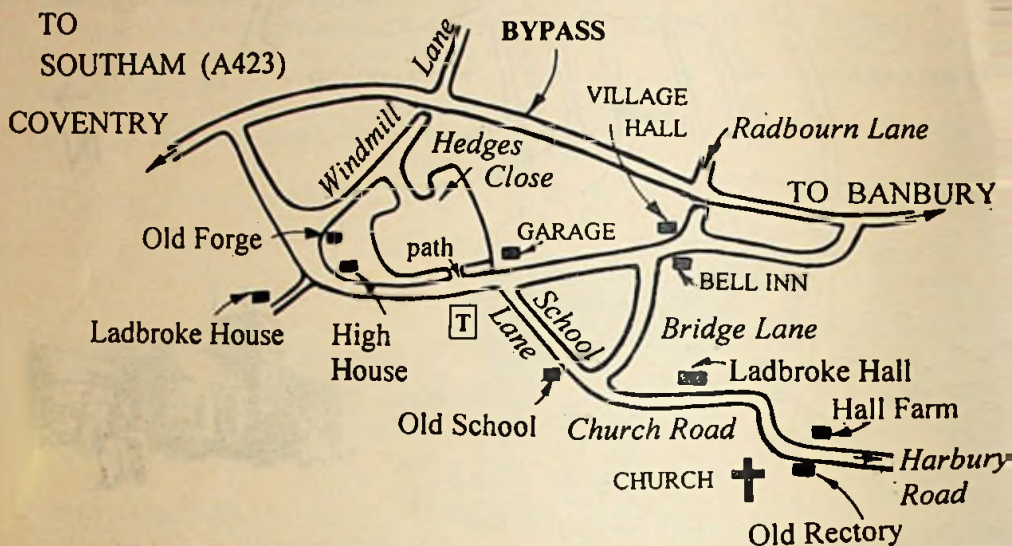


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The Harbury & Ladbroke News has prepared for the Millennium by going on-line! And what's more we can record the number of visits to our web site as the "Web Master" Gordon Robbins has included a counter! It will be interesting to record how many visits our pages have attracted in a month's time.

We have always been a magazine that reflected the *grass roots* of village life. In recent years there has been a upsurge of interest in gardening partly due to the efforts of the Myton Hospice Support Group who organise regular plant sales. As in previous years, they will be selling a wide range of bedding plants and shrubs at the Carnival.



Plant sale in progress on the Dog Inn car park

There will be the usual build up to the Carnival with the 'fun week' having a different event planned for each day. Surely the most unusual will be the ferret racing which takes place at the Shakespeare Inn?!

Harbury does not have an answer to Charlie Dimmock at the present, but maybe she will make an appearance at the Carnival?

It was encouraging to see Harbury hit the headlines in the local press again as a result of the superb response to the Play Tennis '99 initiative.

Last month we mentioned the demise of the Gamecock and it would appear that it is 'closed for refurbishment.' We await further development with interest.



We are still looking for an Advertising Manager and would like to encourage a person with drive and commitment to organise the advertisements each month. Please contact 612155, if you are interested.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Henry Bowell, Gerald Carleton and Robert Taylor.

Harbury Diary

JUNE

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| Tues | 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm |
| Wed | 2 Holy Communion 2.00pm
Mothers' Union 2.30pm |

- Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
Stories, Rhymes for U5s in Library 10.00am
Youth Club for 11-17 years in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
Line Dancing in Village Club 7.30-10.00pm (Beginners 7.30-8.00pm)
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Sat 5 **Rubbish and Newspaper Collection (one day late after Bank Holiday)**
Ferret Racing 2.00pm at the Shakespeare
- Sun 6 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Eucharist 9.00am;
Sunday School 10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket home to Pinner tour side
Wheelbarrow Race commencing from the Old New Inn 12.30pm
- Tues 8 Horticultural Society trip to Kew Gardens meet at Village Hall 8.45am
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Prayer Group in Church 8.00pm
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Thurs 10 European Parliament Elections – Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club for 11-17 years in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Sat 12 **CARNIVAL - procession leaves Sutcliffe Drive at 1.30pm**
Cricket home to West Indian W
- Sun 13 **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**- Holy Communion 8.00am;
Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Sunday School 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket home to Hockley Heath
- Tues 15 **ADVERTS to 14, Binswood End by 5.30pm**
Holy Communion 7.30pm, Mothers' Union 8.00pm
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club for 11-17 years in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- Fri 18 Newspaper Collection
- Sat 19 Cricket home to Cleveland
Tennis Club Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00-12noon
- Sun 20 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**- Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion 10.30am
Cricket home to Kissing Tree Lane
Harbury W.I. tour of Lord Leycester Hospital Masters Garden 2.30pm
- Mon 21 Cricket home to Bishops Tachbrook
Harbury Pre-School 'Open Afternoon' between 1.00 and 3.00pm
Harbury Society Midsummer walk from Newbold Comyn 7.00pm
- Tue 22 Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8.00pm
Horticultural Society Bourton House trip meet at Village Hall 5.45pm
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club for 11-17 years in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm

- Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 25 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist by 5.30pm**
- Sat 26 Harbury Theatre Group 'Open Day' at the Village Hall 1.00-5.00pm
 Harbury Theatre Group auditions for November production at the Village Hall starts 2.15pm
 Cricket home to Highway III
- Sun 27 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 29 ST. PETER & ST. PAUL - Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm
 Harbury Nursery School 'Open Afternoon' from 1.00-3.00pm
- JULY**
- Thurs 1 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Stories, Rhymes for U5s in Library 10.00am
 Youth Club for 11-17 years in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
 Folk Club at Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 2 Newspaper collection
- Sat 3 Cricket home to Nuneaton OE

Please note: Adverts to 14, Binswood End by Tuesday 15th June
Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 25th June

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. W. Stubbs	612782
For Village Hall Bookings	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

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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
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: (613358) Saturdays 10:30am-12:30pm
HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm
HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: School, Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00noon; Mondays & Wednesdays 12:45-3:15pm
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 10.00am-1.00pm; 2:00-5:00pm and 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 and 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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- **For University/Job Applications, interviews, CVs:** Call Philip Bushill-Matthews 612476.
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HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8:00am

**Sung Eucharist 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:
Sung Eucharist 9.00am)**

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 new vicar had preached his first sermon but a sudden emergency had prevented one of the churchwardens from attending church that day. When the churchwarden saw the vicar during the week, the following conversation took place.

Churchwarden: *"I was so sorry to have missed your first sermon Vicar."*

Vicar, with great modesty: *"Oh, you didn't miss much."*

Churchwarden: *"So they tell me."*

FROM THE RECTOR

Christ said "I am the light of the world." Light and life.

It is not impossible to walk in the dark. It takes more time because we have to take more care. It is also more difficult to see what progress we are making because we cannot see where we are heading for. But perhaps the most worrying thing about walking in the dark is not knowing for certain whether we are on the right road or not! Christ promises that the person who follows Him will have the light of life and will not have to walk in the dark. So the follower of Christ is released from the anxiety about which road they should be taking. If they follow Christ they will see the way that leads to the Father.

Christ does not make rash promises. He says that his followers will always be in the light, He does not say that they will always be in the 'right'. Nor does He promise that they will always know what is right.

They will be in the light but they are to use that light to see and follow the way they should go.

*'I am the light of the world;
anyone who follows me
will not be walking in the dark;
he will have the light of life.'*

John8 vs12

The truth contained in this saying of Christ echoes a truth which runs through the whole gospel. Jesus is the true light and in the light of Jesus, every person must judge themselves. Christ did not come to

judge or condemn the world; He came to enlighten people and help them to judge themselves.

*'For God sent His Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through Him the world might be saved.*

John3 vs17

And Christ tells us that no one who believes in Him will be condemned. Christ has not come to pass sentence on the world, but He has come so that a judgement might take place – human kind has to make a judgement about themselves in the light of Christ. As St. John says *'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'* Those who are complacent, those who depend on their own light, those who refuse to believe are all preferring to live in darkness and they are, in a sense, condemned already. But those who walk in the light of Christ, those who want to see him more clearly will have the light of life and will reach their destination.

*'Walk while you have the light,
or the dark will overtake you;
he who walks in the dark
does not know where he is going.
While you still have the light,
Believe in the light
And you will become sons of the light.*

John12 vs35-36

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

All Saints' Harbury

29th May Craig Letus to Kelly Heath

Holy Baptism

All Saints' Harbury

2nd May Jordan Charley Spencer Drake

9th May Lee Michael Dorning

16th May Francesca Rose Borton

30th May Alexandra Bronte Thornley

Luke Ian Winchester

All Saints' Ladbroke

16th May Reith John Sopwith

Funerals

All Saints' Harbury

7th May Robert Taylor

25th May Albert Henry Howell

Oakley Wood

13th May Gerald Carleton

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The celebration of Whitsun – Pentecost – marks the completion of the season which started with Lent. The giving of the Holy Spirit is as important to us now as it was then to the Apostles.

At this time of year, the Parochial Church Council is reformed and the Churchwardens are appointed or re-appointed as the case may be. A great vote of thanks is due to Jeff Bedford who has retired after having been one of the two Churchwardens for these last five years. Jeff's solid, practical dependability has been very evident during his term and we are most grateful to him. John Moore takes over from Jeff and he will be looking to Ruth Dodds to remind him of what has to be done!

One of the more substantial maintenance jobs that will need to be done soon is on the bell tower roof which is suffering the ravages of time and weather – more on this soon.

Ruth and John

MOTHERS' UNION

The M.U. Deanery Festival Service took place in Harbury Church with members from the Southam Deanery joining together for a service of praise and thanksgiving. Four new members were admitted. Pictured below with Father Roy Brown, they are (L.toR.) Liz Bunting, Jean Bullock, Lily Marshall and Betty Heaven.



The Address was given by Audrey Hobley, Diocesan President, who outlined future plans for M.U. as we move towards the new Millennium, and it seems appropriate here to remind everyone of our Purpose, Aim and Objects.

The Purpose of M.U. is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and family life.

The Aim of the Society is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In order to carry out the Aim

its Objects are:

1. *To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.*
2. *To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.*
3. *To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.*
4. *To promote conditions in society favourable to family life and the protection of children.*
5. *To help those whose family life has met with adversity.*

On Tuesday 18th May, several Harbury Members attended the M.U. Diocesan Festival Service at St. Mary's Church in Warwick. The Service began with an impressive procession of around thirty M.U. Banners which were presented at the High Altar. The church was packed to hear the beautiful singing voice of St. Mary's Choir and to join in a Communion Service of great significance as we listened to the Address by Jennifer Rees-Larkham speaking on the theme of 'Family Life with all its joys and sorrows'. She is a Christian Counsellor, Agony Aunt and writer, and spoke of her own vast experience as a wife and mother of six children, and as a grandmother. She stressed the importance of maintaining family links and particularly allowing grandparents to play that all important part in the lives of their grandchildren, which is a subject currently being addressed by Mothers' Union. So often links are broken though marriage break-up and divorce, and grandparents lose touch, which is extremely sad for all concerned. Jennifer Rees-Larkham is convinced of the power of prayer in all kinds of situations, and the closing prayer from the service seems particularly apt:

Lord, you experienced the pattern of family life;

We ask that our families may learn

to live together in love, respect and forgiveness.

In times of difficulty, strengthen us;

In times of perplexity, bring us wisdom;

In times of happiness, make us thankful.

Collections taken at both services will benefit the M.U. 'Away From it All' scheme which provides holidays for families who would otherwise not be able to get away for a much needed break.

Next Meetings:

- Wednesday 2nd June** -2.30pm - 'The Work of the Samaritans'
Tuesday 15th June -8.00pm - 'The Cairo Refuge'-Hazel Sharples
Wednesday 7th July -2.30pm - A.G.M. and Garden Meeting
Anne Moore

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- Fri 11** St. Barnabas - Holy Communion 7.00am
Sun 13 2nd after Trinity - Sung Communion 9.00am
Tues 15 **ADVERTS to 14, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm**
Wed 16 Women's Fellowship outing to Upton House - midday
Sun 20 3rd after Trinity - Sung Communion 9.00am;
 Children's Church 10.30am; Evensong 6.00pm
 Friends of Ladbroke Church Luncheon 12 noon
Fri 25 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm**
Sun 27 4th after Trinity - Sung Communion 9.00am

JULY

- Sun 4** 5th after Trinity - Family Communion 10.30am

LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA FOR JUNE

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 6 th June | Mrs Askew | 20 th June | Mrs Berry |
| 13 th June | Mrs Berry | 27 th June | Mrs Badman |
| | | 4 th July | Mrs Todman |
| | | | Jane Rutherford |

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

We welcome Steve Copley as our new church warden and give him all our support.

We also have an organist/pianist rota going now. It's very difficult to sing hymns without accompaniment. Many thanks ladies.

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We haven't any special services in June, but please remember our Family Services on the first Sunday in the month. They are always happy occasions and everyone enjoys the refreshments afterwards. Many apologies for any inconvenience caused by the work in progress. It is very difficult at the moment keeping everywhere clean.

Betty Winkfield

Our sincere condolences to Lorna Carleton on the death of her husband Gerry. Another sad loss of a long standing resident of our village.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

After a long absence the friends are trying to get up and running again. We have a new Chairman Mr Mike Todman and a few dates for your diary.

Firstly we are having a luncheon at the home of David and Jane Rutherford on 20th June at 12 noon. Tickets £6.00 adults, £2.00 for children. We are also planning an afternoon tea at my home The Bungalow, Windmill Lane sometime in late July/early August.

Then on the 15th October Jim and Jean Clews will be our hosts for a supper evening. More details nearer the dates.

Gill Moore

YOUR CHURCHYARD NEEDS YOU

Are there any more volunteers to help keep Ladbroke Churchyard presentable? A number of people already look after sections of the Churchyard on a more or less regular basis, but the departure of Michael Short provides an opportunity for many more to join in. Mower, strimmer, petrol or other tools are available. If you might be willing to adopt a 'patch' (which could be very small – every little helps) please contact David Rutherford (Tel:812457) or Betty Winkfield (Tel: 812234).

D.C. Rutherford

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting in May we learnt about the beginnings of the "Convent School" in Southam. Did you realise it all began with some Nuns who came over from Germany in 1876 to teach the poor and orphaned children in Southam? Mary Rock, who is the retired school secretary there, gave us a most interesting talk. (Mary has written a book about it all – if you would like to buy one).

We had a very profitable Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 15th May. We made £117 for Church funds. Many thanks to all involved.

Our outing this year is much nearer home. We are going to Upton House on 16th June leaving from the church at midday; with lunch in Gaydon first. Anyone interested in coming with us is most welcome. This of course includes husbands.

Betty Winkfield

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

All Saints' Church is once again under scaffold for repairs, which may not be as major as the tower's refurbishment, but equally as essential.

For a small village we have retained a sizeable church in relatively good order over the centuries, unlike the churches once at Radbourne and Ascot, both called St. Helen's.

Nothing much is known about St. Helen's at Ascote, other than that the Nuns of Nuneaton owned it for most of the time and that the Spencer family were buried in the churchyard before they moved to Wormleighton. It had disappeared by the middle 17th Century, whereas St. Helen's at Radbourne was in use until it became a farmhouse. The Rector of Ladbroke was the Rector of Radbourne at the turn of the 20th Century.

Take a close look at the porch at All Saint's and you will find a sundial dated 1616 and four roughly carved medieval heads taken from the church at Radbourne.

Despite extensive "modernisation" made by Sir Gilbert Scott in the 19th Century restoration, there are still plenty of features to look for. The three sedilia seats in the Chancel are early 14th Century, with a more recently carved canopy. The glass above in the upper window is Ladbroke's only medieval stained glass, thought to be 15th Century from Coventry. The line of the old roof can be seen on the wall above the tower arch. The earliest known Rector was Ralph in 1297, possibly a de Ladbroke and when the church was called St. Mary's.

One of the latest "embellishments" made by a past Rector's family, is the dent on the weathervane cockerel made by the son of Rev. Powell in about 1920, with his air rifle!

Linda Doyle

REPORT OF APRIL AND MAY LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The new Council met prior to the Annual General Village Meeting. The composition of the Council is as follows:

Councillors

Chairman: Peter Williamson Vice Chairman: Carol Northorpe

Geoff Timms, Beverley Bradley and Geoff Todd.

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO): Elsa Greenway.

Thanks to retiring Councillors

Peter Williamson led the vote of thanks to Marion Grainger and Peter West who are retiring from the Council. Marion had served the council for 8 years and intends to keep coming as an observer. Her presence and relevant comments will continue to be valued. We will also miss Peter, who has not only used his eyes, but also his camera, to monitor the changes in the village. He has pinpointed areas in which the parish council can use their local knowledge to good effect, and has worked practically to ensure changes do happen.

David Jullien from the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre - a body set up as a result of the 'Rio' conference in 1992 - gave us some amazing facts about energy wastage. He estimated that a village the size of Ladbroke would waste £40,000.00 worth of energy per year. He gave

a variety of reasons why we might be stimulated to act to reduce this waste; money; comfort; pollution from the burning of fossil fuels; use of fuel stocks (at present levels, coal will be used up in 200 years, oil in 44 years) more use of energy and better local use of the money saved. He then showed many products which were cost effective ways of saving: low energy light bulbs, roof insulation, draught excluders, radiator, room and hot water cylinder thermostats. Most villagers took advantage of completing the do it yourself survey forms.

Chairman's Annual Report

We all stood to remember who had helped so much in the village but were no longer with us; Jean Timms, Christian Land, James Moore, Bob Moore, Steve Doyle, Stan Greenway and Gerry Carleton.

Peter brought us up to date on the current state of many issues.

There had been no significant **crime** in Ladbroke over the year.

Ladbroke has become part of the **Parish Paths Partnership** and a book of circular walks based on Ladbroke will be available in September and will be No. 7 in the Blue Lias ring series. Michael Boden Pritchett is to be congratulated on his enterprise. He still needs volunteers for practical assistance.

Now that the developments, new water supply and gas repairs are complete, the Parish Council are determined that the **roads and footpaths** will be returned to their former condition. As a start, representatives from Stratford District Council will be meeting with Peter Williamson and other Councillors on 9th June to observe the state of disrepair. Any villager who wishes an area to be brought to their attention should inform Peter before that date.

The Council is particularly interested in views regarding 2 areas:-

Banbury Road between Quince Cottage and Gosport Cottage. We need to allow cars to park and retain the footpaths without spoiling the look of the verge.

The old footpath which runs in the field parallel to the road, between the entrance to Ladbroke House and 'The Forge'. If this is needed and will be used, it will be reinstated.

Has anyone any opinions on these matters?

The **debris** has at last been cleared from the stream which is now free running.

The **surface of the bypass** is still unacceptable but we are being told that 'the time is not right to resurface'.

Only **4 planning items** have been refused by the Parish Council over the year.

Ladbroke traditionally has been within **Southam Ward** with access to 3 District Councillors. Proposals which would put us under Fenny Compton are being resisted.

The Financial Accounts were presented and Elsa was congratulated on these.

County and District Councillor Bob Stevens outlined the changes in the Structure of the Councils which are to go to a cabinet system. The money spent on education has increased substantially.

In a recent Warwickshire survey the state of the roads is the number one complaint and will receive priority consideration.

Public transport is to be increased. If the Tesco bid is successful they will subsidise buses for a period of time. A scheme which may subsidise mopeds for young people is to be started.

Terence Sullivan presented the report of the **Allibone Trust** which administers an area of 16.4 acres. Income is derived from letting the land for grazing. After land maintenance, fencing and administration expenses, sums of £500.00 were allocated to All Saints Church and to the non-ecclesiastical funds for village projects. The present contract for letting expires in November so advertisements will appear in the local press asking for tenders for a new contract to commence on January 1st 2000.

Fr. Roy Brown was pleased to tell the meeting of a maintenance in the numbers attending usual services and an increase in those attending special services despite the loss of many 'regulars'. Everyone was pleased that the repairs to the church, gate, wall and bells had now commenced.

The **WI** have had a happy and busy year. The **Village Hall Committee** has been actively involved in the Millenium steering

group. The Millenium Draw now has 80 members which will increase the level of prize money. **The Millenium Green Charity Trust** achieved charitable status, purchased the land and have had grants approved such that the majority of the finance needed is now secure. The official opening is to be held on 4th May 2000.

The **bell ringers** are beginning to build up the team again following the sad death of Steve Doyle.

Mike Todman is the new Chairman of the **Friends of Ladbroke Church** and they have plans for future events.

The **Childrens Church** meets at 10.30am on the third Sunday in the month but more input of both children - ages 4-11 and help would be welcomed.

The **Millenium celebrations** have already been circulated. The May opening will take the form of a mini Fete with a maypole, childrens Games and a Millenium capsule.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Bus Vouchers for Senior Citizens, Registered Disabled and Handicapped Persons

Bus vouchers will be issued in July to the above categories of residents living within the Parish. 'Senior Citizen' means a person of State Pensionable age i.e. 60 and above for a woman and 65 for a man. For 1999 the total value of vouchers to be issued is £15 and each voucher is worth 50 pence towards Stagecoach Midland Red services 63, 64 and 65 and Village Taxi-Bus services. There is no time limit on the use of the vouchers but if you have some left from previous years please use them up before using this year's vouchers.

To obtain the vouchers, please register for the Scheme by getting a form from either the Post Office, the Co-op or from the Clerk to the Council, Deborah Steele at 9, Sutcliffe Drive.

The forms must be completed and returned to one of the above by no later than Monday 5th July.

Vouchers will be issued in the Farley Room at the Village Hall on **Monday 19th July** and on **Tuesday 20th July** between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.

Please note that only in very exceptional circumstances can vouchers be issued to persons who do not register by the due date of 5th July.

In addition to the Parish Council's scheme, Stratford District Council also issue travel tokens to Senior Citizens and Registered Disabled persons. If you have previously applied to the District Council for tokens, it is not necessary to apply again; you should receive £20 worth by post during July. If you have **not previously applied, forms are available in the Library or by telephoning 01789 260 402 or 01789 260 423.**

Deborah Steel
Clerk to the Parish Council

HARBURY SOCIETY

Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens turned out to be even more impressive than we had imagined from Dr Thomas's excellent talk. They form an island of calm in a sea of modern development! Although views from the gardens now focus on garish 1960s flats and the traffic drones in the background, within the grounds there is peace and delight.

I had been prepared for a formal garden artificially designed to form a geometric whole but the reality was softer with plenty of colour and variety of planting. All the plant varieties used were those available when the gardens were developed. The conceits were in the overall layout, the vistas and the brickwork. The two opposing garden buildings are cleverly constructed to deceive visitors into believing that they face one another squarely and none of the enclosing walls actually meet at right angles.

The wilderness was a delight cut through stands of native trees and shrubs and John Hancock and my husband took a Boy Scoutish delight in navigating the Holly Maze. We ended with tea and a buying spree in the plant nursery and the sun shone all afternoon.

The next Event will be our Stall at the Carnival where we will have a photographic quiz on the changing face of Harbury and a sale of our books, maps, postcards and old photographs. Do come and see us.

On **Monday 21st June at 7.00pm** from the car park at Newbold Comyn Golf Course, John Lapraik and Ed Wilson will lead a Midsummer Evening's stroll along the river. They promise it is only about three miles **WITH NO STILES** and we can end up at the Pub! If you want more details ring John Lapraik on 613676.

The Harbury Society always welcomes new members and all our meetings are without charge.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

Some members enjoyed the recent Group Meeting at Southam when they were entertained by Colin Tarne. Bertha Kettle won an award for her lovely floral carousel.

A conducted tour of the Lord Leycester Hospital Masters Garden has been arranged for **June 20th**, at 2.30pm.

There will be the usual Cake Stall on Carnival Day. Ladies are requested to take cakes to the stall from 11.30am onwards or to another member in good time.

There was no speaker in May as four resolutions were discussed and voted on for our representative to take to the Albert Hall in June. However, this proved a very interesting evening with much information expertly compiled by the V.C.O. Mrs Rosemary Galilee.

Please note that the title 'Women's Institute' is being dropped in favour of the form W.I. Everyone knows us as W.I. which is more friendly and up to date.

June Hostesses: Gunde Walshe, Mae Watson, Audrey Atkins, Nora Ellis and Mary Entwistle

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Holiday Snap

The most difficult task for an amateur Theatre Group is to choose a suitable play. Harbury Theatre Group's Alan Barr read 35 plays before he found himself laughing out loud at 'Holiday Snap' by Michael Pertwee and John Chapman. The audience in the Village Hall laughed loudly too. The play is in the best tradition of British farce with identities constantly confused, everyone lying through their teeth and of course walking through the wrong door.



THE HOLIDAY MAKERS! (L-R back) Keith Hayes, Keith Dormer, John Stringer, Pat Whorton, Karen Ellis & Robert Waterman (front) Sue Dormer and Helen Cooper

John Stringer was the star of the show as the gin-soaked Colonel Chittenden. His constant look of total bewilderment and inability to get anyone's name right (they kept changing them anyway) was very funny indeed. Helen Cooper gave a terrific performance as the man-eating Eve and Keith Dormer as her timid and accident-prone boyfriend provided some hilarious moments. As their rivals to the occupation of the time-share villa, Pat Whorton was very effective as the icy Mary and Keith Hayes as reliable as ever as her partner, Henry. (When did Harbury Theatre Group last put on a play without Keith?) Sue Dormer made the most of her part as Henry's mother-in-law and Robert Waterman and Karen Ellis completed the cast, who had been very ably directed by Alan Barr.



Alan Barr presenting a cheque for £100 to Clare Stanbridge from Myton Hospice at the interval in 'Holiday Snap' (A contribution from the ticket sales of Aladdin).

On a wet miserable night with the news depressing in the extreme, Harbury Theatre Group gave me and the rest of the audience a very enjoyable time. If you didn't go you missed a treat, so next time they put a play on, go and support them.

Sharon Hancock

Open Day

In conjunction with the play reading, the Theatre Group are holding an *Open Day* on **Saturday 26th June**. This will be an opportunity to see how a production is staged from start to finish. There will be demonstrations on make-up, costumes, set design and construction which all equally contribute to a successful play.

We always welcome new members and this will be an opportunity to see what is involved in producing a play whether it be assisting backstage, front of house or acting. Do please come along to the Village Hall between 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you.

John Holden

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Anyone, adults and children from 8 years upwards are welcome to attend, particularly welcome are handsome males!

Performances will be **Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November 1999** and we will be rehearsing Monday and Thursday evenings starting in September.

Fancy having a go? Come to the Theatre Group's Open Day at the Village Hall on **Saturday 26th June** – auditions start at 2.15pm.

If you are interested either in acting or helping backstage, but cannot make it on the 26th June please give me a ring.

Alison Hodge (Tel: 612029)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

An evening of some confusion. Was the theme "Blues" and did Rick just miss hear this at the back, thinking it was "Birds" and did Ron really hear "Booth" of the election kind or was there no definite theme? Looking back on another great folk club evening there did seem to be a common threadask another performer to join in, especially if that performer was Dougie Hogarth, whether it be on tambourine or hamonica!!

And the confusion did not stop there who was in charge? Blues Father John or BF Steve?

The only ones who were not confused were the many regular performers who, as usual, got up there and delivered a brilliant show. Following everybody helping me start the evening, Ron sang from his little black book and Ian and Sue from the Harvesters Archive.

This was followed by a "pin dropping" rendition of Albatross from Rick. Andrew and Jenni sang of eating snakes and Colin finished the first half with a good sing for all.

The second half was rousinglly started by another new super group Band of Folk and was followed by a spot of family talent, John B singing a song written by Matthew and then Steve accompanied by Aaron. It was good to see, hear and sing along with Ruth and then Des (or was it D&S). The second half was closed by a superb performance by Gilly with the assistance of Dougie on Harmonica.

The short third half featured Peter Mc singing his beloved blues again accompanied by Dougie, if rather shy and retiringly and finished with a singalong with the Blues Fathers and D&S on washboard!

The raffle made £36 for the Oxfam Everest Challenge which was presented to Andrew to take up the said mountain. And it all happens again on the next first Thursday of the month, 8.30pm in the Dog Inn.

John Kemsley

MAY DAY WEEKEND

My alarm clock rang at 4.15am. I crawled out of bed, peered into the dark and thought to myself, "why am I doing this?" It was a Saturday morning and I could have had a lie-in, instead I was up and donning bells and baldricks ready to dance in the May Day dawn at Chesterton windmill. What comes over me at this time every year? What's so great about leaping up and down on a draughty hilltop in semi-darkness? There is no rational explanation.

Despite that, I and twenty three other Morris dancers thought it was a sufficiently good idea to be there. As we approached the mill two shapes stirred at the base of one of the pillars. What at first looked like a couple of stranded seals was in fact Mike Putnam and Doug Freeman in sleeping bags making sure they didn't miss the first dance.

This year more than forty people joined us as an audience, some of whom were brave enough, daft enough or simply cold enough to participate in our last dance all around the windmill. We are always pleased and flattered when people take the trouble to come and watch us. Dancing solely to the rising sun or to the lights of "Welcome Break" feels faintly ludicrous.

As our audience finally drifted away, we collected up our melodeons and fiddles and made our way to Celia Neill's house. Fortunately, Janny Freeman does not make a virtue of stupidity and doesn't join us at the windmill. Instead she cooks us a magnificent English breakfast, which we tend to regard as an essential part of the ritual. This year Avril Bates from Leamington helped her prepare the platefuls of bacon, sausage and scrambled eggs. We sat around wherever we could find a space, or wandered from room to room joining and leaving the various conversations. Later, when we left, it wasn't simply because we had devoured every last bacon rind and toast crumb, but because we had another appointment in Leamington.



Enjoying an early breakfast are:

Chris Barber, Rosie Beaufoy, Peter McDonald, Chris Andrews, Lynne Cooke, Karen Gooch and Jill Barber

As part of the celebrations for the opening of the Pump Rooms Hereburgh Morris were providing the street entertainment during the morning. Regent Street was closed to traffic allowing the shops and cafes to go alfresco. Continental breakfasts were being served when we arrived and we were sorely tempted by the warm croissants but we were due to dance and two breakfasts would have had a devastating effect on our "plain capers". It was a sunny morning, the shoppers were in holiday mood and those who stopped to watch seemed to enjoy our performances.

On Sunday, there was more dancing. Some of our side went to the Upton-upon-Severn Folk Festival where they had a great day dancing, drinking and meeting people. On Monday most of us went to Charlecote Park and provided entertainment as part of the May Day event there.

It was a delightful weekend and this was just the start of our summer programme. It was worth getting up at 4.15am.

Jill Barber

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

We have been making a collage of Jack and his Beanstalk. We can count its leaves, as well as the houses and the people down below. Some of us counted down from ten like a rocket launch!

We also talked about what Jack might be able to see from the different leaves. Would he be able to see over the houses? Would he be as tall as a tree? Then we went to Mrs Flanagan's house to explore what we could see from different heights. From the road, we could see only the hedge. But from the top of the house we could see the motorway!

We have been doing some music and drama about Jack and the Beanstalk. First of all we were the beans, thrown out of the window. While Jack was asleep we woke up and started to grow and weave and twist until we could touch the clouds. Next we tried being Jack – going to bed with a sad face. Then waking up in the morning and being very excited to see the beanstalk.

We made “beanstalk growing” music. First quiet, then getting louder and louder. We took it in turns to be the conductor who showed us when to play loudly, when to play softly, and when to stop.

Some of us will be taking part in a school assembly all about growing.

Dates for your diary include:

We will have a Tombola at the Carnival on **Saturday 12th June**. There will be an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 29th June** from 1.00-3.00pm, for parents of young children who are interested in a place at the Nursery.

Committee members, who will be available to answer any questions about joining next year's committee, will supply tea and coffee. On **Saturday 17th July**, there will be a Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room. The Nursery will be inspected on **14th and 15th June**, a copy of the Inspection Report will be available six weeks later, for anyone who is interested.

Sarah Woods

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play

This term we started off with preparations for May Day. Maureen Darby, a morris dancer, came into the Pre-School in full regalia and we all joined in with some of the dances. The children took great delight in watching the staff tie themselves (and each other) in knots when we attempted maypole dancing.

Our main theme this half term has been 'Shops and Shopping' and we will continue with it next term when we move on to seaside shops and holidays. So far, we have been looking at all sorts of shops from markets to mobile shops and village shops. We have talked about the things they sell and where they come from. We have also been talking about money, comparing sizes and colours of different coins and making rubbings of them. And talking of money we raised £181 through our raffle of tickets for the RSC so many thanks to everyone who sold and bought tickets. We are now about halfway towards our goal of £850 for new tables and chairs.

On Friday 21 May the children did some fundraising of their own with a sponsored wheelie. The children came along with anything with wheels that could be pushed, ridden or dragged around the playground and rattled off lots of laps of the playground. (Perhaps we should admit that the children also got a Smartie on completion of each circuit so we were confident that they would do rather well!) Apart from it being an opportunity for them to contribute to fundraising themselves (probably not uppermost in their minds), it was also great fun and they appear to have raised rather a lot of money.

Thanks are also due to everyone who turned up on Saturday 15th May to help clear up the playground. We managed to fill a skip with material gathered from just half of one side of the playground! Already

people have complimented us on the great improvement. We will have to return to finish the job, but perhaps next time other groups who also use the Wight School and its playground, like the playgroup, scouts and the church will be able to help too. By the way, a lot of material is great compost, so we may try bagging it up and giving it away next time!

All staff have recently attended a First Aid course (nicely timed for the wheelie). Diane has completed a Special Needs course and Marie and Gill have attended a Fire Safety course and are now halfway through their Diploma in Pre-School Practice. The summer is our busiest time and all sessions are pretty full. We would really welcome some more parents coming along to help. Just think, you've already missed out on making flags, roses and a very nice dragon for St. George's Day and imagine the fun you'll all have playing shops! Plus you get an insight into the work of the Pre-School and a chance to mingle with some very agreeable people both big and small. Do talk to Marie about becoming more involved.

On **Monday 21st June** we will be holding an **Open Afternoon**, between 1.00 and 3.00pm. As usual any parents or carers who are either interested in sending their children to the Pre-School or whose children already attend are welcome to come along and ask questions, watch us in action or even join in.

We are still in search of a postman or lady, either working or retired, who would be prepared to come along to the Pre-School and talk to the children for 10 minutes or so about their job. The hero-worship of Postman Pat ensures that you will have a very warm welcome indeed. Please do call Marie Coleman on 612959 if you would like to come.

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Car Parking

The Landlord of The Shakespeare public house has kindly offered to allow the use of his car-park between 08:45 and 09:15 every morning and between 3:00 and 3:30 every afternoon. Those of you who travel by car may find this a more suitable and safer place to park than outside the school gate where it can cause an obstruction, or worse,

provide a blind spot for a child to run out from and into the path of a moving vehicle. Please take up this very generous offer and I'm sure we can make the school entrance a safer and more pleasant area. It will do wonders for relations with our neighbours who regularly have to wait to get their vehicles out of Back Lane.

Mr Cyril Hobbins

All the infants had a great time making toys over the two days Cyril was with us and I'm sure everyone will agree it was well worth the money. Cyril was very complimentary about the children too; he said that their manners were superb and their attitude and interest shown was as good as he's witnessed anywhere, a credit to their upbringing and their families. Emily Davis writes:

"Mr Hobbins the toy maker came to school to help Rainsbrook, Stowe and Itchen do their toys. They're all to do with forces. When we made it all the pieces were cut up ready for us to stick together. Mine is called a hand spinner you have to pull a string and hold the handle and the spinner springs off. The hand spinner uses a centrifugal force to spin. I really enjoyed it except I missed my hot dinner!"

Carrier Bag Appeal for Kosovo

The appeal for refugees from Kosovo was really well supported. You managed to send in enough items to fill 64 bags, all of which had a £1.00 coin taped to them. Many people sent in single items that also had coins taped to them. On our "Wear a Hat" Day we collected another £60.00. So, as well as 64 bags full of goods, we sent £180.00 to the Global Care appeal. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Maypole Dancing on 7th May

Once again, many thanks to everyone who came and supported our May Day celebrations and Maypole dancing. The children all did an excellent job on the day remembering all their moves and dances so well. Costumes were magnificent again and it was lovely to see so many parents and relatives not just being with us but joining in too. We are really very lucky to be one of a tiny number of schools that maintains this traditional celebration.

EASTER AND THE ROADWISE SCHEME

Twenty Y6 pupils went to Gaydon for two days of fun and learning organised through P.C. Stewart Boswoth. Megan Nannfeldt writes:

"Today I went to Roadwise, we went on quad bikes, bicycles and magnetic cars. There was an old-fashioned police car that we were allowed to go in and we walked around the cars in the motor-centre. The miniature roadway was excellent and it had working traffic-lights and stop and give-way signs. Our instructors, Trevor and Louise were excellent and explained everything clearly. The second day we did some tests!"

Paul Milner (Headteacher)

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

On **Saturday 17th July** we will be staging a first (we believe) for Harbury – the PTA Beer Walk. The walk is an all day event, starting at the School from 11.30am onwards (registration from 11.15am) and including 10 pubs and covering a circular route of about 9 miles passing through Ladbroke, Bishop's Itchington, Southam, Deppers Bridge, an 'al fresco' bar by Harbury Quarries and of course the four Harbury pubs. Small lanes, footpaths and pavement will be used throughout and the walk will end with a barbecue at The Dog.

As well as the beer walkers we hope that many children and friends will join us in the walk. This is going to be a day of fun and exercise for all involved.

Beer walkers can purchase a ticket for £10 (£12 on the day) which they will exchange at the start for a book of vouchers entitling them to a free half pint at each of the 10 participating pubs. Tickets for the Beer Walk and the Barbecue are available from all Harbury pubs.

Walkers not drinking beer and others not able to complete the whole course are very welcome to join in the fun at any point on the way. Fancy dress is strongly encouraged and prizes will be awarded. See you there!

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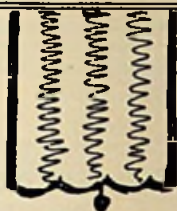
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By the way, on a historical note, the Family Barn Dance at the end of March was a roaring success (140 people attended). Thank you all for supporting us.

Finally, don't forget the annual Summer Fair at school on **Friday 9th July** - 4.00pm.

Alan Guy

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

We have had the best opening month of the season for years, with the 'Play Tennis' Week attracting a huge turnout - and success for both the A and B teams in the opening Summer League matches.



Some of the young ones put Sam Blundell's cricket skills to the test

Regular sessions have already been established for the up and coming youngsters, as well as a growing membership. All we need now is better facilities so that we can attract more local people who are keen to get out and stretch their legs during the day, in the evenings or at weekends!

Intermediates

Thirty-six 11 to 15 year olds have been enjoying their Wednesday sessions (6.00pm to 7.00pm for 12 and unders and 7.00pm to 8.00pm for the 12-15 year olds).

Juniors

Twenty-nine Juniors (aged 6 to 11) have been playing between 10.00am and 11.00 am on Sundays.

Starter Tennis

We've even started a coaching session for a group of seven children who are all aged about 5 or 6, so the Club can proudly boast an age range in excess of 55 years (sorry, Colin, I've had to guess your age!).

We are expecting many of the above to continue playing, by becoming members of the Club for just £6 for the whole year (£27 for adults) from June 1st.

Carnival Teas

We are doing the Carnival Teas on **Saturday 12th June**, so any help with cakes or on the day would be much appreciated - please give me a call on 614 614

Coffee Morning

Again, for this fundraising event on **June 19th**, Angela Woodruff (612004) would appreciate a hand and /or cakes please.

May's Fundraising event was a skittles and supper evening, ably organised by Mary Thompson. We also have another event on the horizon - a Fun Tennis Evening with BBQ and Strawberries on **July 8th**. This will be run by Jo Mann (612 208).

N.B. The courts are open to everyone, but you need to book if you are a non-member. Below are guidelines as to when we have organised sessions - but we also have numerous matches and friendlies, plus some tournaments too - and if you haven't booked, remember that Members take precedence! Book on (612 050)

- *Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.00pm*
- *Saturdays from 2.00pm to 5.00pm*
- *Mondays and Wednesdays 1.45pm to 3.00pm*

David Snell (614 614)

1ST - 8TH MAY - PLAY TENNIS '99

Harbury Tennis Club was one of 5,000 venues taking part in this national event, sponsored by the Lawn Tennis Association, to encourage all age groups to play or sample tennis, free of charge. This is the first year Harbury has taken part in the event, and four events were planned for the week.

On Saturday 1st May we were blessed with superb weather when we held a Fun Day for children. This was our main event designed to supplement the Club's regular Junior sessions. The day was split into morning and afternoon sessions with coaches Francis Caldwell and Jenny Waggott expertly leading. They were ably assisted on court by Eileen Braham, Sue Mercer, Sarah Wilson, Anna Timson, Sam Blundell and Rosemary Harley. Off court Colin Mercer, Mary and Keith Thompson, Giles and Alison Atkinson, Jo Mann, Sue Panton, Ed Wilson, Alan Guy and Geoff Prince played varied but important roles, ensuring that the day ran smoothly and everyone was fed and watered.

However, the most important people were the children. 75 of them aged between 5 and 15 took part with great enthusiasm and some obvious talent. This all made the day an even greater success than we had hoped for and, (blowing our own trumpet!) we outperformed some of the larger venues participating. We are most grateful to the Netball Club who allowed us to use their court as an "overspill" area.



A warm welcome to all at the beginning of the morning session

On Monday evening the "Rusty rackets" came out and 13 adults proved by the end of the evening that not as much WD40 was needed as they thought! The good thing was that by the end of the evening they had proved to themselves that they could still play and enjoy a game of Tennis, and several have since decided to join the Club.

Wednesday evening saw another opportunity for youngsters, with tournaments for Under 12s and Under 15s. Both used a singles format with each player against everyone else in the age group, so, with 18 taking part we had a very busy evening. The winners were:

Under 15 – Winner: Joe Crowton, Runner-up and Girls winner: Jemma Phipps.

Under 15 – Winner: Michael Plant, Runner-up: James Armitage. Girl Winner: Emma Hickin.

As the Tournament ended in pouring rain we had to delay our photo session until the following Wednesday.



Emma Hickin won the under 12 Girls' Tournament and James Armitage was Runner-up in the Boys' (Michael Plant, the winning boy was unavailable for the photograph.)



Joe Crowton and Jemma Phipps Under 15 winners of the Play Tennis Week Tournament, went on to play in the Stratford District Council Millennium Games. Both have been selected for squad coaching.

Joe and Gemma went on to play in the first round of the Millennium Games organised by Stratford District Council. We are proud and pleased that they did so well that they have been selected for squad coaching and may represent Stratford District Council in the Warwickshire finals on 10th July.

Our final event of the week, an over 16s open Tournament unfortunately was a wash out – literally, as it had to be cancelled because of the rain!

However, overall the week was a huge success and very satisfying for everyone involved in its organisation.

Colin and Sue Mercer

HARBURY CARNIVAL JUNE 12TH, 1999

Congratulations to our new King and Queen, Ricky McMahon and Sarah Rowe.

A few last minute reminders.

1. There will be a 6 a side football competition on Carnival Day and all those interested should get in touch with Paul Gladden on 612398.
2. There will be a Tug of War competition organised by Peter Lambert 811617. Please contact him if you are interested in taking part.
3. Will last year's winners please return the cups and shields to Kathleen Ellis (the hairdressers) as soon as possible so that they are available on Carnival Day.
4. We need cakes (plenty of them!) for the afternoon teas. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.
5. There is still time to book a stall but please contact Kary Hunt on 613598 as soon as possible.
6. Programmes and raffle tickets are available from various shops in the village and from committee members.

To ensure the success of the event we hope that you will support us with your usual enthusiasm, floats, groups and fancy dress.

Fun Week

1. Ferret Racing (something new) on **Saturday 5th June** 2-00pm at the Shakespeare.
2. The Wheelbarrow Race on the **June 6th** will commence from the Old New Inn. Please have your team in place by 12-30pm so that Honest Cecil can study form and set the odds. If you still need to enter, please contact Dan Killian on 612265.
3. For the other events taking place during Carnival week please assemble at the appropriate pub for a 7-30pm start. The order of events is:

Monday	-	Boules at the Dog
Tuesday	-	Skittles at the Shakespeare
Wednesday	-	Test of Strength at the Club
Thursday	-	Quiz at the Crown

Please help to make this a success and enter a team. You need a squad of up to 12 people with any 6 to compete on the night. Entry forms from the above venues or from Dan Killian.

**Submitted by John Broomfield
on behalf of the Carnival
Committee**

A SUCCESS STORY

Just over a year ago, Sue Hartland tentatively started a course in Appalachian dancing (American step clog dancing) for a small group of people. She promised to teach them one dance in the 10 week course run every Saturday morning.

A few weeks into the course, Sue sent an article to local newspapers in the hope of attracting musicians, live music being far preferable to taped music. That article led to Banjo player Phil joining the group. Then at a subsequent Ceilidh evening, two of the dancers, Mary and Julie, met and managed to persuade two further musicians, fiddle player Dave and guitarist Chris, to join the group.

The dancers progressed so well, that half way through the course they were ready to learn another dance, and at the end of the 10 weeks the dancers persuaded Sue to continue. The group were eager to dance in

public, and soon they had decided on a colourful outfit. Next Pete Bones was approached (not to dance), and kindly agreed to make a portable dance floor. Finally, the group decided on a name, and so *Kick Start* were ready for a public performance.

Lee Jardine was really pleased to take up Appalachian again as she had not been able to do so since her college years in America. Unfortunately, her stay here in England was just for one year and she would miss the scheduled first *Kick Start* performance at the end of August. Therefore at the beginning of August, Sue and Lee decided to take Harbury Folk Club by storm with an outstanding display of Appalachian dancing.



Sue Hartland, Annie McDonald, Maureen Derby, Ruth Guy & Ian Hartland performing in Leamington Spa

Finally, on August 26th '98, *Kick Start* made their first public appearance at the Durham Ox in Shrewley, where they danced with Hereburgh Morris. Since then they have gone from strength to strength: dancing at the Harbury Twinning ceremony (Oct. '98) and this year on May 1st in Leamington Spa. They have acquired more dancers and another musician, and Sue has written her own dances, one of which is called 'Lee Jardine'.

This exciting Appalachian group can next be seen at the Brinklow Folk Weekend on 2nd to 4th July 1999.

Janny Freeman

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR GHANA APPEAL

On behalf of the Rotary Club thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st May. Nearly £100 was realised which will help toward shipping the toys and books donated by children in Warwickshire (especially Harbury) out to Ghana for children in deprived areas. Arrangements are in hand for our Rotary colleagues and friends in Ghana to oversee the distribution of the toys/books when they arrive in West Africa.

Thank you Please watch this space.

Bill Davies

THE WAGSTAFFE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

"Wagstaffe's 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. However, they 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 **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 & LADBROKE NEWS GOES GLOBAL

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It would appear that everywhere we look these days, we see those funny strings of letters and odd words. They are attached to the end of newspaper articles, after the credits on television programmes or tucked into the corner of advertisements. They are addresses giving the World Wide Web location on the Internet where further information about the article / programme / product can be found.

This is all very well, but what is this thing called the Internet that some people have described as one of the greatest inventions of the 20th century? Well it all goes back a surprisingly long way; back, in fact, to the early 1960s when the American military wanted a method of maintaining communication in the event of a nuclear war. They devised a technique by which computers could be linked together in such a way that if one part of the network was lost, then the system would automatically find a way of re-routing information. What they came up with was in fact the basis of the Internet. Educational bodies were quick to see the potential of being able to send and keep large amounts of information, so the 1970s and 80s saw the Internet expand rapidly.

For the first 30 years of its existence, the "Net" relied entirely on "text only" ways of accessing information. This was appropriate as the technology at the time could not cope with high speed data exchange. However, in the 1980s a British Scientist, Tim Berners-Lee, was looking for a new way to share information with his colleagues at the Particle Physics Laboratory in Cern, Switzerland. What he devised was a method of using the Internet which would allow users to click on special bits of text (hypertext), which would then route them to other sources of information which could be located on any computer, anywhere in the world, (as long as it was connected to the Internet). This he called the "World Wide Web" and in the last few years it has come a long way, with an estimated 40 million people having access to the largest and most comprehensive reference library it is possible to imagine.

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As with any good idea, it wasn't long before the commercial possibilities of the system were recognised, competition has created a market where it is possible to gain access to the Internet and World Wide Web for the price of a local phone call. This has meant that it is now feasible for the Harbury & Ladbroke News to open its own internet account.

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(The site will always be one month out of date I'm afraid) and archived copies (from May 1999) will be available in .pdf format for download.

Gordon Robbins

HARBURY BLUES FESTIVAL 1999

Harbury Blues Festival on 10th July promises to be an event with something for everyone. Five live bands, including Little Red Rooster from the USA, will play from 4.00pm till late at Harbury Rugby Club. Come along for a relaxing afternoon with the whole family and listen and dance to the music. There will be a bouncy castle, pony rides and face painting for the kids, and food and a licensed bar to keep all of you going! Later, things will really hot up as the bands play into the night.

Heading our line up is Little Red Rooster from Philadelphia, playing traditional Chicago blues – this festival is the first night of their UK tour. DB Smith will lay down some traditional delta blues and the music of the Ty Garner Band introduces a jazz edge. The Boogiechargers play high energy blues with a rock flavour and local band Blue Murder complete the line up with their distinctive rhythm 'n' blues – you'll be singing, if not dancing, to their familiar song.



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Tickets are £10.00 in advance or £12.50 on the door. Available from Kathleen Ellis Hair Design, Chapel Street, Harbury, Nicky Lewis (815196) or Andy Pittaway (814323). Please book early as numbers are limited.

Nicky Lewis

HARBURY BEER FESTIVAL

The Heart of Warwickshire branch of CAMRA would like to hear from parties who would be interested in organising food and soft drinks at this year's festival taking place on **3rd and 4th September** and for future festivals.

This will be our 9th Harbury Beer Festival and in recent years the food operation has been in aid of the Harbury Victorian Street Fair, Harbury Playgroup and MENCAP.

The event always takes place over the weekend following the August Bank holiday; a buffet is required on the Friday afternoon for the trade session and then the public session runs from 6.00pm – 11.00pm Friday evening and from 11.30am – 4.00pm and 6.00pm – 11.00pm on the Saturday; food will need to be available during all the public sessions.

This will involve a fair amount of planning and plenty of hard work and co-ordination over the actual weekend. Groups will need to be able to rely on around 6 people to man each session. The food is usually basic – cheap and cheerful – consisting of rolls with a selection of fillings, sausage or burgers, jacket potatoes, soft drinks, crisps, nuts, pickles, onions etc. A risk assessment has to be completed in order to satisfy Health and Safety regulations.

The branch will be able to offer advice during the planning stages and would need a couple of co-ordination meetings to be held to monitor progress and resolve any problems before the event.

If anyone is interested, please WRITE to me: John Crossling, 4 Chapel Street, Harbury indicating who you represent and for what you wish to raise funds; please indicate whether your 'group' has any experience of organising similar functions; being a local branch of CAMRA we would prefer applications from good local causes or from local people wishing to fundraise for a recognised national charity. Whilst the Harbury Victorian Street Fair continues to run, we hope the organisers will continue to run the food on alternate years but we would like to build up a list of other interested organisations for this year and future events.

Each year, the Beer Festival has a theme and we like the theme carried through with the food where possible; this year we are featuring beers from the north west of England and so for example cheeses available could include Cheshire and Lancashire.

The sessions are hard work but good fun and have raised significant funds for the groups involved in previous years. I look forward to hearing from you ASAP.

**John Crossling –
Beer Festival Organiser**

HARBURY CHRONICLES PROGRESS REPORT

We came across several problems when purchasing items for the Editing Suite, mostly in the form of delays in delivery.

However, we're back in business now and the serious task of editing begins on 1st June. It is not going to be easy to cut down twenty days filming into one and a quarter hours. Warwick (Partington) is committed to making a film that both he and me, can be proud of, so when it comes to hard decisions regarding content, we shall bow to his expertise – well, in ninety nine cases out of the hundreds!

Peter McDonald now steps into the project. He is composing the background music that will create and portray moods as events unfold. Not easy, when you recall the solemnity of Remembrance Sunday, and soon after, the exuberance of our children at their Bonfire Night

Celebrations. Peter's contribution is enormously important and I should like to thank him publicly for taking on the mantle of Musical Director.

We could have written a narrative at the outset and worked to that plan, but I very much wanted the film to evolve and show naturally, the spirit of Harbury. I am sure this will happen and that Harbury will speak for itself, with little intervention from a narrator. It is likely that we shall select a lively, young sounding male voice for the commentary but when I've pressed Warwick on the matter, whilst agreeing with me in principle, he's advised me to "wait and see," adding he has contacts!

So there you are. That's how matters stand at the moment. Like you, I am looking forward to seeing the film.

Mary Shelley

A HARBURY POEM

We visited Harbury

One day while on

A drive

I said to my husband

It is peaceful not wild

The people were pleasant,

The sun came shining through

I said I would like to live here

Wouldn't you.

We bought a bungalow in

Mackley Way,

We liked it so much

so we are here to stay.

**Poet PM Wardle
(a new resident)**

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The last talk on Tuesday 4th May "The Scented Garden" given by Mrs Kaye, was both interesting and informative. She showed us many slides giving us insights into the uses of the various perfumed plants, edible, medicinal, one for killing bugs and many for pure pleasure. Although this was the last talk of our "year" there are activities taking place in the meantime.

The Garden Walkabout Weekend on 10th and 11th July, will soon be upon us. The programmes will soon be available for sale from Muglestone and Kathy Ellis. The price is still £2.00, children under 5 free. This is our only fund raising event, so please may we have your support. We shall also need help cake making etc., please contact Mrs Pat Smith. Anybody who will have plants to sell at this event, please label, price and take them to Mrs Pat Smith, 8 Farley Avenue, before the Saturday 10th July.

When exhibiting wine in the Village Show **Saturday 11th September**, please remember to use uncoloured clear bottles filled to within 1" of the top using a flanged cork but no capsules, and labelled to show wine type – (sweet red, dry white etc.).

Final reminders, Kew trip **Tuesday 8th June** meet at Village Hall 8.45am. Bourton House trip **Tuesday 22nd June** meet at the Village Hall 5.45pm.

We will keep our fingers crossed for fine weather on both outings, it might be an idea to take your umbrella – just in case!

On behalf of the Society may I thank Party Paraphernalia for all the help and co-operation they have given us over the years. P.S. Has anybody got a projector stand they don't want, the Society would like one please.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Warm breezes, the roses in bloom and the fragrance of flowers on the evening air, is everyone's dream. However, there are jobs to be done. Prune privet hedges and spring flowering shrubs, forsythia, weigela and pieris if it is outgrowing its space. Berberis hedges and bushes can

be shaped. Give the lawn a boost with fertiliser, and weed and moss-killers too, but do not put the lawn clippings on to the compost heap for a week or two after treating the grass.

Lift and divide alpiners, pot up some pieces to grow in a cold frame, or take softwood cuttings and root them in a propagator or enclose the pot in a plastic bag. Mulch sweetpeas and tie them in to their support. Pinch out the shoot tips of fuchsias to produce a bushy plant and feed all containers and hanging baskets weekly. Sow quick growing annuals to fill gaps left by bulbs. Sow wallflowers and sweet williams in a nursery bed and grow on for planting out in the autumn.

Small gooseberries can be picked for cooking. Net cherries and currants unless you are sharing with the birds. Tie in new raspberry shoots but pull out any that are out of line. Dare I say, if the weather is dry, bush fruits will need regular water!

Feed, weed and mulch the herb bed. Before herbs flower, pick stalks of your favourites and dry them for winter. Spread them between two sheets of kitchen paper and cook them in the microwave oven on high, for 3 to 5 minutes. Although this is quick, I find the flavour is stronger using the traditional method of hanging bunches in a warm sunless area. Plant out marrows, courgettes and tomatoes. Sweetcorn should be planted in a block in sheltered sites. Plant out leeks and the brassicas. Sow the rest of the vegetable crops in prepared soil.

Plant of the month – *Foxglove*

Witches' gloves, deadmen's bells and bloody fingers are all sinister names for this flower of woodland or border. Long associated with the Black Arts, it is said they were an ingredient in an ointment which enabled witches to fly. Also in the potion were deadly nightshade and hemlock so no doubt this concoction when rubbed on the thighs as instructed, did produce some result! More benign properties of foxgloves have long been known. Potatoes, tomatoes and apples are said to store better when foxgloves are grown nearby. Cut flowers will last longer when foxglove tea, made by steeping leaves and flowers in boiling water, is added to the vase.

In the 16th Century Leonhard Fuchs mentions using foxglove leaves as a purgative. He named the plant *Digitalis* from the Latin 'digitus' – a finger, or possibly 'digitale' – a thimble. Dr William Withering, in the

18th Century noticed that 'a dram taken inwardly excites the heart muscle.' He treated patients with a foxglove extract and found that their heart conditions improved. Since this recorded medicinal use of digitalis, in 1785, no synthetic drug has replaced it.

History and folklore aside, these hardy biennial and perennial spires of blooms in shades of pinks, purples, yellows and white have graced stately home and humble cottage alike. Native to Europe, they will grow in any soil which does not become too dry in summer, and in sun or shade. In flower from the beginning of June to mid July they add height to a border. Sow outdoors now and grow on for flowering next year. After flowering cut off faded stems or let them self seed.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

What a wonderfully caring group of people we have in this village of ours.

Many, many thanks to you all – young and old – for the tremendous support you gave to Martin, Robin and myself. Such lovely – and so many – cards and letters, did, I assure you, play a huge part in helping us to cope with Bob's sudden death.

A splendid service of Love and Thanksgiving for Bob's life. Thank you Father Roy. Sally, my love to you. Bryan – I shall see you and hear your singing forever, and Mavis at the organ. Thank you.

The Intensive Care Unit at Warwick Hospital never stopped fighting to save Bob's life. I will try to let you know what was collected for those wonderful people.

Sharon and John you are doctors, friends, advisers and helpmates. Thank you both.

I am very proud of our two sons, Martin and Robin and feel privileged to live in Harbury.

Mavis Taylor, Martin & Robin

Dear Editors

My husband and I have left Harbury after nearly eleven happy years, to be nearer our daughters.

I would like to thank friends for their best wishes and also for the lovely cards we have received. Also a thank you to Mrs Catt – Toddlers, Mothers' Union and W.I.

We will be pleased to welcome anyone who is able to visit us.

Yours sincerely

Pryce and Joan (Jones)

Dear Editors

What are we as people coming to?

Here we are busy campaigning, Plant a tree for the Millennium! Save the rain forest! The Ozone layer! Save the English Oaks!

Was no one able to stop the death of the lovely walnut tree that once adorned the green at the side of the Old New Inn?

Older villagers would remember the first walnut tree that stood by the door, providing walnuts at Christmas for family, friends and customers.

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'No No,' – said the well meaning village folk – 'this is for our children's children.'

The beautiful chestnut tree was replaced with a young but healthy walnut tree at a cost of 1500 pounds, - 'well done,' - said the well meaning folk - 'there it is for our children's children.'

And now it is murdered, while still a teenager, not even able to see one Millennium out!

It could have seen two more in!

Will our children's children care I wonder?!

John McLaughlin

Dear Editors

Coffee Morning for Flowers 2000

I would like to thank everyone who supported my recent Coffee Morning. To those who baked, sent gifts, raffle prizes and donations and to all of you who came, thank you all. We made the magnificent sum of £222 which will be added to our steadily growing 'Flowers 2000 Fund'.

Liz Bunting

Dear Editors

Eric Dally - New District Councillor Harbury Ward

I should like to thank everyone concerned who, first of all, turned out to vote and more importantly, to vote for me.

I have given you an undertaking that I shall not become an unseen Councillor and just as soon as I have got myself a little more organised, I shall find a way of keeping in constant touch with as many of you as possible and dealing with your concerns. I especially hope to be able to meet those I missed seeing during the campaign.

I shall do my very best to represent your better interests.

Eric Dally

Dear Editors

The European Elections

We have another election on June 10th – this time for members of the European Parliament.

I shall be standing for the Conservatives and am No.2 on the West Midlands list of 8 candidates.

Whichever party you normally vote for, please put a cross in the Conservative "box" on the ballot paper on the day. Conservatives want to be "In Europe but not run by Europe." As a local man, who cares about this country and this area, I would ask for your support on June 10th – and would work hard to deserve it.

Many thanks.

***Philip Bushill-Matthews
The Manor House, Harbury
(Tel: 612476)***

Editors note: Contributions were invited from all the major political parties.

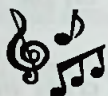
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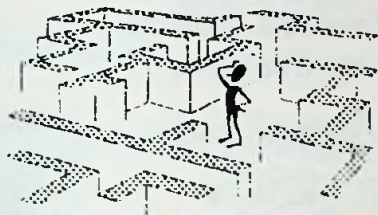


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