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Editorial

May is another busy month with lots of events including the Theatre Group's production of "Only When I Laugh". Now is also the time to start work on your Carnival entry. Let's make the 2017 parade the best yet!

Student Award – Win £250

We are pleased to announce the Harbury & Ladbroke News is launching a student award. The aim is to encourage young writers of the future to share their reflections on growing up in Harbury or Ladbroke. Details of the award appear on page 41. We urge everyone to encourage all eligible students to register their interest in good time before 31st May.



Have you noticed the blue plaques going up around Harbury? Our photographs show two of these, one in Mill Street and the other in Church Street. The second plaque is to Reginald Beardsworth for whom there was a commemoration service at the beginning of May marking the centenary of his death.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Corina Bennett.

Harbury Diary

MAY

Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI

Sun 7 EASTER IV

Holy Communion, 9.00am


Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast


Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm

- Mon 8 Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
 Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 9 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
 Junior Theatre Group, 8.30pm Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -
 Bubbenhall to Wappenbury (4 - 5 miles), optional pub lunch
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
 Annual Parish Meeting (public can speak), 7.30pm in Village Hall
 WI, 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room - "Resolutions"
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Harbury Pre-School
 Concert in Church, 7.30pm, Leamington Royal Naval Association
 Choir
- Sun 14 EASTER V**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
 Children's Church, 10.30am
 Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 15 Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
- Tues 16 Junior Theatre Group, 8.30pm Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -
 Wootton Wawen Bluebells Woods (4 miles, hilly)
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Theatre Group Present "Only When I Laugh", 7.30pm, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 19 Theatre Group Present "Only When I Laugh", 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Junior Church Work
 Southam History Fayre & Valuation Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm,
 St James Church, Southam
 Theatre Group Present "Only When I Laugh", 7.30pm in
 Village Hall
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- Sun 21 EASTER VI**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Saints Alive! Informal Family Communion Service, 10.30am
 Evensong, 6.00pm

- Mon 22 Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 23 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 8.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -
Draycote to Frankton (4½ miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 25 **ASCENSION DAY**
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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5.30PM**
Eucharist Service at Ladbroke, 7.30pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Society
- Sun 28 **EASTER VII (Sunday after Ascension)****
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Children's Church, 10.30am
- Mon 29 No Adult Upholstery Class today
Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 30 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 31 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -
Hatton to Haseley (4½ miles)
Prayer & Cake, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- JUNE**
- Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury WI
- Sun 4 **PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)****
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast
Taizé service, 6.00pm
- Tues 6 Meeting Point, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Crown Inn
Heritage Room, open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am from Village Hall Car Park -
Newbold Comyn (3 miles, flat)
Holy Communion, 2.00pm

- Wed 7 Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - Discussion, "What do you wish for today?"
- Thurs 8 General Election, voting 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room "WI Past and Present"
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
Harbury Carnival, parade assemblies at 12 noon, Sutcliffe Drive

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
May	Wed	Fri	
	10	12	Grey Bin
	17	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	24	26	Grey Bin
	31		Green & Blue Lid Bins
June		2	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	7	9	Grey Bin
	14	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins

	From the Rector	Reverend Craig Grocock
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Stop the world, I want to get off!

It's all happening at the moment isn't it? Another General Election to look forward to this month, Brexit looms large and the implications will be deeply significant I am sure. The French elections are concerning as it always is when the far right raises its head and then as we look across the 'pond', political muscles are being flexed as Mr Trump squares up to North Korea.

Do you often feel like it's all happening for you too? Do you ever feel like you're on a non-stop 'hamster's wheel' of frenzied activity? From the moment we get up to the moment we go to bed our days are full of stuff to do. Demands come thick and fast from work, home, family and friends and if we do manage to have some holiday we catch ourselves checking email when we promised ourselves the time to switch off.

I hear increasingly people saying 'stop the world I want to get off!' for we all long for less stress, anxiety and pressure. Sure there are things we can all do – eat well, sleep well and take regular exercise. However, alongside these I have come to understand the benefits of mindfulness - living far more in the present moment rather than in the 'fantasy world' of the future. It seems to me that much of our stress and anxiety comes from the fantasy and fear of what might be.

Mindfulness is a useful tool for helping us with life's pressures. All the great religions of the world have been using mindfulness and meditation of course for thousands of years.

Jesus said 'Do not be anxious about your life. Can any of you add a single hour to your life by being anxious? Do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will be anxious for itself'. Great words of mindfulness and great words as we ponder the future. We might not be able to stop the world and get off but perhaps we can walk a bit slower through it!

God bless.

From the Registers

Funeral

4th April

Corina Bennett (67 years)



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

A thoughtful Holy Week was followed by a joyous Easter Sunday family communion when 140 people came together to celebrate the risen Christ. A simple act of placing a flower at the foot of a rough hewn cross to give thanks and prayers for all we love was particularly poignant. Thank you to all who led our thoughtful and prayerful services over the Easter period.

A coffee morning to raise funds for the church's work with children will be held on 20th May so please come and support all those who run Little Saints, Messy Church and Children's Church.

The concert on Saturday 13th May (starting at 7.30pm) in church promises to be a jolly occasion with the Leamington Royal Naval Association male voice choir and harpist, Lucy Bishop. If you haven't already got your tickets please do - they are available from Liz McBride (612421 - 1 Park Lane), Michael Vincent (614806) and Colin Oliver (612702). Tickets cost £5 or you could pay on the night - as long as there is room.

Funds raised from the concert will go towards the Memorial Garden appeal. I don't think we'll quite raise the remaining £5,500 needed so if you would like to contribute to this worthwhile (and much needed) village facility please call me (Liz 612421) or pick up an appeal form from church. The latest news is that work will start in May. Hoorah.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

We hope members understood why we cancelled our May meeting and were happy to be free to join in the service remembering Harbury's WW1 servicemen. Our scheduled speaker has kindly agreed to come another time to talk about Save the Children.

You will see in the church news below, details of the Archbishops' call to prayer, for the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May – 4th June). We hope many members will take part in this, whether in church or privately. We shall specifically be supporting an afternoon of prayer and cake (!) on Wednesday 31st May. This will be in the Tom Hauley Room between 2-4pm. We do hope many members will be able to come and maybe bring a friend.

Dates to note:

Wednesday 5th July: Instead of our usual meeting, we shall be visiting St Gregory's at Tredington. We shall have a tour of the attractive church and meet members of their MU over tea. Please speak to a committee member for a lift.

Saturday 22nd July: Our turn for a Tom Hauley Room coffee morning. Please support it with the usual offers of raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac.

Wednesday 9th August: Mary Sumner Day and a visit to St James, Southam for tea. Again, lifts are available.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th June, 2pm for communion followed by a meeting at 2.30pm for a discussion of "wish lists". Hope to see you there.

Thy Kingdom Come

This will happen again between 25th May and 4th June, for nine days prior to Pentecost. Thy Kingdom Come 2017 is an initiative supported by a large and varied body of Christian denominations and churches internationally. All Saints at both Harbury and Ladbroke are also involved this year. National organisers say, 'We want to encourage... churches of all traditions to partner in praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' in the days leading up to Pentecost... There is no prescription about how we should pray; we hope each church (*and each individual*) will participate in a way that is authentic to them...'

The aim is simple:

to join with the whole family of God the Father

to pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit

that we may be effective witnesses to God the Son Jesus Christ

This time last year many of the churches in England took up the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, to set aside the days leading up to Pentecost Sunday to pray for the renewing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to, "make Christ real in our midst, for the flourishing of all."

You are warmly invited to a variety of arranged events and venues displayed elsewhere in this magazine. As well as these both Harbury & Ladbroke churches will be open for quiet prayer from 8.30am to dusk daily.

Brian Jones (All Saints' Planning Team)

Ladbroke News & Diary

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

MAY

Sun 7 Easter IV

Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments

Mon 8 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Wed 10 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 14 Easter V

Holy Communion (BCP) and official farewell to David and Jane, 9.00am

Wed 17 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

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Sun 21 Easter VI

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 22 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Wed 24 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 25 Ascension Day Service, 7.30pm
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Sun 28 Easter VII

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 31 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

JUNE

- Thurs 1 Resources available at prayer stations around Ladbroke Church to assist and guide individual prayers, 7.00 - 9.00pm but drop in any time
WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 4 **Pentecost**
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Mon 5 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 7 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 8 Voting for General Election, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall

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

At the family service at the beginning of April we celebrated not one, or even two, but three baptisms: Ana and her children Vicente and Lara. Holy Week and Easter were celebrated in our traditional style with many coming to take part in the services. Once again we'd like to say thank you to those who led them - Revs Craig, Nikki and Ann and also to Bill, Kate, the soloists and choir for a wonderful performance of Stainer's Crucifixion, to Sue Lord for organising the Easter egg hunt and to the flower arrangers who transformed the church for Easter Sunday. A big thank you too everyone who hosted, helped at and came to the Lent lunches in the preceding weeks.

At our recent AGM, David Rutherford stood down as one of our two churchwardens and Peter Rigby is stepping into the role, with me continuing as the other one. There were also a number of changes to the PCC etc so our thanks go to David and Peter Loftus for their contributions over the years and we welcome Peter and Jenny Rigby and David Wright on board. At the AGM there were reports from various people about different aspects of what's been happening at Ladbroke church. One update worth mentioning in despatches was the All Saints for All Generations campaign to raise funds for urgent repairs to the stonework, windows, porch etc. In 2016 there were a wide range of fund raising activities - we received 50% of the proceeds from The Bell Inn's anniversary hog roast (thank you Huw and Ruth), there was a music marathon, the race night joint with Ladbroke Matters, a concert, an auction of promises, coffee mornings, Lent lunches, even a Christmas quiz and sales of cooking apples. Thank you everyone in Ladbroke and beyond for supporting all of these and also for your many direct donations to the fund raising campaign. The total raised in 2016 was £26,393 a fantastic achievement, though with a target of a £250,000 there is still a long way to go and ideas and help are always welcome.

As I write this Rev Craig is still in training but hopefully by the time you read it he, and Su, will have successfully completed the Milton Keynes marathon and be resting on their laurels, for a while at least. Craig is running in aid of our All Saints for All Generations campaign, to raise funds for building repairs. If you have been intending to sponsor him but not quite got round to it, there is still time to sponsor him online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/revcraigmarathon> or pass cash or a cheque (made payable to **All Saints Church Ladbroke**) to Rev Craig, our treasurer Steve Copley or to me.

Looking ahead, between Thursday 25th May (Ascension Day) and Sunday 4th June (Pentecost) Ladbroke Church, like our sister church at Harbury will be taking part in "Thy Kingdom Come", a special time of prayer for our families, our communities and our nation suggested by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. There will be a joint communion service at All Saints Ladbroke on 25th May at 7.30pm followed by extended opening from 8.30am to dusk each day until Sunday 4th June for those that wish come pray within our parish church. You are particularly invited to join us on anytime between 7.00 - 9.00 pm on Thursday 1st June for a quiet time of individual prayer. Resources will be available at several 'prayer stations' located around the church which may help to guide your thoughts and prayers. Please see the advert on page 70 for more information including what's happening at Harbury church.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is asking us to record the wildflowers and wildlife in our churchyard. There is a survey form which includes photos of the most common plants likely to be present, so all we need to take part is one or more volunteers who'd like to undertake the survey and send in the results at the end of the flowering season. Please contact me on 810331 if you are interested. This is nothing to do with Ladbroke church but readers who are interested in birdwatching might like to know that their website warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk includes a live webcam to a peregrine falcon's nest in Leamington.

From the Registers

Baptism

2nd April

Ana Cabrita, Vincent Martins and Lara Martins

Flower Rota

7th & 14th May

Kate Todman

28th May & 4th June

Betty Winkfield



At our meeting on 6th April, Bryan Davis, a retired policeman, recounted some of his experiences of duties as a police escort.

He had trained to become one of their highly skilled drivers and motor bicycle riders. The specialist car drivers are very carefully selected and have to pass very stringent tests including driving with a blanket across the windscreen while they pass through barriers only 6" wider than the vehicle. They do so by driving with their heads out of the window while communicating with a similarly trained passenger peering out of the other side!

He explained the normal procedure for providing a secure escort for VIPs. There are usually four cars, the lead car with two grade 1 drivers with anti-terrorist driving skills, the second car containing the VIPs, third car with another couple of specialist drivers who are heavily armed and then the fourth vehicle, again with specialist drivers and a notice to inform other road users not to pass. There are five motor bicycles, a 'command' sergeant who is in charge of the convoy and four others who dash ahead and stop traffic or pedestrians where necessary to ensure clear passage as the convoy must never have to stop. He explained that in case of emergency the fourth car driver (the king pin) will reverse at great speed to clear a path, allowing the rest of the convoy to turn round and get away safely. The 'command' officer needs to be constantly alert and also aware of the various 'safe houses' such as police stations or hospitals en route in case an emergency detour has to be made.

There was an occasion when President Clinton was visiting and caused panic when he decided to get out for a 'walkabout'. The escort immediately had to form a 'band of steel' around him, such that even his own American security men couldn't get through it. He always travelled with an ambulance fitted out with a theatre and surgeons on hand for any emergency. Another amusing experience occurred at a summit when there was a distinct 'pecking order' for the various diplomats to arrive. The aeroplane from Luxembourg landed early but couldn't be allowed to arrive at the summit ahead of France so Bryan, the 'command' sergeant, did a detour through Birmingham to allow protocol to be observed!

Bryan has escorted most of the Royal Family over the years and always found them to be courteous and friendly, describing Prince Charles as having a very dry sense of humour.

Bryan has now taken up a second career, selling funeral plans. He can be contacted on 0777 334 48819.

In the business meeting the following activities were brought to our attention.

Group Meeting is on Monday 12th June at Napton Village Hall, 7.30pm, £4.00. The competition this year is to create a miniature garden in a seed tray so do have a go and bring it with you on the night.

Spring Outing this year is to Blenheim Palace on 23rd June. The price to include a packed lunch and travel is just £26.

Strawberry Tea: Saturday 24th June, 2.30-4.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall.

Birthday party to celebrate 45 years of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI: We are planning to have a 'Pudding Club' party on Thursday 12th October so keep the date free as this is an additional date to our usual meetings.

Calendar Girls, two of the real girls tell their story with light lunch, 12th July, 10.00am-3.00pm, Brailes £36.50.

Bridgenorth & David Austin Roses, 27th July, Tesco 8.30am including tour and cream tea £39.

Jewish London, Sunday 30th July, £50, Tesco 7.15am including blue badge guided tour and synagogue visit.

Calendar Girls and Strand Palace hotel lunch, 3rd August or 21st September, Tesco 8.55am, £90.

How safe are you online? 24th August, or 19th October, Fed House, 1.30-3.30pm, £25.

Thanks were given to Sue Moore for arranging our trip to Legally Blond.

Our May meeting and the coffee morning will have been held by the time this magazine is distributed. The **June meeting will be held on Thursday, 1st June** at 7.30pm when Clive Radford will talk on "Past and Present Lives on the Grand Union Canal". All are welcome.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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



Our **Supper and Film Night** on **Friday 7th April** featuring the film 'A United Kingdom' was another sell-out and a great success.

Further Friday film nights are planned for 18th August (please note this change of date), and a Christmas special on 8th December. These events are always very popular and sell out very quickly,

so diarise to book early! Email Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) if you would like to be added to the film night news list.

On **Saturday 1st July** we have The Above Average Weight Band playing live at the Village Hall. Their repertoire comprises a selection of upbeat danceable numbers from the 60s to the present day. Further details can be found on their website at www.aawb.co.uk. There will also be a barbecue. Watch this space for further details next month and get your dancing shoes ready.



Other events planned for later this year are a quiz night on **Saturday 7th October**, and a drama evening for **Saturday 11th 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 Draw for March 2017

£50	Elaine Taylor	£50	Joley Malby
£25	Graham Lewis	£25	G and T Variale
£25	Mary Coley	£10	Jackie and Simon West
£10	Malcolm Wray	£10	Keith Tancock
£10	Helen Ballard	£10	Keith Archer

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Our April event was a visit to the CEWE Laboratories in Warwick. I could not be there and am very jealous of those who went having heard their enthusiastic reports. The 17 members who attended tucked into high class biscuits and coffee as they heard a little about the company from Felicity, their Content Marketing manager. For a start you pronounce CEWE like seaweed without the "d". Founded in the 1960s as the first photo finishing company in Germany, CEWE now have 12 production facilities in Europe, with the one in the UK located at Warwick. They provide services to a number of well known names so if you order particular sized prints and photo gifts from household names like Jessops, Boots, Tesco, and even apparent competitors like Snapfish, they may be made by CEWE. In a year, the Warwick site produces 30 million prints and half a million photobooks and in the run up to Christmas they have to go on to 24 hour working as orders are four times the normal level. Then Felicity gave us a whistle stop tour through

the CEWE photobook software from choosing the shape and size of the book to which of the five (and soon to be six) grades of paper might be best. Although there is an app for tablets and mobiles and you can work on line she recommended downloading the software to get the full functionality and fastest experience. She demonstrated with great enthusiasm how easy and flexible it is to use giving lots of hints and tips and answering technical questions. Then Dale, the quality manager, took the visitors on a tour of the production area. As orders for the day were already complete, many of the machines were just slumbering giants but some staff had stayed late to demonstrate those involved in book production working. Members were so impressed by the set up, equipment and focus on quality that several were planning to download the software and make their first CEWE book before they'd even left the car park.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Annual Village Meeting

Derek Batty started the meeting by telling us it was Ladbroke's 121st Annual Village Meeting and introducing Jackie Chapman the new clerk to Ladbroke Parish Council. There were annual updates from the parish council, SDC and WCC and village organisations. Much of what was said has been reported in previous editions of Harbury & Ladbroke News which are now available on-line at <http://hlnews.co.uk/index.html> so I'll just give a brief summary except where information is new.

Neighbourhood watch: There was no report but we remembered that there had been a property marking session and two burglaries last year.

Parish Council: The precept has remained unchanged for five years, expenditure is approx £3500 each year mainly for the clerk, street lights, insurance, hire of Village Hall and insurance plus grants. A reserve of approx £10000 was carried forward, as some unusual expenditure items were anticipated, including things linked with HS2.

On the positive side the defibrillator for public use had been installed on the wall of the Village Hall and progress was finally being made on making superfast broadband available to the main part of Ladbroke.

Regarding planning, the SDC core strategy says that a village of our size should grow by 25 housing units over 15 years. Ladbroke villagers considered and decided not to construct a Neighbourhood Plan to identify where new homes should be built. Relevant planning applications are reviewed by councillors and status reported on at meetings. Since the meeting in March, permission for the new house behind Old Rectory House

on Banbury Road had been granted on appeal but the extension at Oaklee and the replacement house at The Lares had been rejected by SDC.

There had been a meeting with the HS2 Community representatives. At present there is no specific timetable for local activities and it was thought they were already six months behind schedule. We had requested a survey of traffic through the village now to use as a baseline but told no, so we may do one ourselves - such activities will need volunteers.

Flooding studies and proposals had moved forward but very slowly and with much frustration on the part of villagers and the Parish Council. Some points raised were:

- The hydrology report shows that water not only enters the brook as it flows upstream of the village but some also comes down Radbourne Lane and under the Village Hall. It has been observed that Ladbroke Hall grounds flood more than in the past making people wonder if drainage of higher land nearby has changed.
- The bottleneck in water flow in the brook is between the bridge near the pub and the one at the back of the Millennium Green; owners of adjoining land have a legal responsibility to keep it clear of debris and free flowing.
- The brook is thought to have silted up under the bridge on Church Lane; Cllr Neal plans to check this and if the authorities will not clear it we might organise this ourselves.
- The only flood protection measures the authorities will provide are at individual home level which exasperated some home owners present at the meeting as the construction of the properties meant that the protection suggested to keep water from entering via windows and doors would be ineffective because it rises through the walls and floors. The previous survey was only to get approximate costs; tenders to contractors who will do the work (if the home owners want it) are expected to go out at the end of June.

Newcomers to the village, frustrated by noisy bikers were advised to go to the Community Forum at Southam College on 14th June and raise it with the police there at their 6.30pm 'clinic' before the main meeting.

WCC: Bob Stevens summarised the position at the Council including budget and staff cuts, loss of continuity when staff leave, increasing sums needed for adult and child support services leading to loss of funding elsewhere, stress on the infrastructure from new developments, changes in local government structure etc.

SDC: Chris Williams reported on the precept and what the district council do. The core strategy (ie the principles of planning) was approved and they had been able to retain Wellesbourne Airfield for aviation - apparently the owners

wanted to demolish all buildings so it could be developed but SDC said they would need individual permission for each building and if they did demolish SDC would compulsory purchase at a price less than the owner would be expecting from a developer.

Alibone Trust (AKA Town Lands Charity): Mike Todman, the new clerk reported that 50% of the income from the two fields off Radbourne Lane goes to the church and 50% is distributed by the village trustees who last year gave £1000 towards the new roof on the Village Hall.

Church: Jackie West gave the report as Rev Craig was conducting a service at Harbury. There was a long list of thanks to everyone who had helped to make All Saints Ladbroke the church that it is. She also reported on the amazing total of over £26,000 raised for the building repair fund in 2016 by donations and fund raising activities, though with a target of a quarter of a million pounds there is still a long way to go.

Village Hall and Millennium Green: Kip Warr reminded those present that the same three trustees, backed up by the Ladbroke Matters Team are responsible for both the Hall and Green.

The Hall hosts various fund raising events and a range of regular activities. A special mention was made of the whist drives which Betty Winkfield organised for many years and generated a lot of income as well as giving much pleasure to those who came along. The Millennium Green is appreciated by all ages and last year hosted a wedding reception. It is maintained by contractors and working parties of volunteers - more of these are always welcome. Last year there was a labyrinth in the wildflower section, this year it will be cut back a couple of times and the vegetation removed to encourage more diversity. Gray Lewis the treasurer reported that it costs about £7000 a year to run the Village Hall and Millennium Green and that there are healthy reserves as usually income exceeds costs. Last year there was exceptional expenditure on the flood damage and new roof on the Hall but with the insurance and grants and income from activities exceeding general running costs only £4000 had to be taken from the reserves. Since 2003 Betty's whist drives had been a regular and much appreciated source of income, but if it continues to be popular the informal table tennis club on Wednesday evenings will broadly replace the whist income.

WI: Dianne Surgy said that Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI is strong with lots of activities on offer. It was thriving.

Photography Club: Kip Warr reported this was also thriving with a number of new members this year and a varied programme.

Bell Ringers: Martin Neal said that the ringers usually practice on a Tuesday evening. Last year there was formal training for the new ringers and now they are doing "more grown up ringing". The ringers would welcome more people joining them and with formal training at the start it's quite safe as well as enjoyable (and very sociable if you join them at the pub afterwards).

British Legion: Bob Stevens thanked The Bell Inn and church for having collecting tins but would really like a volunteer (or two) for house to house collections in Ladbroke. If you are interested in strolling round the village in early November to encourage your neighbours to give to this worthy cause, please contact him direct at cllrstevens@warwickshire.gov.uk

Harbury & Ladbroke News: Jackie West advised of a forthcoming competition for young people with four prizes of £250. For more details see page 41.



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

April 2017

The good news is: the Clerk is to get a new laptop, table and superfast broadband; Harbury is entering the Village of the Year Competition; the WW1 Centenary Trail is finished and the big celebration is on 3rd May with dignitaries including a Lt Colonel representing the Canadian Military and Tim Cox, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire.

Bob Sherman, after the success of the annual wild garden he planted at the Library, has now put in perennial plants. The Village Hall is planning to insulate the external walls, install better more energy efficient lighting and has found a village organisation to take on the running of the much appreciated Rural Cinema.

The Chairman praised the Harbury Juniors Under 14s Football Team after their recent Cup Final win over Wolston Dynamos (4-1 after extra time).

Apart from that there are still complaints and problems with planning and development.

A Bush Heath Lane resident drew the Council's attention to the damage to the road, kerbs and driveways of houses opposite the David Wilson Homes development. Although initially the developer had promised to rectify any damage the resident reported they have reneged on that pledge. The PC will take up the matter with DWH Management at a higher level. It appears that nothing can be done about the use of alien stone on these houses or on the development next to Hillside, which appears to be built using Blue Lias.

Planning

Variations to the permission for a house on the garden of Walnut Tree Cottage raised some concerns as it increased the size of the dwelling on a small plot with an eastward extension and sought to build in brick rather than stone. Cllr Summers did not think these changes were significant but the

Chair asked that the bricks should match nearby properties and that Permitted Development Rights be removed to prevent any further extensions. David Wilson Homes' changes to the layout of dwellings on the Quarries site has considerably reduced the number of "affordable homes" promised and would remove many of the site trees. The County objected to the cramped road layout and inadequate parking provision for householders. The Chairman explained the developer agreed to fund the new Surgery planned but this was subject to agreement between the Clinical Commissioning Group and the local Doctors. So eventually the Parish made "No Representation".

The Price Family Trust had made an appeal against refusal of permission for two more large houses on the Spinney Paddock. They had tried to claim that the railway line was the natural boundary of the village and that the Core Strategy said we should provide 2,000 new homes. The Chairman hoped the Inspector would see through their "egregious statement" and SDC Cllr Jacqui Harris will make sure the Planning Department is aware of this claim and can defend their plan.

The proposal to demolish the Old New Inn has been withdrawn as Stratford DC deemed it an overdevelopment. There is still extant permission to split the pub into two dwellings. Spitfire Homes (Pam's Paddock site to the rear of Vicarage Lane) now want to build 10 houses for over 55s and would demolish Ivy Cottage to gain access to the site and wish to have a meeting with Cllrs to discuss this.

Pat Summers confirmed there had been six objections to the Settlement Boundary set out in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Tim Lockley said now that Warwick DC had committed to providing Leamington Football Club with a new stadium, their ground was likely to become a travellers' site.

Parish Property

Work continues to repair and paint the play equipment. A climbing wall funded from the planning Section 106 payments will be installed for the older children. Quotes for extending the fitness trail are still not finalised but the Chairman was determined that the benches at least should be installed. Cllr Gibb floated the idea of installing an Adult Fitness Gym and suggested applying to HS2 for funding. (Marton has a superb and well used one on its playing field).

It was hoped repairs to the skatepark would be completed by the 8th May. A suggestion that St Nicholas Park's redundant skatepark equipment could be installed was rejected as it would not satisfy the latest health and safety requirements.

Tim Lockley had already sounded out the HS2 fund for money to provide a footpath from Ufton to Harbury for their school children but has not yet had a reply from Ufton PC.

It appears the PC needs to appoint a surveyor to measure the new burial grounds field. The risk assessment on the present burial grounds has been done and any unsafe memorials have been laid flat. There was uncertainty on

how much of the Cemetery boundary fence needed to be replaced. It was agreed the Cllr Summers should meet the Contractor and a maximum sum of £975 was authorised for the work.

Councillors approved the street lighting upgrade before prices rose. The Parish will pass on complaints about the adequacy of the roadside weed control after a parishioner brought this to their attention.

Annual Parish Meeting - 11th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

This is OUR meeting where we hear what the Parish Council has done for our village this year, and it is our chance to question members and voice our concerns. Councillors also present their reports on their work for each Committee over the year. There is a talk on cyber crime from the County Council and the Parish Council provides wine and nibbles at the end!

Next Parish Council Meeting - 25th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

This is the Parish Council's annual meeting where, as well as the usual business they allocate responsibilities for their separate committees. Members of the public are only allowed to speak in the Public Participation session just after the meeting commences.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

We currently have a vacancy for a parish councillor following the retirement of Cllr Alan Knowles after many years' service. If you are interested in joining the council, we would like to hear from you.

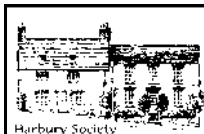
The parish council is the grass roots of local government. We are best placed to listen to the concerns of local residents and understand the needs of the local community. Harbury PC has 10 councillors who are supported by the parish clerk. We provide some basic services such as maintenance of all the village greens and verges, the playing fields and play area, street lighting and the cemetery. We are consulted on all local planning applications and planning policy, traffic and highways issues, and also respond to wider consultations by the Government. We support local clubs and organisations including the village hall, the library and the tennis club as well as many smaller groups. Our work is diverse and interesting. If you want to play an active role in your local community, this is the ideal opportunity.

No special qualifications are needed to become a councillor as we need people from all walks of life with a wide range of experiences. However, you must be able to regularly attend the parish council meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month and you will also need access to email and the internet. Some basic training is available to new councillors followed by ongoing subject specific training as required.

If you would like to find out more please contact the clerk, Alison Biddle, on 01926 614646 or the chairman, Tim Lockley, on 01926 614532.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Harbury Parish Council



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Chris Force's illustrated talk on China was amazing, not just for the stunning photographs but for the "adventures" he undertook. He went on one of the first tours up the Pearl River to Canton, then a poor dirty city with little care of its history with its churches used as warehouses! There was no electrification; people still lived in wattle and daub houses along with their animals whose dung was used as fuel. They still used old-fashioned winnowing machinery. Modernisation "uplifted" lives of the peasants but many rural areas have been "consumed" by the conurbations and by the 1980s Southern China's cities were opened to tourism.

Chris visited Yangzhou where in the midst of amazing scenery there are now luxury hotels: Beijing – in 1981 a city of bicycles – now filled with cars and high density apartment blocks, and Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace. In 1981 he saw the deserted Great Wall, damaged in the Cultural Revolution which was later reconstructed.



In 1993 he took 24 students and colleagues to Pakistan and the Silk Road - a nightmare journey marked by bad weather and viruses so bad he had to arrange the repatriation of two students. They were washed from Yurts by flash floods; had to procure diesel on the black market; in Pakistan the group used boulders to build a causeway across mud flows brought down by a landslip. Undeterred he went back six years later on a comparable venture!



Chris showed his photos of the trip: Yellow River; Giant Buddha; Gobi Desert; Flaming Cliffs; The Heavenly Lake; Great Mosque at Kashgar; Hunza, the Indus River and Islamabad. In 2007 he returned to the Sunday Market Kashgar - full of goats, donkeys etc. and took a jeep on the Khartoum Highway – a sea of sand where he stayed in a Yurt and rode a camel.

From there he went into Kyrgyzstan by minibus and taxi to see again the Heavenly Lake; the Stone Forest; walled towns and tea plantations. The people there are Chinese but looked towards the Slavic countries.

He saw great changes with towns and cities westernised. Then on to Tibet and Lijiang under Jade Dragon Snow Mountain damaged 1995 by earthquake - rebuilt as a Forest City.

Next Events:

Saturday 27th May - please support our Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am to noon.

Saturday 10th June - Society Roll a Penny Game at village Carnival



Harbury Women's Institute

Julia Fowler

Five Harbury WI members joined the audience of 680 at the 99th Warwickshire Federation conference at Chesford Grange on 10th April, carrying with them bags of spare foreign currency, costume jewellery and old mobile phones. This was our contribution to WFWI's current project with Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). Recyclables will raise funds to support 60 women in Tamil Nadu to rear bees and rabbits.

ACWW has 420 women-led societies and groups in 73 countries, giving voice to over 9 million women. Through it, WI members across the world are part of discussions on a myriad of topics: sustainable agriculture, proper sanitation practices, infant health, child rights, communicable diseases, education, and more.

One of ACWW's most important current campaigns calls on "all people worldwide to stop the practice of (female genital mutilation), which endangers the health and life of young girls." The WI also opposes FGM, and there does seem to be a growing willingness amongst individuals, organisations and governments to engage with the issue of 'cultural relativism', and come out firmly against the practice as a human rights abuse.

But eradicating a ritual that goes back at least 2,500 years can't happen overnight. One of the difficulties is accurately measuring the numbers involved in a violation as private and sensitive as FGM. In 2003 the House of Commons spoke of 3,000 - 4,000 new cases each year in the UK, yet an academic study the following year warned that 22,000 girls in Britain were at risk. Newer data is no more definitive.

So who does know how prevalent FGM is in the UK? And away from abstract numbers, what do we know about the experiences of women who've suffered it? Our April speaker, the very impressive Alison Byrne, was able to tell us what she sees at her clinic in Birmingham. Members had so many comments and questions that no-one noticed we'd run over into coffee time - surely the mark of an engaging session.

We were amazed to hear that Alison sees 8 to 10 women each week who

have the courage to ask for help, many seeking reversal of infibulation, the most extreme form of FGM. Alison, originally a midwife, now carries out these reversal operations, as well as training other nurses in what needs to be done for affected women in childbirth. She spoke movingly of the horrors these women suffered as children and the consequences for them as adults.

FGM is illegal in the UK, and teachers in England and Wales are obliged to inform police if they know or suspect that a pupil is in danger. Yet Alison has found that many educators have had no training in the matter. The NSPCC suggests being alert to girls talking about being taken 'home' to visit family, a special occasion to 'become a woman', or an older female relative visiting the UK.

Alison was surprised that, despite her offers, very few WIs have invited her to speak to them on the subject. We would urge any WI to schedule her talk. Yes, FGM is truly shocking, but it is something that we should be aware of, and sensitive to should we meet women who might have had this done. Yes, WI members may be unwilling to have a speaker on so uncomfortable a subject. But everyone at our meeting agreed that it must be wiped out, and wished there were something we could do to help. At the very least, we'll be writing to NFWI and WFWI to urge more member engagement.

Back to the Annual Federation Meeting and easier subjects. Amongst the several speakers, Steven Parissien, director of Compton Verney since 2009, ran entertainingly through its history and current offering. Although it's now an award-winning art gallery and 120-acre park, a previous owner was so short of money that he sold chapel glass to the USA, chopped down trees, and even killed his animals, selling the meat from his van.

Jonathan Moseley, a floral designer, wowed the audience with a wide-ranging talk about the flower business, during which he created no fewer than 17 large and stunning arrangements. Our five members could smell the gorgeous mass of blooms from half way back in the auditorium.

Coming up next

Thursday 11th May - we'll be voting on the campaigns to be chosen at this year's National Annual Meeting. The WI's grass-roots democracy means that every member has a say in the organisation's projects. This year we'll decide whether to support one, both or neither of two resolutions: to work alongside health professionals to reduce loneliness in the community, and/or to campaign to keep microplastic fibres out of oceans.

Thursday 8th June - "WI Past & Present".

Saturday 10th June - Harbury Carnival - cake stall and tableau

Thursday 13th July - "Shipwrecked in Antarctica", with Georgie Hale.

Friday 21st July - Waterperry Gardens outing

Saturday 29th July - Village Fun Day (we'll have a tombola)

Thursday 10th August - Garden Party

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, or 07834 667 523. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/harburywi



Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge

"Only When I Laugh" Thurs 18th, Fri 19th and Sat 20th May

Everyone involved has been very busy and we think you are in for a really enjoyable evening. The cast of the Little Grimley play - "Strictly Sex Factor on Ice" have finally managed to keep straight faces and not continue to corpse at the jokes. Sue has also brushed off her teenage skills as an ace roller skater to be the star of the Little Grimley Players' "wonderful" show. The sketches in the first half include a comic reflection on modern day life - have you ever thought that computers are more trouble than they are worth? There's also a different take on internet dating, robbing a bank, a good night's sleep and world co-operation.

Joy and Jo are entertaining us with their lovely singing; Jo is reprising her success with a Victoria Wood song.

On the Saturday night, 20th May only, a delicious supper will be served. Tickets for this night sell out fast: £12.00 and £10.00 concessions. Tickets for other performances on Thursday, 18th and Friday 19th May are £7.00 and £5.00, a bar will be provided every night. All tickets are on sale from Harbury Chemist or Mugleston's and by phone, tel 612029. Doors at the Village Hall open at 7.00pm, curtain up 7.30pm.

We are confident that you will have an entertaining night out.



Folk Club

Ian Hartland

Harbury Folk Club's 389th edition was a packed evening of entertainment from 18 different acts. The decision to run without a theme can be a double-edged sword as some artists like the challenge of finding specifically-focused material. Not in April. We enjoyed a varied programme of songs, poems and props and lack of a theme seemed no deterrent to anyone's creativity.

The Harvesters duo kicked off the first half with two self-penned songs: "Dancing with Nancy" and "Middle England". Janny and Maureen aptly sang of "One April Morning" and followed that with "We'll Yodel It over Again". Rick played his concertina and sang "When the Night Surrenders to the Sun"

and the Beatles' "Long and Winding Road". Nikki gave her debut performance at the club with the popular "Killing Me Softly". We're hoping to hear more songs from her at future events. Peter Mason announced that he was on a career break and sang "Idle Time", followed by "All Used Up". Surely not? A welcome return to the club from talented a cappella singer Ruth Fortey delighted us with "Rhymes And Reasons" and then took us on a "Bus to Saint Cloud". We hope she doesn't leave it too long before returning. The half closed with the effervescent Martin Day who recited the ballad of "Cosmo McGrew, the Fairly Accurate Prospector" and then another hilarious poem about the Battle of Hastings and Harold, on his horse, with his hand up his hawk, amply demonstrated with the aid of a brightly-coloured parrot puppet. Priceless!

The ever-popular Daft Dames opened the second half in lively style. They sang "After the Goldfish" and "Don't Play Me Your Concertina" (to a well-known tune from "Evita"). The trio S.R.S. followed with an upbeat "Jamabalaya" and a song called (I think) "For the Sake of Somebody". Pete and Liz engaged us with Ralph McTell's "Weather the Storm" and the plaintive "We Never Mention Aunt Clara", a relative who made more of her life than perhaps might have been deemed conventional. Grandfather and granddaughter duo Lou and Mary charmed us with their two songs: "You're Falling Way Behind" and "Whose Garden Was This?" Peter McDonald debuted a new song, "England Green and England Grey" by Reg Meuross, and followed that with the chirpy "Cigarette Packet Song". John Zetterstrom took to the floor with his lively "Bad Health Song" and coupled it with an original version of the venerable "Greensleeves". The second half was brought to a harmonious conclusion by two songs from newcomers to the club, Jan and Campbell. They deftly joined "The Grey Funnel Line" with "A Sailor's Life" into a single, engaging composite. The inviting chorus of "The Golden Vanity" completed their set and got the audience fully involved in the accompaniment.

With yet more artists to shoehorn into the evening, and no opportunity for any earlier performers to offer an additional number, the third half kicked off with Des singing Tom Lewis's timeless "A Sailor's Prayer" and then he was "Rolling Back the Welfare State". John Hill made his welcome return to the club with "Lisa, Lisa" and completed his offering with "On the Border". Ray gave us "Sunday Morning Coming Down" and "Four Strong Winds". To close the evening in fine musical style, Graham and Tina, otherwise known as Morris Oxford, sang of "A Brisk Young Butcher" and finished with the teasingly humorous "Nine Times a Night".

The chosen charity was Cancer Research, for which Sue and I are both competing in the Great Birmingham 10K on 30th April. We raised a magnificent £89.00 on the night. Many thanks to everyone who so generously contributed, both in money and also in song.

The next Harbury Folk Club will be on Thursday 4th May, run by Sue who has chosen "Names" as the theme. Get there early if you want a great evening of music and entertainment. We're in the Village Club and we start promptly at 8.00pm.



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

On Friday 24th March we went to the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen for an enjoyable evening for our annual "Supper and Skittles Evening". This year, our sixth, the teams were named after French cars; Bugatti, Citroen, Renault and Peugeot. Despite their reputation for luxury and quality, Bugatti were beaten into second place by the Peugeot team of John Stringer, Rosemary Harley, Celia Neil and Shirley Brunton. The highest scorer was Celia Neil and Peter Timson won both games of "Killer".



**The winning Peugeot team
(It was Red Nose Day)**

Our twinning partners from Samois-sur-Seine in France are coming on the 5th May to spend the weekend being entertained by our members. The programme we have planned includes; a visit to Coventry Cathedral; a walk around Draycote Meadows Nature Reserve with a picnic; a Caribbean evening in the Village Hall with a steel band and a Cajun supper. Optional visits have been arranged to play Frisbee Golf in Old Milverton, or to Compton Verney to view the current art exhibition. Additionally, many of our members will be opening their homes to host dinner parties of family groups of members and French visitors.

As twidders we believe that personal contacts and friendships overcome all frontiers and that mutual understanding of people can be furthered for the benefit of international peace and goodwill.

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Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 25th May



1st Harbury Cubs

Katharine Giblin

Cubs Go Potty on Mothering Sunday

This term Cubs from 1st Harbury have been busy doing their community project. With support from Tesco, who provided some of the bulbs and compost, we planted up over 120 pots containing Dutch Iris bulbs during a Cub session.

These were then handed out to the local community attending the Mothering Sunday service at Harbury All Saints' Church. Thank you to Tesco in Southam, Rev Anne and especially to our Cubs for all their hard work.



Harbury Netball Club

Beccy McDaid

Harbury Netball Club Celebrates 40 in Style!

You will have read from recent Harbury News that Harbury Netball Club celebrated our 40th anniversary this year. We have had an amazing season with the Senior A Team narrowly missing out on promotion to the Coventry and Warwickshire 1st Division. A very youthful Senior B Team have been improving greatly throughout the season and still have their end of season tournament to play.



Clockwise from top left: 1976/77 A Team, 1976/77 B Team, the present day senior B team & the present day flexi squads

Both Flexi league teams have played some fantastic netball, leading to the Flexi 2 team finishing League winners, a tremendous effort all round.

With three junior teams this year we have had mixed success BUT a fabulous end of season tournament saw the U16B Team winning the Runners Up Trophy and the U16A Team finishing Tournament winners; a great way to complete their Junior Netball Days! Well played girls. The U14s have had a great season playing in an age group or two higher than their years. They can hold their heads high as they have definitely held their own all season.

All in all, a great way to celebrate 40 years of netball in the village.

We are not a club to let the chance of a party slip by!!! So at the end of March we held a celebration 'NetBALL'. The Village Hall was decorated to within an inch of its life with our team colours of red and green. Players from the very first team 40 years ago rubbed shoulders with the players of today and many



Present day senior A team

from the years in between. We ate, drank, reminisced and danced all night. It was a fantastic night and a wonderful way for all Harbury Netballers to get together and enjoy remembering so many brilliant times throughout the years.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the night and especially to everyone who came and made it such a super occasion.



The U16 A Team



The U16 B Team

This season is now at a close but we will continue to train throughout the summer. Summer training is for all age groups from juniors through to seniors and back-to-netball players too. So if you fancy a run around on a Thursday night come and join us. Starting Thursday 4th May 6.30-7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Beccy McDaid via email mcdaidmadhouse@talktalk.net to find out more information.



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

8th April 2017 - Harbury 'A' 41 v Plymstock Albion 39

With no league fixture, Harbury entertained a Plymstock Albion touring team travelling up from Plymouth – captained by ex-Harbury player “Soaps”. The touring side were always going to struggle as only 12 players answered the call to arms, not helped by being asked to leave Wetherspoons for being too rowdy at 10 o'clock the morning of the match. On a warm sunny afternoon the match kicked off with 12 players a side, which often made for a very open but not necessarily fast game! There were plenty of willing Harbury players on the

touchline ready to take over when players from both sides found the going a little too much. The match was sympathetically refereed by a Society referee normally assigned league matches in Midlands 1; this made for a game being played in the spirit appreciated by everyone in a touring match.

20th April 2017 - Harbury Seniors A.G.M. was held at the Clubhouse. Matthew Knight was returned as Chairman and Jeff Foster was returned as Vice Chairman. After more years than he cares to remember, Ian Kimberly (Kimbo) stood down as Treasurer. It was proposed and carried that both Bob Sandford and Kimbo be made "Life Members" for their work and support over many many years.

22nd April 2017 - Harbury 1s 36 v Keresley 17

In the final league match of the season Harbury produced a Jekyll and Hyde performance. From a strong and determined run by centre Steve Alford, Harbury opened up the scoring with a try wide out. It soon became obvious that Keresley's strength lay in their pack and the rest of the half was played out with them scoring two converted tries and a penalty to lead 5-17 at half time. The second half could not have been more different as Harbury strengthened their pack which provided quick ball for the backs to run in five tries.

The evening was followed up with Awards / Presentations to the Senior section of the Club.



Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 2nd May 2017, 19:00 - Harbury Mini & Juniors (M&J) AGM at the Clubhouse.

Saturday 6th May 2017, 19:00 - Presentations / Awards evening for U13s and U15s.

Friday 12th May 2017, 19:00 - Presentations / Awards evening for U6s through to U12s.

The M&J section of the club operates under the hard working Chairman (Mark Werren) and boasts 185 players that train or play fixtures on a regular basis on Sundays. A number of Harbury players regularly turn out for South Warwickshire District teams as well as hosting regular floodlight District training sessions throughout the season.

Remember to look out for June's magazine when we will be able to reveal the outcome of the Awards and Presentation evenings together with forthcoming events.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Hi Readers,

Thank you for all your continued support for Harbury Toddler Group.

We do rely on new families joining our group on a regular basis to sustain our local village service.

It seems to us such a short time between meeting new children, watching them grow, getting to know them and being happy to see each other every Monday before they have to say bye bye and move to their next phase of education. How time flies when you are enjoying yourself, developing independence and discovering new things.

This term Rosie starts preschool, we wish her well and hope that she will still come and visit from time to time.



We closed over Easter for the first time in three years but beforehand we had a wonderful sensory Easter experience courtesy of Aimee Mann, mother to Jago, Bella and Freddie.

When you just can't find that special egg, jump right in for a better look!!

We started back after the Easter Holidays with a real treat from Mel of the Company BilinguaSing.

She runs classes in Leamington Spa teaching Spanish and French through musical rhymes and familiar songs.





She engaged the group firstly singing the songs in English followed by the Spanish equivalent. Here we are in action. Gracias Mel.



We have lots to look forward to this month with our very own volunteer Selina organising a sponsored walk around the park, and we always love our dancing session with Miss Lorraine along with Karen who travels all the way from her home in Malvern to share her joy of books.



8th May - Toddler Waddle sponsored walk to the local park organised by Selina.

15th May - Miss Lorraine from Love Ballet.Com will lead a dance and movement session.



22nd May - Wild Things and Gold Rings

Karen Argent from the Letter Press Project will be enchanting children with storytelling and bringing books to share.

Warwick Hospital is looking to provide a home from home for expectant mums with the opening of a new £1.5 million birthing unit.

South Warwickshire Foundation Trust, which runs Warwick, Leamington, Stratford and Shipston hospitals, is planning to open a midwife-led unit early next year offering parents the chance to give birth in less clinical and more homely and comfortable surroundings.

Anna Jackson from Warwick Hospital came to share these exciting plans with us and enlisted our help as part of the local community, to volunteer, raise funds or get involved. We look forward to the opening of this welcome facility. If you would like further information you can contact charity@swift.nhs.uk

If you want to join us at 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 lynnbarton@btinternet.com





Following the Easter break all were rejuvenated (possibly due to chocolate eggs) and raring to go. We welcomed two new children; Rosie and Ted and were excited at the prospect of receiving some visitors in the form of PC Jamie Cramp, Nurse Helen Cooper and maybe a member of the AA – all part of our theme around 'People who help us'.

Easter activities: As we neared the end of the spring term the children thought about the meaning of Easter and we were all delighted to be visited once again by Gill Guildford. The children thought about who or what they were grateful for in their lives. They then produced some thoughtful mark-making on to their own special paper leaves which were then placed on the Gratitude Tree that Gill had brought in to Pre-School for us to display.



In the last week and as a treat for filling up their pebble point jar, the children made chocolate Easter nests to enjoy at home. The children's learning was supported by picture recipe cards and they learned about how a solid substance can melt and become a (delicious) pourable liquid!

As a follow-up to the visit by Gill a couple of weeks prior, Rev Nikki and Gill met us so that we could walk to church and bring our Gratitude leaves to hang up with the community ones. The children were met inside the church by Tony who gave a demonstration of how the bells were made to ring and

many of the children had a go at pulling on the bell rope. We then had a walk around the church while Nikki and Gill told us all about the various interesting objects including some behind the scenes peek at where the robes and equipment were kept. Just before we left, each child put their Gratitude leaf on to the tree and we each listened to hear who they were grateful to. Thank you to Rev Nikki, Gill and to Tony for inviting us and to Tom for being a helper on the day.

We look forward to seeing you at the village coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on the 13th May and at the Carnival BBQ in June.



If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton, Business Manager, e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07939 122087 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

I am amazed to find that I have just made my 10th report to the Village Hall Annual General Meeting and I thought this might be of interest as it reflects the current situation at the Village Hall rather than just a monthly snapshot.

This year the committee has, to some extent, been able to take a breather after the colossal efforts over the last few years which have seen so much improvement and modernisation of the hall. The most significant changes since the Hall was built in the early 60s. We are not resting on our laurels however and our plans to upgrade the heating, lighting and insulation are well advanced.

The Fundraising Committee, chaired by John Hancock, has done a wonderful job these last few years, our thanks to them. Fundraising is currently on the back burner but can be resurrected should the need arise.

It has also been ten years since the Village Cinema started and this has become a very popular village event. Our thanks are due to Lana Long and her family for all their hard work and also to Tom and Flo, Lana's Mum and Dad, for all their work behind the scenes with the cinema and also for their unstinting efforts keeping the Hall spick and span. As far as the cinema is concerned we are looking for someone else to come forward and to give the Long family a break. The cinema is a good fundraiser and can be run by any group in the village who wish to raise money.

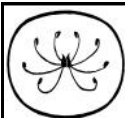
I must also thank the committee for their enormous contribution and whilst not mentioning individuals, few people realize how much is involved in coping with bookings, invoicing, health and safety, day to day management of the hall, all by our team of volunteers.

Sadly, Chris Finch, our Vice Chairman, a mainstay of both the committee and the village community, has not been at all well and is recovering from major surgery. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

On the more mundane front I am pleased to be able to report that the Hall booking levels remain strong with increasing interest from outside of the village, much of which comes from the website. Our financial position is similarly healthy.

On a personal note I was somewhat embarrassed to find I had been nominated for an award in the New Year's Honours list. Thank you very much indeed to those involved but of course the BEM should have really gone to the entire Village Hall team.

Finally an example of why running a small business, which of course the Village Hall is, can be exasperating. Scottish Power supply the hall's electricity and to date have made seven, I think, appointments over a couple of years to replace the supply meter. I am still hoping they will turn up and do the job!! Perhaps I should not blame Scottish Power but their contractor G4S!!



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Another superb talk at our April meeting from Duncan Coombs. Such a shame that only 21 members came but we all had a great evening. Duncan spoke about his first (and only) visit to Tibet. His fellow companions were plant lovers so he was in good company. He said that he would love to return and we could all see why as the talk progressed. He went there in July and August in 2010 when it was high Summer. His opening photo was of Everest looming in the background near Kathmandu, as you can see Everest from so many countries.

Once in Tibet they went to a market town called Tingri as bad weather stopped them walking much further. Here the river divides Nepal from Tibet and they had to walk the bridge crossing the next day as they were too late in the afternoon. Further up the mountainside we were treated to all sorts of alpine plants from yellows to blues and violet colours. Some familiar and some not. There were even delphiniums amongst willow herb, loose wort, polygoniums and huge rhododendrons. As they progressed further there were Tibetan prayer mats on either side of the paths, at this point 4000 meters high. At 5000 metres the fabulous colours continued to dazzle, then it became very arid. The houses here were very basic with no electricity or water but some sheep did manage to find food.

They then went on a road which was no more than a dirt track really, called Friendship Highway. In parts it was like the Wild West, with the locals wrapped up against the colder conditions but the outfits were very striking. They camped in Yolock but the tents were none too comfortable. Amazingly here was a barley crop but it was full of a fungus which contains LSD so you can imagine how the locals felt after eating this! The yaks who carried their luggage were very bad tempered and you would not want to upset them.

We then saw the snow melt higher up, the water was icy but the flora adapted to the conditions. We saw clematis with nodding heads and some lovely primulas from tiny to large. Also a plant which resembled a dandelion but had white leaves. Again many saxifrage which grow in crevices amongst the rocks. Nature is so clever to find a nook or cranny to inhabit.

Duncan had to stay in a village a bit lower down as by now he was suffering with altitude sickness. He was made very welcome by the Tibetans but his diet left a lot to be desired. Mostly yak milk tea and some of the food was almost inedible but so rude not to eat it as it would have caused offence to his hosts. They visited another village which because of the political situation with China was usually off limits to tourists. The accommodation in the house he was welcomed into was again basic, the fireplace being the heart of the home. The storage drawers were colourfully decorated as were the walls with blankets used in the winter to keep warm as it is too cold to go outdoors, so don't ask about the sanitation! The soil here is stony but some plants do establish and grow such as tuber like potatoes, white eucalyptus, betula with stripy bark and some other very rare trees. After this he rejoined his group who had made the hilly and treacherous journey to a monastery which was 4980 metres above sea level.

Going back down they crossed the tectonic plate and were surprised to find ammonites. We saw Lhasa Palace which was incredible both inside and out. This was a fitting end to their travels. Duncan brought along some lovely souvenirs for us to look at, including an ammonite, lovely hand woven shawls and scarves and jewellery which we had great fun trying on. He answered questions at the end and everyone said what a wonderful talk and speaker.

Don't forget to contact me to come on our day trip this year which is on Thursday 22nd June when we are going to a delightful National Trust property near Romsey (less than 2 hours away) called Mottisfont. It is famous in June for the roses but the rest of the extensive gardens are equally as impressive. Lots of walks, places to eat and a magnificent house to explore complete with a Rex Whistler room. We leave the Village Hall at 8.30am and Mottisfont at 5pm and the cost is only £20. It would be nice to have your company - do contact me.

Here are a few suggestions for places to visit in May, all open for the NGS. On Sunday 7th Packington Hall near Coventry, post code CV7 7HF will be open from 2.30-5pm and the cost is £5.50 with teas. A Capability landscape garden with the added bonus of a bluebell wood which hopefully will still be flowering, and much more. Two choices for Sunday 14th - Steeple Aston Gardens just outside Banbury, post code OX25 4SP, will be open from 2-6pm and the cost is £6 with teas in the village hall. There will be five diverse gardens to see and enjoy. The second garden is Stowell Park near Yarnworth and Northleach, post code GL54 3LE. This is the home of Lord and Lady Vestey open from 2-5pm and cost is £5. It has fabulous terrace views over the Coln valley with walled gardens for fruit, vegetables and flowers, teas are available.

An old favourite, Harrells Hardy Plants will be open on Sunday 21st from 11am- 5pm and the cost is £6. It is in Ridge Lane Evesham, post code WR10 3B. The nursery and gardens here are planted informally with hardy perennials, grasses and day lilies amongst other plants. There are a total of 26 beds and borders to explore and teas are available too. Then on Saturday 27th Eckington Gardens near Evesham, post code WR10 3BH, will be open from 11am-5pm and the cost is £6. There are four different gardens to explore plus teas. Lastly on Sunday 28th more open gardens at Pebworth near Stratford upon Avon, post code CV37 8XZ from 12 noon to 6pm and the cost is £7. Winners of Britain in Bloom 2016 and there are over 10 gardens to explore.

I do hope that you can get to at least one of these events as the NGS collects so much for charity including Macmillan nurses. By the time you read this we will have had our last meeting of the season on 2nd May when Rob and Diane Cole will be visiting us to talk about Fostering a Wildlife Meadow. I will report back in my next article. In the meantime enjoy the rest of Spring and our wonderful countryside, we are lucky to live in such a great county.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

The highlight of April was that we were able to get the new cover on the polytunnel on a warm and wind-free day. We'd had to cut it during storm Doris to prevent the hoops from buckling under the strain of the wind. But the cover had been on for about ten years so it had lasted longer than it should have. Replacing the cover was made much easier thanks to the help of Chris, John and Archie who kept going with the help of a bit of lemon drizzle cake.

I've been looking through some old gardening books. It's not long ago when we were all being advised to use many chemicals to destroy pests and diseases. Most of these products have been withdrawn which is no bad thing. If, for example, you get some greenfly on your roses you will soon find ladybirds or lacewings eating them. If we destroyed all the snails what would happen to one of our favourite birds the thrush? There needs to be some kind of balance.

Jobs

- Plant out annual bedding towards the end of the month
- Sow hardy annuals eg larkspur, marigolds
- Dwarf French beans and runner beans can be sown
- Cover potato shoots with earthed up soil
- Plant out cabbage and other brassica plants.
- Sow more carrots, peas and salad leaves.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

I'm writing this rather earlier than usual (15th April) as Sharon and I will be away in Lisbon when the deadline for articles comes round. It's dry and bright today with a cool wind pegging the temperature to a maximum of 14C. There was a little rain yesterday afternoon and overnight but less than most crops require at this time of year. Oh for some decent April showers.

I have walked through South Cubbington Wood on three occasions in the last month. It's an ancient wood (i.e. existed before 1600) with markers such as

Small Leafed Lime and Wild Service trees, Wood Anemones, plentiful bluebells and Wood Sorrel. Together with our largest wild pear tree a good deal will be swept away when HS2 is built so if you want to see it in its prime go soon. The pear tree is actually in the hedge leading south-east from the southern edge of the wood. On a decent day the billowing white blossom stands out when viewed across the Leam valley from Hilltop Farm. From Cubbington village the best approach is via New Street and then the track known as Mill Lane.

Whilst visiting Clun in Shropshire in early April to do some family history research we stayed at a farmhouse and enjoyed some excellent walking weather in relative solitude. The farm had a decent sized pond and I noted a disturbance in one corner. It was caused by a mass of tadpoles only recently hatched. Peering into the water below I could see several mature newts. They did not seem to be actively feeding on the tadpoles at the time but perhaps they had already taken their fill. On a telephone wire down the lane I saw my first swallow of the year. Here, they are not in numbers yet but Hugh Tottle told me he had heard a cuckoo call on 10th April so Summer is rushing to meet us.

On Sunday 9th April the temperature approached 20C and a blue butterfly flew through our garden. It was a Holly Blue as the other Blues do not emerge so early in the year. Look for this butterfly's eggs in May at the base of the host species, holly and ivy's flower buds. They appear as a tiny white disc. On hatching the caterpillar attaches to the side of a young berry. It bores a hole in the skin and proceeds to eat the contents before moving on to another. This feeding damage is distinctive and worth searching a host plant to find.

Now, at the entrance to Ladbroke on Southam Road you will see a mass of cowslips. All are yellow apart from one which is an aberrant red.

Those cycling to Leamington are grateful to have the bridleway known as Pete's Path to escape from the traffic on the Fosse Way. This route is parallel to the railway line and emerges down Golf lane into Whitnash. Recently I noticed a fine specimen of the bracket fungus with the intriguing common name of Dryad's Saddle. It was growing on a dead elm bordering the route. Its Latin name is *Polyporus Squamosus* and it is listed as edible though I have never tried it. Certainly you would need a young specimen as it becomes hard and rubbery with age. Its other common name is Pheasant Back as the pattern on the top of the cap looks like a pheasant's feathers.

Whilst walking in the Windrush Valley I looked to see if Common Broomrape was in evidence. I had found it growing some years ago at this time of year. Sure enough it was still present. The Broomrapes are in a family of their own - Orobanchaceae. They are parasitic perennial flowers lacking their own chlorophyll. Brownish yellow in colour, they resemble withered orchids. The host is often a vetch and this provides them with water and nutrients.

Now, the various shades of green delight the eye and enable tree identification by leaf colour. Young oak leaves are a shade of yellowish green

whilst horse chestnut is rather darker. As Spring progresses the leaves of deciduous trees generally darken as more chlorophyll is drawn up the trunk and photosynthesis gets into full swing. There is a lot to see so get out there if you can and enjoy the month of May.



General Section

Harbury's WW1 Memorial Trail

By the time you read this there will have been a church service to mark the centenary of the death of Rex Beardsworth, the then Vicar's son. He was one of the soldiers who gave his life on 3rd May 1917 at the battle of Vimy Ridge in World War One. This is just part of the village's project to commemorate and honour the thirty-three Harbury men who died in that war. There will be a full report on the whole event in the next Harbury News.

Rex Beardsworth fought with the Canadian Troops, having emigrated to the Province. Below is an extract from G.D. Sheffield's History of WW1 which lauds the men he fought with.

"The Canadian Corps were commanded by Lt General Sir Julian Byng, a British Cavalryman. The Canadians combined a disregard for the niceties of King's Regulations with a fine record as fighting troops. They were the finest soldiers in the British Expeditionary Force tending to display a high level of initiative. The Canadians captured Vimy Ridge although hampered by snow, and earned four VC's in the process. Fighting continued until 17th May.

The Canadians had reason to be proud of their achievement; Vimy Ridge became a symbol of their efforts in the War. Subsequently two hundred and fifty acres of land on Vimy ridge were given by the people of France to the people of Canada. On this stands an enormous and beautiful Memorial. The names of 66,000 dead are inscribed on the twin pylons of the Vimy Memorial."

Linda Ridgley



Memorial Garden Concert

On the evening of Saturday 13th May the Royal Naval Association Male Voice Choir of Leamington Spa will be putting on a concert in Harbury Church in support of the Memorial Garden appeal.

There will be a varied programme with music for everyone to enjoy.

The choir is delighted to have the assistance of local talented harpist Lucy Bishop, who will be playing a number of solo items throughout the evening. The concert will start at 7.30pm and tickets will be available from the Churchwardens, myself, or on the door.

Colin Oliver



Carnival is only a month away – Saturday 10th June

Time to plan how you will dress up, join the Parade and enjoy the entertainment and stalls at Carnival 2017.

The Big Parade assembles at 12 noon in Sutcliffe Drive to judge your entries.

There are coveted ribbons to be won for the first three places for most categories that include:

Trade Float, Independent Float, Children's Float, Decorated Bike/Pram/Car, Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead, Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons, Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons, Walking Tableau Family, Walking Tableau Adults, Walking Adult and Walking Child.

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

Raffle Ticket Sellers Required!

One of the main benefits of Carnival is raising funds for local charities and organisations. The raffle is a major source of funds. An hour of your time to cover any of these (particularly good if it is your own road): Heber Drive, Knightlow Way, The Beeches, Farley Avenue, High Street, Mill Lane, Mill Street, Dovehouse Lane, Neales Close, Frances Road, Drinkwater Close, Church Terrace, Church Street, Crown Street, Bull Ring Farm Road. Please contact John Broomfield on 614258 or any of the other Committee members (see below).



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

To advertise in the Programme, call Julie Marshall-Hardy on 613355.

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

The Carnival Games will also take place in the week before Carnival – to be announced soon.

See you there!

Peter Walshe
On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Harbury & Ladbroke News

Student Award - Win £250!

The Harbury & Ladbroke News is looking to make a number of awards of £250 to students commencing studies in Autumn 2017.

We want you to write about your reflections on growing up in Harbury or Ladbroke.

Eligible entrants:

- Students aged between 18 and 25 years due to commence a first degree University or any other Higher Education Course in Autumn 2017.
- Must live within the Parishes of Harbury or Ladbroke - this includes Deppers Bridge, Chapel Ascote, Hodnell & Wills Pastures.

Reflections should be:

- A minimum of 750 words with an upper limit of 2000 words.

To register your interest, pick up an Application Form from:

- Harbury Village Library or Harbury Supermarket
- Download off the Harbury News / Harbury Village News Facebook pages
- The Bell Inn, Ladbroke
- Email: awards@hlnews.co.uk

Timeline:

- Register by 31st May 2017
- Submission of entry by 30th September 2017
- Judging and notification of winners - October 2017



Four winning entries will be published in the magazine and
will each receive £250.00

For any queries please contact John Holden on 612155 or email awards@hlnews.co.uk

MeetingPoint

Intrigued? Please read on.....

MeetingPoint is the name that has been given to a new venture for the village, which we hope will help some people in our community.

Loss can often be felt as an overwhelming emotion. Even if not a daily experience, when it comes, it can make someone feel sad and lonely. Loss, which really means missing someone or something very much, can hit anyone, male or female of any age, single or with a partner.

The first loss that comes to mind is grief at the death of a close family member, relative or friend, but there is sometimes a deep feeling of loss when a marriage finishes after divorce. There are also other types of personal relationships which break down, sometimes leaving someone feeling sad and vulnerable.

Several parents of sons or daughters living in Harbury, have moved and made their own homes here, but some miss the close friends they previously had in another place.

Some people had occupations which filled their lives, not only from a work point of view, but socially too. Retirement, redundancy or unemployment can be difficult periods for them. You can probably think of many other types of loss that people experience too.

We are so pleased to have been given the opportunity to provide a meeting place for such people once a month. The new owners of The Crown Inn, John and Amanda, have kindly agreed to offer a room in the pub for this purpose and will provide tea/coffee and biscuits. You will be welcomed at the bar door by someone who will show you where to go. The first Tuesday of the month, anytime between 2pm and 4pm, will be the date and time, so Tuesday 6th June will be our first group get together. If you feel this is something that might help you, please do come along to *MeetingPoint*. You can stay for as long or as short a time as you wish, refreshments will be free and we can assure you of a warm and friendly welcome.

Jill Winter 612585

Rev Dr. Nikki Moon - njmoon@outlook.com

Harbury Senior Citizens' Committee Update

Firstly, we would like to thank Paul Winchester for organising and running a quiz night in the Village Hall at the end of April. He has done this a number of times in recent years and we are grateful for this fund-raising opportunity. Our thanks also go to everyone who took part in the quiz. We hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you each and everyone for your support.

The invitations for the Summer Outing to Poole will have been delivered by the time you read this. Please return them to Mugleston's Country Fayre or number 1, Park Lane by **Friday 12th May**. We have had a few questions about whether we will be stopping on the way back. Yes we will, somewhere.

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

We are aware that some people who are eligible do not wish to receive any invitations from our organisation. Also, quite a number of people never return the invitations to either the outing or Christmas Party, so if you would like to be removed from our distribution list, please let us know and we will honour your request.

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

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens' Benefit Association



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

As we go into May, we approach the fifth anniversary of the Library as a community enterprise run and staffed wholly by volunteers. It is worth remembering – and some newcomers to the village may not appreciate this – that when the library was run by WCC it was only open on one and a half days a week, in contrast to the five and a half day opening we operate now. We also now have the benefit of a thriving café, Biblio's, which not only provides great home baked cakes and drinks and acts as a thriving social centre for the village, but also funds the on-going costs of the library. All of this has only been achieved through the hard work and dedication of a large team of volunteers, around 100 different people in all, who regularly give up their time to keep things going. Please do come along and take advantage of these facilities if you do not already do so and see what you are missing – for example, in addition to the usual free wi-fi, board games and art exhibits there will be a special display of World War 1 fiction and non-fiction books to complement the launch of the Harbury WW1 Memorial Trail during May. Opening hours are 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 10am-12 noon on Saturdays for the Library and 9.15am-12 noon Weds-Fri, 10am-12 noon Saturdays for Biblio's, and check us out on www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

Part of the success of the Library is the large number of books – over 3000 in all - which have been bought or donated exclusively for inclusion in our stock. A few of these have proved so popular that they have not been returned, so in the spirit of our celebrations this month we will not be charging any fines on books from the Blue Label Collection (those which belong to Harbury Library

and have a blue sticker on the book's spine) which are brought back, no matter how overdue. So if you come across a BLC book under the bed this month, please bring it back as we will welcome it and you with pleasure! (Please note that this amnesty does not apply to WCC books which we also loan, any of which you can reserve on-line and pick up and return locally.)

Janice Montague



Chocolate Tombola

Last year we had a chocolate Tombola stall at the Carnival and it was a very successful fund raiser. We are going to do the same again this year. We would be very grateful of any chocolate donations, this can be anything small or large (finger of fudge or a box of chocolates) all would be much appreciated.

The money raised is going towards the Senior Citizens outing to Poole and the Christmas Dinner. If you would like us to collect your goodies please call 612066 or you can drop them off at Julie Clarke, 32 South Parade or Mike McBride, 1 Park Lane. Thank you so much.

Senior Citizens' Committee



Harbury Village Show

Schedules for the show on 9th September are now available in the Library. Also, to make it really easy, they can be downloaded from our website HarburyVillageShow.uk

The usual classes for vegetables, fruit and flowers remain the same, but check out some new ideas for cookery and interesting titles for photographs. We know we have some very talented photographers but sometimes an ordinary snapshot can catch the judge's eye, so do have a go. There is also a new class for woodwork as we saw some lovely examples last year. And don't forget that men can enter all the classes – we know from Bake Off that they can cook at least as well as the ladies!

Village Show Steering Group

Harbury NSPCC Committee

There has been an active NSPCC Committee in Harbury for a long time and over the last ten years we have raised £21,100 for this very worthwhile cause. During the course of a normal year we organise various fund-raising events e.g. a Ladies' Lunch, our December quiz, a coffee morning, and organise the raffle at the Southam Rotary Burns Night in the Village Hall.

Unfortunately, in recent years our committee has been greatly depleted due to resignations, illness and relocation. We need to recruit some new members urgently in order for the committee to continue with its work.

If you are interested in getting involved in our fund-raising events, please contact me on 614664 or e-mail elainebruceis@hotmail.com

Elaine Bruce

Village Club & Institute

Another very busy month at the Club. Everyone who came to the Easter Bingo on 8th April had a really enjoyable time. It was lovely to see families all taking part and a lot of the children did win a prize (I hasten to add not money) which just added to the whole experience. Lots of delicious Easter eggs too. Look out for the Summer Bingo when again families will be very welcome.

The next event was the AGM which was well attended by over 30 members plus committee members. After the introduction by Pam, Clive then went through the accounts for 2016 which, after many years when the Club suffered losses, he was more than happy to announce that a profit had been made, big cheers all round. Various items on the profit and loss sheet were covered and all voted to accept the financial statements which had been independently audited. I said a little speech in which I thanked everyone for making me feel welcome and for the continued support. There were a few points raised and answered, but all in all everyone was more than pleased with the upturn in the fortunes of our Club. So we are looking forward to another successful year to build on what we have achieved.

We only had two new members last month but the total so far this year is 30 and this is really excellent. We also had three more bookings for the use of our facilities and we have had a record number of bookings so far this year. Don't forget that there is no charge for the hire of the concert room and many more local societies are making use of this for meetings etc. We look forward to hearing from you.

There will be an influx of lycra on Saturday 20th May when we will be welcoming the cyclists who came last year and stayed to enjoy a great evening after their exertions of the day. They livened up a Saturday night, so come along and join them, it is not obligatory to wear lycra!

I have managed to obtain various games for the children to enjoy outside on the benches, some old fashioned ones and some modern. We are trying to get a jenga game and I have seen a badminton set and will keep searching for interesting games to keep the children occupied. These will be kept inside the building but will obviously be made available upon request. I think that parents will appreciate this too as there are not many places where children can be outdoors and enjoy competing with each other while they (the parents)

can enjoy a drink and a natter. Please let me know if you think of anything else or could even donate a game, thank you.

The pots of flowers outside the front of the Club are looking very colourful and healthy. The daffodils at the entrance to the car park on either side have finished flowering but other flowers will be planted over the next few weeks to ensure that a colourful welcome greets you. John and I have been busy again tidying up all the rubbish that had accumulated around the edge of the car park and the front of the building. It was heavy going but hopefully the people who dumped the litter will not now do so again.

I have started to get the moss and weeds up from the car park entrance and will slowly carry on all around the edges, it will not be a quick job but even now it looks so much better. I have to mention too that John edged the grass around where the benches are at the front of the Club and it looks so tidy. We were going to start to dig out a small plot at the top of the car park but after two and a half hours of nonstop tidying etc we called it a day but intend to do so over next two or three weeks. I am also getting sponsorship from local businesses towards the four hanging baskets that we will do for the summer which again will brighten up the outside walls, so watch this space.

So as you can see every effort is being made to encourage members and non members to use the Club more often and to enjoy the improvements. I know that there are many members who only visit the Club very rarely so now is your chance to put that right. End of lecture!! Thank you to all who have been so very supportive over the last few months, it is appreciated and I look forward to seeing you all over the rest of Spring and beginning of Summer and hopefully warmer weather.

Judy Morrall

An Invitation to All

“Thy Kingdom Come” – for nine days between 25th May and 4th June, up to Whit Sunday (Pentecost), both Harbury and Ladbroke churches will be open from 8.30am to dusk. You are warmly invited to make use of this opportunity to enjoy these quiet spaces in God's presence. There will be a well lit and specially arranged area of the church for this.

This is part of a national initiative by the Archbishops of York and Canterbury to encourage people to seek God and pray for his kingdom to come in the world.

There is no set way anyone should pray, we hope each individual will participate in a way that is comfortable for them. There will be some written prayers available for those who would like to use them. There will also be some particular prayer events in these churches to which all are welcome. These are displayed in a specific notice elsewhere in this magazine.

Brian Jones (All Saints' Planning Team)



Harbury Energy Initiative

Riding the current

In an act of selfless magnanimity the HEI team has allowed me to write for Harbury and Ladbroke News for about seven years now. I don't know how they have managed to restrain their ardour. But I sort of prefer doing to writing. The trouble is that doing, from the perspective of HEI, has become harder now. For some years we rode the wave of government initiatives to encourage active take-up of eco measures to make houses more efficient - and we achieved a lot. These enticements have now all but dried up apart from the Renewable Heat Incentive. Even new housing no longer has to meet stringent efficiency measures, as the priority of building more and more houses has meant that everything built now already needs retrofitting. A new house ought to be so efficient in heat retention and energy saving that your bills are significantly lower than the national average of about £1300 for heat and electricity combined. You could get depressed about this but I don't advocate that.

The reason that some incentives have been greatly reduced has a rationale. Photovoltaic panels (PV) don't cost nearly as much now and new technology is improving them year on year, so they are very much still a good investment. Some of the modern materials being tested to replace the current industry standard are very exciting, so you might want to wait a year.

[Warning: the rest of this article contains statistics. Some people are at risk of being persuaded by them.]

Hot air

Heat usually costs more than light and power. Many of us live in older houses. These can require as much as 18,000 kWh over a year to heat the internal space; good insulation can reduce this to 4,000 kWh. By far the most effective and long-term beneficial thing to do is and always has been to make your house hold on to its heat better by good insulation. The more you waste, the more you have to generate. The cost of insulation might work out as no more expensive than putting up PV panels.

At the moment the big excitement is about batteries. That might not excite you yet but it might do in the near future. Battery energy storage makes sense in houses where PV panels have already been installed or are about to be. A 4kW array is as large as most houses will have and this will generate on average 3,500 kW a year of electricity; the average house (if there is such a thing) will use 3,300kW a year. In theory, therefore, there is the potential to generate all the power you need from your own roof. But this isn't matched by the pattern of use. The winter has a habit of being cold and dark and all the sun comes in summer when we use far less energy. Batteries can make the equation work but are still expensive for domestic houses. The price is gradually falling.

Lighting up

The quickest home savings can be made by replacing old light bulbs with modern LED ones. This need not require any change of fittings or wiring and the price of those too continues to drop. Given that a 75W equivalent LED bulb will last 15,000 hours and use 11W, you soon get your money back. This is why HEI is focusing on upgrading the school's lighting at the moment. Funding this is quite a challenge as the kind of lights they use are a bit more expensive than the kind you might have at home. Our current plan, which we have yet to discuss with the school, is a gradual refit room by room as money becomes available.

Bob Sherman - 612277
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Harbury e-Wheels

The board and members of Harbury e-Wheels would like to thank all those that came and supported the launch of our appeal at the concert 'Music to Keep e-Wheels Rolling' on 31st March. The evening itself raised £1216 with additional single donations of £320. Our appeal invites people to donate on an annual or monthly basis and the response so far from the concert promises us £780 a year. This is a wonderful start to our fundraising campaign but we clearly have a long way to go yet. When we wrote our appeal leaflet we envisaged that we would need about £5,000 a year to keep the wheels rolling. Our experience of demand in the first quarter this year (338 hours of requests completed) suggests that we may need to raise £6,500 a year.

We have been able to help many people in Harbury as a result of donations to date. If anyone has planned to support our appeal but not yet got round to it or would like to give but was unaware of the project appeal till now, please do contact Liz McBride (612421). It would help us enormously to know how much more we need to raise. Alternately, if you picked up an appeal leaflet and find that you are not able to support us, please drop it back to the church or through my door at 8 Church Terrace. This will save us the printing costs of more leaflets.

This event would not have been possible without the contribution by Harbury Folk Club and Choir. They not only gave us a wonderful evening of music enjoyed by all but also did so at no cost. We are deeply grateful.

If anyone would like to join our wonderful team of volunteers and support a uniquely Harbury project, I would love to hear from you.

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Local Foodbank Needs your Help

In 2016 three hundred people were fed around the Kineton, Southam, Bishops Itchington and Wellesbourne areas, an increase of 48% over 2015, which shows need is rising. The warehouse for storage is in Kineton, where all donations are taken and from there food is sent to the surrounding towns and villages as required, including Harbury. In 2016 Harbury donated 818kgs, taken weekly to Kineton by e-Wheels. This was a magnificent contribution and would have fed around eighty people. Over the last few weeks donations have decreased significantly, but as there is increasing need it would be very much appreciated if we could return to the giving level of last year. Any tinned or dried food (although they often have a surplus of baked beans!) would be so welcome. It might be an idea for me to put right a few myths - people don't just queue up for free food, they have to be given a voucher by an accepted agency such as a GP, social worker, School Head, Children's Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau and clergy. People receive enough food for three days, which can only be repeated three times in six months. Many recipients are in low paid work and most need food to tide them over one difficult period. I have personally seen cupboards and fridges almost bare. To receive help from a foodbank is an embarrassing last resort for many. If you haven't donated food before and would like to do so, there is a plastic box on the left as you enter Harbury Church, which has suggested items on the lid, but staples of pasta, dried potatoes, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, dried milk, tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit, biscuits and cereals are all good, as well as basic toiletries, soap, toothpaste and toilet rolls.

Thank you so much.

Jill Winter - 612585



Heritage Room

As usual the Heritage Room, with its hundreds of Harbury-related documents and photos, is open Tuesday 2nd May and Tuesday 6th June from 6.30-8.30. You are welcome to come and browse at your leisure. We would be delighted to see you. We are always open on the first Tuesday of the month, and other times by request.

MR. 'Bob' THORNICROFT b.1906 (Village Baker until 1972) - memories of teachers in Harbury School 1909 - 1920

"How old were you when you went to school?"

They took me up to Harbury Infant School when I was three and a half. Yes. And my Dad's youngest sister, my aunt, she took me because she was a big girl of 14 going to the school - took me up there and left me and of course I thought how big it was to go to school with her, because I thought the world of her, you see. What I didn't realise was that she was going to leave me and go

back to another school and they said she hadn't got far down the road and I was trotting along behind her.

So you didn't stay at three and a half?

Oh yes, they took me back. I stopped.

Can you remember anything about the old infant school?

Yes. I remember Miss Bird, my first teacher. She hasn't long been dead you know. No, she was in her nineties when she died and she always took the infants, Miss Bird did. And Miss Bird taught generations; she taught a lot of people and she also taught their grandchildren as well. She started teaching when she was 15 and she taught until she was 65. She was a wonderful person, Miss Bird.

She taught the youngest children?

She always took the Ones first and she always said her big saying was, "We can do anything with them providing mothers leave them alone." She said, "Leave them with us, we can handle them, but if the mothers start interfering then that is no good." She said, "I don't care how young they are when they come provided the mothers clear off." That's what her story was and it was right too. She taught me and also taught our daughter, but she taught some older than that and she taught grandchildren as well; but she taught our girl and our daughter; she'd never hear a word about Miss Bird. Whatever Miss Bird said was perfectly true, and every child under the sun it was all, "Miss Bird this and Miss Bird the other." She was - she was a wonderful teacher, and even if you were as young as I was - three and a half - you could always remember Miss Bird stories and what she told you and everything.

So she told you good stories?

She hadn't been college trained - she could handle little children and even when she was getting on - she carried on you see a bit longer because they were a bit short of staff, and she taught until she was 65. And I always remember her on one Ascension day - our little Violet came in, "We've been to church today - it's Ascension day - its 25 years since Jesus ascended into Heaven." I said, "Who told you that?" "Miss Bird said so." I said, "She didn't tell you 25 years." "I tell you she did - Miss Bird said it was 25 years today."



Southam History Fayre & Valuation Day: Saturday 20th May 10am to 4pm in St James Church Southam

Are you interested in finding out more about local and family history? Do you have an antique or vintage item and want to know what it's worth?

Southam Heritage Collection has invited a host of important local history groups to join them for a History Fayre on Saturday 20th May from 10am to 4pm inside St James Church, Southam. One of the groups will be Harbury Heritage where Nigel Chapman will have items on display from their collection.

The day will also cover local history from surrounding areas - Long Itchington, Marton, Birdingbury, Warmington, Warwick, Lillington and Leamington Spa - along with family history, and Warwickshire Home Guard will have a large selection of items on show. It is an opportunity to see what Southam and the surrounding villages are doing with history in their area.

Alongside the many exhibits and displays, Locke & England auctioneers and valuers will be providing a valuation service for your antiques and collectibles. Local author and historian Alan Griffin will also be on hand to sign copies of his latest book about Southam in World War II - which are available to buy at a discounted price of just £5 at the History Fayre (normal price £6.99).

Refreshments will be provided by the volunteers of St James Church, so why not come along for a browse around the displays, enjoy a cuppa, and take the opportunity to explore the iconic 14th century building that dominates Southam's skyline? Entry is free, valuation service is £1 per item to help towards the event expenses. Enquiries to Linda Doyle 01926 814214 or email southamheritage@hotmail.com (Website: www.southamheritage.org)

Pam McConnell & Linda Doyle

Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre Open Day

The Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre at Bishops Tachbrook is holding its annual Open Day on **Saturday 17th June** between 11am-4pm (last entry 3pm). Free parking and free entry.

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Katey Stoneman - 01926 412724
Waste Projects Officer
Warwickshire County Council

**Dates for inclusion in the Harbury Diary please to:
 Linda Ridgley - tel. 612792.**



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I should like to say thank you for the many sympathy cards I received over the past few months. They contained some very kind words of support and expressed some lovely thoughts about Steve (Dolley).

Margaret Commons

Dear Editors

Gordon, Sarah, Julie and their families would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support we received at Corina's Service of Thanksgiving on 4th April, your attendance was a great comfort to us.

We would particularly like to thank those who made a donation, in Corina's name, to the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre based at Nottingham Trent University. An amazing sum in excess of £2,200 has been donated all of which will go towards innovative research into the cause and treatment of pancreatic cancer, a dreadful condition which we know has affected many people in the village.

Gordon Bennett

Dear Editors

Our thanks to everyone who supported our Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance coffee morning on Saturday 22nd of April. You made this event such a success that we have been able to send a cheque for £301 from the proceeds.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

Harbury Air Ambulance Support Group



Dear Editors

On Saturday 27th May my daughter Hayley is holding her 8th Annual Charity Ball – “My Dad’s Do”, at the Chesford Grange Hotel in aid of Brain Tumour Research, the Aylesford Cancer Unit at Warwick Hospital and also to help with the re-hab of her best friend who had a terrible road traffic accident 18 months ago.

It really is an amazing evening of live music, fun and entertainment starting with a drinks reception at 6.30pm followed by a three course meal, coffee and chocolates. Also of course the evening ends with a late night DJ and all for £55!

Already she has raised £57,500 with a lot of hard work and the support of some wonderful people. What an achievement; we are so proud of her!

Would you like to join us and help support these great charities even more, as well as having a fantastic evening? We would love to see you!

If so please contact Hayley for details on 07702 683788 or hayley@green761.freeserve.co.uk or you can donate on www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hayleys-charity-ball

Thank you.

Sylvia Green

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3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Said Communion Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service Evensong
4 th Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
5 th Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am	Said Communion Sung Eucharist
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May 21 st	Saints Alive	10.30 - Service for all ages – tea, coffee and cakes
May 28 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Jesus heals a man with leprosy
June 4 th	Little Saints	10.30 – Please come wearing red, yellow or orange for "fire"! – short service followed by breakfast
June 11 th	Children's Church Messy Church	10.30 - Come and see! 3-5pm - lots of fun and games, worship and tea
June 18 th	Saints Alive	10.30 – Service for all ages – tea, coffee and cakes
June 25 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Come and see!
July 2 nd	Little Saints	10.30 - Annual Pets' Service for all , followed by breakfast.
July 9 th	Children's Church Messy Church	10.30 - Come and see! 3-5 pm - lots of fun and games, worship and tea
July 16 th	Saints Alive	10.30 - Service for all ages – tea, coffee and cakes
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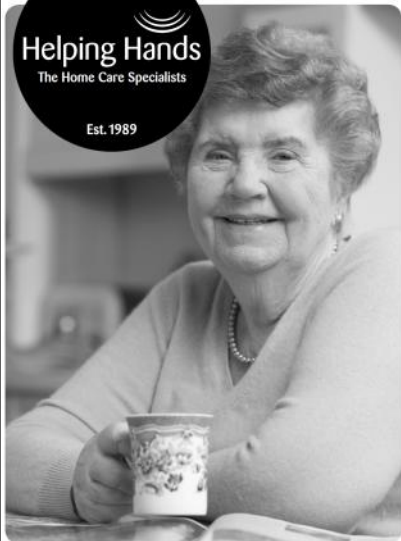
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The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling us to join them in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost—25th May to 4th June.

Harbury and Ladbroke Churches are open from 8.30 am to dusk for people to come and pray or just sit and be.

All regular services will continue as normal, although the prayer focus will be on themes included in Thy Kingdom Come

Morning Prayer takes place in Harbury Mon - Fri at 8.30am for approximately 15 minutes

	Date	Time	Place	Event
Thurs	25-May	7.30 pm	Ladbroke	Ascension Day Eucharist
Fri	26-May	11am	Harbury	introducing the 9 days of prayer
Sat	27-May	all day	Harbury	The church will be open for all to pray for our village
Mon	29-May	2 - 3pm	Harbury	praying for our nation
Tue	30-May	7.30 pm	Harbury	Eucharist and time for silent prayer
Wed	31-May	2.30pm	THR	Prayer and Cake
Thurs	01-Jun	7 - 9pm	Ladbroke	Prayer stations open for prayer
Fri	02-Jun	2-3 pm	Harbury	Meditation on forgiveness
Sat	03-Jun	all day	Harbury & Ladbroke	The church will be open for all for thanksgiving prayers
Sun	04-Jun	4 - 5pm	St James Southam	Concluding prayers and cake.



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Intro to Ballet (5-6yrs)
4.30pm - 5.15pm
Grade 2 Tap (12-13yrs)
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Pre-Primary Ballet (6-8yrs)
5.15pm - 6.00pm
Grade 4 Tap (14yrs+)
5.45pm - 6.30pm
Primary Ballet (8-9 yrs)
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Grade 3 Tap (13 yrs+)
6.30pm - 7.15pm
Grade 5 Ballet (15yrs+)
6.45pm - 8.00pm
Adult Tap (Adv)
7.15pm - 8.15pm
Inter Foundation Ballet
8.00pm - 9.15pm
Adult Tap (Beg / Inter)
8.15pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday

Mini Movers (0-5yrs)
9.30am - 10.30am
Grade 2 Modern (12yrs+)
4.45pm - 5.30pm
Grade 4 Ballet (15yrs+)
5.30pm - 6.30pm
Grade 3 Modern (13yrs+)
6.30pm - 7.15pm
Grade 4 Modern (14yrs+)
6.30pm - 7.15pm
Pointe Class (Beg/Inter)
7.15pm - 8.00pm
Grade 5 Tap (15yrs+)
7.15pm - 8.15pm
Pointe Class (Inter/Adv)
8.15pm - 9.00pm
Adult Ballet (no exp req)
8.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday

Zumba (Over 50's)
10.00am - 11.00am
Adult Ballet (Over 50s)
11.00am - 12.00pm
Funky Dance (3-6yrs)
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Gymnastics (all ages)
4.30pm - 5.00pm
Commercial / Contemporary (9yrs+)
4.45pm - 5.45pm
Grade 1 Ballet (10-11yrs)
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Funky / Modern (7-10yrs)
5.45pm - 6.30pm
Boys Street Dance
5.45pm - 6.30pm
Grade 2 Ballet (11-13yrs)
6.30pm - 7.15pm
Grade 1 Modern (10-12yrs)
7.15pm - 8.00pm
Grade 3 Ballet (14yrs+)
8.00pm - 8.45pm

Friday

Mini Movers (0-5yrs)
10.00am - 11.00am
Little Tappers (3-5yrs)
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)
4.30pm - 5.15pm
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9.45am - 11.15am
Baby Ballet (18mths+)
10.30am - 11.15am
Musical Theatre (9yrs+)
11.15am - 12.45pm
Aesthetic Gymnastics (4-10yrs)
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