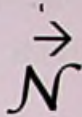
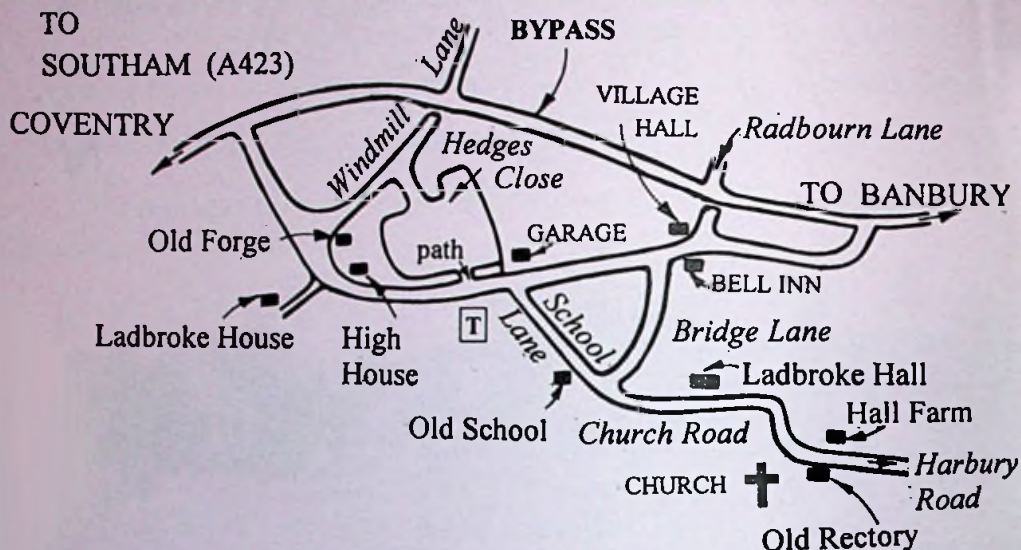


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For those who resisted the temptation to travel to the South West to watch the Eclipse, there were excellent views of the moon passing in front of the sun to be seen in Harbury. Likewise for those younger children who were not away on holiday, the Mega Quest Holiday Club provided some wonderful entertainment during the long holiday. Congratulations to all those who gave up so much of their time to organise the club.



Some of the Mega Quest participants at the Family Service

September is a month which marks the end of a year for some of us and yet the start of one for others. The annual Village Show marking the end of the horticultural year is a splendid opportunity for not only gardeners but anyone who has created something to show off their talents. There is always a wonderful display of villagers skills and crafts to be seen in the Village Hall.

The start of another academic year is a milestone for many of the younger generation, whether it be starting school for the first time, moving up to senior school or going on to higher education. We wish success to all, what ever their stage in the educational ladder.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Sara Elliott, John Parker, Tom Sheasby and Doris Spriggs.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat | 4 | RNLI Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12 noon
CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL in Village Hall
Rubbish collection one day late after Bank Holiday |
| Sun | 5 | 14th AFTER TRINITY - Sung Eucharist 9.00am,
Evensong 6.30pm
CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL in Village Hall |
| Mon | 6 | Depôt Bus at Playing Fields one day this week |
| Tues | 7 | School Begins
Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 8 | Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm |
| Thurs | 9 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
W.I. in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm |
| Fri | 10 | Newspaper Collection |
| Sat | 11 | Scouts Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am-12 noon
Horticultural Show in Village Hall 2.00pm
Chesterton Windmill Open Day |
| Sun | 12 | 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Holy Communion 8.00am,
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Chesterton Windmill Open Day
Ninth Harbury Hash at Walworth Farm 2.30pm |
| Tues | 14 | HOLY CROSS DAY - Holy Communion 7.30pm, Prayer Group 8.00pm |
| Wed | 15 | Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
ADVERTS TO: Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by 5.30pm |
| Thurs | 16 | Holy Communion 9.45am |

- Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- Fri 17 W.I. Harvest Supper in Village Hall
- Sat 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
NSPCC Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12 noon
- Sun 19 **16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8.00am;
Family Communion Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am
- Tues 21 ST. MATTHEW - Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union 8.00pm
Senior Citizens Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 22 Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
Harbury Nursery School A.G.M.
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Wagstaffe Room of Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 24 Newspaper collection
- ARTICLES TO: HARBURY CHEMIST, HIGH STREET by 5.30pm**
- Sat 25 Rotary Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12 noon
Jumble Sale in aid of Tennis Club in Village Hall 10.00am
Southam and District Ladies Circle Race Nite in Village Hall
- Sun 26 **17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 27 Harbury Pre-School A.G.M. at 8.00pm
- Tues 28 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 29 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS - Holy Communion 7.30pm
PCC 8.00pm
Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm

OCTOBER

- Fri 1 Macmillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning, Temple House, Temple End
10.00am - 12 noon
Grand Ceilidh Dance Village Hall 8.00pm-Midnight
- Sat 2 MacMillan Nurses Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am -12 noon
PCC Harvest Supper in Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- Sun 3 **18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Eucharist 9.00am
Evensong 6.30pm

Please note:

Adverts to: Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by Wednesday 15th September

Articles to: Harbury Chemist, High Street by Friday 24th September

For Scout Hut Bookings

For Tom Hauley Room Bookings

For Village Hall Bookings

For Wight School Bookings

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Mrs. W. Stubbs

Mr. P. Winchester

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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: Scout Hut, Mondays 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, Mondays 5.30-6.30pm

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: Harbury School Pitch 9.00am

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Under 9s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 10.30am

Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401

Under 10s: Training: Playing Fields 9.00am

Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Keith Guy

Under 12s: Training: Playing Fields 10.30am

Coaches: John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574

Under 14s: Training: Playing Fields 10.30am

Coaches: Trevor Montague 612340 & Steve Fitzgerald 612164

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

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays
8:00-10:00pm

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, 10:00am 1st Thursday
of Month; Term Time only

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, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Diane Surgey
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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
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Laugh Line

Two young ladies were discussing their future husbands. One said: "I'm going to marry a doctor then I can be ill for nothing."

The other replied, "I'll marry a clergyman then I can be good for nothing."

FROM THE RECTOR

Cathy took her four small, boisterous children to visit Granny. Granny, who lived alone in a neat cosy bungalow, was delighted to see them all. The children played trains along the passage and ate up all the cakes and biscuits she had made, leaving a trail of crumbs over the carpet. Later in the day the older ones badgered her to play cards and tell another story, whilst the younger ones jingled on the piano leaving all the keys sticky and slightly grubby. When it was time to go Granny beamed at her daughter. "I will thank you twice over dear, once for coming, once for going!"

That's family life, sharing, laughing and recognising the limitations and irritations of others whilst not letting them destroy the good things. That is a community of love.

It is clear that the essential role of the Liturgy of the Church is one of

drawing us together, sharing the experience of loving and worshipping our Heavenly Father together.

We are not separate cells of a great big honeycomb but one community infused with the love of God.

The crunch comes when we leave our church after the Sunday Eucharist, when we go home after the prayer group, or miss the church meeting. What happens to our community then?

It is clear that each person in the Church is of equal value. The lay person is not a non-expert or kind of vice captain to the clergy. And as the laity are the greater part of the People of God it is clear that they have a responsibility of making what Christ achieved available to all men. This is a daunting task for any individual. Undoubtedly many of us duck out of accepting that responsibility, feeling we can barely keep our own spiritual lives afloat let alone preach to others.

What happened to the message of the Liturgy, that of sharing a unifying experience? If we always leave it at the door of the Church as we go out our lives remain a muddled heap of good intentions, despair, isolation and confusion. Jesus meant us to be a community of love, a community united in him through the Eucharist, not just on Sundays but through every moment of our lives.

It is no good exchanging the peace at Communion if we isolate each other for the rest of the time. It is a false sign of love and commitment. If we listen and love within our community we are concerned with the joys and sorrows of each other, with the things that matter to each other and with the work of one another, we depend on one another. Community breaks down when no one is interested in what anyone else is doing. It doesn't mean that we must all be together all the time, longing to do the same thing. Granny's life is very different from the hurly-burly of Cathy's and her children. But their mutual care and commitment and love mean that they share these differences and are the recipients of each other's love and gifts.

That is how it must be in the family of the Church if we are to make the most of one another's company in this life and effectively thank our Heavenly Father for His gifts.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony – All Saints' Harbury

- 14th August - Graeme Wright to Julie Bell
 28th August - Paul Neville to Sacha Lee

Holy Baptism – All Saints' Harbury

- 1st August - Hayley Joy Grey
 22nd August - Nicole Elizabeth May Woodfield
 29th August - Abigail Ann Kitchener

Holy Baptism – All Saints' Ladbroke

- 29th August - Angharad Ryder Elliott

Funerals – All Saints' Ladbroke

- 6th August - Tom Sheasby

Funerals – Oakley Wood

- 16th August - Doris Spriggs
 20th August - John Parker
 27th August - Sara Elliott

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

HOLIDAY CLUB - MEGA QUEST

A total of 52 children enrolled to take part in this year's Holiday Club - entitled Mega Quest and based on 'God's big plan for the World' and the text from Luke's Gospel 'Search and you will find'.

Each day had a Christian theme - The Garden of Eden, Moses, The Crucifixion and the Road to Emmaus - all in a modern setting, using model computers. Members could choose to join various groups such as Art Work, Drama, Music etc. All agreed that the story-telling was a particular highlight. Each morning finished with an episode of "The Virus Busters", a play illustrating the triumph of good over evil, which kept the audience enthralled as they anticipated the final outcome.

A bonus was the Eclipse - viewed on TV's brought in for the occasion.

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This year's Holiday Club, with its large team of helpers was voted a great success. The Club was masterminded by Mary Catt who put in a tremendous amount of planning and preparation. As a token 'thank you', Mary was presented with a potted plant at the Family Service.

Father Roy presenting Mary Catt with a Miniature Rose Tree



Mega Quest Members being kept busy

A Choral Evensong with Augmented Choir will be held at Ladbroke on **Sunday September 19th** at 6.00pm.

Ruth and John

MOTHERS' UNION DATES

Tuesday September 21st at 8.00pm - "Flowers and Prayers" - speaker Angela Hayes.

Wednesday October 6th at 2.30pm - Please bring a childhood photo.

Anne Moore

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBURY HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper will take place on Saturday 2nd October at the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Tickets are £4.00 adults and £1.50 for children. Tickets are available from Ruth Dodds 612529, Gill Guildford 614206 and Corinna Bennett 612203.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Social Committee

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- Wed 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Communion 2.00pm
Womens Fellowship 2.45pm
- Sat 11 Historic Churches Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride
- Sun 12 **15th After Trinity:** - Sung Communion 9.00am
- Mon 13 Prize Draw at the Bell Inn at 8.00pm
- Thurs 15 **ADVERTS TO:** Westbury House, 79 Mill Street, Harbury by 5.30pm
- Sun 19 **16th After Trinity:** - Sung Communion 9.00am; Choral Evensong 6.00pm
- Thurs 23 Ladbroke & Deppers W.I. Meeting - Ladbroke Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sun 26 **17th After Trinity:** - Sung Communion 9.00am
- Fri 24 **ARTICLES TO:** HARBURY CHEMIST, HIGH STREET, High Street Harbury by 5.30pm
- Tues 28 P.C.C. Meeting The Old Rectory 8.15pm
- Wed 29 ST. Michael and All Angels - Holy Communion 7.00am

OCTOBER

- Fri 1 Harvest Supper in the Village Hall
- Sun 3 Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am - Family Communion

LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA

- 12th September Marie Kennedy & Anne Edwards
- 19th September Jenny Barrett
- 26th September Carol Northorpe
- 3rd October Jean Clews - Harvest Festival

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

The most urgent item on the agenda at the moment is the Historic Churches Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride on **September 11th**. The notification for this has only been out about 3 weeks - so organisation within the village is only just happening. James Constable has said he will ride again for us this year - (I don't know whether his mother knows about this yet!), he will need sponsoring most urgently. We also will need volunteers to man the church from 10.00am to 6.00pm.

Our augmented Choir is practising again for the Choral Evensong on **September 19th** at 6.00pm. Please come and make it a special occasion - definitely the more the merrier!

Harvest time is here again. We are celebrating the occasion with the Supper before the Thanksgiving Service this year. Supper is on **Friday October 1st** in the Village Hall - tickets on sale soon. Harvest thanksgiving will be at the Family Service 10.30am **October 3rd** - when we once again hope the children will play their part.

The Children's Church had their Treasure Hunt and Picnic on August 26th. The weather was kind to us and I think about 30 children plus adults had a good time. Some quite small children walked the length of the farm and we went to see the place where the Roman coins were found. We discovered a small piece of pottery - (Roman?) and enjoyed our "picnic" on a trailer in a barn. I bet there were quite a few children who slept well that night.

Our sympathy and support go out to Tom and Joan Sheasby and family on the sad death of their son Tom on July 27th. Tom had lived most of his life in Ladbroke and was always popular with all who knew him as was obvious by his many friends who came to his funeral.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to Hazel Sharples for holding our Tea Party at "her place" on August 11th. Again the weather was kind to us and we had a very pleasant afternoon. We raised £160 towards our sponsorship of the Sudaneze Refuge in Cairo. Many thanks also to everyone who supported us in whatever way.

Our September meeting at Hall Farm, will be a talk by Lorna Charlton on Heraldry - everyone is very welcome to join us. We start the afternoon as usual with our Holy Communion service at 2.00pm.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

We did not have a meeting in August but we had our outing to the Craft Centre at Wootton Wawen which was enjoyed by members.

The next meeting will be on September 23rd at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall when Mr. Ian Nicholls, of the County Air Ambulance Service will be giving a talk.

Tea Hostesses will be Marie Kennedy and Maureen Pratt.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The seventh prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club was held on August 16th at the Bell Inn. The winners were Terence Sullivan £90; R. Fisher £50; Sylvia West £25; J & P Laidler £25; Marie Kennedy, Hazel Sharples, B & M Whitehouse, C & V McQuistan, and Ron Abbott each received £10.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 13th September** at the Bell Inn at 8.00pm

Catherine Spence

Many congratulations to all the young teenagers in the village who have done well in their recent school examinations. Commiserations to those who had hoped to do better - don't worry - there are other things in life you know!

Betty Winkfield

HARBURY SOCIETY

What do we do? We are an Amenity Society, affiliated to the Civic Trust, interested in the Built Environment and the Natural Landscape of our area. We care about the buildings, the trees, the views and the history of Harbury.

We hold a series of meetings on topics of the moment and invite speakers to help us understand aspects of our history, community and the organisations and institutions which have an impact upon us. So over the years we have learned about Planning, Transportation, Local and National Government, Archaeology, Local History, Horticulture, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Living.

We have published a book of Footpath Walks ('Cross the Stile' £3.00) and a village History ('Hungry Harbury' £4.00). We played a leading role in steering the successful Village Design Statement (copies of this £3.00 plus the other books are available from the Secretary, Linda Ridgley, 16 Farm Street 612792). Behind the scenes we are a watchdog on local planning matters.

We also have fun, John Lapraik and Ed Wilson pathfind excellent pub walks for us during the summer months. We have a Social in the New Year with Touring Theatre as entertainment (this year its The Hunchback of Notre Dame on **Saturday 5th February**).

For the autumn we are arranging a talk on the Hill Close Pleasure gardens in Warwick and Stuart Palmer from the County Archaeology section is to explain what has been discovered along the line of the Transco pipeline. Watch out for more details in the H. & L. News. Also, you may wish to note that Chesterton Windmill is open to the public on **Saturday 11th** and **Sunday 12th September**.

Linda Ridgley

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

The Farmers Market which takes place on the first Saturday of the month on the Rother Street Market site in Stratford is now well established and is being copied elsewhere. Kenilworth and Leamington are to hold markets next month and Warwick will follow once the refurbishment of the Market Place is complete.

On **Saturday 25th September** in Rother Street, Stratford the District Local Agenda 21 group (who launched the Farmers Market) is holding its second "Greener Living Show" from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

There will be entertainment for both children and adults, with a "Green Man" music and quizzes. However, the main attraction will

be the organisations and groups who are there to show the general public how they can "Do their Bit" for the environment and for sustainable living.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

There was no meeting in August. However, the Garden Party at the home of Nora Ellis was a great success. On a warm evening members enjoyed refreshments with wine. A raffle, bring and buy and Celia's quiz on members names proved very popular. Thank you to all who donated and especially to Nora and Neville for the use of their home.

Again a reminder about the Produce Show on **Saturday, 11th September**. Please enter, even if it is just one class and do come along in the afternoon to view. See you there!

Yet again, don't forget the date, **October 11th** for the W.I. Autumn Fair, more details later.

At the September meeting instead of the advertised speaker, John Leach will talk on his adventures in Peru, with slides.

September Hostesses: Diana Buck, Sylvia Burdett and Lyn Hayes.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Mike's theme of "I Haven't Got A Clue" set everyone a challenge and our regulars and visitors strove to succeed with their customary zeal. A shame then that Mike could not be there to enjoy the fruits of the proffered gauntlet. The other side of the theme was to present a familiar tune with some unfamiliar words and The Harvesters' offering was familiar tunes with some unfamiliar words, although run consecutively rather than coincidentally. Rick followed with *Waltzing Matilda* to an alternative tune and a finely played bagpipe lament, albeit on the more familiar guitar. Jonathan from Warwick gave us *The Dimming of the Day* and a funny unaccompanied song about a Yorkshire couple. Ron completed the first half on typically excellent form and his *Byker Hill* to the tune of *Jerusalem*, climaxed with near-apocalyptic clashes on a matching pair of saucepan lids, was positively inspirational.

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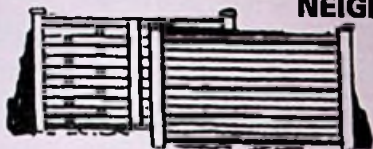
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The second half opened with another of Harbury Folk Clubs greatest claims to fame, the scratch speciality act. In the parts of the participants of the Radio Four programme that had given the night its theme, Alan, Doug, and Chris, accompanied by Daniel and Lynne, provided three new versions of familiar songs and promptly brought the house down. Peter Mc. was up next with the ever-popular *From A Distance* and followed with an accordion performance of *The Pearl* with the digital assistance of Roland. Lynne and the rest of 'Reel to Reel' played two tunes and were followed by Eleanor, John and Nick with two well-performed sixties songs, preceded by a violin instrumental. Keith Donnelly is always a welcome visitor and his *Falkand Islands Blues*, to the tune of *Down Under*, is always a winner. Double up, another Folk Club irregular coupling, completed the half with three favourite songs, finishing with *John Barleycorn* to the tune of *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*. The latter we all did, to the bar, until the third half.

The final fling saw Ron performing another of his standout numbers, *The Night they closed the Crown*. Gilly was set the task of following this and did so effortlessly with two fine songs. Keith was brought back to bring the proceedings to a happy conclusion, although what Mary Poppins would have made of this final number would stretch most imaginations!

A heartfelt thanks again, to all of the artists who made the evening so special and went to such efforts to meet and surpass a seemingly difficult theme. The raffle raised £25 and fourpence (?) for Myton Hospice. It all happens again at The Dog on the first Thursday of every month. It's environmentally-friendly, non-genetically modified, mostly organic and completely free!

Ian Hartland

HARBURY MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

An enthusiastic group of Mums and Toddlers have kept our sessions on a Monday and Wednesday going throughout the summer. We have enjoyed two outings, the first in July to Victoria Park, Leamington for an end of term picnic and in August to the Shire Horse Centre. The sky didn't go black in Stratford during the visit, but the Toddler Group enjoyed their eclipse day out.



Mums and Toddlers in a barn during the Eclipse

Currently we have 30 Mums and Toddlers on our register, but we are always keen to see some new faces and for the children to have new friends to play with. We welcome anyone who has children or looking after children aged up to 4 years on a Monday morning or Wednesday afternoon to join us at the Wight School for a chat and a coffee.

Our next date for the diary is a sponsored toddle around Harbury on **Monday September 27th**. We are hoping to raise funds for a new toy shed. Please give us your support and a wave as we go around the village.

We will be having a Children's Photographer to visit on **Wednesday 27th October** from 3.30pm onwards at the Wight School. We invite you to come along and have your child/children photographed in time for Christmas.

If you'd like any further information about our group or the photographs please contact Helen Cooper on 612794 or Caroline Hill on 613780.

P.S. Any offers of a new shed will be greatly appreciated!

Helen Cooper

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play

The summer holiday has provided us with an opportunity to relax a little and reflect on the achievements of the last school year. We started last

September, with real concern that the Playgroup, as it was then, would fold. We had less than ten children on the roll but we also had a new team of enthusiastic, determined staff and a group of energetic parents and supporters. Here are our edited highlights:

September: The inside of the Wight School is transformed through the use of yellow and blue paint and the sanding of the floor. Many people appear to go blonde overnight.

October: A new committee is elected and agrees to go for Ofsted approval which will allow us to accept nursery vouchers. We also agree to raise £850 for new tables and chairs.

November: Beautiful golden leaves, beech nut husks and acorns are collected on a glorious nature walk in the autumn sunshine.

December: Amid joyous rehearsals of Christmas songs for our concert, staff scrutinise even the tiniest detail of their work to check that they are nothing short of perfect for the inspection. So, do you wear your cardigan over or under your tunic?

January: The Ofsted inspection takes place.

February: We hear we have passed the inspection with flying colours.

March: Easter is celebrated by the visit of a lamb to the Pre-School and a special church service.

April: We make flags, roses and a very nice dragon for St George's Day.

May: Thirty children whizz round the playground, lured on by Smarties and the cheers of their friends and relations, to raise money for their chairs and tables in a sponsored wheelie.

June: Our *Peter Pan* float wins first prize at the Village Carnival.

July: The £850 target is achieved and the chairs and tables are purchased and installed. A bouncy castle and a picnic on a perfect summer's day round off the term.

We are very grateful to everyone who, whether by purchasing food from one of our stalls or hacking through the undergrowth in the playground, has helped us in the past year. There are some people whose contribution has been exceptional, not least that of the staff and

we are particularly grateful to them. Other items of news include a great time at the Blues Festival and we were delighted to be able to make a donation of £50 to Myton Hospice. Volunteers are still needed to help with the food at the Beer Festival ... food, beer ... surely this is an attractive combination?!

Our AGM will be on **Monday 27 September at 8.00pm** and we would like to invite everyone who has been involved in the Pre-School or who would like to become involved to come along, enjoy some cheese and wine and discuss the direction we will take in the forthcoming year. Our Ofsted approved status means that we have had to formalise a lot of our arrangements. We welcome not only parents with lots of ideas about child development and fundraising activities but people with skills relating to staff appraisal and development, planning, monitoring, evaluation and finance!! You are a multi-talented lot out there (you have to be, you're parents!) and your active support would be greatly appreciated. We have been helped this year by people whose children were not at the Pre-School but who felt strongly that it should survive. While our survival is more assured, we would still welcome support from people who are interested in the work of the Pre-School, whatever the age of their children or grandchildren.

Meanwhile, we hope you had a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the Wight School on **Tuesday 7th September**. If you are thinking of bringing your child to the Pre-School but haven't made any arrangements yet, then do call in to discuss with the staff what might suit your child best.

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL - OFSTED REPORT

The Nursery was Ofsted inspected in May and we are pleased to announce that the results were excellent and the Inspector was extremely impressed with our provision. The report commented that *"Harbury Nursery School provides an excellent programme of well planned activities in a happy and stimulating environment."*

The Inspector praised the planning of the educational programme which promotes all the learning objectives. The quality of teaching was described as very good with the staff providing good role models,

confident and sensitive in their management of the children. The Nursery was pleased with the success of its Special Educational Needs Programme with its *"excellent procedures and policy to support children with educational needs."*

The Inspector complimented the imaginative and challenging opportunities for physical development, the stimulating art programme, the stimulating Maths activities developing skills through practical activities and problem solving and the very good language and literacy programme which promotes confident speaking and good listening skills.

The report contains many examples of our activities. A copy is available in Harbury Library but if anyone would like their own copy please contact Kate Smart at the Nursery or telephone 612609.

It's the start of a new term and the theme is "Teddy bears." There will be lots of fun activities for your bear to become involved with including a teddy bears picnic!

Our A.G.M. will be held on **September 22nd**. Anyone who is interested in joining the Committee or finding out more about us is welcome to come along.

It looks like being another busy year at the Nursery. Children can start at two years nine months and if you are interested in a place this year, do drop into school and visit us or contact Kate Smart 612609.

Nursery School Committee

ACADEMIC SUCCESS 1999

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

Katy Brown gained an Upper Second B.A. (Hons) Degree in European Business with French from Nottingham Trent University. She is hoping to go into either Marketing or Advertising.

James Stringer gained a B.A. (Hons) in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University.

William Stringer gained a B.Eng (Hons) in Aero Engineering with French from Bath University.

Alison Szolnoki gained an LL.B. 2(1) (Hons) at Manchester University. She has been successful in being accepted for the College of Law in Chester and she will commence her studies for Law School work in 2 weeks time. She will then seek a placement with a firm of Solicitors to do the practical component of the work.

Dominic Travis gained a B.Sc in Maths from York University. He is currently job seeking.

Charlotte Wade gained a B.Sc 2(1) in Tourism from Buckingham College. She is currently job seeking.

If other successes remain unreported, please contact the Editorial Office (see 1st page) or leave written details at The Chemist. We are always delighted to record achievements from the Harbury and Ladbroke area.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

With the Summer Season coming to an end, both the 'A' and 'B' teams ended up 4th in their respective leagues.

I am pleased to report a very successful summer to date, with more members than ever and a booming Junior Section. Particular thanks to Sue Mercer and Eileen Braham who have both given up so much of their time to organise the Wednesday and Sunday sessions for Juniors. They are still continuing for the timebeing.

Some important dates to remember:

- Tennis Club Jumble Sale - **Saturday 25th September** 10.00am in the Village Hall.
- Grand Ceilidh Dance - **Friday 1st October** 8.00pm in the Village Hall (Tickets from David Snell 614614).

The Grand Draw will take place on that date so please sell/buy some tickets!!

David Snell

WINIFRED ANN BROOKES – NÉE ROBERTS

CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY



Winifred (second from right) together with Reg & Hylda (centre) and other members of the Roberts family

Born – 31 August 1899 – Llandrindod Wells, Wales

Father: Earnest Roberts, born 1864. Died 1965 aged 101. Professional golfer and musician.

The Roberts family moved to Stratford-on-Avon when Winifred was 3 years old, where she attended Broad Street Primary School. She had one older sister and two younger brothers. Her younger brother Reg is still alive and he and his wife Hylda will be celebrating both Win's 100th Birthday and their own Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 3rd September, at a joint family party at their home in Wales, together with their son Peter, his wife Lynn and their two sons Simon and Jason. Both anniversaries merit a message from the Queen.

The Roberts family moved to Shrewsbury prior to World War 1 and at age 16, Win enlisted in the APC (Army Pay Corps) where she worked until the end of World War I. During this time the Colonel's wife had set up an Amateur Dramatic Society and Win appeared in a production of "The Frolics" for 2 weeks. She also took up golf at this time, coached by her father and won numerous medals.

Win's first job in Shrewsbury was working at a music shop. She had to cycle a round trip of 18 miles and remembers her parents preparing

the paraffin lamp for her bike as she set off in the dark at 7.30 in the morning in all weathers. She later became postmistress of a sub-post office in Shrewsbury when she was in her early twenties and it was here that she met her future husband Henry Brookes. He was a car salesman and Win remembers being most impressed by the sound of his car as he drew up outside the post office. A car was a rare sight in Shrewsbury at that time, as the main mode of transport was by foot or bike. They both shared an interest in Amateur Dramatics and appeared together in a production of "Outward Bound". They were married in 1928 in a registry office, attended by friends only, as both sets of parents objected to the marriage as being 'an unsuitable match'.

During the 1930's she and Henry moved to London where Henry started a radio business and dabbled in early television production.

During the Second World War whilst living in Wembley Park she did firewatching duties and Henry was in the Home Guard. His radio factory was a target for air raids. He narrowly escaped death from a Doodlebug (V1 Rocket).

Post-War they moved to Manchester where Henry was manager of a steelworks. They lived at Waddington Hall – said to be haunted by the Witches of Kendall. Win remembers lying in bed on Halloween night and being terrified as part of their ceiling collapsed. The canopy on their four poster bed saved them. They crept to another room and were petrified by a huge crash outside. The next morning they cautiously peered out of their room to investigate and saw that a large portrait had fallen off the wall. This convinced them that the house was truly haunted.

In the late 1940's they moved to the family home – the Old Post House - in Wilmcote near Stratford-on-Avon, where Henry worked at Tibor Reich Textiles at Clifford Chambers and then in the Coventry car manufacturing industry. On his retirement in the mid 1970s they sold the Old Post House and subsequently moved to Ladbroke Hall as one of the first owner/occupiers.

Peter & Lynn Roberts

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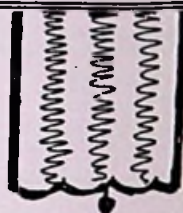


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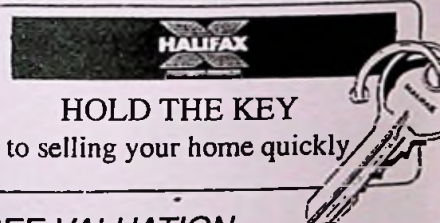
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Coffee (or tea) in the Barn at Temple House, Temple End, 10.00am - 12 noon on **Friday 1st October**. Please try and come.

Michael Lambert

THE HARBURY CHRONICLES - A FILM FOR THE MILLENNIUM

The Harbury Chronicles is near completion and will be shown on a big screen in the Village Hall on **Saturday October 9th**. There will be a Matinee at 3.30pm and an evening performance at 7.30pm.

We have no way of anticipating how many of you may wish to see the film version but we think that two showings are sufficient to meet the demand, if not we will have to arrange another presentation.

Feeling in Party Mood, we have voted that the tickets shall be given away free AND there'll be a cup of tea or a glass of wine with nibbles to add to the festivities. (We know how to do things in Harbury!)

You may collect your tickets, two for each person, from Bill Middleton, at his house, Butcher's Barn, High Street, at any time from 10.00am onwards, on **Saturday October 2nd**.

We are inviting our Sponsors to send a representative to one of the showings and seats will be reserved for the individual fund raisers in the village. When we made a list of everyone else who had been good to us, we just gave up the idea of entry by invitation, it would not have been fair. You have all made valuable contributions.

The Videos. With a bit of luck you should be able to collect your videos after the film shows. If these times are inconvenient, we can easily arrange for you to pick them up another day.

Warwick Partington is contracted to provide two hundred videos. One hundred and twenty had already been reserved and paid for. To make sure of getting a copy I would urge you to contact Bill Middleton at Butcher's Barn, High Street as soon as possible to secure a copy.

Incidentally, the video versions are a quarter of an hour longer than the film.

As mentioned before, no tapes are beyond recall, all material that ended up on the Cutting Room floor will be lodged with either, Warwick Museum, or the County Records Office. More about that later.

We hope so much you will enjoy the film. Remember it has a serious purpose, it aims to present a pictorial record of the way a village is living at the end of the Twentieth Century, in order that future generations may not only get pleasure from it, but use it for studying the past.

Finally, the village of Harbury is the Star of the Show but the film is dedicated to its People.

Mary Shelley

PENSIONERS' PATIO

The squirrel is at it again. Did you know that a walnut dropped on a bungalow roof sounds like a gunshot? Out next-door walnut tree, just feet away from our back wall, is essentially friendly for most of the year. It looks splendid, bathes our little garden with dappled shade on the hottest day and even if the man of the house has to climb up frequently to de-leaf the gutters, well, it boosts his self-esteem to find he can still do it. Around mid-August the squirrel gets busy in its branches but this year his usual dawn bombardment seems to have been delayed till 7.00am. Perhaps, like us, he's feeling his age.

His presence, of course, has made a rodent-proof bird-feeder essential. Unfortunately it proved most bird-proof as well; only the occasional blue tit risked getting trapped in what so ominously looks like a cage. In the end two half-bars were sawn off and now this season's sparrow family, introduced to the nuts by their parents (I saw this happen), comes en bloc regularly. I hadn't known the youngsters would continue to hang around together for so long. The fifth one turned up one day with a damaged leg, he was able to flop on the floor of the nut-cage and peck away. We haven't seen him since the day of the deluge: unable to stand or perch, he must have been doomed. His siblings appear to have got over their bereavement, were they ever affected, I wonder?

Edyth Algar

John Parker

John was the Chairman of Harbury Village Club for a good number of years. He gave a lot of his time voluntarily to the day-to-day running of the club and also spent many hours helping out behind the bar.

If any funds needed to be raised, John was the man to do it. Also with his wife Polly, he helped to organise the annual Christmas Party for the club's senior citizens. In any spare time he had left, he enjoyed playing in the Domino team.

His jovial presence around the club will be sadly missed by all.

Celia Barrett
for Harbury Village Club

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

We are a group of 8 volunteers who have a keen interest in the maintenance of our public footpaths and bridleways around Harbury. We met for the first time at the beginning of July when James Fretwell from Warwickshire County Council took us through a survey. This was to get a feel of what to look for; whether the path needed clearing or if stiles and gates needed repairing etc. Any work to be carried out will be done with the co-operation of the landowner and financed by Warwickshire County Council while funds are available. The work itself is done either by the volunteers, if we think we're up to it, the landowner or by Contractors.

We have now surveyed half of the paths around Harbury and hope to have all of them covered by the end of August. If you are interested and wish to join us, ring me on 612221 for further information. Also, if anyone can help to identify land ownership around the paths it would be greatly appreciated.

Clive Taylor

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Village Show on **Saturday 11th September** is virtually here and if you haven't already got one, please pick up a schedule - we think there is something for everyone. You don't have to grow fruit, vegetables or flowers to make an entry, there are classes for quite a few hobbies including the home-made wine section, photography, cooking and preserves and handicrafts. The judges travel quite a distance so please keep them happy, they like to be kept busy!

The Silver Cups and Trophies are being engraved - ready to be won yet again. They really do make an impressive display on the table in the hall. The list of winners will be published in my article next month.

Again the cut off date is **Wednesday 8th September** at 6.00pm. Please deliver your entry form and money either to Julie Clarke at 32, South Parade, Dorothy Groves, at 37, Mill Street, the School or 23, Deppers Bridge. The trestles and tables have to be put in place the previous Friday evening, so if any strong men would like to help, please ring Ron on 612515. We shall also need help dismantling everything after the Show at 4.15 on Saturday.

Please, please bring entries well before 10.45am. In previous years youngsters with entries have arrived after the judging had started, which resulted in disappointment for them after all their effort.

Even if you haven't entered, please come to the hall at 2.00pm to see what others have done. I am sure the hall will look and smell very nice, and be well worth a visit.

As usual, there will be a Produce Stall which the W.I. will be running, so if you have a contribution please bring it to the hall in the morning but not between 11.00am - 12.30pm when judging will be in progress. We hope to have a selection of rockery bulbs to sell on the stall which are a bit different from those that are usually available. We also intend having a Tombola - please take any contributions to Mrs Zonik, "Childyke", Mill Lane, or to 23, Deppers Bridge. It all helps to offset expenses. As in previous years any produce left at the hall after the show will be taken to Castel Froma. They are always very appreciative.

In spite of all the rain, the results are not at all promising in our garden, the exception is a row of chard! Up until mid July the garden looked

good but something caused the decline. It could have been the drying winds and extreme temperatures which made the soil like concrete, or, the slugs and snails and the caterpillars munching away!?

The trip to Colegrave Seeds was very interesting. Some bedding plants had suffered rain damage, others looked good. There were many other Gardening Clubs there from all over the country.

The flower arranging demonstrations were followed by that incomparable pair, Geoff Amos and Howard Drury in Gardeners Question Time. Whilst we were there the weather was dry but cold, rather different to the previous afternoon.

Please have a chat with Ron on 612515 if you have any queries regarding the Schedule. The book "On with the Show" is helpful, Mrs Pat Smith and Ron have copies.

P.S. Our new series of talks starts with Mr. Oak speaking on "Fuchsias" **Tuesday 5th October** 8.00pm in the Farley Room. A full list will be displayed at the Show.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

The end of the summer is not usually greeted with any joy but, it does mean that the chore of cutting the lawn will be ending soon. To put the grass in good shape for the colder days apply a mosskiller at the start of the month. Mid month after the moss has died, apply an autumn feed and give a top dressing of sand. Towards the end of the month as the growth rate slows, set the mower higher.

Prune standard roses and take cuttings of all types of rose. Make a shallow trench in a sheltered patch of fertile soil, lay the cuttings into this so that about 6ins. will be above the soil. Fill in the trench and wait for the cuttings to root, ready to pot up next year. Give hedges a tidy up for the winter and prepare sites for new hedges. Complete the summer pruning of apples and pears.

Plant Dutch and English irises and buy the small early flowering types. They all like a sunny situation. If you layered any pinks or carnations, now is the time to sever the new rooted plants from the parent plant.

The best flowers are borne on young plants and the older ones become straggly anyway, so are best replaced every three or four years.

Stop any newly planted pinks from flowering now, so that they are stronger to face the winter. Plant out hardy biennials such as wallflowers and polyanthus which give a good splash of early colour, or honesty and forget-me-nots which will brighten shady spots. Prepare containers for winter displays. The sooner winter pansies are established the better they will bloom and I have found the blue flowering ones are more reliable.

Sow lettuce for overwintering under cloches. Look for the radishes which will grow through the winter. We grew some last year which did not go woody and they kept us supplied all winter through. Plants spring cabbage and Brussels sprouts. Sow parsley and chervil and take cuttings of bay, lavender and rue.

Remember to bring inside, the houseplants which have been enjoying(?) the summer in the garden. Reduce the watering and feeding of most house plants, but bring the corms of cyclamen back to life by beginning to water them.

Plant of the month - Caryopteris

This group of fifteen deciduous shrubs, some hardy but some only half hardy, are natives of China and Japan. They were introduced around 1810, but there is only the variety *Caryopteris x clandonensis*, popularly called Blue Spiraea which has found favour. This is a lovely blue flowered shrub which is just coming into flower now. Each flower is quite small but they are produced so freely that the bush becomes a blue haze, complimented by its aromatic grey-green leaves. Look in the nurseries now for plants with the names Heavenly Blue, Kew Blue and Ferndown and plant them in any soil in full sun to give a trouble free late show. The bush will grow to about 4ft. in height and spread, but each April, after the first year, it can be pruned back to a foot from the ground. This makes it very useful to fill the gap left by earlier flowers.

Pat Smith



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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all Tom's friends for coming to say goodbye to him, at his funeral.

For all the beautiful cards of sympathy and flowers covering his plot, they have all been a great comfort to us.

Coming to talk to us afterwards has helped us through and we thank Betty and Trish, who helped us.

Thank you all so much.

*Tom & Joan, Rosemary,
Jan and Phil*

Dear Editors

A & E Appeal Coffee Morning

On Saturday 31st July you came and enjoyed having a coffee with friends. You bought raffle tickets and perhaps took a cake home for tea. Together we raised £200 for our A & E at Warwick Hospital.

Many many thanks to you all, with special thanks to Helen and Wendy, whose help was greatly appreciated.

Once again Harbury people have worked together.

Thank you from,

Pat and Syliva

Dear Editors

After reading Eleanor D Zonik's letter in the last issue of the Harbury News, I felt I had to put her right on the facts regarding the plans to improve the facilities for tennis, netball and football in the village.

Notice my choice of words... 'improve the facilities' not the 'urbanisation of our surroundings...with a sports centre' as Eleanor so inaccurately wrote.

Who on earth has she been talking to? This whole project has been blown out of all proportion.

I will try to explain in a few words what will be happening.

We are trying to improve the sporting facilities of our village by upgrading the small area to the side of the playing fields. The existing two tennis courts will remain unlocked and open to the public, but will be upgraded, funds permitting. The court furthest away from the houses will have floodlights put in.

The existing netball court (already locked) will be extended to include a separate multi use area for netball / tennis / five-a-side football. The whole of this area will be enclosed by a fence and floodlit. There will be a small hut at the side for storage of equipment and to provide shelter and refreshments for visiting teams.

The floodlights will be carefully shielded and additional landscaping will further help to reduce light spillage. The light will, of course, only be on during the hours of darkness (up to 10pm latest) and only when the courts are being used.

I hope this is a bit clearer for Ms Zonik. I am sure she will be pleasantly surprised when, instead of the huge concrete monstrosity with 'traffic congestion and parking problems' - which she is envisaging - she finds better facilities for the flourishing tennis, netball and football clubs of our village.

Some of us chose to live in Harbury because of its vibrancy, numerous activities and rural appeal. We want to keep it that way but we also want to move with the times. Many modern parents are too busy during the day and want to exercise and play sport after the kids have gone to bed. What a fantastic opportunity to be able to do this in our own village, rather than travel to Leamington or Warwick.

What a fantastic opportunity for bored youngsters to 'let off steam' constructively and positively in the village, rather than vegetate at home, or take up 'antisocial habits'.

If Eleanor had bothered to read the Harbury News earlier in the year, or come to one of the numerous meetings outlining our plans, I am sure I wouldn't be having to write this letter defending a major improvement to this lovely rural village's life.

David Snell

Dear Editors

I see that The Changing Face of Harbury team, is accused of misrepresenting facts. In particular, our statement that the floodlights may be on seven nights a week is contradicted. Readers should be told that Planning Permission has indeed been granted by Stratford District Council for illuminating the courts every night of the week until 10.00pm. In other words. No restrictions were placed on the number of nights the courts might be floodlighted.

Mary Shelley

Dear Editors

As Chairman of the Parish Council may I respond to some of the comments made relating to the Council's decision to permit the Millennium Project Team to proceed with its initiative to improve facilities on the playing fields and to support its planning application.

Firstly, I believe there are no grounds for complaining about the lack of consultation. The prolonged process leading to Parish Council approval in June was accurately documented in the August edition of this magazine in an article by the Chairman of the Millennium Project so I won't repeat it here on the assumption that the complainants have read that article. As with all planning applications, plans were available for inspection and there were more opportunities than with any other planning application I can recall for residents sufficiently interested to comment either at the five public meetings at which it was discussed or by written representation. As far as I am aware, none of the developments in this village over the thirty years I have lived here have been subject to any special consultative process and it could be argued that some housing developments in particular have had a bigger impact on the village than the Millennium Project proposals are likely to have.

Secondly, I think it is important to remind readers that if in due course the project goes ahead, the control and management of the facilities will be subject to a detailed agreement yet to be negotiated between the Parish Council and the sports clubs. It would be foolish to suggest that there will be no impact on immediate neighbours but

the agreement will seek to protect them as far as possible. It will define the days and times when the floodlights may be used and will also secure provision for public use of the facilities which will not have open access. I cannot pre-empt the agreement: however, proposals already tabled for discussion provide for the lights to be available Monday to Friday, April to October until 10.00pm and October to March until 9.30pm with use at weekends allowed only with the prior permission of the Parish Council. It is therefore in my view quite misleading to claim that approval has been given for floodlighting up until 10.00pm every night.

Harbury must be one of the most vibrant, active and supportive communities in Warwickshire and as a bonus we are privileged to live in a very agreeable rural location. Nevertheless I think we have to accept that it is not some Arcadian idyll and that most residents want to enjoy many of the facilities and services found in more urban areas. Thankfully however, it is not a dormitory village which I define as one whose residents for the most part look elsewhere for their recreational and social activities and as a consequence greatly diminish the sense of community. This current initiative is another example of how, over 63 years it has had ownership of the recreation ground, Harbury Parish Council has tried to respond to the emerging needs and aspirations of its residents for improved recreational facilities so that as far as possible they are not compelled to go outside the village for them. The Council made its decision, albeit not unanimously, aware of the concerns expressed but in the genuine belief that on balance the scheme offered significant potential benefits to the community. If it proceeds I hope that in the fullness of time those benefits will be realised and recognised.

John Hunt

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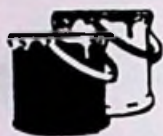
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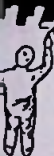
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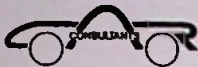
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