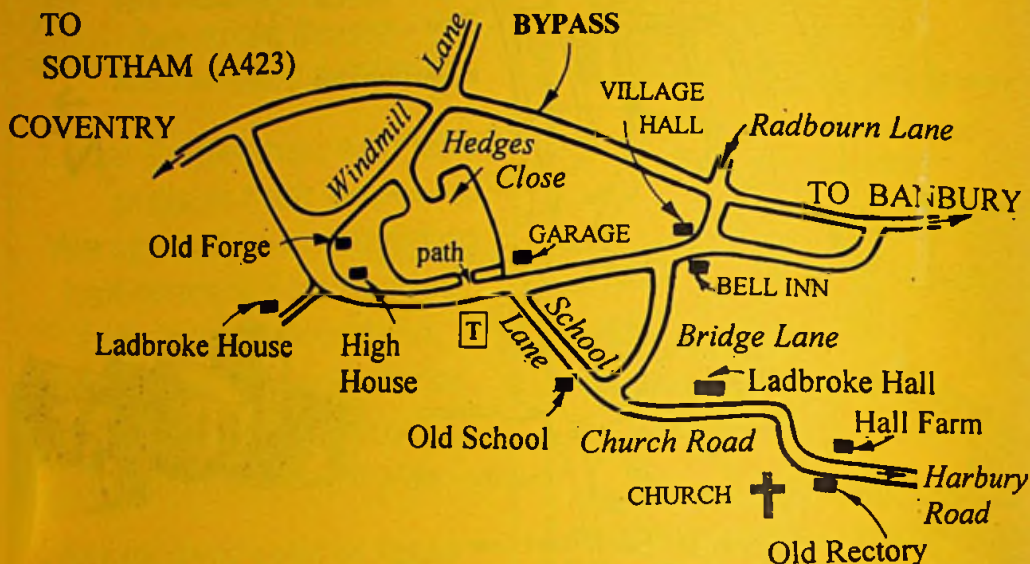


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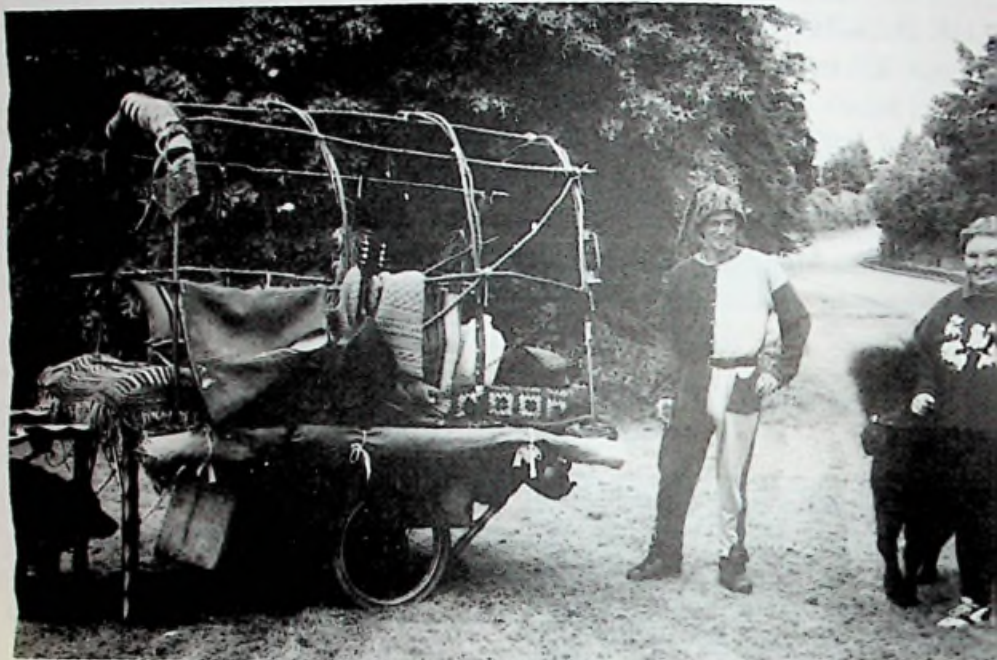
June 1998 will go on record as one of the wettest 'summer' months ever. However, nothing dampens the spirit of Harbury villagers who turn out in any weather to support a village event.

Congratulations to all those who braved the elements and produced so many colourful floats and walking tableaux for the Carnival. The procession was recorded from 'on high' for the Harbury Chronicles and on the ground the stalwarts still turned out in force to enjoy the procession. The heavy downpour did not deter some well known villagers from taking up their usual vantage point!

This year, the Travellers who stayed overnight on the Pound

Mrs. Jennings & Mrs. Sollis with front row seats on Farm Street!

were delighted to receive the second place rosette in the Horse Drawn section. Harbury was one stop on their long journey north to spend



Hogmanay 2000 in Scotland!

One of the travellers with Karen Corbett and her Shetland pony.

It is pleasing to learn that for the first time in many years, Harbury has secured top place in the Best Kept Village competition. It is vital that all villagers maintain the standards which have allowed us to achieve this position. However, there are continuing problems with owners who allow their dogs to foul the streets and the local press reported that a Dog Warden would regularly patrol the village following complaints from residents.

We welcome the home owners who have moved into Hillside recently and we hope they will have an active involvement in village life. The Harbury & Ladbroke News is always made available to newcomers as an introduction to the many activities on offer each month in the village.

Finally we offer our sympathies to the families of Dorothy Mullis, Harry Holland and Jim Stone.

Harbury Diary

JULY

- Sun 5 Pentecost V - Sung Eucharist 9am**
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Tumble Tots Workshop in Village Hall
- Mon 6** NSPCC House to House collection this week
 Hereburgh Morris dance at the Royal Show 2pm
 1st Harbury Guide informal discussion 23, Farm St. 8.30pm
- Tues 7** Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Cricket home to Leek Wootton
- Thurs 9** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
- Fri 10** Harbury School PTA Summer Fair 4.30-7pm
- Sat 11** Garden Walkabout 11am-6pm - 20 gardens (some new) open
 Family meeting seminar in Village Hall
 Cricket home to Dunchurch Bilton
 "Songs for a Summer Evening" Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
- Sun 12 Pentecost VI - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am**
 Sunday School 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room; Evensong 6.30pm
 BBQ and Grand Opening of the New Scout Hut starting at 12.30pm
 Hereburgh Morris dance at The Dog Inn 1pm
 Garden Walkabout 2pm-6pm
- Tues 14** Toddler Service 2.15pm
 Brownies have finished
 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Prayer Group 8.10pm
 Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 15 ADVERTS 14, Binswood End by 5.30pm**
- Thurs 16** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Harbury Society's Pub Walk 7pm
- Fri 17** Newspaper collection
 School ends
- Sat 18** Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
- Sun 19 Pentecost VII - Holy Communion 8am**
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Cricket home to Hockley Heath
- Mon 20** Bus Vouchers distributed in Village Hall, Farley Room of 2-4pm
- Tues 21** Bus Vouchers distributed in Village Hall, Farley Room of 2-4pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
 Cricket home to Norton Lindsey
- Wed 22** PCC meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
- Thurs 23** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club outing
 Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 24 ARTICLES to Party Paraphernalia by 5.30pm**
- Sat 25** St. James - Holy Communion 9.45am

- Sun 26 Pentecost VIII** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
 Evensong 6.30pm; Benediction 7.45pm
- Mon 27** Children's event on Playing Fields
- Tues 28** Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8pm
 Cricket home to Samuels
- Thurs 30** Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 31** Newspaper collection

AUGUST

- Sat 1** Cricket home to Coventry University
- Sun 2 Pentecost IX** - Sung Eucharist 9am
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Cricket home to Aynho

Please note: Adverts to 14, Binswood End by Wednesday 15th July
Articles to Party Paraphernalia by Friday 24th July

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

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For Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Hughes	612716
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes	613488

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 4th 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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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am

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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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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.

Laugh Line

A member of the Free Church of Scotland gave the minister a bottle of cherry brandy on the understanding that it would be acknowledged in the church magazine. In the next edition the minister "thanked Mrs. MacKintosh for the gift of cherries and for the spirit in which it was given".

FROM THE RECTOR

God is compassion and love

It is very difficult to describe someone. How many times do we meet someone and discover that, despite all the descriptions we have heard, the person is 'not quite what we expected'. Something surprises us, something which strikes us as important has been left out of the descriptions we have heard. This is true of a person's appearance and even more true of his/her personality. There is no substitute for actually meeting people if we want to find out what they are really like.

"To have seen me is to have seen the Father", Christ said. He came on earth to show us what God was really like. Throughout the Old Testament, God's people had been told many things about Him. Many descriptions had been given and many words used to reveal what God was like. But when Christ came there was still room for surprise because not even the words of scripture could adequately describe God. Only in Christ, in His real life lived in this world and in His person, visible, audible and loveable was it possible to get to know God as He really was.

And the surprise was the depth of God's compassion, far in excess of any description that had ever been given. If Christ had not walked this earth no one could have imagined how compassionate God is.

St. Luke's gospel, more than any other document, records the mercy of God. It is sometimes referred to as the 'gospel of great pardons' or the 'gospel of universal salvation'. Only in Luke's gospel do we find the description of the sinful woman anointing Jesus' feet. "Her many sins must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love". It is God's mercy that frees a person to love God.

In Chapter 15 we have the parables of God's mercy. The third of these the parable of the prodigal son is, perhaps, the most telling statement of God's mercy ever made. "While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly." God's compassion is marked by its tenderness - and it overwhelms all human considerations. The prodigal son had reasoned that he might be allowed back as a hired servant. The father thinks differently and welcomes him back as a favourite son. Luke's description of the passion and death of Jesus includes the beautiful prayer of Christ for forgiveness for His executioners and His promise to the thief who repented that he would find paradise.

'Till the end, Christ is the merciful Saviour showing forth the compassion of God. In the words of Julian of Norwich:

"Though we sin continually He loves us endlessly, and so gently does He show us our sin that we repent of it quietly, turning our mind to the contemplation of His mercy, clinging to His love and goodness, knowing that He is our cure, understanding that we do nothing but sin.

If there be anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe from falling, I know nothing of it - for it was not shown me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always held close in one love."

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony at Harbury

2nd June - John Mackmin to Anne Brain

Holy Baptism at Harbury

21st June - Holly Serena Chifton

28th June - Mair Ruth Scott

Funerals

19th June at Oakley Wood - Jim Stone

24th June at Harbury - Dorothy Mullis

25th June at Oakley Wood - Harry Holland

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

On **Saturday 11th July** a programme of *Songs for a Summer Evening* will be held in the Tom Hauley Room. The concert will commence at 7:30pm and a light supper will be provided including wine. Tickets obtainable from the usual outlets.

The *PCC Coffee Morning* will be on **Saturday 18th July** and is being organised by the Church Social Committee.

Looking ahead to August, the Church will once again provide a Church Summer Holiday Club for youngsters aged 4-11. Further details are provided elsewhere in the magazine.

Ruth and Jeff

MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon meeting: Following a service of Holy Communion led by Fr. Roy, we held our meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Bill Davies came to tell us about the Mission to Seamen. It was most interesting and made us realise what a hard and dangerous life it is at sea. We finished with a prayer for the safety of all people at sea.

Evening meeting: Following the Tuesday Communion Service, Katharine Barker gave a most enlightening talk and slide show about her work in textile conservation. We heard about the many and varied ways in which Katharine is helping to conserve all manner of textiles - from

tiny dolls' clothes, through to the mammoth task of cleaning the huge tapestry in Coventry Cathedral earlier this year, which greatly improved Katharine's head for heights! It was fascinating to see the intricate tools used to repair the most delicate and fragile fabrics and it was a privilege to be given an insight into this essential part of preserving our national heritage.

Next meetings: **Tuesday 21st July - Walk and Supper.**
 Saturday 25th July - Coffee morning and lunch.

(No meetings during August.)

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore

TODDLERS' SERVICE

Our subject in June was *The Wind*. We started with our prayer and then sang *The Wise Man built his house upon the rock*, accompanied by Mr. Catt on his clarinet ('wind' instrument).

Mrs. Bedford told the children a story about all the ways that the wind helps us, from drying washing to working windmills. She reminded us how God's spirit came like a wind at Pentecost. After singing *I love the wind* the children made toy windmills to take home.

The subject on **Tuesday 14th July** will be *Sun*. All babies and toddlers are very welcome.

C. Mary Catt

BELL RINGERS

Harbury Bell Ringers will be on duty in the Church Tower during the *Open Gardens Weekend* on **Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July**. This is your opportunity to meet us, learn a little about the bells and look at the demonstration bell.

If you have a head for heights climb the ladder to the roof (at your own risk) for a bird's eye view of the village. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

At present we have some good teenage ringers, but we always need more. Young people learn very quickly but age is no barrier. If you have just retired or recently moved into the village and want to make

friends, come and join us. You will discover that the ancient art of bell ringing is an absorbing and interesting hobby. Practice night is Friday 7:30-9:00pm.

Nora Ellis (613605)

Ladbroke News

JULY

- Sun 5 Pentecost V** - Family Communion 10.30am
Wed 8 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
Thurs 9 WI Afternoon Tea at Anne Edwards 3pm
Sun 12 Pentecost VI - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 10.05am
Wed 15 ADVERTS 14, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm
Thurs 16 Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm
Sun 19 Pentecost VII - Sung Communion 9am; Evensong 6pm
Wed 22 St. Mary Magdalen - Holy Communion 7am
Fri 24 ARTICLES to Party Paraphernalia, Chapel Street Harbury by 5.30pm
 WI Strawberry Fair in Village Hall 7.30pm
Sun 26 Pentecost VIII - Holy Communion 9am; Children's Church 10.05am
Thurs 30 PCC meeting at Hall Farm 7.30pm

AUGUST

- Sun 2 Pentecost IX** - Family Communion 10.30am

FLOWER ROTA

- 12th July - Mrs. Catherine Spence 26th July - Mrs. Joan Sheasby
 19th July - Mrs. Beryl Ross 2nd August - Mrs. Jane Steenstra

Jane Rutherford

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Our Choral Evensong on June 21st was a happy occasion with a good congregation. Many thanks to Michael Short for all his time and effort training the choir.

The Wednesday morning 9.45am services have been cancelled. The Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion will continue as before at 2:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday in the month.

We are also now having the midweek Saint's Days services at 7:00am.

We hope this will be useful for people wishing to make their Communion before going to work. A good way to start the day.

Please see the pew sheets and the diary for Ladbroke in the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Peter Snow came to our June meeting at very short notice and let us ask him questions on the Bible and the Christian Church.

The July meeting is here at Hall Farm, when hopefully Eric will come and give us the talk we should have had in June. *Coping with going blind.*

A few of us went to Mickleton on June 24th and had an enjoyable afternoon with Jean and Tony Rowe - admiring their garden and reminiscing about past events.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The meeting was held on June 25th in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. The President welcomed members and one past member as a visitor.

Four members attended the I.G.M. at Brighton; Sue going as the delegate gave her report. The resolutions, which we had unanimously supported, were accepted by the majority of the W.I. members nationally. There were three thousand five hundred at the Centre representing their W.I.'s, so maybe it is a myth that the W.I. is on the downward path.

The speaker for the evening was The Very Reverend Lawrence Jackson. He has retired after being vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Coventry and Canon and Provost of Coventry Cathedral. The talk was varied, both serious and hilarious and members expressed that they would like a return visit from him.

We are entering two teams in the Warwickshire Short Mat Bowls competition this year.

The raffle prizes were won by Mrs. Ivy Harvey and Mrs. Pat Kennedy.

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Marton W.I. have invited us to their *Open Gardens and Strawberry Tea* on **Thursday 9th July**.

Anne Edwards is holding an *Afternoon Tea* at her home, Fields Cottage, Station Road, Southam on **Thursday 9th July** at 3:00pm to raise money for the Marie Curie Nursing Association.

Our *Strawberry Fair* is on **Friday 24th July** at Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be Cake, White Elephant and Plant stalls. There will also be a Tombola, Raffle and Refreshments. Mrs. Jo Sowerby will be giving a demonstration called: "A little of what you fancy" - your guess is as good as mine!

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Gill Moore and Mrs. Dianne Surgey with help from Wendy, Sue and Hazel.

Hazel Sharples

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

I was one of many of our members who had not realised what a wonderful museum we have right on our doorstep. The History Society visited the Bygones Museum at Claydon, situated between Ladbroke and Banbury.

Mr. Fox and his family have been collecting and hoarding items of every day life for over 60 years and from its early beginnings of displaying bits and pieces in one of the barns, the exhibits are now in several barns and divided into domestic rooms, shops and workshops!

From kitchen to wheelwright and chemist shop to shoe shop, there are items to fascinate all members of the family. For the more mechanically minded, there is an amazing array of stationary engines, tractors and traction engines, most of which can be seen in full steam on special weekends each month.

We followed the visit with coffee and cakes in the tea rooms, which we can all recommend; with or without a visit to the museum.

Ladbroke still has its own share of domestic history. You only have to look at the number of beautiful cottages in Banbury Road, several still thatched, to see the ancient heritage we have been left from as early as

the 16th Century. Careful extensions have enhanced the original dwellings and most of our older houses are on the foundations of the original village. This can be clearly seen on a 17th Century map, of which there is now a copy in the Warwickshire Records Office. Well worth looking at and locating your own dwelling.

Our summer visits include walks around local villages with guides. Visitors are always welcome for a nominal charge of £1. Further details can be obtained from Linda Doyle on Southam 814214.

Linda Doyle

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The fifth prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club was held on June 19th at the '60's Dance' in the Village Hall. Peter Baker spun the balls and the winners were: Carol Northorpe - £80; Pat Kennedy - £50; Peter West - £25.

Ivy Harvey, Sylvia West, Peter Duffy, Karen Birch and K. Tancock each won £10. The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 6th July** at the Bell Inn at 8:00pm. Any new members will be very welcome. Please make contact on 814362.

We appear to have mislaid 2 Gopak Folding Trestle Tables from the Hall. If anyone can help us to locate them we shall be very pleased.

Catherine Spence

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - June

The June meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th. All councillors attended with District Councillor Jim Taylor and two members of the public.

Under Police matters, P.c. Andy Went told us that the only recorded crime in Ladbroke in the months of April and May was a break in at a garden shed.

Footpaths: James Fretwell from Warwickshire County Council joined the meeting to give us a talk about the Parish Path's Partnership (P3). The target is that all public rights of way will be open for the millennium. This has not traditionally been a high priority for Highway

Authorities and therefore funding in the form of grant aid has been made available for groups with a local interest and there are now 60 parishes involved.

The funding can be applied for by the Parish Councils and is based on the number of miles of footpaths in the parish (there are five and a half in Ladbroke).

Landowners are responsible for the maintenance of stiles and gates on their land and the additional money can be spent on the labour needed for strimming, cutting back foliage etc. Grant aid could also be used in promoting the walks in and around Ladbroke and Jim Taylor offered help from the Southam P3 group. All councillors were very keen that Ladbroke should join this scheme and a resolution was immediately passed.

On a separate subject, Mr. Fretwell has been asked to provide a structural report on 'Macklin Bridge' (the bridge on the footpath between Macklin and Farmyard Field). He suggested that funding may be available from a separate 'pot' if structural alterations are required.

Planning matters: Councillors had met during the month to look at planning applications at The Paddocks, School Lane, 2 barn conversions to holiday cottages and the change of use of the field known as Macklin and had no major objections to any of them. Much time was spent in deliberations over the extensive planning application for a large pig rearing unit at Chapel Ascott. The council is very concerned about the smell pollution and will in the first instance write a formal objection to Stratford District Council. Villagers are urged to send individual observations.

Any Other Business: Following incidents where cars have tried to drive into Hedges Close via the footpath from Banbury Road a letter will be sent to the area surveyor asking for suggestions to overcome the problem.

Is there anyone who could volunteer to repair, clean and re-varnish the bench in Church Road as it is in a bad state of disrepair? Material costs are available and anyone who could offer such help should contact Geoff Timms.

We also need views on the site of **the** village notice board. Should it be

moved near the post box, if there is a suitable site there? Answers to Elsa please (814313).

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th July at 7:45pm.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE

Alison Hodge returns to Clerkship next month for the interregnum. The Parish Council has to find a replacement following Lana Long's resignation to be with her 'growing family'. Having thanked her for her services and expressed the Council's good wishes the chairman warned colleagues to keep work to the minimum. Eyeing Ken Stephenson he said: "No good ideas, please!"

Although the Youth Club is in abeyance, there is to be a video-making project for young people this summer and the newly set up 'Depot' will send out their bus in 1999.

Mrs. Gurden complained about illegal parking outside the school and wanted traffic wardens on patrol. Sharon Hancock suggested P.c. Bosworth should be on hand and "talk to the parents" but John Hunt and Keith Thompson wanted more aggressive action, with offenders summoned as an example.

Sharon was worried about the overtaking under the railway bridge on the Fosse Way endangering vehicles at the Middle Road junction and she also complained about the long grass.

John Woodward was very exercised by the "disgraceful state of the Church yard" rejecting excuses that it was being managed for wildlife. The Council agreed to register its "disappointment" with the grass cutting and branches overhanging the foot way. There were a number of complaints about potholes and path repairs which the Parish Council will deal with and they have arranged for all the village signs to be replaced.

Ron Grey has succeeded in getting agreement from Severn Trent to supply water to the allotments with a pre-payment meter. Now he has to investigate costs, materials, undertake a feasibility study and find out if the County will support it.

Ken Stephenson suggested his colleagues gave some thought to alternative uses for the Cemetery Chapel and they agreed to seek villagers' views. Equipment stored in the Chapel has to be removed by its owners.

Stratford District Council's new playground's officer recommended the big slide be removed and replaced by more modern equipment which the District Council would help fund. Sharon Hancock reminded the Parish Council they had money for this and should not "look a gift horse, etc."

Mrs. Marion Hall from Percival Drive had provided a report on the heavy lorries on Bush Heath Road and persuaded the County to agree to place a sign at the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads directing tip wagons up to Ufton and to remove the other signs, thus avoiding the village.

Mrs. Hall had complained about the state of the grass area on her estate, but was present to confirm that maintenance was now much better. The Parish Council thanked her for organising the planting up of the area with flowers. Keith Thompson for the Tennis Club, complained of the long grass round the courts, but despite all these hiccups, Harbury managed to come top in the Southam area judging of the Best Kept Village Competition for the first time for many years.

Spontaneous cheers!

East Midlands Electricity told the Parish Council that changing the existing lights in Percival Drive would cost £290 per column (there are seven). The Council decided to insist on one of the alternative lanterns for the low cost homes before deciding to spend £2,000.

The Church Lytchgate is still not lit. Stratford District Council would consider giving an Enhancement Grant for Lighting improvements, but only for its own preferred lanterns.

Planning: Stratford renewed permission for 21 fishing lodges at the quarries and approved extensions at: 45, Mill Street; 5, Frances Road, and 16, Farm Street, together with the conversion of a farm building to a cottage at Stapenhall Farm and removal of hedges at Walworth Farm. They refused permission to convert a farm building at Square Close.

The Parish Council made no representation on an extension at 7, Ivy Lane but stipulated that no living accommodation be used over the

proposed garage at The Spiers, Chesterton Road. They thought the conservatory planned for Brethren's Farm Barn was a "less than exciting design".

Bill Middleton was concerned that the BT Mast which had been refused by Stratford had appeared again on the Exchange roof and the Parish Council will ask for enforcement action.

Sharon Hancock reported that the Village Design Statement was in its final stages. The chairman thought it was "an impressive document that would be extremely helpful to the Parish and District Councillors as well as local residents". He complimented all who had taken part in the initiative.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Carnival Stall. We donated the profit to the Village Hall.

The following is a report in John Lapraik's own words about the last Pub Walk.

"An Evening Stroll"

The Place: The Plough Inn car park at Eathorpe. The date: 9th June. The time: 6.25pm and Ken is early. He knows only too well from bitter experience what happens if you are late - you get left behind!

It has been a bit of a poor day weather wise - windy with heavy showers - and more heavy showers are forecast for the evening, but it seems to be clearing up.

By six forty five the stragglers have arrived and about a dozen hardy souls are ready for the 'off'. We leave the pub behind and wander gently through the village, past the old mill and over the river Leam. Turning right to take a path over the fields, we follow roughly the line of the river as far as the Fosse Way. It is at this point where the road bridge crosses the river that there was such mayhem and tragedy during the recent floods. It is difficult to imagine that a river now so benign could have risen so high that

it was literally flowing over the road here! And still it hasn't rained! In fact the sun is out and cagoules are being tied around waists.

Having crossed the Fosse, we continue over the fields, again roughly following the line of the river to Marton. The halfway house is still closed due to flood damage - so no drink for Ken at the Black Horse. Still, he's got the 'butties' to eat that Joan slipped in his pocket just before we started! We turn right in the middle of the village and go down past the Church and Village Hall. Turn right again down a farm road and we are on our way back past Eathorpe Park Hotel to the Plough. Three and a half miles of gentle walking through lovely countryside and at the end, the pint was pretty good, the food wasn't bad and the company was brilliant."

John and Ed's next Pub Walk is on **Thursday 16th July** at 7:00pm start. Ring John Lapraik on 613676 for details if you want to take part.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

Well, Carnival Day came and we had hoped for good weather. The theme was *Famous women through the ages*. A lot of preparation and work went into the building of the float, designed by Celia. The costumes looked impressive and each character easy to recognise. But, the rain came and by the time the procession moved off we were sodden and cold. Boudicca's Chariot held up well, but her horses were rather droopy by the end of the journey. However, we kept our spirits up, inside and out.

Several awards were won which should be listed a few pages on. Well done everyone for their usual excellent effort. Many thanks to Helen for the use of her barn - to Doug for his truck and being our driver and to Alan for all his help. Without them it would not have been possible. A special thank you to Nora Ellis and her team for running the Cake Stall and also to the members who baked cakes. They must have got soaked, but the stall was a success.

At our June meeting we were delighted to welcome Master Chef Pino and Caroline Iacaruso, who run their business *Take Two Cooks* from

their home in Harbury. Pino is a 5th generation chef from Rossello in Italy. He has trained and worked in Europe and also at the Italian Embassy in London. He was Assistant Chef to Princess Margaret and has cooked for most of the Royals. Caroline was in Hotel Management in London where she and Pino met. He says they are still on honeymoon after 23 years (ah! those Italians) They came to live in Harbury and in 1987 started their business. They do not advertise - recommendation suffices.

Everybody enjoyed Pino's demonstration of his delicious sweets. We know they were delicious because we sampled them all. He ended by making Lyn Edwards a birthday cake of sponge cream and strawberries. Pino is a great supporter of the Get Ahead charity, raising funds for the Cancer Unit at Queen Elizabeth hospital, Birmingham. Those of you who know Pino are aware of his successful fight against cancer and his admiration for the wonderful surgeons who treated him.

We thank Pino and Caroline for coming to our meeting and we do hope they will come back to show more of their skills.

July Hostesses: Gunde Walshe, Nora Ellis and Mae Watson

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Five Theatre Groups from South Warwickshire took part in the Amateur Community Theatre Festival which was held in the Village Hall recently. The Adjudicator John Allcock was very positive about the Theatre Group's entry 'A Civil Marriage' commending Sophie Eadon for her part as the bride. He did suggest however, that the clock on the set in the Register Office could have been working and should not have stayed at 2.00pm throughout the play!

The Carnival Dance was a great success with many people liking the Barn Dance as a change. Our next production will be in November with a play reading and casting taking place in early September. More details next month.

John Holden

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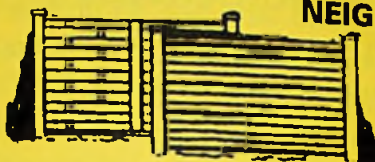
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HARBURY FOLK CLUB

June's Folk Club started off quietly with only a few people in attendance. Despite the slow start, it is a measure of the talent we have hereabouts that we are never short of performers.

Dez, Rick and Ron all gave sterling support, whilst the Blues Fathers (John and Steve) told us all about that infamous house in New Orleans. The Harvesters sang 'A Cut Above' which earned them points as the only performers to adopt the theme (Canals and Waterways).

By the time the second half got going, the room was filling up nicely and the pace accelerated like a Peter O'Sullivan racing commentary. Peter McDonald's 'Some Day' had us all joining in the chorus. The haunting sound of two bowed Psalteries were provided by Sue and Maureen and both Jilly and Ruth stunned us into silence with their crystal clear voices.

Most performers got a chance to sing one more song in the 'third half', but my apologies to Pete who was inadvertently missed out - I think he's forgiven me!

The raffle generated £60 for the Afghanistan Earthquake victims via the Red Cross, a cause I can sympathise with, having experienced an earthquake in Kabul many years ago.

We hope to see you at the next Folk Club on the first Thursday of the month in The Dog Inn.

M. Putnam

1st HARBURY GUIDES - Closure!

ANYONE interested in the future of the Guide Unit in Harbury, particularly those who may be able to help in anyway, are invited to join an informal discussion at 23, Farm Street, Harbury on **Monday 6th July** at 8:30pm. As it stands, there will not be a Guide Unit in Harbury in September.

Pam Shepherd - Kite

VILLAGE CLUB

Harbury Village Club is please to announce our entertainment programme for this Autumn. We are starting off on **Saturday 15th August** with the very popular group *The Challengers*. Last time they played here we had to turn people away, so this time it has to be **STRICTLY** ticket only, so please book early. Members and bona-fide guests are very welcome to attend. Tickets are £2.50 to include raffle and are available behind the bar.

Other attractions to include a 70's Disco Night in September; Blue Hotel in October; Side Effects in November and the return of the Challengers in December. So, be warned!

S. Heydon - committee

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

June saw the children getting ready for the carnival. We were thrilled to be awarded first prize for our float. A big thank you to everyone who helped getting the float ready, dressing up the children and for keeping them cheerful on such a wet day.

The Open Day was a great success with many new mums and their children coming along to see what goes on in the Nursery School. This month, the children have been looking at 'bugs'. I'm sure they know more about the life cycle of the butterfly than we do. The pre-schoolers have been visiting reception class in preparation for September, meeting the existing children and finding out what goes on.

The 80/20 sale was well attended and thanks to the introduction of the computer records all the various calculations had been worked out by lunch time. The next sale is on **Saturday 10th October**.

Sports Day will be on **Tuesday 14th July** at 11:00am and all parents are encouraged to come along and join in. The end of term party is on the **Friday 17th** but sadly this is a children only event!

Jackie Snell

HARBURY WHEELBARROW RACE 7th June



Scrutinising the opposition before the race

Some of the competitors in action

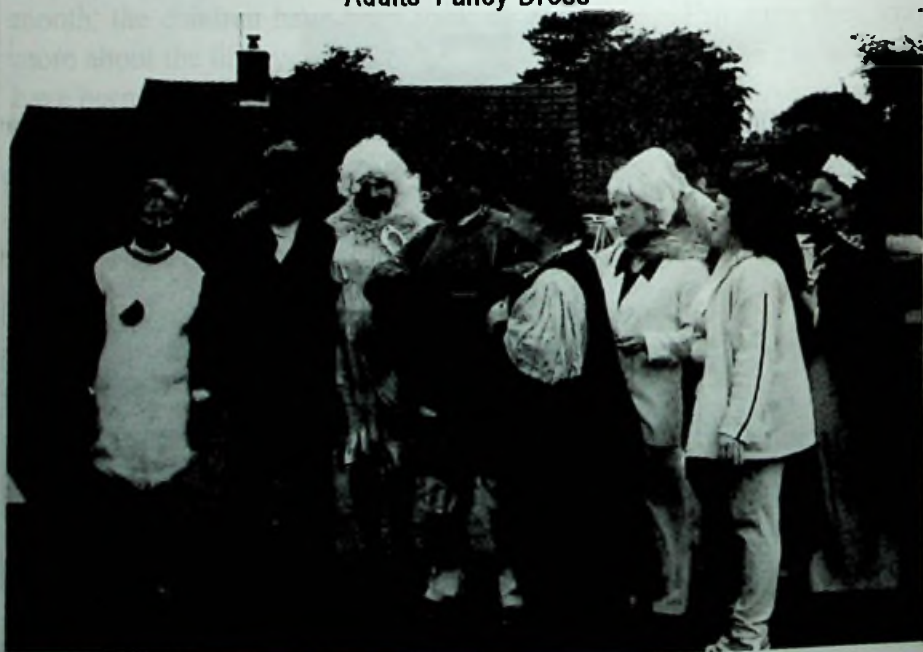




HARBURY CARNIVAL 13th JUNE

Carnival Queen Sam Brunt with attendants Jenny Hodge and Kathy Freeman

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Women's Institute



Harbury Nursery School

Children's Fancy Dress





Frank Robbins



Linda and John Ridgley

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DANIEL ASHWORTH

Over the next few months, Harbury Nursery School will be holding some fund-raising activities to raise money for Daniel Ashworth to enable him to increase his mornings at Nursery from two to three. This is usually straightforward but Daniel has Cerebral Palsy (damage to the brain), he has problems with balance and speech and is unable to walk. He needs a helper at Nursery and presently Social Services pay for the extra help needed for two sessions, but no more. So we are hoping to raise enough money to pay for the helper on his third session.

Daniel enjoys going to the Nursery to see his friends and he joins in with all the activities. His speech is improving and the interaction with the other children must be a large factor in this.

As Daniel is getting older he would really benefit from more sessions at Nursery like any other four year old.

Fund raising activities will include a *Quiz Sheet*, a *Treasure Hunt* and possibly a *Race Night*. If you feel you would like to help Daniel in any way please contact Gill Holden on 612155. Copies of the Quiz are available from Party Paraphernalia - £1.00 entry fee; a prize will be given to the winning entries, closing date is July 17th.

Allison & Ian Ashworth

THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

June was very busy with the lead up to the Carnival. The effort was very worthwhile, our float with the Baa Baa Black Sheep theme took second Prize. So, well done to all involved, the little 'lambs' were gorgeous! Needless to say it was wet and freezing on the float, our poor Dame in her fine summer dress, certainly suffered for our Art! The Hot Dog stall was a huge success, so thank you to the Atkinsons.

Events to look forward to in July are a visit to the *Shire Horse Centre* on **Tuesday 7th July** and the *End of Term Party* on **Thursday 16th July**. Let's hope we have some 'proper' summer weather so that the children can have their party outside.

Finally, we are looking for new committee members for the new Autumn Term. If you are interested, please speak to Claire Coady.

Nicola Guy

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

needs a Clerk to the Council

The council has to replace Mrs. Lana Long, who due to the happy circumstance of an expected addition to the family has decided to become a full time Mum.

This is an interesting and responsible part-time appointment and provides an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to the community. The salary payable for an average of 40 hours per month is in accordance with a national scale which is currently £2,694 to £3,208 per annum (cost of living award pending). The starting point on the scale will depend on experience, etc.

The Council is looking for a person with some good office skills, especially word processing and book-keeping. As the Council's Executive Officer, the Clerk provides advice to the Council and is also formally designated Responsible Financial Officer under the Accounts and Audit Regulations. She/he is required to attend and prepare minutes of the Council's monthly meetings (4th Thursday), deal with correspondence, maintain the financial records and administer the Council's property, including the cemetery and playing fields.

The Clerk's home will be the Council's registered address and the post would therefore be attractive to those whose personal circumstances would suit home working. Standard office equipment, including a personal computer, photocopier and a dedicated telephone with answer machine is provided by the Council.

Please submit written applications as soon as possible and by no later than **Thursday 9th July** to:

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HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

Thank you to all those who so generously supported the children who took part in and enjoyed our Sponsored Ufton Challenge and Treasure Hunt in May. Over £800 was raised and this money will help fund the purchase of basketball posts and other equipment for the Junior's playground.

All those who came to the popular Holistic Evening in early June were treated to a fascinating and (of course) relaxing evening, given by practitioners in this field, demonstrating a variety of treatments, from acupuncture through to shiatsu.

On **Friday 10th July** we will, together with the staff and children, present the School Summer Fair. There will be lots of games and activities, including our own World Cup shoot-out, and food and drink will be on sale. The Fair will run from 4:30pm to 7:00pm and all are very welcome.

Finally..... advance notice of the PTA Retro Disco, back by popular demand, featuring novelty DJs and the best music from 1965-80, which you help select. Plus the chance to wear some clothes that don't fit you any longer! Put the date: **Saturday 19th September** in your diary now. Tickets will be on sale before the end of term from committee members.

Alan Guy

CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST

Many thanks to all who supported our coffee morning on June 13th. We were able to send £74 to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Dorothy Travis & Yvonne Hancock

SOUTHAM RUGBY CLUB

Southam Rugby Club recommences training on **Tuesday 7th July** at 7:00pm.

Playing in Midlands West II we are 100% committed to making the 1998 - 1999 season one to remember. Attracting players from Southam and surrounding villages including Harbury and Ladbroke, we are always seeking new members. Running 4 senior sides and colts we have a level for everyone.

So, if you are new to the area, wishing to play a better standard or just want to participate in 'social' rugby, come and join us at Kineton Road. For further details please call me on 811330 or why not locate us on the Rugby Football Union web site at www.rfu.com.

Richard Walker - Ladbroke

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

A big boost to morale last week, when we beat Hook Norton comfortably at home. This is the first win of the season and hopefully the first of many this summer! A particular mention to Keith Phipps who played his first match with us.

The weather has been appalling so far, so not a lot of tennis has been played, but we have had a fun social event - Petanque at The Dog Inn - and by the time you read this we will have had our 'Midsummer Tennis Evening' and Barbecue at the courts.

Forthcoming Events ... **PUT THEM IN YOUR DIARY NOW...**

Sunday 12th July *Tennis Afternoon 2:30pm*

Saturday 8th August *Coffee Morning.* Raffle Prizes and cakes in abundance please!

Saturday 5th Sept. *Ladies Doubles*

For detailed information see *Regular Diary Dates* or give me a call if you are interested in coming along to any of the above events.

David Snell (614614)

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This is the service provided to the patients of Warwick Hospital, both informative and entertaining which assists in the well being of patients during their stay at the hospital.

The radio station is run by a completely voluntary association and naturally depends upon donations to maintain this worthwhile service.

I shall, on behalf of Southam Rotary Club, be organising the Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 1st August** with all proceeds being forwarded to Radio Warneford.

Warwick Hospital very much serves the needs of the local community

and I would be grateful for the donation of cakes for sale or raffle prizes. Should anyone wish to provide a donation direct to Radio Warneford, I shall be pleased to supply further details.

Jeff Bedford (612753)

WAGSTAFFE's EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Educational Foundation is a small charity in the village. The Trustees usually apply the limited income of the Foundation to provide special benefits to Harbury Primary School, but have the discretion to apply income to promote the education of young persons under the age of 25, who are resident in the village and who are in need of financial assistance. Education includes 'social and physical training' as well as formal education.

Young persons under 25, adults on behalf of such young persons or village organisations providing educational benefits to young persons are invited to apply for a grant. Applications in writing should be sent to Frank Bunting, the secretary, at 2, Dovehouse Lane, by **Wednesday 30th September**, giving personal details, the use to which the grant would be put and demonstrating financial need. The Trustees will make a decision on one-off grants in November.

F.T. Bunting

HARBURY TWINNING

In last month's article, we reported that some 70 plus Samois Villagers would be coming to Harbury for October's twinning exchange. Since then, their numbers have swelled to an incredible 106 visitors. This is really a tremendous effort on their side and is certainly the product of the enthusiasm and friendship generated during our visit last March.

Such a large delegation has a number of very positive spin offs. Firstly it means that the Twinning Initiative has more than achieved the critical mass necessary to ensure long-term success and secondly it implies a diverse range of ages and backgrounds so that Harbury Folk from every generation and of a wide scope interests can enjoy the festivities.

More than ever, therefore, we invite anyone who is interested to take part in the various social events leading up to October. In addition to

providing excellent opportunities to find out more about the Twinning activities, all of these social functions form an important part of our campaign to raise funds. On this note the combined result of: the Quiz Night, The Carnival Stalls and the Coffee Morning raised £631 which, together with European Grants and potential Sponsorship, sets us well on the way to totally financing the entire weekend. A big Thank You to all who helped and took part.

Looking to the immediate future, a Sub-Committee has been formed to plan and organise visits to places of interest and other activities to entertain our French guests on the Saturday afternoon. Anyone who is interested in being involved or who has suggestions, please contact the Secretary, Sally Stringer on 613214. Furthermore, if any local businesses are interested in sponsorship of the weekend, please contact Jonathan Clarke on 613607.

Watch this space for news on forthcoming events.

Jonathan Clarke

CARNIVAL WEEK - PUB GAMES

As these games proved very popular last year, it was decided to continue the theme this year and once again there were teams from the Shakespeare, Dog Inn, Old New Inn and Gamecock. This year we were pleased to welcome a team from the Twinning Association and hope that next year more teams will be entered. All the outdoor events went ahead even though one or two evenings were a little cold and damp!

The overall result was as follows: 1st - Dog Inn; joint 2nd - Shakespeare and the Gamecock; 4th - the Twinning Association and 5th - the Old New Inn.

After the Shakespeare generously declined the money prize last year, they suggested competing for a shield, which has been kindly provided by Colin Humphreys and will be etched with the winner's names, including that of last year's winners. Very many thanks to all the Licensees for their hospitality and to all the teams who took part. We hope to see you again next year!

Dan Killian

WHEELBARROW RACE - Sunday 7th June

This year there were 12 entries for the race and all 12 showed up on the day, even though rain was forecast. There was much good-natured bantering and careful scrutineering of other competitors' wheelbarrows prior to the start and although we were disappointed that 'Honest Cecil' was unable to attend, the spectators had fun picking their own favourites to win. Could the winners of the last two races do it again? There were one or two new faces competing, were they dark horses?

Even though a heavy shower took place during the race, it did nothing to dampen down the enthusiasm of the entrants and yet again, the race was won by Carl Wallington and Steve Evans in a time of 9 minutes and 32 seconds - although not a record, an excellent attempt given the weather conditions. Other excellent times were recorded, but although these competitors proved they could run they didn't prove they could drink and were awarded penalty points for deliberately spilling the beer. (Dr. Hancock please note: more drinking practice required!) It was good to see the ladies competing again, we hope Gill has fully recovered from collapsing upside down on to the wheelbarrow after the race.



Carl Wallington and Steve Evans - eventual winners of the Wheelbarrow Race surrounded by all the other competitors. Photo supplied by A. Allcock

The winners were presented with the Scandrett shield and £25 prize money by Mrs. Margaret Scandrett to whom our thanks are extended for joining us again. Thanks are also due to Andrew and Carol at the Shakespeare for hosting the event this year; to the other publicans for their participation and providing the beer; to the scrutineers and last, but by no means least, to the crowds at each pub for supporting the event.

The atmosphere at this event is always terrific and special thanks must go to the competitors, some of whom are becoming familiar faces. We can accommodate up to 20 entries so if you haven't taken part before, now is the time to think about next year's race and start training!

Dan Killian

HARBURY CARNIVAL

Yet again the report starts Despite the rain.... And didn't it rain at the judging of the floats! However, despite the deluge, it was another successful day with a superb turn out of floats and a great crowd for all the events in the field, everything from hot-dogs to maggot racing! The events in the ring were particularly well supported throughout the afternoon ranging from the traditional Fancy Dress and fun Dog Show (with a World Cup element ... thank you Geoff) to Line Dancing with joiners in! The proceedings rounded off in the evening by the dance, a very successful Barn Dance.

Thank you to all who got involved in whatever way (a very large number of people!) and here are the results of the judging (my notes from the day are exceedingly difficult to read being more or less papier mâché, so this year please forgive any errors).

Decorated Float	Trade Float	Children's Float
1 st Manor Rd/Bush Heath Rd	1 st Dog Inn	1 st Harbury Nursery Group
2 nd Pirie Close		2 nd Wight School Playgroup
3 rd Line Dancers		3 rd Brownies/Guides (equal)
Decorated Pram	Horse drawn	
1 st The Hunts	1 st Pony aspiring to be bigger!	
2 nd England Supporters	2 nd The Travellers	

Walking Tableau (Child)	Walking Tableau (Adult)	Adult Fancy Dress
1 st Beavers	1 st WI	1 st Linda and John
2 nd Cubs	2 nd Hippy Chicks	2 nd Pirate Dan
3 rd Mission Impossible	3 rd World Cup Widows	
Child Fancy Dress		
1 st Fish and Chips		
2 nd Noddy (She may not know this as she had gone home very wet before the prizes)		
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3 rd Josh Harding the Gnome	3 rd Carnival Girl	3 rd Cilla Black
11 - 17 years	Adult Group	Adult Individual
1 st Will Smith	1 st Pirié Close	1 st Mother Theresa
2 nd Witch	2 nd WI	2 nd Harbury Zoo
3 rd Bart Simpson	3 rd Flappers from the Dog	3 rd Desperate Dan

Well done to all! If you did not get a certificate on the day, please contact a member of the committee.

Financially we know it was a very successful day but as the benefactors are not only the committee on behalf of the village but all the other organisations, it is not possible to give a figure unless all the organisations would like to let us know. It's up to you!

Finally, thank you again to all those involved in whatever way and thank you for your support. Is there anyone out there who would like to join the enthusiastic organising committee for 1999? Please contact a committee member.

John Kemsley - Chairman

HARBURY VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE - 1998

When is the Street Fayre this year? Can I book a Stall? Questions I have been asked recently, but no plans have been made to date. The reason is that the Fayre needs a committee to plan the organisation and we have been lucky in the past to retain the services of a small but very dedicated band of people who have been willing to commit themselves for all of the previous Fayres. However, this year some members of the committee have taken on other commitments and it was felt that with only the few people left from the original committee that the task of organising the Fayre would be just too difficult.

However, if your charity/organisation would like to be the main beneficiary, I suggest that you join forces with the V.S.F. committee (yes - there are some of us left!). You will need to have representatives on the committee, including organising the Grand Raffle, and be sure of having a willing band of helpers to provide the catering at the Beer Festival which generates working capital for the Fayre's expenses. The V.S.F. committee members will provide all the guidance you need so you won't be thrown in at the deep end!

If you are interested, please ring me on 01926 - 612265 as time is marching on and planning needs to get under way soon as the most suitable time to hold the Fayre seems to be late September/early October.** As it is only practical to have one charity/organisation as the main beneficiary, the first acceptable reply received will be the one chosen. Of course, if there are no replies at all then the Fayre will not take place.

Please help us keep this event in the Harbury calendar in order to raise money for many worthwhile causes.

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THE WELLS FAMILY - AMERICA

The lightning flashed and the thunder roared as 37 members of the Wells family and two tour guides arrived in Harbury.

After parking their coach they joined Linda and myself for a 'cuppa' in the Shakespeare, kindly supplied by Carol. After a potted history of the village we then embarked on the grand tour.

With interesting features pointed out on the way and with much clicking of cameras we proceeded up High Street. The first stop was the Library, kindly opened especially for the day by Sue. She gave a brief history of the village after which the visitors browsed and selected some souvenirs. On up Church Street to the Post office where Mary coped admirably with selling them more souvenirs of the village and post cards for posting back home, etc.

Next stop was the Church, where Fr. Roy welcomed us all warmly and with Clive playing quietly in the background our visitors joined us for a short service. With two well known hymns chosen by Fr. Roy, Linda, in her own words, led a chance to sing "lustily"! John Wells III then addressed the congregation pointing out that this was the place their ancestors would have worshipped and been baptised and married, before emigrating to America in the 1600's.

Then came the inevitable group photos posed on the chancel steps. What a marathon, with nearly all the group wanting a photo taken with their own camera - the smiles were getting a little set before we had finished!

We then left the church and the group split into two; both going different ways to look at the Manor house.

The group via South Parade ended up inside Celia's "cute" cottage with more photos posed in front of the cottage. We then made our way down Park Lane, had a look at the Manor and a quick look inside the Old New Inn, much to the amusement of the locals who were trying to watch football at the time. Along Farm Street a quick peep inside Linda's cottage and then down Mill Street and back to the coach.

When all were settled in their seats, we said our goodbyes, one guide getting quite emotional because we had been "so nice". After invites to

go over to America, promises to visit us again, Linda and I then waved them off to Bulkington, their next port of call.

This was only the first day of a six day whirlwind trip of a lifetime. Let's hope they are managed to stay the course.

Celia Barrett

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It is hard to believe that the time of year has come to collect the trophies and cups to be engraved for the next show on **Saturday 12th September**. Please find them out, give them a final polish, either Ron or I will collect them, or if you are going on holiday, please give them to Julie Clarke, 32, South Parade, or any committee member.

When entering any fruit (soft, stone or hard, e.g. apples and pears) do not polish them - marks will be lost if you do! Show schedules are ready and will be available from the Post Office (Top Shop) Co-op, Muggleston, Kane's News, Paraphernalia, 32 South Parade and 23, Deppers Bridge, so there is plenty of time to plan entries!

I am not sure 'dribbling June' is apt this year 'drenching' maybe? The month is probably heading for some record in rainfall. I did hear that parts of Scotland are worried they haven't had their usual quota!

The outing to Wisley was very enjoyable and we were lucky to have the best day that week as far as the weather was concerned. The gardens and grounds were beautiful and the rockeries superb. There was sufficient room on the coach for all the purchases - all in all a superb day, many thanks to the organisers. I will report on the evening outing to Brook Cottage next month.

Ryton Gardens have a couple of interesting events at the beginning of August: Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd *National Organic Gardening* weekend and on the 2nd August *Gardening for Butterflies*. There will be entrance fees, for more information ring Ryton Gardens on 01203 305517.

The Walkabout weekend on **Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July** is next on our calendar, we can only keep our fingers crossed for ~~reasonable~~ weather, especially as the World Cup and the Grand Prix

coincide! Anybody who isn't yet involved but would like to be, please phone Mrs. Pat Smith on 612650 or me on 612515. Please support us in any case, the village benefits.

Mrs. Heather Turner has details of the *Derbyshire Gardening and Flower Festival* to be held on **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July**; anybody interested please phone 612915 for more information.

I understand there is still room on the coach for the Leamington Horticultural Society trip to Ness Botanical Gardens - if interested please contact Mrs. Watts on Southam 815848.

Finally, Edna, wife of our late life president Mr. Fred Lines who was a very active member in the past, still takes a keen interest in the society and will celebrate her 90th birthday this month - Happy Birthday!

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

This month the soft fruit ripens quickly, so picking and dealing with it is a daily job, along with the need to deadhead flowers as they fade, to ensure as long a flowering time as possible. We also hope for sunny days, when we can sit in the garden to enjoy the colours and the scents. Fruit, vegetables and flowers need a feed now and plants grown in containers need a weekly boost with a liquid feed.

Divide iris when flowering finishes and clip aubretia and rock roses to stop straggly growth. Tie in growth on climbers and trim hedges and shrubs which have flowered. Leylandii and other hedges can be clipped, but remember that Leylandii will not regenerate if you cut back beyond the green growth. Summer prune apples and pears and this is the month to prune ornamental cherries.

Pick herbs for drying just before they come into bloom. Garlic and shallots can be lifted when the leaves begin to yellow. Remove side shoots on tomatoes and stop the plants when five trusses have set. Sow turnips near peas or beans so that they can enjoy the shade given by the taller plants. They will put on quick, tender growth too with the ample water which the peas and beans need as their pods swell.

If you go away, group containers in the shade, but they will still need watering by a friend if you are away for more than a week. House plants should be all right if left on a tray lined with capillary matting. They too enjoy some fresh air throughout the summer months, but not in a very sunny place.

Plant of the month: Day lily - Hemerocallis

The common name of these hardy perennials describes the flower's short life. Their botanical name comes from the Greek, hemeros meaning a day and kallos meaning beauty. They were first introduced here in 1596 from Southern Europe and the Far East, not as ornamentals but for cooking and medicinal use. Much admired in Japan and U.S.A. where many hybrids have been bred, they are now more readily available here. There is a wide colour range and heights from 8ft. of the Hemerocallis altissima to the 1.5ft. Stella D'Ora. The majority are around 2.5 - 3ft. with delightful names such as Apollo, Cherry Cheeks and Pink Damask.

Plant them from October to April in a sunny or lightly shaded site in good soil to which well rotted compost has been added. Leave them undisturbed for several years and they will produce a large clump of strap-like leaves and bright trumpet shaped flowers for several months through the summer. When they die down in October pull off the leaves and cut the flower stems to the ground.

Pat Smith

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to express my thanks to friends and neighbours for cards and beautiful flowers at the sad loss of my dear husband Jim.

Thanks also to Fr. Roy Brown for a lovely service, special thanks to Doreen, George and Janice for their love and care at this sad time and also to all who sent donations.

Mrs. E. Stone

Dear Editors

May I through the Harbury & Ladbroke News thank every one for their assistance to Gill and for all the cards and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital. I am pleased to say I am feeling better.

Bob Moore

Dear Editors

Friends of Ladbroke Church.

We held a lovely Buffet Lunch at David & Jane Rutherford's home. A pity the weather wasn't kinder.

My thanks to every one who helped prepare the salads, etc. - also the lovely sweets. We made about £260 to go into the funds.

Gill Moore

Dear Editors

On June 6th we held a coffee morning for the Children's Ward at Warwick Hospital. With the wonderful support we received, plus some donations, we were able to send a cheque for £115.

Many, many thanks to you all and special thanks to Helen and Wendy, whose help was very much appreciated. Thanks again.

Pat and Sylvia

Dear Editors

I would like to say a big thank you via the Harbury & Ladbroke News, to the Carnival Committee and everyone else involved with the Carnival this year.

I had a great day as Carnival Queen, from the flowers and dresses for myself and my attendants, Jenny Hodge and Kathy Freeman, to the chauffeur driven car, all arranged by the Carnival Committee.



*Many thanks to the Harbury Theatre Group who organised a fantastic Barn Dance in the evening. A perfect end to the day!
Thank you once more,*

Sam Brunt
Harbury Carnival Queen 1998

Dear Editors

I would like to express my own and I am sure others, sincere thanks to the Senior Citizens' Committee for the outing to Southsea last month.

Although we left Harbury under leaden skies, our arrival at the coast, after a slight hiccup at the half way service stop, was to beautiful

sunshine and a bracing sea breeze. With nearly five hours to spend before our return one expected ample time to explore the town and renew acquaintance with the many sights of 'Pompeii, sadly time was all too short. One of the many recent additions for the visitor were the needle work tapestries at the D-Day Museum where some of us were able to indulge in nostalgia of our wartime experiences.

Once again may I congratulate the committee and in particular Margaret Taylor, for making this a most memorable outing.

Ralph Swadling

Dear Editors

We left Harbury in October 1996 to live in North Leicestershire near to our daughter Debbie and her family. We thought old friends in Harbury would like to know how things are with us.

Stathern is a small village of approximately 500 people in the Vale of Belvoir. It is one of the largest villages in the Vale and has 3 shops, 2 pubs a school and a Church. It is situated at the foot of the Wolds which surround two sides of the Vale and if you climb to the top of Stathern Hill there is a wonderful view right across to Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

We have a smaller garden than we had in Harbury but as it is heavy clay soil we garden more slowly - or perhaps it's age! The heavy rains in April reduced it to sponge and the stream at the bottom of the garden threatened to overflow. Now it is back to a muddy trickle. Hamish enjoys meeting friends at "The Plough" and I have joined a Choral Society in Bingham where Debbie and David live. She had a daughter in March, Lucy Emma, a sister for Jamie and Helen had a son in May, Samuel. As she lives in Sussex we, unfortunately, do not see so much of them.

We send our best wishes to all friends and hope to see some in July when we shall be visiting the Garden Walkabout.

Yours sincerely

Shirley and Hamish Keir



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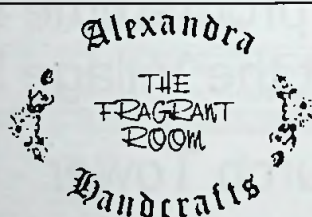
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