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Left to right: Tim Henman, Michelle Waggott and Mark Petchey

Harbury's Wedding of the Year took place in July when Michelle Waggott from the Beeches married tennis player Mark Petchey during the Wimbledon fortnight. Many village people turned out to witness the celebrations and were delighted to see fellow tennis star Tim Henman as a wedding guest. The Bride and Groom were whisked to their reception by a helicopter which took off from the field adjacent to the Church.



Mark and Michelle alongside the helicopter

The Editors were pleased that their hopes for the Garden walkabout were realised and that visitors to the village enjoyed a pleasant day in some delightful gardens. (See photographs later).

This months edition includes some impressive poems from children at Harbury school written in recent weeks and they reveal the wealth of talent which can be encouraged in a stimulating environment. Now that the schools are on holiday, many individuals devote their time to running playschemes and Harbury is fortunate to have a dedicated body of volunteers willing to give up their time to provide interesting activities for the children.

Some students who have been to University have already received their results and they should be congratulated on their graduation success. For many students in the village, August is an anxious month when they await news of GCSE and A Level results and we hope they achieve the success they deserve.

Our photographs this month have been received from various individuals within the village, as our regular photographer is unfortunately unwell at present. We wish Mike a speedy recovery.

Finally we would like to extend our sympathies to the families of Van Bevan and Gwendoline Marley.

Harbury Diary

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Sat 3 Cream Teas in the Tom Hauley Room
 Sun 4 Pentecost X, Sung Eucharist 9am, Evensong 6.30pm
 Cricket Seconds home to Willoughby
 "Butterflies and Flowers walk" along 4 miles of old
 railways (10am to 12.30pm) from Stag at Offchurch £1, adults
 50p children
 Tues 6 Transfiguration of our Lord, Holy Communion 7.30pm

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Wed 7 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00-12.00noon

Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am

Sun 11 Pentecost XI, Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket Firsts Home to Lighthorne
Archaeology of Burton Dassett, 2-4pm - a short ramble from the Burton Dassett Beacon £1 adults, 50p others

Tues 13 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wed 14 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00-12.00noon

Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am

Fri 16 Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling

Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am Cream Teas in the Tom Hauley Room

Sun 18 Pentecost XII, Holy Communion 8am, Family Communion 10.30am
Cricket Firsts Home to Flecknoe

Tues 20 Children's Holiday Club in Wight School 10.00-12.00noon

Wed 21 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00-12.00 noon
Children's Holiday Club in Wight School 10.00-12.00 noon

Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am
Children's Holiday Club in Wight School 10.00-12.00 noon
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm

Sat 24 Cream Teas in the Tom Hauley Room

Sun 25 Pentecost XIII Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am Evensong 6.30pm Cricket Seconds Home to Boddington "Edge Hill Circular Walk" 8 miles 10.00am - 3.30pm to Edge Hill from Burton Dassett £1 adults, 50p others

Mon 26 Bank Holiday

Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wed 28 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00-12.00 noon
Children's Art Workshop in Village Hall

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Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri 30 Beer Festival in Village Hall

Sat 31 Cream Teas in the Tom Hauley Room
Beer Festival in Village Hall

'Ready, Steady Go', (Robert Appeal), Harbury Village Club 8pm

Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling

SEPTEMBER

Sun 1 Pentecost XIV, Sung Eucharist 9am, Evensong 6.30pm Cricket Firsts Home to Warwickshire CCSCC

"Late Flowers at Ufton" meet at Ufton Reserve 2pm, £1 adults,

50p others

Tues 3 SCHOOL BEGINS

Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm Holy Communion 7.30pm

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REGULAR DIARY DATES

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays **BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm Fridays

BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: Over Southarn Magistrates Court,

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COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

DANCING CLASSES: Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults 4-9pm Wednesdays.

GRAPEVINE: Tom Hauley Room, Coffee Morning 10-12noon Wednesdays

GUIDES: Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Monday

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, 6-7pm (U7-10yrs & Beginners 7-8pm;

Over 10yrs 8-9pm) Mondays

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Dog Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)

LIBRARY: Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm Thursdays:

Matches Saturday Afternoon

NURSERY SCHOOL: Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays

TENNIS CLUB: (Apr-Sept) Tue & Thur 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April);

Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

THEATRE GROUP: Wight School, 8pm last Friday of Month

THURSDAY CLUB: Village Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES: Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays

W.I.: Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

YOGA: Village Hall, 1-3pm Tuesday, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

VISITING: Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:
Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday) Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The holiday season is upon us; to those who are going away we wish you a happy and peaceful time, and hope that the break rejuvenates you!

If you are between the age of 4 - 11 years old and wish to become a 'Secret Agent', All Saints' is providing the means on 20th, 21st and 22nd August at the Wight School between 10.00am and 12.00 noon, squash and biscuits will be provided. It will be fun, do come.

Cream Teas will be served in the Tom Hauley Room during August, with the exception of the 10th. We would love to see you.

For those young people waiting for examination results, we hope that anticipation is not too distracting.

Finally we extended our sympathy to Margaret Bevan and Vanda Ball on the loss of husband and father, Paddy. Margaret and Paddy have been regular worshippers at All Saints' since moving to Harbury some years ago.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

Those first disciples who walked with Jesus, could go along with Jesus, up to a point. They enjoyed the freshness of His ideas - you might even call life with him an adventure. But accepting his sacrifice, being prepared to upset and change your own life with his way of sacrifice, that was going too far.

We can accept Jesus, up to a point. Religion can be for us a habit, church-going a social occasion; something which gives us a sense of respectability! Yet we must go beyond that point. To accept the real Christ is to be aware of His absolute love. In its light we need to face up to the weakness of our own nature, our failures and our deep and continuing need of His forgiveness. To accept the real Christ is also to accept His challenge; the challenge to take the Gospel seriously; deepen our personal understanding; the challenge to personally accept responsibility for the Church's expansion and care in this place; accepting the challenge to look afresh at our methods and assumptions about our worship and our witness to the community; with open eyes and honest hearts to see how we can improve our personal participation in the process of drawing others to understand and know the love of Christ and Worship with us.

The Transfiguration of our Lord, which we celebrate this month, is first about giving thanks for the beauty and splendour of the risen Lord, and offering him our humble worship. But secondly it is about the change and transfiguration of our lives and our villages. This poses a personal challenge. This is the Decade of Evangelism. This is the beginning of a new phase of ministry in these Parishes.

Join with me. Worship with me. With me pray for these Parishes. Seek to reach out to them in the love of Christ.

Jesus did not stay on the mountain top. He went down with the disciples to the plain, to live with and serve amidst the realities of the world.

The challenge of Transfiguration is to us, to walk shoulder to shoulder with Jesus, to bring to those around us the freshness of His Spirit and the certainty of his unconditional love.

Fr. Roy

Laugh Line

Minister, addressing children in church:

"Can anyone tell me who is the Perfect Person to whom I must compare my life?"

Child (hesitantly): "Is it your Wife?"

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

Harbury - Friday 5th July Mark Rodney James Petchey to Michelle Mima Waggott

Ladbroke - Saturday 6th July Andrew Scott Wallington to Vivienne Askew

Ladbroke - Saturday 13th July Robert William Hill to Victoria Louise Harrison

Coly Baptism

Harbury - Sunday 21st July Samuel William Theodor Hain Max Edward Henry Hain

Sunerals

Harbury - Thursday 18th July Van (Paddy) Bevan

Oakley Wood - Friday 26th July Gwendoline Marley

May they rest in peace.

MOTHERS' UNION

After a wet morning, the weather was too cold and damp for sitting outside, so our "Garden Meeting" had to be held indoors. We admired the Rectory garden through the windows while we held our A.G.M. and then ate a delicious tea provided by the Committee.

Thankfully the weather co-operated for our evening walk to Ufton. It was a perfect summer evening and, after a good supper at the White Hart, members and husbands walked home again in the twilight.

In August there are no Mothers' Union meetings. However, we shall be taking part in the Family Service on August 18th.

The next afternoon meeting will take the form of a Communion service, with hymns and an address, at 2.00pm on Wednesday September 4th. Please bring Overseas Boxes to this meeting.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

Mrs. Catt told the story of two brothers. One who stayed and helped his father and the other who went away and spent all his money. Their father celebrated his return with a party. We then had a party wearing paper hats we had made.

This was the last service for this term and we shall meet again on 10th September.

Shirley Keir

Ladbroke News

AUGUST

Wed 7 Holy Communion 9.45am

Sun 11 Pentecost XI, Sung Communion 9.00am

Wed 14 Holy Communion 2.00pm, Women's Fellowship Afternoon Tea Party at Rectory House 2.30pm

Sun 18 Pentecost XII, Sung Communion 9.00am, Evensong 6.00pm

Wed 21 Holy Communion 9.45am

Sun 25 Pentecost XIII, Sung Communion 9.00am

Wed 28 Holy Communion 9.45am

SEPTEMBER

Sun 1 Pentecost XIV, Family Communion 10.30am, (followed by Coffee)

Wed 4 Holy Communion 9.45am

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

With so many outdoor activities going on at this time of the year, it seems essential that the sun shines. I think our three July brides had the sun shining on them. We also had a beautiful evening for our Songs of Praise service on Sunday July 21st. There was a good congregation who the Rector praised for their singing; so it must have been good. To round off the happy evening we all went round to the Village Hall to be served with some scrumptious refreshments by the ladies of Ladbroke Church

While the sun is still shining there is a lot of work to be done in the Churchyard. Anybody hearing me! The grass is very overgrown in places and we have also got to remove the shrubs growing near the church. The Architect has said they will encourage the damp, some of the shrubs will need chainsawing down.

The Children's Church is still meeting - even in August, on the 3rd Sunday in the month at 11 a.m. We would be happy to welcome any new faces - the not so new faces would be very welcome too. Why not come and teach us some of your favourite hymns.

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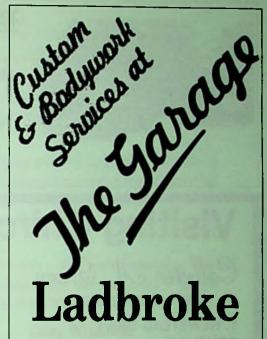
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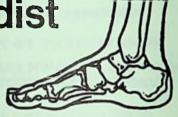
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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

I'm sure there are not many of us - even the most seasoned of travellers who have been to Khirghizstan. Mif Warr painted us a most fascinating picture of life in this little known country. The quaint houses, the kind people, the awful food(!) and the sub-zero temperatures; not forgetting the marvellous, unspoilt countryside.

August is our tea afternoon - with a bring and buy and raffle. The food is guaranteed to be delicious! We are making it an open meeting, inviting the mums and children from the village. We hope to organise games at the end of Rectory House garden, by the kind invitation of Alan and Gwladys Gould.

Please make a note of this event. 2.30pm - Women's Fellowship Tea Party at the Rectory House on August 14th admission £1 - which includes the tea. If it rains we've booked the Village Hall!

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The Strawberry Fair, held on July 11th, was a great success putting £261.00 into our bank account for further bursaries and other expenses. Many other W.I.'s were represented - a big thank you to all who helped and attended.

This months meeting, held on July 25th, was very interesting and entertaining. Mr John Illingworth talked to us about Bell Ringing. He was so knowledgeable on his subject showing us slides of some of the 2,000 churches he has visited around the world. He gave us information on the bells in Ladbroke Church. Eight members volunteered to play his hand bells which, amazingly, were recognisable tunes!

Tuesday August 20th we are holding a Cheese and Wine get together at the home of Anne Edwards. There will be a bring and buy stall, raffle stall and coffee. It starts at 7.30pm. so do come and join us. Please note, Short Mat Bowlers, we will not be bowling on this evening.

Instead of our August meeting on the 29th, we have arranged a Ten pin bowling evening, with supper, at the Leamington Bowls Centre from 7pm - 9pm. Please contact Anne if you have not already put your name on the list.

Happy holidays to all and return safely and refreshed ready to support our active W.I. in the coming months.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The July Parish Council meeting was held on Friday 19th with all councillors present.

Bollards

Have you noticed that the two bollards at the north entrance to the village have been replaced with plastic ones? We have been promised a further two bollards at the south entrance within two weeks.

Noticeboard

As there was no response to our question about the siting of the noticeboard, it was decided to leave it where it is at the moment and re-think when the new housing development has been built.

Planning Applications

A farm building proposed for Folly Fields Farm, whilst noted by the Parish Council, will be determined by the Director of Planning's delegated powers.

Permission has been granted for a storage extension to the Village Hall.

Dassett Area Planning Workshop

Councillors Marion Grainger and Geoff Timms had attended a Dassett Area planning workshop where a specialist talked about designs of houses and their appropriateness to a village setting. Discussions then gave Councillors from all over the district the opportunity to give their opinions to the planners on this and traffic calming measures that can be built into new developments.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The absence of the regular scribe on royal duties was noted, and John Woodward didn't look too bad considering his recent arguments with a bike and a dog!

Your Parish Councillors fairly rattled through the first few items on the agenda and it looked like an early night was in prospect - WRONG!

The first task was to elect Chairmen for the various working parties, so any problems at Deppers, contact Steve Norman, for Planning see Sharon Hancock, properties - knock on John Woodward's door, Environment see Keith Thompson, and last but not least, John Hunt is Chairman of Finance.

There will be a report to the next meeting on the results of the OFSTED inspection at school, but Keith Thompson expected a good result for which thanks had to go to all the staff.

P.C. Boulstridge reported 19 incidents including 2 minor assaults. There was success in locating and admonishing the culprits responsible for fly tipping, and one idiot (not a local resident) was prosecuted for exceeding the speed limit in Deppers when overtaking, of all things, a police car!

There was long debate on problems being experienced in Church Terrace and Hall Lane. Residents are being encouraged to report rowdyism to the Police when it happens. There are also people misguided enough to think that the one-way signs don't apply to them and that they are entitled to ride their bikes and their horses against the traffic flow. Threats were made to publish names in the Harbury News, and names will be given to the police for visits to be made, so those responsible have been warned.

Amongst items of correspondence, Stratford District Council is going greener with a pilot scheme for garden waste (watch for publicity), Harbury came 2nd for the large villages in the Southam area of the Best Kept Village Competition (a pleasing improvement on previous years).

On highways, John Deegan from the County Council had been given a hard time by Steve Norman on behalf of Deppers, he eventually agreed to consider rumble strips if the money can be raised. District Councillor James Turner reported that Stratford District Council has made £6,000 available for a traffic survey on the B4451 and the B4452, starting in September and reporting by the end of the year.

Despite a limited response from residents for volunteers, your Parish Council will carry out its own traffic survey in the village, particularly Temple End/Park Lane area.

Harsh words were aimed at Stratford District Council by John Woodward on planning issues. There were complaints about inconsistencies in policy by refusing an application at Harbury House despite Parish Council support, and yet not so long ago an application at Harbury Hall was approved against Parish Council advice. District Councillor Cooley said Stratford is prepared to enforce planning conditions, so if there is a problem, let him know. At the rear of Brethrens Farm, Mr Carroll has been given the opportunity to tidy up or else enforcement action will be taken.

Your Parish Council will be pleased to meet E.M.E. and show them the problems of overhead cables in the village and discuss possible solutions, but they were not impressed with the response from B.T. on the same issue.

Confusion over the Bryant's development at Sonas Mor. Bryant's themselves didn't seem to know they had started on site. Have S.T.W. resolved Harbury's sewerage problems or not; what is happening about social housing because Bryant's are only supplying the land and what about lighting, cycle ways and open spaces? A meeting with the Managing Director will be asked for and Warwickshire Rural Housing Trust will be contacted.

Removal of the barbecues from the playing fields has been deferred for the time being. Ken Stephenson has persuaded Cornhill Insurance to reconsider the question of insurance. Steve Norman showed great interest when Mary Shelley talked about football posts procreating all over the field. Progress on the land exchange with the Village Hall was slow. And there was formal vote taken on a motion by John Woodward, seconded by Mary Shelley, NOT to allow fairs on the playing fields. They were in a minority of 2.

There are drainage problems outside Country Fayre in Chapel Street where contractors have managed somehow to connect the drain to the foul sewer! Strange visions came to mind when District Councillor James Turner said he was "looking into it".

There was considerable discussion about the fencing along the railway, which was erected by Railtrack apparently following representation from "a local landowner". Your Parish Council is rightly concerned about access that has been enjoyed for many years now being blocked. Railtrack are to be invited "for a chat".

Fees and charges have been reviewed, so allotment rents go up by £1 next year, the football club will pay an extra £5 this year, and fun fairs will pay £40 a day. No doubt the increase in allotment rents would have been greater had it not been for the sterling work by Alison Hodge in resisting the County Council's proposed increases.

And if you have any ideas for the Millenium, talk to any of your Parish Councillors. They will discuss them at their next meeting.

John Lapraik

THE HARBURY NEWS NEEDS YOU

Two key people associated with the production of the Harbury and Ladbroke News have indicated that they wish to retire from their duties and the Committee is wishing to replace them. So if you have a few hours you can give each month to help <u>your</u> magazine please get in touch.

The first post is Advertising Manager. This involves receiving the adverts towards the months end, liaising with the Harbury News typist and the printers and advising the Treasurer who to invoice. Between February and April each year there is the coloured page advertising to arrange.

The other post is that of **Distribution Manager**, where the requirement is for this person to collect the stapled magazines from the Tom Hauley Room either on the first or last Friday evening in the month and then deliver them to our team of Distributors within Harbury and Ladbroke.

The magazine's success depends on around 75 people who each month give some of their spare time towards its production and we are looking for two more people to join us. If you are interested please contact me on 612155.

John Holden (Chairman)

HARBURY SOCIETY

We had wonderful weather for the visit to the Lord Leycester Hospital Garden.

Susan Rhodes was pleased to be able to show us the quotation from Nathaniel Hawthorne inscribed into the timbers of the new summer-house. The American writer described the gardens following his visits between 1855-7.

We admired the spectacular Nileometre which came from Warwick Castle in 1838 and the many plants and shrubs associated with groups and individuals concerned with the re-establishment of the gardens.

As well as the enormous growth of the roses 'Rambling Rector' and 'Wedding Day' there were more subtle roses like 'Felicity et Perpetue' and the exquisite 'Humanity' (Commemorating the Red Cross) at red velvet beauty which no-one could resist touching.

There were visual jokes too for the initiates, like the planting of the Pineapple scented Cytisus Battandieri adjacent to the Pineapple Pit. And everywhere there was scent from the Roses and especially the Lillies.

It was a wonderful evening and you too can enjoy the Gardens. They are open Tuesday to Saturday between Easter and September along with the Tea Rooms. Donations of at least £1 are requested.

Our next event will be the opening of the Windmill at Chesterton on the weekend of 14th and 15th September. Anyone who would like to help, should contact the Secretary on 612792 at 16 Farm Street.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By popular demand, there is another outing to W.C.C. to see the Warks/Lancs match on September 20th and a coach trip to London for Christmas shopping and to see the lights on November 23rd.

1997 is the 100th birthday of the founding of W.I. at Stoney Creek, Ontario. Warwickshire Federation is considering organising a ten day visit to Canada and would like to know of anyone who is interested.

There is also a five day holiday to Holland next April.

Jenny Frith from Southam is showing her collection of dolls during August, to raise funds for County.

Thank you to Nora Ellis for holding a Coffee evening at her home recently. What could be nicer on a summers evening than refreshments and croquet on the lawn.

The Bowls evening at Victoria Park was its usual success though a tad chilly this year.

Mike's team were the winners, Keith's team got the lollipops! Great fun though. Cheers to Sue and John Lapraik for organising the evening.

Sue Dixon gave a demonstration on Floral Sugarcraft. She chose an early summer theme - flowers from her garden. She had made amazingly beautiful and delicate sprays of flowers - roses, carnations, orchids and honeysuckle to name but a few. Her buttercups and welsh poppies one felt had just been picked. She assured us we could all make flowers and maybe so, but a lot of patience would be needed. The intricate work would surely test some of us.

Sugarwork lasts a long time if kept dry. I have roses in a posy vase made by our own Eileen Picken four years ago.

Have a very enjoyable break and see you all in September.

September Hostesses: D. Bloxham, S. Smith and E. Picken

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Having rashly suggested a theme for this months folk club of 'Age' (with an emphasis on the young) I soon realised the vulnerable position I had created for myself. Namely, the Jug Bands "extensive and varied repertoire" has very little on age, and I was overcome by us and many others by announcing that the next song was an "Old Number"!!!as most of them are, and the latter?well it had to happen.

But, as usual, the rest of the performers rose to the occasion. In keeping with the "young" theme it was particularly exciting to introduce so many new faces, including Nick, Rose and John, and Dave (Warwick Folk Club Regulars), Pam and her poems, and an all time debut from Terresa singing 'Spinning' with a powerful voice that we all look forward to hearing from regularly.

During the evening appropriate songs were contributed by the usual regulars, Sue and Ian, Steve, Peter, Rick, Phil and Drill and Des, together with one of those all too infrequent contributions from Mike Houston. Thank you Phil and Drill for the "Talk of Life" - they don't write songs like that any more!

The fear expressed early in the evening, when Steve performed Summertime with the Jug Band; that the Band was actually becoming musical, was dispelled in ageless Jug Band fashion in the final numbers! And then WHO was that finishing this evening of Karaoke Folk?

The raffle raised £30 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and best wishes for return to health were sent to Jean.

Sue's seaside folk club having come and gone; the next folk club is in Mike's hands, on 5th September.

John Kemsley

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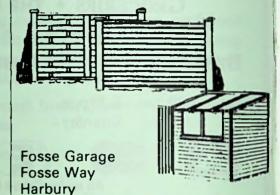
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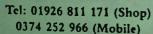
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Dreams

I close my eyes, my head falls to the pillow.

Strange but exciting colours pour into my mind, images of life.

Monkeys driving taxis.

Birds shooting men.

Greyhounds betting money on themselves.

Then there is war, hamster versus rat.

The extinction of mankind, we have killed ourselves off and everything is perished.

Money and power is all that counts.

The huge mouths burping out black breath

I hear the alarm for the end of the world then I awake to my confined space.

by Chris Lord

Mirror Visions

I look out of the window, the rain is pouring down,
I stand in front of the mirror and frown,
I stare as I go into a trance spinning around and around,
like some kind of a dance,
as I spin I see all peace and harmony,
the visions I see are of people, but not just any people,
people from different religions, all holding hands,
dancing around the world,
singing together,
happy,
but then my dream is shattered,
by the thunder and lightning,
flashing and crashing outside,
I'm back!
by Sarah Talbot

So little but yet so much

Whirling, swirling round and round
Moving softly without a sound.
Free to find a sleeping mind
Leaving the rest of the world far behind.
Once found, the mind is floated off the ground.
It is taken to a world far away
To where, no one can say.
The mind goes for a ride
While the dream hides inside.
The dream is never touched
It's so little but yet so much.
Then guns shoot, sirens wail
Quick I must get up without fail
Back to the battle of war and peace.
by David Mugleston

Golden Sunlight

Face

The scenes of my bedroom slowly disappear.

I soon feel the dream getting near.

First is the light, the dazzling light,

Then it's the footsteps approaching from the night.

The face in the mirror is tired and worn.

Do the feet belong to the face in half; is the body torn?

Quietness, quietness every where,

where no stars appear to date.

Then the face cries out, crying for help,

the feet catch up, the face runs on.

Soon it fades, my dream has gone.

by Sophie Eadon

Harbury Garden



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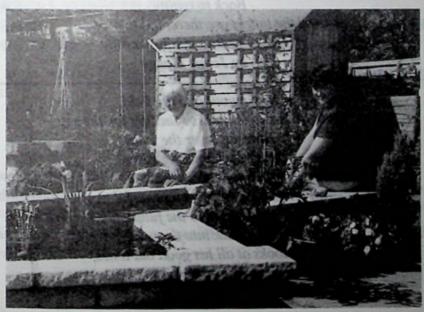


Mr Newbold's garden in Vicarage Lane

Walkabout 1996



Mrs Hodge's garden at Penelope Close



Mrs McBride admiring Mrs Windsor's fish pond

Dreams. Tatters

Walking walking ever onwards. walking, walking, Through curtain after curtain of ripped silk. green, blue, green, blue, Walking, walking, ever onwards, The silver curtain. without sadness, just purity, It is pulled back. And reveals wherever you want to go, Titania, Juliet, Oberon, Romeo, only pure, Cleansed of all evil. Walking, walking, Floating, floating, ever onwards, Past the things that have gone before. Towards. True happiness and Life. Walking, walking, Back to reality. And the tatters are there, but they're not Back to reality, reality, reality by Jenny Hodge

Staring out into the field,
with its lonely branches reaching for the sky,
Towering over the fence,
with its glimmering leaves,
and lonely expression,
all on its own, in its own peaceful world,
He looks in to the future,
and back into the past,
he looks at all his good old times,
and realises this was his last.
by Adam Kane

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL NURSERY PLAYGROUP

End of term again and for many of the children their final one at playgroup. We would like to wish all those starting school in September the very best of luck. I am sure they will be missed, but next term promises to be a very busy and full one at Nursery with many new children starting and lots of activities planned.

The children have been celebrating with an end of year summer party and picnic, blessed with fine weather and a visit by Jo-Jo The Clown - thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Sports Day, however, had to be held inside again this year, but this didn't deter the children from treating their parents and friends to a comical display of traditional races including a very serious egg and spoon race.

This years Committee retire gracefully next month and as always we are looking for volunteers for September. If you can help please come along to our A.G.M. on September 25th at the Village Hall.

Happy Holidays!

Emma Evans

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Calling all mums, dads, nannies, child minders HARBURY TODDLER GROUP NEEDS YOU! (well, you and your toddlers actually......)

We are a self-run group, who meet at the Wight School during Term time

Mondays 10 - 11.30am and Wednesdays 2 - 3.30pm

However, throughout the summer holidays we are meeting on Wednesdays only.

Please come and see what we are all about and join us for coffee, juice and a biscuit!

Kary Hunt

DANCING



Back Row from Left to Right Jessica Farrell, Melanie Heathcote, Rachel Anderson, Samantha Brunt, Lizzie Darby. Kathy Freeman. Front Row from Left to Right Krysten Hall, Julia Greenwell, Hannah Oliver Byrne and Nicola Brunt

On Sunday 30th June, Jean Champ, who runs the Ballet, Tap and Dance classes, organised an examination day for all her pupils. For this, an examiner and assistant from the British Theatre Dance Association came to Harbury Village Hall.

The children, dressed to perfection, with loads of hairspray in their hair to keep each strand in place and with nervous Mums around them, did wonderfully well and the results were very high.

There were different classes from Junior to Senior and following is a list of results:

PREPATORY BALLET

Honours: Emma Flanagan, Leanne White, Hollie Wilson and Elodie

Markwell

Highly Commended: Emily Bolt and Olivia Cook

PREPATORY TAP

Distinction: Harriet Randall

Honours: Keelie McMahon, Katie Dudley, Emily Montague and

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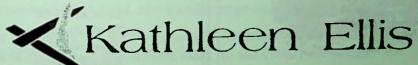
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2nd SHIELD LYRICAL

Distinction: Louise Champ and Susan Ralph **Honours:** Helen Bond and Anne Griffiths

Highly Commended: Michelle Court (who also received H.C. for 3rd

Shield Modern)

1st STATUETTE CABARET (for which they had to do 2 dances)

Honours: Louise Champ

Highly Commended: Helen Bond

BRONZE MEDAL MODERN

Distinction: Hannah Oliver Byrne

Honours: Jessica Farrell, Krysten Hall, Julia Greenwell and Rachel

Anderson

Highly Commended: Kathy Freeman, Elizabeth Darby, Nicola &

Samantha Brunt and Melanie Heathcote

Congratulations to all the dancers who took part and to Thank you to Jean Champ for all her hard work.

Janny Freeman

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

We have held the A.G.M. and it's all change on the Committee!

A big THANK YOU to the outgoing Committee. We hope the new one is full of enthusiasm and brilliant ideas for the 1996/1997 season.

Chairman - Janet Rawlings
Secretary - Hilary Wilson
Treasurer - Sue White
Fixtures - Helen Wilson
Umpires Rep. - Becki McDaid

The fund-raising Committee consists of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary, as well as Julie Farrington, Mandy White and Nicola Beecroft. (One of the first events to be requested is another SAFARI NIGHT - probably in September - so look out for details as this is always popular).

At the A.G.M. trophies were awarded to the following "Players of the Year"

'A' Team - Paula Wallington

'B' Team - Jean Johns

'C' Team - Lucy Lewitt

'D' Team - Nikki Bradbrook

The shield for the "Most Improved Player of the Year" went to: Charlotte Wade.

Congratulations to all of them. Also to the 'D' Team who were Handicap Tournament winners for their division, and to the 'A' Team who were runners-up in their division.

It was decided that the annual subscription to the Club would remain at £25 per player (£20 if in education). There will be no training fees, as these are to be incorporated into the new weekly match fee of £2.50.

SUMMER PRACTICES begin on Thursday 1st August at the Harbury Court, so if you are interested in playing next season that's the place to be throughout August and September. For the really keen ones amongst you, there's also the 'Get Fit For Netball' which is on Tuesday evenings in August (6.30 - 8.00) at Tile Hill Wood School in Coventry).

Finally, Congratulations to Vanessa and Paul on the birth of their son, Connor.

Pat Summers (612059)

NSPCC

The Committee would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all of you who supported our Family Treasure Hunt' on Sunday 14th July. We certainly had the weather on our side, it was beautiful and thanks to your efforts we raised £200. A thank you also to Angela and Philip Bushill-Mathews who opened the doors of the Manor House to enable everyone to search for clues.



N.S.P.C.C. holding a barbecue for their fund-raising day.

We would also like to give some dates of our future events. We have our usual Jumble sale on Saturday 7th September at the Village Hall, our Coffee Morning and Christmas Card sale on Saturday 28th September at the Tom Hauley Room, and a demonstration of 'Winter Hanging Baskets' on Thursday 10th October also at the Tom Hauley Room. We will be circulating details of all these events nearer the dates, but please make a note in your diaries. We look forward to seeing you there.

Once again our thanks for your continued support.

N.S.P.C.C. Committee

ROBERT APPEAL - 'A THANKYOU'



This is a 'thank you' and update on the progress of Robert Monterio-Sims from his mum and dad.

In the September 1994 issue of Harbury and Ladbroke News our own "R Team", Mary, Sally and Maria explained that urgent fundraising was needed so that Robert could receive help from Norway in order for him to receive therapy which is not available in this country.

It was called "The Early Intervention Project". It is a proven project for nursery age children to develop skills i.e. language and behaviour, which children like Robert have lost because of their autism. They have helped many such children achieve much more than previously thought possible.

When Robert received his first workshop in June 1994 he was not able to imitate in a physical or verbal way. He had no language and no idea about social behaviours, he could only communicate by "leading us to", crying with frustration, tantrums etc. He did not have any idea of what was expected of him - in all, a very unhappy and confused little boy.

Now here we are two years and eight workshops later (Robert is now 6½ years old). He can: speak in up to six word sentences, request anything he wants verbally, perform simple tasks when requested; count up to twenty by rote and put numbers in order; know prepositions; know first and last, know mine and yours - you and me; ask small questions - give small answers; put things after labelling them into categories, i.e. clothes, fruit, animals, vehicles etc.; know happy, sad, angry; know rooms in the home; label what is missing from 6 objects; know big and little, know same and different; address his family, i.e. mummy/daddy.

Although it may be that Robert will always be autistic, without this therapy Robert would not have made any of these achievements.

Thanks to the early intervention project and the Norwegian therapists coming to give us workshops, Robert can communicate in the normal way and learn how to live a normal life in order to give him future independence. We look upon Robert as what was once a little empty vessel, and we have been able to fill it up with the tools to learn, which he didn't have.

His Chief Therapist is his dad Eric who fits therapy time of a total of up to 20 hours per week which have to be done at weekends and after school. Robert attends Ridgeway School in Warwick, who have been wonderful, supporting our every move of this therapy and they have helped Robert to generalise his new skills at school and to interact with his friends. Also we all believe he is ready for part-time integration into a mainstream school in the next six months. But without the support and hard work of the staff at Ridgeway School this would not have been possible, a Special Needs school like Ridgeway School is a school that "caters for children with special needs and Robert has special needs."

His only other therapists who also spend some time each week doing shifts of his therapy programme are of course myself, his mum and a member of the "R Team" Maria Addison who is one of Roberts "best pals". She gives her services free of charge and also poses as childminder and respite carer. She has been a wonderful support to our family and wonderful friend to Robert. Thank you Maria.

Another thank you goes to "R Team" members Mary and Sally who without their fundraising events none of this would have been possible. Also to all the other members of their family who have always been available with their "hands on help" at all the fundraising events in Harbury. Thank you Mary and Sally.

And finally a big thank you to all the people in Harbury who gave their support to us, be it, with donations, fundraising, raffle prizes, moral support or kind words and enquiries after Robert - you have helped us to keep going. As usual, when Harbury knows of a problem, the community comes into its own. Thank you Harbury - for helping Robert to speak.

Finally - A Poem for your thoughts - by a fellow parent

The little boy sat at the table with two people having a meal He suddenly started to kick his chair, and began to squeal and squeal. Everyone stared at this little boy, most people wearing a frown his parents were talking to him gently, trying to calm him down. "What a naughty child that little boy is, his parents should give him a smack". How easy it is to have such thoughts, when understanding is what you lack! It is very very wearing, coping with an autistic child the tantrums, shouting, and squealing, can sometimes drive you wild! "Why won't he get dressed in the morning, why won't he do as he's told?" "Why won't he listen to what I'm saying, The stupid little fool!" His inability to communicate. may possibly cause him to yell. He sits at home in the evening, trying to look at a book a pause occurs in him reading, he gives Mum and Dad a special look upon Daddy's knee he climbs and says "Daddy can I have a kiss" Dad looks at the boy's handsome face, and his eyes begin to mist. The boy goes to bed at eight o'clock, another day is done A final good night kiss is given to this autistic boy - my son.

ROBERT APPEAL

Just a reminder of our next fundraising event on Saturday 31st August at 8pm in Harbury Village Club. A night of live music performed by 'Ready, Steady, Go!', also a grand raffle. Book your tickets now, don't miss out on this entertaining evening.

Please contact Mary - 613140 or Sally - 614290 for tickets, only £2.50 adult/£1.00 child. Everyone welcome.

Our June Jumble Sale was a great success raising a total of £258 towards Robert's fund. Grateful thanks to all who helped in anyway, well done everyone.

Many thanks again.

Mary Revitt

CALLING ALL CHILDREN 8 - 14 YEARS

Stratford District Council are providing entertainment for children during the Summer Holidays.

On Tuesday 6th August 1.30pm to 3.30pm and Tuesday 20th August 10.00am to 12.00 midday there will be a free Multi Sports session on the Village Hall playing fields for 8 to 14 year olds.

On Wednesday 28th August from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Village Hall there will be a Summer Artsmix. (An exciting mix of Arts Activities) for 8 to 12 year olds. Fee £3. To book a place telephone Fiona Clayton, Rural Arts Fieldworker, on 01789-260637, but hurry! Places are limited. Please provide your own packed lunch and wear old, comfortable clothes.

John Holden

THE HARVESTERS

Harbury's singing duo, The Harvesters, have just released their latest album of self-penned songs. The album, entitled "Pearls Before Wine", is on the Folksound Record label and contains eleven of the duo's most popular original songs. To further enhance the Harbury connection, all of the songs were recorded at Gighouse Recording Studio which is based in Harbury Lane.

The duo made a great impact at last year's Les Barker concert at the Village Hall and are appearing at many venues this summer with their own brand of gentle humour and melodic songs. Of course, they can be seen on the first Thursday of most months at the Dog Inn, appearing at the world famous Harbury Folk Club. Cassettes and C.D's are available - see advert for details.

Ian & Sue

WANTED

Badminton players for an all ladies club on Monday mornings term time, from 10am - 12 noon in the Village Hall, Harbury.

Great Badminton skills are not essential, but a good sense of humour is. Leave the weekend mess 'til the afternoon - we do! Have lunch in the pub afterwards - some of us do!

It's a great way to start the week, so if you can't wait to join us, please ring 613174. New term starts Monday September 9th.

Celia Barrett

6th HARBURY HASH

This traditional fun event will take place on the Stoneythorpe estate 2.30pm on Sunday 22nd September.

The usual format will apply. No new Tee shirts this year, but we will be giving away "Hash Handles" to all first time runners. More details in next months Harbury News.

For anyone wishing to get a bit of practice in, a local group in Learnington is planning to start regular fortnightly runs. The Spa Hash Harriers inaugural run is at Newbold Common on Thursday 15th August at 7pm. No barbeque, but an "On In" at Crockfords Health Club afterwards.

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Spot the difference. No - not the shape of the photos!!

1st Prize:- 1 day counting traffic. 2nd Prize:- 2 days counting traffic!!

During the February Public Meeting, your Parish Council were asked to investigate the possibility of reducing the number of poles and overhead cables which disfigure the village.

Since that time we have been in correspondence and discussions with both East Midlands Electricity and British Telecom and we are confident of achieving at least some of our aims.

Our next meeting with E.M.E. is scheduled for August 6th 1996 and anyone who would like a specific concern to be discussed should contact John Woodward on 612908 prior to that date.

The photos, of course, illustrate the impact the removal of just a few poles and cables have made to the village approach near the water tower. A small step, but a great improvement we believe.

Harbury Parish Council

HARBURY CARNIVAL 1996 AND 1997

Last months Harbury News was dominated by photos and items of another successful Carnival and I should just like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Committee, to say a few thank yous. Thank you to all our judges who, as in every year, carried out a very difficult job. Thank you P.C. Chairman Ken Stephenson, his lady wife and Father Brown for the judging of the procession which got off more or less on time! Thanks to Mrs Drinkwater and Mrs Watts for judging the fancy dress and providing the sweets and chocolate bars so that everybody was a winner. Thanks to Mugglestones for doing the flowers for the Carnival Queen and thanks to Mike Bloxham for recording it all for posterity!

We estimate that the final overall profits were in the region of £2,200, so thank you all.

In November the Committee will start work on Carnival '97 and new members would be very welcome. It is a fact, that open requests for volunteers rarely produce results, so I challenge you to prove me wrong! Talk to a Committee member, Chris Carter in Nifty Needle can tell you who they are and come and join us.

John Kemsley for Carnival Committee

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL BUS TOKENS

The Parish Council have asked us to urge the holders of Pink/Red and Yellow Bus Tokens to use them up as soon as possible.

At this time there are:-

700 Red and 2000 Yellow Tokens STILL NOT USED

Please remember you can use these tokens on A & M Cars Taxi and The Village Taxi Bus, but Midland Red (Stagecoach) will NOT accept them.

2,700 Tokens equals £1,350 of Parish Council money tied up which can't be spent on anything else, so please either use these tokens or return them to the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

If you have difficulty in returning the tokens, then phone us on 0500 21 22 25 (the call is free) and we will collect them from you. Thank you.

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EXHIBITING AT THE SHOW

If you intend to exhibit at this year's show (and why not?) these few hints may simplify the requirements and help to avoid disappointment.

Always read the schedule carefully, including the rules, and follow exactly the stated requirements for your chosen class(es). Failure to do so will lose marks in the judging or even leave the judge with no option but to disqualify the exhibit as "not according to schedule".

What do the judges look for?

Arrangement:- Apart from Section "C", no marks are awarded for arrangement, but an exhibit attractively staged to show off its best points will always be preferred by the judge, other things being equal.

Sections A,B,D are judged on condition and uniformity, plus size (for vegetables) and size and colour (for fruit).

Condition:- Fresh and at its peak, unblemished by pest, disease, weather or rough usage. (Tenderness, cleanliness and absence of coarseness also for vegetables, plus colour and ripeness for fruits).

Uniformity:- of form in exhibits of more than one item.

Size:- Unless limits are expressed in the schedule, the bigger the better, so long as quality is not lost. Long, unhip-like root vegetables, too narrow in proportion at the top shoulder to their length are inferior.

Colour:- Attractive natural colour is desirable, but a naturally highly coloured cultivar would not be preferred to another plainer one purely for its colour. Fruit for show should never, ever be polished. Any natural bloom should be kept intact. (Best of luck with plums and grapes).

Section E:- Marking for the various classes varies widely according to the subject. If uncertain of the various merits and demerits, ask for specific advice (see below).

Preserves should be in clear glass jars free from trade marks etc. on lid of jar. The first thing the judge looks for is the seal, to show that the exhibit actually is a **preserve**. This can be satisfactorily achieved by bottling hot with a screw-cap (only) or a pliable push-on top (only) for traditional jam-jars or a well-fitting wax disc (placed hot) plus a

cellophane dust cover (put on after cooling). Honey jars with screw tops do not produce a good seal. Be careful not to blow the seal by checking it yourself before the show!

Section H:- Again marking depends much on the actual craft involved - if in doubt, ask for details (see below). For fabric crafts, a request for "a piece" implies that it will be examined on the back as well and it should not be framed. "A picture" however will only be judged on the front, display side and so may well be framed.

For specific advice, Ron Grey (712515) holds the R.H.S. and W.I. show handbooks for the Horticultural Society and will answer queries.

R.M.Grey

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to the following Harbury Students who have graduated this year:-

Kathryn Andrews Emma Groves
Katie Bedford Clare Ingram
Sarah Bennett Wendy Ottewill
Julia Brown Daniel Tancock
Hannah Burnham

We have heard that Julia Brown received a 1st Class (Hons) in European Business from Nottingham Trent University. She was also awarded the Bass Leisure Prize for the best overall performance on her course. In September she will be joining the International Marketing Department of Reuters in London.

Hannah Burnham was awarded a 2.1 in Geography at Leicester University.

Emma Groves and Clare Ingram received 2.2 degrees in Combined Studies at Nene College, Northampton.

Daniel Tancock was awarded a B.Sc (Hons) in Transport Management at Aston University, Birmingham.

If there is anyone else who has received graduate status this Summer please inform the Editors, and the details can be included in the next issue.

Chris Finch

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thank you Editors for your wishes for good weather for the Walk-about - it worked! Many thanks to everyone who opened their garden, and all the hard work and effort that went with it. My thanks also go to the people who baked cakes, scones etc., helped in the kitchens, washed up and generally ran around, which all made for a successful event.

Our next event will be the Village Show on Saturday 14th September and please may I ask all the people who won cups last year to give them a good clean and polish in readiness, either Ron or I will collect them soon. If you have a cup and are going on holiday, please give it to a Committee member. The schedules are already at the Library, Co-op, Nifty Needle, Mugglestons, Post Office, 32, South Parade and 23, Deppers Bridge. If you cannot see them, please ask, we hope there is something interesting for everybody. The W.I. "On with the Show" contains much information, is available for reference from Ron Grey and could save many disappointments. Ron (Show Secretary) has written an article giving tips on showing, to help newcomers to this field.

Finally I have two tea cloths which were left in the Village Hall kitchen on the Saturday of the Walkabout. Do they belong to someone?

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Mowing, watering, and picking are the ever present jobs this month. Compost the lawn clippings; speeding up the process with a new biological compost activator, or use them straight away as a mulch around shrubs.

If plants begin to flag, give them a really good soaking rather than just enough to revive them, then mulch the surrounding soil. Really crowded containers benefit from a daily liquid feed, but don't feed any permanent plants after mid month or the soft growth may be frost damaged at the end of the year.

Do not fertilise roses any more, but deadhead and spray against disease. Tie gladioli, lilies, dahlias and chrysanthemums to stakes before wind damages them. Take tip cuttings, about 3" long with 2 or 3 leaves of all the tender perennials you intend to save. Cut the stem just below a leaf

joint and in a few weeks you should have well rooted cuttings to overwinter.

Many plants are setting seed now, so before tidying the borders cut off some stems with ripening seeds. Hang these upside down in a paper bag and the seeds will fall out. Sow now in seed trays and overwinter in a cold frame, or store until next Spring. The resulting plants may not be identical to the parents and you could produce an entirely new variation!

Trim hedges, prune wisteria, rambler and climbing roses after the flowers all fade, and cut out 1 in 3 stems on low growing Hebes. Prune apple trees by shortening to 6" any long shoots growing out from the main branches. Cut out fruited canes of raspberries. Sow winter lettuces and spring cabbages. Cut back herbs to encourage new growth which can be protected later by a cloche to provide late pickings. The basil and curry plant in my greenhouse seem to be discouraging the whitefly. Try not to wet the fruit on tomatoes when watering them, as the cold water can cause the skins to split.

Many houseplants can be propagated from cuttings now. Do not allow Coleus to flower. Repot any plants which are outgrowing their pots. Put plant pins into the compost of all pot plants to prevent pests.

Plant of the month: Hydrangea

In the 'Language of Flowers' they stand for boasting, and rightly so, for a bush in full flower is beautiful. There are 80 species of deciduous and evergreen flowering shrubs and climbers native to China, Japan and N. America. They arrived in Britain around 1750, but only became widely available many years later and still the most common one is the Hydrangea macrophylla with its large mop heads. These change colour according to the soil in which they grow. On alkaline soils blue varieties turn pink or purple, whilst on acid soils pink ones change colour. Plant in October/November in rich soil with plenty of compost to help retain moisture. They thrive in sun or shade, but are best with the protection of a wall or hedge, as the young growth is easily damaged by frost.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

My family and I wish to thank neighbours and friends for their kind words of sympathy at the passing of a very dear husband (Paddy), father and grandfather. This is truly a wonderful village to live in at a time of sorrow. You are all wonderful. Thank you again.

Margaret, Vanda & Tony Bevan

Dear Editors

Can we, through the Harbury and Ladbroke News say a big thank you to all the kind people who contributed to and came to our Coffee Morning for Parkinsons Disease on July 13th. We were able to hand over £120! Special thanks of course to Helen, Wendy and Joyce whose help was invaluable.

Sylvia and Pat

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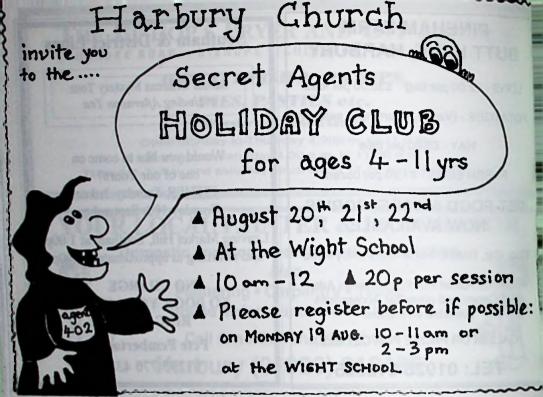
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