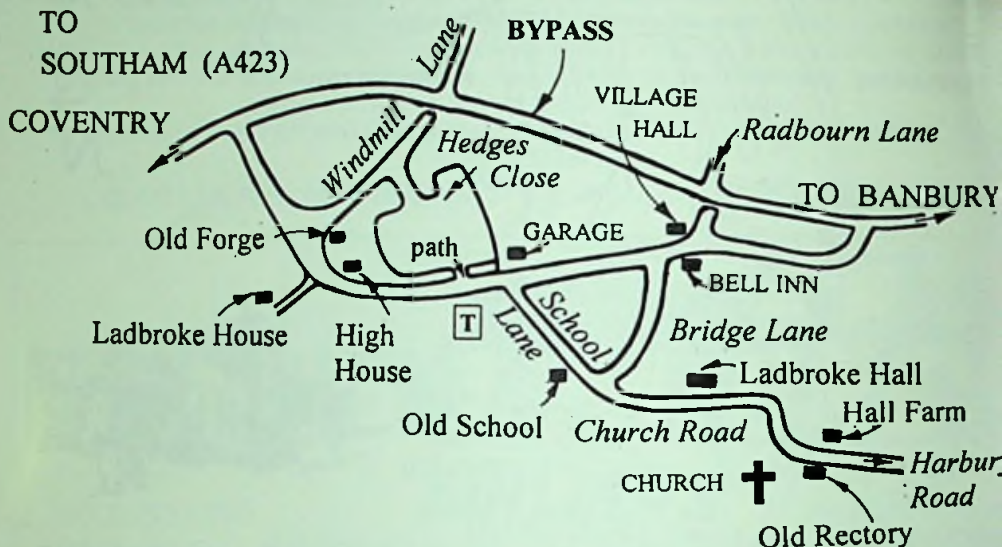


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'Time flyeth, what doest thou?' How many Harbury residents could identify the site or even the origin of this quotation?

There have been several changes in the village in the past few weeks, some of which will have been noticed by many residents, others by only



a few. The old GR post box, installed in 1948, has been replaced by a more capacious EIIR model, to serve the needs of the growing community. Traditionalists will be pleased to hear that an appropriate location is being sought for the old box, which has been donated to the village by the Royal Mail.

Congratulations to all who work in the Post Office on having received the Quality Performance Award certificate, which was the result of their excellent work in the previous year.

Brian Taylor, Sub-Postmaster, watches the installation of the new post box

Further along Church Street, the familiar church clock face has been removed to be replaced by a more durable facsimile. Our opening quotation was actually to be found on the sundial on the nearby buttress.

What '*doest thou*' on the morning of the 11th August 1999, when Harbury experiences the partial effects of the eclipse? The Diary includes guidelines provided by Warwickshire County Council about how best to view the phenomenon, but the Editors stress the need for extreme caution. You must not look directly at the sun as any damage to your eyesight is permanent.

Further improvements in the centre of the village have been the alteration to the fascia of the Co-Op and the newly refurbished Gamecock, which has re-opened for business.

The controversy over the proposed developments at the Playing Fields has resulted in a survey which has been conducted throughout the village. The plans are lodged with the Parish Clerk and if you would like to view them, please contact Deborah Steele on 614646.

At this time of year we like to share the success of local students and would welcome details for the September issue. Please ring Chris Finch on 612305.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Grace Ceney and John Hopkins.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

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|------|----|---|
| Sun | 8 | 10 th Sunday after Trinity - Sung Eucharist 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm |
| Mon | 9 | Depot bus at Playing Fields this week
Registration Mega Quest, 5-11 year old children, T.H.R. 10am - 12noon |
| Tues | 10 | Mega Quest Children's Holiday Club, Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
Horticultural Society visit to Colgrave Seeds
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Prayer Group in Church 8pm
Village Hall committee meeting 8pm |

- Wed 11 **ECLIPSE OF THE SUN** (view indirectly or through aluminiumised Mylar filters or welder's goggles rated 14+!)
- Mega Quest Children's Holiday Club, Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
- Thurs 12 Stratford District Arts & Leisure Holiday Events for Children,
Village Hall 9am-4pm
Holy Communion 9.45am
Mega Quest Children's Holiday Club, Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 13 **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**
Mega Quest Children's Holiday Club, Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
- Sat 14 Blood Donors in Village Hall
- Sun 15 **11th Sunday after Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am
ADVERTS to Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by 5.30pm
- Mon 16 Depot bus on Playing Field this week
- Tues 17 Senior Citizens' committee meeting in Village Hall 8pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
- Fri 20 Basket Ball Tournament on Playing Fields
- Sat 21 Millennium Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am - 12noon
Dancing lessons in Village Hall
- Sun 22 **12th Sunday after Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket Home to Darlingscott
Dancing in Village Hall
- Tues 24 St. Bartholomew - Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8pm
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
- Fri 27 **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 28 Twinning's French Circle visit to Warwick Arts Centre
- Sun 29 **13th Sunday after Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket Home to St. Benedicts AC
- Mon 30 **BANK HOLIDAY**
Depot Bus at Playing Fields one day this week
Cricket Home to Alveston
- Tues 31 Holy Communion 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 1 Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7pm
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm

- Fri 3 Newspaper collection
CAMRA Beer Festival at Village Hall
- Sat 4 CAMRA Beer Festival at Village Hall
Junior Football training for all groups starts today
- Sun 5 14th Sunday after Trinity - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm

Please note:

Adverts to Westbury House, 79, Mill Street by Sunday 15th August
Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 27th August

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

For Scout Hut Bookings	Mr. R. Flanagan	613612
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. Stubbs	612782
For Village Hall Bookings	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

APPALACHIAN STEP DANCING: (612734) Wight School, Saturdays
10:00am-12:00noon

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall,
Mondays (Club) 7:00-9:00pm;
Tuesdays (League) 8:00-10:00pm;
Friday (Ladies) 2:00-3:00pm;
Sunday (Mixed) 7:00-10:00pm

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

BROWNIES: Village Hall Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

DANCING CLASSES: (01789-842242) Farley Room Village Hall, Children &
Adults Wednesdays 4:00-9:00pm

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, 6:00-7:00pm

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Dog Inn 1st Thursday of Month 8:30pm

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 2nd Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 7/8s: Training: 9am Harbury School Pitch

Coaches: Adrian Hawley 614353 & Ron Razzano 614508

Under 9s: Training 10.30am Harbury School Pitch

Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401

Under 10s: Training: 9am Playing Fields

Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Keith Guy

Under 12s: Training: 10.30am Playing Fields

Coaches: John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574

Under 14s: Training: 10.30am Playing Fields

Coaches: Trevor Montague 612340 & Steve Fitzgerald 612164

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays

8:00-10:00pm

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: School, Monday-Friday 9:00am-

12:00noon; Mondays & Wednesdays 12:45pm-3:15pm

HARBURY Pre-SCHOOL: Wight School, High St. Tuesday-Friday 9:15am -

12:15pm

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 613174

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 1st Tues (Oct. to May) 8:00pm

KEEP FIT (Bodywise): (495368) Harbury School Fridays 6:30-7:30pm

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Thursdays 10am-1pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 1st Thursday of Month; Term

Time only 10:00am

NETBALL CLUB: (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays

6:30pm; Matches Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm

for April); Sat 2:00-5:00pm, Mon & Wed 1:45-3:00pm

THEATRE GROUP: Wight School, last Friday of Month 8:00pm

THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of V.Hall 2nd & 4th Thurs. of Month

2:30pm

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Mon.10:00-11:30am & Wed. 1:30-

3:00pm

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of Month 7:45pm

YOGA: Wight School, 7:30-9:30pm Wednesdays, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

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HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion	8.00am
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
Tel.: 612377

Laugh Line

The Ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind and they can be seen in Church on Friday afternoon.

FROM THE RECTOR

There is a radio programme called 'Desert Island Discs' which has been running for a considerable number of years. Part of its appeal is the ingenuity of the ideas behind it.

A person is asked which eight records he or she would like to have with them if they were stranded on a desert island. Besides the records they can take one book and one luxury. This can provide a great starting point for a good conversation with the person about his or her likes and dislikes, career, philosophy of life and so on. I suspect too, that it can be a bit of a revelation for the person being interviewed. Try it yourself, perhaps. Choose that limited number of items with which to spend the rest of your life.

There is nothing like the threat of danger or a sudden change in our normal way of life to make us assess our situation. No matter how unpleasant it may be, it can be immensely helpful to be forced to put some proportion and order into the hundred and one things that fill up our lives.

There is a very old tradition that Mark's gospel was written as a response to just such a situation. There was danger in the air for the Christians of Rome. Peter, their leader, had been executed in 64 AD. This loss must have been keenly felt by the new converts. Moreover, Nero's persecution was becoming more menacing. Thirty or so years after their Master had been crucified, His followers were being asked to offer themselves. It was in this atmosphere that the gospel of Mark was probably composed. Can this be why the gospel appears at times quite terse - almost tense. It was not a bed-time reading book, but the one book they needed to have with them in time of persecution. They had lost the sustaining presence of Peter, their leader. In a yet more subtle way, the difficulties they were experiencing must have been a threat to their very beliefs. What had happened to all the promises and hopes that the message had in the first instance held out to them. Like the apostles many years before, they must have felt that nothing much had changed, except some things which had changed for the worse.

It was for this kind of people that Mark composed his gospel. Mark presents a portrait of Christ who is a saviour in the present persecution, precisely because He was persecuted Himself, a Christ whose ultimate

answer to suffering was to accept it Himself. We see Christ who in His own life had to live with opposition and incomprehension. Mark's intention was to proclaim that such a Christ had in fact overcome all that had befallen him, even death itself. The Good News Mark is speaking about is news that is urgently needed.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony - All Saints', Ladbroke

24th July *Darren Andrews to Nicola Clews*

Holy Baptism - All Saints', Harbury

18th July *Caitlin Louise Mansell*

25th July *Barnaby Peter Whittaker*

Funerals - All Saints', Harbury

15th July *John Hopkins*

Funerals - Oakley Wood

27th July *Grace Ceney*

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS



At the July Family Service, Father Roy Brown, on behalf of the congregation, made a presentation to retired churchwarden Jeff Bedford. Jeff has served as warden for five years and we are all very grateful for the work that he did (and still does as a member of the fabric committee). Many will



have noticed that the clock face has been removed to be replaced with one of a non-rotting variety. Thanks are due to Harry Windsor and William Jones for dealing with this work.

The next project is to be the bell-tower roof which has to be made waterproof. This will commence in the next couple of months. The Family Service this month will be on **Sunday 15th**.

Ruth & John



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- ⇒ Organising and helping with Pram Services;
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Support for Local Members

- ⇒ Prayer and Bible study groups;
- ⇒ Raising media awareness;
- ⇒ Quiet Days;

- ⇒ Discussion of proposed government social legislation;
- ⇒ Guidelines on child care;
- ⇒ Embroidery groups helping to maintain church vestments and hangings.

Support for Members Overseas

- ⇒ Sheets sent to an orphanage in Madagascar;
- ⇒ £5,000 collected for Mothers' Union projects and relief overseas;
- ⇒ 14Kg. of wool, over 600 sets of knitting needles and other knitting and sewing materials shipped to Central Zambia and Madagascar;
- ⇒ Hospitality for Diocesan Presidents and Bishops attending Worldwide Council and the Lambeth Conference;
- ⇒ Prayer support for our Linked Dioceses and for individual branches in many parts of the world;
- ⇒ Distribution of a Mothers' Union Resource Pack for the Jubilee 2000 coalition to members, churches and agencies with overseas interest.

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore

MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon meeting: We held our AGM and garden meeting in the Rectory garden. Many thanks to Pam who organised it all. It was a



lovely afternoon which enabled a lot of members to attend. We also had a bring & buy table. Audrey Tebaldi resigned from the committee and Sheila Jackson and Wendy Stubbs were elected to serve next year. We all enjoyed a delicious tea which rounded off a most enjoyable afternoon. The photo shows Audrey with her retirement gift.

The Evening meeting took the form of a walk, starting from the Fox & Hen at Bascote. Ten members and supporters (plus one

dog!) walked from Bascote to Ufton then back via the canal, meeting up with seven others for a most enjoyable meal. Luckily the weather stayed fine and all agreed it was a very pleasant way of closing for the holidays. Thanks are due to Shirley and Tony Brunton for planning the evening so successfully.

No meetings in August. Next meeting will be on **Wednesday 1st September**, 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore

TODDLERS' SERVICE

The last service in our series on 'Toys' was about 'Teasets'. Mrs. Bedford told us how Jesus fed five thousand people with just two fish and five small loaves of bread.

We sang 'Praise Him, Praise Him'. Then the children decorated fish cut-outs. Everybody went outside for a picnic and the children who are starting school were each given a book. The Mothers surprised the helpers by giving each of them a lovely plant.

The next service will be on **September 14th**, at 2.15pm in the Children's Corner of the Church. All babies and toddlers, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome.

C. Mary Catt

Ladbroke News

AUGUST

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| Sun | 8 | 10th Sunday after Trinity - Sung Communion 9am |
| Wed | 11 | Holy Communion 2pm
Women's Fellowship Tea Party 3pm at 5, Ladbroke Hall, raffle, bring & buy - proceeds for All Saints' Refuge Centre in Cairo |
| Sun | 15 | 11th Sunday after Trinity - Sung Communion 9am
<u>ADVERTS</u> to Westbury House, 79, Mill Street, Harbury by 5.30pm |
| Sun | 22 | 12th Sunday after Trinity - Sung Communion 9am |
| Thurs | 26 | Children's Church - picnic and games, Hall Farm |
| Fri | 27 | <u>ARTICLES</u> to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm |
| Sun | 29 | 13th Sunday after Trinity - Said Communion 9am |

SEPTEMBER**Sun 5 14th Sunday after Trinity - Family Communion 10.30am****LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA**August 8th - Beryl RossAugust 22nd - Jane SteenstraAugust 15th - Gill MooreAugust 29th - Pat KennedySeptember 5th - Mrs. Deckinson & Mrs. Haynes**Jane Rutherford****LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS**

I seem to be using adages every month. My adage this month is very modern: *If you don't use it, you will lose it.* Except for special occasions we are losing our Evensong services on the 3rd Sunday in the month. I hear very often the complaint that we only seem to have Holy Communion services these days.

Another adage: *We can't please all of the people all of the time.* We are, however, having a Choral Evensong on Sunday 19th September at 6pm. Make a note in your diary now - 'the more the merrier'!



Hazel Sharples went to St. Peter's Church in Prittlewell in Essex on June 23rd to attend the confirmation of Kelly and James Wetherall (see picture). We pray that being confirmed will be a sustaining influence in their lives.

Nicola and Darren's wedding on July 24th was a very happy occasion and for the first wedding in ages the sun shone and we had the red carpet out for the bridal procession.

The Children's Church is having a picnic and treasure hunt on **Thursday 26th August** at Hall Farm. Many of the teenagers in the village will remember when we had them a few years ago. We are meeting here at the farm at 2.30pm,

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Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Our thanks are due to everyone who helped with our lunch at The Old Rectory on June 20th, particularly to those who provided such a magnificent array of delicious puddings, and to Mrs. Ross for again organising a profitable raffle. It was good to see so many people enjoying the occasion, which incidentally added a profit of £270 to our funds.

The next Friends' occasion will be an Afternoon Tea at The Bungalow, Windmill Lane, Ladbroke at 3.30pm **Sunday 8th August**. Tickets: Adults £3.30, Children £1, from Gill Moore 913363 in advance. All are welcome.

Last year the Friends met the cost of a brass extension to the communion rail, which has proved a great boon to the less agile members of the congregation. Recently, as a further contribution to the current Church restoration programme, the Friends have underwritten the cost (some £810) of repainting and re-gilding the dial of the clock. It is good to see this handsome clock restored to its former glory. We hope it will give pleasure to all members of the community as they pass by.

Gill Moore

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to Hazel Sharples for holding the fort for me at our July meeting (I was at Warwick University for my son's graduation - a very proud Mum). Hazel brought the meeting up to date with the work going on at the All Saints' Refuge in Cairo and how our support is helping.

Our August meeting on **Wednesday 11th** is our Annual Tea Party. It starts at 3pm, again at Hazel's. There will be a Bring & Buy stall and a Raffle. The money raised will be in aid of the refugees we are sponsoring in Cairo. Our Holy Communion service will be as usual, at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

July has been a busy month for us with a Strawberry Fair, a barbecue, a visit to Warmington WI and our monthly meeting.

The Strawberry Fair was a great success due to the support from other WI's in the group, local visitors and the hard working members of our own WI. We raised a fantastic sum of £408. Our treasurer, Sheena, is smiling again!

Many thanks to Anne and Roger Edwards for the loan of their lovely garden and their preparation with friends, on a beautiful day, for the barbecue which raised £230. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Five members went to the Warmington WI meeting to hear a talk from The Body Shop lady. It was very interesting and the welcome we received, especially the home made cakes for our refreshments, was much appreciated.

Johnson's Coaches have requested that Anne's photograph of the WI holiday to the Isle of Wight be included in their holiday brochure - more free advertising for us!

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs. Stella Douglas, one of our own members. Her fascinating talk and slides on the History of Knitting, gave us much to think about. Stella has lived in the north of England for many years. The slides of the sheep on The Fells and the ones of her collection of 'tools of the trade' were wonderful. She also brought samples of knitting from the last century. Many years of collecting have gone into her demonstration.

The summer outing has been arranged for **Thursday 12th August** at 2.15pm from Ladbroke, to Yew Tree Farm Craft Centre, Wootton Wawen.

The raffle was won by Jill Norgate and Maureen Pratt. Next month our speaker will be Mr. Ian Nicholls from the County Air Ambulance Service. We are pleased to welcome interested visitors.

Tea Hostesses will be Marie Kennedy and Maureen Pratt.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The sixth prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club for 1999 was held on July 19th at the Bell Inn. The winners were: Lois Workman £90; P & R Fisher £50; Sheena Healey £25; Diane Surgey £25; Pat Kennedy, Norman Coley, Bernard Billings, Peter Duffy and Susan Moore each won £10.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 16th August** at the Bell Inn at 8:00pm.

Catherine Spence

SOUTHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

Born and bred a Warwickshire lass, I have traced my mother's family back to the 16th Century in Warwickshire in the Rugby and Southam areas, with a couple of blips into South Leicestershire and West Northamptonshire.

Last month I headed a guided tour around the village of Clifton-upon-Dunsmore near Rugby with the Southam Local History Society members. The tour was based on the Victorian census of 1850 in the village, using extra material from the Clifton History Group's own archives, including maps and photographs.

This turned out to be a very interesting experience for me, because in 1850 my grandmother's grandmother's mother was a 73 year old widow living near the church. Although I have records of the family, this was the first time I had walked the village with an historical purpose and realised that in the same street also lived her 3 sons and all the grandchildren. This was also the year after the school had been built and as I went round I began to see how everyone related to the village community, from carpenter to vicar to squire and how they would have related to my own family.

With this in mind, I have been looking into how to present Ladbroke for the Millennium History Exhibition next May and have decided to use a similar concept to the one I used at Clifton.

I shall take several families from Ladbroke who feature in the Victorian census records and display them in detail as the people they were, where

they were from, where they lived, their trades and how they related to Ladbroke's community. I am fortunate to have pictures of both people and places in Ladbroke from the turn of the century to use. These include the Tidmarsh family, tollgate keepers and carpenters, whose descendants live in South Africa. The Fearn family, descendants of George, who emigrated to New Zealand, have also sent me family details and closer to home there are the Griffin and Wood descendants in Leamington Spa who have supplied me with family photos and stories.

If anyone is related to these families or any other Ladbroke family and would like to add information or photographs, I will be pleased to receive them. The cut off point will be the First World War.

Linda Doyle (01926 814214)

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - July 21st

Matters arising from the previous meeting: A letter has been sent to Mr. Malcolm Norgate of Ladbroke House indicating that as no villager had expressed an interest in retaining the walkway between the House and Windmill Lane, the hedge could be reinstated.

Crime Report: The subject of the Local Area Meeting held in June had been the philosophy and policies of policing the district. Andy Went joined the meeting and together with councillors explained the plans to reduce the Community Beat Officers from 3 to 2 locally, but increase the number of reactive officers to try to speed up the response time to 999 calls. The only crime in Ladbroke in May and June was the theft of a set of sheep scales.

County Councillor's Report: Bob Stevens again outlined the changes in the council structure, which should be ratified at a public meeting on September 28th prior to their full instatement of December 3rd.

Planning Applications: Permission was granted at Appeal for the pig farm at Chapel Ascote. The outline planning permission for a separate dwelling in the rear garden of Lodge Bungalow was turned down. Extensions to the bungalow had previously been accepted. Permission was very quickly given to Mr. Walker after the collapse of the barn wall so that building could restart without delay.

Rebuilding of the bridge between the Millennium Green and farmyard field: All agreed it was an excellent job.

Lifting of weight limit on Deppers Bridge: It was noted that even though the weight limit had been lifted, articulated lorries should still not be using the Ladbroke Road. The uninitiated of us were advised to count the wheels to see if it is an 'artic' and take the name of any large lorries using the road.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 1999

It was a time of comings and goings. Councillor Bill Middleton took umbrage over the Floodlighting and resigned. The Parish Council said goodbye to Ron Grey who is being replaced as Deppers Bridge representative by Christopher Van Spall, and Mrs. Winchester and Jack Heath filled the other vacant places.

The Depot Bus (for young people) will be at the Playing Fields Car Park one day a week from 9th August to 13th September and there will be a Basketball Tournament on 20th August at the Fields.

Sharon Hancock was pleased with the continuing good progress of the Youth Club but expressed concern over the coming changes to special needs provision in school. Southam School was reported to be very dissatisfied with Stagecoach. The Harbury School bus was often late, sometimes did not turn up and frequently did not know the route. They have asked the County Council not to give the contract to Stagecoach again.

The Parish Councillors are to consider providing a commemorative Millennium mug for each of the primary school-age children. The Millennium Steering Committee has a fund raising coffee morning on 21st August in the Tom Hauley Room and thanked the Parish Council for their donation towards the lights.

John Drinkwater is still dismayed at the lack of police resources and Ron Grey reported that Deppers Bridge are thinking of applying en masse for shotgun licences because the police cannot protect them adequately.

Planning: Stratford District Council granted extensions at 28, Manor Road; 12, Church Terrace; Hollywell Cottage, Hall Lane; Harbury Croft, Chesterton Road; 7, Frances Road and at Threeways.

The Parish Council made representations about the amendments to Sheen Farmyard and the new dwelling at Threeways both of which they said could not have accommodation over the garage. They suggested the eaves and ridge line of the proposed extension to the frontage of 26, Ivy Lane be lowered. They objected to the plan for a chip shop in Chapel Street because of the parking problems and the smells it would generate.

The Councillors were cutting about the inadequate application put in by Stratford District Council itself to build a detached house on the allotment on Park Lane between Manor Road and Bush Heath Lane. It was not detailed; the site was difficult with access problems; it would disrupt the layout of the existing estate and they felt that public land should be used for social housing.

The allotment rents will be increased to £12 for 2000-2001 to cover the extra cost of providing water. The taps needed boxing and protecting from the frost.

The Councillors gave the Beer Festival permission to use the Playing Fields for parking and the Chapel for storing trestles. Ken Stephenson offered to organise the production of a replacement sign for the burial grounds forbidding parking in the lay-by during the day. The Heber Drive/Manor Orchard road markings are now more dangerous than ever. Ken Stephenson claims that the new cut-off switch gear for the car park lighting will be installed within a fortnight. Ken wanted to upgrade signage within the village and offered his colleagues several mock Victorian signposts to choose from. Sharon Hancock said only the 'Plymouth' was tolerable and John Hunt directed Ken to *Choose any one, as long as it is the Plymouth.*

The Parish Council is agonising over how to deal with the overgrown footpath beside the Pound and will take the advice of the County Council's landscape architect for as Sharon Hancock said: *they had to be careful not to suburbanise it.* They are to write to the Co-Op congratulating them on the improvements to their facade.

Jenny Patrick asked for ideas about where the old Church Street post box might be located when it is returned to the village (it would not take collections). New boy Jack Heath suggested it should house the millennium video as a time capsule!

The Councillors were pleased to discover a photograph of Bertha Kettle illustrating the County Council's new 'Policies for Older People' publication which John Hunt agreed to comment upon, although probably any one of the Councillors would have qualified to do it.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

Members enjoyed recent visits to the Lord Leycester Hospital and the Master's Garden and to Ladbroke WI's Strawberry Fair. They look forward to the Garden Party at the home of Nora Ellis.

The Village Show is on **Saturday 11th September** and we hope that villagers will 'have a go'. This is one of the last village traditions which needs to continue. Advice on how to show your produce is available (see *Horticultural Society* article). Also come along to view at 2pm in a friendly atmosphere.

There will be a reminder each month about the WI Autumn Fair on **October 16th**.

Mrs. Pauline Hunt, Regional Centre Manager of Camelot, operators of the National Lottery, gave an interesting talk on its running. There was a lottery in 1501 but officials ran off with the money. In 1994 Camelot won the 7 year licence after submitting the lowest bid, pledging to raise nine billion pounds. It is well on the way to making ten billion in that time. Camelot employs 700 people and on the starting day 1,000 retailers (now 35,000) had been trained. Had they not been ready, it would have cost the company £1m per day. There are commissions to protect players, to see that the lottery is being properly run and to donate to the different causes, such as CASH which stands for Charities, Arts, Sports, Health and Education. New aims and projects are always being planned for the future. Fifty percent of the money raised goes into the lottery draw, the rest to good causes, tax retailers, operation costs and one percent to Camelot.

Mrs. Hunt spoke of the reaction of winners, who are usually in shock and what help and advice they are offered. The question: *Why was the jackpot so big?* was asked and the answer was: *The higher the jackpot, the higher the ticket sales!*

Although not allowed to participate in the lottery, employees are encouraged to fund raise for charities of their choice, Camelot matching pound for pound. Do you know the chances of winning the lottery is 14 million to one.

Members were rather apprehensive but this proved unfounded because Mrs. Hunt was an excellent speaker and I thoroughly recommend her to other societies.

September hostesses: Diana Buck, Sylvia Burdett and Lyn Hayes

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB - June

June 3rd, 8:30pm in the back room of The Dog Inn and the large audience waited in breathless anticipation. Glasses clinked and there was an air of barely suppressed excitement.

For some reason known only to himself John Kemsley had decreed that the theme for this month's Musical Extravaganza would be 'Flaming June'! Granted, this was an extremely apt theme but, dash it all, neither he nor I had a single song to fit the theme. So we opened the night with Fever and did our best to connect it to the theme using 'hot' as the intermediary. Thin! Aaron had joined us on this song, as he did on our second, Summertime Blues, which the three of us had learned hastily the night before. We were also joined on this by Bob 'Hoskins' who did the 'Amos & Andy' bits at the end of each verse.

We needn't have worried, even if we had been. Adherence to a theme has never been a strong point of our performers: and this night was no exception, although there were some excellent efforts along the way. The Harvesters gave us 'The End of the Pier Show' and 'The Rose and the Thistle' followed by Rick with 'New Mown Hay' and 'The Sunburn Song', almost close. Gilly gave us a load of twaddle about 'Forbidden Fruit' being thematic and only introduced her second as 'a summery song'. Hmmm! Des hit the nail right on the head with 'Rosebud in June' then became tangential with 'Turning Of The Road'. So the first half ended with 4 out of 10 for the theme but full marks for entertainment.

In the second half no-one even bothered with the theme and no-one seemed to give ahoot! John Black got Rolling Stoned with 'As

Tears Go By' and a song with a chorus that went 'Everybody Knows..' but that I didn't recognise and John didn't tell me what it was called. So Aaron and I followed on and got onto a very astral plane with 'Stairway to Heaven' and 'Tears in Heaven' which he performed very well. We were succeeded by Jonathan, who is a regular at Warwick Club but whom I hadn't heard before, and he gave excellent versions of 'Time in a Bottle' and 'Beeswing'. Come again. And so half two concluded with two utterly inapt, but far from inept offerings from Ruth: 'The Night They Drove Ole Dixie Down' and 'If', thereby earning an award for the longest and shortest titles of the night in one set.

'Broadway' Barbershop Quartet opened the third half: they always seem to turn up on 'my nights' for some reason - and on this night they were as splendid as ever, even though they were debuting their new tenor! They gave us 'Mood Indigo' and 'Lullaby In Ragtime' and were eventually persuaded to do an encore, which was the excellent 'Heart Of My Heart'. Aaron had never heard 'barber shop' before and was 'gob-smacked'.

By now, time was getting on and because it was my night and my *last* night, at that, I exercised my right to become self-indulgent and recalled Ruth, 'Sue and Ian' and Gilly for one more each. So we had 'Morning Has Broken', 'Another Day In Middle England' and ...oops, I didn't right it down...sorry, Gilly.

As people still seemed very reluctant to go home John and I decided to play again. So 'The Blues Fathers and Son, with Dougie' concluded the evening's entertainment with 'White Boys Lost In The Blues' and 'Hit The Road Jack'.

And that was that...This is Steve Dudley signing off for the last time...but long may Harbury Folk Club prosper!

Steve Dudley

HARBURY FOLK CLUB - July

The 176th Folk Club was so close to the 4th of July that we couldn't miss the opportunity for an American theme. The Harvesters opened the evening with *The Place They Call Home* and a song especially written for the evening: *Dreaming America*. Rick was truly American, playing two numbers on the Appalachian Dulcimer, followed by Peter

McDonald with two old favourites *Don't Think Twice, It's All Right* and *Carolina In My Mind*. Mike gave us fine renditions of *The Alamo* and *The Logger*. Daniel and Susie Bones delighted us with *Flesh and Blood* and then Emma and Kathy Freeman and Lizzie Darby joined them for their version of *Runaway*. Ron brought the first half to a close with *The Fate Of Samuel Young* and *Blue Haired Boy*.

The second half got off to a rousing start with John Black and Dougie Hogarth followed by the superb singing of Ruth. Next, Brian played *Pleasure Of The Town* and some hornpipes on his fiddle. A newcomer to the club, David (I think he must have been a Buddy Holly Fan!) entertained us with *Put On Your Dancing Shoes* and *Peggy Sue*.

Kick Start didn't dance because we wouldn't have heard them on the carpet so they sang *The Tennessee Waltz* with Chris on Dobro Guitar, Dave on Fiddle and Ian on Guitar. Then Dave and Chris played *Ragtime Annie* and a sublime *Ashokan Farewell*. Our popular Barber's Shop Quartet, Broadway, finished the second half with two romantic show stoppers, *I'll Be Loving You Always* and *When I Leave The World Behind*.

In the final half, we were entertained by Bluegrass group Damaged In Transit who set our feet tapping. The raffle raised £29.00 for Peter Fanshawe's trek across the desert in aid of McMillan Nurses. Thank you to the artistes who took part and everyone who turned up to listen.

Susan Hartland

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

This month we have been looking at water. We dissolved salt in water and then explored the salt crystals with a magnifying glass. We tasted ordinary water and we thought it was fresh. When we tasted water with salt in we thought it tasted like play dough!

Some of us took messages home in bottles - it took us a long time to get them inside the bottles. We made boats out of cardboard, wood, plastic and cork. We tried our designs out to see which ones floated best. We also painted pictures of different kinds of boats, and pictures to look like waves moving.

We all had a lot of fun at our Sports Day. We did running, an obstacle race, a relay race and a potato and spoon race. It was a lovely sunny day

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and at the end we all got a medal. The Nursery had its second OFSTED inspection in June. The inspection went very well indeed and the Inspector enjoyed her time with us. A full copy of the report is available from the Nursery, the School's office and the Library. The Autumn Term starts on **Tuesday 7th September** when the Nursery will be open every weekday morning, plus Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in a place, please ring 612609.

Sarah Wood

THE PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play

After eight months of fund-raising and anticipation, our new tables and chairs have been installed in the Wight School and we feel that even Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen (of TV's 'Changing Rooms') would sigh in appreciation! They look wonderful and the children are very proud of them. We allowed ourselves a full two minutes of complacency before realising that this is just the start, there are many more improvements to be made to the schoolroom and to the equipment of the Pre-School.

We really enjoyed the opportunity to join in Harbury's first Blues Festival and our food stall was very successful, raising approximately £350 so we have started to fill our coffers again. The next big fund-raising event is the Beer Festival in September. Once again, we will be providing the food, after all what is beer but an excuse to wash down hot dogs, baked potatoes and crusty filled rolls?! Rubbish, cry the organisers of the Beer Festival and so, dear Pre-School supporter, by volunteering to help on our food stall at the festival, you may learn far more about beer than you would ever have thought possible. Please let Marie or Carolyn know if you can join in.

In the week of **16-20 August** we will be having a series of picnic-play-working parties to finish clearing the playground and to do all those little jobs that are still pending. Come along, bring the children, and let's get the place really sorted out. The most satisfying thing is at the end of the day you can see you have made a big difference. If there is anyone who is involved in toddlers or who has some time and energy to spare that week and would like to come along, we would love to see you.

Our trip to Twycross Zoo was very enjoyable despite the odd shower of rain and all 33 children behaved so impeccably, our hearts swelled with

pride. They loved the monkeys, elephants and giraffes. The lions were asleep but some tigers obligingly moved around. A couple of requests were made for a monkey style run with swings, barrels and big rubber straps but the staff will have to wait. Besides, everyone had a great time at the end of term party on the bouncy castle.

The end of July sees our 'big children' leaving us to start school. It is traditional to wish them luck but we don't think they will need it. They are all bright, confident, lively children, full of affection and respect for each other and for the people who have looked after them. We have enjoyed having each one of them at the Pre-School and wish them every success and happiness in their future education. They will be a great asset to any school.

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY SCHOOL - More stories from:

HARBURY - SAMOIS-SUR-SEINE

Going to France on the ferry - it was very smooth and the journey to Samois from Calais was great and we saw the Eiffel Tower top. George, our bus driver, made it better by talking to us and playing games as well. And he found the video of Home Alone 3 for us to watch. And it was great.

At the mini Olympics I jumped longer than I did back at Harbury at long jumps. We all started communicating and making friends (I made a friend called Teddy).

We played a football match and we won 4-1 to us and Teddy cheered on Harbury as well as Samois (I played sub-goalie, but I did not have a turn).

We had pure bliss every day and when we were on the ferry coming back it was rough with white waves. And a Thank You for all the people who made this trip possible.

By Rickie McMahon



Blandy les Tours village church

Wednesday 26th May - Today we had to be at the Village Hall by 5:00am to start our 14 hour journey. We got to Dover at 8:30am for the ferry to leave at 9:20am. We got to Calais at 10:30am - the sea was very calm. We arrived at Samois at 8:30pm.

Thursday 27th May - Today we went to Samois school where we were put into 8 teams for the mini Olympics. Then we had a picnic. There were 8 activities. They were: basketball, biking, long jump, sprint, ball through, word finder, pass the ball, penalties. I was the fastest sprinter.

Friday 28th May - Today we went to the medieval castle. It was very interesting - the dungeons, towers, even the cold cellars. It is a lot bigger than Warwick Castle. In the evening we went swimming in the lake.

Saturday 29th May - This morning we went for a treasure hunt, where we had to look for things around the forest. In the afternoon you could do football or a walk. In the evening we went to Samois school for a buffet.

By Megan Nanfeldt (Y6)



A walk in Fontainebleau Forest

The day after we arrived we went on a picnic. There were some rocks near to the picnic place. The boys found them first and came running to tell us. Me and my friends climbed on a rock and I jumped once, and climbed back on, but the next time I jumped I landed in a funny way. I hurt myself, but now I am better.

Sarah Sherman (10yrs)

1st HARBURY BEAVERS

I would like to thank all the boys and parents who have made my time as Beaver leader so enjoyable. Also thanks to all of those who have offered help over the years, especially Malc and Jill Bloxham. The new Beaver leader is Alice Price who will be assisted by Sally Lines and Pauline Fitzgerald.

As many of you know Beavers is usually full and there is a very long waiting list. Beavers is for boys aged 6 - 8½, names are taken from 5 although it can be some time after their sixth birthday that places become available. Sally Lines (614290) will be running the waiting list.

Ruth Coleman

HARBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

1998/99 Season Review

As the 1999/2000 football season approaches, the H&L News readers might like to learn of the Club's record last season, its most successful to date.

UNDER 7/8s

The Club's policy at the most junior level is to ensure that children enjoy their introduction to football. Every Saturday morning at the School pitch between 9am and 12noon, throughout the season, up to 30 players have been happily developing their basic football skills in preparation for the league and tournament football that comes with the older age groups.

Combined under 7/8 teams performed very well in friendly matches in Daventry and Fenny Compton last season attracting praise from opposition coaches and invitations to join a mini soccer league and further tournaments in South Warwickshire. Harbury has some really good up and coming players in this age group. Award winners for the Under 7's at the annual Presentation Evening were Charlie Hawley for Player of the Year, Billy Bench for Clubman of the Year and Henry Zawoda for Most Improved Player. Ben Wilkes, Jack Howard and George Bloxham picked up the Under 8 equivalents.

UNDER 9s

The 1998/99 season was the most exciting since this group was formed. For the first time an 'A' team and a 'B' team entered competitive league and cup tournaments against local teams in the Three Counties League. Both sides ended the season in second spot in their leagues and in their respective Play Off Cup Finals. The two finals were played simultaneously and coaches and parents ran between the pitches to cheer on the boys. Both matches went to extra time and penalty shoot outs. The 'A' team won theirs and the 'B' team just missed out - an outstanding performance by the Harbury squads.

The 'A' team also played in a series of friendly tournaments organised by the Woodford and District League. Of 13 matches played they won 9, drew 3 and lost 1. A fantastic season.

This year's awards went to Stuart Pratt for Player of the Year, Jonathon Holmes for the Most Improved Player and there were attendance awards for Stephen Boss, who has not missed a session in 3 years, Michael Smith and Jonathon Holmes.

UNDER 11s

The Under 11s capped their highly successful season by winning the Quality Shield Tournament, defeating local rivals Bishops Itchington 4-0. Many congratulations to the entire squad.

UNDER 13s

Harbury emulated Manchester United with the treble! Well, almost. A very successful season for the under 13s this year, finishing second in the league and finalists in the League and Knock Out Cups. So three lots of medals, but all runners-up ones. League performances were impressive: played 18, won 13, drew 3 and lost just 2 games. Both Cup Finals were hard fought against Banbury Irish with the K.O. Cup being lost 2-1, despite Jamie Roe winning Man and Goal of the Match.

Player of the Year was Phillip Brierly, Clubman of the Year was Eric Hughes, Danny Lloyd was Most Improved Player and Oliver Cook, Jamie Norman and Paul Devlin picked up Golden Boot awards.

UNDER 15s

The squad struggled in the early part of the season having jumped from the Under 13 to the Under 15 age group and having introduced many new players. The team managed one win between September and February but then started to produce some really good performances in the Cup and League, culminating in appearances in the semi-finals of both the Cup and Plate competitions.

Player of the Year was Steven Ronaldson, Clubman of the year was Seb Cox, Ian Ward was Most Improved Player and Tom Cooper won the Golden Boot Award.

The Club staged several very successful fund raising events during the season. These included a Halloween Disco, Annual Dinner and Dance, Presentation Evening and the hugely successful inaugural Family Fun Day. The Club is lucky to have fantastic support from parents and a great fund raising team led by Leslie Wilkins, Sarah-Jane Wilkins and Chris and Rosina Rigby.



Thanks to Steve Darby for organising the traditional Aston Villa v Coventry City day out for the Club. Eighty six parents and children made the trip. Steve also organised recently a party to go to Wembley Stadium to watch England Boys Under 16s beat Argentina 2-1 and England Girls Under 16s beat Scotland 5-0. A great day out for all.

Congratulations to all the players in the Club and all the hard working coaches for an outstanding season.

1999/2000 Season

The Club welcomes new boy and girl players, and interested parents to act as coaches for the new season. Training for all age groups resumes on **Saturday 4th September** and every subsequent Saturday during the season. New and existing players or parents can contact any of those listed in the *Regular Diary Dates* for further details.

Joe Greenwell

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The fortunes of the football club during the last 2 years have swung from a high of promotion from Division 1 of the Leamington Sunday League in 1997/8 to a low of bottom place in the Premier League last season.

However, results were better towards the end of that season and the leadership and enthusiasm of player-manager John Sheasby and captain Sean Smith resulted in a team whose morale and spirit has never been

higher. With a few old faces returning from 2 seasons ago things look promising, to such an extent that the 1st XI remain in the Premier Division. The Reserve team unfortunately had to fold midway through last season, but are now returning with many new faces in Division 4 of the Leamington Sunday League.

Off the field, the club is in good condition with secretary, treasurer and chairman positions all filled by existing players. Training has been well attended and up and running for some weeks now and it happens on Sunday mornings 10.30am (9.45am if there is a friendly match) and Tuesday evenings, 6.30pm. The club would welcome new and former players of any standard. Anyone so interested, should phone Rob Davis, 612457 or John Sheasby 01789 268646. Supporters on Sunday mornings are also most welcome.

Finally, the Club would like to thank its sponsor for the last 3 seasons: John Sheasby - Heating and Plumbing.

Harbury Field Farm

MILLENNIUM EVE IN HARBURY

Last May, those of us seeking to organise something in Harbury on the eve of the new millennium, spelled out a few of our thoughts and proposals in that month's edition of the H&L News. Some of those ideas are now beginning to firm up well and encouraging progress is being made on others.

The central theme remains the strip or flood lighting of a number of streets and places in the village. A grant from the Parish Council and contributions from the Harbury Carnival towards the cost of these activities have already been received. Additional funds are currently being sought from the Millennium Festival Lottery Consortium.

Plans to launch a few large rockets from somewhere in the centre of the village on the stroke of midnight are also well in hand. Whilst this, lasting but a few moments, will not be a sustained display, parents of young children and pet owners should be aware of the intended timing of this, probably noisy, event.

There will be a welcome at the Village Hall for anyone, young or old, who, rather than stay at home, may wish to see in the New Year on a TV

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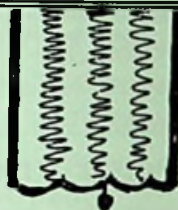
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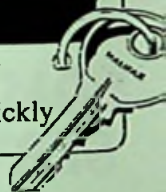
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projection screen, in comfort with friends. Some form of free refreshments, (tea, coffee, soft drinks, nibbles, etc.) are planned but anyone would be welcome to bring along their own preferred drinks, snacks or sandwiches. There may also be the possibility, earlier in the evening, of some musical entertainment. The Tom Hauley Room will also be open to everyone.

It is hoped that with the opening up of the parking areas behind the Wight School and the Village Hall and with the co-operation of the immediate residents, that the centre of the village (around Church Street, Ivy Lane, High Street, Chapel Street and Mill Street down to Back Lane) will be left free for circulating revellers. There will in addition, of course, be the pub car parks.

At the moment we are still investigating the sourcing of suitable commemorative mugs and/or glasses and have one or two other ideas under consideration. However, we would welcome any further suggestions or ideas you may have to add to or improve upon the planned activities.

As part of a number of planned fund raising events, a combined coffee morning and bric-a-brac sale will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 21st August**. Do please help by coming along to this function and if you have any books or bric-a-brac you can spare, please give Janet Thornley a call on 612688.

John Palin

FLOWERS 2000

An open meeting will be held in the Tom Hauley Room and Church, on **Tuesday 7th September** at 7.30pm. Plans for the flower festival are now taking shape, but there are still areas in the church which need to be addressed.

Anyone wishing to be involved in arranging flowers for this occasion, please come along and join the very friendly and enthusiastic team. If you would like more information about the flower festival, please call Jo House on 613892.

Jo House

THE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



This event, which was held on July 17th, raised £74.11 for Flowers 2000. Thank you everyone who helped on the day and beforehand and all who made such generous donations. Thank you, too, to the bears and their owners who came to the picnic and made the afternoon such a happy occasion.

'Me and my teddy bear' - Rosemary Harley and Sheila Scott

Felicity Harris

HARBURY HASH 1999

This year's event will take place on **Sunday 12th September** starting at 3:00pm. The venue is Walworth Farm, Station Road, Bishops Itchington by kind permission of John and Sue Moore (grid reference 385 587 for those with a local ordnance survey map).

The usual format will apply. The 'run' is great fun, followed by a barbecue and 'down downs' at the discretion of the Hash Master and his shadowy advisors. Watch village notice boards for further details. See you on the day.

John Hancock

SWIMATHON 1999

Calling all swimmers. The Soroptimists of Leamington and Warwick are once again organising a swimathon on **2nd and 3rd October** which takes place at Warwick School. We are looking for teams of 6 people of any age, male or female. We are presenting trophies for the teams that raise the most money, swim the most laps and several other categories.

Chesterton and Ufton have already entered teams and we are looking for teams from other villages. The charities that we are supporting this year are Myton Hospice, the new resuscitation unit at Warwick Hospital for sick children, the Rehabilitation Hospital at Heathcote and the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Last year we raised over £8,000 in 9 hours. Please help us to exceed this total in 1999.

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Janet Hodgson

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President Janet Hodgson

THE AMERICAN FAMILY - BOBERG!

For the past five years, Tom and Rhonda Boberg and their son, Matt have been a significant part of village life. They have been at the very



centre of Harbury life, not least because they lived in the windmill, but also because they have each been involved in many facets of 'life as we know it' in our community.

They came over to England with Tom's job as Chief Project Engineer for Cummins Engine

Company when he accepted the chance to develop an 'electronic emissioned high power engine'. Tom had been working on a similar project in the United States and was attracted by the offer to work alongside English counterparts on an 'environmentally friendly' machine with a 3,000 horse power engine!

Initially they looked at properties in Northamptonshire, but they stumbled on the Harbury windmill almost by accident and when they found that it was available to rent, they just 'had to be' the first renters of the newly re-furbished, unusual property.

It did not take long for the easy-going, friendly family to become fixtures in the village and a decision to become regulars at The Dog Inn meant that they were readily accepted into the 'grass roots' of village life. The 'pub' is always recognised as a peculiarly English habit and there is probably no better way of understanding the idiosyncrasies of our national character than through involvement with the locals in a village. Certainly Tom and Rhonda have enjoyed to the full the 'extended family' life which has arisen from their participation in many pub activities.

They both joined the Crib team with son Matt, and Rhonda was also a member of the Ladies' darts team. Over the years they have also been inveigled into a variety of costumes to become part of the award winning Dog Carnival floats, masterminded by Ian McCluskey. Rhonda appeared on the float in the first Summer after they arrived, Matt was involved in the following two years, whilst Tom reserved his starring roles until this year. He subjected himself to the undoubted challenge of participating in the Wheelbarrow race with partner John Millikin and he also joined other men from the pub in full drag costume on Carnival Day! As Tom and Rhonda explained, the pub has been the social life of the village for them and they have valued the friendship they have experienced. In return, there is no doubt from the sentiments expressed in a series of verses penned by Andrea Gore from Bishops Itchington that the Family Boberg have been completely welcomed into the hearts of all those who have known them during their stay.

Matt was 12 when he first came to the village and after a spell at Rugby School, he has spent most of this school days at Warwick School where he was extremely successful in his GCSE examinations. He has just taken his 'A' level examinations and will hear his results after his return home. Matt was involved in the Cadet Force during his time at Warwick

and also enjoyed clay pigeon shooting and Carnival Quizzes - one of which he won!

Rhonda has not exactly been a lady of leisure during her time here, as she enrolled on an HNC course in Business and Finance at Warwickshire College and was awarded a trophy for the top student in her year. Subsequently she applied to Warwick University and gained a scholarship for North American students, followed by a Master's degree in Business Administration. On returning to the States she will return to work in the U.S., possibly the Department of Agriculture where she was involved in aspects of Plant Pathology.

Tom will go back to the same company and Matt will be taking a year out working and travelling around the States before he attends University.

During their time here the family have enjoyed the opportunity to travel in the British Isles and have all been to parts of Wales and Ireland, although only Matt has visited Scotland and been to both a Rolling Stones concert and Rugby matches. The family have certainly occupied a niche in the village which will be hard to fill and the good wishes of all those who have known them will go with them as they return to their home in Illinois.

The Editors

Ode to Tom and Rhonda

It was many years ago when you wandered through those doors

It didn't take us long to figure, you were from distant shores

You soon became fixtures, sitting here so fine

Tom with his pint of Ansells, Rhonda with her bottle of wine.

We've grown to know and love you, we're proud to call you friend,

You're three of the best, you can't be replaced and our best wishes to you we send.

But the time has come for you to leave, this old pub will seem so empty.

Will we miss you? You bet your life, WE'RE GONNA MISS YOU PLENTY!

Andrea Gore - The Dog Inn

HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

For a long time, many Harbury businesses have made a great effort to present their premises attractively and, as a result, they have enhanced the general appearance of our village and have given pleasure to residents and visitors alike.

The Twinning Association have donated a shield for the Best Kept Commercial Premises, with miniatures, to be retained by the winner, to mark Harbury's twinning with Samois-sur-Seine.

Judging will take place monthly throughout the year, so as to achieve the best overall result, and will take account of consistency of standard and seasonal variations. There is no expectation of a twinning theme: it is for all businesses to do, as some already do, and decide for themselves what suits them best.

In total, some seventeen businesses were judged this year and the



winner of the Twinning Shield for 1999, presented on Carnival Day, were Andrew and Carole of The Shakespeare Inn. The runner up was The Crown, followed by Kath Ellis and then The Dog Inn.

Councillor Ken Stephenson with Carole and Andy, first winners of the Twinning Shield for the Best Kept Commercial Premises

Felicity Harris

BASTILLE DAY, 14th July

Forty nine members of the Twinning Association and their guests sat down to dinner at The Shakespeare Inn at 8.30pm on July 14th to celebrate the French National Day. Among the guests were several visitors from France and we very much appreciated their contribution to the festivities.

The menu was imaginative, the food delicious and the decorations very much in the French spirit of the occasion. A fax was sent to our friends in Samoa to tell them that we were celebrating with them and the evening ended with some spectacular fireworks.

Our thanks are due to Carole and Andy of The Shakespeare Inn and to Colin Humphreys for organising the members!

The Association hopes to start a French circle, open to all, to increase our knowledge of France, its language and culture. Activities will include the following: speakers on France and its culture; social activities - wines and foods, dinners, reunions; entertainment - films, music; visits to France. Membership of the Twinning Association is not a prerequisite.

To start the circle off, we are going to the very popular modern French comedy, *The Dinner Game* (1998 with subtitles) on **Saturday 28th August** at 9pm at The Warwick Arts Centre. Tickets £4.20. Concessions £2.95. Replies, please, **before Wednesday 18th August** to Sally Stringer 613214 or Jacqueline Clarke 613607.

Felicity Harris

SONGS FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

We had a complete sell-out for this concert and it was greatly enjoyed by everyone. We very much appreciated the support from all who came and are delighted to report a profit of £340 for the Tom Hauley Room funds.

The room is now very well used not only for the regular Saturday coffee mornings (which incidentally, can be booked by any organisation) but also for all kinds of meetings, celebrations, slide shows, etc. This welcome boost to our funds through the concert will help us to meet the costs of maintaining the Tom Hauley Room to a high standard.

Liz Bunting

for the Trustees of the Tom Hauley Room

AUTUMN TERM 1999**Evening Courses at Southam School****START DATE: MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 7.30 - 9.30pm**

Upholstery & soft furnishing for all abilities -----	12 wks
So how do I use a computer, basic Windows 95/Microsoft Office 97 -----	12 wks
Car maintenance & buying a second hand car -----	12 wks
Dressmaking -----	12 wks
Photography -----	6 wks
Learn to play the guitar -----	12 wks
Flower arranging preparations for Autumn and Christmas -----	12 wks
Introduction to aromatherapy and reflexology -----	6 wks
Piano -----	12 wks
German - a beginner's course -----	12 wks
French for beginners -----	12 wks
ABE, brush up your Maths and/or English -----	Free 12 wks
Short course to start computing -----	5 wks

START DATE: TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 7.30 - 9.30pm

Mathematics Term 1 -----	32 Wks
Basic Windows 95/Microsoft Office 97 -----	12 Wks
Anyone can have a lovely garden or can they? -----	12 Wks
Tai Chi for all abilities -----	12 Wks
Getting to grips with Microsoft Office -----	10 Wks
Cake Decorating and Sugar paste -----	12 Wks
Improve your Maths and numeracy skills for parents and students -----	12 Wks

START DATE: WEDNESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 7.30 - 9.30pm

Drawing and water colour painting for beginners -----	6 Wks
Pillow lace making (bobbin lace) -----	12 Wks
Keep Fit for men -----	12 Wks
Basic First Aid - a practical course -----	7 Wks
Flower arranging preparations and designs for the millennium -----	12 Wks
Maths homework for parents and/or children to improve your skills -----	12 Wks
So you think you can't draw? -----	12 Wks
Reiki as a system of natural healing -----	12 Wks
CLAIT using Windows 98/Microsoft Office 97 - NOT for beginners -----	24 Wks
Adult swimming classes (Southam Swimming Pool) 7.30 -8pm & 8-8.30pm (Contact Southam Swimming Pool for prices) -----	13 Wks

START DATE: THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 7.30-9.30pm

Water colour painting -----	12 Wks
Family badminton for beginners -----	12 Wks
Badminton for all -----	12 Wks
French conversation -----	12 Wks
Coastal navigation and watch leader -----	22 Wks

German for the advanced	12 Wks
Basic computer literacy Windows 95/Microsoft Office 97	12 Wks
Conversational Spanish	6 Wks
Adult swimming classes (Southam Swimming Pool) 8-8.30pm (Contact Southam Swimming Pool for prices)	13 Wks

DAYTIME COURSES AT SOUTHAM SCHOOL

Calligraphy	Tues. 1-3pm	12 Wks
So you think you can't draw	Tues. 1-3pm	12 Wks
Keep Fit to music for ladies	Wed. 9.45-11.45am	12 Wks
Water colour painting	Wed. 1-3pm	12 Wks
Yoga for relaxation	Thurs. 9.45-11.45am	12 Wks
Children's dance classes	Tues. 5.30-6.30pm	12 Wks

EVENING COURSE at BISHOPS ITCHINGTON SCHOOL

Keep Fit class for all	Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm	12 Wks
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EVENING COURSES at HARBURY Primary School 7.30-9.30pm

French conversation	Thurs. 7.30-9.30pm	12 Wks
Ladies Keep Fit and Aerobics	Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm	12 Wks

EVENING COURSE at WIGHT SCHOOL, HARBURY

Yoga	Wed. 7.30-9.30pm	12 Wks
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COURSES at OFFCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Upholstery and soft furnishing	Tues. 9.30-11.30am	12 Wks
Upholstery and soft furnishing	Thurs. 1.30-3.30pm	12 Wks
Keep Fit to music	Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm	12 Wks

COURSES at LONG ITCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Flower arranging	Thurs. 7.30-9.30pm	6 Wks
Keep Fit class	Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm	12 Wks

COURSES at St. LAWRENCE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, NAPTON

Windows 95 and Office 97 basic computer literacy enrolment on Wednesday-----	12 Wks
Yoga -----Tues. 7.30-9.30pm-----	12 Wks
Keep Fit to music-----Wed. 7.30-8.30pm-----	12 Wks

SATURDAY COURSES at SOUTHAM SCHOOL, 10am - 12noon

Creative cookery for children Part 1, starting 18 Sept.	5 Sessions
Creative cookery for children Part 2, starting after Half Term	5 Sessions
Children's painting classes, starting 18 Sept. -	5 Sessions
Children's drama classes, starting 18 Sept. ---	5 Sessions



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For further details, please contact Gerry Young on Southam 814264 or email: Gerryyyg@aol.com

HARBURY BLUES FESTIVAL 1999

The Harbury Blues Festival on July 10th was a tremendous success. Blessed by beautiful weather, 300 guests basked in the sun through the afternoon and evening whilst soaking up the varied blues provided by five bands on an outside stage.

Adults were sustained by the bar and plentiful supplies of hot dogs and burgers (courtesy of Harbury School Playgroup committee), whilst children were entertained by the bouncy castle, pony rides and face painting.

The highlight was a tremendous performance by Little Red Rooster from Philadelphia, USA, who got most of the crowd up dancing when they played for more than 2 hours at the end of the night.

Proceeds from tickets and sponsorship realised £1,100 for donation to Myton Hospice.

At the end of the night and even the following day, when the euphoria had worn off, everyone agreed that the event must be repeated, so watch out for publicity for the 2nd Harbury Blues Festival in Summer 2000!

Graham Lewis

THE CHANGING FACE OF HARBURY

Just over 2 weeks ago we wrote to you explaining our concern at the recent Parish Council decision to support a planning application to introduce floodlighting and extend the playing time for sport on the Recreation Ground. Since that time the application has been heard by the Dasset Planning Committee of Stratford District Council. A decision was made on planning grounds to grant the application. All your district councillors voted for the motion but Councillor Cooley made it clear, that in his view, the real decisions should be made within the Parish.

We have distributed 897 letters, one to every household within the village, in order to assess the opinions and awareness of all the residents. As promised, we have revisited every address at least once and in many cases more than once to ensure a representative response. To date we have collected from 486 households.



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We discovered, as expected, that most people knew about the project and its merits only from reports in the Harbury News. However, many people were not familiar with the details of the plan. We therefore took it upon ourselves to provide additional information.

You will recall our question "do you support the planning application or wish to protest against it". From the definitive answers received, the results outlined below were obtained.

In order to simplify the results we have grouped them into areas bounded by the following roads:

Area	In favour of the application	Against
Temple End, Farm Street, Hillside and Farley Avenue	29%	71%
Bush Heath Lane, Chapel Street, Mill Street and Manor Orchard	18%	82%
Constance Drive, South Parade, Vicarage Lane and High Street	16%	84%
Percival Drive, Butt Lane, Hall Lane and Dovehouse Lane	25%	75%
Weighted average household totals	21%	79%

We acknowledge the criticisms received but stand by the content of the letter and its accuracy. Statements made in the letter are supported by information from the promoters, the Village Design Statement or the planning application itself.

We thank you all for your courteous response and assure you that we enjoyed meeting you all - many for the first time. We will inform you of subsequent developments.

Bill Middleton (612877) Mary Shelley (612539) Barry Savage (613155)
John Woodward (612908) Clive Taylor (612221)

THE CHANGING FACE OF HARBURY

An Alternative Version

Last week every resident in Harbury received a copy of 'The Changing Face of Harbury', produced by 5 objectors to the Harbury Tennis and Netball Clubs' Millennium Project for improved facilities at the Recreation Ground. Through the H&L News I would like to give another version of the proposals, one which is a little more balanced.

Our proposals for a multi-use court, floodlights and a small clubhouse were first presented to villagers at an **open** Parish Council meeting held

in the Village Hall on January 14th. Notice was given of this meeting both on village notice boards and in the January edition of this magazine. At the January Parish Council meeting the decision was taken to support the initiative in principle after which we submitted a formal Planning Application to Stratford District Council.

An outline of the proposals was given in the Tennis Club report in the February H&L News and there were further long discussions of the project at Parish Council meetings in March, April and June when the Parish Council finally made its decision to support the Planning Application. The Project's representatives also attended a separate 2 hour meeting with residents of Pineham Avenue and Margaret Close, which was arranged by the Parish Council. That meeting was chaired by John Hunt, Parish Council Chairman and was also attended by Bill Middleton and John Woodward who at the time were Parish Councillors.

All the Parish Council meetings were **open to everyone**, and the proceedings were ably reported in **this magazine** and in the Leamington Spa Courier. However, it appears that there is still misunderstanding about the project and unfortunately the 'Changing Face of Harbury' only made that worse. The information it contained was biased, misleading and incomplete, particularly in the following areas:

Escalation of Activity, Noise and Disturbance. We are not aware of any complaints about undue noise generated by current use. When the floodlights are in use residents are more likely to be indoors and less troubled by noise and activity. There is a misconception that the lights will be on continuously whether or not there is play. This is **not** the case and the Clubs are quite content to accept a time restriction and have offered to enter into a management agreement with the Parish Council to monitor use and to ensure any possible disturbance to residents is minimised. The Clubhouse will only be used for refreshments and shelter and will **not** be used for social functions.

Vandalism. We take the view that because all Clubs using the facilities will be involving youngsters in **organised** activities they will take ownership of the facilities which will reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour. This view has been supported in discussions I have had with the Police and the School's Headmaster. It is a pity the objector's case

is so negative and chooses to ignore the Clubs' efforts to involve youngsters and provide an outlet for their energies, but fails to come up with any constructive suggestions.

Club Playing Schedules Monopolise Use of Facilities. This is not the case now and will **not** be the case in the future. Non-Club members will be welcome to use the **improved** facilities which will actually provide **greater** opportunities. The existing Tennis Courts will continue to be unlocked. The Netball and multi-use courts will be contained within a secure compound, partially to protect the surface of the Netball court which has to meet a high specification. These courts will be available for hire, as will the Clubhouse, if booked with a court.

Publicly Funded Facilities. The Tennis and Netball Clubs meet two thirds of the costs of maintaining the courts, the Parish Council contributing the balance in accordance with the sinking fund arrangement which has been in place for many years now. We will be looking to meet the costs of the project through a combination of our own funds and from a number of other sources, the Lottery being the largest. To secure funding from these it will be necessary to meet strict criteria including the need to maximise benefits to **the local community**.

Visual Impact and Light Spillage. The objectors omitted to mention that the proposals include additional landscaping which will soften the impact. Combined with the existing hedgerow between the Pineham Avenue gardens and the courts, this will provide effective columns. The lights are designed to direct the light in a downward direction into the playing areas which produces minimal glare and spillage.

The Clubs felt that the modified proposals put before the Stratford District Council's Planning Committee meet the needs of the wider Harbury community for enhanced recreational facilities, particularly for the Tennis, Netball and Junior Football Clubs. We are aware of suggestions for alternative sites. None of these are achievable in the current circumstances and can only be considered in the context of the wider, long term village expansion.

Since January the scale of the proposals has been considerable reduced in recognition of the concerns of residents and other users of the Recreation Ground, in respect of the impact of the floodlighting and other amenity concerns.

I am pleased to say that Stratford District Council accepted this view and unanimously approved the application, subject to time restrictions which the Clubs are happy to accept. If anyone would like to see the plans or have more details of the proposals I am quite happy for them to contact me.

**Colin Mercer - Chairman
Harbury Tennis and Netball
Clubs' Millennium Project**

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Garden Walkabout Weekend is over for another year. Firstly may I thank everybody who worked so hard opening their gardens, also everybody who helped in any way. Many thanks to everyone, programme sellers, including the shops who sold advance programmes for us - we couldn't have managed without you, a great effort. As usual there was a good selection of lovely cakes to help tempt the visitors and destroy waistlines, thank you again. The weather was glorious, perhaps a little too warm to walk round all the gardens, we are never satisfied! The treasurer John Clifford seems reasonably happy, not the best year ever, but with everybody's efforts and hard work, very rewarding.

Our next event, the Village Show, is on **Saturday 11th September**. The schedules will soon be available from Muggleston's, the Co-Op, 32, South Parade and 23, Deppers Bridge. Do pick one up and plan your entries, there is something for everybody we hope!

If you cannot see the schedules displayed please ask. The WI book, *On with the Show* contains much information, is available for reference from Ron Grey 612515, or Mrs. Pat Smith 612650 and could save you many disappointments.

This year the children at the School have been given dwarf sunflower seeds (to be grown in pots). Hopefully the germination has been good, so we should see quite a colourful display in the Young People's section. It seems some parents don't realise the Village Show is for everybody in Harbury, not only the children. On a sad note there will not be an entry of knitted gloves in the hand work section this year, sadly Mrs. Joan Clarke died last month. We will miss her as she was a very keen member of the Society.

Please read the schedule carefully. Five cut flowers, plant in a 6" pot, overall dimensions, unmounted, etc. means just that. The Simnel Cake is not seasonal, but it is quite a challenge to get the almond paste layer through the middle of the cake! Have a go.

A reminder to all those who have booked for the Colegrave trip on **Tuesday 10th August** there will be demonstrations and talks throughout the day from 10am to 4pm, not to mention looking at all the displays of flowers, it should be very enjoyable.

At Ryton on **Saturday 7th** and **Sunday 8th August** there will be an *Organic Gardening Weekend*. At this same event, Mr. Bob Flowerdew will give a talk on the Saturday at 2.30pm - tickets for this will cost £5 and are available through the Marketing Department 01203 308211. For more information about this weekend, phone the same weekend.

P.S.: Found after the Walkabout Weekend: one cake container and a pair of sunglasses. Please phone me on 612515.

P.P.S.: Whoops: Show schedule, Section E, class 65. Recipe from Julie Clarke 32, South Parade! Sorry.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Many border plants are now past their best so remove supports and cut out weak shoots. Containers now make their greatest contribution. Feed them, at least once a week, dead head the plants every few days and enjoy the pots of colour until autumn. Take fuchsia and geranium cuttings, placing the shoots around the edge of a 3" pot of potting compost to grow on through the winter. The majority of the container plants can be saved in this way.

If you collect seed from your own plants it is best to sow them in seed trays soon after collection. Leave a few seed heads for drying to use indoors or leave some in the garden through the winter. Frost on dead plants can look very attractive.

Keep a watch on roses for signs of mildew, which gets worse in hot dry conditions. Blackspot multiplies in cool moist weather. Spraying may be the only treatment if disease appears. In the past, factory emissions put sulphur into the air and eventually into the soil, so it may be that

diseased plants lack sulphur. Prune rambler and climbing roses. Cut back old growth to main replacement shoots, take out one or two old shoots to 12" from the base to encourage new growth to spring up. If possible, train the new growth as near to the horizontal as space allows to encourage flowering shoots to be produced along the length. On repeat flowering types delay the pruning until October.

Feed and water dahlias and chrysanthemums every 7 to 10 days. Check supports regularly. Plant out any perennials grown from seed. Buy and plant daffodils and the smaller bulbs but no tulips yet.

Cut down raspberry and loganberry canes as they finish fruiting and tie in the new growth. Prune blackcurrant bushes by cutting out a few of the darker older stems completely. Redcurrants and gooseberries can be cut back to 5 leaves on all the lateral shoots but leave the main stems uncut. If you have a greenhouse sow half hardy annuals such as godetia, pansy or antirrhinums in trays. Remove the growing tips from standard tomatoes but not bush varieties.

If midges or mosquitoes pester, try rubbing the skin with basil, mint or pelargonium (geranium) leaves. I often stick a sprig of mint behind my ears when in the garden on a summer's evening. Not a pretty sight, but it stops the itching!

Plant of the month - Buddleia

Found in tropical and temperate zones of America, Africa and Asia there are over 100 species of this popular shrub. Some are hardy and thrive anywhere, even railway tracks, whilst some will only grow with protection. The family as a whole was named to honour the Rev. Adam Buddle a vicar and botanist of the 17th Century. The Buddleia davidii or Butterfly bush was found in China by the great plant hunter and Jesuit missionary Père Armand David. Many new colours have been bred from the original purple flowered shrub, with descriptive names, Black Knight, White Cloud and Royal Red. Plant any of these in October in loamy soil in full sun and bring in Peacock, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies in profusion.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I am grateful for the many kind words I have received following the recent death of my husband Gerry Carleton. Amongst the phrases frequently used was the remark that he was a very private man and indeed he was. It was not generally known that he had a superb collection of nearly 700 British Army cap badges.

I have donated these to The Regimental Museum of the Border Regiment and the King's Own Royal Border Regiment at Queen Mary's Tower, Carlisle Castle, which perhaps may be of interest to anyone visiting Cumbria.

I assume the Museum won't take too long to display the badges, which will be known as The Carleton Collection.

Lorna Carleton

Dear Editors

We would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind support, cards, messages of sympathy and donations. Thanks to doctors and nurses at Harbury Surgery - also district nurses, for their care in John's long illness. Thanks to Father Roy for the lovely service. Thank you to all those who attended the church service and Helen Johnson and Ray Padbury for their help.

Dorothy, Phillipa, Andrew and Families

Dear Editors

Harbury Post Office was pleased to receive the following letter from their manager at Post Office Counters on July 19th:

"Dear Mr. Taylor and team

It is my pleasure to send you the enclosed QPA certificate for excellent performance during the financial year of 1998/9. Thank you for ensuring that your work was 100% accurate over the last year. This fantastic effort has meant that your office is among the top few excellent

performers for the region and the country.

Please accept this certificate for a sterling performance over the last year.

Sincerely

Vanessa Readhead - Retail Network Manager"

Dear Editors

Katy Brown obtained a 2:1 Honours Degree in European Business with French from Nottingham Trent University.

Sue Mercer

Dear Editors

May I address your readers who will remember the old GR post box that stood opposite the Post Office.

Some of us were sad to see it taken away, although we appreciate its mouth was not wide enough to swallow large envelopes and we are happy with its replacement model. However, we decided to ask for our old friend to be returned. Backed by the formidable Women's Institute we were able to retrieve our friend of latter years. What do you want to do with it?

I think we should take out the front panel, block up the letter slot and insert it into a wall somewhere - after all, it is a small slice of our history.

If you would like to help in this mini undertaking, please contact me, so that we can get together for a chat about finding a new home for 'George'.

Mary Shelley 612539

Dear Editors

Having just read the Parish Council report in the H&L News we now know what prompted our recent visit by the Planning Enforcement Officer. May we reassure all concerned residents and their elected representatives that the caravans at Brethren's Farm are short term temporary accommodation for our family during our self-build of

Kestrel House, a single house and garage on this site for which planning permission has been granted.

We have lived in Harbury for over 13 years and remember the pole barn, pigsties, garden walls and orchard which were sadly bulldozed by a previous owner. It is our intention to build in sympathy with our surroundings and hopefully restore some of the character of this neglected site. The caravans will go as soon as the house has reached a stage where we can move in and a landscaping scheme is to be carried out as a condition of planning approval.

We are not New Age Travellers!

Steve & Carolyn Dorning and children

Dear Editors

You may already know about our charity (Victim Support - Mid-Warwickshire), which is based in Leamington Spa and covers your Parish Council area. We aim to offer emotional support, practical help, advice and information to victims of crime throughout the Mid-Warwickshire area.

In order to do this effectively, we need to recruit and train a team of volunteers. It is in this capacity I was hoping you might be able to help.

Are you a caring person and with training able to listen and help victims of crime in your area? We need to recruit volunteers to help in many ways, either visiting people in their own homes, to help in our office at Leamington Spa or on our management committee. Please telephone 01926 336474 for details.

If you would like more information on the Victim Support scheme, or our services within Magistrates Courts or Crown Courts, we will happily supply a trained speaker. If you prefer to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

***Linda Price, Co-ordinator
Manager Victim Support***

Dear Editors

I refer to the report on the May meeting of the Harbury Parish Council. Although I was not present on that occasion I had tendered my

apologies and was, as were the others mentioned, about to serve a further period on the Council so was a little surprised to see my name omitted from the list.

On reflection, I wonder whether your correspondent was psychic and knew something that at the time I did not, because after the June meeting at which it was decided by a slender majority to approve the planning application of the Tennis & Netball Clubs' Millennium Project, I felt so strongly that an injustice had been done, that on principle I resigned from the Council after serving 16 years.

I wish to pursue my opposition to the floodlighting aspect of the plan and felt I could not do so and at the same time remain a member of the Parish Council.

Bill Middleton

Dear Editors

I am disgusted by the decision of the Parish Council to go ahead with a sports' centre on what should be an open space for the use of all the village. It seems to me that the Parish Council has, sadly, lost its rural roots.

Complete with its anti-social lighting this appears to be an entirely suburban conception with no place in the centre of the village. It will, so I'm told, 'bring people in'. Who? One asks, and why do we want them? To increase traffic congestion and parking problems?

I have lived 38 years in Harbury and wish to continue living in a village. I am also one of many people who were never consulted and whose objections and wishes have certainly been ignored. There are still those of us who resent the urbanisation of our surroundings.

Eleanor D. Zonik

Dear Editors

As the Planning Application for the Recreation Ground concerns all those who live in Harbury, all residents should have been given the opportunity to say Yes or No.

D.C.M., E.J. & D.L. Trice

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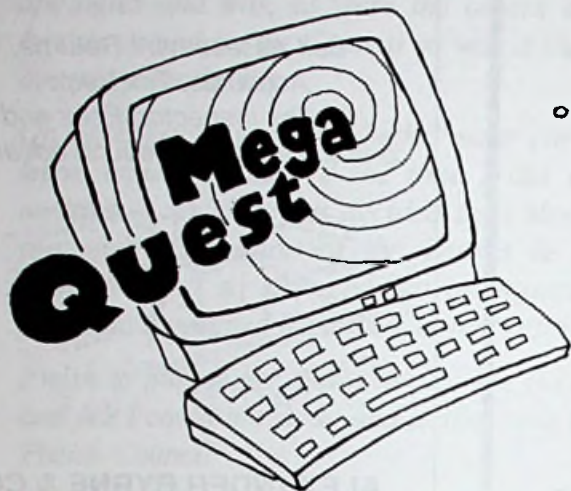
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