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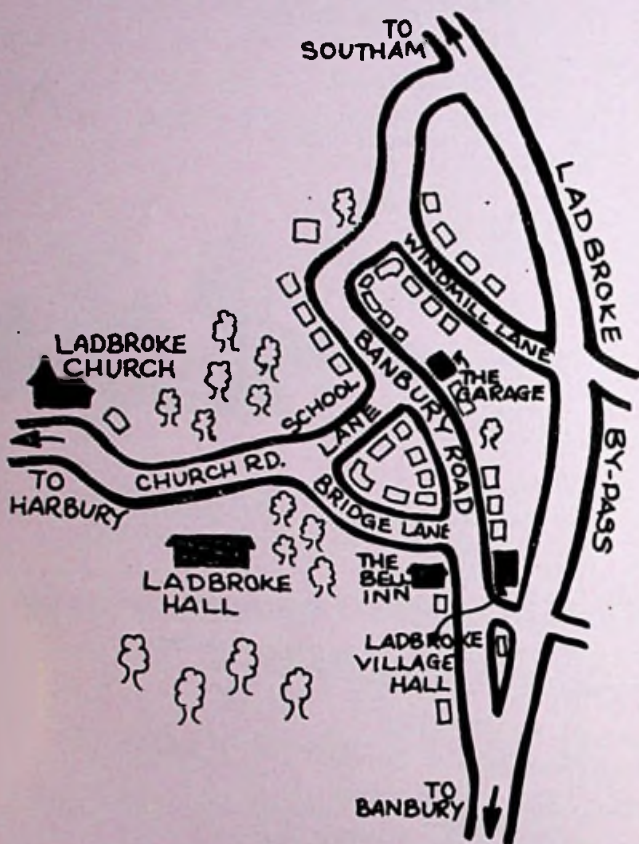
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August 31st 1997 will be a date which will be remembered by us all. In the same way that people in the 60's remember where they were when President Kennedy died, the loss of Diana, Princess of Wales will be recorded in the hearts and minds of people throughout the world!

On another sad note, the editors learnt of the death of Fred Hutchins the husband of Gladys Hutchins. Over the years Fred and Gladys have supported the Harbury & Ladbroke News and the editors would like to express their sympathy.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 7 Pentecost 16** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket away to Barford
Rugby registration for Minis & Juniors
- Tues 9** Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Prayer Group in Church 8.10pm
- Wed 10** Warwickshire County Council at Tysoe School 8pm
- Thurs 11** Holy Communion 9.45pm
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Line Dancing at the Village Club 8pm
Warwickshire County Council at Bishops Itchington Memorial Hall 8pm
- Fri 12** NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sat 13** Juniors Football 9.30am School; 10.30am Recreation Grounds
Horticultural Show in Village Hall
Harbury Society Guided Walks from The Old New Inn Green 2pm
Annual Sponsored Bicycle Ride or Walk
Rugby First XV at Home to Shipston for Provincial Cup Match
Ladies Netball Club - Children's Disco in Village Hall 7-10pm
Quiz Evening in The Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 14 Pentecost 17** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket Away to Shirley and Quinton
Rugby Registration at the Club
- Mon 15** **ADVERTS 6 Knightlow Way by 5.30pm**
Guides - start of autumn term in the Scout Hut 7pm
- Tues 16** Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 18** Holy Communion 9.45am
Line Dancing at the Village Club 8pm
Warwickshire County Council at Shipston Townsend Hall 8pm
- Fri 19** WI Harvest Supper in Village Hall
- Sat 20** Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Juniors Football 9.30am School; 10.30am Recreation Grounds
Rugby Second XV at Home to Standard
Harbury Chronicles Filming day
Juniors Football Club Disco in Village Hall 7-10pm
The Coldicot Male Voice Choir Concert in Church
Quiz Evening in The Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 21 St. Matthew** - Holy Communion 8am; Harvest Thanksgiving
Family Communion 10.30am
Cricket Away to Badby
Rugby Minis & Juniors Training
Barbeque at The Dog Inn 12noon - 9pm
- Tues 23** Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
H&L News Committee meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8pm

- Thurs 25 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
 Line Dancing at the Village Club 8pm
- Fri 26 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
 Working from Home Club meeting in The Dog Inn 12noon
ARTICLES to NIFTY NEEDLE by 5.30pm
- Sat 27 Juniors Football 9.30am School; 10.30am Recreation Grounds
 Rugby First & Third XVs at Home to Atherstone
 NSPCC Jumble Sale in Village Hall
 Rugby Club's Vice-president Lunch
 Quiz Evening in The Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 28 **Pentecost 19** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Harbury Minis Rugby Festival
8th Harbury Hash from Stoneythorpe Hall at 3pm
- Mon 29 St. Michael & All Angels - Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 PCC Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
 Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 3 Bridge Evening in Village Hall (details Ken Hughes)
- Sat 4 Juniors Football 9.30am School; 10.30am Recreation Grounds
 Harvest Supper in Village Hall 7.30pm
 PTA Adult Entertainment Evening in School
 Quiz Evening in The Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 5 **Pentecost 20** - Sung Eucharist 9am
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE
 TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. Stubbs	612782
For Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Hughes	612716
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes	613488

Harbury Juniors Football Club

In last month's article reference was made to training on Sunday mornings, this should in fact be **Saturday** mornings (see *Regular Diary Dates*). Apologies for the typographical error.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, 7.30pm Fridays

BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays

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

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

DANCING CLASSES: (613698) Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults
4-9pm Wednesdays.

GUIDES: Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Mondays

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 Tuesday of Month

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB: (613358) 10.30am-12.30pm
Saturdays

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: Harbury School, 9am-12noon Monday-
Friday

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, 8-10pm
Wednesdays

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)

KEEP FIT (Bodywise): (495368) Harbury School 6.30-7.30pm Fridays

LIBRARY: (613297) Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month;
Term Time only

LINE DANCING: (613478) Village Club 7.30pm Thursdays (fortnightly)

LINE DANCING: (624454) Village Hall 8pm Wednesdays

NETBALL CLUB: (612841) 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

QUIZ EVENING: The Old New Inn, 8.30pm Saturdays

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays

TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 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: Farley Room of V.Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs. of
Month

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

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

YOGA: Wight School, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

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EMERGENCY TRANSPORT: Call Tim Millington 612808 or Charles Catt 612864.

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- **For University/Job Applications, interviews, CVs:** Call Philip Bushill-Matthews 612476.
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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.

Laugh Line

The Sacristan was so pleased to inform the congregation that their priest had recovered from his illness. He displayed the following notice:

God is good

The Vicar is better.

I think not!

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Summer School for the children was again a roaring success. All very enjoyable and a lot of fun for all ages. Approximately 30 children attended each day which justified the excellent organisation by Mary Catt and her team.

On **Saturday 13 September** the *Annual Sponsored Bicycle Ride or Walk*, as organised by the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust will again take place. Should you enjoy a cycle ride or even a walk around the Warwickshire countryside, a sponsor form may be obtained from either Charles Catt (612864) or Betty Winkfield (812234). Half of all the money raised is retained by your local village church. Last year Charles Catt visited 35 churches and was presented with a trophy by Dr. Charles Brown, Architect, on behalf of the Churches Trust. We would not expect everyone to receive an award, but any help is always appreciated.

The *Harvest Supper* will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 4 October**. Supper will be followed by entertainment provided by Richard Westcott, a theatrical artist, who has a very amusing act and is highly

recommended. Tickets will be £3.50, £1.50 for children obtainable from the Rector, Gill Guilford (614206) or ourselves. We understand that lamb will be part of the supper and should for dietary reasons an alternative be required, please notify your ticket supplier.



Charles Catt with his trophy

On Saturday afternoon, 11 October, a *Table-top Sale* will take place in the Tom Hauley Room. It will be in aid of funds for the Millennium Flower Festival. Once you have booked your table, all proceeds are

retained for your own particular charitable group, organisation, or yourselves. Tables may be booked through Beryl Checkley (612519) or alternatively, Joyce Windsor (612504).

Finally, **Saturday 1 November** is All Saints' Day, our *Patronal Festival*. A service will be held at midday followed by a Patronal Lunch at 1:00pm. Further details will be given next month.

Ruth & Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

Reflecting Christ

A man who spends his days amongst precious stones was describing his working technique in a TV interview: "*I have to grind and polish away until the surface is so smooth I can see my face reflected in it. Then I know the job is complete*". Throughout life we are often faced with painful or uncomfortable experiences. The way we handle them determines whether we will gain as a result or simply remain untouched, unaffected. Our daily struggles and conflict can become vehicles for grinding and polishing away our 'rough surfaces'. Every time we make an effort to react to a situation in the way Christ would, a little more of our selfishness and insensitivity is ground away. Christ becomes more clearly reflected in us. When His reflection is absolutely clear in our lives, all our actions will be His and will be one with Him; He will be present wherever we are. Only then will we be fully alive - forever.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury

5th August - Richard Cooper to Petra Batchelor

Welcomed into the Church by Holy Baptism

All Saints' Harbury:

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10th August - Jade Elisha Mazurek
17th August - George Roworth Lintott

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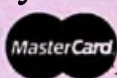


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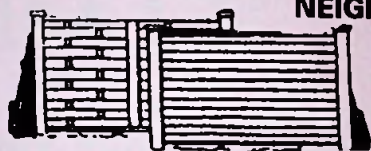
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HARBURY CHURCH BELLRINGERS

On 26th July our bellringers successfully completed a peal. A peal consists of over 5.000 sequences or changes and takes approximately 2¾ hours to ring.

For the youngest member of the team, William Jones and the oldest Neville Ellis, it was their first peal and for Dominic Travis, the first time as conductor. It was quite an achievement. Congratulations to all the team and the following is a copy of the official report which is published in the Bellringers Journal.

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Timothy C. Millington	3	Neville B. Ellis	Tenor

Conducted by Dominic J. Travis

First peal for 1 and 6. First as Conductor.

Rung to mark the 65th birthdays of Harry M. Windsor, Neville B. Ellis and Timothy C. Millington and to commemorate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Alan and Kate Sheasby.

Nora Ellis, Tower Correspondent

Ladbroke News

SEPTEMBER

Sun 7 Pentecost 16 - Family Communion 10.30am
Wed 10 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
Sat 13 Sponsored Cycle/Walk
 Women's Fellowship - Lunch in the Tom Hauley Room
Sun 14 Pentecost 17 - Sung Communion 9am
 Friends of Ladbroke Church Cream Tea at School Lane 4pm

Wed 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thurs 18 PCC Meeting 7.30pm
 Sun 21 Pentecost 18 - Sung Communion 9am; Evensong 6pm
 Wed 24 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Sun 28 Pentecost 19 - Sung Communion 9am

OCTOBER

Wed 1 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Sun 5 Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am

FLOWER ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

14th - Mrs. Haynes and Dickson
 21st - Mrs. Todman
 28th Mrs. Northorpe
 5th October - Harvest Festival - Mrs. B. Moore

Jo Sowerby - 812143

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

We all sang lustily at our Songs of Praise service and enjoyed the refreshments provided afterwards. Thank you very much ladies. It was a very happy evening.

The next big occasion to think about is *Harvest Thanksgiving* on **Sunday 5 October**, followed on **Friday 10 October** by the *Harvest Supper*. Yes, it's here again already.

The Fabric Committee have been meeting regularly with the architect. We are hoping that work will commence in the autumn on the roof, rainwater goods and plastering the walls, so that we should have a dry church for the winter.

The *Sponsored Cycle/Walk* has come round again on **Saturday 13 September**. Melanie Teverson is hoping to ride again for us and needs your sponsorship. On the other hand, I have sponsor forms available for any one else who would like to ride (horse/bike) or walk. It is in aid of the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. We have had grants from them in the past.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

At 4pm on **Sunday 14 September** we will be serving cream tea at the home of Mrs. Carol Northorpe in School Lane. The cost will be £3 and we look forward to meeting you on this occasion.

G.M. Moore

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to our friends who came down from Harbury to our Tea Party in August. It was a happy occasion - one of those afternoons when we could sit outside. We made £88 for our funds. (Incidentally do you come up or down from Harbury to Ladbroke - I think we feel we go up to Harbury?)

Our September meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in the flora and fauna of the churchyard. David Manning is coming to walk round our churchyard with us and tell us what we've got. He is the project leader for the Living Churchyard and Cemetery Project and is based at the Rank Centre at Stoneleigh Show Ground. Anyone reading this article is most welcome to come and meet David at 2:30pm Ladbroke Church on **Wednesday 10 September** - Tea at Hazel's afterwards.

On **Saturday 13 September** we are "doing the lunch" in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of church funds. The menus are at the back of both churches. Please take one and book your seat at our table.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The storeroom extension is built (just needing the odd coat of paint) and paid for. It is much needed because now we can clear the stage of chairs etc.

Our next event will be a *Halloween Dance* on **Friday 31 October** at 7:30pm (see advert at the back of the magazine). The tickets at £3 are available from Stan or any Village Hall committee member. (All organisations in the village have a representative on it.) So come and make it a happy evening.

Betty Winkfield

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

There was no Parish Council meeting in August. However, councillors convened on 13th August specifically to meet Stephanie Ainsworth from Gloucester Housing Association and Kevin Reynolds from Stratford District Council for an update on the situation regarding the social houses.

Money has been paid from Stratford District Council to Gloucester Housing Association for them to proceed. Plans for two 2-bedroomed and two 3-bedroomed semi-detached houses were shown and received with much appreciation. These have to be formally approved at the Dassett planning meeting after which Gloucester Housing Association will instruct builders to erect the houses and they are hoping that they will be completed early next year. They are offering 3 houses to rent and 1 for part ownership.

Kevin Reynolds informed councillors that he would check the names of Ladbroke people who had expressed an interest in renting or part owning one of these properties. They will be contacted to provide up-to-date details of their current status and need, so a list of names will be sent to Gloucester Housing Association who will arrange interviews in the applicants' homes from which the final offers will be made.

Kevin again stressed that priority will be given to applicants who have a link with Ladbroke as well as a housing need.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST

Warning! This may not be the most accurate of reports. Village Hall acoustics combined with Beer Festival preparations made the meeting almost inaudible.

County Councillor Doody and all District Councillors were there to see (if not hear) Ron Grey co-opted for Deppers Bridge and put on the Properties Sub-Committee.

There were rumblings about the review of fire stations. This will be the seventh threat to Fenny Compton and Tysoe retained firemen who could be abolished to save £95,000 a year. The fire officer, Her Majesty's

Inspectorate, the county's auditors and the citizen's jury all call for closure and conclude that adequate cover is available from elsewhere but the debate goes on.

Campaigners argue that the minimum cover that would remain is not acceptable - an engine arriving within 20 minutes of call out and changes locally mean that there are more risks than before, with the M40, BAD Kinton, Compton Verney and Rover to service. Everyone was urged to attend the public meetings and voice their concerns.

Harbury Society requested that the Parish Council help ensure all broken glass on Manor Road Green was cleared before safety fencing was removed. Tree planting could take place afterwards.

John Woodward demanded and got approval for £1,000 worth of hedge laying at the Playing Fields, but reseeding of the football pitch was deferred. Extra litter and dog bins are ordered for the playing fields. Mary Shelley whispered she wanted the Parish Council to applaud efforts by "the Phipps and Mehra boys" to tidy the hedge behind their houses.

Percival Drive residents are quickly forming into a community and voiced concerns about the number of lights proposed for their estate. Even though the Parish Council negotiated a 50% cut they say there are still too many! The Parish Council agreed to provide a lantern in the Lytchgate if the PCC will pay the running costs. Trees at the Spinney and Queens Close obscure street lights. Litter in the Spinney could be cleared by the volunteers who use the footpath with materials supplied by the District Council.

The County Council announced that parts of the B4451 Station Road will be closed to HGVs from 1-19 September because of resurfacing. District Councillors queried whether the Parish Council wanted Deppers Bridge strengthened. The County Council intended to re-allocate the money. Ron Grey remarked that Deppers Bridge was happy with the loss of the HGVs but would want the bridge repaired - eventually.

The Post Office announced an "uplift" of post boxes in the area! The last collection time is being extended. The Community Health Council (the consumer watchdog) is calling for members for its Health Advisory Panel. Councillor Cooley warned that Tesco wants to build an out of

town superstore at Southam.

Stratford District Council granted permission for the extension at 1, Highfield Cottages, Deppers Bridge; new barns at Model Farm; internal alterations at Hillcrest Cottage, Binswood End and pruning of the weeping willow at 10 Farm Street. The Parish Council was happy to abide by Ruth Rose's recommendations on tree work proposed at the Manor. A landscaping amendment to fell Elm trees on the Farm Street site met with approval.

There was no comment on plans for a garage at 7 Pineham Avenue or the removal of the Londis satellite dish to the rear of the shop. There was great delight that the inspector threw out the Harbury Hall Appeal as an out-of-character back land development.

The Parish Council welcomed the improved mix of house sizes at the Hillside Farm development, but was still concerned that the access at the top of Treens Hill would be dangerous. They wanted the Pumping Station screened, asked for variations in the bricks used and some rendering of walls. They were unhappy that brick walls and picket fences were to be used as boundaries and wanted the new development to be compatible with the low-cost homes being built.

Councillor Drinkwater had discussed the use of the Nursery Schoolroom as a post for Pc Bosworth with the Wight School Trustees and it was agreed to pursue this further. Everyone expressed their pleasure at seeing our beat bobby in conversation with villagers as he walked the streets.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Saturday before the Bank Holiday was not an auspicious time for our coffee morning, but thanks to everyone who helped, £80 was made for Society funds. Photographs were displayed there for the Village Design Statement. Villagers' ideas on the important features of the village will be surveyed and on **Saturday 22 November** there will be a *public consultation meeting* on the Design Statement in the Village Hall.

"Ed & John" arranged beautiful weather for the Pub Walk from the Fleur de Lys in Lowsonford over very interesting and diverse countryside.

Time softened the scars of the industrial revolution so that the abandoned railway and the canal side were soft green havens for wildlife and weary walkers! More walks are planned and the 'team' is beginning its work updating *Cross the Stile*. Ring John Lapraik (613676) if you would like to help.

September Walk. On **13 September** the Society is organising two walks for members and for the general public. One will be a stroll round the village, the other a hike through the Chesterton Valley. The Windmill is open that day and on the Sunday. They start at 2:30pm from the Old New Inn Green and finish with tea in the Tom Hauley Room about 4pm.

Future Events:

On **Monday 6 October**, 7:30pm for coffee, there will be a talk (starts 8pm) on *Fire fighting* in the Tom Hauley Room.

On **Tuesday 11 November** *Apple Day in Ilmington* will be explained by Chris Wright, also at the Tom Hauley Room.

A *Theatre Evening* is booked on **Saturday 14 March 1998** in the Village Hall and early in the New Year "Bonzo" Bloxham entertains with recollections of the life and work of Harbury's quarry men.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Many thanks to Nora Ellis for holding the recent coffee evening at her home. Members were able to sit in the lovely garden enjoying scrumptious refreshments. Celia compiled a quiz, won by Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Heaven.

Final names for the *Harvest Supper* on **Friday 19 September** must be in by **Friday 12th**. Please phone Pat Smith (612650). Helpers to prepare the Village Hall would be appreciated from 3pm onwards.

I have been asked to mention the Village Produce Show again. Well, it is really a reminder for everybody to have a go. Most people in the village have 5 pansies, 1 rose bloom or plums, damsons or apples they could submit. For goodness sake, do not go polishing them up or rubbing the bloom off the soft fruit though because that is 'out'.

I hope the show gets the support it deserves and that you come and view in the afternoon from 2pm onwards.

May hostesses: Pat Smith, Sue Lapraik and Bertha Kettle

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Unfortunately there is no good news on the Youth Leader front. However, we are exploring the possibility of providing a programme of art based activities.

In order to provide such a programme, we need people in the village to declare their talents and help us by sharing these talents with interested youth members.

At this stage of the proposal, I would appreciate hearing from you on 612527.

Vikki Holroyd

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

I'm not sure if my theme for this month's club was a success or not. The problem is that 'controversy' is grist to the mill for any and every folk artist be he or she burgeoned, aspiring or merely perspiring. Consequently, the theme caused only the merest of diversions for many of the regular contributors at The Dog on this night. And I include myself and John, masquerading as The Blues Fathers, in the role of dishonour in this particular. Still, we enjoyed bringing electric folk to Harbury with a little help from Aaron, which was a little controversial.

Probably the most successful of those who paid more than lip-service to the subject intended were Fill & Drill. John Black, as usual, being the plagiarist and subjecting the Club regulars to his minute scrutiny and often acerbic observations in verse. Myself included!

Apart from the usual excellent contributions from all of those who regularly contribute to these monthly Thursday musical extravaganzas, and who are always fastidiously listed in this publication after each performance, there were two other notable, superb and very different artists in attendance. The first of these, a refugee from the sadly moribund Coventry Folk Scene, sang unaccompanied, powerfully, wittily and not a little smuttily. And whose name, unfortunately, was written on paper that, like my sobriety, didn't survive the evening.

Never mind he'll be back next month to do his best with John's 'soap opera' theme and have his name recorded by someone more responsible than myself: unlikely to be John, then.

The other jewel in that night's crown was our own Gerda Pickin who, sadly, is no longer our own but now of Stranraer (via Barnard's Castle). Her appearance allowed me to hand over almost the whole of the third half, which she filled with her beautiful voice. What else can I say?

Oh, yes, the raffle. I had a virtual raffle, which was in itself a little controversial. The prize was a bottle of Muscadet and the honour of selecting the evening's charity. The winner was not a regular and his name was written on that piece of paper.... however he will be forever remembered for donating the £25 collected to Harbury School. This money I passed to Nigel Chapman, somewhat ill-advisedly, on the first night of Harbury's beer festival whilst sampling the Absolution in The Dog.... Never mind, he assured me it was in safe hands.... and there was definitely a twinkle in the eye of Jay Daniels when he said it.

An extra helping of Folk will be served up at The Dog Inn on **Monday 17 November** when *Julie Felix* will be appearing. As space is limited, I suggest that an early reservation is the only way to avoid disappointment. Admission will be £6 with a concession of £4 for the unwaged. Reservations can only be made through Steve Dudley who can be reached on 613928.

I brought Julie to Long Itchington 3 years ago and everyone who saw her was impressed. Don't miss her: it'll be a night to remember.

Steve Dudley

CHARITY EVENT AT THE DOG INN

On **Sunday 21 September** there is to be a *Barbeque at The Dog Inn* between 12noon and 9pm. The tickets are £3 and will include food as well as an opportunity to try your hand at various skills and tests of strength.

Proceeds are to go to the Marie Curie Cancer Relief. Members of Hereburgh Morris will be in attendance and, if enough money is raised, they have agreed not to dance!

Jay (612599)

THURSDAY CLUB

We are still looking for a Secretary - is there anyone who can help?

Will members please note that our Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room is on **Saturday 6 September**. Cakes and raffle prizes will be welcome.

Beryl Checkley

GUIDE CAMP 1997



Father Roy joins the Guides!??

1st Harbury Guides camped in the Peak District National Park in July and had a wonderful time with activities including caving, weaselling, canoeing, archery and swimming. We also visited The Chestnut Conservation Centre and met lots of owls and otters including the only giant otters in this country and they were pretty amazing!

All the Guides had an outstanding week catering and looking after themselves and we managed to leave behind most of the hacking, Harbury cough that we had taken with us!

The Rector and Mrs. Brown came all the way from Harbury to visit us and, as you can see from the photograph, were specially welcomed by the Guides many of whom are also in the Choir. They declined to stay for tea, however, although they were intrigued with the wonderful concoctions the Guides were preparing that evening for the cooking competition.

Special thanks to Sue Buck who bravely stayed the whole week! And to all the parents who helped load and unload the coach.

The autumn term will start on **Monday 15 September** at 7pm in the Scout Hut and this will be the start of my last year as Guide Guider as I have decided to step down at the end of camp next year, which will mark my tenth anniversary as Guider. If you are interested in helping or you know of someone else who 'might' be interested, please don't hesitate to let either myself or Ann Brunt know. If you would like to come and see what we do, just turn up any Monday night between 7 and 8.30pm. You never know it could be fun!

Pam Shepherd, alias 'Kite'
Tel. 613559

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

A date for your diaries: **Saturday 4 October**. We will be having our adult entertainment evening which this year features the extremely funny and creative Keith Donnelly and the amazing singing voice of Gilly Darbey.

After an extremely successful tour with Phil Cool last year, they were sought after and toured with Jasper Carrot this year as well as being flown out to entertain the forces in Belize and the Falkland Islands.

Being local people, they have kindly agreed to provide an evening's entertainment at a reduced rate, to help our fund raising efforts. Consequently, tickets will be on sale from **Monday 8 September** at the ridiculously low price of £5 each! A licensed bar will be provided and food will be available for those who wish. The fun starts at 8pm in the School Hall. All enquiries for tickets to Nikki Jones on 613982, please.

Nikki Jones

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Saturday League XI: It has been a very eventful month for the Division 4 side, who have been pressing for promotion all season under inspirational skipper Will Russell. On a very damp and dark Saturday afternoon in the middle of Coventry in mid-August Harbury secured second place in Division 4 and now only await the verdict of the League Committee on promotion. They certainly deserve it, since they have been single-minded in their pursuit of victory. The performances of batsmen and bowlers alike have shown a fierce determination to perform at their very best, and the high standard has been achieved by a group of young players who have been with the Club for several seasons.

Last month on 19 July against Attleborough Reserves the League side won again, though not easily. Will Russell (56), Zak Briggs (50) and Greg Sherrington (18) saw Harbury to 144 for 3, but then collapsed to 165 all out. At 85 for 2 the visitors looked on course to win but Ed Russell took 3 for 1 in 5 overs to finish with 5-33, with Will Russell 2-25 and Gary Haynes 2-20 to give victory by 45 runs. However on 26 July Harbury's promotion chase stumbled when they only managed to draw with bottom of the table Potterton. Potterton potted to a poor 129 for 7 off 50 overs with Gary Haynes 3-25 and Ed Russell 2-48. Harbury struggled at first but Zak Briggs (24) and brother Seb (31) put them into a winning position on 74. A further collapse was only averted by last pair Gary Haynes and Ian Brearley who batted out seven overs to give Harbury 106 for 9. On 2 August Harbury batted first scoring 211-8 off their 50 overs, with some good batting by Seb Briggs (43), Paul Bennett (41), and Greg Sherrington (23). Coventry Colliery Reserves never showed the capacity to compete and were restricted to 124-4 off 50 overs, to give Harbury a winning draw.

Perhaps the real highlight of the season was on 9 August when Middle Road saw a superb triumph against League leaders Greenmore road, who amassed 234-6 in their 50 overs. Harbury started impressively with a magnificent stand of 138 between Ed Russell who scored his maiden century and stand in skipper Zak Briggs (72*). They were supported by Paul Bennett (19) and Seb Briggs (22*) to gain a win by 7 wickets with three overs remaining. Against Ansley 2nds. On 16 August Harbury had a frustrating but winning draw. The Briggs brothers - Seb (37) and Zak (38) - laid a good base and then Ed Russell struck a solid 57 to

allow Harbury to read 200-9. Ansley never attempted a chase and finished on 138-6 with Will Russell 2-64.

Harbury clinched second place in Division 4 with every prospect of promotion when with a much depleted side, they defeated Peugeot on 23 August. Peugeot batted first on a very dry wicket and Harbury's bowlers - Ian Brearley (6-23), Gary Haynes (2-8) and particularly Ed Russell (2-45) tied down Peugeot to get them all out for 90 after 38 overs. After tea the rain came and the pitch became difficult but Harbury, led from the front as usual by Will Russell, reached their target with the loss of only 2 wickets after about 28 overs. John Clifford scored a steady 18, Paul Bennett 31 and Will Russell 32*.

Sunday Friendly XI: August proved a frustrating month for the Sunday side with two matches lost - Lighthorne quoting harvesting commitments and Meriden washed out by the monsoon. But back on 27 July Harbury managed to keep Shilton to 144 for 8 declared off 41 overs at tea, thanks largely to some steady containment by bowlers Richard Lowe, and John Clifford. Shilton threatened to cut loose, but were victims of some powerful bowling by Ian Lowe (14-2-40-5) who had his third five wicket haul of the season. The other notable performance was wicket keeper Richard Carr with his second 3 catch haul of the season. Harbury opened steadily with Les Sollis (42) and John Clifford (35) but the middle order were unsteady apart from Richard Carr (13). Harbury lost two wickets on 139 in a tense finish but the calming influence of skipper Mike Daniels took Harbury to a two wicket victory on 147 for 8.

In a new fixture on 3 August Harbury started badly against Oxfordshire club, Aynho with 11 for 2, but Ian Lowe (66) and John Clifford (72) batted well against steady bowling. They were followed by Phil Linnett (20) and Ian Jackson (19*) to take the home side to a healthy 205 for 5 declared after 44 overs. Aynho opened well but ran into difficulties when John Clifford (14-1-73-4) and Ian Lowe (13-2-56-2) came on to bowl. Aynho finished on 178 for 8 after 35 overs, and an entertaining match was drawn. A short lived contest at Harbury for Flecknoe on 17 August. Put in by skipper-for-the-day Gary Lowe they were swiftly put out on a slightly damp wicket for 53. Ian Lowe excelled with 5-9 and Gary Haynes 3-26, with two superb catches by Richard Lowe. Harbury struggled a little but eased to 56-5.

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB - DISCO PARTY

The Club will be holding a disco at the Village Hall on **Saturday 20 September** from 7pm-10pm. The disco will be strictly limited to young people in school years 7-9 and to those who have received an invitation. You don't have to be a member of the club to attend and we hope that as many people in this age range in the village will come along to have a good time and make the evening a success. Admission will be £2 to cover our costs with refreshments extra. Invitations will be going out shortly - we hope that no one is missed out, but if, by some oversight, we have missed you or you would like more information, please phone 6133358.

Pat Whorton

Pauline Fitzgerald

Bev Walshe

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The 1997/1998 Netball season begins on **Saturday 11 October** and provisional teams have already been selected because trials began in August. If you DO want to join us next season don't despair, because there are three Thursdays in September before the names of players in the FOUR teams are definitely submitted to the League. Training on 4 September will be at the Harbury court, but as from 11 September we will be going to Kineton School - leaving the Car park at 6:30pm.

Reminder: *Subscriptions of £30 (20 juniors) need to be paid before 1 October.*

Thank you to John Wilkins at Southam Agricultural Services for the loan of his industrial trimmer and to Brian for cutting the grass around the court. The area around the court has been neglected and we will have to organise a rota to keep it tidy. New balls and new kit have been ordered, and the fund raising committee of Paula, Becci, Lisa and Vanessa have made a start on a programme of events which will fund them.

The first event is a *Children's Disco* on **Saturday 13 September** from 7pm-10pm in the Village Hall. This is specifically for Primary School children, i.e. those who are 11 years old and under. The cost is £2 with refreshments available and the special guests: "Harbury Spice Girls", plus three hours of peace for you!

Events planned in the near future are the long-awaited Safari Night, a Fashion Show and the return of the lottery Bonus Ball card. More details next month.

Pat Summers

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

September sees the start of another rugby season and the first fixture, on 6 September, is against Shotton in a Warwickshire League fixture. After narrowly missing out on promotion last season the club is optimistic that they will go one better in the 1997/98 season.

The club has already had some new players join as well as some others returning to the club. Several of the ex mini and junior players will become key members of the first team during the season. The club is again in the Warwickshire League, so there will be plenty of local rivalry and ambition to get promotion.

Clive Hunt will again be the club coach for the coming season and club captain will be Nick Brown with Rob Sawyer as second team captain.

The first *vice-president lunch* will be on **Saturday 27 September** when the league fixtures will be against Atherstone. The club will be pleased to see vice-presidents at the club, also any villager wanting to support the club and join as a vice-president. Do come join us from 1pm onwards.

The minis and junior sections will again be looking to a successful season and the organiser of this section will be looking for lots of registrations on the first two Sundays in September. One of the minis' big occasions, *The Harbury Festival*, will be on **Sunday 28 September**.

The club also welcomes support from villagers every Saturday afternoon. Details of all the fixtures are included in the diary in the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Finally, anybody wishing to play at any level - the club runs 3 Saturday teams plus minis and juniors from 6 years of age upwards. Please contact Ian Holroyd (612527) or Graham Lewis (815196) for further information.

Ian Holroyd - Club President

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

August was a successful month for the Club, with the final Summer League match seeing us being narrowly beaten by Hook Norton, the eventual winners of the competition. We won against Byfield, Brackley and Deddington, resulting in our team ending up in the top half of the League. Well done to all concerned - particularly the Ladies, who rarely lost a match. If I was to single out a 'Player of the Season', it would have to be Gill Thorpe, consistently good throughout the period!

We are now looking forward to the impending Winter season, so if anyone new is interested in playing for a team (we ran two teams last Winter), please let us know.

The internal "Mini Leagues" continue apace, with both Singles and Doubles being well supported throughout the season. The Singles deadline has now been extended to 13 September (same date as the Doubles), with playoffs to be completed by 30 September. Both competitions are proving to be fiercely competitive and great fun!

Forthcoming events include Medal Tournaments on 6 and 14 September, both starting at 2pm.

We play during the week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm and at weekends on Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5pm. The courts are Council-owned so anyone can play on them, but please check availability by booking at Kane's Newsagent beforehand to avoid disappointment.

Ending on a sad note, I have been asked to report damage to our nets from vandals. This is a great shame, as the courts are always open to everyone and the vast majority respect this village facility. As always, it is spoilt by a very small minority. If this, or similar abuse to the courts happens again, we may be forced to lock the gates.

David Snell

HARBURY SURGERY

The seasonal increase in respiratory illnesses such as influenza is again expected. Whether it will be similar to last year's winter outbreak it is still too early to say. Advice from the Department of Health is to immunise target groups. This reduces amongst other things, pressure on

hospital beds and therefore allows normal surgical lists to proceed unhindered by emergency admissions.

If you are in the following groups please 'phone the surgery before the end of September to book your 'flu jab:

- a. Chronic respiratory disease, including asthma.
- b. Chronic heart disease.
- c. Chronic kidney disease.
- d. Diabetics.
- e. Those being treated by drugs to suppress their immune response.
- f. Those without a spleen.
- g. Those living in nursing and residential homes.
- h. Frail/elderly.

From **Monday 6 October**, afternoon surgeries at Harbury will commence at 4pm and the last appointment will be at 6pm.

John Hancock

NSPCC 1997 HOUSE to HOUSE COLLECTION

Once again our collection this year showed an increase - so many thanks to all our collectors from the village and surrounding areas for collecting £986.21.

Thank you also for your continued support for one of the hardest working charities in the country.

NSPCC Committee

MEALS ON WHEELS NEWS

(for the third consecutive month, I'm afraid)

I shall relinquish the job of organiser on 30 September. I have completely failed to find a substitute and have asked the W.R.V.S. to try to find someone to take over.

I should like to thank most warmly all the cooks, drivers and helpers who have been so wonderfully loyal or utterly reliable over the past seven years. Very many thanks to you all.

Mary Snow

SATURDAY NIGHT QUIZZES

The Old New Inn intends to introduce a weekly 'Quiz Night' for those who would like to be cerebrally challenged on a Saturday night. The advertisement included elsewhere in the magazine provides all the details of the entry fee for teams of four (maximum). There will also be an opportunity to win the weekly cash prize with the 'Lucky Envelope'. The quizzes are due to commence on **Saturday 6 September** at 8:30pm.

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Sandra Moffit

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Tysoe and Fenny Compton Fire Stations

Yet again threatened with closure!

The Support Group is anxious to make residents in South Warwickshire aware of the detrimental effect to their safety if the proposal to close these fire stations is implemented.

Tysoe and Fenny Compton Fire Stations do not exist just to serve their own parishes. They form a vital part of the network protecting all of South Warwickshire and are frequently called to Banbury, Shipston, Stratford and Leamington; on occasions, even Birmingham and Coventry.

When other nearby stations are unavailable, these two stations could be, and frequently are, your first line of defence against fire or entrapment. They are local stations, manned by local people, with local knowledge. Over the years, they have been called out thousands of times to help the people of South Warwickshire. Now they need **your** help to fight for their existence.

Warwickshire County Council is seeking **your** opinion over these proposals. Do not remain silent! Attend the forthcoming public

meetings and write to one of the people listed below. Just remember. At night, Tysoe or Fenny Compton crews could reach a fire in your home in minutes. Other crews might only be able to follow the glow. THE DECISION IS YOURS.

Write to: **John Maples M.P.**, House of Commons, London, SW1A
Councillor Luise Gunter, The Flat, The Glebe House,
 Lighthorne Road, Kineton, Warwick CV35 0YL
Councillor R.D. Adams, 5 King Edward Terrace,
 Whichford, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire CV36 5PL
The Clerk of the County Council, P.O. Box 9, Shire Hall,
 Warwick CV34 4RR (Ref. D. Rose)
Councillor M. Doody, 34 Godfrey Close, Radford Semele,
 Nr. Learnington Spa CV31 1UH

Meetings: Wed. 10 Sept. 8pm at Fenny Compton Village Hall
 Thurs. 11 Sept. 8pm at Bishops Itchington Memorial Hall
 Thurs. 18 Sept. 8pm at Shipston Townsend Hall

Mrs. A.D. Hodge
Clerk to the Council

HARBURY CHRONICLES

Now the exciting time begins. We start filming a typical Saturday in our village on **Saturday 20 September**. We open with a shopping spree and hope to cover a part of the working day of most of the stores, including Kath's Hairdressing Salon. Moving slowly up the High Street, we shall take a look inside the Church where preparations will be under way for the Harvest Festival Service the following morning.

Of course we shall call in for a coffee in the Tom Hauley Room. Then, up to the Playing Fields to catch a shot of the youngsters training for football. We hope there will be tennis going on and some netball. In the evening we shall catch a glimpse of the famous visiting Male Voice Choir and the Harbury school children performing on the same bill.

Sunday may provide an opportunity to 'shoot' a snatch of the Church service, before taking a scenic ramble through the village to the quarries.

If Sunday happens to be wet we shall adopt Plan B and film our crafts



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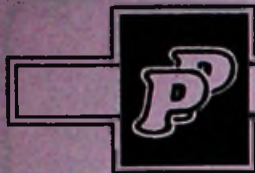
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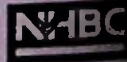


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people. Otherwise, they are on our October schedule.

May we introduce Doug Megeney, our Continuity Man. He will be in touch with all of you who have part roles. We wish to give the film the "Fly on the Wall" treatment, so when you see the camera coming, please act naturally, do resist the temptation to look directly at it. Get your tickets now for *The Coldicot Male Voice Choir in Concert* in Harbury Church on **Saturday 20 September**. Watch for posters giving more details. As for the film, we wish all of you Good Luck in making *The Harbury Chronicles*. This one is for posterity!

Mary Shelly, Anne Megeney



Children watch the puppet show

Around forty secret agents converged on the Tom Hauley Room for four days in August. Their mission . . . to find out about a man named Jesus . . . and to have a lot of fun on the way. Apart from cracking codes, finding clues and combing the church grounds on a treasure hunt, they met in groups to investigate a different Bible account each day. A

puppet show helped to tell the story, then after a break there followed a choice of activities: drama, music, mask-making, making 'stained glass' windows and mobiles, and working on a pair of banners involving simple printing and batik. The results were then hung in the church for the family service on the Sunday. Some of the children sang and played percussion instruments at the service - which was 'gategashed' by a couple of larger Secret Agents determined to find out more. If you want to know more . . . ask a secret agent!

This venture involved a lot of people giving their time and various skills to make it work; thanks are due to all, particularly to Mary Catt the co-ordinator and of course to the children, who seemed to really enjoy themselves.

Lesley Jones

8th HARBURY HASH

For the third year running we are holding the *Harbury Hash* over the Stoneythorpe Estate by kind permission of Jill and Barclay Reid.

The date for your diary is **Sunday 28 September**, format as before. Be there in time to enter and enjoy the pre-run get together. Start will be at 3pm with a Barbeque to follow - bring something to cook - bread and salad provided. Spread the word.

John Hancock

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LADIES CIRCLE

Who are they?

What are they?

What do they do/when/where/why?

Who are they? We are ladies between the ages of 18-45 who enjoy varied social activities (and a glass of wine). Whether it be filling our own Hanging Baskets, Sports - sailing, golfing, ski-ing, Go-karting - we'll try anything once as long as it includes - a glass of wine. Lively discussions, other numerous interests, a chance to make new friends (and have a glass of wine).

What are they? Circlers are employed in a wide variety of occupations; be it a housewife occupied full time in raising a young family; self-

employed or working in the family business, or employed in one of the many professions.

What do they do? We have a programme of events covering a variety of activities enabling you to have a go at *anything* which provides an opportunity to tackle things that you would not necessarily do on your own (and, of course . . . enjoy a glass of wine!).

During the year we aim to raise money for local charities. So far, in 1997 we have raised £300 by face painting at Southam and Harbury carnivals in aid of Arthritis Research.

In addition, we support and assist Southam & District Round Table (often our partners/husbands) in some of their social and fund raising events. We particularly look forward to annual events such as the 'Safari Supper' (indigestion on route), Ladies Night (posh frocks) Christmas parties (well, the chance to party anytime). Much fun is always had by all!

When? We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of each month.

Where? Anywhere in and around the Southam area (and sometimes beyond).

Why? Fun, Friendship and Fund Raising (Not to mention, the odd glass of wine). We would welcome any new guests for forthcoming events should you be interested - For further information and details of our programme events, please contact Shirley Wright (Chairman) on 614414.

Shirley Wright
Southam & District Ladies Circle

BISHOPS ITCHINGTON - PARENT and TODDLER GROUP

We are pleased to re-open on **Thursday 11 September** from 1.30-3pm. You can find us in the Church Hall behind St. Michael's Church. There is lots to do with a craft table, songs and storytime, all the usual toys and refreshments. All under 4's are welcome to attend with a parent or childminder. Admission £1.

For more details phone Joanna Doyle on 614412. We look forward to seeing you.

Joanna Doyle

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

My apologies for confusing the arrangements for the outing to Severn Trent at Campion Hills. It was a very interesting and informative evening. I for one will view water in a different light as our host Roy said, they want everybody to think about water rather than take it for granted, as most of us do.

The Village Show on **Saturday 13 September** is virtually here, and if you haven't already got one, please pick up a schedule - there is something for everyone. If you haven't a garden, how about entering the cooking section? The judges didn't have much to do last year. They come quite a distance and they do like to be kept busy! Flower Arranging, Handicrafts, Photography and wine-making are all interesting pastimes. Last year the children made a superb effort - we hope it will be repeated this year.

Again the cut off date for entries for the show is **Wednesday 10 September** at 6pm. Please deliver your forms and correct money to Julie Clarke at 32 South Parade, Dorothy Groves 37, Mill Street, Harbury School or 23, Deppers Bridge. Last year it proved very helpful for administration as the trestles and tables have to be put in place on the previous Friday evening. If any strong men would like to help, please ring Ron on 612515. We also need help dismantling everything after the show at 4.15pm on Saturday.

This year, as usual, there will be a Garden Stall. If you have a contribution please bring it to the Village Hall on the morning of the show, but not between 11am and 12.30pm, whilst the judging is in progress. Once again, any produce left at the Hall after the show will be taken to Castel Froma, where the residents are always very appreciative. They particularly like jars of home made jams and marmalades and the fresh fruit and vegetables, of course.

The Society is now affiliated to the R.H.S. who offer a Soil Analysis service for £15. If any one is interested please see Julie Clarke.

Our new series of talks start in October with *Plants for Shady Places* to be given by Mr. B. Cook and we will welcome new members. Newcomers to the village and anybody gardening from scratch will get help and ideas for their gardens and certainly much sound information. As the dark evenings approach, I am sure members who have cars would

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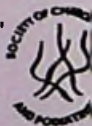
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In many ways we have had an odd growing season. I have some hellibores in bloom which usually appear at Christmas and New Year!

Finally, even if you have not entered anything, please come to the Village Hall at 2pm on **Saturday 13 September** to see what others have done. I am sure the Hall will look - and smell very nice, so it is well worth a visit.

P.S. The Silver Cups for the show are being engraved ready to be won yet again. They really do make an impressive display on the table in the Hall, who will be the lucky winners this year?

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES for SEPTEMBER

September blows soft, 'til the fruit's in the loft

goes the old saying and we hope it proves true this year. Looking to fruit for next year, this is the optimum time for planting strawberry runners, but to avoid virus in your kitchen garden, only use ones from your own plants or from plants guaranteed virus free. Still with thoughts of things to come, buy and plant prepared bulbs this month. Sow seeds of any of the primula family and leave the seed trays where they can get the necessary frost and thaw sequence for germination. Re-seed any worn areas on the lawn. As borders are tidied seeds of hardy annuals such as candytuft, love in the mist and pot marigolds can be sown.

Trim lavender bushes. If you want larger blooms on chrysanthemums remove the side buds to leave one bloom on each stem, but leave the spray types to develop full heads.

Dry onions, shallots and garlic really well so that they keep in store a long time. Any sunny spot under cover will save the rush to take in crops which are drying when rain threatens. Onions can be stored in old tights, with a knot between each bulb, and the netting bags containing fruit from the supermarkets make good storage for shallots. We are frequently urged to recycle items so that is a small contribution one can make. A few late lettuces can still be sown, even in a flower border, and, although they will not make large plants they will give fresh leaves especially if you can cloche them. Begin to tidy borders as plants finish

their display and pot up or take cuttings from the tender varieties which have been growing in containers.

Plant of the month - Michaelmas Daisy

When John Tradescant began to send plants to Britain from North America in the 17th Century, this Aster was amongst them and the original Michaelmas daisy which is still white and grows to 4ft. bears his name. Aster is Greek for star and the individual blooms in their colours of pinks, purples, blues and violet, as well as the original white are this shape. The popular name refers to the Church festival celebrated on 29th September and the traditional rent quarter day. During this month the borders are revived by this popular perennial. The flat daisy-like heads, rich in nectar attract butterflies and bees. Grow the plants in any normal soil in full sun, but they do not like dry conditions when buds are forming. Powdery mildew was a problem, especially with the variety Aster novi-belgii, but the many hybrid varieties now available do not suffer from the disfiguring grey powder on the leaves. Plant them any time between October and March, except Aster amellus which must be left until the Spring.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

As you may already be aware, we now have new tenants at the Gamecock - Angela Hemmings and Gordon McFarlane. Angela's daughter Emma, who is 7 years old, will be moving to Harbury Primary School at the beginning of this next term.

We welcome them to the village and wish them luck in their new venture. They have plans to refurbish the inside of the pub and have already been working hard outside to re-open the beer garden.

Dan Killian

Dear Editors

To all my friends who have helped me during Thomas' long stay in hospital. I do not know what I would have done without their help. I was able to call and see him every day - we have no family and it was a comfort for him to see me.

He is now so much better and I thank God every day.

Yours gratefully

Liesel Wicker

Dear Editors

On 9th August we held a coffee morning for the Alex Scott Bone Marrow Appeal. With the wonderful support we received plus some donations we were able to send £100 to this very worthwhile cause.

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Pat and Sylvia

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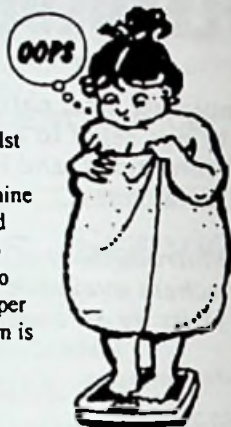
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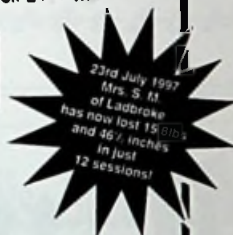
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