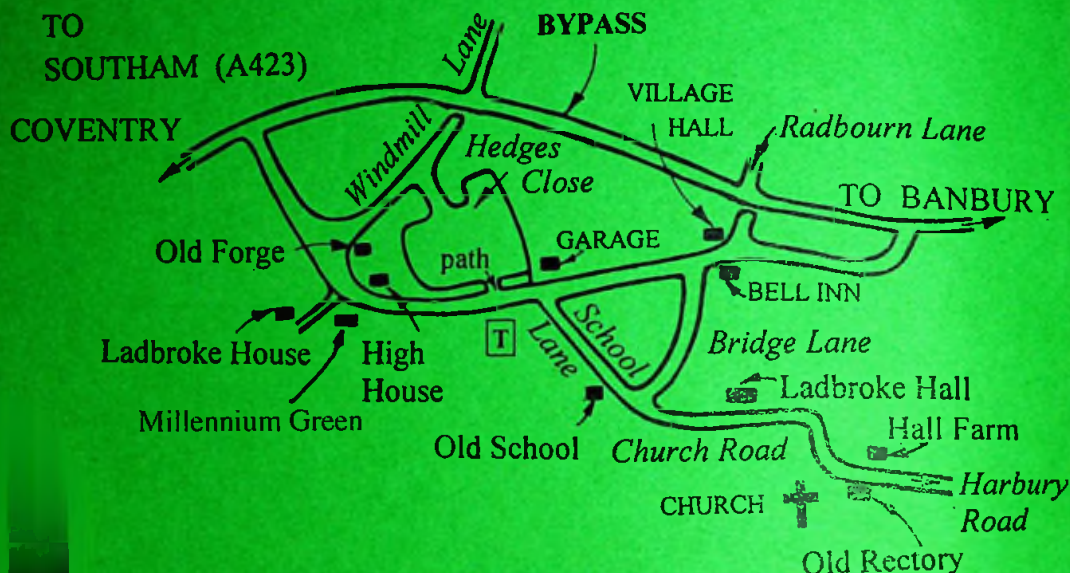


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Congratulations are in order on two counts. Firstly, five courageous villagers completed the 26 miles of the London Marathon and several charities will have benefited from their hard efforts. Although Mike Bloxham's photograph shows the Harbury runners, we understand there was at least one runner from Deppers Bridge.



L to R: Raymond Flanagan, George Simpson, Susie Tawney, Jem Brown, and Jane Simpson

Secondly, at long last we can reveal the winners of our line drawing competition. All five prize winners' drawings are displayed in the middle of the magazine. We would like to thank all those who submitted entries and we hope to include more drawings over the coming months. Representatives from the Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee presented the winners with their prizes at a recent school assembly.



Front: Emma Austin, Albany Vincent, and Ellie White

Back: Jorden Wright, Mrs. Millington, Lianne Bennett and Mrs. Holden

Peter and Sharon Kleeman of the Gamcock Inn are moving on after two years in the village. We wish them well in the future.

Finnally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Thomas Adams, Victor Allington, Robert Hanson, Edward Hunt, and Helen Todd.

Harbury & Ladbroke News Needs You

Over the past few months the number of people available to help with the collating and stapling of the Harbury & Ladbroke News seems to have dwindled. Perhaps you hadn't realised that volunteers do this part of the magazine production to help keep the costs down.

If you would be willing to help with this worthwhile chore, please give me a ring and I will happily add your name to the list and tell you the next few dates. It usually takes place on the Friday before distribution, in the Tom Hauley Room and takes about 1½ hours starting at about 6:30 pm or as soon after then as you are available.

It is not a difficult job so please consider giving it a try.

Liz Bones 612832

Harbury Diary

MAY

- Sun 5 **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER** - Sung Eucharist 9am
Evening Worship 6pm
- Mon 6 **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 7 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm, Mrs Darby - National Front Gardens
- Wed 8 Cricket Home to Clarendon Wardens
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 9 **ASCENSION DAY**
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 11 Harbury Society visit to Lichfield Cathedral
British Heart Foundation Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Myton Hospice Plant Sale, Dog Inn Car Park 12-3pm
- Sun 12 **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER** - Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home to Kineton
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm; Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
Cricket home to Tilted Wig
Talk it Through, at 33, South Parade 8pm
ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion 9.45pm
MU Deanery Service 2.15pm
Youth Club meeting in Village Hall 7-9pm
- Fri 17 **RECYCLING COLLECTION**
- Sat 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Southam & District Youth Project Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Lunch in Tom Hauley Room 12-2pm
- Sun 19 **PENTECOST** - Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6pm
- Tues 21 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Wed 22 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 24 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm**

- Sat 25 Macmillan Nurse Fund Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Myton Hospice Plant Sale Dog Car Park 12-3pm
Paul Winchester's Famous Fund Raising Evening in Village Hall
- Sun 26 **TRINITY SUNDAY** - Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home to Wellesbourne
- Tues 28 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8pm
- Wed 29 Cricket home to AP Lockheed
Talk it Through, at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 30 CORPUS CHRISTI
Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 31 RECYCLING COLLECTION

JUNE

- Sat 1 Cycling Club use Village Hall as a base
Senior Citizens' Support Group Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Cricket home to Cleveland
- Sun 2 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Eucharist 9am
Service for Queen's Jubilee 6pm followed by Bring a plate and
Celebrate in Tom Hauley Room
Cricket home to Bishops Itchington
Wheelbarrow Race starting at The Crown Inn 12.30pm

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

- 1st Sunday in the month: 9.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Worship
- 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Sunday in the month: 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 3rd Sunday in the month: 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.00pm Evensong
- Every Sunday: 10.30am Sunday School (in Term Time)
- Rector:** Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
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From the Rector

You are sent, go in my name.

If you were asked to describe the Church using an everyday image what would you choose? To describe her as an oak tree would be to say that she is firm and strong with great roots. You might prefer the image of the ship ploughing through the high seas, weathering the storms with her eyes fixed on the final destination.

During this month we celebrate the feast of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit. It gives us an image that describes essentially what the Church is all about. She is like a person who has been entrusted with a life-saving message and is sent out to spread it. He quickly realises that he will have to travel to every corner of the world because people are dying! He has to go far, so, he must travel light. People have to hear the Good News of how *God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's fault against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.* And, no one can hear unless someone is sent to tell them: *They will not believe in him unless they have heard of him, and they will not hear of him unless they get a preacher and they will never get a preacher unless one is sent.*

This is the image of the Church that we must keep before our eyes because when we speak about the Church we are speaking about ourselves. To be sent into an indifferent and, at times, hostile world isn't an easy task. Yet, we are not alone! The Church is sent into the world to preach the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is with her and he gives power.

The Father sent the Son. When the Son's mission was completed he sent the Church; initially it was the Apostle's privilege and responsibility. In 2002 it is ours! Every Christian man, woman and child is called by God to be a missionary where they live, work or play. Whether they realise it or not and for better or worse they are witnesses for Christ, and must accept full responsibility for their calling.

Fr. Roy

Stop the Rot

Placard outside a Methodist church in South London:

Fight Truth Decay.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism at All Saints' Harbury

- 7th April - Eve Emily Murphy
 21st April - Tilly Susannah Mann, Samantha Alice Mann
 28th April - Paige Emily Bembridge

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

- 9th April - Victor Allington, 80
 18th April - Edward Hunt
 26th April - Helen Todd, 49

Funerals at Oakley Wood

- 10th April - Robert Hanson, 48
 19th April - Thomas Adams



From the Churchwardens

As we look back on Lent and Easter, we give thanks for the fellowship shared by large congregations and for the loveliness of the flowers on Easter morning, which reflected the joy and glory of Christ's Resurrection. We are very grateful to those who, by giving generously of time, talent and money, made the church a place of living beauty.



The new Churchwardens and PCC were elected at the Vestry meeting. As you know, John Moore stands down as Churchwarden on 22nd May when Mrs. Lesley Jones and I will be sworn in at the Archdeacon's Visitation. We thank John for his extra three years of unstinting and unassuming commitment and I should like to record a personal thank you to him and to Anne for all their help and support during my first two years as Churchwarden.

Thanks are also due to Neville Ellis and his team who have worked hard to make and install the new louvres. We all look up with appreciation as we pass by.

Thanks to Lesley, plans are afoot for a Church float at the Carnival. Together with all the villagers, we are looking ahead to the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Our ideas for this occasion are covered elsewhere in the magazine.



The photograph is of Harbury School's imaginative presentation on the theme of The Creation given at the Family Communion Service in March. The April presentation, given by Mary Catt, concentrated on the hope of the Resurrection. We are now looking forward to the Family Service on 19th May. Please do come and join us.

Felicity

Celebrate the Jubilee with All Saints', Harbury

A special service of celebration and thanksgiving will be held at 6:00pm on Sunday 2nd June. It will take the place of Evening Worship.

The service will be preceded by a picnic for the children and will be followed by a supper. Please look out for posters advertising details; these will appear in the Lychgate and on Village Notice boards in the near future.

Bring a plate and celebrate!

Felicity

Mothers' Union



Afternoon Meeting: Jo Sowerby spoke about fostering children - a most inspiring account of how she and her husband decided this might help to fill the gap left by the tragic death of their young son, James. There followed a rigorous selection process, which involved attending a six-week course, being vetted on all aspects of their life, then a long wait until they finally heard they had been accepted. They opted for long-term fostering rather than brief arrangements that hardly give time to get to know the children. We were full of admiration, listening to Jo's amusing account of the various trials and tribulations over the last eight years, sharing their home with several youngsters from differing backgrounds. And we were delighted to meet Kelly who, with her brother Jamie, has now been officially adopted and become very much part of the Sowerby family.

Evening Meeting: A most welcome return visit by Bill Gibbons, this time talking about the History of Leamington, 1800-1850. It seems almost unbelievable that 'Leamington Priors' as it was then known, grew from being a tiny agricultural village (population 300) to a thriving spa town (population 15,000) within those 50 years. Once again we were treated to a marvellous selection of slides, showing the development of the town, with its numerous bath houses and various hotels, built to accommodate the visitors who came in droves to 'sample the waters'. Of course, fashions change, and by 1840 people began flocking to the seaside instead, so some grand projects never came to fruition, but many of the grand buildings have survived, and we were certainly given a graphic description of life as it would have been in the first half of the 19th Century.

Thanks are due to everyone who supported our coffee morning recently. Over £140 was raised, due to the generosity of all who gave or attended, and this money will be used to further the invaluable work of the Mothers' Union worldwide. We have also been asked to collect unwanted items of jewellery, medals, coins or silver to donate to the "Treasure Chest" appeal, raising money for the overseas work of M.U. Please contact me on 612427 if you have any items you'd like to donate.

On Thursday 16th May, at 2.15pm, the M.U. Deanery Festival Service will be held in Harbury Church. Our speaker will be Wendy Thomas, Diocesan President, and we look forward to welcoming members from Southam and Bishops Tachbrook branches, along with some

Diocesan members. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Tom Hauley Room.

Next Meetings:

Tues 21st May 7.30pm Service; 8pm Jan Craven - "Every deserves a Chance"
Wed. 5th June 2.00pm Service; 2.30pm Sue Cooke - "Braids & Tassels"

Anne Moore

Toddlers' Service

In April, Mrs. Bedford talked about our feet and legs and what we can do with them. The children showed us how they can walk, hop, run and skip.

Accompanied by the children on percussion instruments, we sang *Jesus bids us shine*. Then Mrs. Bedford told the story of Jesus healing a man who could not walk.

After singing *Jesus' hands were kind hands*, the children made a frieze by sticking legs onto pictures of people and animals.

The next service will be on Tuesday 14th May at 2.15pm in the children's corner of the church. All babies and small children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome.

C. Mary Catt

Laugh Line

The theme of a Sunday morning sermon by a Glasgow minister was that *every blade of grass held a sermon*. The next day he was mowing his lawn when a passing parishioner said: *That's the ticket minister - keep 'em short*.

Double Vision

Coronation ball:	Reign dance
Credit-card abusers:	Debt set
Foresters:	Tree wise men
Wedding-cake:	Tiers of joy

Wedding

Wendy Bloxham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Bloxham, Mill Street, Harbury and *Adrian Hobbins*, only



son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Hobbins of Kingsbury Road, Erdington were married at Warwick Register Office on Easter Saturday. They stopped off by Chesterton Windmill for a photograph on their way to a reception held at Harbury Village Hall.

Mike Bloxham, H & L News

Ladbroke News

MAY

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| Sun | 1 | SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm |
| Wed | 8 | Holy Communion 2pm
Womens Fellowship 2.45pm |
| Sun | 12 | SEVENTH AFTER EASTER - Sung Communion 9am |
| Mon | 13 | Millennium Club Prize Draw at The Bell Inn 8pm |
| Wed | 15 | ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm |
| Sun | 19 | PENTECOST - Sung communion 9am |
| Fri | 24 | ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm |
| Sun | 26 | TRINITY SUNDAY - Sung Communion 9am |
| Thurs | 30 | CORPUS CHRISTI - Holy Communion 7.30pm followed by PCC Meeting |

JUNE

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| Sun | 2 | FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Family Communion 10.30am;
Jubilee Garden Party at Old Rectory 3.30 - 5.30pm |
| Sun | 9 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Sung Communion 9am |

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May 12 th	- Hazel Sharples
May 19 th (Whitsun)	- Anne Edwards
May 26 th	- Anne Edwards
June 2 nd	- Pegge Askew
June 9 th	- Gwynne Badman



Jane Rutherford

All Saints' Church Ladbroke

Development Plan

We all enjoyed a delightful meal at the supper evening held at the home of Jean and Jim Clews – our thanks to them both for helping us raise over £400.

Thank you to all the Ladies who made the delicious food and to the persons who donated Raffle prizes.

Thank you Gwyn for your work in selling the tickets and organising the evening; it was a super social event and enjoyed by all who came. Well done everyone.

Two members of the congregation have raised just under £400 for the Development Plan by doing a Sponsored Slim; we thank them both and also everyone who supported them - come on, if they can do it so can You! Why not have a go, you will feel better and achieve something for the Plan.

Our next event will be a stall at the Village Summer Fete on Saturday 29th June. The stall will be called Smashing Time and we need any old china for this so please save any that you may have lurking in the cupboards - there is a box in the church for any to be placed in.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke Church Bellringers

New recruits are urgently needed to learn the art of bellringing. Practice nights are Thursdays at 7.30pm in Church. If you are interested, please contact me on 01926 817 997.

Anne Edwards

Women's Fellowship

The fellowship met at the home of Gill Moore where we were entertained with a very interesting speaker, Mr. Len Gale, ex Mayor of Southam. Mr. Gale started the talk with an explanation of the Coat of Arms of Southam and I think everyone was very pleased to hear that Ladbroke was in fact incorporated into the design.

Len then went on to tell us of the many events that the Mayor and Mayoress have to attend during their term in office and in fact on some days they may have to go to three or more events in one day. Each of these could involve changing outfits, so they have to be prepared with many forms of dress. It was a very enjoyable afternoon – many thanks Len.

Our next meeting will be on May 8th at the home of Stella Douglas, 4, Ladbroke Hall, where we hope to have a very interesting afternoon. Stella will talk about one of her many hobbies (all being well with Stella's health); if not we shall make other arrangements.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sorry folks, but the March meeting was after the H&L News' deadline, so again, you have two reports this month.

Susan gave a report on the Spring Council meeting, which was held in the Spa Centre. All had an interesting day. The Chief of Warwickshire Police force and the County Education Officer were two of the speakers. We learned that there are more WI members, nationally, than members in the Houses of Parliament!

Jo was the volunteer for the speaker, Monica Wilshaw, who gave a talk and demonstration on Reflexology. We all thought that Jo had fallen asleep, as she was so quiet!

Susan and Marie won raffle prizes of Easter eggs. The hostesses were Susan and Tina.

The meeting on April 25th was very well attended. The president welcomed members, visitors and speaker. A two minutes silence was held in memory of the Queen Mother.

The Short mat bowls team were defeated by Bidford WI at Alcester, but we now have our third certificate to be framed by Tina and hung in

the Village Hall. Thanks were expressed to Irene for the Scrabble evening and good food provided by her.

A visit to Althorpe Park has been arranged for Friday 30th August. Ladbroke Village Jubilee celebrations will be at the Old Rectory on June 2nd. Volunteers' names were taken for serving teas and making cakes. Ladbroke Village Fete will be held on June 29th on the Millennium Green when the WI will be serving refreshments.

Date for your diary: Quiz night on Friday 6th September in the Village Hall.

Pat Kennedy won the Denman Dip Bursary.

The speaker was Mr. George Hook from the West Midlands. His talk and demonstration were so entertaining and everyone was enthralled. He imports oyster shells from Australia, which are sold by weight. He is a one-man business following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps who started the business in 1824. He is the only man in the West Midlands who hand cuts and shapes the shells, supplies buttons and handles to the wholesale and retail trades.

Mother of Pearl is back in fashion and leading fashion designers buy his buttons. African snail shells are also used, mainly to repair Victorian articles, which were made during the height of popularity using Mother of Pearl. We were able to buy some of his very attractive designs. Betty, a fellow West Midlander, gave the vote of thanks.

Beryl and Collette were raffle prizewinners.

Gill and Jill were tea hostesses.

Tea (or wine) Hostesses for the meeting on May 23rd: Beryl and Catherine.

Marie Kennedy

Ladbroke Village hall

The third draw of the Millennium Club for 2002 was held on April 8th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Beryl Ross, £80; Mike Todman, £25; Pat Kennedy, £25. Cyril Spence, Ken Whiteley, B. Whitehouse, Bernard Billings and Betty Malcolm each won £10.

The next prize draw will be held on May 13th at 8:00pm in The Bell Inn.

Catherine Spence

Squatter's Rights



For several years now we have shared our house with a colony of Jackdaws. They have nested in a disused chimney pot, which they took over from the Starlings (where have they gone?). That chimney is still being used, but this year, as you can see by Mike's photograph they have developed another site. We haven't bothered about them before; they are only busy for about two months of the year. Occasionally, in midwinter, we see the elders of the colony having a conference seated around the warm chimney pot above the Rayburn.

This year the mess was, as you've never seen anything

like it! They insist on building their nest just under the guttering in a corner by the bathroom window. The twigs, which can be as much as a metre long, are filling the catchment bowl from the bath and hand basin and also the drain at ground level. We have cleared it all away twice, but the next morning it's as bad as ever. To help line the nest they've used the lamb's tails that have fallen out.

As I write, activity has stopped – I cannot see if the hen is sitting or not. Jackdaws lay between 3 to 6 eggs; a pale greenish/bluish colour and take 18 to 20 days to incubate. They also use the same nest year after year!

The same time as I don't want the Jackdaws, they have been quite interesting. Watching them struggle with these great long twigs, is amazing.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Jubilee Tea Party

To celebrate Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee, there will be a Jubilee Tea Party from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Sunday 2nd June in the garden of The Old Rectory. All past and present residents of Ladbroke, as well as those with a connection with Ladbroke, together with their extended families, are warmly invited. Tickets, adult £3, child, £1.50, family, £7.50, are available from Gwynne Badman (812187), Irene Bennett (812860), Jo Sowerby (8111749), Cyril Spence (814362), Betty Winkfield (812234). Please book early.

Dress theme: Red, White, and Blue (and Gold). Refreshments: tea, soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes, ices and hot dogs. There will be a marquee, bouncy castle, games and competitions for all ages.

Children's band: Kate Pickin (813064) is organising a group of young instrumentalists to play a selection of folk songs. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Kate soon.

Memorabilia: Richard Bennett (812860) and Janice Berry (817114) are organising a small exhibition of memorabilia. They would welcome loans of coronation souvenirs or everyday items from the forties or fifties, also photographs of people now living in Ladbroke in situations of the time (a day out, with the new motorbike, at a dance, at work, etc.), which will be scanned for enlargement and returned unharmed.

Jane Rutherford and Janice Berry

Ladbroke Parish Council Report - April

The existing councillors all resigned on 21st March. In order to ensure no break in the continuity of the Parish Council, the District Council had issued an Order reinstalling them until the new Council takes effect on May 5th. Thus Jeff, Peter, Geoff, Carol, Beverley and Elsa 'sat' for the last time joined by three of the nominated Councillors, District Councillor Geraint Morgan, Michael Boden Pritchett and 4 members of the village.

Throughout the meeting councillors attempted to give a background to help new councillors with the ongoing situations.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch: Incidents of damage to a vehicle and theft from a shed had been noted during the month so it is important to remain vigilant.

Planning: As reported in the local press, the large distribution unit proposed for Southam is now to be 3 smaller units although the number of vehicles would remain the same. A traffic census is to be carried out.

During the month, councillors had considered the following applications: an extension at Briarwood; Windmill Lane; the trimming of the oak tree at Cornerstones (as this was planted to mark the Coronation in 1953, the advice of the tree expert from Stratford District Council is to be sought); the levelling of a field for Avon Blue Farms, and the pruning of 30ft off 20 leylandii trees at The Lares.

Footpaths: Michael had issued a report during the month with the good news that the old E roads are now open. Pamphlets describing walks around Ladbroke are in preparation and will be available from Southam Library in due course. Jeff, on behalf of the Council thanked Michael for all his efforts in achieving this.

District Councillor's Report: Geraint Morgan, who is also to retire, thanked Elsa and the Parish Council for their work and said he had always felt welcome over the years he has been coming.

The meeting ended with thanks all round - to Jeff as chairman, parish councillors, Elsa as clerk and Geraint for his many years support to the village, and with good wishes to the new Council.

Carol Lane

Mods and Rocker Disco

A Mods and Rockers disco was held at Ladbroke Village Hall on Saturday 16th March to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses. I am pleased to say that we received tremendous support from over 70 people who turned up on the night. Thanks must go to Janet Lowman and Peter Baker (our resident disc jockey) for organising the evening. Not forgetting the help received from friends and local villagers to prepare the Hall prior to the event. The disco raised a total amount of £642.15.

J. Lowman

Hoe-Hoe!

Farmer: I thought you said that you had ploughed that field.

Labourer: No, I said I was 'thinking' of ploughing it.

Farmer: Oh, I see—you turned it over in your mind.

Dear Editors

The report of the February meeting of Harbury Parish Council, in the April issue of Harbury & Ladbroke news, showed a classic case of "not in my backyard" syndrome.

The issues raised by the proposed development are far wider than whether the HGV traffic should be routed along the A423 in preference to the B4451 & B4452. The effect of the reported HGV traffic volumes will be felt by every village along every major road and many minor roads in the area not just Deppers Bridge and Bishop's Itchington.

The real issue is whether the Distribution Centre should be built at all!!

Yours faithfully

M. W Radburn

Harbury Parish Council Meeting – March

Councillors were dubious about assurances that aligning Police areas with district boundaries would bring any benefits to Harbury. Our Community Beat Officer Pc Nigel Hill would still have a large patrol area to cover. Kevin Biddle queried whether response times would improve and Jack Heath emphasised the need for everyone to demand an incident number when reporting crimes to the police.

Planning: The Parish Council supported the policies contained in the Stratford Local Plan but wanted provision of homes for the elderly added to it.

Appeals had been lodged against refusal of permission at Ladywell Cottage and Lullington Lodge.

Stratford D.C. granted permission for a conservatory at Walnut Tree Cottage; a first floor extension at Phoenix House; alterations to Harbury House and Paddock Place, Station Road, and tree work at Denys Close. They accepted amendments to a two-storey extension plan at 12, Church Terrace but refused the extension at Compton House, High Street.

The Parish Council fully supported the alterations at the Manor House,

which would replace a flat roof with a pitched one and create an entrance to the stable yard. They noted that planning permission had not been sought for the extensions to Harbury Croft. Other matters discussed were the Orange Mast proposed at Chesterton House Farm and the Southam Distribution Centre.

Chairman Dutch Van Spall urged the Council to press for weight restrictions on the B4451 & B4452 but Cllr. Dally thought the traffic calming to be introduced in Bishops Itchington would deter some of the lorries and encourage them to go via the A423.

Work is soon to start on the extensions to the Tennis and Netball Courts. The trees have been removed and the lighting will be installed in the summer.

The Youth Project has completed Phase One and is now raising money for the next phase. They have exciting plans for a Fun Day and will provide the catering at the Beer Festival. Cllr. Biddle reported several very generous donations from villagers, which he said, were "fantastic".



The Chairman reported that the pump was finished but that he needed help from at least four volunteers to help him position it.

Cllr. Dally has written to Mr. Merriman to see if he wants his land SW of Beggars Lane transferred to Chesterton Parish.

There was consternation that vandalism was still on the increase with the very worrying torching of a stolen car on the Recreation Ground's Car Park. Dutch Van Spall outlined ambitious plans to install an electronic barrier with coded opening mechanism but councillors thought a simpler chain or

gate open and closed at twilight by volunteers would be more appropriate. Advice would be sought from the Police.

Ivy Lane residents have conducted their own poll and reported that the majority wanted the road made access only. They claim that at peak periods 120 vehicles an hour use the narrow lane.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Society



Harbury Society

The Society will have held its Wellesbourne Walk by the time you read this and be about to embark on its Tour of Lichfield Cathedral. On 25th June we will be climbing St Mary's Tower in Warwick for a splendid view of the town.

As well as these energetic, educational and ecclesiastical adventures the Society has continued in its other role as a watchdog.

It has commented upon the Local Plan Review and the Green Paper on a radical revision of the Planning system countrywide.

It has also been defending our own patch, trying to persuade the Parish Boundary Review that the Cement Works and old Sports Ground should not be ceded to Bishops Itchington!

In addition members from the Society have been active in organising the Parish Review questionnaire, which really is almost ready to launch!

So look out for posters and press releases about this survey that will give you the opportunity to say what you want for the future of Harbury.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury's Women's Institute

The recent Coffee Morning was a great success. Thank you to members who supported and helped, but most importantly to those who came.

Some members went to a Microwave Demonstration at Long Itchington, which was interesting and informative.

The Group meeting on May 1st will also be at Long Itchington.

This month's speaker was Miss Ruth Orpen – *Sticks and Stones*. She started beachcombing as a child. Over the years she has collected driftwood, which she combines to make lovely shapes - certainly conversation pieces, and the stones that she has gleaned from all over Britain and beyond. However, there are now restrictions on collecting at some beaches. As Miss Orpen pointed out, when one visits the Golden Cap in Dorset and sees so many stones, a handful seems to make little difference. She buys stones from many countries, deals mainly in birthstones, which some say have healing properties.

For example: February – Amethyst. This has a calming effect, reduces headache symptoms, relieves insomnia and assists with asthma problems. November – Gold Tiger-eye helps with eye complaints and is beneficial to the digestive system. Miss Orpen suffers with arthritis in her hands and says driving seems easier since having a green Moss Agate in her pocket.

But she has an open mind about what is claimed and is more concerned about the look of the stones. We were shown the natural pieces. These are smoothed in a Stone Tumbler with water and carborundum powder, which takes many weeks. Then they are cut and polished into the shapes Miss Orpen requires to make her jewellery. The result was a very attractive display and members were impressed.

Next month is Resolution Meeting.

Tea Hostesses: Dorothy Groves, Nora Ellis and Gunde Walshe.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

'Eggs, ego and existentialism' was the theme; quite a number of musicians were there or maybe not. I took copious notes of the evening's performances but find myself unable to read them! The memory links Eggman, hornpipes, Roland and Beeswing with Dumplings and breaking the mould.

Thank you to all of you who donated money to leukaemia research

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John Black

The Pre-School - Learning Through Play

The Pre-school children have travelled extensively this month in the land of make-believe, mainly by train or by car to all kinds of destinations. We thought we would share with you their outing to Stratford Park that took place last week.

Inside the classroom, Josh and Alex were building a car out of our large plastic red blocks, when Amanda and Milie decided to help the boys finish building the car. After much discussion, they decided they would drive their car to Stratford Park to play on the swings and slides - the ones near to the Butterfly Farm. *Does anyone want to come to Stratford Park?* shouted Josh. In response, Emily, Phoebe and Nicola hurried over in their princess dressing-up clothes, and Joseph and Lee put their trains back inside the railway shed and joined in the game. The children made the car bigger by adding more red blocks, then all ten children managed to squeeze in, and off they went with a rather loud vroom! vroom!

Then, Jill (our Pre-School Assistant) announced that the children's toast and juice was nearly ready. But according to Nicola, the children were running very late indeed and they didn't think they would get back to Pre-School in time for their snack! So Amanda suggested they stopped off at the Café in Stratford instead. They parked in the car park of the Café, which Josh said belonged to Nigel Chapman! So the children climbed out of the red brick car and they sat at the tables waiting to be served! Jill was the waitress and she served the children's snacks to them. The children promptly ate their snacks, waved and cuddled Jill goodbye and went on their way in the car.

At last they reached Stratford Park, but they only stayed for one minute, then they started their journey back to Pre-School in the car again. On the way back they decided to go to the tip because they had lots of rubbish to get rid of! Between the ten of them, they threw hundreds of items over the wall into the tip, and were quite exhausted by the time they had finished.

Yvette (Pre-School's Leader) sadly had to announce that it was "tidy-up-time", but: *Oh No!* shouted Emily, *we've left Jill in town, we need to go back and pick her up.* So, at top speed with plenty of vrooms and screeches they arrived back at the Café, collected Jill, who climbed into the car with them, and thank goodness they all arrived safely back at Pre-School.

Lovely isn't it?



The children have been looking very closely at the tadpoles, water snails and other pond life we have at Pre-School in our tank. The children are really quite fascinated by the tadpoles, and they will enjoy seeing them transform into frogs throughout the

coming weeks. The photograph shows the children looking at the tadpoles and other pond-life through their magnifying glasses.

Donation from Southam Lions Gratefully Received: Southam Lions have very generously donated £200 to Pre-School to purchase a very swish wooden dolls house. All the children and staff would like to thank Southam Lions for their support; many hours of enjoyable play will result from their generosity.

Beatles Tribute Night Success: Pre-School friends, parents, staff and committee members all pulled together to make this event an overwhelming success; the buzz in the village over the following days has been an indication of how much everyone enjoyed the brilliant atmosphere and fantastic live music. We raised an overwhelming £1,250.66! And we give a really big thank you to Barclays Bank who has donated a further £750 to add to our profit.

We have so many people to thank, that it's difficult to know where to start. Firstly Lana Long, who initiated and drove the whole fund-raising project; the band - Prefab Four - who put on such a

professional performance; Ian Jones who did the disco at no charge; parents, friends and staff of Pre-School who gave a very significant amount of time to help 'dress' the village hall; local companies who donated prizes, and all those people who kindly stayed behind to help clear up. And last but not least, thank you to all the people who came to the evening; we hope you all had a really good time!

We are already planning next year's tribute night – does anyone have any suggestions?

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

Harbury School

Staff: We welcome Mrs. Tara Cole to the Learning Support Staff. She will be working alongside Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Ashurst and Mrs. Fitzgerald in Rainsbrook on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday every week. We hope she enjoys working with us, the children and parents. We also welcome Mr. Jonathan Hinds from Warwick University. He will be undertaking his final teaching practice with us (in Avon) before moving on to a real teaching post. Mrs. Sue Lapraik will be moving to live in the Lake District at the end of the summer term. We wish her and her family all the best for their future life in such a beautiful part of the world. This also leaves a gap in our midday supervisory staff. If anyone would like to consider doing this vitally important (but not very well paid) job from September please call into school for further information.

School visits: The children have had thoroughly enjoyable and educationally rewarding trips lately. Reports from staff say that the children were extremely well mannered and well behaved – long may that continue after they leave us. Special thanks to all the voluntary helpers who accompanied the staff to help supervise the pupils. Having those extra few people along really does make all the difference.

Well on Sunday at the Church it was a good experience for Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday where we have to perform The Creation of God. It was good because it was calm. We sang lots of hymns and it was great fun especially with my friends. Near the end Father Roy blessed us. Daniel Farrell - Sherbourne.

Visit to Buddhist Monastery

On Friday 12th April Y6 and Y5 went on a school trip to the Buddhist monastery. The monastery was called the Forest Hermitage, which was located in Warwick. The monastery was very quiet, and had a statue of the Buddharupa in the garden. In front of the entrance there were two lions. The lions were guardians of the monastery.

As we entered the monastery we took off our shoes and put them in a corner. There was a man who helped the monks e.g. watering the garden etc. As we entered the shrine room the Abbot called Venerable Ajahn Khemadhammo's face looked very surprised. There were so many of us there weren't enough cushions for all of us. Some people pointed their toes towards the Buddharupa but they got told off for it because it is rude to point your toes at the Buddharupa. The monks could only have their right shoulder showing. The Abbot shaved his head hair but not his body hair. There was another monk who only spoke one word, which was cotton because the Abbot asked him what the robes were made out of. The monks could only have one meal per day. But by the time we got there they had already eaten and washed their food pit. After a while we meditated for five minutes. After we said thank you for inviting us we went to the coach. I think the Forest Hermitage is very good.

By Thomas Price

On Friday 12th April Y6 and Y5 went on an educational visit to a Buddhist Monastery near Warwick.

The monks very kindly let us go for free and the only charge was for the coach trip. There were 2 monks in the Shrine room (where we were) and we asked them a lot of questions. There were some interesting answers. They had bald heads and wore a robe. The oldest monk had lived in Thailand for a lot of his life

and was taught over there.

The monks are only allowed one meal a day and relied on the villagers for that food. They were not even allowed entertainment. They younger monk didn't say a word except the word 'cotton' when asked a question. They do not just rely on the villagers for food but for gardening and other things.

The house they lived in was perfectly normal and was not a temple although used as a Monastery. In the Shrine room there are lots of statues of the Buddha, the main one called the Buddharupa.

I thought the trip was exciting, interesting and unusual in some ways but a bit boring sometimes because we only sat down.

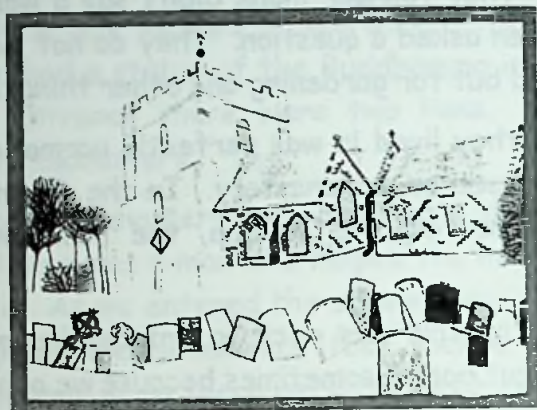
By Jordan Wright

On Friday 12th April, years five and six of Harbury Primary School visited a Buddhist monastery. When the children arrived they found that the monastery was unexpectedly an ordinary house. In the shrine room of the temple they met the Venerable Ajahn Khemadhammo, who is from Thailand. To some surprise they learnt that the monks were only allowed one meal a day, and that they are vegetarians. They found out that monks relied on other people to serve them food and are not very self-sufficient. The children found out that monks were not allowed to have any entertainment like television or music. Monks are bald so that they do not worry what their hair looks like. Children found that monks were not allowed to do any gardening so they do not disturb the soil or plants. The monk told them that the message they try to spread is to be peaceful and have respect in the world. The children had a go at meditating. Most of the children really enjoyed the visit.

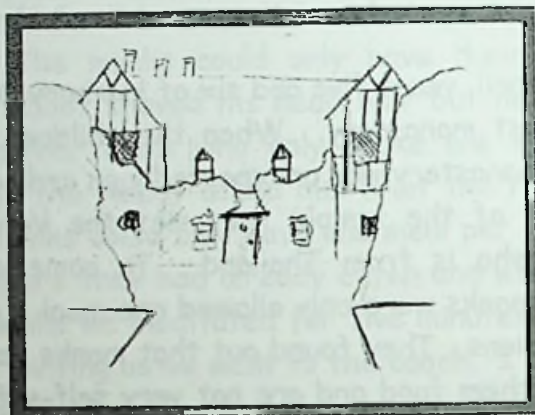
By Mary Thomas

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- 1 Harbury Church by Jordan Wright (1st prize)
- 2 Manor House by Albany Vincent (1st prize)
- 3 Wagstaffe School by Lianne Bennett (2nd prize)
- 4 Binswood End by Emma Austin (3rd prize)
- 5 Ellie White (1st prize)

Harbury Cricket Club

The Club is looking forward to the coming season, and the Sunday 1st XI have already played their opening match against St. Benedicts, Alcester. The Sunday 1st XI will be captained by Tim Clayton, who has been Midweek Captain for a couple of seasons and continues in that role, and he has Richard Lowe as his vice-Captain.

The Club has thanked John Wilkinson for his commitment as Sunday Captain for the last year. The combined Southam/Harbury league team will be led by Graham Newport of Southam with our Chairman, Ed Russell, as vice-Captain.

Ian Jackson continues as Occasional's Captain. At the Annual Dinner and AGM, Richard Carr received the Bunny Raby trophy for his tremendous hard work as Groundsman and Mike Daniels was elected a life member. The Club is particularly grateful for the support of both vice-Presidents and Sponsors. New players are always welcome.

Season 2002 – All fixtures by date

Date	Opponents	Team	Venue	Sponsor
MAY 5	Willoughby	1 st XI	A	
8	Clarendon Wardens	Midweek XI	H	Gaydon Service Stn.
11	Braunston Paddox	League XI	A	
12	Henley in Arden	Occ. XI	A	
12	Kineton	1 st XI	H	Gaydon Service Stn.
15	Tilted Wig	Midweek XI	H	The Shakespeare Inn
18	Nuneaton III	League XI	A	
19	Henley	1 st XI	A	
Tba	Leam Folk	Midweek XI	A	
25	Hunningham	League XI	H	Compton Int.
26	Wellesbourne	Occ. XI	A	
26	Wellesbourne	1 st VI	H	Carr Building Services
29	AP Lockheed	Midweek XI	H	The Dog Inn

Date	Opponents	Team	Venue	Sponsor
JUN 1	Cleveland	League XI	H	The Dog Inn
2	Bishops Itchington	Occ. XI	H	Holtom Electrical
2	Yelvertoft	1st XI	A	
5	AP Lockheed	Midweek XI	Southam	
8	Totters	League XI	A	
9	Arden Forest	1st XI	A	
Tba	Cup	Midweek XI	Tba	The Old New Inn
15	Alvis/Sphinx III	League XI	H	Southam Carpets
16	Stratford Bards	1st XI	A	
18	Tilted Wig	Midweek XI	Victoria Park	
22	Dunlop	League XI	A	
23	Barford	1st XI	H	Moneywise Centre
25	Cricketers B	Midweek XI	Victoria Park	
29	Braunston Paddox	League XI	H	Rollason Solicitors
30	Bishop's Tachbrook	Occ. XI	A	
30	Kineton	1st XI	H	Compton Int.
JUL tba	Cup	Midweek XI	Tba	
6	Nuneaton III	League XI	H	
6	President's XI	1st XI	H	The Old New Inn
7	St. Benedicts, Alcester	Occ. XI	H	Moneywise Centre
10	Medics	Midweek XI	Victoria Park	
13	Hunningham	League XI	A	
14	TBA	1st XI	A	
18	Clarendon Wardens	Midweek XI	Kenilworth W	
20	Cleveland	League XI	A	
21	Arden Forest	1st XI	H	The Old New Inn
24	Cricketers B	Midweek XI	H	The Old New Inn

Date	Opponents	Team	Venue	Sponsor
JUL 27	Totters	League XI	H	Southam Carpets
28	Kenilworth Wardens	Occ. XI	A	
28	Hockley Heath	1st XI	A	
31	Medics	Midweek XI	H	Mugleston
AUG. 3	Alvis/Sphinx III	League XI	A	
4	Aynho	1st XI	H	The Shakespeare Inn
10	Divisional Knockout	League XI	Tba	The Old New Inn
11	Kissing Tree, Alveston	1st XI	A	
17	Divisional Knockout	League XI	Tba	
18	Oakfield Rugby	Occ. XI	H	Holtom Electrical
18	Rugby	1st XI	A	
24	Divisional Knockout	League XI	Tba	
25	Snitterfield	1st XI	H	Carr Building Services
31	Knockout Final		Tba	
SEP. 1	Barford	1st XI	A	
8	O K Blockers	1st XI	H	Rollason Solicitors
15	Badby	1st XI	A	
21	Bugbrooke	1st XI	A	

Ian Jackson, 612615

Harbury Rugby Club – 40th Anniversary Season

Congratulations to all the players and Club coach, Tony Cowley, on achieving promotion as Warwickshire II champions for the 2001-2002 season. The team has played some excellent rugby and won all their league games except at Coventry Tech in October 2001.

As well as the league victories we have beaten several teams in higher leagues and all in all it has been our best season for many years. It is therefore most appropriate that so much success came in the Club's 40th season having been founded in 1962 as Whitnash Rugby Club prior to moving to Harbury.

The Club moves forward with much optimism and the first team is the youngest we have turned out for a long time – no player being older than 30. Many of the players have come through the mini and junior section – without the Sunday morning minis and juniors the Club would not be in the healthy state it is at present.

Next season the Club will be captained by Matthew Knight, another Harburian who played in the juniors. A lot of credit must go to the coach Tony Lawley who joined the Club in the middle of last season and who has encouraged the players so effectively, both in mid-week training and on match days.

The 2nd team has also had an excellent season – last year the Club was unable to raise a full 2nd team and we joined, in most games, with Leamington 4ths. However, this year we have raised a full 2nd team every week – credit to Ken Robinson who has done a splendid job bringing in new players alongside the captain Nick Stacey. The 2nd team also reports 90% success of wins.

In the 2nd half of the season Bryan Wilson has managed to field a 3rd team - the first time in 5 years that the Club has fielded 3 teams on a Saturday.

The minis and juniors have also had an excellent season with great support from many youngsters.

The season will finish with a 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Stratford Manor Hotel, if anybody would like tickets, please contact Ian Holroyd on 612527.

The 2002-2003 season starts in September, but training will continue during the summer, Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. As ever, the Club always welcomes new players, of whatever standard, for details please contact Ian Holroyd.

Ian Holroyd – President Harbury Rugby Club

The trouble with. . .

. . . having an hourglass figure is that the sands of time always end up in the bottom half.

Harbury Tennis Club

The 2002 season officially started on 8th April with a successful "Chequebook" Tournament. The mixed doubles format proved a little difficult, as there were more men than ladies! However, with some innovative thinking we sorted it out with Gill Alder and Geoff Prince coming top of the pile! Club sessions are now in full swing and it is nice to see David Lauder and Stuart Muggleston amongst the regulars having "graduated" from the Intermediates, and more than holding their own.

This year we are introducing a new category of membership for local students coming home for holidays. For a £10 fee they can come along to any Club sessions and have the same benefits as full members.

In the Banbury League both Teams had a disappointing end to the winter season, not managing a win in their last 2 matches, but by the time you read this all that will be forgotten as the first fixtures of the summer season will have been played!

Off the courts we had a very enjoyable evening with 3 lanes at the Leamington Superbowl. The first game took the form of a qualifying round with the top 2 from each lane having a "Champions League" in the second. Andrew "Strike" Randell proved too good for everyone and was a clear winner.

The latest news on the facilities is that we have obtained a further £2,259 capital grant from Stratford on Avon District Council. We are very grateful to Councillors Cooley, Dally and Turner for their support for our applications. This was really good news, particularly as the Foundation for Sport and the Arts had turned our application down, because the funds available for distribution to projects had been reduced and although they were very supportive of our project, there wasn't enough cash for everyone.

We have had a meeting with the Horticultural Society to discuss the landscaping proposals. The intention is to have mainly low maintenance shrubs around the storage/shelter facility but we also want to plant a number of trees around the outside of the courts, including the Margaret Close side. The Horticultural Society will be producing some plans that will be submitted to the Parish Council for approval. We hope to carry out the planting in the autumn when the ground and weather conditions are most suitable.

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Play Tennis 2002, 18th & 19th May: Once again we are taking part in the LTA's national Play Tennis event, which is an opportunity to sample tennis free of charge. The main event is on Sunday 19th when Pete Brinkley, an LTA coach, will be running sessions for Juniors. However, **Adults are not excluded!** On the Saturday afternoon we will be opening the courts to anyone who has played in the past and would like to take part in a "Rusty Rackets" session, and also to anyone who would just like to sample tennis for the first time. Club members will be on hand to mix in and make sure everyone gets a chance for some very relaxed tennis! If you would like more details of the event please give us a ring.

Minis, Junior & Intermediate Sections: Once again there has been an incredibly enthusiastic response to the 6 sessions we organise each week for all ages between 5 and 16. At the time of writing there are still a few places left if anyone is interested. We would particularly like to hear from GIRLS in school years 7 to 10. In addition, the Club has been invited by Warwickshire Leamington Tennis Association to send 4 members to a coaching clinic at the DFS Classic in Birmingham on 13 June. This is one of the leading pre-Wimbledon tournaments for Ladies and the lucky Juniors will be allocated two ground passes each for the day's tennis. It is hoped that there will be the opportunity to meet the players and celebrities.

We have also been invited to take part in an "Active Sports" project. This is a Sport England funded development programme aimed at helping children to improve their tennis skills. Locally it is co-ordinated by the Greater Warwickshire Partnership and the project comprises a 10-week coaching course (20 hours) and also offers the opportunity for a coach to run taster sessions in the school during curriculum time. We are currently discussing the arrangements and hope to announce details soon.

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Colin and Sue Mercer

Wendy Stubbs

Special Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on May 25th.

Once a year, for some years, Wendy, Sheila Scott and I have done a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room for a charity of our choosing.

Wendy was the main organiser of this and made many cakes; she was an excellent cook and many people asked: *Is this one of Wendy's?*

As you will know, Wendy sadly died earlier this year and Sheila and I thought, as a tribute to Wendy, we would like to do the coffee morning in her memory with the proceeds going to Myton Hospice and the Macmillan Nurses. Wendy took great comfort from Myton and the Macmillan Nurses were wonderfully supportive while she was at home.

Wendy was a great friend to many people in Harbury, in numerous ways, with shopping, visiting, baking, etc. and Sheila and I felt that you would like to know about this tribute to her, and support us in whatever way you choose.

So come along on Saturday 25th May from 10am to 12noon in the Tom Hauley Room behind the Church. If you can make a cake or supply a raffle prize we shall be delighted, but most importantly, just COME.

Liz Bunting

Harbury Surgery

In view of various changes that have occurred within the practice recently, I thought an update might be appropriate.

1. **REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS:** We now have a new number for requesting prescriptions from Harbury Surgery (614119). Please use this from now on. You can also request repeats by fax on 612991 or logging on to our new website on www.harburysurgery.co.uk. The site is a bit basic at the moment, but we are hoping to improve it soon.
2. **APPOINTMENTS:** Changes to the system mean we now have more 'same day' appointments. Many of you will already know that we now have the appointments on computer. Thank you to you all for your patience during the transition period. We all find it a much better system and we hope you will too. Please ring 613554 to request an appointment.
3. **DR. PANTING:** The arrival of Dr. Kim Panting is our most important change. At long last we have a lady doctor! Kim has been working at Harbury for a few weeks now and has been well received by everyone. We are delighted to welcome her into the practice on a permanent basis and hope she will be happy here.

Barbara Andrews – Practice Manager

Cycleway to Leamington

In February 1996, I wrote a brief article in the Harbury & Ladbroke News suggesting the existing bridleway between the Fosse Way opposite its junction with Middle Road, to Golf Lane, Whitnash be improved to enable cyclists to use it. This would form a useful link between Harbury and the traffic calmed roads and off-road cycle routes within Warwick and Leamington.

The response was not overwhelming, but enthusiasm was expressed by among others, the local district councillor, Andrew Cooley and one of our local doctors, John Hancock.

After a certain amount of pestering various officers and members of the County and District Councils, Craig Williams, the Recreational Cycling Officer of Warwickshire County Council, agreed to consider this idea for inclusion in a future year's programme. I am now very pleased to see that after due consideration this scheme is being constructed. It is due for completion during May.

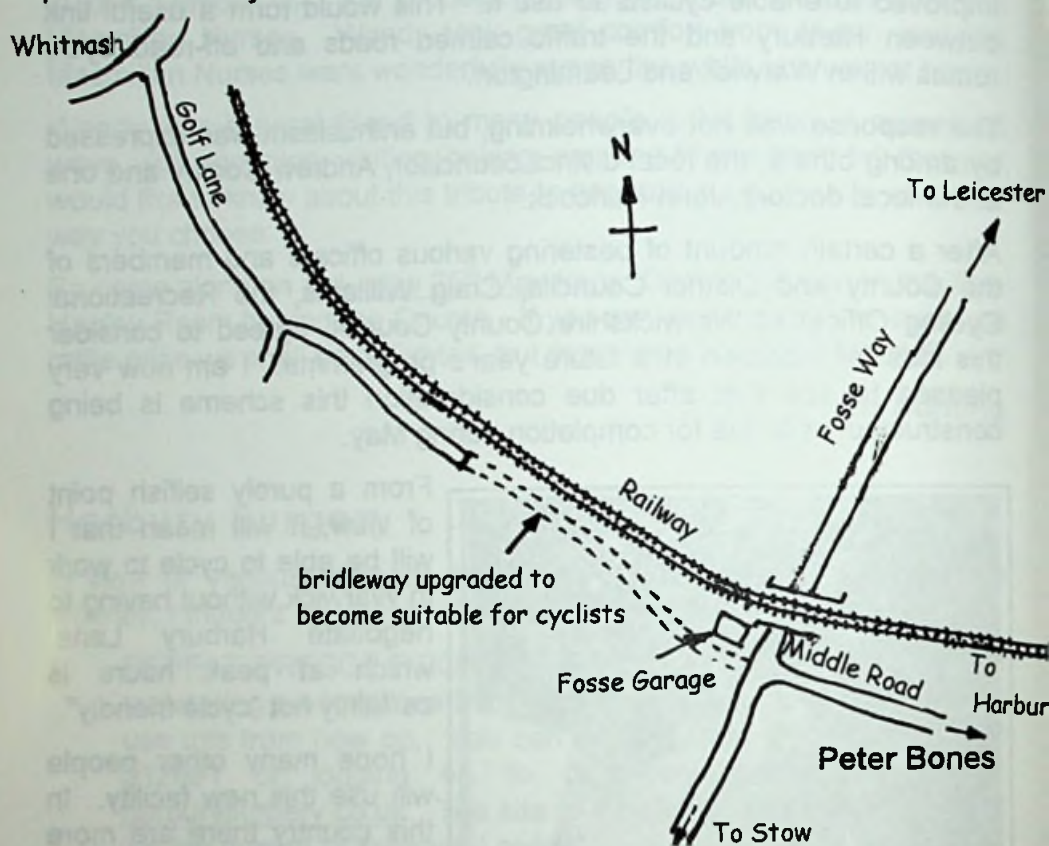


From a purely selfish point of view, it will mean that I will be able to cycle to work in Warwick without having to negotiate Harbury Lane, which at peak hours is certainly not "cycle friendly".

I hope many other people will use this new facility. In this country there are more bicycles than cars, so if you are one of the many people who have a bike but haven't used it for a while, now is the time to try out this new route. I can guarantee that you will soon enjoy the benefits which include incurring no fuel costs, have no parking problems, being quicker than public transport and feeling healthier for having cycled.

I would like to thank the people who have helped make the scheme possible, particularly Craig Williams who I found to be very helpful and enthusiastic.

In case you are unsure of the location of the new cycle route, I have produced a very basic sketch-map.



Golden Jubilee Summer Party

Monday 3rd June 2002, Manor Road, Bush Heath Lane and Park Lane

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Afternoon on April 13th, where the grand total of £238 was raised. Special thanks to those who gave money donations prior to the event.

We have had enquiries from villagers who wish to attend the Street Party. Unfortunately the event is only for residents within the 3 streets and their invited guests. For insurance reasons, we do have a maximum attendance level, which will be monitored by our duty stewards on the day.

We've raised enough money to buy all the children attending the

Street Party, and those who cannot, a commemorative mug to mark the event.

Please remember if you are planning a similar event, to get your applications in to Warwick County Council, Highways Department, as

soon as possible. It takes about 3 weeks for them to grant permission to close a street. You also need to notify the emergency services in writing, so that they are aware of a street closure.

By the photo, you can tell that our Tombola was a great success with the children, and they put everything into it.



Pat Taylor, Planning Group Chairman 614348

Harbury Carnival June 8th, 2002

Our King and Queen for this year are Billy Bench and Daisy Harrold.



Billy is 10 years old and his interests are football, playing for Southam United, Harbury School and Harbury Cubs, and art. He has 5 dogs, 2 chinchillas, ducks, chickens and 2 ponies.

Daisy is 9 years old, plays netball for Harbury School, likes dancing and art, and belongs to the Brownies. Like Billy, she enjoys animals and has a rabbit, 5 cats, 2 dogs and tropical fish.

Fun for All

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 2 June 12-30pm and will

be hosted by the Crown. This year, we will again be running separate events that will not require the consumption of alcohol (at least not during the race!) for both adults and children. Can I please ask you to help us out by registering your participation prior to the day? Please call Dan Killian on 612265.

The team pub games competition timetable is:

- Friday May 31 – Skittles at The Old New Inn
- Tuesday June 4 – Aunt Sally at The Gamecock
- Wednesday June 5 – Horseshoes at The Dog
- Thursday June 6 – Quiz at The Shakespeare

This will be organised on a "grand prix" basis with points awarded for 1st, 2nd 3rd, etc. The team that accumulates the most points overall will be the winner. As I said last month, we would like to see more participation this year so please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends. More details will be available shortly around the village but in the meantime, if you want more information or to enter a team, please contact Dan Killian on 612265 or John Broomfield on 614258.

Other Business

Arrangements for the Carnival Day are now well and truly under way – just a few items to mention.

If you still need to organise a stall please get in touch with Julie Killian on 612265 as soon as possible. Please do not leave this until the last minute.

Will last year's winners please return cups and shields to Kathleen Ellis (the hairdresser's) as soon as possible.

John Broomfield

Carnival Dance

The Carnival Dance this year, will be in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer with dancing to the Challengers 70's Band. Tickets are £10 each including supper. Please support this worthy cause, this is the last event we are doing for Breakthrough and an excellent way to round off the day. Tel 613313 or 614721.

Chris Carter

Harbury First Responder Group

I am Deborah Ellis, or the *Hairdresser's Daughter*. My alter ego is that I am an Ambulance Technician, who works for Warwickshire Ambulance Service, on the Accident and Emergency ambulances.

Over the past few months, I have been quite busy preparing for, and organising the setting up of a First Responder Group for the village.

First Responders are trained in life saving skills that include relatively simple airway techniques and the use of a semi-automatic defibrillator. These skills can then be utilised within the village when needed. There are many First Responder Groups throughout the county and many more are wanting to join in.

What I am looking for are volunteers who would be interested in becoming First Responders. Next I have been advised that to set up a group with its own defibrillator costs about £3,000 minimum. Luckily, at the moment I have been told that the Harbury group has already received £1,500 from a charity donation. Therefore I am looking to the village to help in raising the additional £1,500 to get the equipment together for the first Responder Group within the village.

As a trained First Responder you will be able to take responsibility for the defibrillator at times suitable for you and, if called by our Control Room, will be able to use it to help save life.

At our Headquarters we have a Committee set up and procedures in place so that first responding is organised in the local community and the whole of the county.

If you are interested in either becoming a First Responder, raising the remaining £1,500+ or, just want to know how to send a donation, then could you please put your name, address and phone number on a piece of paper and post it, to me, at 2, Chapel Street Harbury. I will then contact you as to how and when we can take this further.

Thank you.

Deborah Ellis, Harbury Co-ordinator First Responder

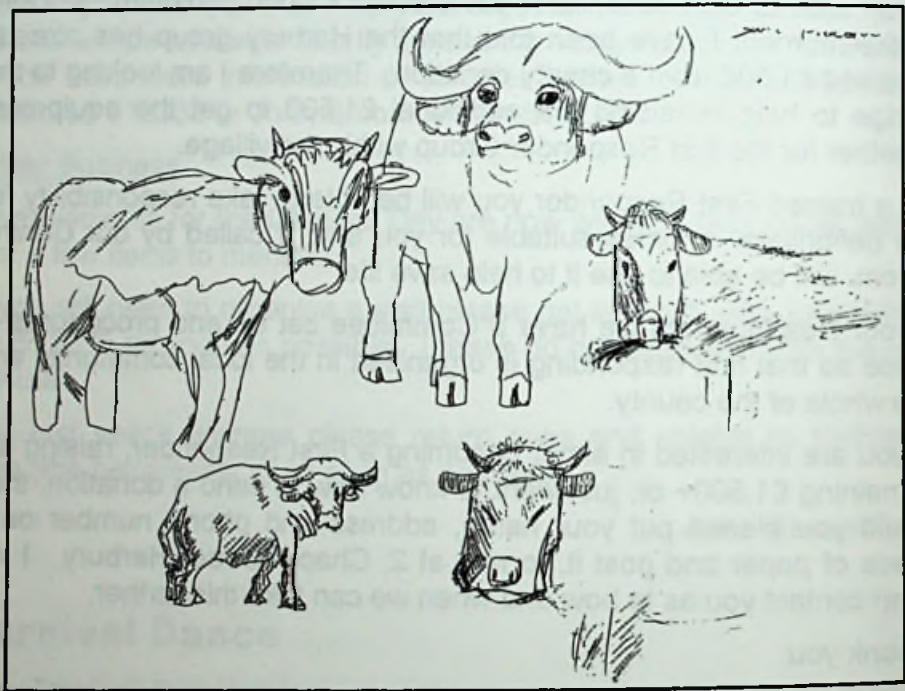
Memories of Harbury

The third of the revelations from the School's Local Collection takes the form of two unrelated short stories from the Courier or Warwick Advertiser from 1886. The second story would, these days, be a

contender for a Darwin Award (for those not familiar with these awards, it must be explained that they are given, usually posthumously, to those who remove themselves from the gene pool through an act of gross stupidity or at least fool-hardiness, thus ensuring that the genes responsible for their behaviour are not passed onto another generation). Master Verney would have come close to receiving a nomination, too.

I came across the stories years ago whilst browsing through the microfiche copies of 19th Century Leamington Couriers kept in Leamington Library. I must have needed something better to do....

It says something of how differently things were valued a hundred or more years ago, when the bull gets an accolade at the end of the "Terrible Accident to Farm Bailiff" article.



I hope you like the illustration. Sam Pickard is the artist, and he has agreed to illustrate the next few articles. Although he is only eleven, he makes my artwork look more at home on the wall of a cave.

Nigel Chapman

Leamington Courier – October 2nd, 1886

Lucky Escape: On Friday last week a young man named Alfred Verney volunteered to go down a well to fetch some buckets which had accidentally fallen in. When he was halfway down the rope, with the aid of which, together with a ladder, he was making this descent, broke he and the ladder fell to the bottom, a distance of twenty feet, but fortunately there was only two foot of water in the well. By means of another rope he was extricated from his perilous position, and it was found that he had only sustained a slight injury to one leg.

Warwickshire Advertiser – November 2nd, 1889 (or possibly Leamington Courier)

Terrible accident to Farm Bailiff: On Wednesday morning, Mr. George Wall, the Bailiff at the Greenhill Farm, met with a terrible accident that, yesterday evening, resulted in his death.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, he took a little girl, daughter of his sister-in-law into the cow house to see a Hereford bull – he placed the child on the animal's back and permitted her to stroke it. He then lifted her off, placing her outside the stall.

He then expressed his intention of turning the bull round in order that she might get a better look at it.

He went up to the animal's head, and it butted him in the bowels, causing him severe internal injury. Assistance was quickly forthcoming and the injured man was conveyed to his residence on the farm.

Dr. Lattey of Southam attended him as soon as possible, and on Thursday he was seen by Dr. Thursfield. Everything possible was done for his recovery but internal haemorrhage had set in and could not be stopped in time to save his life.

The bull referred to is a splendid animal and took a prize at the recent agricultural show in Coventry.



November 9th – Inquest: . . . even tempered bull. . . Mr. Wall had been accustomed to approaching it at all times without it manifesting the slightest concern. It is possible that the handling it received at the recent agricultural society show ruffled its temper.

The jury returned its verdict to the effect that the deceased was killed by being butted by a bull and that no blame could be attached to anyone.

Knitting For Good Causes' Appeal For Wool

Each Monday afternoon a group of approximately 15 ladies meet up in Harbury to talk and drink tea but above all to "knit for charity".

They provide a steady supply of small coats and hats for the "special care" unit at Warwick Hospital; woolly hats for third world sailors via The Mission For Seamen, and hats for adults and children who are refugees via The Mothers' Union.

They are desperate for Double Knitting, Four-ply and Baby wool of any colour. If you have any wool you would be willing to donate please contact Barbara Thistlethwaite on 613555 or Anne Moore on 612427.

Barbara Thistlethwaite

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Japanese Knotweed

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me and told me that they have the dreaded knotweed. I have noted all the locations and unfortunately it does seem to be quite widespread, from The Beeches, down to Mill Street, then South Parade with a few more locations then ending up at the other end of the village in Butt Lane.

If you have been watching Alan Tichmarsh with his series of *How to be a Gardener*, please don't take his 'advice' and find if you have knotweed that the only solution is to 'move house'. I know this was tongue in cheek, but it does highlight the problem in that it is most difficult to eradicate.

The County surveyor has not yet been in contact and I suspect there will not be much that can be done at this stage, but I will let everyone concerned know if anything does materialise. Meanwhile, here are some dos and don'ts.

- DO: If using herbicides ensure these are used safely. Ensure that if you cut down the knotweed it is burned on site;
- DO: If receiving a load of topsoil inspect it first for the knotweed rhizome.
- DON'T: take knotweed to the local tip, also remember to inspect the soles of your shoes or boots in case any of the rhizome has become trapped here.

If you have access to a computer, there is an excellent website put together by Cornwall County Council, who have a massive problem with knotweed. The address is www.ex.ac.uk/knotweed.

Judy Morrall

Pensioners' Patio

Prince Charles is zooming up the patio wall at a rate of knots, and so he should be, for that's what a healthy young clematis is expected to do at this season. Hopefully we shall soon see the large blue blooms promised on his label.

Indeed, with the coming of the warm spell everything changed gear (with the help of the hosepipe, of course). The silver birch opposite us became an Impressionist painting overnight - each leaf opening into a sparkling point of green light.

Members of the bird community scramble to grab each morning's food offerings, anxious to build up their strength, ready for incipient parenthood. The Chief Blackbird escorts his wife to the garden, then pauses on the wall, the picture of devotion and chivalry, to make sure she's found the shreds of Atora (remember suet puddings?) before dropping down himself to snatch a few crumbs before all the starlings arrive. But the contest for the cock-of-the-walk title is between Little and Large; a great wood-pigeon who successfully challenges even the jackdaws and, surprisingly, a cheeky male chaffinch who must have a nest nearby – his partner appears at times – for he continually pours out his territorial song with the unmistakeable flourish at the end; can one get tired of a musical phrase? Yes, one definitely can.

Ah, yes! The blackbird with the damaged beak for which I made a gloomy prognosis last month. Determined to prove me wrong, he comes regularly to pick up food (not without effort and perseverance) by using a scooping movement followed by a flick of the head. Neighbours have also seen him at work. He enjoys a splash in the birdbath but does it wearily. If your bill is tender and sore you don't want to bash it on a stone surface. Good for him!

So the starling is again Top Garden Bird after January's census - no surprise there. After all, he shares the attributes of quick wits, adaptability and aggressiveness, plus the habit of living and working in groups, with the species that finished up at the very head of the ladder of evolution!

Edyth Algar

Horticultural Society

Mr. Everitt's talk last month on *Summer Bulbs* was very enthusiastic and dealt mainly with lilies. Regal is one of the easiest for us amateurs and can be seen growing wild on hillsides in Tibet. There are many different varieties, but for lime soil the Hybrids are best, and when planting allow 4" soil above small bulbs, and 5 to 6 inches above large ones. They need feeding in spring, then again after flowering; don't on the whole need staking; like their heads in the sun, and roots in the shade. He briefly mentioned tubers and corms and of course, showed many slides. Mr. Everitt brought some interesting plants, and sold quite a few!

There are some seats still available for the coach trip to the Dorothy Clive Gardens and Wollerton Old Hall on Tuesday 11th June, members

£10, non-members £12.50. Anybody interested, please contact Judy on 613103.

For people who intend going to the Social at Tony and Shirley Brunton's at 33, South Parade on Tuesday 28th May, it starts at 7.30pm. It would be good if we had nice weather for the event, we were lucky last year. Again this year we will have the opportunity to buy plants from our friends from Bridge Nursery at Napton.

The schedule for the Village Show in September is now complete, and should soon be available - something for everyone we hope. If you intend to exhibit fruit, do not polish it or otherwise damage the bloom, as you will lose points. Should you plan to show jams or other preserves, remember that the containers and closures are important. These are all dealt with in the WI book *On with the Show* and Janice Siddle (614459) can supply you with advance copies.

The next talk, the best of this season, on *National Trust Gardens*, will be given by Mrs. Darby on Tuesday 7th May at 8pm, which is the day after the May Day Bank Holiday.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

After an overload of tasks last month, I hardly dare to suggest new ones for this month. If you really got through everything, congratulations! However, the weather did encourage us into the garden, so, sunshine permitting, we can continue with seasonal jobs. Now we can indulge ourselves with all the tempting plants of summer, which are on offer in the garden centres. St. Urban's Day, 25th May, marks the start of summer, but be prepared to water as on average May is a dry month.

Harden off plants that have overwintered or grown from seed, ready for planting out at the end of the month. Do not be tempted to put out tender plants before then as we could still get frost. Clear out the spring flowers, which have gone over rapidly with the warm sunshine, fork in a general fertiliser ready to get the summer plants off to a flying start. Thin out hardy annuals sown last month, and sow quick flowering half-hardy ones. Trim aubrietia as it finishes blooming and cut back pulmonaria to encourage new foliage. This is a time of natural growth so take softwood cuttings of perennials. If you do not need them, grow them on for sale at the Garden Walkabout. Water

daffodils with a high potash fertiliser to feed the bulbs for next year's blooms. Mark any clumps that need splitting up when leaves wither. Hoe around them in case narcissus bulb fly has laid eggs in the soil. The larvae will be exposed and birds may find them. Plants with distorted foliage have been infected by this fly and should be dug up and burned. Plant up hanging baskets and containers but keep them in shelter until the end of the month.

Sow runner and French beans in pots at the start of May or outside from midmonth. Nip out growing tips of broad beans when they have set 4 or 5 clusters of flowers. Plant out brassicas with a ring of carpet around the stems to prevent the female cabbage root fly laying eggs in the soil. The scent of sage and thyme planted near by may also ward off insect pests. Sow a main batch of beetroot, carrot, mangetout peas and spinach. Sow marrows, courgettes, cucumbers and melons in pots for end-of-month planning. In the greenhouse keep plants cool by coating panes with shade paint. There is now a paint that turns opaque in sunny weather only. Sow biennials and perennials in trays. Sow annual herbs. Make and plant up a pond to bring in more wildlife. If you see a hedgehog try to keep him with a daily offering of dog food. With its little sharp teeth it will munch its way through a menagerie of garden creepy crawlies - everything from woodlice to mice.

Plant of the month: Apple

Conjure up the vision of an English garden in May and it will surely include an apple tree in bloom. The Beautiful pink flowers almost smothering the whole tree and the sound of the bees humming around them has inspired many a poet and painter. Possibly this is one of the best examples of Man and Nature working together to evolve a wild plant into one that has become known throughout the world.

All domestic apples, *Malus domestica*, are varieties of the wild crab apple, which is found from Europe through to India. Centuries of cultivation and selection have resulted in at least 6,000 named varieties, and along the way many thousands more have been discarded. Unfortunately some of the varieties that have gone into commercial production are not the ones with the best flavour. Apples can be grown in both temperate zones and many of our own distinctive varieties have fallen from favour, because they did not comply with colour or size requirements.

Amateurs often grew names with 'Seedling' or 'Pippin' in them, or they appeared more or less by chance. Bramley's Seedling was raised by a Miss Brailsford in a pot and then planted in the garden of Matthew

Bramley in 1850. Cox's Orange Pippin originated in 1830, grown by Richard Cox, a Brewer in London. Of much older origins is Ribston Pippin, thought to have been grown from pips brought from Normandy in 1688. The original tree lived for about 240 years until it was blown down in an autumn gale.

If you want to plant a tree that will certainly be there for your grandchildren choose an English apple, although I have not put in a Granny Smith! Even a very small garden has room for one for they can be obtained growing on different rootstocks to make trees of various sizes. M27 rootstock provides trees small enough for a pot, whilst M26 makes a small tree up to 12 ft. tall. In three or four years time you could be picking your own delicious fruit.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to express grateful thanks to all our friends and relatives who offered us help and support during our sad time. For the many cards and flowers and everyone who came to Vic's funeral.

Thank you to Father Roy for a comforting service.

Yenty, Josephine, Kathryn, Tony and Tim Allington

Dear Editors

Following the sudden death of her beloved husband Edward Jame Hunt, Mrs. Violet Hunt would like to pass on her heartfelt thanks to all the family and friends who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy. She has appreciated all the warmth and compassion of all those who have visited, phoned or attended the church service on April 18th.

She would also like to give very special thanks to Mary and Donna for their support and kindness throughout, and to Di, whose daily

visits have provided a tower of strength. They have given so much, unselfishly; it goes beyond any words of appreciation.

From nephews Norman and Ian

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all the people who have offered help, sent cards and said prayers for us following our car accident. We are very much heartened by your warmth and support.

Tony and Margaret Chamberlain

Dear Editors

I would like to express a big thank you to all my family and friends for supporting me in the London Marathon. I completed the course in 8 hours 51 minutes, but I got the medal I wanted.

The charity I completed for was Look (Blind and Partially sighted children) and I raised £700. I would like to say a great big thank you to all those people who sponsored me.

J. Simpson

London Marathon 2002 Sponsorship

To all the generous people of Harbury

I am just writing to thank you all for so generously sponsoring me in this year's London Marathon. I completed the course in 3hrs 30mins 51secs, just outside my target time of 3hrs 30mins, although much of this time was lost at the start.

Nick and I and the boys spent a very memorable weekend in London. The boys were far more impressed with the Wombles and the man carrying his canoe, than they were with their Mum's efforts. I just spent the whole race trying to ignore a strong urge to go and sit in a portalo, and come out when it was all over!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have trained with me during the cold, wet and windy winter days (it seems hard to believe as I sit here writing this with the hot sunshine streaming through the window!), Lynda Robson, Cathy Sampson and Jan Brough on bike, with Pickles the dog, Jem and Rachel Brown, Simon Sykes and especially my long suffering husband Nick and the three boys. Without all their support and encouragement I would never have got to the start line.

Thanks to all the wonderful people of Harbury I have raised over £1,200 to be divided equally between the National Asthma Campaign and the B.H.S. Rescue Centre.

Many, many thanks.

Susie Tawney

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who took part in my recent fund raising activities to raise money for the NSPCC. Guess the amount of chocolates in the Roses' tin and the Nursery Rhyme Quiz to win a food hamper.

Betty Barr won the Roses chocolates and Sarah Bull, who was the only person to get all 20 answers correct, won the food hamper.

Also, thank you to those who donated items for the food hamper.

The £75 raised has been given to the Harbury NSPCC Committee. Many thanks.

Dayle Adams

Dear Editors

We would like to say a very big thank you to all our family and friends for the lovely cards they sent and flowers we received on our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

We were overwhelmed with everyone's kindness. Once again - thank you.

Phil and Quona Hartley

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who came along & supported our coffee morning in March, we raised over £240.00, which will be most generously doubled to £480.00 by Barclays Bank. Also, extra special thanks to all the parents who helped, we couldn't do it without you!

Harbury Toddler Group

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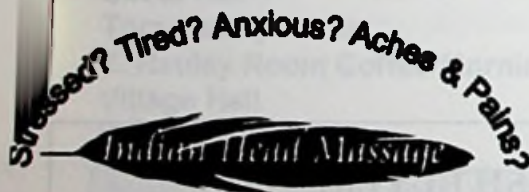
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