 on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Actually, there were over 30 people in the Village Club's concert room but, because of the space available, it did feel a little sparse. Those that came were treated to a good choice of seats and an evening of fine music - 30 songs or tunes performed by 10 different acts - some soloists, some duos. The theme was 'June' or anything that rhymes with 'June' and, true to form, we were entertained by a variety of interpretations of the theme.

Apart from the items that really did mention '**June**', the most popular rhymes were undoubtedly '**moon**' and '**soon**' but Robin was pushing his luck when he sang a song by Paul '**Simoon**!' He was on safer ground when he accompanied his daughter Claire singing Mary Chapin Carpenter's lovely song 'The **Moon** and St. Christopher'. Norman excelled himself by writing a new song especially for the evening's theme - the emotive 'Gone too **soon**' - and he also included the nostalgic 'Owl and the Pussycat' (complete with the runcible **spoon**). Ted generally tries to find a Flanders and Swann song that fits the theme and this time it was 'A song of the weather' ("**June** just rains and spoils the crops, thirty days and never stops"); before that, he and Sue had played some tunes on melodeon and ukulele. Ian and Sue sang Ian Tyson's 'Someday **Soon**' and followed that with Sue dancing some energetic flat-footing to Ian's fiddle playing with a tune called '**June** Apple'. Pete Grassby chose a Frank Sinatra song to croon - 'This was my love' -

and then found the word 'soon' in 'Hard Times of Old England'. Keith sang two of his own songs, '**Soon** I must go away' and 'Freemantle Sand', which may or may not have had the magic rhyming words but we enjoyed singing along with the catchy chorus.

Making only their second appearance at Harbury, Campbell and Jan embraced the theme with suitable words hidden in 'Collier Brig' and 'Billie sang the Blues'. I stuck to a lunar theme with 'Once in a very blue **moon**' and 'The **Moon's** a Harsh Mistress' while Peter Mason sang Sandy Denny's 'Rising for the Moon' and revived the old favourite, 'Jug of Punch', which conveniently contains the "month of **June**". Someone had to sing 'Rosebud in **June**' and Des duly obliged, preceded by Sydney Carter's ballad of 'John Ball' (who was apprehended in Coventry in June 1381, having played a prominent part in the Peasants' Revolt). After everyone had performed two numbers in the first and second halves, we had a quick-fire third half when we all sang one more each. Pete G brought the evening to a close with 'Grey Funnel Line' (by which time we were tending to abandon the theme) and the audience responded with some fine harmonies.

Despite the smallish audience, the raffle raised an excellent £64 for Cancer Research UK. Next month's Folk Club, at 8pm on 6<sup>th</sup> July, will be hosted by Ted and Sue and their theme will be 'Something beginning with **S**'. We're always at the Village Club on the first Thursday of the month but you shouldn't come along unless you enjoy free entry to an evening of good quality acoustic music in a relaxed, light-hearted, atmosphere with comfortable seats and a genial MC!



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**

June is Carnival week in Harbury and again the Twinning Association were represented in the wheel barrow race and during the week of pub games. Our Chairman, Peter Rollason, partnered George Simpson to win the wheel barrow race. Last year, he was recovering from surgery and completed the course sat in the wheel barrow with George doing all the pushing. This year he was able to take his share of the pushing. Well done.

In the pub games, for the second year running, the Association managed to achieve a creditable fourth place.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July the members will again be celebrating Bastille Night.

### **August Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News**

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

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## Harbury Rugby Football Club

**Steve Kittendorf**

At the start of June there was a distinct aromatic smell in the air at Waterloo Fields and following one's nose led to a rather full septic tank. "Stuart Nichols Waste Disposal" immediately came to the rescue and a more fragrant countryside air was re-established. Should you ever find yourself in a similar position, you can rely on Stuart Nichols to provide a quick and efficient service second to none.

### **Community involvement**

Steve Prance from our coaching staff, held a rugby session at Harbury Primary School prior to their entry into this year's inter-school tag rugby competition held at Leamington RFC on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

We were pleased to help out Aston Le Walls Primary School with the loan of the Club's white lining marking machine for their sports day.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**



A large number of the Rugby community travelled to Devon to attend the funeral of John Rawlings, a former resident and member of Harbury RFC. John went to Blackdown School in Leamington and from there joined the Royal Marines. On being de-mobbed he joined Warwickshire Police and came to play Rugby for Harbury in the early 1970's later joining Leamington RFC. He returned to Harbury in the early 1980's and was a regular in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and then in the 90's very successfully with the "Fat Boys" – the 3<sup>rd</sup> XV – which was a very strong and resourceful side! John was a very engaging individual who was hugely popular in not only Harbury RFC but within the wider rugby community. He played for Warwickshire Police and South

Warwickshire. He moved to Harbury where he lived with Janet and his daughters Emma and Louise, both of whom played mini rugby for Harbury.

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Vice Chairman Phil Sheepy is running a Touch Rugby session at the Club on both nights starting at 7:00pm. No experience required – just fun and fitness. Contact details: 07557 260465.

Club Chairman (Matt Knight) is pleased to announce that the Club has secured the services of Ben Baseley as a Coach. Ben played for National 3 side Hertford RFC for 12 years where he also gained valuable coaching

experience. Ben is looking forward to leading training sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These will be planned and communicated in such a way that players gain maximum value and benefit in return for their time and effort.

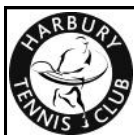
### **Forthcoming events:**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Pre-season training commences 7pm. Ben will be introducing himself to members and welcome all new players no matter what standard.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Harbury Primary School Fete will see the inflatable "Speed Pass" game attended by the U8's coach John Radford. Coten End Primary School Fete will be attended by the Chairman Mark Werren with the inflatable "Accuracy Pass" game.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Classic Car night at the Clubhouse starting at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome, there's no entrance fee and the bar is open – what's not to like?

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017** – Tuilagi Rugby Skills at the Club.



## **Harbury Tennis Club**

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

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

May and June were very busy months with the focus on our Juniors. As well as the Monday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions, coach Rob West completed *Tennis for Kids*, a free course for children aged 5-7 years new to tennis. Delighted to say that a number of the children have now joined the programme



and formed a new mini Red group on Thursdays. We've also been into local Primary Schools with Lianne Candappa and Rob West delivering free taster sessions to Years 3 and 4 which have been very popular with the children. Four schools (Harbury, Southam St. James, Bishops Itchington, and Moreton Morrell) will each be sending a team of three boys and three girls to take part in our third Primary Schools Tennis Festival.

We also ran a Quorn Family Tennis Cup competition, with children partnered by a family member playing in a Red Ball doubles format. Both players have to play with a 21" racket which can be quite a challenge for the adults! Katherine and Audrey Giblin were the winners and went forward to represent

Harbury at the Aegon Nottingham Open. They had a fun day and really enjoyed the experience.

On Carnival Day we had our Great British Tennis Weekend open day which attracted plenty of interest throughout the day, particularly from family groups, and we signed up several new members.



It was great fun to be involved with the Carnival and enjoying the atmosphere.

On the League front we only managed one of the two scheduled Banbury Summer League fixtures after a late downpour at Deddington forced the match to be postponed. In the match that was played Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Katy Wiltshire, Ben Fish,

Steve Stark, and Colin Mercer secured an excellent win against previously undefeated Byfield C. The 6-2 win puts us in fourth place but with games in hand on the teams above we have plenty to play for in the second half of the season!



## Harbury Toddler Group

**Lynne Barton**

Thank you for reading about Harbury Toddler Group, a group which has a long association with the village - I wonder just how many parents and their toddlers have at one time or another visited the group over the last 40 years.

New and familiar friends are most welcome to pop along any Monday morning.

We try to offer something different by having special guests. Corrine Armsden, from Stop and Smell the Roses, came with her couch and offered parents and carers the chance to have a relaxing hand or foot massage (pictures overleaf). Some of the children were keen not to miss out - look at little Kabir making himself comfortable! We were so fortunate to be

able to offer this taster session to everyone who wanted a turn and Corrine is so flexible and such a good therapist.



What could be better than painting the fence with water on a really hot sunny day what joy and there was more painting on offer inside, an activity which the children love.



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June after we had our drinks and a biscuit we joined with others across the Country and held a minute's silence to remember those who lost their life in the terrible disaster at Grenfell Tower in London.

Our hearts go out to all those who died, to their families, individuals and all those kind people in the community who helped with the rescue efforts. We reflected on our own families and our own community and how lucky we are. We will never submit to the rhetoric of division.

Talking of community, when two of our usually steadfast volunteers were not able to join us recently we were so pleased that Gill Guilford 'stepped into the breach' and helped out, as did John and Sue at the Library who took care of storytime. Thank you.

Look at this little stunner - Elliot joined us for his first time at Toddlers, born on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, he got 'munched' quite a lot as everyone wanted a little cuddle.

Plenty more on offer before we finish for the summer holidays.





We are hosting a **Medieval Fairytale Party with Knights, Princesses and Dragons galore** ..... **Ian and Sue Hartland** are coming in costume to entertain us with music and song. More of that in the next edition! Our forthcoming attractions include.....



3<sup>rd</sup> July – Large Easel Art, led by Deborah Dutton, freelance artist from Southam Children's Centre

10<sup>th</sup> July – Secret Garden Musical Theatre School will encourage the children's individuality

17<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term Trip. Meet us at Henry's Castle at Stratford Armouries with admission paid for by Toddlers

If you want to join us at the Toddler Group then Lynne, Selina, Chelly and Reg look forward to welcoming you; come on round the kettle's on.

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

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



## Harbury Pre-School

**Staff & Committee**

**Great News!** We are thrilled to announce some exciting news for the new academic year. Due to our continued success in operating a thriving village Pre-School with a high level of demand for places, we will be providing an additional afternoon session to our timetable. From September, Harbury Pre-School will open on a Wednesday afternoon in addition to the current Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, thereby offering parents the choice of three long days; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our highly experienced team of staff will continue to offer the great pre-school provision we are known for and parents will continue to be assured exceptional care partly made possible by our excellent staff to child ratios. Please remember the new academic year is around the corner, so if you are a parent who has not yet got their child's name registered then please contact the Pre-School as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

**Carnival Float:** An enormous thank you goes to the group of parents, led by Aseia, Emma, Michael and Nick who used the children's artwork to produce a wonderfully dressed float. The theme, People Who Help Us, was based



around our visitors who had given their time to talk to the children about the inspiring work they do with such dedication. The children painted their own representations of doctors, firefighters, vets, nurses, police personnel to name a few and they dressed up accordingly for the big day. Staff and parents alike were proud of every single one of them! Very many thanks to all those who helped to make it such a success, not least Rob Hadley, who once again loaned us his tractor and trailer, allowed us to decorate the float in his barn and to Luke, who gave up his time to drive the tractor which towed the float in the parade. Thank you also to Gael Conway for her super photography.

**BBQ** – Another big thank you to the team of parents and family members who together facilitated the Carnival hot dogs and burgers. Delicious food was prepared and cooked and all profits were immediately ploughed back into the Pre-School to aid its charitable aims; that of ensuring the children



continue to gain valued learning experiences through educational materials, toys and trips. Lastly, but not least, we thank Calor Gas for their generosity with the loan of their magnificent BBQ which enabled us to meet the high demand on the day!

**Sun!** At the time of writing this article the sun is beating down on Harbury with hardly a cloud in sight. It has been delightful to allow the children, donned with sun hats, prolonged access to our outdoor classroom where we



have a huge shelter and a sunshade protecting them. The children have had a terrific time re-enacting the Carnival and loved playing with the amazing police car made for the float by Charlie's parents. They also experienced muddy play by mixing compost, sand and water which allowed good exploration of textures and



encouraged great new words and language. The climbing frame has been in constant use and of course water play has become very popular, along with the odd ice pop; a lovely cool treat on a hot summers day!

**Farewells:** As we are coming to the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to our older children as they embark on their primary school career bursting with confidence and a huge willingness to learn. We wish them all well and look forward to September when we again welcome new children and our younger children become our new 'preschoolers'!

*If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton, Business Manager, e-mail [enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) phone 07833 597973 or look at the website [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk)*



## Village Hall Update

**Geoff Thorpe**

**31° Centigrade** as I write and what is the Village Hall Committee planning? To sort out the heating. Heating the hall is a nightmare. The existing night storage heaters barely function and are hopelessly inefficient and were past their "sell by date" years ago. The hall is either too hot for badminton or too cold for pilates and so on. Philip Mayer bravely took on the challenge of investigating the best approach to energy usage in the hall in respect of cost, the environment and efficiency. With help from the village energy initiative and independent advice the plans are now complete. In August, the hall's quietest month, LED lighting and modern electric heating will be installed, mostly radiant heat panels, and the roof and front wall of the main hall will be insulated to current standards.

Whilst the main hall will be unavailable in August the committee hope that the Farley Room, changing rooms and kitchen will be available to some extent. Our apologies to those hoping to use the hall but it will be worth it in the end. As an aside, one potential hirer of the hall was unpleasantly rude to the

booking secretary recently on being told the hall was unavailable in August. I'm sure most people realise that the committee are all volunteers doing their best as do so many others for the many village groups.

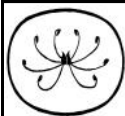
On the subject of volunteering! The **Harbury Beer Festival** is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September this year and as usual the hall committee and GASS are sharing the catering duties. Corinna Butler, 612852, will be pleased to hear from anyone who is happy to do a stint selling soft drinks, cooking hot dogs etc.

**The village cinema** starts again in the autumn and will be run by the WI. Thank you very much to them. Provisional dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November and next year 13<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> February.

As usual there are a few mundane items. Lost property currently has two children's hoodies, a child's scooter, and a fire extinguisher all left after the Carnival! Please ring Geoff on 613801.

One last plea. Do check all the doors are secure if you have used the hall, especially the doors to the rear and playground side of the hall. Someone thought it would be fun to set off the fire alarm recently, having found their way into the hall through an unlocked door!!!

Finally, please take your rubbish home if you use the hall.



## Horticultural Society

**Judy Morrall**

No meeting to report back on as next one is not until October but we did have a really good day out for our first outing on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to everyone for being prompt, we did have 30 which was a much better number than I thought a week ago. Our first destination was to a delightful National Trust property near Droitwich, Hanbury Hall and Gardens. After a very welcome cuppa and biscuit we were then able to explore these very unique gardens. It did rain to start with but soon stopped and we just dodged the puddles!

The most striking feature is the sunken parterre at the back of the Georgian house. Super conical boxes within clipped box hedges and a walkway through the middle. Some colourful planting and not a weed to be seen. The only sign of any damage we saw was a half eaten leaf on a banana plant in a pot. Lots of walks and great plants to see and enjoy but I have to admit that my favourite was the walled vegetable garden complete with a family of ducks and some chickens so nothing wasted here. The vegetables were in rows and again no weeds. I was in awe of the variety of cabbages, green and mauve colours with all leaves intact, not eaten by pigeons as in a cage and no sign of caterpillars. All the other vegetables were in good health and strong, my idea of vegetable heaven! The views from the house over the Worcestershire landscape were stunning too, with glimpses of the Malvern Hills.

After a very good lunch we went into the house which was built by the Vernon family. Some wonderful wall paintings on the stairs by Sir James Thornhill, it is the best example of these that I have seen. The house must have been quite splendid in its heyday with house parties and all sorts of influential guests. Some of the original furniture is still there and stunning it is too. The façade of the house is very much like the back of Hampton Court, influenced by William and Mary. We then got on the coach again after some shopping and went a few miles away to Spetchley Park Gardens.

It must be 10 years since I organised an evening visit here and how things have changed... for the better. There is now a huge welcoming car park a short way from the gardens and a new visitor centre. After a lovely welcome we all made our own separate ways throughout these magical gardens. The gardener's cottage, near to the old entrance is interesting in that it was used by Elgar when he came to visit the Berkeley family who own this house and Berkeley Castle. There are still melon houses but no longer in use. I remember the huge statue of a stag in the kitchen garden which did have weeds but just added to the experience. So many individual gardens, millennium garden, west border, lovers walk and Apollo statue, south border with Adam and Eve statues, rose lawn, fountain garden and many more. The planting is very naturalistic and my kind of gardens with lovely poppies, peonies, roses, trees including a cork oak and an ordinary oak tree planted from an acorn from Blenheim Palace during the war and given by Winston Churchill. The lake was enlarged from an old moat that has been dredged and the lawn surrounding it and the new lawn walk is not to be missed. Then to make it even more perfect a male and female swan emerged from the lake with four very young cygnets who still had their downy coats on - magical. We met a very interesting elderly lady who had a whippet and a bowl of food, she was going to feed the swans. She mentioned that she lived in the house and it turned out that she was the dowager Lady Berkeley. After a cream tea when the sun was so hot that we could sit out and enjoy it and the purchase of really good value plants we left here at 5.45pm. I would recommend very highly these two very different but brilliant gardens if you want a good day out and only an hour away.

The rain which had held off all afternoon decided to come down in torrents with thunder and hail mixed in just as we were about to get off the coach. I do hope that this did not spoil a super day out and again thank you to everyone who came. We are now looking forward to the second trip on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sherborne Castle and Gardens. Not too late to join us, cost is only £26.50 which includes admission to the Castle and grounds and coach fare. We leave the Village Hall at 8.30am so just give me a ring if you would like to join us.

Just a few suggestions for July garden visits etc. In Warwickshire on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> head for Avon Dassett gardens, seven gardens open from 2.00 to 6.00pm, cost £5. Also on the same day, Wellesbourne allotments will be open from 2.00 to 5.00pm, there are 96 members and it is one of the oldest sites in the

country, cost is £4. Ryton Organic gardens will be open for NGS on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July lots of interest here and a chance to pick up ideas for your own gardens. Open from 10.00am to 4.00pm and cost is £6.50. Teas are available at all NGS openings.

In Worcestershire on 16<sup>th</sup> July there is a new garden open this year, Shuttifield Cottage in Storridge, post code WR13 5HA from 1.30 to 5.00pm a 3 acre plantsman's garden and cost is £5. Then on 31<sup>st</sup> July, Kempsey, near Evesham, post code WR5 3NG have two lovely gardens open from 10.30am to 4.30pm and cost is £3.50. You could always go on from there to Croome Court nearby, a super National Trust house with a Capability Brown garden. Don't forget to come and see us at Upton House and Gardens. The Country House Bank still features this year and the gardens are looking amazing, as you look over the lawn down towards the mirror pool it takes your breath away.

I do hope that you enjoy our wonderful countryside which is looking at its best now. I thought that Spring this year was fantastic but Summer seems to be heading the same way. Look forward to seeing everyone on the coach trip.

	<p><b>Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery</b></p> <p><b>Christine Dakin</b></p>
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Mid-summer's day will have gone by the time you read this, how come the year is going so fast? Most plants are growing really well so far since we had the rain and then some warmth. The weeds are very prolific especially rose-bay willow herb.

Do you have a problem with ants? They are everywhere in the garden but also in the tunnels. Sometimes they make a nest in a planted up pot which is a real nuisance and can mean that they disturb the roots so much that the plant suffers. I've been using a product called Ant Stop which is fairly successful but I don't think anything works completely. Maybe I need an ant eater.

Reminders of things to do.....

- Dead head roses.
- Feed tomato plants
- Pick peas and beans before they get too big.
- Dig up early potatoes.
- Sow more carrots (but not too thickly like I did).

- Try growing some mixed salad leaves in a pot so you can cut them regularly.
- Later this month the onions, shallots and garlic might be ready, wait until the leaves have died down.

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton,  
www.bridge-nursery.co.uk*



## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

With the heat wave in the middle of June numerous species of wild flowers were blooming and setting seed in rapid succession. I did a quick tour of local sites where Bee Orchids have been found in previous years. Alison Hodge told me of those she had found at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve and following her directions I found three. Despite their vivid colours-pink sepals, green petals and a red-brown lip, it's quite easy to walk past a Bee Orchid but once seen, never forgotten. In a thinly wooded area of Charlecote on the east bank of the Avon, I found at least 20 flowers. I was with David Brown's Lepidoptera Group so plant hunting was not the prime reason for our visit. We were there to find the Scarlet Tiger moth. We ran this impressive day-flying moth to ground in a nettle filled depression with its other food plant, Comfrey, also in evidence. David's book 'The Larger Moths of Warwickshire' published by Atropos states that the Scarlet Tiger is a vagrant flying in from known colonies in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. David admits this information needs revision as it now breeds in Warwickshire at Charlecote and Ashorne. Other species seen there on 19<sup>th</sup> June in perfect butterfly weather were Meadow Brown, Ringlet. Speckled Wood, Marbled White and Large and Essex Skipper. It's also a site where the distinctive Chimney Sweeper moth can be found. Although we were at the end of its flight period, we did find one rather ancient specimen looking rather worn having lost many of its scales. These cover the insect's wings rather like tiles on a roof. They give rise to the iridescent colours and are shed with age resulting in the faded appearance of older adults. Moths have interesting life cycles and are not just the drab insects portrayed in folklore. They play an important part in plant pollination and we need to protect and enhance their habitats. Terrain commonly known as waste ground might be viewed as prime development land but some thought for the wildlife relying on such sites is imperative.

Earlier in June, Sharon and I joined four friends on a narrow boat holiday. Despite weather more typical of Britain with spells of rain interspersed by bright intervals, we enjoyed our first round trip, the 75 mile and 100 lock Stourport Ring. Our favourite bit was coming down to the Severn at Stourport via the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. Construction of this line began immediately after the Trent and Mersey canal was completed.

It opened in 1772 and was engineered by James Brindley. It cuts through sandstone country and is particularly spectacular around Kinver. We saw lots of young birds such as Coot, Moorhen, Mallard and Swan being shepherded by their parents. Keith had a good view of a kingfisher and there were plenty of herons each patrolling its bit of the cut.

I took advantage of our overnight stay in Stourport to visit Hartlebury Common which is off the B4195 south-east of the town. This is a haven for wildlife with its expanse of lowland heath, a rarity in the Midlands. Broom, gorse, heather and bilberry together with bracken and birch clothe the low hills. It's worth a detour anytime you are in the area.

Yesterday (20<sup>th</sup> June), I took a walk along the A429 cutting at Ettington. Despite the traffic, it's worth the journey as, at this time of year, hundreds of Pyramidal Orchids are flowering. The thin lime soil of the cutting is perfect for this exquisite flower. The flower spikes are about 2 inches in length and made up of numerous tightly packed pink florets in the form of a pyramid. A few years ago, I found a few growing on the verge near the top of Middle Road.

Today with the Wednesday Walkers, we visited Draycote Meadows on our way round from Thurlaston. Grassland species of butterfly such as Meadow Brown, Ringlet and Marbled White were active. There were plenty of Buttercups, Yellow Rattle and the tall globes of seeding Goatsbeard. (*Tragopogon pratensis*). There were hundreds of Common Spotted orchids beginning to seed. High summer is here. We must relish this time of abundance as harvest time nears.



## General Section



### Esme Churchill

We have been advised that Esme Churchill died on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 in Galanos House and her funeral service was held at St Andrews, Wilmcote on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Her husband - Rev Roy Churchill was vicar there for a number of years and on his retirement they settled in Harbury.

**Editors**

## Harbury & Ladbroke News – Student Award – Win £250!

There is still time to enter the magazine's 2017 Student Award as the closing date has been extended to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The award is open to students aged between 18 and 25, commencing a first degree University or any other Higher Education course in Autumn 2017, who live within the Parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke.

We want you to write about your reflections on growing up in Harbury or Ladbroke in not more than 2000 words and a minimum of 750 words.

To register your interest an Application Form is available to download off the Harbury News Facebook pages or Email: [awards@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:awards@hlnews.co.uk)

The deadline for submissions is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with judging and notification of winners in October 2017.

Winning entries will be published in the magazine and will each receive £250.

For any queries please contact me on 612155 or email [awards@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:awards@hlnews.co.uk)

**John Holden**

## **New Year's Honour Awards – British Empire Medals**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Ian and I took the train to London, to make our way to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

As we walked across Green Park we joined lots of people in their "Sunday Best" walking towards the Palace.

We negotiated security without any problems, walked through the Palace to the rear of the



***Jill Baker and Geoff Thorpe***

building and the gardens. What beautiful gardens: Alan Titchmarsh's programme was such a true reflection of the actual gardens. We then had afternoon tea: fresh lemonade or tea and coffee, finger sandwiches (crusts off of course) and dainty cakes.

The Yeomen of the Guard appeared and we knew that the Royals were about to arrive, the Queen, in canary yellow, Prince Phillip, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall together with one of Prince Andrew's daughters.

The Queen and Prince Phillip spoke to people who had been 'selected' to be spoken to.

It was a tremendous privilege to be invited and we both thoroughly enjoyed the day.

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Geoff and Gill Thorpe also attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace but on a different day.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Ian and I, Geoff and Gill attended the Judges' House in Warwick to receive our medals from Tim Cox, the Lord Lieutenant. We were able to invite several people to the event. I chose to invite my family: my son, sister, brothers and step daughter. Geoff invited the other members of the Village Hall Committee.

Three people were presented with their medals on that day; Geoff Thorpe, John Anderson from Avon Dassett and me.

The house is beautiful; if you ever get the opportunity to visit, do go.

I am very proud to have been nominated for this award; however without the support of all the volunteers in the library and the café we would not have the facility that we have.

I am very grateful to everyone involved with Harbury Village Library for their continued support and help. There are too many people to mention individually but you know who you are!!

The village deserves and needs a library and it is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that we use the library and café to make sure that the facility is available for the next generation.

Geoff would also like to express his thanks to the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work over the years. This has resulted in the village having a magnificent hall that is flexible and can be used by the community for all manner of events and activities. Again without the support of these people Geoff would have struggled to complete the project on his own.

Thank you to all of you.

**Jill Baker**

## **Harbury Carnival Games Week 2017**

### **Pub Games**

This year we had NINE teams take part in the Carnival Games Week and more than 70 people competed in one or more of the games. The nine teams this year were: The Crown Inn, The Old New Inn, Twinning, The Shakespeare Inn, The Gamecock, All Saints or Not, Girls-R-Loud, Norfolk n'Chance and the Wednesday Club. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Table Skittles – Norfolk n'Chance

Horse Shoes – The Crown Inn

Toad in the Hole – The Wednesday Club

Quiz – The Wednesday Club

Due to the bad weather we played two indoor games – Table Skittles and Toad in the Hole, which kept everyone dry and warm. Everyone seemed to enjoy them, especially our guests from Barnsley who were working locally and joined in the action. Also, for the quiz night we had an extra three teams who turned up just to do the quiz.

At the end of the competitions the winners were: The Wednesday Club with 66 points, followed by The Crown Inn – 44 points, Shakespeare – 43 points, Twinning – 42 points, Gamecock – 36 points, Norfolk n'chance – 35 points, All Saints or Not - 34 points, Girls "R" Loud – 32 points and Old New Inn - 26 points.



The winners were presented with the Dan Killian Pub Games

Shield and the congratulations of the Carnival Committee. If you want a bit of fun playing games, not too seriously, on early June evenings and want to put a team together, please get in touch with the committee. You only need four people for each event out of a maximum of 12 players per team – and they could be the same four who enter them all. It's good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well known hostleries. Perhaps those teams who have taken part in previous years will enter again?

Finally, our thanks must go to all the teams for taking part. Along with the 36 team members each evening and the various supporters we estimate there were about 60 people at each game. This is a great number and we hope that you all enjoyed it. Lastly, we would like to thank the licensees for letting us use their premises; it would be difficult to hold the events without you.

**Mike McBride, John Broomfield and the Carnival Committee**

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## Harbury Wheelbarrow Race

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June the village turned out in force to support the annual Wheelbarrow Race. The Old New Inn played host this year and there was a great crowd to cheer the competitors on. We had 17 teams in total. Some took part in the beer races, some in the water race and some mixed it up a bit. Racing started at 1pm with the Gamecock as the first pit stop, followed by the Village Club, the Crown, the Shakespeare and ending up back at the Old New Inn.

Peter Rollason and George Simpson lifted the trophy in the men's beer race taking only 10 minutes and 58 seconds to complete the circuit. They also scooped the prize for the fastest time set by two competitors with a combined age of over 100 years. The women's beer race was won by Millie Helliwell and Lucy Cramp who also took home the trophy for best fancy dress. The water race was won by Brendan and Ollie Watts with a time of 14 minutes and 9 seconds.



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of the people who helped keep the Wheelbarrow Race going this year. Thank you to the pubs for their generous support, our fabulous team of volunteers who kept the racers safe and the drinks topped up, and also thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate a great village tradition. We look forward to seeing you all again next year and would love to see even more of you hopping into a wheelbarrow to race for glory around the village.

**Harbury Wheelbarrow Team**





## Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2017



## Harbury Carnival 2017 Parade and Fancy Dress Awards

### Procession

**Decorated Float Trade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Festival - The Crown and The Shakespeare

**Children's Float:** 1<sup>st</sup> World of Books – Banana Moon Nursery School,  
2<sup>nd</sup> People Who Help Us – Harbury Pre-School

**Horsedrawn/Mounted/Lead:** 1<sup>st</sup> The Deerstalkers – Tracey Pettipher and Freddie

**Walking Tableau Family:** 1<sup>st</sup> Elephantastic – Chiba Family, 2<sup>nd</sup> To the Movies and Back – Quinney Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> Storm Whale – Humphreys Family

**Walking Tableau Children (More Than 8 persons):** 1<sup>st</sup> Dressed in the Dark – Harbury C of E Primary School

**Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons):** 1<sup>st</sup> Ruby Squared – Ruby and Ruby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rock and Roll Girls – Abi and Ruby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bookmarks – Harriet and Hattie

**Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup):** Box of Popcorn - Mae

**Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup):** To the Movies and Back - Paul Quinney

### Fancy Dress

**Under 5yrs:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tank Commander - Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rapunzel - Willow

**5-7yrs:** 1<sup>st</sup> Peacock – Seren

**8-10yrs:** 1<sup>st</sup> Greek Goddess - Lucy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dressed in the Dark - Margot

**11-17yrs:** 1<sup>st</sup> Box of Popcorn - Mae, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby Squared - Ruby and Ruby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock and Roll Girls - Abi and Ruby

**Adult Individual:** 1<sup>st</sup> To the Movies and Back - Paul Quinney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mysterious Man in Black - Glyn Jones

## Carnival Dog Show Takes the Biscuit

Always one of the most popular events, the Dog Show this year was the cat's whiskers! Geoff Thorpe, aided by his wife Gill, put the hounds through their paces in a highly entertaining session in the Carnival ring.

The results of the dog show:

<b>Best Biscuit catcher</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Handler</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Munro	Chris
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sweep	Rosie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sam	Mark

**Best behaved**1<sup>st</sup>**Dog**

Chester

**Handler**

Susie

=2<sup>nd</sup>

Gypsy

Indy

Lear

Lily

Finnegan

Maddie

**Best trick**1<sup>st</sup>

Bug

Chris

2<sup>nd</sup>

Flash

Hannah

3<sup>rd</sup>

Lear

Lily

Although turnout seemed to be lower than usual, the day was dry and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The procession was fronted by Steve Harrold's 1924 Bullnose Morris that transported the Carnival Queen Eve and King Tom. Then came the impressive Shirley Pipe Band as they went all round the village (with a well organised rolling road closure programme – thank you to all the volunteer helpers including raffle ticket sellers, gate marshalls, the Carnival Committee, stall holders and those who set up and cleared the field). The float and procession winners together with the fancy dress competition winners are published separately.



Finally, our huge thanks go out to the sponsors who deserve your support throughout this coming year:

*Banana Moon Day Nursery, Calcutt Cattery, The Crown Inn, Drop Dead Gorgeous Curtains, The Door Store, Gardens by Wendy, Harbury Pharmacy, Harbury Supermarket & Post Office, Kleinmann Properties, Miles of Tiles, Mugleston's Country Fayre, Outside Cleaning Direct, Rollasons Solicitors, The Salon, Serenity, T.M & J.M Grey Builders, Top To Toe Beauty, Warwick Cleaners.*

Put next year's date in your diary now: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. See you there!

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

## Harbury Senior Citizens Update

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June we travelled to Poole. Ninety-nine people on two coaches left in sunshine but arrived a bit later than expected, having spent time in a traffic jam on the M40. We got to Poole at about 12.30pm, just in time for lunch. The hoards dispersed along the quay, onto boat trips to

Sandbanks and Brownsea Island, although some didn't seem sure of what the time table actually told them or they forgot to ask. There was a wide selection of pubs and restaurants on the quay of which a number of people took advantage.

The weather was perfect for a trip to the seaside and we think everyone enjoyed it, particularly those who found a hidden gem of a museum in the Tourist Office. Towards the end of the afternoon, some people sat on the quay looking across at the luxury motor yachts being built by Sunseeker. Quite a sight!

We left Poole for the return trip at about 5.30ish. With the amount of traffic it soon became clear that we would not be able to make our scheduled return stop in Kidlington, so we opted for a stopover at Chieveley Services. It was more eventful than expected but we would like to thank Karen, Judith, Dr. Gibb and the staff of the service station for their help. Suffice to say that one coach got back to Harbury at about 9.00pm and the other returned just before midnight. Everything was OK in the end. We thank all of you for your patience and understanding.

The committee hopes that everyone who came on the trip enjoyed the day.

Also, thank you to everyone who supported our Tombola Stall at Harbury Carnival as part of our fundraising activities, both in providing chocolates and having a go. It seems that our passion for all things chocolate is alive and kicking and we had a successful day in what were very windy conditions and also with a reduced number of people on the field. Thank you everyone.



Our next event will be the Christmas Party on 9<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow.

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



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

**Join forces with the crime-cracking Animal Agents at your library this summer!**

School summer holidays are here and with it the **Summer Reading Challenge** in Harbury Village Library, the ideal antidote to the complaint of 'I'm bored! What can I do now?' The theme this year is Animal Agents, and children between the ages of 4-12 will be given a series of clues to help solve a mystery, while collecting 'smelly' stickers and other goodies. To join in, children need to sign up in the Library – it's free, all that is needed is a current Warwickshire





library card\* – and read any six books over the course of the school summer holidays. At the launch of the Challenge, **on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, there will be a number of themed activities in the Library, including a treasure hunt (with prizes!) and animal face painting, but if it is not possible to attend then, children can be signed up on any day during the holidays. **The Library is open from 9-5 every week day and 10-12 on Saturdays.** It is hoped that there will be a number of other activities for children during the summer, so keep your eyes open for details of these on the Library website or Facebook. Do come and join in, even if you are not a regular library user: it'll be fun!

Two other events are planned for July in the Library which are free to attend and open to everyone, so please make a note in your diaries now.

**On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**, Sam Slemensek, Cyber Crime Adviser from Warwickshire CC, will be giving a talk on **Cyber Crime** and how to avoid being caught out by the scammers and other criminals. This will provide you with a lot of useful information about how to avoid becoming a victim of these distressing and potentially costly activities.



**On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017** Hansons are planning to visit the Library and Biblio's Café for another **Antiques Valuation**. The session will commence at 4.00pm and finish at 6.00pm.

Adrian Rathbone – Associate Director Hansons will be the valuer.

**Bring along your silver, gold, paintings and collectables. Hansons are now consigning for their Autumn Jewellery and Fine Art Auctions.**

Visitors will be able to buy refreshments from the volunteers in Biblio's Café and all proceeds will go to HVL.



***Carnival Book Stall***

The regular opening hours for **Biblio's café** are **9.15 – 12, Wednesday – Friday, 10-12 Saturday**, where you can sample high quality fair trade beverages and home-baked goods.

As the Library is an entirely voluntary 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 valuable community asset, please contact us as below.

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\*If you have not got a current library card, you can join very easily online or in the Library by going to <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries>

**Janice Montague**

## Harbury Duke of Edinburgh Award Group

As our groups start their final expeditions in Shropshire, Exmoor and Snowdonia there is great news from last year's gold group. All nine of them will receive their gold award certificate at St James Palace.

This 100% completion rate compares with 20% nationally. Although this was an exceptional year our long term success rates for the 225 awards that have been started at Harbury D of E group since 2009 [90% at Bronze, 80% at Silver and 60% at Gold] are all way above the national average and show what exceptional young people we have in Harbury.



The commitment involved in doing a voluntary stint once a week for nine months is every bit as impressive as carrying a heavy rucksack through mountainous terrain for four days.

Changes in the D of E organisation and also within the national education system mean that our voluntary run Open Award group will be joining the Scout Association in order to continue. We are on the lookout for new leaders, particularly women. If you have an interest in the outdoors and want to help our young adults achieve this great award then please let me know on the email below.

We currently have half a dozen names on the list for September 2017 Yr 10 Bronze group. Let me know if you are interested in doing the Bronze award on the email below. Likewise there may be spaces in the Silver group.

**Nick Tawney**  
[nicktawney@greenscheme.co.uk](mailto:nicktawney@greenscheme.co.uk)

## *MeetingPoint*

For anyone experiencing loss of any kind.

WHEN? First Tuesday of every month.

NEXT ONE Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

WHERE? The Crown, any time between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

A warm welcome, friendship, tea /coffee biscuits. More details from Rev Nikki Moon on 07891 012660.

**Rev Nikki Moon**

## Harbury Village Club & Institute

Where have the last few weeks gone; it does not seem long since my last article. Again I am happy to report that we have had another successful month. Everyone who held functions was pleased with the room, facilities and, of course, our friendly bar team. We had a lovely thank you note from the cyclists full of praise for the food and they also gave us a donation. Then on the same day the cyclists came, we gave use of our car park to another local function Entrust which was reported on in the June issue and received a lovely thank you from them. So we are making a difference and it is so good that we are being recognised.

The children have not been ignored and have made use of some of the toys that are provided for their use. Hopefully all ages are catered for. The bingo is another weekly feature and we will be holding a Summer one in August and plans are at this minute being finalised by Pam. This will be like the Easter one when children can take part too as no money is played for but we have planned a brilliant raffle so watch this space.

Talking of bingo, we owe a huge thank you to our caller Joy who is just brilliant. Thanks also go to Ted who counts the takings and is a great help to Clive our treasurer. It is so generous that they both give up their time for the benefit of the club. I must say that the inside always looks spotless - again Anita and Pam deserve a mention, thank you both. Our bar staff work incredibly hard to ensure that everyone is served politely and with friendly banter as and when the occasion arises. So you can see that we are in a quiet way making progress and long may it continue. Our hanging baskets have proved to be a talking point and since my last article Bob has now installed an outside tap. In this spell of hot weather the baskets just seem to soak up the water at an alarming rate but the effort mainly by John is worth it; they are stunning. Haven't had time yet to replace the pansies in the pots but they are still going strong, a value for money plant I have to say.

Our last committee meeting was held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June and not an awful lot to discuss. However once again Clive was able to report that our finances are still looking good. We do have a bit of a lull in bookings in July and August but this is obviously due to holidays. No new members this month but I know of two if not three who will be applying for membership next month. We had one booking for later on in the year.

We discussed the probability of moving the television from the bar into the meeting room as we are no longer subscribing to Sky due to lack of usage (a saving of £80 a month) however the majority voted to leave it where it is for the present. Clive will order two new machines for the lights in the snooker room as the ones we have do not accept the new £1 coins. The pricing of cans of lager was discussed and agreement reached. Pam asked if everyone present was happy for her to continue to order stock and it was agreed unanimously. Thank you very much Pam. The next committee meeting will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. I do put a notice on the board just inside the

lobby giving dates but if any member has any issues that they want to raise please let one of the committee members know. As you can see we do listen and ensure that all matters are discussed in an honest and open way.

Look forward to seeing everyone in the next month at the club; it is a pleasure to be part of such a lovely village tradition.

**Judy Morrall**



## **Harbury Heritage Room**

The Heritage Room contains hundreds of documents and photographs relating to the history of Harbury. It was established to house items collected over many years as children at the school carried out their Local Studies curriculum. It is now used as a resource for the children attending school today. A part of the collection which might interest you if you are an ex-pupil is the large number of group and class photos.

The Heritage Room is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30 to 8.30pm though we are happy to open at other times by request of local societies and groups. The next two open evenings are 4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August. It would be good to see you!

In the wake of our annual Carnival, we thought you might like this article from the parish magazine.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> June 1900**

*"The swings and roundabouts that have been at Harbury during the last few days must have been a great attraction. This was apparent both from the number of people assembled on the spot, and also from the few persons seen in other parts of the place when they were in motion.*

*Each evening at 8.00 o'clock one or two blasts from a steam whistle - evidently intended as a preliminary announcement - were heard.*

*Immediately afterwards a startling outburst of sounds smote the air as with grim remorseless energy the steam organ began to grind out its ear-splitting melodies. This denoted that the sport was just commencing, and exhilarating sport it seemed to be. Whilst some of the crowd were whirled round in swift gyrations, on lifelike but lifeless steeds, others swung themselves through the air in aerial boats, sometimes as it appeared in a rather risky manner. All appeared to enjoy themselves, and so the fun continued, the steam organ meanwhile braying forth from its many mouths a loud and increasing clamour. At nightfall and for some time afterwards flaring lights lent animation to the scene. On every side there appeared to be, so far as one could see, a general exuberance of life and spirits. Yet foreigners say the English take their pleasures sadly."*

**Nigel Chapman**

## Harbury NSPCC Committee

It is with great sadness that I have to inform the village that Harbury NSPCC Committee has decided to disband. Over the last few years several committee members have resigned due to illness or relocation and we have struggled to recruit new members to help us in our fund-raising activities.

The committee was first set up in the early 1970s and it has been very active in the community with many events being held here in the village. Our Ladies' Lunches are renowned in the local area and we have also organised coffee mornings, an annual Christmas quiz, wine tastings, an Any Questions evening, an Auction of Promises, jumble sales and the raffle at the Burns Night organised by Southam Rotary.

We would like to thank all our regular and generous supporters in the village without whom we would not have been able to raise the thousands of pounds that have gone to help this very worthwhile cause.

I would also like to thank the present committee members; Heather Bourne, Angela Bushill-Matthews (our secretary), Joan Broomfield, Jo House, Sharon Hancock, Margaret Wilson and Sue O'Kell who has been our very capable treasurer for many years. Thanks too to previous committee members, Pauline Hayes, Nikki Knight, Margaret Sherrington, Jo Stevens, Anne Greenwell, Liz Bunting and many more too numerous to mention.

Our thanks again for all your generous support.

**Elaine Bruce**



## Operation Christmas Child

There will be a coffee morning to raise funds for the shoeboxes on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 10am – noon in the Tom Hauley Room. Offers of help, cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac will be most welcome.

Gillian Hare and Mike Jones will be stepping down from this project after this year. It would be wonderful if anyone else would feel able to take it on; we would give you lots of guidance. Have a chat on 614809.

**Gillian Hare & Mike Jones**



## Wednesday Walkers

Now, halfway through our seventh year, we continue to enjoy the countryside on our doorstep. During the summer, various members take turns to lead the walks so look out for some new ones. If you haven't been with us before, would like to explore the area in good company, maybe find you have a little spare time, do give us a go. We meet at the Village Hall car park at 9.40am every Wednesday, fill up cars for a short drive (always spare places so don't worry if you can't bring a car), and walk usually 4-5

miles. Sometimes we indulge ourselves with a pub lunch! Details in the diary at the beginning of this magazine with venues, distance and an indication of the nature of the terrain. Or phone 614809 for more information. See you soon!

**Gillian Hare**



## **Village Show**

Thank you to everyone who supported our plant stall at the very windy Carnival. We trust your purchases are thriving. Our next fundraising event will be the Tom Hauley Room coffee morning on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Donations of raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received, and we have a few plants still to sell.

As 9<sup>th</sup> September grows closer, we hope you have picked up a schedule from the Library or checked it on our website [Harburyvillageshow.uk](http://Harburyvillageshow.uk) There are some interesting new ideas for cookery, craft and photographs, whilst garden produce is much the same. Look out for a new class for eggs too and note there are novice classes for new exhibitors. And encourage your children and grandchildren to get involved.

**Village Show Steering Group**

## **‘A Pint of Ale’ Southam Heritage Collection Exhibition**

In 1903, Ephraim Edwards, the landlord of the Woodbine Cottage Inn on the Leamington Road near the polo grounds at Southam, was summoned for being drunk on his own premises and the licence was transferred from him to Frederick Wall of Deppers Bridge.

Fred Wall was a farmer's son living at Deppers Bridge Farm, Green Hill and working in the local cement works as a lime burner. At 38, unmarried and still living at home on the family farm, he decided to change his lifestyle completely and married Eliza and moved to Woodbine Cottage Inn as the publican, where they raised their three boys, John, Tom and Arthur. They managed the pub with the assistance of Eliza's sister Ada Overs.

In 1912 the licence passed from Fred Wall to another Harbury man, Edward John Wilkins, a bricklayer then living in Chapel Street. He moved to Woodbine with his wife Mary Ann and their two children Doris and Walter and their little brother who was born at the Woodbine. If anyone would like to add more to these family stories, we will be pleased to hear from them.

Woodbine Cottage Inn is just one of nearly thirty public houses in Southam that are featured in the Southam Heritage Collection summer exhibition “A Pint of Ale – Southam's Public Houses”. Open in Vivian House on Market Hill on Tuesday and Saturday mornings 10am-12 noon or by

appointment. Supported by Southam Tesco, there is also a walk round Southam leaflet for the more energetic.

Pictured right: Edward Wilkins outside the Woodbine Cottage Inn with his family at the beginning of WW1.

Linda Doyle



## All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

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

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