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Editorial

Once again during the festive season, the villages have done us proud with their displays of Christmas lights. The new tree of light outside Harbury Village Library was particularly effective and the number of houses lit up in Frances Road attracts visitors from all around.

For those using public transport, from 5th January there is a new bus timetable showing times to and from Leamington and also Banbury, see page 44.



If you are looking to start a new hobby in the New Year, the Southam College Community Education Spring term programme starts from 14th January see article for details.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Michael Bishop.

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Harbury Diary

JANUARY 2019


- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Warwick Town (4 miles flat)
'Away Day', 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Master of the Lord
Leycester Hospital, Warwick - Heidi Mayer
- Fri 11 Harbury WI New Year Party, 19th Century History through -
Steve Allen and Folk Songs, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Church Flowers
- Sun 13 BAPTISM OF CHRIST**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 14 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Harbury Local Produce Business Event, 12.00 - 3.00pm,
Tom Hauley Room
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 15 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Radford Semele (4 miles)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Children's Air Ambulance
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Mamma Mia Here We Go
Again,' doors open 6.15, film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 20 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
'Saints' Alive' Informal All Age Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Mon 21 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 22 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm

- Tue 22 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Loxley (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 25 Burns Night, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 26 Harbury Local Produce: Pop-up Market, 9.00 - 11.30am, Shakespeare Inn
Councillors' Corner Session, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village Library
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice
Village Hall Fund Raising Folk Concert, doors open 7.00pm. (Sold Out)
- Sun 27 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 28 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Tue 29 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 30 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Radway - Edgehill (4½ miles Hilly)
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 31 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am

FEBRUARY

- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Hereburgh Morris
- Sun 3 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)**
Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)
'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
- Tue 5 Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Norton Lindsey (4½ miles) with optional pub lunch, prior booking required
Mothers' Union Communion and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Refuse Collection Rota

			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
January	Wed	Fri	
	9	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	18	Grey Bin
	23	25	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	30		Grey Bin
Feb		1	Grey Bin
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin



**All Saints
HARBURY**

From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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Resolve to make a difference

So, what's this coming year likely to bring? Who knows! We are due to leave the EU this March for starters and none of us really know where that will lead. And what about this coming year on a personal level - have you made any resolutions?

So many people fail on the resolutions they make probably because they set the bar too high. Sure, making an effort to get fit is achievable - running a marathon after only two weeks training might not be! It's all about having realistic expectations and setting goals that are reachable.

One of the things we can all do this year is to resolve to make a difference for someone. It could be a small thing; taking time to check on a lonely neighbour perhaps or making an effort to phone someone you haven't spoken to in a while. It's amazing just how small things can really make a big difference in peoples' lives. Of course you might be thinking 'how can I make a difference?' especially when you look at the world around you and problems seem insurmountable. I came across the following recently which might help if you feel like this:

'Once a man was walking along a beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. Back and forth this person went.

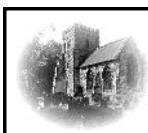
As the man approached, he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as the result of the natural action of the tide.

The man was stuck by the apparent futility of the task. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish. As he approached, the person continued the task of picking up starfish one by one and throwing them into the surf.

As he came up to the person, he said: "You must be crazy. There are thousands of miles of beach covered with starfish. You can't possibly make a difference." The person looked at the man. He then stooped down and picked up one more starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He turned back to the man and said: "It sure made a difference to that one!"

Resolve to make a difference this coming year and you'll find that when you make a difference to someone else it'll make a difference to you!

A happy New Year to you all!



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

The Christmas Fayre was the start of a very busy month. Many people came along to spend their money and enjoy the entertainment provided by the Morris Dancers and a talented group of musicians and singers (I don't think they have a collective name - Motley Crew probably). The raffle raised £2356 for the Warwickshire Air Ambulance and the Fayre itself raised £1200 for the church. Thanks to all.

Thanks also to the Harbury Produce Pop Up Market which raised £162 for church funds at the end of November.

On Christmas Eve not only were turkeys stuffed but the church was too for the candlelit Village Carol Service. Before people arrived we tried to count the number of available seats and came to about 415 plus the choir stalls. With more chairs and more people squashed together we reckon about 450 people took part in this lovely service. Thanks to Fliss Harris for her selection of poetry and prose readings, to Matt Penn our organist, to the choir and the Folk Group and especially to Craig for his short reflection. The retiring collection raised £718 with half of this going to the Children's Society.

And now we look forward to 2019 and wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. If you have any queries or would like to volunteer to help out at Church please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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



From the Registers:

Funerals

10th December

Michael Bishop (85 years)

Baptism

25th November

Jake Eric Talbot Vagg



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our December meeting, members each made a table arrangement, complete with a red candle and one was taken to Mary Haynes in her care home with our love.

The toiletries stall at the Christmas Fayre raised £71; thank you to everyone who donated and those who bought.

Subs for 2019 are now due, please place in an envelope with your name. Cheques should be payable to Harbury Mothers' Union.

When this reaches you, we will have enjoyed our New Year party, so our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th February. We hope to have the privilege of a talk by Felicity Hawkes, ex-Diocesan President, called "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps".

And our coffee morning will be on Saturday 16th February; we welcome support with raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac.

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

JANUARY 2019

Sun 13 BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 16 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 20 EPIPHANY III

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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

Mon 21 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Wed 23 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 24 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY HARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM

Sat 26 Burns Night, Doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall
Sun 27 EPIPHANY IV
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
 Wed 30 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Sun 3 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
 Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am
 Mon 4 Pause and Pray, 7.00 - 8.00, Church
 Tue 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
 Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
 Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

It is not often that we are able to have professional musicians performing in Ladbroke, and the 'Songs and Snacks' Concert featuring soloists Sian Dicker and Harriet Burns, accompanied by Krystal Tunnicliffe, was a great success. The first half of the programme showcased a number of classical and musical standards, the second half had a more Christmassy theme and both demonstrated the versatility of our singers, who brought drama and humour to their performances - those of us there will not forget how much expression can be introduced to the words "meow meow" and the twelve days after Christmas have also taken on a whole new meaning! Well done ladies and thank you to Carol Lane for organising the concert.

In spite of the poor weather, there was also a good turnout for the Carol Service, when we enjoyed the musicality of our Choir and heard again the message of Jesus coming to earth. Thanks to Bill, Kate and all the choir for their hard work.

This article is being written before our Christmas services but by the time it goes to print it will be 2019, so on behalf of all at the Church, may I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

In January, we shall be starting a new informal meeting in the Church to give an opportunity to "pause and pray" - to take time out to listen and to speak with God in the atmosphere of our building where God's presence has been felt for centuries. It is intended that we shall meet monthly from 7.00 - 8.00pm. on the first Monday of each month; the first two meetings will be held on 7th January and 4th February. All are welcome.





Memories of Advent, 2018



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INSPIRING WOMEN

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

Carol Lane

Instead of a formal meeting in December, over 20 of us met in The Bell for a Christmas meal (picture overleaf). There was a very festive atmosphere and the food was excellent. I think the management had kept other diners away as the noise of 20 joyful ladies was something to be part of!



By the time this edition is distributed, Betty Winkfield will have regaled us with stories of her experiences as a district midwife in the 1950s at the January meeting on the 3rd.

At our February meeting on Thursday 7th, Penny Vigers will give a demonstration of willow weaving, making hearts and a bird feeder. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall and all are welcome.



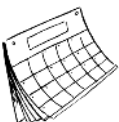
Ladbroke Matters

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.



Saturday 26th January is the date set for our **Burns Night Extravaganza** in the Village Hall. Celebrations will commence with a three-course Scottish-themed meal including, of course, **haggis!** You will be welcomed by a piper and there will be Scottish entertainment after the meal. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £15 from Margie on 817312 or margandboz@btinternet.com



We have a great programme lined up for later this year, including our regular **film nights**, our popular **summer barbeque** with a live band, the **Last Night of the Proms** (again), and a **quiz night**. We'll let you have further details and dates soon.

Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate. We have a kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Nicky (tel 815196 or email nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk)





We would like to welcome Alan Lord as our new Chair of Trustees, and Debs Brown and Beverley Bradley as new team members.

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 November 2018

£50	Jim and Pauline Laidler	£50	Martin and Debra Neal
£25	Richard Walker	£25	Trevor and Dianne Surgey
£25	Chris Ennew	£10	Mary Coley
£10	Tim Malby	£10	Miranda Lowman
£10	John Lowman	£10	Cara Jenkins

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

Our year was rounded off nicely at the December meeting with an excellent talk and great pictures from local wildlife photographer, George Blake. George studied marine biology and since his early experiences on field trips has been a great believer in working with a simple to use compact or bridge camera for wildlife photos. Most of us had to agree when we saw his stunning shots of spinning dolphins and whales close up and heard that the photographers with bigger and more complicated cameras were still sorting out their focus and light settings when their subject was gone. Patience, knowing your area and its wildlife well, and getting up before everyone else seemed to be prerequisites too and again we were hearing from an expert - George showed us shots of a peregrine falcon taken literally on the South West Coastal Path very early in the morning, an elusive beaver from a small group introduced to a marsh in South East England and a wide variety of species on a private estate where he now works, land which is becoming more and more wildlife rich as nearby areas are built upon and the animals relocate. George goes to many local craft fairs, if you do too you'll get a chance to see and buy some of his photos and greeting cards.

Ladbroke Photography Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month, new members and visitors are welcome. Our next meeting on 5th February starts with the AGM, followed by a workshop on "Painting by Light" so bring your camera and tripod if you have one. For more information about the club see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall & Millennium Green AGMs

Both AGMs were held on 26th November, consistent with them being separate charities but working extremely closely together. They have common trustees and a single group, Ladbroke Matters, responsible for maintenance, fund raising etc. Beverley Bradley and Debs Brown were welcomed to the Ladbroke Matters team which consists of the trustees (see end of article) and Carol Lane, David Wright, Helen Morten, Margie Bosworth, Martin Neal, Nicky Lewis and Simon West.

Over the last year things had been relatively quiet on the Millennium Green: regular maintenance has been done by a contractor, the small gate repaired by Tim Norgate, items identified in the inspection fixed, the wildflower area cut in the summer and other tidy-ups carried out by volunteers. The Village Hall had been used regularly for table tennis and by the Photography Club, WI, Parish Council and a number of fund raising events including film nights (with great food), a quiz night, the play *Family Spirit* and a *Last Night of the Proms* organised by Ladbroke Matters. There have been a few private parties but less than in previous years and more are welcome. The entrance lobby has been repanelled and the WI were thanked for keeping the flower tubs looking attractive and for the tapestry of local views.

The accounts for both charities were healthy - the Village Hall has rental income and also the profit from The Millennium Draw. The Green has no regular sources of income except a small amount from Easy Fundraising, more people signing up for these automatic donations from on-line purchases would be good. Money raised from Ladbroke Matters events goes to each charity as the need arises and they are thankful for donations - last year (ie to end Sept 2018) the Village Hall received grants from the Alibone Trust towards the new stage lights and from the organisers of the bonfire for general funds.

Looking to the future the Village Hall has been awarded a grant from the HS2 community fund towards a disabled entrance and toilet, the planning application for this has been submitted and quotes requested. Timing of the work will depend on the builder's availability but disruption will be minimised by constructing it "off-line" and then breaking through to the existing building.

The meeting closed with the election of the trustees for both charities: re-election of Kip Warr, Graham Lewis, Debra Neal and Caryl Thompson and the election of Alan Lord.

Jackie West





Burns Supper

Ladbroke Matters invite you to join us on Saturday 26th January for a traditional Burns Supper. The tickets are £15 and include a free drink, a three course meal (Haggis of course), entertainment and a welcome from a bagpiper. There will be a bar and some lively Scottish music to enjoy. Doors will open at 7pm.

Tickets are available from Margaret Bosworth on 01926 817312 or margandboz @btinternet.com

We look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Bosworth



Unexpected Flying Object

On Christmas Eve afternoon there was an unexpected flying object over our garden. No, not a drone but a bat enjoying some winter sunshine. It flew around for several minutes clearly visible against the blue sky and we watched it until it left. Unfortunately this was not back to its winter roost but in the talons of the local sparrowhawk! Hopefully its friends will stick to their nocturnal habits and live to see another day.

Jackie West



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

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

As there was no meeting in December to report on, we are taking the opportunity to re-publish a report on the Council meeting held in October 1976. 42 years on some things never change!!

Parish Council Meeting held on 28th October 1976

Present: Cllrs. Wright, Drinkwater, Gurden, Atkins, Ellis, Davies, Wilkins and Mrs. Watts. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Hancock and Catterall and PC Percival. **Onlookers:** District Cllrs. Buckle and Buckle, Mick Brant and Linda Ridgley.

The atmosphere is Dickensian, the Chairman with his regalia, the room icy, a slowly creeping fog ascending from cigars, as the Council convenes to discuss Parish business and the Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Public Meeting about Jubilee Celebrations - Mrs Ridgley was thanked for taking the minutes. Mr Wright then summarised what was discussed at the meeting. After lengthy discussion it was resolved that various sub-committees investigate the points raised, and also that (a) attempts be made to acquire

tree bunting, (b) the Carnival Committee would organise events for the week prior to the Jubilee, and (c) Harbury Society would co-ordinate fund-raising for tree planting, a specifically approved way of commemoration of the Jubilee.

Unclassified items - Mrs Sperling is to be invited to the next meeting to explain the planned financial cuts to the Meals on Wheels Service. Mrs Buckle had no news of the Southam Shopping Bus, but asked what support there would be for one to Stratford, and would the PC be prepared to subsidise OAP bus fares? This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence - It was agreed that the PC seek legal help for the benefit of the Village Hall Trustees.

The County Council, in replying to the PC's letter on overcrowding in the Village School, said that only the top class had more than 35 pupils (it has 40). However, the Chairman pointed out that the accommodation for the top class was severely inadequate. A letter from the Headmaster welcomed the PC's interest but regretted that he had not been approached first. He invited Councillors to visit the school and it was agreed to arrange this.

Highways - One-Way System. It was pointed out that, if the system were completed (Crown St and Church St One-Way) the cost, which might fall on the PC, would be high. The District Surveyor is to be asked to repair and tidy up battered road signs in the village and to drain the lake in Penelope Close. Cllr Davies reported that parking at the western end of Church Street was causing a traffic hazard. Binswood End Green has again been damaged by a vehicle parked on it.

Lighting - The Clerk reported that the lamppost (but not the light) had been replaced in Margaret Close and repositioned to the rear of the footpath.

Planning - Westbury House. The County Engineer reported there will be a pay-by in front of this development but that it will not link with the existing one because of difficulties over the purchase of the land.

Playing Fields - It was agreed that an occasional fair was an amenity for the young people, but there was concern lest damage be done to the field. The letting of the field for fairs will be discussed with the Playing Fields Advisory Committee.

Finance - Consternation when it was discovered that the precept should have been submitted in December. 20% will be allowed for inflation.

Items for the next Agenda - The Chairman wanted to discuss the formation of a Junior Parish Council to advise on the provision of facilities for the young.

Next meeting: 9th December (1976), 7.30pm. Village Hall.

Next Meeting in January 2019: 24th January, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Keith Thompson (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Chris Christou, Steve Ekins, Chris Gibb, Tony Mancell, Andrew Rutherford, Pat Summers, Janet Thornley.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

In March, all Warwickshire WIs were given an English Oak sapling to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes. President, Ann Mayer has nurtured the sapling throughout the summer and autumn. On 30th November members watched as Ann planted the tree in the grounds of the Village Club. This is very close to the site of the original WI hut in Harbury.



On 7th December members dedicated the bench which has been placed on the Old New Inn Green in Farm Street to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Harbury WI.

Our speaker in November was wildlife artist Sarais Crawshaw. She took a Bachelor of Education degree and then taught art in Coventry secondary schools for 12 years. In 1983 Sarais began work as a full time artist. She works in pastel, acrylic paint and paper cut.

She has a passion for wildlife and spends a lot of time in the countryside observing wildlife. She has a wildlife garden where she often observes badgers and foxes. She also spends a lot of time in Northumberland and Scotland. Sarais uses quick field sketches, photos and film to inspire her work. It was inspiring to see Sarais produce a pastel drawing of three geese as she talked. Members were also able to look at her beautiful pictures and greetings cards.

As it was Christmas, members enjoyed sharing a festive drink and mince pies as well as a "Secret Santa" gift.

At our meeting on 10th January we shall welcome Heidi Mayer, who is the Master of The Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick. January 2019 sees the start of our year - we have an interesting programme arranged for the 12 months ahead. New members and visitors are very welcome.

We shall be running the Rural Cinema on 19th January when the film will be "Mama Mia Here We Go Again". Tickets will be on sale at the pharmacy until 16th January - don't leave it too late as numbers are limited.



Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge

Under Milk Wood

After the gentle humour of the recent Ackybourn play, Harbury Theatre Group are planning something a bit different for our next entertainment. In May we will be staging a reading of "Under Milk Wood". Yes, that's right, a reading, as Dylan Thomas composed it as a play for voices. The dialogue is written in beautiful imaginative verse that conjures up a humorous and intimate portrayal of the inhabitants of a Welsh coastal town. We are planning to present the play as though it is being performed for live radio and use music and back projection to enhance the experience.

We invite **ANYONE** to take part. Note, **you won't need to learn lines** as it will be staged in a radio studio with the cast reading from scripts. There will be a series of rehearsals to help you get your tongue around the words, which will take place once a week for about six weeks leading up to the performances. Performance dates are Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May on stage in the Village Hall. If you would like to take part in this unique event, please contact me, Ali Hodge. It has long been an ambition of mine to direct this wonderful play and I look forward to hearing from you. ali.hodge4@gmail.com



Folk Club

Doug & Janny Freeman

December 2018

We chose a theme of "Traditions" and the performers delighted the audience with festive carols, traditional songs, poetry, and of course the odd risqué item. The club was full to overflowing at 8pm and extra chairs were needed at the back of the room.

On the previous day, Sinterklaas had travelled across the Netherlands with his Zwarte Piet assistants who climbed down chimneys to deliver presents to the children. We were very fortunate that Sinterklaas found time to visit the good children of Harbury Folk Club on his return journey to Spain. Margaret McDonald was selected as having been very good this year, and her treat was to sit on Sinterklaas' lap. The two somewhat naughty Zwarte Pieten handed out Speculaas biscuits to the audience, and then they were allowed to sing a traditional Sinterklaas song in both Dutch and English.

Rik followed our surprise visitors with a song requesting the return of his turkey, followed by "Old Sam's Christmas Pudding". Ragged Edge revived a 70's number "The Free Electric Band", and then the 16th century "Coventry Carol". Poachers Pocket sang about Canada Hill on the Isle of Bute, before reminding us of the problems of Christmas trees shredding their needles.

Don explained how saying grace was a tradition in his family and sang about another Grace. He then gave the "Sorry I Haven't a Clue" musical treatment of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" to another tune. Pete and Liz performed a beautiful number from Roger Jones' musical "The Inn Crowd", and then Pete went solo with "The Ivy n' The Holly" from the Trunch songbook.

The Harbury Folk Club choir started the second half with two fine carols from their back catalogue, "In Bethlehem City" and "Tonight". You could have heard their selected carols for this year at Harbury Church on Christmas Eve. Peter McDonald selected two songs from the singing of Jon Boden, one about a sailor's fate and the other "Prickly Bush". Martin Day sang about the "Hard Working Boatman", followed by "National Anthem of the Ancient Britons" better known as "Woad". Ian and Sue gave us "The Broom of The Cowdenknowes", followed by "A Begging I Will Go". Pete Grassby reminisced about "Picking Blackberries Down Flecknoe", and was then joined by Peter McDonald on piano for the Carole King song "Goin' Back". The Daft Dames, all dressed in festive costumes, brought the half to a close, singing about the dietary problems of preparing Christmas dinner.

Debs started the final half and read two of her poems, one about a make-believe panto, and the other about her footsies. To save her blushes, we have not documented her bodily and shoes/feet references. Pete Mason suggested that there should be a thesis written about the many versions of "John Barleycorn", and followed that with Lindisfarne's "Winter Song". Keith Donnelly told us about his recent visit to China, including performing alongside an astronaut and a jazz mime dance artist, and the bemused Chinese girl in the audience who thought he was the astronaut. He then read a surreal Christmas story that he had written some years before whilst abroad. Des brought the evening to a terrific close with the audience joining in the "Holly and the Ivy", before departing with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

A wonderful traditional and seasonal evening of entertainment, and our thanks go to all the performers, audience, and Village Club staff. The charity raffle raised the amazing sum of £180 which has been donated to support the homeless charity Crisis and their Crisis at Christmas appeal. Next month's club is hosted by Debbie on Thursday 3rd January when the theme will be "Family and Friends".



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

Our alternative Christmas party this year, for which we had a Mexican theme, was held on Friday 14th December. Again it was a great success. The Members made; chilli con carne, jacket potatoes, salads and delicious desserts. John Stringer set us an intriguing quiz, Andrew Patrick read a comic version of "The Night Before Christmas" in Spanish and we enjoyed the usual party games, finishing the evening with a French carol.

"A Happy New Year" to all our readers.



THEN & NOW

Harbury Heritage Group is pleased to introduce a new feature through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, 'Then and Now'. We will be showing you a photograph from around the village, part of the Heritage Collection, together with an up to date photograph of the scene as it appears today. We will add some information about the scene too.

Below is a photograph of Chapel Street from about 1910.



Chapel Street in the centre of the village, has many old stone built properties some of which date back to the 1600s e.g. 'Saddlers'. Next door, 'Bridles' was sold to a blacksmith in 1890 for £5 and has since been a wool shop and a butchers. In the 1970's these two houses formed part of Hunts Stores, selling a wide range of foods from ham to yeast and specialist delicatessen goods. Does anyone have a photograph of Hunts Stores to add to our collection? There were several shops in Chapel Street at one time. Also the 'Gamecock' public house originally called 'The New Inn'. The Fox Inn was demolished in the early 1970's and where Fox Close is now was a yard used to manufacture barges. It was a delicate exercise to transport them from there once they were made. Thorncroft's Bakery was another of Chapel Street's popular stores. Cyril (Bonzo) Bloxham ran a greengrocer's with a betting shop above and Stan Smith had a small workshop repairing shoes.

More recently the hairdressers (Mrs Ellis), became a domestic dwelling and the new hairdressers, at one time Lindop's Store, opened at the opposite end of the street. There was of course 'Muglestons Country Fayre' run by Paul and Mary. We await the fate of their shop. Next door, once the Wesleyan Chapel, is now a fine residence. On the corner, at the Park Lane end of the street was the Forge, now Forge Cottage. At the High Street / Mill Street end a row of old cottages, demolished in the 1960's, as part of Southam Rural District Council's policy to demolish buildings unfit for human habitation were demolished and the Village store (Foodmart) was built.

Chapel Street, in terms of the actual buildings, has not changed greatly over the past 100 years.

To find out more about places and people in and around Harbury visit The Heritage Room based in Harbury Primary School. Open the first Tuesday every month.

The next opening: **5th February and 5th March from 6.30 to 8.30pm.** At other times by appointment.

Email: harburyheritage@gmail.com



Harbury Heritage KID'S CORNER

Chippy says that in and around Harbury there are 35 listed buildings!

What is a listed building? I hear you ask.

A building or feature which has special architectural and historic interest.

The older a building is, the more likely it is to be listed. All buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed, as are most of those built between 1700 and 1840. Usually a building has to be over 30 years old to be eligible for listing.

Your Turn

Shown on the next page is part of **one** of Harbury's Listed Buildings. But which one?



If you know, then email your name, age and answer to: harburyheritage@gmail.com

by 31st January. Ages up to 11 only.

Make sure you have permission from a parent / carer to do this.

There will be a prize for the winner!



Harbury Energy Initiative

Bob Sherman

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Happy new year!

Thanks and an Invitation

Seeing that it's January, I want to be nice about the volunteers who make HEI happen. That way they might all carry on being part of it. Thank you to all those 10 friends in the Steering Group who donate time (and, yes, energy) to progressing our village towards greater sustainability and lower carbon emissions...and buying me an occasional pint at our meetings. I may be vegetarian but I am not teetotal.

HEI is open to all and we would love others to join in. We don't meet that often and, when we do, we concentrate on practical, achievable actions for the benefit of the community. We are not a discussion group. Now, doesn't that sound to be something worth joining? Call or email me.

Powerful prayer



Our church of All Saints is an ancient building that has been a sanctuary and place of worship and inspiration to thousands over centuries. It has initiated and runs many activities but you might not think of it as having much of an environmental context. You would be very wrong. For some years now a Christian charity called A Rocha has run a scheme called Eco Church. The Diocese of Coventry has signed up to this and so have All Saints and its committee. Churches that are signed up aspire to attain levels of Bronze, Silver and Gold based on over 90 survey questions within five categories: Buildings, Land, Worship and Teaching, Community and Global, and Lifestyle. The levels are

not easy to attain but, working with HEI, All Saints, Harbury is now an accredited Bronze level church and proud of it. That won't be the end of our aspirations! We have silver in our sights.

Young(-er) Drivers and the Car Club

Just recently one or two families have joined their student children to the car club. This is one of the outcomes that we had originally thought might happen. It has taken a few years. It turns out that membership and hourly use is cheaper than insuring the young on your policy (or any other policy). Anyone 19 years or older with a year's minimum driving experience can join. The cars are usually available in the evenings and at weekends and booked by a simple app. Quite modern really. But you don't have to be young and app-y to use the cars; even people as old as me use them often. Get up to date with the move to car sharing. Join up and join in! (www.ecarclub.co.uk)

Powering Up the School

Chris Gibb and I, with the approval of the school governors, are steadily working towards our goal of getting solar panels on to the school. Working with iNECO Energy, a specialist company with a history of helping schools to install modern low carbon energy solutions, we are (fairly) confident of delivering this project early in 2019, ideally before 31st March when all subsidies and generation fees for solar are brought to an end by government. The project will still be viable after that, however, especially with energy costs rising rapidly, making the savings greater by the year. If you haven't yourself noticed the cost of energy racing up it is because price rises are only just kicking in.

More news, more ideas, more innovation next month.

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Harbury e-Wheels

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On behalf of the board of Harbury e-Wheels I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the funds and made our free delivery possible for a third year. These individual donations of whatever size are hugely important to us. Every year we have to find about £8,000 to cover our costs. Apart from some insurance, all of it is spent on transporting people (and food bank donations from All Saints Harbury and Tesco Southam) for no cost. People who benefit from our help are enormously grateful for the access we provide to them for their needs to be met. That gratitude needs to be passed on to you. Time and again we are told what a wonderful service we offer. Donations reduce our need to spend time chasing money from trust funds or through events, fun though the latter are (look out for the next Race Night on 11th May).

It isn't just money that makes the wheels go round. Harbury e-Wheels exists through the unstinting willing participation of 21 brilliant volunteers, who are board members, coordinators and drivers. This village has so much to be proud of; e-Wheels is just one facet of the jewel. In 2018 we delivered:



1,294.25 hours



for 108 people of which 23% were from Harbury



approx 11,500 miles driven



serving 23 local communities

I would also like to thank the Councils of Harbury, Southam town and Bishop's Itchington for their contributions to our funds on behalf of their residents.



Guides and Scouts Support

Rosanna Hunt
G.A.S.S. Committee

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year from G.A.S.S and thank you to all those that supported our 2018 village postal service, with a generous donation, to get all your Harbury village Christmas cards delivered in the busy run up to Christmas. All monies raised will go to support Harbury uniformed groups and maintain the Scout hut.

Thank you to Harbury Library for accommodating our post box and our team of volunteers that helped sort and deliver the post throughout the village.

Our next event will be our coffee morning on 2nd March 2019 in the Tom Hauley Room and we look forward to seeing you then and to your continued support for the uniformed groups in Harbury in 2019.



Paul Quinney

Happy New Year to everyone - hope you all had a great Christmas break and we look forward to another year of adventure for our Harbury Scouts in 2019.

However, this is also a time to take a look back on some of the great events that our scouts actively took part in and our parent and volunteers supported in 2018 ...

- Expedition Challenge in Snow!
- Fire making
- Kayaking

- Camping in North Wales
- Mountain Biking
- Soap box derby at Draycote Water
- Harbury Carnival
- Making things
- Various cooking activities
- Guy making and Bonfire building
- Remembrance events and church parade service

And to round the year off our scouts took part in the Warwickshire County Wide Bear Trek 2018 challenge and won!!

The scouts had to take part in a day long incident hike in challenging weather, working as a team, to navigate their way through a series of challenges and problems.



Thankyou also to all those Scouts including Hamish, Rhys, Charlie M and Charlie K that helped decorate the tree and hall on the Saturday morning of the Harbury Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.

**John, Paul, Andy & Dominic
Scout Leaders**

EXPLORERS

Paul Quinney

Its official!! Harbury has its own Explorer Group unit to provide further opportunity for fun and adventure for young people from the ages of 14 -18.

Explorers are encouraged to lead themselves in deciding the programme and direction of the Unit, with support and guidance from leaders. The section



also includes the Young Leaders' Scheme, where young people are able to take on a leadership role in one of the younger sections.

Inaugural events have included ...

- Investiture and Remembrance Parade
- Night Hike
- Cooking
- Orienteering
- Christmas social at Creams



Harbury Explorer Scouts, with the support of Harbury Parish Council, helped build, light and run a Remembrance beacon next to Chesterton Windmill on Chesterton Hill, supported by 500 local residents and friends, on 11th November forming part of 1,000 Beacons of Light throughout the country, to represent the end of World War One.

We look forward to seeing the unit grow and the young people help shape and support more exciting events in 2019.



Happy New Year All.

Mark, Steve & Paul - Explorer Group Unit Leaders



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Harbury Toddlers.

What a year we have had, we are so grateful to all the families who make Toddlers so special - without their love and support in 2018 we would have never made it through!

So what have we done this year:

We have run 38 Toddler sessions, the highest number of children recorded at one session was 33 with the lowest being 16. We have had 900 attendances.

We moved location and are now at the Scout Hut where we have had a warm welcome.

We bought a new shed and kitted it out with shelves and toys, organised by volunteers Reg and David.

We raised income through stalls at the Carnival and were grateful for a cheque from the Carnival Committee as well as other sales, donations, coffee morning and sponsored Toddle.





We were financially supported by Entrust Care Partnership (an organisation which works with disabled children). They spent £1,000 this year enhancing the activities, hosting specialist visitors and buying resources.

We had a summer trip to Mary Arden's House.

We went through the 'Magic Door' into the Library and listened to Sue telling us a story, our own Alison Hunt visited and told us traditional tales and rhymes.

We danced, we sang, we cooked, we created, we painted, we played, we saw a zoo, we worked with clay, we had a Circus Party, we had a lovely Christmas Party and met the real Father Christmas, and mummies and daddies had some taster alternative therapies - wow whee what fun.

New Year

We have more exciting things planned for 2019 with our events calendar due to be issued to all parents/carers shortly.

We will be joined by a new volunteer. Suzi, who lives locally, will be coming to help on a more regular basis and I know that we will give her a warm welcome.

Come and join us

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

We are based at the Scout Hut, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW and meet on Mondays at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am. Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com





Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Nativity Songtime: This half term, the children have been busy practising for our traditional Pre-School Nativity Songtime. The children certainly looked the part in their costumes and our outdoor area looked very authentic last Thursday as Mary and Joseph, an innkeeper, shepherds, angels, a star, some sheep, an ox and a donkey all took their places around little baby Jesus in his manger.



Everything went to plan and the children sang beautifully to their parents and relatives and finished by signing the Makaton version of "Silent Night".

As a staff team, we are incredibly proud of the children for taking part and standing in front of an audience, which is not an easy thing to do. We hope the parents enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed preparing for it!

The Nativity Story: We were especially delighted to welcome Rev Craig and Gill Guilford to our Pre-School. They shared the Nativity story with the children using props and they brought with them some genuine frankincense and myrrh for the children to look at and smell.

A huge thank you to Rev Craig and Gill for a thoroughly enjoyable and informative visit.

Christmas Preparations: Christmas preparations are in full swing as we approach the end of term.

Our role play area is a cosy Christmas home corner, complete with 'fire place' and our very own Christmas tree.



The children have been decorating the tree with baubles and Christmas ornaments that they have made using collage materials and CDs.



A Christmas tree is not complete without presents therefore the children have been busy wrapping boxes and labelling them in Santa's workshop. Outside they have been transporting the presents in 'Santa's sleigh'.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Party on Friday when we will be welcoming a special visitor. The children have been busy in the creative area making and decorating fabulous Christmas crowns to wear on the day.

Event News: Over the last few weeks, fundraising events have raised a staggering £1000 for our village Pre-School – Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair and another Speed Quiz, following the success of the previous Speed Quiz in the Spring.

The events would not have been possible without the help and support of others. In no particular order, we would like to thank Stoo Pittaway for hosting the Speed Quiz and Harbury Primary School for providing the venue. We would also like to thank Cana Wines, the Shakespeare Inn, Miles of Tiles, Astute Savers, Lambisilous, Petit Retreat and Green Chameleon.

We would also like to acknowledge JoJo Maman Bebe, Claws, Venture Photography, Marks & Spencer, Tip to Toe and Katy Hawley Pilates for their raffle donations and thank Father Christmas and his helpful Elves for their support with the Grotto.



Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who supported either event, either by helping out on the day, attending, donating prizes or buying raffle tickets.

Next Year: We are very much looking forward to welcoming some new starters after the Christmas break. We hope that they enjoy their time at Harbury Pre-School and enjoy meeting their new friends.

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.



Harbury Primary School

Dear Parents, Families and the wider Harbury community,

I hope you have had a good Christmas, and I wish you a happy, healthy and successful 2019. I have recently taken over as chair of the school governors and write to introduce myself and the governing body for the year ahead. I would like to thank my predecessor, Alan Bennett, for his many years of hard work as a governor and chair. Why am I chair of governors? I have a lifetime of experience in railway industry operations and leadership, with board and executive roles for the last twenty years. I am now a Non-Executive Director on the board of Network Rail and chair their Safety & Environment Committee and Property Board. I have been a Harbury School parent for nine years, and governor for three years. My two children are now in further education, having flourished at the school. I want to help the next generation of Harbury families to make the most of the village's most precious asset - our community school - and I know the governors and staff of the school share this passion.

Firstly, a quick recap on what school governors do, without boring you with all the laws, rules, policies and obligations, which you can read elsewhere if you have a mind to. The governing body's primary responsibility is the safety of the children and staff at the school, which includes safeguarding, health and safety, anti-bullying measures (including online) and welfare, and we adopt and manage school policies on all these subjects. The head teacher, who is a member of the governing body, is accountable to us for carrying out these policies supported by the staff. After safety, our next priority is overseeing the education and special needs of the children, and the head teacher presents a plan for this at every meeting, supported by data to show progress, and we discuss this in detail. The governing body oversees the school's finances, recruitment of staff, management of buildings and facilities and relationships with stakeholders such as our Parent & Teacher Association, County Council, Church of England and the community. The data presented to the governors is anonymous - only the necessary professional teaching staff know the educational progress, needs and circumstances of individual children by name. Confidentiality and privacy are important principles of all governing bodies.

The governing body currently consists of nine governors, with some elected by parents and staff, and some appointed by the governing body. Rev Craig Grocock and Deputy Chair, Mary Thompson are appointed by the Church of England, as we are a "Voluntary Controlled" Church of England School. Others are completely independent of the school and community, and all bring particular interests, skills and experience (such as past and present teaching) to the governing body. The governing body elects the chair, and the chair leads the meetings and work of the governing body. Like the board of a company, we do not run the school on a day to day basis; that is the responsibility of the head teacher and her senior management team of teachers - the executive. Working closely with the head teacher we set the

strategy and policies, building on objectives set by central government, and make sure they are carried out. We act as an appeal body in the event that parents and staff feel their issues are not being addressed by the executive. Governors are not paid and commit time during the day and in the evenings to carry out their roles, attend training courses and events, such as parents' evenings. We have "diagnostic days" in school, when we spend time in school reviewing the work of the school and engaging with children and staff. All governors are fully DBS checked before they can take up their roles. We are supported in our work by education and governance professionals from Warwickshire County Council. I am grateful for the time and effort given by all the governors on behalf of our community.

Looking forward to 2019 the governing body has a number of challenges to address:

- Following our "good" OFSTED inspection last year, we will encourage the teaching staff to sustain and improve learning outcomes for all children.
- We will support the head teacher in the recruitment, development and welfare of teaching and support staff. Managing workload is a constant challenge for primary school teachers across the country, and Harbury is no exception to this.
- We will watch closely developments from central government on school funding and academy trusts; and understand what this means for Harbury.
- We have money to spend on building projects (called section 106 money, and paid by the developers of the new housing in the village), and we want to see that spent wisely and quickly, so that the school is better equipped to handle full classes in future.
- We will work with the Harbury Energy Initiative to fit solar panels to the school, to support the environment and school finances.
- We will support our PTA in their fundraising for other projects, such as the "outdoor classroom" and new infants' playground equipment.
- We will work closely with parents and the wider community to give each and every child the safe and comprehensive education they need to confidently prosper as they prepare for, arrive at and move through our school and on to secondary education. Parental support in this is key. In 2018 95% of parents attended parents' evenings, and in 2019 we hope to develop other ways for parents to support their individual children's educational needs.

2019 will be a busy year.

If you want to know more about the role of the governing body, who we are and what our policies are, please see the school website. We welcome your interest, support and challenge, privately face to face rather than via social media, and I am always willing to meet parents and others in the community who share my passion for our school. If you want to contact me, please email me at Gibb.c1@welearn365.com.

Chris Gibb
Chair of Governors, Harbury School



Harbury School PTA

PTA Committee

December has been a busy, fun month, everything from distributing almost 400 Harbury School T-towels, hosting the "double disco" night for the infants and juniors where over 150 pupils attended, and finally offering refreshments and a raffle at the fabulous infant play, Hey Ewe. A big thank you to our local sponsors, The Crown, The Bullring Garage, Cana Wine and The Shakespeare Inn - this raised over £2,000, so we leapt forward towards our goal of raising £14,000 for the infant outdoor playground.

Join us for the PTA quiz night on Friday 8th February from 7.30pm with legendary quizmaster TJ providing the questions.

The cost is £25 for a table of four (including snacks), please register your team at harburypta@gmail.com and you can pay by cheque payable to "Harbury School PTA" at the school, or pay online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harburypta/>

We have space for 20 tables and refreshments will be provided by Cana Wines to stimulate the grey cells, so looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

Thank you for your support during 2018 – Happy New Year.

harburypta@gmail.com



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

A quiet Christmas for the Village Hall but our plans for the next improvements to the hall are moving forward for 2019.

A Happy New Year from the committee and thank you for all the help and support we receive.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

Happy New Year to all our borrowers, customers and volunteers!

Looking back on 2018, the Library has undergone a major transformation since its refurbishment in February, and the increase in visitor numbers has shown that the change has been appreciated. In fact, despite being closed for a fortnight when the work took place, we have recorded our highest annual number of visitors since opening as a community library in 2012. We also have over 1,100 members of our Blue Label Collection, which demonstrates that a large proportion of the local community take advantage of this facility.

We could not achieve this and be open for five and a half days every week (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 10am-12pm), without our dedicated band of volunteers, so many thanks to them and to the bakers and helpers at our café, Biblio's (9.15am-12pm, Wednesday - Friday and 10am - 12pm Saturdays) who provide the funding to keep the enterprise going and provide a welcoming social hub for the village.

In a year when 127 more libraries were closed around the country, we depend totally on our volunteers, and are always looking for new recruits, so if you would like to join us (no experience necessary, as training will be given), and/or become a borrowing member, just come along during the opening hours above or contact us as below for more information.

Tunes and Tales

This session of storytelling and songs for pre-schoolers and their mums, dads or grandparents runs **every Thursday in the Library from 9.15am for about half an hour**, after which there is the chance to chat with friends in the café over a freshly brewed hot drink and home baked cakes. Come along and join in the fun!

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Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

By the time you read this, Christmas and New Year celebrations will be just memories. It has been another busy few weeks for us at the Club. The OAP Christmas meal and party was extremely well received and the entertainer set just the right tone for the evening. The family Christmas bingo was well attended and it was lovely to see new families getting involved. The raffle made a wonderful £80. So now you know all about our bingo it would be nice

to welcome the adult members to our weekly Friday sessions from about 8.00pm - we look forward to seeing you.

At the end of November I finally managed to remove the plants either side of the driveway at the entrance to the car park. The pelargoniums and begonias were still flowering so these have been potted up for reuse next Summer. I refreshed the soil with organic compost and planted the new selection. They all look stunning even though I say so and will bring colour throughout the coming months. More leaves appeared and these have been disposed of. When I popped in to the club to take a list for bookings etc on 22nd December I was very upset to see that one of the four pots along the wall has been tipped over and the plants and soil spread along the path. I went home and got my trowel and gardening gloves and refilled the pot, which luckily had not been broken and replanted all of the plants then swept and tidied up. It is the first time that this has happened so please, if you are walking past, just enjoy the pots and take care if getting too close. Thank you.

The WI have now planted their centenary oak tree at the perimeter of the car park and it is very fitting that this is where the hut used to be when the meetings were held there. A plaque will be placed there in the immediate future and we are proud to have been a part of this. It will be at least 40 years until it will bear acorns but this will be a legacy for future generations.

At our recent committee meeting we welcomed our new treasurer who will act for us from 1st January 2019, please see the notice board at the club for all the details. Our new accountants who are in Southam will be much cheaper than the previous ones so this will be more beneficial for the future and we look forward to a long and happy association with them. As in earlier reports we have benefited from the functions which have been held in the concert room. Thank you to everyone who has done so in 2018. Another very kind donation of £50 has been acknowledged, we are so lucky to have such thoughtful members.

The flyers produced by Janet will be distributed in the February edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News and this will highlight all that we can offer and details of all the various team games that take place. If you are new to the village why not drop in and see us as we are a vital part of the village community and unique in many respects. We look forward to welcoming you and anyone else who has not yet visited us. We approved two new members and we have received an enquiry for a wedding reception etc for 2020. Talk about being organised! We have yet to firm up on the cycling event next year...watch this space. We do have some bookings for 2019 so don't be shy - come and collect a form, you will not be disappointed.

It is not too early to think about the AGM which will take place in March 2019 and if you have any burning issues that you want to raise we will gladly address these. As I said before we do need younger members on our committee so we will be speaking to the various teams who use the club for some volunteers to join us, it is not onerous and you never know, your input could make a difference in many ways.

Membership fees become due on 1st January and some members have already left payments behind the bar. I will be at the club on Sunday lunchtimes in January to accept your payments. Don't forget that adult membership will be £12.50 and OAP £5.00. I have the 2019 CIU cards now and the cost of this is £3.50. Any payments that are left behind the bar I will action. I have noticed that some members leave their cards there permanently so why not come along in 2019 and make use of your membership, the drinks are cheaper and good company is guaranteed.

As you know 2018 will be our centenary year (popular word this month!) and we will be looking for input from you and we can hopefully form a sub-committee to discuss ways to celebrate. Some suggestions have already been noted but I know that some of our members have their own ideas as to how things should be done so don't be shy get your thinking caps on.

At busy times and weekends we often need extra help behind our bar. So why not think about joining our friendly bar team, any help would be greatly appreciated. Just contact me for further details. That is about it for another month, we have so much to look forward to in 2019 and I thank everyone for all of your feedback and lovely comments over the last year. It means a lot.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

What's new for the New Year at Bridge Nursery?

Lots of new planting in the garden. So far this winter I have removed quite a lot of plants which either weren't growing well or which I'd become tired of, so many different plants are now there (although they are protected by some netting so the rabbits can't dig them up). I've even removed a large area of couch grass which had grown in amongst other plants and am feeling very pleased to have done it.

New plants: It looks like there's a trend for growing salvias so I ordered five new varieties. I've already taken cuttings of some of them so should have lots for sale by April. There are some wonderful colours, a very rich velvety purple and a deep blue as well and a pretty pink.

New compost bins: We have six, yes, six! But they were rotting and falling to bits so himself has demolished three and replaced them and will soon be doing the others. They do look very smart.

A new part time helper: There is a scheme which places trainee gardeners with experienced people and I'm hoping to take part this year. I will report back on this exciting change.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Just before the storm which arrived on Saturday 15th December, I paid a visit to Harbury Spoilbank. Many will know this small but intriguing Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. Situated on both sides of the old Great Western Railway line just west of the light engineering works known as International Fasteners Ltd which was built on the site of the Harbury and Southam Road Station. The cutting through Harbury was dug by hand in the 1840s over several years. It was a stupendous feat of engineering. Now, the spoil has consolidated and the resulting limestone grassland, with its many ant-hills, is a haven for wild flowers many of which have been lost in large areas of the county. Autumn Gentian has just finished flowering. Visit in spring to see Violets, Cowslips, and Wild Strawberry, while in summer Common Spotted Orchid, Twayblade, Carline, Dwarf and woolly Thistles take centre stage. Butterflies such as Grizzled and Dingy Skipper, Green Hairstreak, Holly Blue, Brimstone and Orange Tip can be seen in spring while in summer the impressive Marbled White and Silver-washed Fritillary may be sighted. Maintaining the area in its species rich state requires a good deal of scrub bashing.

On my visit, the dead heads of Carline thistle were prominent. Its larger 'cousin' the Chardon Soleil, of Southern Europe, is often nailed to a door for good luck in the way we use a horseshoe.

The day after the storm the streets were washed clean and dawn was cold, clear and still. Further north, freezing rain gave rise to treacherous conditions but we were spared. Blackbirds were numerous and vocal. Walking up Mill Street, I spied a male with partially white plumage. A true albino would have pink eyes. This halfway house, so to speak, is known as leucism.

Holly, (*Ilex aquifolium*) is our commonest native evergreen and can occur in dense clumps particularly where leaf litter allows some down curving, whippy branches to take root. Typically leaves close to the ground are very prickly while those nearer the top are almost spineless. They have evolved in this way to protect them from browsing animals. The leaves are very nutritious so much so that farmers, in years past, lopped off higher branches as winter fodder. Another use for Holly is for trees to act as a marker at a gateway or stile, valuable in bad weather. Similarly ploughing can be aided by a holly acting as a marker for the ploughman.

In the Heritage Room in Southam a new exhibition drew my attention. The archive photographs used in the 2019 calendar are on show and each has a commentary. Bernard Cadogan showed me round. There is a picture of the Holy Well in winter. Apparently the first document referring to the Well is in 'Warwickshire Feet of Fines' dated 1206. I was intrigued by this and subsequently discovered that in the late 12th century a procedure evolved for ending legal action by agreement between the parties. The agreement was known as a final concord (or fine). Originally this was a means of resolving

genuine disputes but by the middle of the 13th century the fine had become a popular way of conveyancing freehold property. The right and left hand copies were given to the parties and the third copy at the foot was retained by the court. Hence 'feet of fines'. The walk from Southam across fields alongside the River Sowe leads to the restored Well. A little further on is the junction with the Itchen close to Stoneythorpe Hall and the remains of a water mill. The latter was still standing in the late 60s when Sharon and I came to Harbury but it collapsed during a storm soon after. I have occasionally seen a kingfisher thereabouts and herons are numerous.

It was good to hear that cranes are getting more numerous. A flock of around 40 was seen recently in East Anglia. I have seen several whilst visiting the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Reserve at Slimbridge Gloucestershire originally set up by Peter Scott. Cranes are tall, long-necked waders which have begun breeding in this country again after a gap of 350 years. The biggest threat to cranes is hunting and habitat destruction. They are now protected by international agreement.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2019.



General Section

Connections Café: for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers

For the past three years, we have run a monthly café in the village for people with a dementia diagnosis and their carers. Each two hour session involves games, puzzles and singing accompanied by drinks and cake, plus the chance to talk and access information in a supportive and friendly atmosphere. It is held in the **Tom Hauley Room behind the Church from 2-4pm on the third Wednesday of every month**, and we extend a warm welcome to newcomers. There is no charge and no need to book a place, but if you require further information or help with transport to get there, please phone either Jill (612483) or Janice (612340). Our next session will be on **Wednesday 16th January 2019**, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Janice Montague

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Young Persons Award 2018

This month we are publishing the second two of the five winners of our writing competition. We hope you enjoy reading them.

John Holden - H&L News

Refugee

I am he who you despise

I am he whose aura you wish to dispel from your lungs

I am he who will invade your precious country with my foreign words and foreign ways

I am he who wishes to take from you the food from your table and the cloth from your back

I am he who is inhuman, unclean, evil

I am he who you most fear

But I am he who needs you most

And I am he who seeks refu-

A monster.

Creeping, growling, growing

Just around the corner, its face not yet showing.

Building up its substance, feeding off my every vision

And the storm inside me grows, a chaos made of hate and rage- a deadly, wrong collision.

For I am angry.

For this war was never right.

Why do they hate and kill and discriminate?

Why must we be caught in their fight?

Because this is not our figh-

I know the fear of the rabbit in car headlights, when you are 10 years old and waiting...waiting for the headlights of the chariots of Death.

I know the terror that a knock on the door can bring, when you are 10 years old and waiting...waiting for the knock of the armies of Death.

I know the pain of being 10 years old and watching...watching as your mother is dragged away into the jaws of Death...the heart-wrenching, inhuman, awful pain that words cannot describe.

I know. I have seen. I will never forget.

They are the predators

I am the pre-

*I am running.
 Running from fear and terror and death.
 Behind me is war.
 Behind me is danger.
 Behind me is a place so black that nothing can escape.
 And I am running.
 Running from that black
 Even as it pulls me back.
 Even as it calls to me with an ever stronger pull.
 Because I am running.
 Running from a place in which I have lost everything
 But a place that is my everything.
 Behind me is a place that can no longer be my home.
 So I am runni-*

*Memories
 Swirling in your head like ink in water. Untouchable
 Memories
 Like misted pins in the corkboard of your brain. Unreachable
 Memories
 Distant, shrouded by impassable, tangible Time. Invisible
 And yet I do not want them.
 I do not want to know.
 For if they are clear, if I can read them
 I will be utterly lost in their flow.
 And they are painf-
 If the world were to listen, what would you say?
 If you could say anything, what would it be?
 If you took to the rooftops, what would you shout?
 What is your legacy, your song?
 "I am he who hides painful memories
 I am he who is running
 I am he who is prey
 I am he who is lost in a fight that is not my fight
 I am he who has been through hell
 Now I am he who seeks refuge".*

by Eleanor Grundy (age 14)

Just Maybe

It's February 1918. There is war across the whole continent, and in my country, men parade along the streets in an aggressive manner because they are fighting and protesting for their rights. Several policewomen grab some of the more violent men and drag them away but I don't know where because I am limited to what is visible from my bedroom window.

Women rule the country, you see, and there's never been a problem with that until now; men are angry that they are thought of as less capable, intelligent and worthy. I think it's wrong though because it means that my younger brother and my father cannot go to work. They hope that they will be able to in the future. Just maybe.

I'm watching the protests from my window because I don't have school today and I also don't have anything better to do. Mother always says that I should be proud of being a female but I should also think of men as equal, which I do. However I'm only twelve so it's not like I can do anything anyway.

"Elizabeth!" my mother calls from downstairs. Instantly I hurry down the stairs and I greet her with a smile.

"Hello Mother"

"Good afternoon Elizabeth"

"Have you seen the newspaper?"

I pick it up and scan through it. Numbers. Big ones. This is how many women soldiers have died in the war so far. I can't even begin to imagine what it's like out there. Constant fighting and careless killing. The newspaper tells me that the army needs more women to fight for the country, but I know that it means signing up to stand in a field in the cold and rain, wearing a green uniform and then dying of disease, gunshot or hypothermia.

It's pretty much a miracle that my mother is cooking today's lunch as my father usually cooks all of our meals. He is a very good cook but I assume he likes to have a break every now and then. I appreciate everything that my father does in our house; cooking, washing, cleaning and tidying. Despite all of this, I know that he'd rather be out working like my mother.

When mother walks into the kitchen complaining about the riots and protests being right on our doorstep, I hadn't even realised that she'd left the room.

"It's worse than ever out there today" she exclaims. I don't say anything as I know that she was addressing my father.

"I know Maria, but if they carry on like this then the government might capitulate and we will be able to vote and go to work like you lot!" he remarks. Despite his contrary reply he knows that my mother is right.

That evening we eat dinner almost in silence. I don't know why and frankly I don't think anyone else does either. When we've all finished, my younger brother Edward stacks the plates and my mother and father wash up whilst I slip away to avoid helping. I get ready for bed as quickly as I can, pick up my book and then start reading.

I'm not a big fan of reading but my mother and my school teacher tell me to, so I do it anyway. Edward reads too but he enjoys reading and education because he says that he wants to be the prime minister when he's older. I can't imagine this ever happening but he thinks that things will turn around in a few years' time and that he will be the first male prime minister. Just maybe.

I also hope that the war stops because I don't know how long we're going to survive in the capital city before being bombed or something like that. After only reading about a paragraph of my book, I decide to get to sleep for school tomorrow.

In the morning when I get downstairs, I find mother and Edward at the breakfast table, but not father.

"Get some breakfast, Elizabeth"

"Okay" I reply.

As I sit down, my brother blurts out "Daddy's been arrested Liz, but he's supposed to be coming home tomorrow."

I'm speechless. What am I supposed to say to that?

"He hasn't done anything wrong though Elizabeth. He will be home tomorrow, so don't worry"

"Okay..." I say.

When I return from school later that day, I find my mother crying and Edward doing his best to calm her down and comfort her. "Mother!" I cry. "What's happened?"

"Daddy won't be home for a while and we don't know when he will be coming home Liz" Edward says, trying to sound calm, but I can detect the slight panic in his voice. The rest of the evening flies by quickly and we barely exchange a word to each other. I go to bed early to get as much time to myself as I can.

The next morning I appear downstairs to a much more jolly mood than yesterday. "Look at the news Liz" Edward instructs. I glance down at the newspaper and two words jump at me, 'VOTE AGREEMENT!' it reads. This is what the whole country had been waiting for but we didn't think that the government would give in so easily.

That evening we get a call from the police. It's bad. I can tell. As soon as mother puts the telephone down, salty tears stream down her rosy cheeks. "He won't ever be coming home Elizabeth"

"Why?"

"He..."her words trail off but I can't hear any more of this so I disappear up to my room collecting the post, left from this morning, on the way.

As I lie on my bed, I open the envelope that I picked up. *'It's me. I'm ok and things are going to be just fine but I need you to stay strong for me. ok?'* I knew that my life was going to change. I could feel it and I think I'll be ok. Just maybe.

by Mae Quinney (age 12)

Harbury Senior Citizens' Committee Update

We had 112 people come along to our Christmas Party and we hope that you all enjoyed it. Thank you for your cards and your thanks on the night. The entertainment was again provided by Phill and Ken and we think they enjoyed doing it as much as we enjoyed them. 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 35 prizes that including a special hamper from Evelyn and Maureen. They were all much appreciated.

We could not run this event without the help of all the volunteers and this year we would like to say a special thank you to Erin, Ishbel and Francesca. Erin and Ishbel are doing a Young Leaders course and part of that includes helping at community events and the help they gave us contributed to their targets. Francesca was the youngest helper on the night and we hope she enjoyed helping us. Thank you to everyone who came along to help and we hope to see you again next year.

The Harbury Scouts helped us again this year to erect and decorate the tree, put up the ceiling decorations, set up the tables and lay out the plates, cutlery and glasses. Thank you to scout leaders and scouts. See you again next year?



As we roll into 2019 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 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

Harbury Local Produce



Thank you for continuing to support the Pop Up Markets in Harbury. The ones at the Village Hall went really well and Harbury Hedgehogs as well as Harbury PTA received a good boost to their fundraising.

Our last market was on 24th November at The Shakespeare for Harbury Church - which was a lot of fun.

The Committee, (yes, we now have a lovely committee), made a decision to not have a market in December as so many other lovely events go on in the village that people like to attend.

The next market will be **26th January 2019, 9.00 - 11.30am** at the Shakespeare Inn, Harbury.

News:

In order to help new and small local businesses, Harbury Local Produce are going to be running some events in the coming year to assist new and small businesses to grow.

The first event will be held **14th January 2019 12.00 - 3.00pm** at the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury Church, Harbury.

Please bring computer/ipad and your current business plan if you have one.

If you are a local producer who has attended a market, the fee is £10 and £15 for anyone else.

All welcome, including little people as I am happy to keep them occupied if needed – the session will be three hours with tea/coffee/biscuits - bring your own lunch.

If you have any specifics on setting up a new business, do let us know as we may be able to arrange a session - looking to do one maybe every two months.

Donations to be given to Tom Hauley Room inc room hire fee as all proceeds from events are for local charities (not for profit).

To book please contact Karena on Harbury Local Produce page on Facebook or 07796 575716.

Thank you again for all your support.

Harbury Local Produce Committee



Christmas Quiz in aid of Warwickshire Vision Support

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the quiz at the Village Club on 2nd December as well as the many people who helped in all sorts of different ways. The amount raised was £521 for Warwickshire Vision Support. We were particularly pleased that representatives from the charity were there to support us and to talk about the services they provide to people living with sight loss, which affects so many more people now that we are living longer.

In particular we would like to thank the following who donated food and raffle prizes:

Asda, The Crown Inn, Harbury Co-op, Homebase, Morrisons, Present Days, Sainsburys and Tesco.

The quiz was closely contested but it was the Wild Boars who came out on top.

We hope to be back again in December 2019 to run a Christmas quiz in aid of another local charity so look out for details later in the year.

**Sheila Burtt, Angela Cook,
Sue Ward, Pat Whorton**



The Wild Boars celebrating their success!



Wednesday Walks

We are now into our ninth year of sharing fresh air, exercise, pleasure in the countryside and good company. Around a dozen of us meet each week, fill up cars, drive less than half an hour and then walk for about two hours. This is a very informal group – no membership, committee or register; just turn up. The diary page of this magazine gives details; give us a try.

Gillian Hare



**Southam
College**

Southam College Community Education

Southam College Community Education centre offers a varied programme of daytime and evening courses in Southam and surrounding villages. Subject areas include Creative Arts and Crafts, Fitness and Wellbeing, General Interest, IT and Personal Development.

Spring term starts from **14th January 2019**

Places are available this term for:

Cake decorating; Digital Photography; Dressmaking; Family History; Watercolour and Mixed Media Art.

For a full programme and further information about the Spring term, visit our web page www.southamcollege.com/about/community-education or pick up a leaflet from libraries, the leisure centre and other local venues.

Some classes are ongoing but may have availability.

For enquiries and to check availability/book, contact Sue Hawthorn on 01926 810942 or email commmed.s@welearn365.com

**Sue Hawthorn
Southam College Community Education Centre
Tel: 01926 810942**

Harbury Bus Timetable from 5th January 2019

BUSES FROM HARBURY TO LEAMINGTON

From 5th January, 2019 until further notice

Days	665 Mon-Fri only	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat	501 Sat only	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat
Southern Bowling Green	0622		0928	1118	1245	1318	1638	
Harbury Post Office	0639	0741	0945	1135	1302	1335	1655	1810
Leamington Parish Church	0656	0802+	1005	1156		1356	1716	1829
Leamington Upper Parade	0700	0815	1010	1200		1400	1720	1833

Days	64 Fri & Sat only	64 Fri & Sat only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only
Southern Bowling Green	2124	2259					
Upton House				1138	1338	1538	1738
Harbury Post Office	2140	2315	1023	1223	1423	1623	1823
Leamington Parish Church	2203	2338	1048	1248	1448	1648	1848
Leamington Upper Parade	2156	2331	1052	1252	1452	1652	
Cubbington			1113	1313	1513	1713	

Please be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is due.

Other stops are made in Harbury on Vicarage Lane, South Parade and Binswood End, and en route: see www.stagecoachbus.com for full details

+ - on school days serves Warwickshire College at 0807 and Trinity School at 0811. Starts from Southern 0724 on Saturdays only.

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A Sunday service operates on Bank Holidays. Sunday services also stop at Leamington Retail Park (Sainsburys).

21 Jan - 19 Feb: buses to/from Southern will be affected by HS2 related roadworks: check details at www.stagecoachbus.com

BUSES FROM LEAMINGTON TO HARBURY

From 5th January, 2019 until further notice

Days	665 Mon-Fri only	501 Sat only	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat	665 Mon-Sat
Leamington Upper Parade	0705	0848	1015	1210	1410	1535*	1730*	1840
Leamington Parish Church	0709	0852	1019	1214	1414	1539	1734	1844
Harbury Cemece	0728	0910	1038	1233	1433	1558	1755	1905
Southern Bowling Green		0927	1055	1250	1450	1615		1922

Days	64 Fri & Sat only	64 Fri & Sat only	64 Fri & Sat only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only	67C Sun only
Cubbington				0915	1115	1315	1515	1715
Leamington Upper Parade	2025	2200	2335	0937	1137	1337	1537	1737
Leamington Parish Church	2028	2203	2338	0941	1141	1341	1541	1741
Harbury Cemece	2043	2218	2352R	1006	1206	1406	1606	1806
Upton House				1042	1242	1442	1642	1842
Southern Bowling Green	2059	2234	2359					

Please be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is due.

Other stops are made in Harbury - Vicarage Lane, South Parade and Binswood End, and en route: see www.stagecoachbus.com for full details

R - calls on request to the driver to set down only

* - on school days starts from Trinity School at 1525

* - on college days starts from Warwickshire College 1720

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A Sunday service operates on Bank Holidays. Sunday services also stop at Leamington Retail Park (Sainsburys).

21 Jan - 19 Feb: buses to/from Southern will be affected by HS2 related roadworks: check details at www.stagecoachbus.com

BUSES TO & FROM BANBURY From 5th January, 2019 until further notice. 501 also runs on Good Friday

Days	503 Thurs only	503 Thurs only	501 Sat only	501 Sat only
Harbury Post Lane Western House	0942	Banbury 1335	Harbury Cemece 0910	Banbury Town Centre Bus Station Reg 2 1215
Banbury	1037	Harbury Post Lane Western House 1432	Banbury Town Centre Bus Station Reg 2 0957	Harbury Post Office 1302

Harbury Directory

The Harbury Directory is now due for renewal with the last copy covering 2016-18. If you run a new village organisation or group and would like to be included in the new edition, please contact me at articles@hlnews.co.uk or call 612155. If your organisation/group already appears on the directory, you will be contacted shortly to check if your entry needs to be updated or can remain the same.

Gill Holden - H&L News



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Recently I held a gathering of family and friends in the Tom Hauley Room.

In the one brief moment I stood alone, I thought of the many events in our lives we choose to mark or celebrate within its walls: the birth of our children, our marriages, goodbye to our loved ones, our parties, meetings, coffee mornings, lunches, fund raising "dos" and others such. It is a rich heritage indeed that Tom Hauley left us.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on my birthday; thank you for your help, your kind wishes and generous presents. You gave me a wonderful party.

Happy New Year Harbury

Mary Shelley

Dear Editors

Harbury Church Christmas Raffle 2018

The raffle raised a fantastic £2356 which is being sent to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. The draw took place at the Church Christmas Fayre where there were more than 30 lucky winners.

Congratulations and thanks to the many people involved: in selling tickets around the streets of Harbury, in donating prizes, in helping on the day of the Fayre and, of course, in generously buying tickets for a very worthwhile cause.

Thank you.

Michael & Ann Vincent
(Raffle Organisers)

Dear Editors

I think a very big thank you should go to Christine Dakin - Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery.

Every month she writes a varied article giving very practical and helpful gardening advice which is always relevant to the season.

Each article has something which inspires and ideas on what, how, where and when to plant.

I am focusing more and more on veg in my garden and there is always plenty of information Christine has to offer there as well.

December's article was absolutely perfect with some fantastic ideas for Christmas gifts.

Thank you, Christine.

Linda Nykamp

Dear Editors**Village Club Senior Citizens Party**

Having just got back from an excellent evening of entertainment and food, can we just say a huge thank you to the Village Club committee for all the time and effort that they put into organising this year's event and just hope that it is supported better next year as it would be a terrible shame if it was discontinued for whatever reason.

Thank you.

Ted and Sue Coupe

Dear Editors

The WI Darts Team would like to say a big "thank you" to the Committee of Harbury Club for the most enjoyable Christmas Party on 4th December. The meal provided by Hill Top was delicious and the entertainment and raffle - excellent . If you were not there you don't know what you missed!

WI Darts Team

<p>DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792</p>

Regular Diary Dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUIDES: Monday, 7.15 – 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: harburyguides@outlook.com,
Tel: 07730 470641, www.1stharburyguides.co.uk

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: 1st Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 6s – Year 1

Coach: Craig Balch, Tel: 07948 253010

Training: Saturday 9.15am. Harbury School

Under 7s – Year 2

Coach: Steve Burnell, Tel: 07850 464286

Training: Saturday 8.30am. Harbury School

Under 8s – Year 3

Coach: John O'Keeffe, Tel: 07939 127580

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

Under 9s – Year 4

Coach: Marcus Birch, Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 10s – Year 5

Coach: Phil Hetherington, Tel: 07773 352731

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 11s – Year 6

Coach: Eugene Murphy, Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Monday 7.00pm. Southam College

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: The Wight School, High Street, Harbury, Monday - Friday,
8.30am - 3.30pm (term time only), Text: 07907 598461,
enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

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

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: The Scout Hut (behind Wight School), Harbury.

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

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

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

HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY: Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Tel: 258776, Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm and Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon

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

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

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon, Scout Hut Sue Hartland, Tel: 612734

HARBURY NETBALL CLUB (Senior & Junior): Training: Thursday, Harbury Playing Fields U14 - 5.30 - 6.30pm, U16 - 6.30 - 7.30pm, Intermediate Seniors, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Senior League, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Tel: 613163

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

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

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

SLIMMING WORLD: Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays 5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

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

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

TENNIS CLUB: Harbury Tennis Courts, South Parade. CV33 9HZ

Playing Times: Tuesday, 6.30 - 10.00pm, Thursday, 6.30 - 10.00pm, Sunday 10.00am - 12 noon

Members may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked. **Guests** playing with members should pay £1 an hour.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email sucolmercer@btinternet.com)

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		Dr Panting 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Wood 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Chard 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Wilkinson 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Snowdon 8.30 - 11.00am
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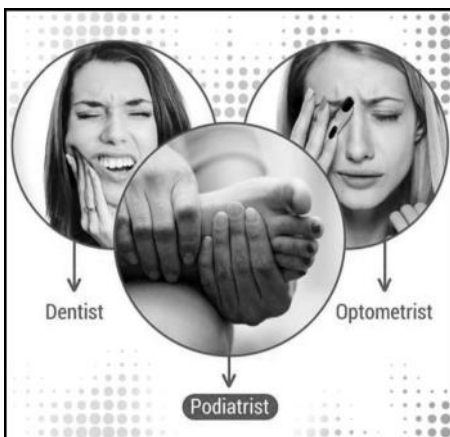
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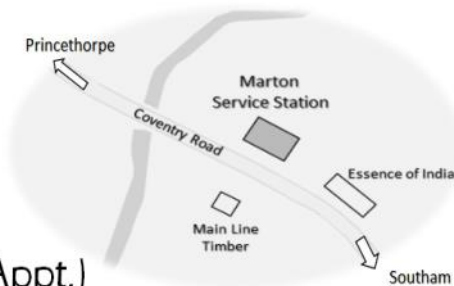
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