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Editorial

Once again, Harbury and Ladbroke have excelled themselves with colourful displays of Christmas lights. Frances Road is always worth a visit for its stunning spectacle.

After an absence of a number of years, the area has been hit by two heavy snow falls, although fortunately local shops and services have continued to serve the community.

Turning to 2018, Southam College Community Education courses start again on 15th January – see the article for further details.

It is a pity that Harbury's contribution to the local Food Bank was down in 2017, compared to the previous year. Could one of your New Year resolutions be to support this worthy cause?

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Marjorie King and Olive Taylor.

Harbury Diary

JANUARY 2018

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| Sat | 6 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Work with Children |
| | | Twinning Association, Fête des Rois celebration |
| Sun | 7 | EPIPHANY / BAPTISM OF CHRIST |
| | | Holy Communion, 9.00am |
| | | Little Saints' Service followed by breakfast, 10.30am |
| | | Tennis Muffler Tournament, 10.30am |
| | | Celtic Service, 6.00pm |
| | | Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall |
| Mon | 8 | Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall |
| Tue | 9 | Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall |
| | | MeetingPoint New Year's Tea & Cake, 2.30pm, 11 Wagstaffe Close, (booking required) |
| | | Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall |
| | | Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 10 | Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Eathorpe - Marton (3½ miles - flat) |
| | | Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room |
| | | Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall |
| Thurs | 11 | Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am |
| | | WI Meeting, 7.30 for 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room, Graham Sutherland - Feisty Females |


- Fri 12 Dandy Development, 9.15am, Village Hall
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Dunkirk', doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
Harbury Society Members' Social, from 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 14 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 15 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 16 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walk, catching 10.00am bus from Village Hall to Southam and walk back to Harbury (4 miles)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Fri 19 Dandy Development, 9.15am, Village Hall
Southam 2000 Rotary, Burns Night, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Children's Air Ambulance
Lunch, 12.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - menus in Church Hub
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- Sun 21 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Saints Alive! All Age Informal Communion Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 22 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 23 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Moreton Morrell to Ashorne (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion, followed by coffee, 9.45am
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Parish Council, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall

- Fri 26 Dandy Development, 9.15am, Village Hall
WI New Year Party, 7.30pm, David Howe - Partners of Prime Ministers
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice
- Sun 28 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 29 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall
PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Village Hall Committee Meeting, 7.45pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Tue 30 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 31 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Bubbenhall Wood (4 miles - flat)
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall

FEBRUARY

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
HEI meeting, Speaker: Martin Graham of Sure Power, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 2 Dandy Development, 9.15am, Village Hall
Harbury Junior Football Club, Quiz Night, 7.30 for 8.00pm prompt start, Village Hall
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of GASS (Guides & Scouts Support)
- Sun 4 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service followed by breakfast, 10.30am
Laying on Hands Service, 6.00pm
- Tue 6 MeetingPoint Valentine's Lunch, 2.00 - 4.00pm,
The Crown Inn, (booking required)
Heritage Room Open Evening, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Leamington Hastings to Broadwell (3½ miles)
Mothers' Union Communion Service followed by meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury WI, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, Members' Evening with puddings
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Friends for Myotonic Dystrophy

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- TEL. 612792.**

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

	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	Reverend Craig Grocock
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Happy New Year . . . but slow down a bit!

The festive season was a busy time once again. I am always puzzled over Christmas as to why so many people leave everything to the last minute and end up rushing around in a frenzy of activity and getting so stressed as a result. Rushing isn't nice (I tell myself this regularly!), it makes us more impatient and I am sure we've seen a lot of that over recent weeks too.

There are lots of us who despite trying to be patient, simply don't like waiting. We have come to see waiting as nothing more than a problem, a nuisance, an interruption in our lives, which breaks the control we think we have over our time. The idea that waiting is often necessary, or maybe even valuable, seems at odds with the rhythm of life we create and sustain for ourselves – this is something we reflected on as a church during Advent. However, having to wait and be at the mercy of another challenges the illusion that our timetable, our busy plans for getting things done, should take priority over everybody and everything else that matters.

Chronic busyness, when we start to define ourselves by how busy we are is addictive and can deaden our understanding of the true value and purpose of God-given time. It takes hold when we have not asked ourselves what is important in our lives and have had the strength to stick to these priorities.

May this coming year be a year where we go a bit more slowly. May it be a year when we rediscover the growth and wisdom that comes from patient and graceful waiting.

If there's room for another new year's resolution, why not make it your intention to find the space and stillness to breathe fully, to stop the rush and to experience the wholeness and blessings that God, and others, might want to pour into your life.

May God bless you this New Year.

From the Registers

Funeral

5th December Marjorie King (90 years)



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Thank you to all who have prepared the Church for Christmas and taken part in the celebrations. We wish to thank especially the Revs - Craig, Nikki and Ann - for their inspiring words and leadership of the church here in Harbury and Ladbroke.

In early December, the Christmas Fayre raised £1223 for church funds and the raffle raised £2231 for Myton Hospice - an excellent result and thank you to Father Christmas who sparkled so well in his new white grotto surrounded by many elves.

Snow did not keep people away on 10th December and thanks to Ann Clucas, who stepped in to play the organ, we had a full sung eucharist. Messy Church welcomed children and parents in the afternoon when we made cards, sheep and nativity scenes finishing with a meal together of pizzas and chocolate cakes. One cannot eat salad in snow – fact. I believe some snow angels were made outside the Tom Hauley Room too!

The Christingle service of light raised £90 for the Children's Society and further donations will be added from the raffle on 23rd December and the retiring collection at the carol service. The Christingle is really the first "Christmassy" service as the candles are lit and all sing "Away in a Manger" inimitably accompanied by Mike Hare.

A new year and the first resolution is to finish the Memorial Garden! We have the grass seed, we will get benches and we have the funds. We will have to wait for spring to sow the seeds but as this is arriving ever earlier hopefully all will be accomplished by Easter.

A happy New Year and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

A lot has happened since the last article. We hope you all enjoyed Christmas and wish you a happy New Year.

December started with the Diocesan Advent Service; this year conveniently for us at St Peter's, Wellesbourne. It is always inspiring to see the banners carried up; I counted 20. Three of them had, embroidered on the reverse, the names of our link dioceses in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Australia – a reminder that M.U. is truly worldwide. The Reverend Steve Hood preached about our Lord's coming as a vulnerable baby to bring us freedom from fear. So we are set free to reach out to the needy and to oppose evil as we serve Him.

Our own meeting was that same week. We welcomed Rev Craig who took Communion. There was then an unusual diversion, as we were joined by four of the Open the Book team. This is now established in school to tell Bible stories at assemblies roughly every other week; they are narrated from the Lion Story Bible whilst the team dramatize them, to help the children understand and remember the story. M.U. members were given an abridged version of the Legend of the Fourth Wise Man, whose kindness stopped him from giving his gifts to Jesus the baby, but, years later, meeting the Risen Lord.

Our next event has been our New Year party, and, although I am writing this before it happens, I think I can safely predict that it was a happy occasion of friendship and fun.

Members are reminded that the subscription is due, for those who wish to support the wider work of M.U. Visitors are always welcome to come to any meeting.

Next, on 7th February it is hoped we shall have a talk about Save the Children UK. This is at 2.30pm following Communion at 2pm.

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Christingle Service

All Saints Church, Harbury, would like to thank Tesco, Southam for donating the oranges for the Children's Christingle Service on Sunday 17th December.

The service was led by Curate Rev. Nikki Moon and the children enjoyed parading around the church with their Christingles which had sultanas and sweets attached.

The Christingle orange represents our World. The red ribbon represents Jesus' blood, shed in love for the World. The four cocktail sticks represent the four corners of our World. The sweets represent the good things God provides in our World. The Candle represents the Light of Christ who comes at Christmas.



The photo above shows Helen Willoughby Cooper (dressed as Cruella de Ville) presenting the oranges to Peter Took of All Saints Church

Gemma Took

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

JANUARY 2018

Sun 7 Christmas II

Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Wed 10 Parish Council, 7.45, Village Hall

Thurs 11 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 12 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Sun 14 Christmas III

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Mon 15 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tues 16 Photography Club Meal, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn

Wed 17 Table Tennis, 7.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 18 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 19 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Sat 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK

Sun 21 Christmas IV

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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

Thurs 25 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

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Fri 26 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Sat 27 Safari Supper

Sun 28 Christmas V
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

FEBRUARY

Thurs 1 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall
WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 2 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Sun 4 Candlemas
Christingles and Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by
refreshments

Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 7 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

First of all can I wish everyone a Happy New Year, though as I write this it is still a few days before Christmas so I can only report on some of our Advent and Christmas events.

Unfortunately, our service on 10th December was cancelled due to heavily falling snow and atrocious driving conditions, though as usual the church was open for prayer for anyone who wished to brave the elements. Later that day, with five inches of snow laying on the ground and more still floating down, I walked into Southam across the fields - luckily there were footprints from someone with big feet to follow, I felt a bit like the page in the Good King Wenceslas carol, one of many which we sang at Beer and Carols on the following Thursday. That evening was good fun thanks to our hosts Hugh and the staff at The Bell Inn, Kate on keyboards (except for Jingle Bells which Bea played with great aplomb), Allan's sound system and of course everyone who came and sang with such gusto.

Then of course we had the serene Nine Lessons and Carols service and we are very grateful to Bill, Kate and each member of the choir who give up their Tuesday evenings to come to church and rehearse for this and other special services. The church looked lovely and festive too thanks to our talented flower arrangers and the



Christmas tree, kindly donated by the Collins family and decorated by Harrison and Morgan; many stayed on to chat over mulled wine and mince pies organised by Sue L, Joan and their helpers, finally leaving for home with a bag of tiny oranges thanks to Matt.

By the time you read this we will be pulling together the results from the heritage survey and condensing it into key points to support our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a significant grant towards repairs to the stonework of Ladbroke Church. If you returned your form thank you very much for your time and sharing your opinions and suggestions. All being well the application will be submitted in early February so if you didn't get round to completing the survey or handing it in there is still time and it will still be of value to us as we need a high response rate and ideas are always welcome. There is definitely enough interest for a meeting to discuss a Ladbroke Heritage Group so watch this space for more information on that topic.

From the Registers

Funeral

22nd December Olive Taylor



**Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's
Institute**

Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey

It was with real disappointment that we had to cancel our WI Group carol service on 11th December because of snow and ice. However, the committee didn't eat all the mince pies or drink all the mulled wine so we hope to re-schedule in the New Year.

We did have our Christmas social as planned and had fun with some games from the Federation. The giant Jenga proved the most popular with some hilarious results. The table tennis foursome was very entertaining as we weren't exactly scratch players. Floor draughts were interesting and some of the 'feely bags' proved to be something of a challenge. A veritable feast was provided by our members and the odd glass of fizz kept us in the party spirit so that a good night was had by all.

As this was not a business meeting there were no Minutes or notices. It was good to have time to socialise and catch up with friends in a pleasantly relaxed atmosphere.

We meet again on 4th January when our speaker will be Vicky Farmer getting the New Year off to a good start by telling us all about healthy eating. As ever, new members are always welcome. Please call Joan on 813856 or Dianne on 817904 for more information.



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.



On **Saturday 27th January** we shall be having another migratory meal around the village – or what we call our **Safari Supper**. It's a great way to revive old friendships or to make new ones. Whether you are new to the village or have been here for decades, this is the way to brighten a dark January evening.

For more information contact Martin Neal (812668) or Kip Warr (815004).



Our Christmas film night was once again a resounding success. More film nights will be planned for this year – so watch this space. You'll need to book early as places are always very limited, so if you would like advance notice of our film dates for 2018 make sure you are on our email circulation list. Email Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) to be added.



We wish all our readers and supporters a very happy and prosperous New Year! More of our 2018 programme will be available soon. If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the Trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

October 2017

£50	Cara Jenkins	£50	John Lowman
£25	Heather Crompton	£25	John and Jenny Barrett
£25	Pat Kennedy	£10	Carole and Peter Loftus
£10	Mike Connor	£10	Peter Baker
£10	Christine Baker		

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£50	Miranda Lowman	£50	Colin and Kay Constable
£25	John and Jenny Barrett	£25	Kip and Mif Warr
£25	Joley Malby	£10	Tracy Lochhead
£10	Christine Baker	£10	Steve Copley
£10	Geoff Timms	£10	Richard Walker

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Our December meeting was all about Autumn. We had both a competition and a phototopic (projected images and discussion) and we gorged on the brilliant oranges, yellows and reds of autumnal trees. It was a relief to see some green occasionally. The problem with the gorgeous colours is that they do not show up in black and white but Mike's photograph shown here looks good with or without colour. Our competitions are judged in two classes based on print size: big and small. There was a time when most of the entries were small, so the chances of a win were greater for big prints. Now, as people's confidence and skills have increased, the situation is reversed so the cunning and ambitious should turn to small prints!



Photo by Mike Todman

In January we shall meet up at The Bell for our annual dinner and on 6th February will be back in the Village Hall for our AGM and a competition on Christmas. Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings; for more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

November 2017

Planning

There was a large audience as there had been many applications this month, including yet more amendments to the Quarries development where no houses were to be reserved exclusively for local people to rent or buy.

Paul Quinney's computer technology showed how the owners intended to remodel the rear of the Manor House to provide a neater kitchen space with improved insulation and a more sensible roof. After some discussion the Council made "No Representation".

Dave Andrews was seeking Councillors support for his plans to build on the paddock south of Harbury House. There being only two objections one of which was from the Harbury Society. He was supported by Councillor Summers, but the Chairman was firm; the Council had made "No Representation" to the previous application and would do the same again. They very rarely support plans unless there they are for improvements to shops or other village amenities. The Chairman explained that the village had overachieved its housing total. Councillor Rutherford said the plans provided nothing extra for the village but noted that the application was for a self-build property (which is exempt from the quota). Councillors voted "No Representation" by 6 to 2.

Overall the Councillors had few queries about the plans for exterior lighting on the Shakespeare Inn but Cllr Gibb complained the immediate neighbours were not consulted and the plans gave little detail of how bright the lighting would be. Councillors agreed to ask that the applicant, who was present, consulted the neighbours and provided more information.

Councillor Pat Summers explained the history of Bull Ring Cottage whose owner wanted to bring back into the property No1 High Street and build a family room at the rear. This and tree work at 3 Pirie Close resulted in "No Representations".

Councillors had some concerns about plans for a two storey extension at 4 Manor Road and asked the owner for clarification. They were not sure whether he needed to present a new application just to delete one window from the plans. Similarly the owner of 2 Harbury Fields Cottage was quizzed about the amount of parking space that would remain if his extensions were approved, but eventually they made "No Representation" as they did for the proposed extensions at Honeysuckle Cottage, Hall Lane and 11 Constance Drive.

On plans to extend Woodside, Hall Lane they had concerns as the house was very close to the railway cutting and they spotted plans showed a rainwater soakaway to the rear which they felt sure Network Rail would not allow. They would highlight this point but made "No Representation".

The fight goes on to convince the local Clinical Commissioning Group to help fund the promised new Surgery for Bishops Itchington. Work is still on-going with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Properties

Playing Fields - repairs and painting of play equipment continued and the bent goalpost had been removed as had Deppers Bridge's broken bench. Car park barrier repairs were in hand and the zipwire and basketball board would be mended.

Up to £1,000 was set aside for a new mini-goal and its installation. Quotes for the adult fitness equipment were discussed and Councillors agonised over whether to dot them round the exercise track or put them all in one place. It appeared that an area beyond the Tennis Courts was their favourite but they agreed to seek public views.

They thanked Paul Quinney and the Scouts for clearing up after the Bonfire but were concerned one firework malfunctioned. Paul said this had been recorded and the group would seek to ensure the fault did not re-occur.

Burial Grounds - Cemetery Development Services would undertake the survey of the new burial ground and Councillors would urgently seek a quotation for structural repairs to the present Chapel of Rest which was to be cordoned off for safety. Cllr Summers suggested they just knock it down and sell the stone, but was told this would in itself be expensive. The Chairman wanted it repaired; it was "an Historic Building over 150 years old and in the Conservation Area". Cllr Gibb agreed to research any grant aid available for the project.

Councillor Summers reported she could do with more volunteers to work on the Burial Grounds but they would weed and tidy it for December. The boundary fencing was not taken away to the Bonfire so she arranged for the mowing contractor to remove it.

Allotments - Councillors decided to put plot rents up to £30 but the Finance Officer wanted the increase to reflect the cost of the water bill and waste removal. A decision would be made at the budget meeting. Twelve months' notice of the fee must be given.

Damage to Parish Property - Councillors were angry that building contractors had badly damaged the village greens although the developers of the Spinney Paddock claimed some damage was caused by residents.

Cllr Gibb located areas of road and pathways where repairs following the gas main work had not been well done. He was concerned about the Farm Street/Binswood End corner. All the village signs had been photographed including road signs but he discovered that they were in different ownership and the Parish was not allowed to clean all of them.

Finance

The Energy Initiative was asked to provide additional information to their grant application for the next meeting. Licences for the sports groups would also be considered then although there were still the concerns about the future ownership of the Tennis Clubhouse to be ironed out.

Other Business

The Chairman suggested that the village might hold a community produce market at some time next summer.

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 7th December 2017

This was one of the shortest Parish Council meetings on record and consisted entirely of the consideration of the latest planning applications.

It started with a discussion about the plans for a bungalow in the garden of 43 Manor Road where concerns were expressed about the proximity of the proposed pre-fabricated timber-framed dwelling to the highway. Cllr Christou liked the principle of a self-build eco-home, in modular form but was

concerned about the size of the plot. The Chairman pointed out that the local need for affordable homes was under-acknowledged and stressed that if this had not been for local needs the Parish Council might have opposed it. As it was they agreed to make No Representation but to press the need for homes for local people. They suggested that if approved there should be a condition that the bungalow had to be occupied by someone with a local connection.

Plans for tree-work on the copper beech at the Pound led to the Council insisting that the Tree Officer view this “iconic” tree, as the Councillors themselves were not tree experts and could not judge whether the removal of some of the branches was necessary.

The rear extension proposed to 7 Manor Road was not seen as a problem as the plot was very large. And similarly they had no objection to the application for a new window at 12 Ridgley Way or to the plans to remove later rear extensions to the Manor House and replace them with a single-storey kitchen extension.

Next Meeting: Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p>Mary Thompson</p>
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How good was your present wrapping this Christmas? Members of Harbury WI had a most enjoyable evening at their Christmas meeting where we had the opportunity to learn how to wrap a bottle.

Our speaker was Alan Keech who had a change of career from working in insurance to running a business called “Thoughtfully Wrapped.” He told us how he used to be a “guy wrapper” but then completed gift wrapping courses in London. Since then he has worked in 10 Downing Street, Selfridges and wraps gifts purchased in his wife’s shop. He now runs courses for small groups and WIs.

People have wrapped gifts for thousands of years but present wrapping in the UK didn’t start until 1919 using brown paper, tissue paper and string - Sellotape wasn’t invented until 1930.

Once we had heard Alan talking about the history of wrapping, it was our turn to learn how to wrap a bottle. It was a very noisy and hilarious half hour but we all managed to wrap bottles of various shapes and sizes – needless to say some parcels looked better than others.

A very happy evening was had by all - ending with sharing gifts from a bran tub and eating mince pies.

Harbury WI meets at the Tom Hauley Room on the second Thursday of the month. Our new year starts in January when subscriptions are due. We look forward to 2018 when we shall be celebrating the 100th birthday of Harbury WI. We have lots of special events for our centenary year and a display of

photographs will be on display in the Heritage Room at Harbury School from February. Do have a look on the first Tuesday of the month.

Our speaker on 11th January will be Graham Sutherland talking about "Feisty Females." David Howe will be the speaker at our New Year Party in the Village Hall on 26th January when he will be talking about "Partners of Prime Ministers."

We shall continue to run the Rural cinema. The next film on 13th January will be "Dunkirk" and on 24th February the film will be "Victoria and Abdul." Buy your tickets for the January film from Harbury Pharmacy by Wednesday 10th January - £10 with fish and chips or £5 without. Both include raffle tickets. Any £5 tickets remaining after 10th January will be available on the door. The cinema tickets often sell out so buy your tickets well in advance.



Harbury Theatre Group

Ian Panton



Over 500 of you attended the Panto this year and here are a few photos to remind you of what went down. Audience reaction has been universally good with people saying "Best ever yet" "Very funny" "What a production" "Brilliant singing" and so on. Ever fancy having a go yourself? If so here's your chance to get involved.

If you want to tread the boards then fabulous as we always welcome new talent. If the thought of standing in front of an audience terrifies you then you could be involved in other ways such as ticket sales - front of house - running the bar – publicity - helping with costumes and props.

We have our next social on **Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm at The Shakespeare.**

Hope to see you there.



Folk Club

Ian Hartland

The 397th edition of Harbury Folk Club was an evening of top-class entertainment from no less than 18 different acts. It kicked off at 8pm prompt with the largest act yet seen at the club, Harbury's own Folk Club Orchestra. They performed "Bethany's Waltz" and then a medley of "Le Fete Du Village/Shove the Pig's Foot A Little Further Into The Fire". Janny and Maureen had the task of following that, but charmed us with "The Banks of Allan Water" and "The Power Cut", a song about spending Christmas without electricity but enjoying it much more as a result. Rick followed with a song about memories "In My Father's Eyes". He then gave us the late Jake Thackeray's hilarious song about the landlady's three amorous daughters. Barbara had come to the area for another occasion, but stepped up to sing "I'm Always Glad to See a Man Like Thee" and then "That Room up in the Sky". The guitar-playing talents of Don were next on show as he sang the classic "All Things are Quite Silent" about a woman whose husband was press-ganged into the Navy. He followed that with a lovely song called "Faithful". The ever-reliable Des came on next to get us all singing to "When We Are Together" and a fine version of "The Cherry Tree Carol". The first half came to a show-stopping spot from the zany Daft Dames with their version of the Kipper Family's "Hark, Hark the Bells" complete with hand bells and inflatable antlers!

The second half opened with another of Harbury's ensembles, the Folk Club Christmas Choir, who gave us "Rejoice and Be Merry" and "Pentonville", which is one of many carols to utilise the lyrics of "While Shepherds Watched". Sue Harris provided the next two songs and was joined on stage by the patient (and well-behaved) German Shepherd guide dog, Eva. Sue sang "Welcome to The World" and "The Love You Leave Behind". Eva lay down to enjoy the music. Peter Mason came up next, singing the humorous "By Jove How the Money Rolls In" and the moving "Kilkelly, Ireland". John Zetterstrom was in seasonal mood and performed Marty Feldman's "Christmas Is a Joyous Time of Year" and "Cher-ista-mas, Here it Comes Again" (I think that's how it should read?). Long-term favourites Pete and Liz gave us the lively "Hey, Hey, Hey, Mary" based around the Nativity, and then Pete recited an old favourite, the Kipper Family's poem "It Was Christmas Day". We then enjoyed the vocal talents of Pete Grassby who sang John Connolly's emotional song "A Sailor's Bride" and then regaled us with a version of "As I Came Home", about a man who returns home the worse for

drink to find his wife has left 'souvenirs' of a male visitor. The second half was brought to a great finish when Keith Donnelly sang the classic "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas". He then completed his spot with his self-penned song "Another World", which had the audience joining in enthusiastically.

The third half brought Peter McDonald to the stage with the humorous "The Friend" about two people reuniting but being unable to remember who each other is. He followed that with Jez Lowe's "She'll Always Be Freedom to Me". Lou was singing without granddaughter Mary this month but proved equal to the task with "Jock O' Hazeldean" and the lively "Old Maid in the Garrett". Ted and Sue provided a seasonal Wassail and then played a pair of Ted's foot-tapping dance tunes, "Suzie's Stomp" and "Jojo's Jig" on melodeon and ukulele. The Harvesters brought the evening to a close with "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" which got the audience joining in for this final number.

The raffle raised a highly impressive £100.00 for Myton Hospice. Thanks to Pete Grassby for supplying the additional prize of a bag of cooking apples. Thanks also to everyone who performed and, of course, to the audience who turn out every month to enjoy a high-grade evening of music and song and encourage every performer, from beginners to professionals. Thanks also to the staff at Harbury Club who always work hard to set up the room and tirelessly serve drinks to the thirsty throughout the evening.

The next Folk Club will meet on Thursday 4th January when Sue will lead the night with the theme: "Points of the Compass".



Harbury Juniors Football Club

Debbie Glover

Harbury Junior Football Club will be hosting a fundraising Quiz Night on **Friday 2nd February** at Harbury Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm prompt start. Members and non-members are very welcome to join in, the cost is £5.00 per person with a maximum of six people per team. We will have a cash bar, raffle (donations welcome) and prizes. If you'd like to join us, please use the contact form on our website; www.harburyjuniorsfc.org.uk and let us have your contact details.



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

Sunday 19th November - Old Coventrians (U13s) 20 Harbury (U13s) 40

Saturday 25th November - Birmingham Civil Service 29 Harbury 24

A very disappointing outcome for Harbury, who lost despite outscoring their opponents by four tries to two. However, it was the boot of the home outside half who was the overwhelming influence on the game. On a postage stamp

size pitch his kicking both from the tee and out of hand was faultless; he finished the game with a personal tally of 19 points through five penalties and two conversions and finding his mark from anywhere and any angle within the opposition half. His line out kicking was terrific and his big booming clearance kicks were well judged and through this he was able to shift the dynamics of the game very much to the advantage of his team.

Sunday 26th November - Kenilworth (U13s) 0 Harbury (U13s) 75

Saturday 2nd December - Harbury 10 Burbage 26

14 points down within eight minutes of the kick off was too much for Harbury to overcome with a mixed performance that did them little credit. A series of kickable penalties were turned down in favour of a lineout or scrum - an understandable desire to come away with five or seven points. Whilst kicking for goal when in the red zone may not be as impressive as a well worked try, they do increase the pressure on the opposition and might even keep the scoreboard ticking over.

Saturday 9th December. The game was called off as **Claverdon's** pitch was frozen. Not wanting to waste an opportunity, the coach held a training session for around 20 players in the afternoon. Having worked up a suitable appetite the players then gathered in the evening for a formal Christmas dinner - roast turkey with all the trimmings followed by a social drink or two, or three or more!

Saturday 16th December - Harbury 15 Coventrians 30 Midlands Junior Vase Qtr. Finals

A disappointing result for Harbury, who had the better of the first half leading 15-7 at the break. However, their cause was not helped with a string of injuries and some poor defence so allowing their second placed opponents to come away with a bonus point victory.

Harbury have a three week break before their next match away to Pershore on 13th January. The following week, Harbury travel away to Eccleshall in Staffordshire to play in the semi-final of the Midlands Junior Vase. It is very much hoped that this will enable the return of several players from injury, as at present they have a whole team out incapacitated.

Sunday 17th December. The Mini & Junior sections held their annual Christmas party at the Clubhouse. Another great family event enjoyed by all helping to send some 20 Cadbury selection boxes to the PTA for their "Senior Citizens Chocolate Tombola" and a magnificent £221 raised for the "Wooden Spoon" charity.



On a cooler note – training resumes on Sunday 7th January 2018.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Christmas Grotto: The Christmas Grotto held at the Church Christmas Fayre was very popular this year and we are pleased to announce that it raised **£198** for Harbury Pre-School. On behalf of the Committee we would like to thank the parents and relatives who supported the Grotto and a special thanks to Green Chameleon and Miles of Tiles for providing the fabulous gifts enjoyed by the children.

The Nativity Story: We were delighted to welcome Rev. Nikki and Gill Guilford who came to bring the Posada figures and talk to the children. We heard about the story of Zechariah and how an angel brought some very special news to him that he was to have a baby son and call him John. Rev. Nikki and Gill then taught us a new song and they were both pleased to sing some songs that the children were beginning to learn for their Nativity Songtime production due later in the month. The following day we welcomed Eunice McCracken to collect the Posada to continue its journey around our village.



Nativity Songtime: Due to the weather, our Songtime this year was held in the outdoor area at Pre-School. Undeterred by the rain and the cold, the children did everyone proud. They sang beautifully to their parents and relatives and finished by signing the Makaton version of "Silent Night". As is tradition, the children challenged their audience to an encore and an opportunity to learn the Makaton for "Silent Night" which they did with much enthusiasm.

Christmas Preparations: Our creative area is a hive of activity at Christmas. The children made lovely observational paintings of our tree and put their cutting and sticking skills to the test by making decorative Christmas hats. These were proudly worn by the three Kings during our Nativity Songtime and by all the children when Father Christmas came for a visit. The Pre-School Christmas tree sparkled with CD ornaments which



the children have decorated and a pile of 'presents' under the tree, wrapped by the children themselves.

Father Christmas: The very last day of term culminated with the excitement of a very special visitor. The children sang exuberantly as their families arrived and they were excited to receive gifts - many children were happy to talk about what they hoped to get in their stockings. A huge thanks to Father Christmas for taking the time to visit Harbury Pre-School!

Finally:

At the end of term, we all said a sad farewell to Angie Clifton. Angie has given our community Pre-School 11 years of dedicated service and taken on many key responsibilities over the years. Since August 2016 she has supported the Pre-School in her role of Business Manager. We wish Angie all the very best for her future and thank her for all she has done for Harbury Pre-School. We are very pleased to announce that with a new management structure from January 2018, alongside their work with the children, Catherine Kilbey will be stepping into the role of Pre-School Manager, supported by Anne Stanton as Deputy Manager and Deborah Williamson will be taking responsibility for additional admin tasks.

Anne, Angie, Catherine, Sophia, Deborah and Vonnice would like to thank the parents and the children for all the lovely gifts and cards that we were given. We are now looking forward to a great year in 2018 and return to Pre-School for the spring term on Monday 8th January.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Deborah Williamson, Administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org You can also find us on Facebook.



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

The New Year arrives and with it a few more plans for the hall. There is still decorating to be done, the front door is well beyond its sell by date as are the doors between the Main Hall and Farley Room, not to mention the trestle tables, the flooring in the Farley and Windmill rooms needs replacing and better flooring to the rear of the stage. I am sure we will manage to add to the list!

The recent cold weather has demonstrated the value of the new heating and insulation. We are still enjoying the complaints about the hall being too hot! Well open the windows then! But do remember to shut them when you leave.

On the subject of leaving the hall, **a few New Year Resolutions.** It is the hirer's responsibility to leave the hall clean and tidy and with the furniture replaced according to the various pictures around the hall. We regularly find chairs left blocking fire doors, toilets unflushed, doors unlocked and our pet hate, the dishwasher left simmering all night and the kitchen dripping with

condensation the next morning!! The hall is run by volunteers, please help us. We now have a great collection of lost property, fleeces seem particularly popular at the moment. Oh! We still have a pair of small, galvanized watering cans!

Occasionally a new phenomena pops up! This latest caused a bit of confusion. A group went into the hall in the early afternoon for a children's party to find that the family who had booked the hall that evening were already in the hall setting up for their evening 'do'! If you need time to set up, that is part of the hours booked and there are often two or three bookings on the same day.

The good news, now that I have had a "Grinch"! is that the hall is in good shape and the committee is working hard on further improvements. The next fund raiser is of course Burn's Night. Do come along and have some fun and even a wee dram!!



Tickets for the **Burn's Night** celebrations on Friday 19th January are selling well, please let me know if you wish to come. A good evening is guaranteed including a classic Burn's Night supper, The Haggis to be piped in and addressed traditionally, plus a set of whiskies to taste. All very light hearted, the last thing Robbie would have wanted was for anyone to think it was serious!!! Our Master of Ceremonies is Peter Walshe, the Haggis to be addressed, and "carved" by Peter Rollason! For tickets - £32.50, telephone Geoff on 613801.

Happy New Year.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

How will you start the new year? Shopping in the sales? Nursing a hangover? Or out in the garden if the weather is good? The start of the year is when I can be found bent over searching for emerging snowdrops, such wonderful plants to have.

I do think that I might be the only one who can always find something to do outside. Yes, I know my garden is bigger than most, but it is such a good time to get on with a number of jobs which can get overlooked when everything is growing. Just recently I've removed some spindly shrubs which looked a mess so now there's a new planting opportunity. I have cut down most of the perennials but not the ornamental grasses (they can wait until late winter). A clump forming bamboo also never looked healthy so, with the main tool being a pick-axe, I've slowly been removing that too.

It does get harder as I get older and I often wonder how long I will be able to do this physical work. Joints ache after doing certain tasks, the strength isn't

what it once was and tiredness creeps in much sooner than it used to. I'm trying to use more ground cover plants and shrubs which will help in the long run. But oh, how I wish to be younger, when I worked as a jobbing gardener all week most of the year.

Happy New Year.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
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Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today, Sunday 17th December, salmon pink clouds greeted me as I walked up Mill Street to get the paper at 8am. A week before we had woken to a decent covering of snow much to the delight of the village children who trooped down to the sloping meadow under Treens Hill with their sledges and enjoyed some winter sport. With the schools closed the following day and night time temperatures well below freezing, the fun continued. By mid-morning today rain set in and finally put paid to the many snowmen which had graced the village. The thaw meant I could get out on my bike in safety. The Itchen was high with meltwater at the Welsh Road crossing, though not so high as to obliterate the gauging weir just downstream.

Now is the time to go in search of the eggs of the Brown Hairstreak butterfly (*Thecla betulae*). The nearest place to see this butterfly is Grafton Wood, a Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Reserve a few miles west of Inkberrow. The adults are elusive and Sharon and I failed to see one when we visited in August a couple of years ago. Eggs are laid low down on blackthorn and are very vulnerable to flailing of hedgerows. Every year, most eggs were lost in this way but with increasingly sympathetic management by farmers more now survive. The eggs are gleaming white with beautiful raised sculpture over the surface. They are therefore easily seen on the bare winter branches. The caterpillar emerges in May before pupating on the ground in June. Like several other butterflies (e.g. Chalkhill Blue) the chrysalis of the Brown Hairstreak is tended by ants and thus protected from predators which include mice and shrews.

Grafton Wood was part of the larger forest of Feckenham which covered large parts of west Worcestershire and Warwickshire. It was not all woodland nor entirely the property of the king. However, the king had legal rights over grazing, wood and game. Harsh penalties were imposed for violations with a forest gaol at Feckenham and executions at Gallows Green near Hanbury.

Alan Lea has been in touch to tell me of a journey he made with his wife Raquel to Northern Spain in and around Leon where Raquel was born. They followed the beautiful narrow gorge called Las Hocer (The Sickle) eroded through the limestone by the River Tario which is excellent for trout fishing. Reservoirs in the area were at an historic low and many villages, drowned when construction occurred in the 1950's, were revealed.

I have had a lot of fun looking for Eucalyptus trees in our area. The Twinning Association were having a barbeque with an Australian theme for their Christmas party and Margaret McDonald was doing the table decorations. I tracked down three trees and perhaps others could suggest more. There is a fair sized specimen growing in the garden of the house which was once the school at Chesterton. Another is growing in a front garden in Welsh Road West. The one I chose, because I know the owner, is a beautiful specimen in Gill Bowell's front garden in Pineham Avenue.

The Eucalyptus is a member of the Myrtle family. There are more than 700 species most of which are native to Australia. Many are known as gums as they exude copious amounts of sticky secretion from any break in the bark. Some 75% of Australia's tree cover is of the Eucalyptus family.

It is probable that the Blue Mountains west of Sydney are so called because of the blueish haze hanging over them at certain times. This is due to the Eucalyptus oils suspended as a mist in the atmosphere.

Down in Ufton Woods at this time of year with the leaves having dropped from the deciduous trees, the medieval boundary can be spied from the road as it snakes through Bascote Heath. About 20 yards in is a low bank and ditch running parallel with the byway. When constructed it would have been a formidable barrier with a bank some five feet in height. To cross that barrier without permission risked arrest and harsh punishment. Recently notices have appeared saying 'Private. Keep Out' which is a little disconcerting as I was in the habit of walking through these woods from time to time. I will contact the Stoneythorpe Estate and report back.

Sharon and I enjoyed watching Blue Planet II as many of you will have done. The last programme was a wakeup call to stop the despoiling of the ocean. The accumulation of plastic rubbish was particularly sobering. Mind you, a stroll around our bit of countryside reveals plastic litter in large amounts. Let us make a New Year resolution to clear it up and pressurise businesses to play their part in cutting down on packaging and recycling wherever possible.



General Section

My Reflections on Growing Up in Harbury

This is the winning entry from Sophie Green who entered the 2017 Harbury & Ladbroke News Student Award. Congratulations to Sophie on her excellent entry. - Editors

Having lived in Harbury from the age of two years, I consider myself lucky to call Harbury home. Every inch of this homely village has its own character and sense of individuality; from the towering historic beauty of the windmill, to the farmers' fields that hug this charming place. Part of what makes Harbury such a special village is the mix of old and new. A wide variety of people passed my window - whether it was families on bikes off for a cycle round

Thwaites; two chatting ladies on the way to a WI meeting; or a mother frantically wheeling her toddler along to nursery before work. Harbury is made up of a lively and spirited collection of buildings and people.

What also made Harbury such a lovely place to grow up in is its beauty. From living in the village all year round, I have developed a strong awareness of the changing seasons. Throughout each season, the trees and the fields changed colours and people arrived and departed - but for 16 years of my life, it has been constant in its traditions which were like the village heartbeat to me growing up.

As the leaves turned crisp, burnt orange and brown, it symbolized the time for school to start again. September weather is an odd mix of bright trickles of sunshine and the backdrop of a baby blue sky, combined with a chilly wintery breeze. It was always an exciting month for me – the first month in a new class at school, often with a new teacher, and a new level of responsibility. However eagerly anticipated starting school was again, it had nothing on the excitement I felt as it approached Bonfire Night. Weeks before, villagers would start collecting dead wood in their gardens and putting it to one side. Once I was old enough to be in Scouts, I then felt great pride in parading around the village in a trailer and visiting houses to collect their firewood. Besides getting to be nosy at people's gardens, it really felt like I was doing my bit to help the village in my early teens. It was also so satisfying to watch the bonfire grow from a rather morose looking pile of sticks, to the massive heap of branches and broken furniture stacked on top of each other to incredible heights. It was even more thrilling to see it as a roaring beast, warming hundreds of pairs of hands and sending furls of smoke flying high into the cold November night sky. After a labourious day of bonfire building, a hot dog and kit-kat were definitely welcomed whilst the fruit of our efforts was enjoyed.

The bonfire wasn't the only event that held my imagination in Autumn. I'll never forget the first time I wandered down Chapel street for the Victorian Street Fayre with my big sister, staring in awe at each stall, and more to the point, each stall owner in historic Victorian costume. Coconut throwing, Morris dancing and puppet shows were just some of the attractions. A marvellous celebration of our past, as well as being an example of what the people of Harbury can achieve when we all work together.

Autumn in Harbury was also experienced in smaller ways walking to school in the morning. This included walking past boxes of home-grown cooking apples outside people's houses, or the smell and sound of the Dairy Farm on Mill Street.

A more sombre highlight of the autumnal months was Remembrance Sunday. A crowd would spread across the road, halting the traffic, and hear the names of the fallen soldiers who used to live in Harbury. Just like all of us, they would have passed down our streets, and seen the windmill and the church. The sobering effect of hearing the list of names on Remembrance Sunday has never worn off. The names of real men who fought and were killed in a war that happened just a century ago. It's sometimes easy to slip into the

feeling that here in Harbury we are untouchable, but hearing the names of men called out in front of the stone memorial by the church, is a hard hitting reminder to be truly grateful. I'm also reminded of community spirit, by the simple act of laying the flags on the memorial, and by each of us placing our scarlet poppies into the ground. By itself, the memorial means something. The addition of the flags and the poppies are very powerful too. The sum of all our efforts creates a tribute for those that died so we could live and enjoy Harbury as it is now.

I have mentioned Scouts briefly a couple of times, but I feel like it deserves a paragraph on its own. Firstly being a member of Brownies, and proudly filling up my sash with every badge imaginable, to then being a Scout, definitely made me feel integrated into Harbury. The two clubs contained completely different activities. In one club, we learned how to weave an Easter basket and how to make pancakes. In another, we learned how to use pen knives, start fires and have wrestling matches. I'll leave you to figure out which club did which. Nevertheless, I took away important life skills from both, from the ability to tie several different types of knot to perseverance and teamwork.

Once the trees were bare skeletons and the sky fell dark around 4pm, Autumn had definitely ended. Besides the evident gloves-and-hat-wearing temperature, other key aspects of Harbury denoted the season of Winter. The beautiful string of golden fairy lights down Chapel Street. The amazing, unapologetically bright and flashy Christmas lights down Frances Road. Auditions – and then a lot of hard work - for the school play. Waiting for snow to fall and the ecstatic pure joy when it did finally arrive. All of these are key memories for me growing up in Harbury, but the most vivid and heartwarming event in Winter was the candlelit Christmas Eve service at the Church. Gazing around at the overflowing congregation, it always seemed that everyone in Harbury came together for this one service, put together by so many. As a child, the magic of Christmas really did come alive with the flickering candles casting shadows on the stone walls, and the power of all of Harbury's voices coming together for the same Christmas carols we all knew and loved. What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas as a village.

One of my favourite scenes of our village is Harbury in the snow. The snow-tipped trees and sweeping white fields around turned it into almost a desolate countryside in the early hours of the morning. It made Harbury look more rural than ever. Waking early on a snow day was an important way to start: footsteps on fresh snow had to be made where no other person had trodden. Once a parent had located the dusty sled in the back of the garage, it was every man for himself. Layered up in warm clothing made it quite a sweaty race for the best spot at a sledding hill, especially if one was pulling one or two people along on the sled. But being early to the hill was crucial to locating the steepest part of the hill, and to claim that tiny downward path as yours. Harbury doesn't have an abundance of perfect sledding hills, but many of us went to the Bull Ring or the one behind Hillside. By lunch, one could almost guarantee that there would be other sledders' laughs and tumbles all around you, and a long queue behind waiting for their turn.

Once the snow days were over, it was a long wait for the first signs of bouncy fleecy lambs in the local farms around Harbury. Spring was also christened in

Harbury by crocuses in front gardens, and daffodils by the Surgery and the Pound. The beautiful blossom tree by the cemetery showered its confetti every year around March and made even the gloomiest rainy day seem full of hope in Harbury.

There was also a wealth of dogs to be seen at the park again. When the ground was finally dry enough, it was time for bounding dogs to race and leap around the field, tongues lolloping with enthusiasm.

Longer days and sunnier days mark springtime as well, but so does the glorious prospect of a day of celebrating new beginnings, and equally as important, chocolate. Easter meant a whole two-week holiday to enjoy Harbury. Before it got to that, the legendary Easter egg hunt at school happened. There was something so enchanting about designing a paper egg, and decorating it with all the pens and glitter necessary to make yours the best. This was then swiftly followed by the hunt for your egg (and your partner's), which was a whirlwind of scrambling and sprinting all over the school grounds. The extreme level of satisfaction of finding your prize quicker than your friends did was unparalleled.

Harbury is beautiful in Spring, but it is magnificent in Summer. Long queues for ice creams in the Co-op on particularly sunny days. The Beer Walk and the Wheelbarrow Race. Harbury Open Gardens. Picking out a pretty floral skirt, learning the May-Day dance, and then skipping around the Maypole whilst beaming with pride as a sea of faces watched. My highlight event of this season as a child were the Carnival and Summer Fayre. There really was no other feeling like turning up to South Parade in your homemade costume (often my Mum's lavish creation) and being greeted by a sea of lively colours and voices. There's such a mix at the carnival, whether it was age, size, or costume type. Running up and down the line of floats before the Carnival started to get a glimpse of each one was always a risky business. This was because as soon as the bagpipes and the drums started, you knew it was time to race back to your position in the parade. I took so much pride in my village as I triumphantly marched and strode through the streets, amidst the bustle of vibrant costumes and sun. This was followed by glee, as the Carnival ended up at the Playing Fields and the smells of candy floss, ice cream, and hot dogs would hit you as you stepped on to the grass. I can vividly remember the wide selection of cakes in the Village Hall; the one big fairground ride at the back of the field that I went on as an older child; and the dog show where Harbury's hounds performed obedience exercises.

Of course, there are some things about living in a village that appeal less to a teenager. The lack of buses to visit friends outside the village and being kept awake by the noisy farm machinery during the Harvest. Yet it surprises me how people living in other places don't have such a sense of rhythm in their lives, and the lack of friendly smiles and cheery 'hellos'. Harbury has given me a sense of belonging. Belonging to a community. This means that I know and care about people that I've seen around all my life but actually barely spoken to. As a result of my wonderful 16 years in Harbury, it will always be a part of me no matter where I go in my life or where I live.

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Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update



We had 108 people come along to our Christmas Party and given the feedback and thank you cards, the evening was enjoyed by all who attended. People enjoyed the good company, good food and great entertainment from Phill and Ken, who continue their farewell tour. There were many in the audience who got up to dance and did a bit of strutting to boot. We hope the long goodbye lasts a bit longer. They were fantastic.

Thank you both for coming along to entertain us.

We must also thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and this year I think we had 36 prizes that were won including a special hamper from Evelyn and Maureen. They were all much appreciated.

Those of you who have organised events will know how difficult it can be without the help of volunteers. This year we had the committee, their partners and some new helpers which allowed us to be terribly efficient in getting the food to you and in clearing up. Thank you to everyone who came along to help and we hope to see you again next year. Again this year, we had help from the Harbury Scouts (photograph right) who put up the tree and the decorations as part of their community involvement. The scouts who helped previously knew exactly what needed to be done and helped the newer members put up the tree, the ceiling decorations, set up the tables and layout the plates, cutlery and glasses. Thank you to scout leaders and scouts. See you again next year?



This year, after our party, the tree found a home in the church where it was decorated and made ready for Christmas. We thank Brian Merriman for donating it.

As we roll into 2018 the committee would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you at our events during the year and for giving us your support. As it happens, our first coffee morning in 2018 is on 13th January so we hope to see many of you there. As usual, look out for our schedule of activities in the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2017





Christmas Quiz in aid of Warwickshire Air Ambulance

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the quiz at the Village Club on 3rd December as well as the many people who helped in all sorts of different ways. The amount raised was £461 for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. WNAA receives no government funding and on average attends six missions a day, each one costing approximately £1,700.

In particular we would like to thank the following who donated food and raffle prizes: Cana Wines, Harbury Pharmacy, Homebase, Lockwoods, Morrisons, Present Days, Sainsburys, Serenity Easytone Chairs and Tesco.

The quiz was hotly contested resulting in the Odds and Ends and the Radford Raiders tying in first place! However, it was the Radford Raiders who took home the prizes as their estimate in the tie break was the closest.

We hope to be back again in December 2018 to run a Christmas quiz in aid of another local charity so look out for details later in the year.

Charity Quiz Group



Tea and Even More Cakes with Steamchicken

Following last year's sell-out concert in the Village Hall, Steamchicken are delighted to come back and repeat the occasion. The band has been joined by top bass player Tim Yates, and we've been busily writing and rehearsing new material over the autumn and winter. Our friends in Harbury will be among the first to hear and enjoy the new songs and arrangements.

Steamchicken spent the summer playing festivals and making concert venue appearances. These included the rock festival Boomtown, the legend that is Sidmouth Folk Festival, and the memorable Warwick Folk Festival gig in the square, where about 200 fans danced for the whole set despite the rain pouring down throughout. Our CD Looking Both Ways has been selling well, and we are already taking bookings for 2018/19.

The end of winter can be a bit of a dreary cheerless time, and there will be no better way of lightening the mood than coming along on the afternoon of Sunday 4th March 2018 and enjoying tea and cakes to the live sound of a great band.

Tickets are already selling fast, so don't hesitate to book early.

Venue: Harbury Village Hall.

Concert details: Sunday 4th March, 4.00pm to 6.00pm (doors open 3.30pm)

Tickets cost £8.00 (inclusive of tea and cakes!) and are available from suecrum@hotmail.co.uk

For more information, go to www.steamchicken.co.uk

Ted Crum

Harbury Village Club & Institute Ltd

Another month gone and we are almost at the end of 2017. A big hello to everyone and to all who have visited the Club or used our concert room since my last article. Thank you to Peter Bones of the Folk Club for your very kind comments last month about the committee and the bar staff, lovely to get such positive feedback.

Kerrie has re-joined our bar team and has easily fitted in. The rest of the team have worked so hard, doing extra shifts and we owe them a huge thank you. Due to the snow we cancelled the Family Bingo on Sunday 10th December and held it on Saturday 16th and it was a huge success. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed it as did the adults. We actually made a profit of just over £100 so this will be used for the next Family Bingo at Easter.

All of the plants have been replaced at the entrance to the car park and the new ones have settled in nicely. The baskets have been taken down but the four pots along the wall by the entrance look stunning. It does make a difference and a lot of members have said how good they look. The recent snowfall protected the plants, nature is wonderful isn't it?

I was successful in my application for funds from Warwickshire Council and we have been awarded £875. This will be put towards the remedial work at the Club Cottage. I will be making another application to local funding organisation in the next few weeks so I will let you know how I get on with that. As promised a few snippets from the deeds. In 1928 the then Midland Bank were elected as Executor and Trustees. Amongst the names on the very imposing deed of appointment are, James Pirie, doctor of medicine, William Carrington, gardener, George Hillyard, bricklayer's labourer, Alfred Henry Mann, George Frederick Lines, William Austin, all quarrymen, Arthur Wincott, stockman, all of Harbury. Some very familiar family names still in the village today. More next month if you can bear it!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas meal on the evening of 5th December and our thanks to the Crown for providing the food. Thank you to all who attended and were able to catch up with friends and neighbours and good company. It is so good to be able to carry on with past traditions.

At our recent committee meeting we were once again able to confirm that our finances are still looking positive. Some of the outstanding jobs have been carried out. Bob offered to help but then he had an argument with a mandolin and managed to slice the top of his thumb off. When I saw him last night (18th December) he was heavily bandaged. Needless to say he will not be using the mandolin again. We approved another three new members which is fantastic so we must be doing everything right for so many people wishing to join the Club. We are sorry that we had to close the club on the Sunday lunchtime after the snowfall. We did open for a few hours in the evening. The car park is such a large area to clear and we did not want anyone struggling to get in. Apparently if you are retail premises you are allowed to put down grit or salt. I will be speaking to our area CIU later this week to clarify the position.

The opening times over Christmas and the New Year are displayed on the notice board in the lobby. Can't believe how quickly 2017 has flown by. It has been a great pleasure to meet everyone and to know that what we are doing is valued. A quick reminder re annual subscriptions, due on 1st January. I will be at the Club on successive Mondays in January to accept your payments and renew your membership cards. If you prefer to leave the money behind the bar I will ensure that these payments are processed.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2018 and wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

Judy Morrall



Harbury Energy Initiative

Your chance to find out about home energy storage

A free talk on energy storage for the home. 7:30pm Thursday 1st February in the Farley Room, Village Hall

Energy is about as slippery as money. It comes into the house and gets used immediately. Even if you generate your own with PV panels on the roof, it still slips out down some cable, if you don't use it as it is generated. If you have already fitted PV panels to your roof, how much of it do you actually use? Wouldn't it be good if you could use all of it (and still get your FiT payments)?

HEI has invited Martin Graham of Sure Power to come and speak about home energy storage (i.e. batteries) to anyone who is interested to know more. This will be on Thursday 1st February at 7:30pm in the Farley Room at the Village Hall. **Admission is free.**

Energy storage is one of the hot topics of the moment. This is your chance to find out if it would be cost effective and beneficial to you.

What can we do for your community building?

Since we started in 2010 HEI has managed to help improve the energy conservation and thus the cost of running of most of our community buildings. We have worked with the Village Hall on a discounted deal for PV installation and fitted a generation monitor in the foyer; we have arranged internal insulation for the Library walls and cavity wall and roof insulation for the Rugby Clubhouse; we have financed a refit at the School with LED lighting throughout; we have commissioned energy option reports for the Church, School, Village Hall, Library and Rugby Clubhouse.

If you are on the committee of one of the community's buildings, let us know what we can work on with you. We are happy to hear from you.

Air pollution continued...

And we are still working on reducing air pollution and the impact of car and truck exhaust in our village. HEI will be approaching the Parish Council to see what we might be able to do together on the issue.

Bob Sherman - 612277

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Harbury e-Wheels

Happy New Year to you all and specially to our passengers.

Money makes the wheels go round

As you know, we are engaged in a constant search for bright ideas to raise money to keep e-Wheels rolling. We can reveal that our next extravaganza will be a Race Night - not the cars but a horse racing game - which will be **THE** event of the spring and not to be missed. The exact date isn't yet fixed but it will be at the Village Hall. More details to come as we complete our plans. Keep an eye out for more information in these monthly columns and on Facebook. It will be more fun than spring cleaning.

Do you qualify to use e-Wheels?

Last month I was waiting for confirmation of whom to contact at the Church to register for using our services. I can confirm that Rev Craig Grocock, Rev Nikki Moon and Rev Ann Mulley are the contacts for this and can help you to access our volunteer service. Please remember that we cannot respond instantly to requests, as we are not a taxi service and only have two cars available. We need 48 hours notice of any trip you need.

Just a few 'thank yous'

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who continue to support us with small (or large) regular donations, anyone who gave us a donation in place of sending Christmas cards, all those passengers who give us occasional 'one-off' donations and the various funding organisations who have supported our work in 2017. These include Tesco Bags of Help, Harbury Parish Council, Southam Rotary 2000, Southam Church, Southam United Charities, the Harbury Carnival Committee, the Cheltenham Caravan Club, the Folk Club, those who came to the Folk Club Choir and Orchestra concert in spring and the Barn Dance in autumn...and anyone else that I may have missed who has supported us.

All of this is vital to ensure that we can help people in need in the area with our free, green transport.

I absolutely must in addition thank all our volunteers, whose generosity and desire to help seems boundless. There are 20 of us now, some serving on our Board, seven acting as coordinators and 10 drivers. They come from Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke.

Some stats to impress

In 2017 we:

- Served residents of Harbury, Ufton, Long Itchington, Bishop's Itchington, Southam, Shipston-on-Stour, Stratford-on-Avon, Fenny Compton area, Kineton, Lighthorne Heath, Leamington Spa and Warwick...and probably a few others.

- Provided over 1300 hours of free transport within the region. (In 2016 it was 820 hours).
- Drove at least 6,000 miles
- Responded to 697 separate requests
- Helped over 30 people from Harbury

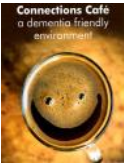
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Wednesday Walks

Did your New Year resolutions include “taking more exercise”, “making new friends” – even “trying out new pubs!” If so, come along to the car park behind the Village Hall by 9.40am on any Wednesday. Now in our 8th year, an average of a dozen people don their boots and (sometimes) waterproofs to enjoy our lovely countryside. It is very informal – no membership or register or subs or requirement to come more often than suits you. Details of each walk are shown in the diary in this magazine, or have a word on 614809.

Gillian Hare



Connections Café for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers

Our pre-Christmas monthly session in the Tom Hauley Room was a very lively affair, with music for seasonal songs provided by the Harbury Ukulele Group. We would like to thank all the regular singers and helpers who make Connections such a welcoming place to spend two hours from 2-4pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next session is on 17th January, and anyone is welcome to come, with a companion, if they have had a dementia diagnosis. Please contact us below if you need further details, or require help with transport.

Jill - 01926 612483 or Janice - 01926 612340.

Janice Montague



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

As we came to the end of another successful year for Harbury Village Library and Biblio's café, we look forward to the New Year with great expectations of a brave new world (I won't be able to keep this up for long); anyway, a rejuvenating face lift for the Library, which is run entirely by volunteers, in the old school in the middle of the village. Further details will appear in later editions of the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

We are very lucky, in these hard times, to have a facility which is open five and a half days a week, supported by a café on four mornings. In order to maintain this level of service, we rely on the goodwill of our volunteers, many

of whom have been helping out since the community library opened five and a half years ago. However, we need to maintain a constant stream of new volunteers to replace those who, for whatever reason, cannot continue their commitment, so if you support the idea of a thriving library and have a few hours to spare, do consider contacting us (see details below). Apart from the support of a worthwhile facility for the village, you will find your fellow volunteers and our customers are a friendly bunch, so it is a great place to meet people and learn new skills or develop existing ones. We need volunteers for working on the issue desk, baking for or serving in the café and/or getting involved in the administration or management, either on a regular or occasional basis. Anyone with existing library experience would be extremely welcome, but we equally need enthusiastic amateurs with a love of books, reading and good cake.

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Janice Montague



New Year Resolutions? Could you help the Foodbank?

If you are still looking for an idea for a New Year's resolution, or you are wanting to add another (remember it doesn't have to be only from 1st January) then please consider helping our local **FOODBANK**. On behalf of all the people who have benefited from Harbury's contributions through 2017, I want to thank those who have given so generously and for the extra gifts over the recent Christmas period too. However, Harbury's donations last year were considerably down compared to 2016 and the Foodbank was even busier. To make a simple gift of food regularly would be something practical, but of immense help to many people in need. The collection point for any dried, tinned non-perishable food is in the church. There is a large plastic box just on the left as you enter, by the red curtain. There is a suggestion list on the lid, but any food item providing it is not fresh, would be very acceptable. E-wheels takes donations to the warehouse in Kineton, where it is sent to the various distribution centres in the area around us. Please do consider adding something to your grocery shopping list sometimes, if you are able. There are very many people who so appreciate food aid when they are going through a tough time. The three days of food, which is what a foodbank gives them, makes all the difference and means sometimes that children don't go to bed hungry. So, if you haven't made that New Year's resolution, or you want to add another, then please think about helping the foodbank. Thank you.

Jill Winter - 612585





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The centre offers a varied programme of courses, daytime and evening, in Southam and the surrounding villages. Subjects include Creative Arts and Crafts, Fitness and Wellbeing, General Interest, Languages, IT and Personal Development.

The Spring term starts from 15th January 2018.

Leaflets are available in many local venues including libraries, the Leisure Centre and shops and can be viewed on our web page www.southamcollege.com/about/community-education (together with further information about courses and fees).

Some classes are oversubscribed so please contact Sue Hawthorn to check availability and reserve a place on 01926 810942 or email commed.s@welearn365.com

Like Southam College on Facebook for updates and links.

Sue Hawthorn - Tel: (01926) 810942

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Harbury Heritage Room

It was good to see so many people at our Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room in early December. Thanks to all those who donated items for the raffle, cake stall and bric-a-brac stall. Our next open evening at the Heritage Room is Tuesday 6th February from 6.30 to 8.30pm.

Mary Thompson is hard at work on the W.I. display which should be ready for the February open evening.

The Harbury Heritage Group website has been updated. It now incorporates a database of the catalogue that can easily be searched using a variety of criteria filters. A thumbnail image of photos is displayed to anyone using the website: the full sized image can be viewed at the Heritage Room. To date, approximately 150 photographs have been digitised. It is an on-going project which will gradually get expanded. Please visit <https://harburyheritage.org.uk> . Refer to the help page for guidance on how to filter results. Any feedback or suggestions are welcomed.

Following last month's wordsearch of fallen WW1 heroes, here is the second one, featuring the rest of those who gave their lives.

Harbury Blue Plaques Wordsearch 2

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Patient Participation Group, Harbury and Bishops Itchington Surgeries

News from recent meetings, South Warwickshire NHS Trust

Monthly regional meetings bring together the Chairs of patient groups in South Warwickshire. Some recent news included:

Positive input from a study on the communications patients receive on **discharge from hospital**. It's not uncommon to get a verbal explanation as you leave that you quickly forget, or a letter in technical language that is hard to follow. The project plans to ensure that discharged patients are always clear about aftercare.

The number of patients **attending A&E** because they can't get a GP appointment in South Warwickshire is relatively small; but a number DO go to get a second opinion. A local nursing initiative has helped 110 patients **avoid hospital admissions** by providing home care.

We heard about the '**Better Together**' project, which is South Warwickshire's response to the Government's 'Health and Wellbeing' initiative, aimed at **integrating health and social care**, underpinned by housing need. We are in year three of this five-year project. The project does not include patient transport, and I was reminded once again how fortunate we are to have E-wheels and the Southam Council driving scheme.

From October 2018, '**extended access**' will be introduced to practices in South Warwickshire. We are in the third and last tranche nationally because South Warwickshire is not seen as an area of social priority. £6.00 per patient per year has been budgeted. For the 280,000 patients in South Warwickshire, this totals approximately £1.7 million. The money is to fund increased evening and weekend access. Our share will aim to increase total surgery time by 30-45 minutes per week per thousand patients. It is aimed at reducing pressure on GPs and on A&E departments. The South Warwickshire GP federation is bidding for this money against a number of commercial providers. Patient groups will have input to the process. Locally, patients have generally asked for extended evenings and for some Saturday surgeries.

This is also a step towards **Specialist Surgeries**, which will offer bookable appointments. To find out more, search online for *NHS extended access*.

John Stringer, Chairman, Harbury and Bishops Itchington PPG
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	12.30pm	Baptisms
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	10.30am	Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service
	6.00pm	Evensong
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	12.30pm	Baptisms
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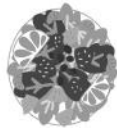


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10.00am - 11.00am

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11.00am - 12.00pm

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4.00pm - 4.30pm

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6.30pm - 7.15pm

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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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4.45pm - 5.30pm

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5.15pm - 6.00pm

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5.00pm - 7.00pm

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7.00pm - 8.15pm



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4.00pm - 4.30pm

Grade 1 Tap (10-11yrs)

4.15pm - 5.00pm

Intro to Ballet (5-6yrs)

4.30pm - 5.15pm

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