

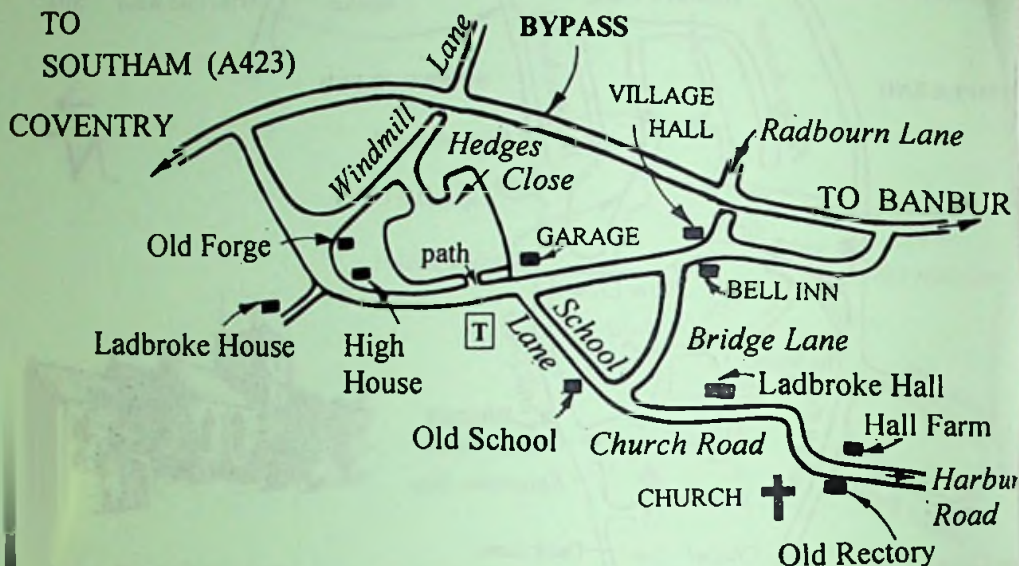
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This month's magazine highlights the end of year activities for some of the young children in the village. It is heartening to see so many people getting involved with organisations that help provide a firm foundation for future generations. The Nursery School and Wight School Playgroup both offer excellent care and encouragement during term time, each with their own particular strengths and we hope that there will always be a choice of activities for village youngsters.

Again, for the third year running, the Church is offering a Holiday Club for four days called 'Secret Agents - Time Travellers' (see diary for dates).

The Editors have received news of several graduate successes and are delighted to offer congratulations to all students who passed through the local schools to find success elsewhere at a later stage in their career. We always welcome news of achievements gained by youngsters in any sphere of life.

Harbury has been fortunate in providing a pleasant environment for families to flourish and it is fascinating to learn of two young evacuees who returned to the village to rediscover the 'roots' of their past lives. It was even more appropriate that they arrived in the village during the Garden Walkabout and were invited to rekindle memories with several villagers.

Although the weather did not encourage good photography on the day of the Walkabout, we have created a centre spread of floral displays which can currently be seen in front gardens around the village.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Eileen Barnes.

# Harbury Diary

## AUGUST

- Sun 2 Pentecost IX** - Sung Eucharist 9am  
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket home to Aynho
- Tues 4** Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Cricket home to Lillington
- Thurs 6** Transfiguration; Holy Communion 9.45am  
W.I. Garden Party 7pm  
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 9 Pentecost X** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 9am;  
Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket home to Lighthorne
- Tues 11** Secret Agents - Time Travellers in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Prayer Group in Church 8.10pm
- Wed 12** Secret Agents in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
- Thurs 13** Holy Communion 9.45am  
Secret Agents in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon  
Stratford District Council's Children's Activities on Playing Fields
- Fri 14** Newspaper Collection  
Secret Agents in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
- Sat 15** **ADVERTS 14, Binswood End by 5.30pm**  
Cricket home to Peugeot Talbot
- Sun 16 Pentecost XI** - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am
- Tues 18** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 20** Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 21** **ARTICLES to Party Paraphernalia by 5.30pm**
- Sat 22** Cricket home to Bharat Sports
- Sun 23 Pentecost XII** - Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 24** Stratford District Council's Youth Project in Village Hall
- Tues 25** Stratford District Council's Youth Project in Village Hall  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 26** Stratford District Council's Youth Project in Village Hall
- Thurs 27** Holy Communion 9.45am  
Standing Committee 7.30pm at the Rectory
- Fri 28** Newspaper Collection

- Sat 29 **BLOOD DONORS** at the Village Hall  
 Sun 30 **Pentecost XIII** - Holy Communion 8am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
 Cricket home to St. Benedicts Alcester  
 Mon 31 Bank Holiday Monday  
 Cricket home to Alveston

## SEPTEMBER

- Tues 1 Toddlers' Service at 2.15pm  
 Thurs 3 Mothers' Union at 2.30pm  
 Open Day at WREN Stoneleigh 10am  
 Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm  
 Fri 4 Harbury Been Festival 6pm - 11pm  
 Sat 5 Tennis Club's Ladies Doubles  
 Harbury Beer Festival 11.30am - 4pm & 6pm - 11pm  
 Hereburgh Morris dance at Village Hall 12.30pm onwards  
 Sun 6 **Pentecost XIV** - Sung Eucharist 9am  
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm

Please note: Adverts to 14, Binswood End by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
 Articles to Party Paraphernalia by Friday 21<sup>th</sup> August

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

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

## REGULAR DIARY DATES

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday  
**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Mondays (Club) 7-9pm; Tuesdays (League)  
 8-10pm; Friday (Ladies) 2-3pm; Sunday (Mixed) 7-10pm  
**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

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

**HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL:** School, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday;  
12.45pm-3.15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

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

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

**LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2 - 5pm and 5.30 - 7pm;  
Thursdays 10am-1pm; 2 - 5pm and 5.30 - 7pm;  
Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of  
Month; Term Time only

**LINE DANCING:** (613478) Village Hall 8pm Thursdays (except 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs.)

**LINE DANCING:** (624454) Village Hall 8pm Wednesdays

**NETBALL CLUB:** (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm  
Thursdays; Matches Saturday Afternoon

**PLAYGROUP:** Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

**QUIZ EVENING:** The Old New Inn, 8.30pm Saturdays

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & 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 & 1.30-3pm 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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**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.*

**Rector:** Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury  
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### Laugh Line

A minister invited to preach at a prison regretfully chose as his text:  
"With the help of my God I will leap over the wall".

### FROM THE RECTOR

Brian is nineteen and he is driving his parents mad. Since he left school three years ago he has been unable to get up on time or organise his life in any way. He gives his mother £12 a week. In return she provides cooked meals throughout the day as well as doing all his washing, cleaning and mending.

She complains but fails to do anything about the situation. His father is enraged by his son's laziness and selfish lifestyle. Lazy people are the cause of much unhappiness in others but because sloth is rooted in self love they seldom recognise the damage they do. And this is what has happened in Brian's family.

Although Bill, his father, has always worked regularly throughout his married life, he has expected his wife to 'wait' on him. Brian is lazy because his parents are lazy. His father's irritation is caused by seeing his wife treat Brian as she treats him although he doesn't realise it. He has been happy to live for years off her activity and self-sacrifice.

His wife is lazy in that she cannot be bothered to challenge the injustice of the situation. She has mentally 'switched off' and allows both men to become more lazy and selfish rather than face the conflict of taking a stand for the sake of justice.



Sloth comes in many forms. It may be mental or physical but the results are the same. It corrodes, destroying not only ourselves but those around us. And it rebounds on us in an insidious way so that we become increasingly isolated within a bubble of selfish inaction.

It is easy to spot the Brians in our midst but such folk are only the tip of the iceberg. Most of us have dark patches of sloth in our lives which we gloss over and push back into the 'pending' file in our minds. This is especially true in our life of faith. And it can be spiritual death. We envy the late Mother Teresa's of the world and murmur "of cannot" when it comes to ourselves. St. John Chrysostom pointed out many years ago that to say "I cannot" is to accuse God of giving us commands that he has made us incapable of following, which would mean He was an unjust God. He is not, why then is it that we "cannot"? Because we are tepid and lazy. We fail to make the effort for ourselves.

The fact that we have a mother, father or dear one who trusts and serves God faithfully will not save us if we are betrayed by our own inaction. Our Heavenly Father judges us solely by what we have done. It is said that the devil once asked his helpers how best he could conquer the world: *Tell them there is no heaven*, said one. *No*, said others, *They wouldn't believe you*. Another said: *Tell them there is no hell*. Again the helpers replied: *No, they wouldn't believe you*. The third suggestion was: *Tell them there is no hurry*. And we do believe him!

**Fr. Roy**

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### ***Holy Matrimony at Harbury***

***25<sup>th</sup> July - Steven Adams to Dayle Summers***

### ***Holy Baptism at Ladbroke***

***5<sup>th</sup> July - James Alexander Walker***

***26<sup>th</sup> July - Jessica Rose Dallow***

### ***Funeral at Harbury***

***16<sup>th</sup> July - Eileen Barnes***

## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS



The photograph this month shows our Jubilate Group providing the music in Coventry Cathedral at the recent Annual Service of Cathedral Liaison Officers. We understand their music was very much appreciated. The Jubilate Group regularly provide music at the Family service held in Church on the third Sunday of each month.

An early reminder that Bishop Colin will be making his first official visit to Harbury Church on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October** and will preside at a Confirmation service, however, we will give further details in September.

A refreshing break was made to Scargill House, situated in the Yorkshire Dales, early in July by twenty three parishioners and friends. Scargill House is a Church of England Holiday and Conference Centre which caters for approximately ninety guests. Our group spent the days either visiting large local gardens or rambling between the Dales' tea shops. This short holiday continued the series of bi-annual parish holidays which have been organised since 1990. A return will be made in the year 2000 to Oberammergau. Should you be interested in a combined visit to the Passion Play together with a holiday in Europe please contact Beryl Checkley on 612519.

A last call for the *Young Children's Holiday Club* to be held in the Tom Hauley Room on 11-14<sup>th</sup> August. Further details from the notices around the village.

Father Roy, having already undergone surgery earlier this month, is unfortunately awaiting similar treatment to his knee at the time the magazine is published. We all wish him a speedy recovery and please keep Pam and himself in your prayers.

**Ruth and Jeff**

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Afternoon meeting: Pam once again invited us to hold our AGM and Garden meeting in the Rectory garden. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us and we had to stay indoors. We held a Bring & Buy sale and the committee provided a delicious array of cakes for tea that everyone enjoyed.

Evening meeting: This took place in and around Hunningham where we met for our annual walk and pub supper. We were blessed with a fine, sunny (somewhat windy) evening and set off over the stile for a most enjoyable walk through delightful countryside, encountering horses, sheep, cows (plus a bull which we weren't told about till *after* we were safely through that field!). Jeff and Lorna Bedford had planned the route which very conveniently started and finished at 'The Red Lion' where an excellent meal was enjoyed by 25 hungry ramblers. All in all, a highly successful way to round off the year.

Next meeting: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - 2.30pm

**Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore**

## **TODDLERS' SERVICE**

Our topic for this month was *The Sun*. Mrs. Catt showed us a large picture of the sun and told us how fruit, flowers, grain and of course ourselves rely on the warmth and light of the sun.

We sang two songs, accompanied by Mr. Charles Catt on clarinet and said our toddler prayer. Mrs. Catt read us the story of the five loaves and two fishes. We made 'suns' for ourselves by sticking yellow and gold paper squares into paper plates.





Mary Catt, Denise Vincent and Jane Thomas entertain the toddlers in the Church grounds  
We finished off with a picnic on the grass at the back of the Church.  
Please note, our next meeting is at 2.15pm on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

**Lorna Bedford**

## *Ladbroke News*

### **AUGUST**

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| <b>Sun</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>Pentecost IX - Family Communion 10.30am</b>   |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>Pentecost X - Sung Communion 9am</b><br><b>Women Fellowships Tea Party at 3pm</b>               |
| <b>Mon</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>Village Hall Prize Draw in the Bell Inn 8pm</b>   |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm</b>   |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>15</b> | <b><u>ADVERTS</u> 14, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>Pentecost XI - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 10.05am;</b><br><b>Songs of Praise 6pm</b> |

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Wed 19 Parish Council meeting in Village Hall at 7.45pm  
 Fri 21 **ARTICLES** to Party Paraphernalia, Chapel Street Harbury by 5.30pm  
 Sun 23 Pentecost XII - Sung Communion 9am  
 Sun 30 Pentecost XIII - Holy Communion 9am

## SEPTEMBER

Sun 6 Pentecost XIV - Family Communion 10.30am

## FLOWER ROTA FOR AUGUST

9<sup>th</sup> August - Mrs. Jill Moore                      23<sup>rd</sup> August - Mrs. Sue Moore  
 16<sup>th</sup> August - Mrs. Gwladys Gould            30<sup>th</sup> August - Mrs. Pat Kennedy  
 6<sup>th</sup> September - Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Dickson

**Jane Rutherford**

## LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

There is nothing extraordinary to report for July, but as I was talking about sight being taken for granted in the Women's Fellowship news; that can also be said of many things. Several of the most staunch Christian members of our community are moving away from the village. That they will be sorely missed goes without saying; although they will keep coming back to us - it won't be easy.

Our Church is a fine building - even with all its urgent repair work still to be done. Many people visit it from all over the world judging by the signatures in the visitors book. However, it still needs a physical Church - that means us, to keep it alive and ticking.

I hope we are an open friendly church and we genuinely welcome all who come, please come and join us. Your next big change - after our usual Family service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month at 10am is our *Songs of Praise* service on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August** at 6pm.

We hope to sing as many of your favourite hymns in the time available. We will put a list out for anyone to write their choice of hymns down so make sure you put yours on it. At both the Family service and the Songs of Praise there will be refreshments afterwards.

**Betty Winkfield**

## WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Eric Sayce did get to our meeting in July. He gave us a very open 'down-to-earth' talk about how he learnt to cope with total blindness which happened quite suddenly, twelve years ago. Sight is very special, something which we take for granted. How much courage it needs to try and lead a normal life without it.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm we are holding our *Tea Party* on Hazel's lawn and the Patio at Ladbroke Hall (with kind permission from the Hall Management Committee) - hoping that the weather is going to be fine. There will be a Raffle and a Bring and Buy. Tea is £1, except for our invited guests from Harbury Mothers' Union.

We are hoping to send a donation to charity for the Blind which Eric is involved with.

**Betty Winkfield**

## LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The meeting and Strawberry Fair were held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ladbroke Village Hall. The meeting was short to enable us to open the Fair at 7.30pm.

Mrs. Jo Sowerby entertained us on the Stage with *A little of what you Fancy* which was most interesting - flower arrangements for all occasions - which she gave for raffle prizes.

The evening was very well attended by WI members from near and far. Our own members were busy on the Stalls and serving delicious strawberries and other refreshments.

In fact, an enjoyable evening was had by all, not least our treasurer, as she now knows that we have enough money for the Bursary to assist a member to attend Denman College.

Next month we do not have a meeting but have an outing instead. Happy holidays to all. Come home safely and refreshed. Don't forget to make a date for the *Beetle Drive* on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm in Ladbroke Village Hall for children and adults.

Anne Edwards held a very successful Tea Party in aid of the Marie Curie Nursing Fund and would like to thank everyone for helping and attending.

### **Hazel Sharples**

#### **LADBROKE Village Hall**

The sixth prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club took place on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bell Inn. The winners were: Sue Ford £80; M.Wright £50; Mike Todman £25. Christine Baker, Kim Ryan, N.Coley, Pamela Brown and Linda Spence each received £10.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August** at 8pm in the Bell Inn. Any new members will be very welcome. Please make contact on 814362.

### **Catherine Spence**

#### **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

Matters Arising: The meeting held in the Village Hall on July 15<sup>th</sup> began on a disheartening note because of all the delays that are being experienced in trying to get repairs and alterations for the village: the culvert at New House Farm on the A423 was originally reported broken in March 1997; the remedial work in Windmill Lane following the development of Hedges Close has not been attended to despite many promises by Crosby Homes; the noise barrier between No.7 and The Garage is still not built to specification; the non-illuminated bollards have gone missing again; the stream is still obstructed by a fallen tree; some of the lights in Hedges Close still wait to be illuminated and there have been no volunteers to mend the bench in Church Road! Poor Elsa! On behalf of the Council and the village she does work so hard writing letters and ringing the appropriate people, it is really disappointing when her efforts seem in vain. Councillor Bob Stevens for the County and Jim Taylor for the District promised to chase up the apparently offending departments.

Police Matters: Pc Andy Went was unable to join the meeting. It was reported that CDs were stolen from a car during the month of June.

Pig Farm at Chapel Ascote: A lot of letters had already been received in



connection with the proposed pig farm. However, there have been few objections from the consultant bodies, i.e. the County Land Agent; Environment Agency; Environmental Health and Severn Trent. The Highways Agency have expressed concern about the lack of visibility at the entrance. Ladbroke Parish Council will be represented at the Planning meeting.

Footpaths: Ladbroke has now joined the Parish Path's Partnership (P3) scheme and the next step will be to prioritise any work that needs to be done.

County Council Report: A document that proposes five centres of excellence for children with special educational needs is out for consultation until 12<sup>th</sup> September. This document has been circulated to all schools. Gritting will only take place on A and B roads this winter. The Structure Plan - is out for final consultation for six weeks from September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Millennium Green Update: Planning permission has been approved for the change of use of Macklin. The submission for consideration of a grant by the Countryside Commission has been sent off and a decision is expected in August.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August** at 7.45 in the Village Hall.

**Carol Northorpe**

## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JULY**

When District Councillor Booth said that Stratford was looking into boundary charges, the Parish Council agreed that the quarries could become part of Bishops Itchington Parish.

Ken Stephenson received Parish Council agreement to purchase Twinning Signs and the Finance Committee will look at other funding bids in August. It seems that plans to remove the Village Hall railings to form a ceremonial space have been thwarted by the Hall Committee's demand that a replacement boundary hedge is established first. Therefore Ken at last got his wish - the railings will be repainted. Ron Grey warned colleagues "It ain't bust, so don't fix it".

We did not win the County Prize for the Best Kept Village, but came a sort of fourth to Welford, Dunchurch and Ilmington, although the Manor Road Green's tree planting was singled out for praise.

The Parish Council told Neale's Close residents to deal with their children who are playing on the Highways verge and annoying householders. It is a 'neighbour dispute', not a Parish Council matter.

Sharon Hancock was appalled at the thoughtlessness of some parents who insisted on driving their children to Harbury School and even opened the closed School gates and then backed down the Lane whilst other children were trying to enter. She was also worried about visibility at the Middle Road/Fosseway junction and the danger of vehicles overtaking under the railway bridge.

John Woodward reported that the County hoped to sign a voluntary agreement to ensure that Biffa lorries carrying clay for a derelict land site in Stratford would use the official route to the tip.

The District Council has now formally taken over the Churchyard and is paying the PCC £320 to maintain all but the trees and walls. Stratford has awarded the village a grant of £5,000 to upgrade lighting columns to the mock Victorian 'Windsor' style that the Parish Council favours. The District Council will supply Dog Fouling signs for the Percival Drive area, at £2 a time.

Planning: The Parish Council did not object to a replacement garage at 21 Deppers Bridge or an extension at the Old Bakery in Chapel Street. It had received notice that Severn Trent was applying for Outline permission for residential development at the Water Tower and would oppose this vigorously as it is well outside the village boundary. The Committee visited Dennis Warden to explain why his house application was rejected.

John Hunt expressed dismay at the long wait potential purchasers of the Shared Equity homes at Hillside were experiencing in buying the houses. Having suffered delays over the land transfer they now had difficulty getting a mortgage.

The Parish Council agreed to underwrite the Village Design Statement's grant shortfall to enable the booklet to be printed in colour and made available to all households in Harbury.



Deborah Steele (Debbie Cooke as was!) has been appointed Clerk for a probationary six month period. The phone number remains the same 614646.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY SOCIETY**

After another successful example of Ed & John's *Pub Walks* - to Ufton Reserve and back, the Society is resting until the autumn.

There will be a *Fund Raising Coffee Morning* in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** from 10am until noon and a programme of historical and environmental talks and events is being organised for the season.

However, the Society continues to monitor planning and development and to be involved in the production of the Village Design Statement. A relaunch of the third reprint of 'Hungry Harbury' is planned in time for Christmas.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Members and friends enjoyed the Bowls evening at Victoria Park, which is always a popular event. We look forward to the visit to *Rugby School and the Garden Party* at the house of Nora Ellis on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm**. There will be a Bring and Buy and a Raffle. Please bring a folding chair, if possible.

The *Harbury Village Show* is on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and open to everyone. As has been emphasised before, this is a very pleasant, friendly day as anybody will tell you. It was great to see newcomers winning awards last year showing that it is not at all difficult to do.

A few pansies, one rose or a pot plant and you have an entry. There are some super cooks in the village, so there will be something for you to make in the schedule. A must: do read the rules and follow the class description. If in doubt, ask any member. Good luck to you all, but I will remind you again.

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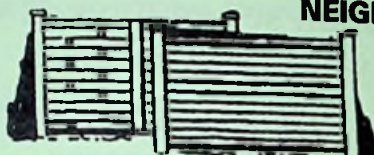
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The *Harvest Supper* will be on **Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>** and it is requested that members pay at the September meeting.

The speaker was Mrs. Mary Clegg - *Journey on a Troop Ship to New Zealand*. Mrs. Clegg spoke about her 13,000 mile journey in 1946. She had married a N.Z. pilot in 1945 and nearly a year later set off with her husband and young baby in a converted cargo ship from Tilbury. He was in charge of his squadron and Mrs. Clegg looked forward to them being together. However, it was not to be, as the thirty women and six babies were segregated. She was allocated a 6ft. sq. cabin to house six women and three babies with home made cradles attached to the bunks. Crying babies were not popular with the childless women. One bathroom was provided for all thirty women. Fresh water was for drinking, so sea water was used for bathing and washing clothes. The nappies were like boards and at one stage the babies had to go without them because they were so sore. Imagine the situation in this small cabin.

As the journey progressed so the weather became hotter, 120°F through the Suez Canal and up to 130-140°F passing through the Equator. For a few weeks they had to sleep on deck in the minimum of clothing, the lucky ones lying under the lifeboats for shade and watching the flying fish at night. When Mrs. Clegg was ill in sickbay her baby was taken to her husband to look after.

They went ashore at Aden, but the poverty shocked them. They crossed the Indian Ocean with no land in sight for almost three weeks which was very boring. It became much colder when they approached Australia as it was winter. They went ashore at Melbourne, fascinated by the bright lights, the luxury goods on sale and above all the chance to eat bread and butter.

Then 6½ weeks from starting out, 650 service men, 30 women and 6 children arrived at the natural harbour of Wellington, New Zealand on a bitterly cold and stormy day. How different the journey would be today!

September Hostesses: Nora Ellis, Wyn Elliot and Jean Teeney

**Jeanne Beaumont**



## **HARBURY THEATRE GROUP**

A date for your diary - Our November production will be a pantomime to be staged on the 26, 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> of the month. It is still to be finally decided what the pantomime will be, however, a play reading will be held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August** at 8:00pm in the Wight School.

Anyone who is interested in taking part in the production, do please feel free to come along. If you are not able to attend on that day but would like to be involved, contact Ruth Thurogood on 613415.

**John Holden**

## **HARBURY FOLK CLUB**

At the Folk Club on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the theme was "Friends and Family" and generous discounts were on offer for any performer who managed to weave the theme into a song or tune.

Even when the theme could not be identified in the music, it was still an evening for playing with friends, and in front of friends in the audience. Eight particularly good friends, making up a slightly depleted Hereburgh Orchestra (Ruth, Celia, Janny, Rosie, Ian, Sue, Margaret and I), played a few of my tunes, one of them dedicated to another friend, Mike (who had to be dragged out of the bar to listen to it). Just before that, another friendly ensemble calling themselves DTP (Janny, Ruth, Margaret, Rosie, Sue and Ian) played a medley of waltzes.

Most of our regular singers were there – Rick, Ron, Des, Phil & Drill, Gilly, the Blues Fathers, the Harvesters and me – but it was particularly nice to welcome Colin Squire again, after his popular guest appearance in May, and also Matthew & Eleanor Black with a typically powerful performance. But it was probably Ron who should get the biggest discount for his clever 'family' contributions, especially "Everybody's Auntie".

The raffle raised £32 for the Coronary Care Unit at Warwick Hospital. The next Folk Club is on **Thursday 6th August**, at 8:30pm in the Dog Inn, hosted by Ian Hartland. Entry is, of course, free and the theme for the evening will be "Common or Garden" – the possibilities are endless!

**Peter McDonald**

## HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

The children have all broken up now for a well deserved summer break. The committee would like to wish all the children going up to the 'big' School the best of luck and would also like to thank Kate and all her staff for their hard work with the children throughout the year.

The last few weeks of this term have been great fun with a very successful sports day held on the School's sports field with support from the Reception class. The end-of-term party saw the children being entertained by JoJo the clown and a Punch and Judy Show. Will someone please tell Jane Thomas (Jack's nanny) that Punch now tickles the baby!



Fun and games after the Treasure Hunt with Daniel Ashworth in the centre

The last of this term's fund raising was in aid of Daniel to enable him to attend Nursery for an extra session next year. The Harbury Treasure Hunt was well supported and raised £320 and the quiz raised £113. We will look forward to seeing Daniel's cheery little face at Nursery in September.

This committee will retire at the next meeting in September. We wish everyone a happy summer and a successful future for the Nursery School.

**Jackie Snell**







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## **TO ALL PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

Harbury Playgroup needs your support in order to continue operating.

Our aim is the gentle teaching of basic skills through play within a small group in a friendly environment.

We have exciting plans for the new school year which include the application for Government funding and Ofsted inspection.

If you would like to know more about the Village Playgroup please phone Carolyn (612037) or Kelley (612102).

We provide an alternative in Harbury and want you to continue to have a choice. Please support us!

**Harbury Playgroup Committee**

## **HARBURY CRICKET CLUB**

The promoted League XI has continued to experience difficulty amongst the big boys of Division III, but on June 6<sup>th</sup> against AEI Rugby (match sponsored by the Shakespeare Inn), Harbury recorded a win. Disaster struck against Bharat Sports on June 20<sup>th</sup> when Harbury lost by 108 runs. The Rugby side reached 155-10 with Zak Briggs 3-45 and spinner Greg Sherrington 4-30, but then Harbury were skittled out for 47 with only Will Russell (20) putting up any resistance.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> against Nuneaton Old Eds (sponsored by Old New Inn), Harbury returned to form with an emphatic six wicket win. Excellent bowling by Will Russell (4-33), Ed Russell (3-13) and Gary Haynes (3-12) restricted the opposition to 60. The fielding was excellent with nine catches held including 5 for keeper Seb Briggs. In reply Harbury coasted to 61-4 thanks to Will Russell (22) and Paul Bennett (16).

The July 11<sup>th</sup> match against Dunchurch Bilton (sponsored by Rollason Miles - Solicitors) was eventually abandoned in heavy rain when Harbury had scored a solid 91-4. Seb Briggs (28), Will Russell (15) and Ed Russell (22\*) were among the runs.

Against Greenmore Road on July 18<sup>th</sup> Harbury lost a very exciting match by only six runs. The star of the game was John Clifford with a faultless 67, after Harbury had lost three early wickets. Earlier Ian Barrett (3-5) and Zak Briggs (4-21) had impressed with the ball.

In the Leamington Midweek League the side led by Greg Sherrington lost to Norton Lindsey on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. They then defeated Severn Trent in the League Cup to go into the next round, where they faced AP. Harbury accumulated a useful 126-6 with Seb Briggs leading the charge with 30. AP were whipped out for 42 with Greg Sherrington leg spinning a fine 3-7. In a really exciting semi final on 24<sup>th</sup> July Harbury defeated Samuels (Warwick CC in disguise) by 9 runs.

Earlier in the League against Samuels on June 17<sup>th</sup> Harbury struggled to 101 all out, with Seb Briggs (19) and Zak Briggs (22), but the opposition raced to 103 for 1. Bottom of the league Lillington were defeated by 55 runs on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Lillington only achieved 53 all out, in reply to Harbury's 108-7 with Will Russell (29) and Adams (35) leading the charge.

Against a powerful Southam side on July 15<sup>th</sup>, Harbury were fortunate to restrict the opposition to 142. This seemed an attainable target for six overs with Zak Briggs, Will Russell and Ed Russell among the runs. However their departure was followed by a collapse, and Harbury were all out for 87.

Harbury Sunday XI continued with their run drought for the second week on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Against some lively bowling from visitors, Ettington, Harbury only managed to reach 117 for 9. Although given a good start by John Wilkinson (31) and John Clifford (17), only Phil Linnett (17) and Richard Carr (23\*) maintained the momentum and the remainder failed to reach double figures with three ducks. The pitch calmed down after tea and Ettington reached 118-3 to win comfortably. Ian Lowe (2-35) bowled well.

On June 7<sup>th</sup> against Welford on a rain soaked, lively pitch Harbury were all out for 88 having collapsed from 79 for 4. Only Phil Linnett (39) coped adequately with the situation. Again the pitch dried out after tea and Welford coasted to a comfortable win by 7 wickets with 90-3. Harbury's catching was exceptionally poor. Skipper Mike Daniels returned from Vancouver to watch, and even under the influence of jet lag was not impressed. Rumour has it that at least one player was photographed in the early hours in a Portuguese night-club during the week. An enquiry has been instituted.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> the Sunday XI managed to finally find a dry day when they



played Stratford Bards. Harbury struggled to get runs at first, but John Clifford(31), Les Sollis (34) and Richard Carr (33) all batted well to take the total to 133 for 8 at tea. Bards eventually reached 137 for 4 with three overs remaining. Harbury's bowling - particularly from Derek Clack (2-35) - and fielding were steady. Keeper Richard Carr took two excellent catches and Malcolm Tanner took a fine catch on the mid-wicket boundary.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> Harbury were dismissed for 116 - all clean bowled - with only Gary Lowe (38) giving some opposition. Kineton replied with 119-5 to win by 5 wickets, but John Clifford took 4-24 - also all clean bowled. The match against Lighthorne was a casualty of the English summer, but July 19<sup>th</sup> proved considerably more lively. After a steady start from openers John Wilkinson (17) and John Clifford (24), Phil Linnett took Harbury to victory with a dashing 51 off 25 balls against Hockley Heath. After 23 overs Harbury had reached 61, but Linnett changed the pace of the game with an on song performance to take Harbury to victory for the loss of only three wickets in the 29<sup>th</sup> over. Hockley had struggled to 107 all out against good bowling with Ian Lowe, outstanding with 5-25, in 10 overs.

The Club opened their up-graded net facilities recently, with new matting, following a substantial grant from the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust. The nets were originally set up with grant aid from Harbury Parish Council, and Club members have recently added considerably to the concrete area. The Club aim to attempt to develop more youth cricket in the village in the future.

Saturday XI				Sunday XI		
Midweek XI						
Date	Opponents		Match Sponsor	Date	Opponents	
1/08	Coventry University	H	Comer Cov. Ford	2/08	Aynho	H
the	Lillington	H	Gaydon S/Station			
8/08	AEI Rugby	A		9/08	Lighthorne	H
the	Cup Final					
15/08	Peugeot Talbot	H	Old New Inn Harbury	16/08	Flecknoe	A
22/08	Bharat Sports	H	Old New Inn Harbury	23/08	Meriden	A
29/08	Nuneaton Old Eds.	A		30/08	St Benedict's Alcester	H
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Date	Opponents		Match Sponsor	Date	Opponents		
5/09	Badby	A		6/09	Barford	A	
13/09 (Sun)	Shirley	A		13/09	Ashorne	A	
20/09 (Sun)	Rugby Portland Cement	A		20/09	Quinton	A	
26/09	Bugbrooke	A					

**Ian Jackson - Chairman**

## **HARBURY TENNIS CLUB**

Another great win recorded this month, but a few losses too!

Social tennis has been marred so far this summer by awful weather and the tennis afternoon on 12<sup>th</sup> July was abandoned, but we managed to escape the rain one evening to have a very enjoyable BBQ next to the courts - so tennis was interspersed with beefburgers and strawberries - a very enjoyable combination!

The Friendly Mixed Doubles is now in full swing (all group matches to be finished by end of August - a friendly reminder).

The Club organised a Target Serving Competition at the Southam School and Leisure Centre's Sports Festival in mid July to attract new members and build up a good relationship with the School in order to investigate some joint Junior tennis initiatives.

Forthcoming events:    **Coffee Morning** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Raffle Prizes and cakes in abundance please!  
                                   **Ladies Doubles** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm.

**David Snell**

## **SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION IN HARBURY**

Is there a need for some form of Sheltered Accommodation in Harbury?

**YES!** Personally I think there is. For a village of our size, it is sad to feel that disabled, elderly or persons in need of respite care have, in all probability, to leave the village and find these ~~needs~~ met elsewhere when they would prefer to stay in the familiar surroundings they know, with

the love and support of the people in the community.

Is this an isolated view or that of many in the village?

If you share this view or have ideas on how this idea could be developed please contact me on 612488.

**Dorothy Barr**

## **8<sup>th</sup> HARBURY HASH**

It's that time of year again! All Harbury residents, young and old, are cordially invited to come along to the Harbury Hash. It will take place at 3pm on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

The run/walk will be followed by the usual BBQ and fun. Even as you read this, delicate negotiations are under way to gain access to a new and unique location. Watch this space for further information. If you want to find out more, ring me on 613853.

**Mike Putnam, Hashmaster**

## **WARWICKSHIRE RURAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK (WREN)**

WREN are planning another Back to Work and Back to Business Training Course from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** (provisional dates).

We are looking for people who are really keen to go back to work or want to consider the option of self employment after a break of at least two years. The course will be described as a work placement, will be free and will mean attending in school hours, 4 days a week. Trainees will:

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Trainees will be assessed for a Level 3 NVQ in Business Planning and will also get a computing certificate.



There will be an Open Day at WREN on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** at 10.00am. If you are interested please ring us on 01203 - 696986.

**Jane Berry**

**Project Development Manager**

## **HARBURY VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Following my article in last month's magazine requesting a charity/organisation to take over the organisation of the above, I am pleased to report that we have received a positive response from Stratford & District MENCAP (Southam Area). This means that MENCAP members will form the organising committee (with support from the original HVSF committee) and will be the main beneficiaries of funds raised at the Fayre - other than the funds raised by individual stallholders. MENCAP members will also provide the catering at the Beer Festival and organise a Grand Raffle to be drawn at the Fayre. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle please contact Helen McMahon on 612820.

I would like to thank those people who notified me of events planned at the end of September/early October, who have helped us to determine the date for the Fayre which will be **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** commencing at 4.30pm.

If you would like to book a stall at the Fayre - which will be similar to those used in previous years - booking forms will be available from Dan Killian on 612265 or from Party Paraphernalia. As in previous years, we will be asking the people of Chapel Street to provide electricity to light the stalls and I'm sure they won't let us down! Not only is this a good opportunity for your charity/organisation to raise funds you could also augment your funds by winning a cash prize for the 'most attractive' stall.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to help in the organisation or who would be able to provide entertainment. We hope to have the usual 'fairground' attractions, side-shows, pig roast, etc. and a fancy dress competition ~~for the children~~ with a Victorian theme.



Please note that Chapel Street will be closed to traffic from 12noon on the day of the Fayre and we would ask parents to impress upon their children that this includes bicycles.

Please give this event the support it has received in the past. Further information will be contained in an article in the September issue of the magazine.

**Dan Killian - On behalf of the  
Harbury Victorian Street Fayre  
Committee**

## **SECOND WORLD WAR MEMORIES - Daphne and Vera Lowry**

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, just as we were closing our garden to visitors, I met two ladies whom I thought were on the Garden Walkabout and said they were still welcome to look around. Imagine my surprise, when they told me it was their first visit to Harbury since they had been evacuated here during the Second World War and that they were here for a long weekend to revive the memories of their time here as children. They introduced themselves as Daphne and Vera and said they would have been known by their maiden name of Lowry.

They were originally evacuated from Dagenham to Norfolk, but due to the increased German bombing in their area, they were sent to Harbury. I asked them if they thought the village had changed and they said the most significant change was that it 'appeared to be much more affluent'. We asked them in for a chat and my wife, Julie, asked if they had seen a copy of Frances Mann's book: 'Keck, Cowpats & Conkers' as she had typed the original draft and remembered Frances had mentioned evacuees. Daphne said she remembered being very friendly with Frances and was overcome by emotion when she discovered Frances had put in her book: "my best new found friends at that time were Daphne Lowry and Pamela Taylor" and "I have often thought about Daphne and Pamela and wondered how their lives panned out". Frances now lives in Australia and it was ironic that she had been over here recently for a visit and had missed seeing Daphne by just 5 days! However, Daphne now has Frances' address and I'm sure a letter is already on its way.

I tried to introduce Daphne and Vera to as many people as I could who

would remember those days and took them to see Celia Barrett who let them look at some of her old photographs. The two girls were 'billeted' with Mr. & Mrs. Bird who were butchers in High Street, the house now occupied by George Purdy and he very kindly asked them in and showed them round the house as it is now.

They joined us on the Sunday afternoon when we had a party for Julie's birthday and everyone was interested to hear their story. They said they had been overwhelmed with the kindness of the people of Harbury and we have asked them to come to see us again and not leave it for so long the next time.

Daphne and Vera both married but, sadly, both are now widowed. As I mentioned above their maiden name was Lowry and if anyone remembers them and would like to get in touch or if anyone has any information or photographs they think they would like to have a copy of, then please ring me on 612265 and I will pass on Daphne's address.

**Dan Killian**

## **GRADUATE SUCCESS 1998**

The Harbury & Ladbroke News is pleased to record the success of students who all followed career paths through Harbury and Southam Schools.

**Vicki Butler** went on from Southam to Warwickshire College and has graduated from Luton University with a B.A. (Honours) degree in Psychology. She is now planning to take a 'year out' from her studies before entering a Teacher Training course.

**Duncan House** gained 4 'A' levels at Southam School and went into a 4 year course at the University of Portsmouth. He has been awarded a B.Sc.(Honours) in Mathematics and its Applications. He is hoping to follow a career in finance in the Portsmouth area.

**Richard House** studied for his 'A' levels at Binswood College after attending Southam School. He has graduated from the University of Portsmouth with a B.Sc. Honours degree in Mathematics and its Applications and intends to take up a career in Accountancy. He is currently planning to take an extended trip to America with his girlfriend Imogen before embarking on the next stage of his career.

**Elizabeth Travis** went from Southam School to Bath Spa University. She has been awarded a B.A. degree with Q.T.S. (Qualified Teacher Status). She specialised in History and intends to take up a career in teaching after her forthcoming marriage this Summer.

**Lucy Thompson** gained a B.Sc. (Honours) degree in Sociology from Loughborough University and is now working as a Trainee Research Executive with Millward Brown in Leamington Spa. During her time at the University, Lucy continued to show an interest in sport and was in Inter-Hall Hockey, Netball and Rugby games.

Editors' Note: *Further results are included on the Letters to the Editors' page. If other successes remain unreported, please contact the Editorial Office (see 1<sup>st</sup> page) or leave written details at Party Paraphernalia. We are always delighted to record achievements from the Harbury and Ladbroke area.*

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Last month I said I would report on the evening visit to Brook Cottage! As it happened there was a problem with our car - black smoke pouring out at the back and we had to make our way back to Harbury very gently. Unfortunately we had two passengers, so they missed out also! The weather stayed fine all evening - just about. I understand everybody practised at being mountain goats as the garden was situated in a steep sided valley. The trees and shrubs were just right, the roses beautiful but the evening was not warm enough to bring out their perfumes.

The Garden Walkabout is over for another year. May I take the opportunity to thank everybody who opened their gardens, all showing much effort and hard work, sold programmes (including the shop), made the lovely selection of cakes, organised or helped in any other way to make the best of things in spite of what the weather threw at us! We could not have managed without you. We didn't break any records financially, but the treasurer seems satisfied.

Amongst the coach party from Tatton were people who came a few years ago, at least they saw part of Harbury in the dry this time, it was raining when they arrived last time! It was nice to see Shirley and Hamish Keir who had organised a coach trip from Leicestershire. As





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there was no food to organise and sell in the Village Hall, I actually managed to view quite a few gardens myself this year - they really were pictures - both large and small. I found my bicycle really helpful, Harbury is a large village.

Most will have head of the sudden death of Mrs. Eileen Barnes, who worked hard for the Society, always wanting to be involved and helping with everything - we shall miss her.

Our next big event: the *Village Show* is on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. The schedules will be available in Kane's News, Co-op, Post Office (Top Shop), Mugglestone's, Party Paraphernalia, 32, South parade and 23, Deppers Bridge. When the schedule states UNMOUNTED in the photography and embroidery sections, it means just that! Just in case you haven't a Ginger Biscuit recipe, here is one with acknowledgements to Good Housekeeping.

#### Ginger Biscuits

85gr (3oz) butter or margarine

20gr (7oz) selfraising flour

55gr (2oz) sugar

½ teaspoon mixed spice

2 tablespoons Golden syrup

1½ teaspoon ground ginger

pinch of salt

Heat together fat, sugar and syrup, don't boil. Sieve flour, spices and salt, add to mixture, add little water (if needed), mix to firm dough and cool or leave overnight. Roll very thinly, prick well, use 2½" plain cutter. Bake in medium to hot oven for approximately 15 minutes.

Finally, the Malvern Autumn Show takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. If anybody would like to be included in the group purchase of tickets - at least ten (for either day) please contact Mrs. Pat Smith 612650 before September 9<sup>th</sup>. If a sufficient number of people are interested the price will be £5 each.

**Muriel Grey**

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#### **CORRECTION to last month's Horticultural Society article**

Ryton Gardens' telephone number mentioned in the article was wrong. The correct number is 01203 303517. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**The Editors**



## GARDENING NOTES

Warmer weather may decide to visit us this month so keep an eye on containers and hanging baskets. When they dry out they are very difficult to soak through again, although there are some moisture retaining granules now on the market which do help. Rain may not get past the dense growth of plants in containers so do not assume they are all right, feel the soil beneath the plants.

Deadheading of flowering plants will prolong their show, even shrubs such as buddleias will continue to bloom for longer if dead spikes are removed. Prune climbing and rambler roses after the flowers have faded and trim back lavender. Dahlias and chrysanths are favourites for blackfly and earwigs so spray with an insecticide in the evening to avoid harming bees and butterflies.

Plant out broccoli, winter cabbage and leeks and sow spring cabbage and perpetual spinach. Stake tall brassicas and earth up to prevent windrock. Bend down the tops of onions to hasten ripening. Cut down raspberry and loganberry canes when they finish fruiting. Loosely tie in the new growth. Prune black currants by cutting out old fruited wood, the best fruit next year will be on new stems which are maturing now.

Daffodils can be planted this month and look out for some of the smaller bulbs such as scillas. Also thinking of next year sow winter pansies and hardy annuals such as clarkia, godetia and antirrhinums in pots for an early display. Cuttings can be taken from fuchsias and pelargoniums. Choose young shoots about 3" long, cut through just below a leaf joint. They should root within a month and can then be potted individually in 3" pots to overwinter inside. Try propagating heather and shrubs by taking cuttings this month.

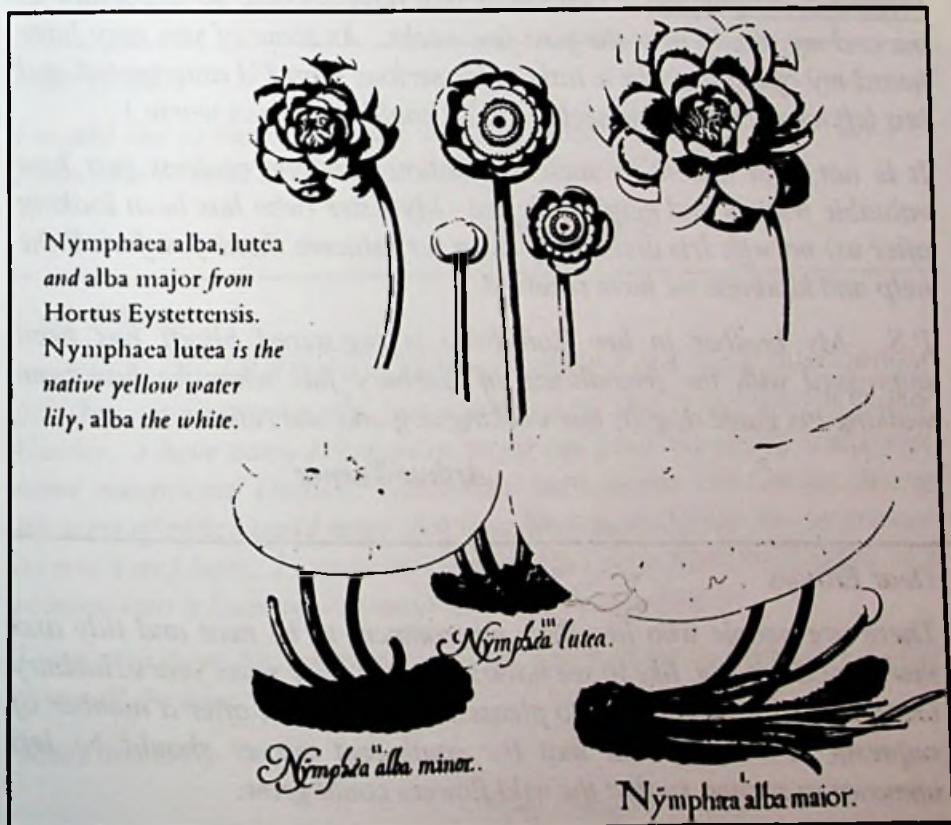
### Plant of the month - Water Lily

Poets, painters, writers and gardeners have all fallen in love with this flower, although coldness, purity and chastity are the qualities attributed to this beauty. Ancient Greeks even thought it had anti-aphrodisiac properties! The botanical name of *Nymphaea* may originate from the ancient Egyptian name Nilotpala, which was the royal lotus of the Pharaohs. It was revered because the flower emerged from the water at sunrise and re-entered the water when the sun set behind the Great Pyramid.

There is a written description of the water lily in Britain, as early as 1529, but it was the giant lily from British Guyana which caused a world wide sensation in 1837. Hardly surprising, with leaves up to 6ft. in diameter and a flower with several hundred petals. It was named *Victoria Regia* to mark the accession of Victoria to the throne. The plant, raised at Kew Gardens, failed to flower. Joseph Paxton, at Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, gave his plant elaborate treatment and conditions and was rewarded with flowers that gained him world wide fame. He subsequently based his design for the Crystal Palace on the structure of the lily leaf.

The wild white or yellow water lily is too vigorous for most gardens, but many hybrid ones of more modest proportions are readily available, from April to September, although they are expensive. Most are hardy and easy but must be in the correct depth of water. They do not like running water, but they do like sun and when established require little attention.

### Pat Smith





# Letters to the Editors

*Dear Editors*

*Exam Success!*

*Congratulations go to Julie Bennett on attaining a BA Honours Degree in Modern English from Luton University.*

*Julie attended Harbury School and went on to Southam School. A Level studies were achieved at Warwickshire College.*

*We wish Julie every success for the future.*

*Corina, Gordon and Sarah Bennett*

*Dear Editors*

*Friends & Neighbours - Two words that have become so important to me and my family over the past few weeks. As some of you may have heard my operation was a little more serious than I'd anticipated and has left me with only one seeing eye (It could have been worse.)*

*It is not until one is in such a situation that one realises just how valuable friends and neighbours are. My sister (who has been looking after us) my wife Iris and myself say a very sincere thank you for all the help and kindness we have received.*

*P.S. My brother in law Ron (who is registered blind) has been impressed with the friendliness of Harbury folk when he has been walking his guide dog(s); one working dog and one retired.*

*Arthur Turner*

*Dear Editors*

*There are people who like their environment to be neat and tidy and there are those who like to see nature flourish. For some years Harbury Church yard was managed to please the former, but after a number of requests, it was decided that the south-east corner should be left unmown in spring, so that the wild flowers could grow.*

*This year there have been many comments from people who were delighted to see the array of wild flowers, which included primroses, two kinds of buttercup, vetch, birds-eye speedwell, cow parsley, white and red clover and lady's smocks. Most flowers are now over, but there are still a variety of grasses, cats-ear and the deep orange 'fox and cubs'.*

*The corner will of course be mown, like the rest of the churchyard as soon as the flowers have finished seeding and again as needed and it is to be hoped that next spring will see a similar display.*

*I am sorry to hear that the Parish Council see this as "disgraceful", but I do hope that they will look more closely next spring and find that they can enjoy this natural garden.*

*Yours faithfully*

**C. Mary Catt**

PS (24<sup>th</sup> July) The Churchyard corner has now been mown.

*Dear Editors*

*I would like to thank everyone who supported my Tea Party on July 9<sup>th</sup>. I was able to send £305 to Marie Curie Cancer Care.*

**Anne Edwards**

*Dear Editors*

*I would like to thank not only those who contributed to the lovely crystal gift, but also everyone who has supported me during my time as Guide Guider. I have many precious memories of some wonderful times with some exceptional Guides! There have been almost 150 Guides during my term of office and I hope that they have gained from the experience as much as I have. I was never a Guide but I have really enjoyed myself coming into it later on - I would certainly recommend it!*

*Long may there be a future for Scouts and Guides in Harbury - I wish them all the best.*

*Yours sincerely*

**Pam Shepherd - Kite**



Dear Editors

*Mark Van Hoorebeek, a former pupil of Southam School, has recently obtained a B.Sc.(Honours) degree in Microbiology and Biotechnology at Sheffield University.*

*Mark plans to return to Sheffield to study law and finally work in the biotechnological patent law field.*

**Sue Van Hoorebeek**



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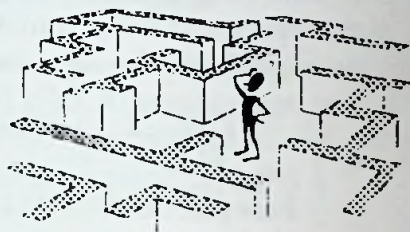
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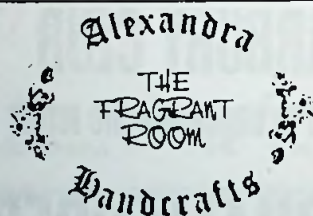
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