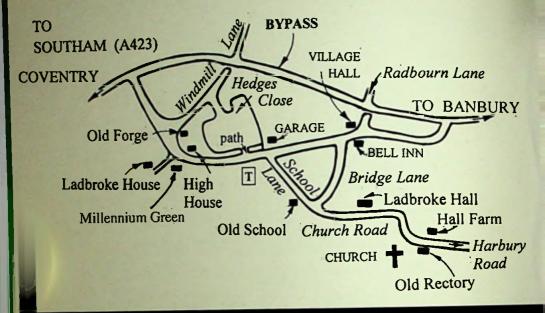


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Dylan (the donkey) and Kate Tomes were on hand to see the start of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbury Hash. Many people participated in and enjoyed the event. This happy occasion contrasts with sad threats to our villages. We are experiencing acts of vandalism; PC Hill reported attacks on motor vehicles and the Tennis Club reported damage to their newly resurfaced courts.

There is considerable concern over the siting of the proposed airport near to Rugby. We would encourage everyone to get information about to whom letters of protest should be addressed (see articles on pages 13, 15, and 18 in the magazine).

We wish to congratulate Mike and Doreen Bloxham on the birth of their first granddaughter, Rowan.

Annual subscriptions are due this month, and after four years we have had to raise the cost of the magazine to £5.50.

Whilst we are happy to include inserts from charitable organisations free of charge, we would like to remind commercial concerns that a fee is payable on the night of inclusion.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Ethel Jennings.

## Harbury Diary

#### **OCTOBER**

Sun 6 NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY – Harvest Thanksgiving Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6pm

Tues 8 Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wed 9 Prayer meeting in Church 8.00pm

Thurs 10 BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL 1.30-3.30PM & 4.30-7.30PM Holy Communion 9.45pm
Thursday Club

WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley room

Fri 11 Orchestra of the Swan – The Grange Hall, Southam 7.30pm Tel: 813933

Sat 12 'FLU JABS IN VILLAGE HALL 9.00am – 12 noon
Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Ladbroke Church
Myton Hospice Plant Sale at Dog 12.00-3.00pm

Sun 13 TWENTIETH AFTER TRINITY - Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Tues 15 ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers Union 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
'Bookworms' in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm

Wed 16 Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3.00-4.00pm 'Talk it Through' at 33, South Parade 8.00pm

Thurs 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm

18 RECYCLING COLLECTION Fri FLU JABS in Village Hall 5.00pm - 8.00pm 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room Sat Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind - Christmas cards available Councillors Surgery outside the Londis 10.00am - 12 noon Myton Hospice Plant Sale at Dog 12.00-3.00pm Harbury Blues Festival in Village Hall from 6.00pm 'til late 20 TWENTY FIRST AFTER TRINITY - Holy Communion 8.00am Sun Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm 21 Harbury Pre-School A.G.M. at The Wight School (contact Lana Long 613311) Mon 22 Holy Communion 7.30pm Tues Julian Group in Church 8.00pm Wed 23 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St Prayer meeting in Church 8.00pm Thurs 24 Holy Communion 9.45am Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall 25 ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm Fri 26 Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of the Bell ringers Sat Sun 27 CLOCKS BACK TODAY LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Tues 29 Holy Communion 7.30pm Wed 30 'Talk it Through' at 33, South Parade 8.00pm 31 Holy Communion 9.45am Thurs Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm NOVEMBER Fri 1 ALL SAINTS

Holy Communion 9.30am
RECYCLING COLLECTION
Sat 2 ALL SOULS Holy Communion 9.30am
VILLAGE BONFIRE & FIREWORKS 6.00pm
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Pre-School

Sun 3 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - Sung Eucharist 9am
Songs of Praise, Tom Hauley Room 6.00pm, followed by Faith Supper

#### From the Rector

There is only one Christ. But there is not one simple answer to the question: Who is Christ? No one statement will sum up in a satisfactory way who Christ is. For centuries the Church has tried to express its belief in Christ in words and that is necessary and helpful.

At the end of the day, however, we have to say that Christ is greater than anything we can say about Him.

It is right then that we should speak about the Christ of St. Mark's gospel. Here we find one of the answers to the question. The gospel is an inspired statement of who Christ is. What we find said in Mark is distinctive and not exactly the same description as we find in Matthew or Luke. And this is to be expected. Nor do all the gospels together say all that there is to be said. One of the gospel writers said that if all that could be said about Jesus were to be written down the whole world would not contain all the books that would have to be written.

During the years that followed the resurrection of Jesus, many influences were at work in the lives of Christ's followers. Most importantly the Holy Spirit, as Jesus had promised, was helping to make things clear for them. As they took part more and more in the liturgy and worship of the Church, their understanding of Christ deepened. They learned too from their experience. They were convinced that Christ had not left them but was present with them in their lives. The things, which happened to them, spoke to them about Christ. In all these ways they were getting to know Christ better.

Often we get the impression that Jesus wants to keep his identity as Messiah a secret. He silences the demons and cured people who might give witness to him. At one stage in his ministry he begins to withdraw from the crowd to give private instructions to his disciples. Even his own chosen ones did not always understand; sometimes they were afraid to ask. This is sometimes known as the 'Messianic Secret'. It has puzzled experts and fascinated scholars for years. What is the meaning to this strange theme? And what can we gain from it?

Obviously we cannot solve the problems that have taxed so many experts. We can only suggest some clues to help us to fathom the reasons for Jesus' attitude.

Firstly, the disciples could not know Christ fully until they had met him as the Risen Lord. It was the resurrection that finally solved the mystery. Until then Christ had to hold them back lest they content themselves with a partial understanding.

Secondly, Jesus imposes a silence especially when there is danger of people being carried away by his cures and miracles. His mission and Messiahship are not to depend on those things alone. He can only be

understood through the revelation of his entire life, death and resurrection.

Finally, Jesus had to bring home to everyone, even his chosen disciples their inability to arrive at a full understanding of who he was and what he was doing until they had in some way shared his life. St. Mark's audience was in a real way sharing the sufferings of Christ. He saw this as a repeat of what had happened to the first disciples. They had been emptied so that they could be filled by Christ.

Fr. Roy

#### Songs of Praise

Ex Choir Girls/Boys, Men/Women, Jubliate Players and everyone else, in both parishes.

Don't forget the 'Songs of Praise' at Harbury on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** at 6.00pm followed by a Faith Supper in the Tom Hauley Room. This is to celebrate Music in the two churches and the Festival of All Saints.

If you have a favourite hymn you would like sung – please let me know and we will try to fit it in.

Fr. Roy

#### From the Registers

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury

14th September - Douglas Johnson to Victoria Hayes

21st September - Adrian Exton to Hailey Overton

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury

15th September - Luc Cameron Affleck

29th September - Katie-Ann Patricia Evelyn May Lowe

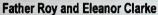
Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

12th September - Ethel Jennings 91



#### From the Churchwardens







**Charles Catt** 

This month we celebrate two marathons: Eleanor Clarke's 150 Sunday School attendances and Charles Catt's cycle ride in support of Historic Churches: 58 miles and 35 churches and heaven knows how many in at least 10 years gone by! Their achievements serve as examples of how we can pace ourselves and commit ourselves to what is important in our lives. Congratulations and thanks to them both.

We have, as well, celebrated the Harvest. We do thank everyone who gave produce (passed on to Helen Ley House) and all who worked hard and unassumingly to make the church look so lovely. The presentation at the Harvest Family Communion was given by Alison, Mike and Katherine Abbott. Through Christ's parable likening the Kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed, we were reminded of how the smallest of seeds can grow and blossom, as can we if we listen to God's word.

That day ended with Evensong, made especially rich by the choir's singing. If you think Choral Evensong is not for you, why not let yourself in gently on a special occasion such as that, or, indeed, through Songs of Praise to be held at Ladbroke at 6.00pm on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Mothers' Union

Afternoon meeting: Our new year started with a service in church at which the Rector gave the address. He talked about contemplative prayer, "the prayer of loving attention." It can be a struggle to be still and open ourselves to God – just to love God and let him love us – but if we do, we experience God's wonderful love for us and allow him to change us so that we can truly love other people.

Mavis Young accompanied the hymns, and also brought us some of her delicious chocolates. We finished the afternoon with tea and notices in the Tom Hauley Room.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, three members attended the "Taste of Africa" evening at St. Paul's in Leamington. We ate an African meal and then heard an interesting and inspiring talk by Jean Price who had visited Burundi to see the progress of the M.U. literacy project. Local M.U. members are trained as facilitators and then visit villages, often walking many miles, to teach people to read and write in their own language.

Colin Darling from C.M.S. gave us a talk, telling how the church is growing in many African countries, and we finished by singing African hymns and with prayers for our linked dioceses in Africa.

Evening Meeting: The evening meeting took the form of a discussion about our future. Although we are quite a small group, members value the meetings and made a number of suggestions for speakers, discussions and other activities, which will keep us going for quite a while.

We finished with a light-hearted quiz on flower names.

#### **Next meetings**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm. An Open Meeting when non-members will be very welcome. The speaker will be Jo Sowerby on "Life's Experiences".

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm, Service, 2.30pm Barbara Hodge on "Praying the 5 Objects."

C.M. Catt

#### **Toddlers' Service**

Our Harvest service in September started with the children playing the percussion instruments while we sang "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Then we looked at different fruits and vegetables and talked about how they grow and how the seeds need rain and sunshine to grow well. We thanked God for our food.

The children held up the right fruit for each verse as we sang: "See here are red apples".

After looking at three lots of cress seeds, which had been sown, (a) without water, (b) without light, and (c) with both, we decided they needed water and light. Then the children sowed cress seeds to take home and look after.

The next service is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** at 2.15pm in the children's corner of the church. All babies and small children, with an adult, are very welcome.

C. Mary Catt

#### Laugh Line

When on holiday one year my brother and I attended the local church. On the way my brother had a fall, which delayed us somewhat. We entered as the congregation were singing the first hymn: 'Courage brother, do not stumble'.

#### All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1st Sunday in the month: 9.00am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Worship

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sunday in the month: 8.00am Holy Communion

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Wed 9 Holy Communion 2.00pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm

Fri 11 Harvest Supper 7.00pm for 7.30pm in Village hall

Sat 12 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room Harbury 10.00-12noon

Sun 13 TWENTIETH AFTER TRINITY - Sung Communion 9.00am
Sun 20 TWENTY FIRST AFTER TRINITY - Sung Communion 9.00am

Sun 27 LAST AFTER TRINITY - Sung Communion 9.00am

#### **NOVEMBER**

Fri 1 All Saints' Holy Communion 7.30pm

Sun 3 FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT -Family Communion 10.30am

#### Ladbroke Flower Rota

6<sup>th</sup> October

13<sup>th</sup> October

20<sup>th</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> October

Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman

Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman

3<sup>rd</sup> November Christine Payne

Jane Rutherford

#### All Saints' Church Ladbroke

<u>Development Plan:</u> Many thanks to Ann Edwards and Susan Moore for all their hard work in organising the Promise of Auctions held at the Grange Hall on the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Despite a small attendance (may be due to there being a council meeting in the village to discuss the proposed New Airport) we were entertained by two fantastic auctioneers who did a great job.

Ann and Sue worked hard all evening and many of the committee had sold tickets and raffle tickets before the event and this proved most lucrative. Our gratitude goes to all those who donated Promises and raffle prizes and to Southam Office Supplies for their help with the printing.

We have held back half of the promises for a future date when

hopefully more people will attend. The final sum raised was in excess of £900; our grateful thanks to everyone who came and supported us.

We are now preparing for the Ladbroke Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November any help would be very appreciated i.e. with raffle or tombola prizes.

Jo Sowerby (811749)

#### Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The meeting held in the Village Hall on September 26<sup>th</sup> was very well attended by present members, past members and three members from County House. The almost 2 years old triplets (Marie's nieces) visited as future members! All were welcomed by President, Anne.



Anne Edwards, President, with Marie Kennedy, Secretary and the triplets Bailey, Taylor and Brooke

It was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ladbroke W.I. and what a fun time we had, thanks to our energetic Committee. Marie had made the delicious cake and the large table was full of goodies from members.

There was a short business meeting before the festivities.

The visit to Althorp was on the eve of Princess Diana's death. We stopped at Weedon for coffee and then on to Althorp. On arrival it was so organised. We were given the time for our house tour and the time that the coach would return. Earl Spencer was there amongst the

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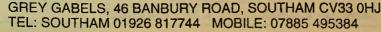
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visitors and giving his interview to a TV network. It was a memorable visit, very peaceful in the grounds and beside the lake but also rather sad.

The quiz night, organised by Peter Baker, was well supported and raised almost £200.00 for the funds.

The Harbury Produce Show was supported by members; some of whom won prizes for their cookery and craft skills.

Four members are joining the County visit to the Walsall Lights on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions were taken for the Christmas dinner to be held in December.

The group Carol Service will be held in Stockton Church on **Sunday** 8<sup>th</sup> **December** at 2.30pm.

Then the partying began! Mr. Bloxham was there taking photographs and individual ones of members for our records and the Harbury & Ladbroke News! A WI quiz had been compiled and of course all the goodies had to be sampled together with the wine. Photographs were displayed of members when they were 30 years younger and there was a very elegant display of hats (on members' heads).



Seated are Marie Kennedy and Anne Edwards with committee members Chris Baker, Sue Rayner, Sue Halsall, Susan Moore, Colene Batty, and Sheena Healey

Past minute books were perused and a great deal of chatting went on. It was a great way to spend the Anniversary. Hope that I am here for the next one but it will have to be less than 30 years I am thinking!

Raffle prizes were won by Nancy, Linda and Carol.

The next meeting is on October 24th - same venue same time.

**Hazel Sharples** 

#### Women's Fellowship

Our September meeting was held in the home of Hazel Sharples. We had a most enjoyable afternoon playing a Beetle Drive. This is a very good way of entertaining and everyone enjoyed sitting in Hazel's sun lounge.

Our next meeting will be in the home of Nancy Stubbs, 16 Ladbroke Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October after our usual Service in Church.

Ladbroke Church are holding a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October - donations of cakes welcome and there will be a raffle. Do come along and support this event.

Jo Sowerby (811749)

#### Ladbroke Village Hall

On the Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm your Village Hall is holding its A.G.M. This is an open meeting – everyone in the village is welcome. Come and hear what the Village Hall Committee is up to, and also to have your say if there is something you need to "get off your chest."

Jill Norgate (Hon. Secretary)

#### Ladbroke Parish Council Report

As there were insufficient Parish Councillors present to form a quorum, the meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall was conducted as an informal open meeting.

Present were: County Councillor Bob Stevens, District Councillor Chris Williams, Councillors Richard Bennett and Janice Berry, Clerk Linda Doyle, Jill Norgate (Secretary Village Hall Committee), Michael Boden Pritchett and four villagers.

Apologies from: Councillors Peter Baker, Derek Batty and Tim Seden.

Chairman Richard Bennett commented on the minutes of the last meeting but they were not signed.

Councillor Chris Williams, the District Council's representative on the Airport Liaison Group was invited to speak on the proposals concerning the siting of a new airport some 30 km nearer to Ladbroke than the existing airport at Birmingham. He stressed the importance of villagers attending the meeting hurriedly called on September 20<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. He will be very happy to make a presentation of the facts to enable local opinions and views to be aired. The government has requested a very short response time and hopefully the views of the village will be known by the end of September, so that the Stratford District Council can make a response to the Department of Transport's proposal by mid November at the latest.

Councillor Bob Stevens said that the County Council will be reducing the number of refuse/bin liners to one per household. The fortnightly recycling service has been operating for over eight months and during this time the amount of refuse being left in black sacks has diminished, so it was felt the number of refuse sacks issued could be reduced. Councillor Stevens did stress that just because homes were now issued with only one bag, that it did not mean the refuse collectors would only collect one bag. As long as rubbish is put out in a clean, collectable condition the rubbish would be taken.

The County Council now has a strict policy on Ragwort. Anyone seeing the bright yellow flowered plant should either ask the landowner to destroy it or failing that contact the appropriate department at Stratford.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm and the next Parish Council meeting arranged for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, Ladbroke.

#### The proposed airport at Long Lawford/Rugby

Twenty-five villagers attended the meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> to listen to the District Council's representative on the Airport Liaison Group. The Chairman of the Parish Council apologised profusely for calling the meeting on the same evening as the fund raising event "Auction of Promises" for Ladbroke Church, but this meeting was so important he felt he had no alternative but to do so. He welcomed Councillor Chris Williams who gave us the following disturbing facts.

Fact One: The proposal to build a new airport at Rugby is an option being very seriously considered.

Fact Two: Should the proposal be accepted, the new airport will be one and a half times larger than Heathrow. It will also be one and half times busier than Heathrow i.e. planes will arrive and depart every sixty seconds and not at ninety seconds as they do at Heathrow.

Fact Three: Southam will be under the 57dBA noise contour, which is the onset of community annoyance for which no compensation is available.

**Fact Four**: There is a proposal to merge Milton Keynes, Bedford and Northampton as one large city with three million inhabitants.

Fact Five: Most people who use airports live in the London-Birmingham corridor bordered by the M1 and M40.

Councillor Williams was asked what is the County's reaction to the proposal. The County Council and the three members of Parliament (two Labour and one Conservative), as well as most District and Parish Councils were working as one to stop this proposal from becoming a reality. They did not want the airport to be built in Warwickshire.

When asked what could ordinary folk do? He advised us to write letters to our MPs, to the Parish Council, or to Alistair Darling the Transport Secretary. Petition sheets were available for signing at the meeting; copies were also taken away by volunteers to collect signatures. All homes in Ladbroke will be visited during the weekend commencing 12/22 September 2002.

We also need solid reasons to fight the proposal. To object on the grounds that we don't want it is not good enough!

The County Council's approach is first to dispute the figures used to compile the report *On Future Development of Air Transport in the United Kingdom* (the figures used were prior to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001). Secondly to attack the proposal on its effect on the environment, noise and air pollution and from the human rights view point.

The Government has given us until the Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November to get our comments into them. They will announce their decision in April 2003.

Please bear in mind that this proposal was announced without any prior consultation with the County Council or our M.P.s. The Government has decided to "fast track" the proposal i.e. there will be no lengthy planning enquiry or public hearing, the decision is to be taken by Parliament. On a chosen day there will be a debate on the

issue, at the end of which a vote will be taken and the fate of South Warwickshire will be sealed!

**Janice Berry** 

#### Dear Editors

Many thanks to all who participated in making our Bar-B-Q at 59, Banbury Road, Southam such a success. The atmosphere was superb in spite of the rain – at present £495 to All Saints', Ladbroke Development Fund. We are so delighted as we have to leave our home in Southam due to my disabilities.

I'm sure all visitors to Ladbroke Church will appreciate the improvement in the Churchyard. To all who have made this possible thank you so much. More contributions would make this improvement more certain. Anybody willing to spare a few pounds regularly please contact me in the very near future.

God be with you.

Peggy & George Askew

#### Harbury Parish Council Meeting - Sept. 2002

Airport proposals dominated the proceedings. Rosy Reeve from the Long Itchington Chapter, *Against Rugby Airport Campaign* had signs, posters, stickers and lots of useful information about the impact of the airport and how local people could make their views known. *Do we need a World Hub?* she asked.

Chairman Dutch Van Spall was convinced we were the government's preferred option. Planes, he said would be taking off over the village every 45 seconds. There would be pollution, noise and a huge increase in traffic, road widening, house building, hotel, warehousing and other facilities.

Cllr. Booth said that the County Council opposes the plans and engaged consultants to question government's assumptions about the growth in air traffic. He urged residents to write to the Department of Transport, but not to complete their survey, which was confusing and not well designed. It was important for everyone to give their views and ask questions so that Ministers had to give a personal reply. The Public Consultation period ends on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. There

were to be four Public Interest Debates on BBC Radio WM and the County Council would send out its own questionnaire, which people should complete.

Your Parish Council thanked Councillor Booth and Mrs. Reeve for their input and agreed that they would object to the plans and hold a public meeting in the Village Hall to discuss the implications (details later.) Posters etc. are available from the Clerk. More information from the protest group is available on the web at <a href="www.arac.org.uk">www.arac.org.uk</a> You can request up to five copies of the government's report from <a href="www.avac.org.uk">www.avac.org.uk</a>.

During the summer holidays there have also been many domestic planning applications. Stratford D.C. granted permission for a slate roof to The Cottage, High Street; a shed behind the Wight School; the felling of an ash tree in Farm Close and a willow at 7, Vicarage Lane; a change of use at Hall Bungalow in Hall Lane and extensions to the Water Tower Holding; 1, Sutcliffe Drive; 4, Pirie Close; 27, Manor Orchard and Allington House in Farm Close.

Stratford D.C. refused permission for a dwelling house on land adjacent to The Old New Inn and for an extra dwelling at Hazebrook on the Pound. The Appeal at Compton House has been refused and at Bellringer House in Mill Street the appeal was allowed. The Hotel proposal on the Blue Circle Works has been withdrawn.

The Parish Council made no representation on a holiday let at Square Close; a Radio Base Station at Walworth Farm; details of a new dwelling in Pirie Close; residential accommodation at 9, Church Street; and extensions to 27, Manor Orchard; 13, Honiwell Close and 18, Vicarage Lane.

They opposed the retrospective application for living accommodation over the garage at Cottage Close because it could create a new dwelling. They wanted no further encroachment onto agricultural land at the Bungalow in Bull Ring Lane. They objected to the outline application for the distribution site at West Kineton Road, Southam because of the traffic that would be generated

They wanted the Silver Birch retained at 1, Sutcliffe Drive and at 20, Mill Street they suggested the garage should be constructed of stone with a wooden door. They commented that parking was constricted in Manor Orchard Close and that converting the garage at No 38 would make matters worse. They did not want dormer windows in the extensions at 28, Binswood End. Plans for a "Materials Recycling"

plant at the tip, off Ufton Road would be considered at the next meeting when details had been received.

PC Hill gave a catalogue of crime and vandalism over the past month which included car theft and damage; a raid on the Co-op (gang apprehended) and a serious assault on a bus passenger (arrest made).

There is disquiet in Deppers Bridge because a huge haystack has been built again just where five years ago two youths received shocks from an overhead power line. The resulting fire burned for several days.

The Parish Council agreed to give permission for GASS to close the Playing Fields for Harbury's Annual Bonfire on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Cllr. Booth gave details of the contingency plans for the firemen's strike and warned everyone to be extra cautious on Guy Fawke's Night.

Cllr. Keith Thompson, regretting having to "talk bollards" again, explained that the slope from the car park to the Playing Field would have to be levelled out before they could be re-installed. Quotes for new gates for the Village Hall entrance have at last been received.

The Tennis Courts improvements proceed and the Floodlights will be installed at the end of October. The Youth Group has secured funding to complete the Skatepark and Janet Thornley will take a group of young people to research similar facilities. Biffa stumped up for the new Pump in Crown Street and the War Memorial Plate will be replaced before Remembrance Day.

The councillors expressed their sincere appreciation for the work that Jack Heath had done for the Parish, especially on planning and finance where he has master-minded a self-help grouping of local Councils to undertake each others "internal auditing". They wished him a happy retirement and wondered how they would find someone with financial expertise to replace him. Although I am going, there is still nothing in the Kitty he warned – the Parish having had to find extra funds to pay for Deppers Bridge's Traffic Calming.

In championing villagers who complained that one bin bag was insufficient, poor Kevin Biddle incurred the wrath of the green element that told him to cut down on packaged goods.

They explained SDC wasn't saving money but encouraging people to

recycle, compost and reduce their waste. Extra bags would still be collected and more recycling bins were available on request.

**Linda Ridgley** 

#### The proposed airport at Long Lawford/Rugby

Introduction: My wife and I moved into Harbury on July 26<sup>th</sup> from Chorleywood in Hertfordshire. Coincidentally, Chorleywood is under the "Bovingdon Stack" for Heathrow airport and we had local helicopter and light aircraft traffic from Denham plus the occasional RAF light transport jets either in or out of RAF Northolt. Therefore, we have been aware of aircraft for some years and looked forward to a little more peace. Consider our concern when the announcement of the proposed Rugby airport was released in the Leamington press in early August! The searches made on our property in Park Lane revealed no such proposal. If it had we would not have purchased it.

Steps taken: We both became very concerned that you all had not the slightest idea of how such an airport would impinge upon your lives especially as Harbury would be 9 miles away from either take off or touchdown point and therefore I spoke with Dutch van Spall, Mr. Bushill-Matthews and the organisers of the Against Rugby Airport Committee to gauge local feelings. We have visited the proposed site area and were utterly depressed at the thought of such beautiful designated greenbelt countryside being buried under thousands of tonnes of concrete. We also downloaded, off the Internet, the abridged proposal from the Dept of Transport and I attended the public meeting at Southam last night which was most balanced, informative and helpful.

Conclusions: This proposal is founded on some very doubtful growth statistics collected prior to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001. Since that date there has been a notable decline in the air industry with several airlines going to the wall, significantly Swissair and Sabena with a marked downtum in the fortunes of BA. Therefore, the idea of building a super new airport at the expense of the existing airports and their attendant mini economies at Birmingham International, Coventry and East Midlands would be destructive rather than constructive.

The proposal is founded on the above growth statistics and the notion of upsetting the least because if Birmingham is to be expanded there will be a greater impingement on people. However, what this proposal

does not seem to take account of is the environmental effect in terms of:

- A destruction once and for all of a natural amenity for both wildlife and human beings;
- A destruction once and for all of an economic area in terms of farming land and with it that way of life that the Countryside Alliance and the Council for the Protection of Rural England has been trying to maintain in terms of villages and rural communities;
- The pollution of the atmosphere over many square miles from increased levels of jet exhaust gases;
- The potential medical effects from these gases in terms of a rise in asthma;
- The medical effects of stress as a result of persistent noise;
- The effect on the whole area of the increases necessary in social infrastructures to maintain such a monstrosity: roads, hotels, car parks, hospitals, schools, housing, policing, catering, etc., etc.

This is not an issue that any person can be complacent about by saying "they will never do it." If this should go ahead then aircraft will be flying overhead at between 2,000 & 4,000 feet causing a constant noise level averaging 54 decibels. This would have a devastating effect on this village's life.

Proposals: Each resident should understand that this site is, from an objective point of view, ideal and, therefore, the government could, if they wished, force this through and it is up to us to stand and fight for this and future generations and their quality of life. That may sound like "tub thumping" but this issue is one of the few that has attracted all party support both in Warwickshire and its neighbours from MPs to County to Parish, including Harbury P.C., in condemnation of this proposed airport. Please can we follow their example by:

You all responding to the questionnaire in "Warwickshire View:"

You all writing reasoned objections to: our MP; the Transport Minister; RH A Darling, the Prime Minister, RH Tony Blair, and any other ministers, opposition party leaders that are appropriate knowing that more weight is placed on individual letters than petitions and demonstrations.

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#### **Harbury Society**

Mr. Bill Gibbons, the celebrated Learnington Historian gave what he described as a "walk round the Learnington of a hundred years ago" to a very appreciative audience.

He started in Clemens Street with the Independent Chapel (1815) that became the Theatre Royal then a Chapel again and later the Lockheed Brake Company! A photo of 1910 showed a street almost deserted apart from stray dogs.

He went up Bath Street, down past the Free Well, round the Station, over Victoria Bridge, past the Pump Rooms, strolled along Linden Avenue, through the Pump Room Gardens, York Walk, and Leamington's other gardens.

We saw Edwardian ladies feeding goldfish in Jephson's Gardens; many famous shops and a series of anecdotes featuring the Windmill Pub, Liptons, Bissel's bike shop, the temporary return of the Tally Ho Coach, the horse trams and buses, the Telegraph boys; tea in the Pump Rooms, parties at the Town Hall and the Palm Court Quartet in Bobbies. It was a glimpse of a lost world.

We urge all our members to attend the Public Meeting on the Airport Proposals. We too and our way of life could be history!

Please remember to complete and return your Harbury Review Forms!

Linda Ridgley

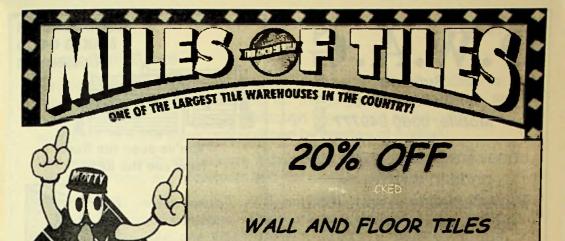
#### Harbury Women's Institute

Another successful Produce Show with entries up this year. The children's were great and go from strength to strength. Well done everyone. Congratulations to members Pam Merchant, Pat Smith and Jean Beaumont for their awards.

Members and guests enjoyed the W.I. Harvest Supper. Dorothy Groves and Nora Ellis prepared the excellent food. What would we have done without them? Thanks to them and all helpers.

The entertainment by Keith Sandall (an ex Headteacher), assisted by "The Coconuts", "The Clackers" and the "Gipsy Maid" was fun.

The speaker was Mrs. Carol Regan - Trouble in Store. Although trained as a nurse, her life changed when she learnt about her friend's



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job as a Store Detective.

Accompanying the friend she seemed to have a natural aptitude for spotting shoplifters. She applied for the job of Store Detective at Woolworth's and was taken on, although having had no training. She was there for some years until poached by Beatties of Solihull.

Her results at both stores were outstanding. As she said she notes the mannerisms, eye movement and just a plain gut feeling.

What type of person steals? All types from the lowliest to doctors, solicitors and brain surgeons. There are professional teams. Those who specialise, like one wearing a long overcoat, stealing carriage clocks. A dead giveaway on a hot day. Some make a day of it. Such a shock for an unsuspecting partner. School children who make lists and those who are bullied. Refunds can also be a good scam.

But the customer always pays indirectly by an increase in the price of commodities. The firms have to cover the thousands of pounds lost by theft. A firm's policy is not to arrest until the suspect is out of the store.

Mrs. Regan always avoided wearing her hair long, loopy earrings and high-heeled shoes for obvious reasons.

She impressed the importance of guarding one's handbag whilst shopping. It takes no time at all for a pro to steal a purse etc. from a handbag.

Amusing stories were told of two cleaners at the store. One was seen to put on 24 bras, another 26 pairs of panties that resulted in a most peculiar walk.

As Mrs. Regan's airline pilot husband has retired she no longer works but when out still has an eye for spotting incidents. Old habits remain.

A reminder to members to bring any suitable gifts (not too large) to fit into a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

October's speaker is Mrs. Valerie White - Have suitcase, will travel.

Jeanne Beaumont

#### Harbury Folk Club

September's theme had been contrived to provide a follow-on from the previous month's "Travel" theme by offering "Lost" as a challenge. Clearly, none of the participants suffered that fate as no less than nineteen acts managed to find their unassisted way to the

conservatory of The Shakespeare with impressive ease. The Harvesters, as the night's host, took to the floor first and included a new song about the crew of the ill-fated Mary Celeste. Brian followed with two fiddle tunes and then Pete and Liz gave us an old favourite "Ellen Vannin" (the sea providing more than one suitable song for the theme) and "The Sloop John A". Peter Mc played "Golden Memories" on the concertina accompanied by himself (on a Minidisc) and "Another Train". Rick completed the first part of the night, trying to find his lost "Spotted Cow". Amazing stuff, that beer!

The second part got into gear straight away with Janny and Maureen and "Two Brothers", and then recruited Pete and Peter Mc on guitar and second concertina for a lovely song from the repertoire of Altan. Des had the task of following that and took us in search of "The North West Passage" before admitting that "Johnny, I hardly knew ye". Susie, Daniel and Liz Bones provided the next act with their haunting rendition of "Dark-haired Alan", and were then followed by another fine fiddler, Ann, with a set of reels and then a mazurka. Singer and guitarist Peter was next with two fine songs and then Ron provided a version of the old ballad "Geordie" from the North-East of Scotland and a hilarious American song. Keith Donnelly completed an excellent second section by dueting with Gilly Darbey on "Lost you for a song" and then changing the mood completely with a karaoke version of "YMCA", retitled "At the Folk Festival".

The third half opened, as is the tradition, with the drawing of the raffle, which had yielded an excellent £36.00 for Myton Hospice. Alan took the first spot with his "Chastity Belt" and a fine love song. Tracy made a very impressive debut with her unaccompanied rendition of "The Maid on the Shore" and left the audience wanting more. Pete Grassby was next, who decided to "Go and list for a Sailor" and then chose "To be a Morris Fool" instead. Katherine Fear is a fine singer and songwriter and gave us two lovely songs. Keith Adams was next with a song many of us remembered with great affection, Jackson C. Frank's "Blues Run The Game". Jonathan followed him with Simon and Garfunkel's "America" and then Gilly Darbey wrapped up a memorable night with two powerful songs, including a self-penned blues.

With so much talent in one place, it's hard to believe we don't charge money on the door but then we don't have a door on this room, just a curtain. And who ever heard of working for "curtain money"? Once again, many thanks to the landlord and staff of The Shakespeare for making us feel so welcome (they had even rearranged the room for us

before we arrived!) and providing the perfect setting for so much quality entertainment. WE meet, as ever, on **the first Thursday** of **every month** and all singers and audience are welcome.

lan Harland (612734)

The Nursery held its AGM last month in the school library. It was lovely to see so many parents turn out to enjoy a glass of wine and listen to a summary of the Nursery's past year. Once again the Nursery was able to open nine sessions with over sixty children attending by the end of July. Eilish Flanagan gave an excellent account of a

training course she had attended and illustrated ways parents and educators can work together to encourage knowledge and understanding of the world.

The Nursery greatly appreciates the support it receives from its committee members, parents and grand parents who contribute valuable time helping in sessions, manning the computer and supporting fund raising. Kate and her staff would like to thank the committee for their hard work over the past year, particularly to Jackie Reeves as a very efficient Treasurer and Alison Baldwin as Secretary. Also they would especially like to thank Helen Green for being a calm, steadfast and very supportive Chairperson over the last year. Sue Bushill has enthusiastically volunteered to take over the reins as our new Chairperson.

This term our topic is 'ourselves' and we will be looking at the things that are most important to our new younger children; their families, developing friendships, expressing preferences and having fun. All the children can contribute to this theme and most importantly it is about children being confident, active learners and feeling good about themselves. If you want to know more, come along and visit at any time. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Nursery or booking a place, please ring Kate on 612656.

We will be holding our very popular 80/20 sale on Saturday 19 October in the School Hall 10.00 – 11.30am. On sale will be good quality nursery equipment, children's clothes and toys, for example, Lego, Batman car, videos and books. If you are interested in selling, please contact Marie Kennedy (812244) for information and an entry number.

#### Harbury School PTA

The PTA held its AGM in the school hall on September 23<sup>rd</sup>; it was good to see a few new faces especially from parents with children in Reception. The past year was discussed with all agreeing that the events that had been run had been successful. We have just made our last promised contribution to the computer suite of £4,000 making a total of £12,000. It is very pleasing to see the Suite so well used and know that it will continue to be used for many years to come. Well done everyone.

Not only have events been financially successful but also they have been very enjoyable for all who attend. The children always love to participate and to help and we are always grateful for their support and enthusiasm.

A few members decided that they would resign after quite a few years on the committee and holding a post. I would like to especially thank Nicola Thompson for all her work as Treasurer. I had decided that I should retire from the Committee after quite a few years and more recently as Chair. I would like to thank fellow members of the Committee, the staff at school, the children and parents who have always supported me. Thank you.

May I take this opportunity to wish the new committee with Gill Holden in the Chair a happy and successful time. I am looking forward to actually attending and participating in events without having to run round and organise. Will I be able to do it?!

Susan Graydon

#### **Harbury Tennis Club**

This month I was hoping to concentrate on how nice the courts looked after the £11,000 re-surfacing and painting had been completed. Instead I have to report that within 48 hours of them being re-opened on September 24<sup>th</sup> some idiots had been on the courts with bikes and left four-yard tyre marks in four places. I have reported the incident to the Police who are making inquiries.

I find it very sad that this wanton act of criminal damage by a tiny minority threatens to spoil a facility used and enjoyed by so many people. If you know anything about the incident please contact me or PC Nigel Hill at Southam Police Station, Tel. 812366.

We won't let this spoil our plans and it won't be too long before we are able to have midweek club sessions under floodlights! The power supply is due to be laid towards the end of October with the lights being installed soon after that.

In the Banbury Summer League the "B" Team went down 7-2 at Brackley and the "A" team went down by the same score at Hook Norton. Relegation for both teams is now a certainty but we won't have too long to worry about that as the Winter League starts on October 6<sup>th</sup>! The "A" team will again be competing in Division 1 while the "B" team will be in Division 3 after finishing as Division 4 runners-up in last winter's campaign.

We resume our fundraising activities in November to replenish the coffers after making our contribution to the improvements. Once again we are running the Craft Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall. If you are interested in having a stall there are a few spaces left. Tim Lockley (614532) has the details.

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#### Harbury Surgery - 'Flu Clinics

Following the favourable responses from patients last year, we have decided to hold the 'flu clinics in the Village Hall again this year. Dates and times as follows:

#### Memorial Hall, Bishops Itchington

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am to 12 noon Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Harbury Village Hall

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am – 12 noon Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 5.00pm – 8.00pm

If you are over 65 or suffer from asthma, any heart or lung disease, diabetes, kidney problems or immuno-suppression due to medication, we recommend that you are vaccinated again 'flu.

Refreshments will be available at both venues (for which there will be a charge) courtesy of the Women's Institute.

Barbara Andrews (Practice Manager)



Abigail Hunt, Josephine, Helen and Megan Cooper



**Committee Members** 



#### llage Show



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#### Harbury Pre-School - Learning Through Play

During September, the children have settled into Pre-school again very happily, and have been talking about themselves and their families. They are learning about parts of the body, and have made a rather scary-looking man who stands about 3ft. high called Peter. Peter is pinned to the wall, and is covered in lots of sticky labels to show the different parts of the body (arm, leg, eye, and so on). They are also making weight and height charts, and will be looking at the colour of their eyes and hair.

During October, they will be exploring the 5 senses: sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell – starting with a visit from a Guide Dog for the Blind.

<u>Play Area Update</u>: The seaside theme murals are complete in the play area, and the new shed is awaiting its internal shelving. New double gates are being installed over the next couple of weeks, making the play area completely enclosed, safe and attractive for our children. A new posh play surface will also be put down in the next couple of months.

Harbury Toddler Group and Harbury Pre-school have put most of their fundraising money towards this project, including £1,500 of the £2,000 raised from our successful Beatles Night in April, and we have received a number of generous donations and grants. We are extremely delighted to share our wonderful news that we have just received a generous grant from The Heart of England Community Foundation, which will allow us to finalise the project to our complete satisfaction

Lynda Murray a local Mural Artist designed the seaside theme for the children and has been most generous with her time, expertise and guidance throughout the project. Our thanks go to Lynda at 'Varoom' (01926 612524). It is impossible to name everyone who we would like to thank, but in brief — all the parents & children, Linda Murray, Paul Winchester, Transco, Compton International, Barclays Bank & their team of workers, and of course, the Trustees of the Wight School, without whose support none of this would have happened.

Lana Long, the project manager for the play area, has written a rather fetching poem about the play area, which we thought we would share with you.

#### On A Sunny August Day

On a sunny August day, we created a great new place to play, colourful fish were painted on walls, alongside ice-cream & fish & chip stalls.

But these projects don't come cheap, and money, well we needed a heap, to buy a shed, paint, & new gates, so solutions we needed to make.

Money was raised with our goal in sight, from coffee mornings to a 'Beatles Night,' plus generous donations from Winchy, Barclays, Transco & Compton.

But our story doesn't end here, as our enthusiasm's still there that's clear, a new play surface we will get sorted with our grant that we have been awarded.

Pre-School & Toddler Group children now run, in a safe outdoor play area that's fun, with thanks to all who came to paint & play on a sunny August day.

AGM: Parents and friends are invited to our AGM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 8pm in the Pre-School classroom – please read on and find out more about the evening: Cheese and wine; A display of the children's work; Feedback from the questionnaire recently completed by parents; Outside Play Area – Stage 2 plans; Expansion of facilities including new painting/artwork area and improved toilet area; An overview of finances including our fundraising successes and plans for the coming year, and the Election of the Committee. We would be delighted to see as many supporters as possible during the evening.

The Pre-School is hosting a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 10am-12noon – where there will be a raffle, cake stall, Christmas paper and face-painting for the Children. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be appreciated. We will also be holding a tabletop sale and any donations of household items

(not furniture) would be gratefully received. Please ring Lana Long for details on 613311.

<u>Under 5's Disco</u>: After our tremendously successful event last Christmas, we are holding another Under 5's Christmas Disco on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** from 5 - 6.30pm at The Harbury Village Club – SO KIDS get your dancing shoes out, and spread that glitter about!! Entrance is £2.50, which includes drink and crisps, a present from Father Christmas and games.

If you would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, then please don't hesitate to contact Caroline Hill on 613780 or Jo Simpson on 612781.

#### Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

#### **Harbury School**

Welcome to new staff. We welcome Miss Hartill back as Mrs. PAYNE. Congratulations on her summer wedding! Also, we welcome Miss Kate Fowler sharing Sherbourne with Mrs. Booth and trust she will enjoy

working with us all at Harbury.

Buildings. The extension to Avon's classroom has been completed on time. All the planning and nagging paid off. We've got rid of the disgusting canopy, which was also a bit of a health hazard and gained a much bigger room. Again, this was paid for out of a Capital Fund that we can't access for any other purpose. Can anyone help replace a few broken slabs with the leftovers? Also, thanks to Clive Reeves, we now have an adult-size sink unit by Rainsbrook, which should reduce the possibilities of bad backs!

Reading and other volunteer support. We had an excellent term last summer with a number of parents coming into school to listen to children read at various times of the day; also a number of volunteers who came in, after a telephone call, and helped out with photocopying, collating, tidying, organizing, etc. etc. If anyone wants to be added to or subtracted from our list please let us know. We'll recommence reading support next week at the same times and let parents know of any changes we are making to the arrangements.

Letter received at the beginning of the new term from Mrs. Ann Crutchlow: "Thank you so much to the parents and children of Harbury School for my wonderful retirement presents...crystal vase and

glasses, champagne, flowers and so many other lovely cards and gifts. I shall really miss you all! Very best wishes for the new school year to everyone." As a parting gift from Mrs. Crutchlow, linked to her love of music, she bought the school a portable C.D. player and some compact discs with music from around the world. We have started playing these in assemblies and what we've heard so far is superb. So a public "thank you" to her.

#### Our Visit To Gaydon Technology Centre

When Severn went on a school trip to Gaydon Technology Centre, we had a great time. First a lady called Jo showed us an introduction on the computer and showed us what to do. My partner was Robin and we were working on a laptop. We were told to start by going on a Programme called Logicator on our laptop, then we had to control some red, amber and green lights to come on. The lights were connected to a smartbox, then we started to add more things like a little buggy. That was also connected to a smartbox. Next was a good part that I enjoyed when we went on a Site Visit and saw where all the cars were checked for strength and durability. There were lots of parts of cars and it was very noisy.

When we got back from the visit we started to add sounds onto the Computer. Then Jo taught us how to do repeat loops, which means what ever you do, it will do it again. After that we learnt how to do work a switch. Next we did a sensor where you could say what number the light had to be below which was a chosen number to make the sound go off. To finish we had to do some traffic light challenges, after that we got back on the coach and went back to school.

#### by Charlie Hawley

#### Our visit to Gaydon Technology Centre

When we got there, we sat down and our instructor Jo told us what we were going to be doing. Computer Control. First what we did was go on to "Logicator" and that was what we did all our stuff in.

The first thing we did was control traffic lights, we used red as number 1, amber as number 2 and green as number 5. After we had done that we were shown how to add the buggy.

After we did that we went on a trip to the site where people were testing strength and durability. We saw that control is also used for work as well as for fun.

When we got back to the centre we went back to the computers and we had a go at making sirens and once we had done that we added a loop and told it to repeat itself as many times as you wanted.

Then it was lunchtime; I had chicken salad sandwiches (my favourite!!)

Next we used a set of instructions to make a loop go round and then make the buggy move. After that it was "the traffic light challenge" and it was good fun. We saved it on a floppy disk and we used them for 2 more challenges. Then we went onto temperature and light challenges.

Finally we went home in the minibuses. It was a long day but I enjoyed it.

#### by Jessica Holden

New children. As predicted, we are getting a number of calls from prospective house buyers about places in school. Unfortunately, they all seem to have children of the wrong age, present Reception! If anyone has plans on moving house in the near future please let us know so that we can at least give these callers some hope.

Starting school September 2003. This seems a long way off but we need to ensure that our lists are as accurate as possible. If anyone knows of any child who may be due to start school next year please let the family know that we need to know about them as soon as possible.

**Paul Milner** 

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#### It is not too late!

If you had not completed your Parish Review Survey or you were out when your Distributor called, it is not too late to hand it into Mugleston's Country Fayre. As of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September distributors had returned over 350 completed questionnaires and we are anxious to achieve as high a return rate as possible.

We have also tried to cover all of the commercial premises in the Parish. However, if you have not received a Parish Review Questionnaire and you run a business please contact me on 612155 and we can arrange for you to be sent a form. During October we hope to start the data entry from the returned forms and achieve some preliminary findings by the end of the year.

John Holden - Parish Review Group

#### **Blood Donor Session**

The next session will be on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** in the Village Hall. Session times are 1:30 – 3:30, and 4:30 – 7:30. The first session is less busy. New and lapsed donors, age 18-65, are urgently needed; modern medical and surgical techniques have developed so much that huge amounts of blood products are required. At the last session there were 96 potential donors, of whom 90 were able to make a donation. Can we better it this time?

Mr. & Mrs. M.J. Hare

#### Take Time Out - Winter Hanging Baskets

Meet Tom Sage from Wappenbury Nurseries who will demonstrate how to make beautiful displays for your garden on **Monday 7**<sup>th</sup> **October**, at 7.30pm Ufton Village Hall. Cost: £2.50 per head including light refreshments.

Tom will show 3 or 4 different, hanging and other baskets, answer questions and have some plants to sell. Raffle: to win a planted basket. Please contact Tracey Watts on 01926 614413 to book a place.

Karen Kirk

#### **Councillors Surgery**

Your County and District councillors will hold a surgery in Harbury on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, outside Londis supermarket, from 10.00am to 12 noon.

So, please bring anything you want to discuss – from airports to black plastic bags and we will do our best to advise & help.

David Booth (County Councillor for Harbury division)
Andrew Patrick (District Councillor for Harbury ward)

#### Bonfire and Fireworks Party, 2nd November

Come along to The Recreation Ground, South Parade to enjoy the fireworks on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Hot dogs, mulled wine or juice are included in the price of £3.00 for adults, £2.00 for children and are available from 5.45pm. The bonfire is lit at 6.00pm with fireworks from 6.15pm. This is a great village event that can be enjoyed by all the family.

If you'd like to help build the bonfire during the day please contact Steve Brough or Andrew Hunt or if you feel you could help in the evening, please call 613952.

Look forward to seeing you all there. Tickets available from Muggleston's Country Fayre.

G.A.S.S. Committee

#### Vital Villages in Warwickshire

Wise heads will nod sagely in agreement. But usually an even wiser head will offer the rejoinder, But that will cost money and how are we going to raise it? There is never an easy answer to that question. But there is help at hand.

The Vital Village project is a collaboration between the Rural Community Councils of Warwickshire and Worcestershire which is funded by the Government. The objective of the project is to increase the vitality of rural communities by supporting local enterprise. So, if

you have got an idea for a project, come and talk to us. We will consider any possibility, and may even support some initial market research.

You will need to show that your idea has the support of the local community and convince us that it has the ability to stand on its own two feet after a decent interval. However, if you cannot do that, we may be able to supply some start up funding.

Contact: Steve Patalong on 01926 499664, write to: The Abbotsford, 10 Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4SL, or email <a href="mailto:steve@abbotsford.spacomputers.com">steve@abbotsford.spacomputers.com</a>

**Steve Patalong** 

#### How Much Do You Do??

We are all being urged by Central Government to do more of our own recycling. This makes good sense, as we cannot keep filling up the ground with our rubbish, holes in the ground are running out. To meet

Government targets, Stratford D.C. need to recycle at least 24% of household waste. Northamptonshire already do!!

Ideas to help you to reduce your waste output:

- Flatten all cans, after washing them. (If you remove the base it is easier to do this.) Then put them in the black box.
- Open all cardboard cartons and flatten them, better still avoid buying products with too much wrapping.
- Compost all vegetable peelings, teabags etc.
- Re-use tin foil where possible. Wipe with a hot soapy cloth and dry, fold and re-use.
- Re-use plastic shopping bags for next shopping visit.
- Remember to recycle <u>all</u> glass not just bottles. Jam jars, Marmite jars, baby foods, potted meat jars etc.
- Plastic bottles take up less room if, when empty you remove the top, squeeze them flat and put the top back on. Boiling water poured into them may also make them shrink. This only happens if they are a certain type of plastic. It is suggested you do this over a sink.
- Put old clothes in your black plastic box or take them in good clean condition to a charity shop. Or turn them into car cleaning or window cleaning rags. Cotton 'T' shirts make excellent dishcloths!

If you require more plastic boxes for glass/cans or clothes you can ask Stratford D.C. to deliver more.

You are able to put out more bin bags and they will be collected, BUT Stratford D.C. will only deliver one bag per household.

Plastic of all types is difficult to re-cycle, as there are many different types of plastic. If we could sort these out at home then I am sure Stratford D.C. would be prepared to collect them.

The following plastic type bottles can now be taken to the Princes Drive Recycling Centre in Learnington Spa:

- ⇒ <u>HDPE plastic bottles</u> are opaque (not see through) and coloured, i.e. washing up liquids, detergents, fabric conditioners, milk and fruit juices. Look for CODE 2 on the bottle.
- ⇒ PET plastic bottles are transparent, i.e. mineral water, cooking oil, cordials and fizzy drinks. Look for CODE 1 on the bottle.

Please rinse out all bottles and remove the tops.

Jenny Patrick (Vice Chairman Parish Council)

#### 12th Annual Harbury Hash



On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 93 runners and walkers set off from Chesterton Village for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbury Hash. This year the hares were Gilly (Geronimo) Murphy, Mali (Little Big Horn) Murphy, Daniel (B) Bones, and Doug (Dunn Inn) Freeman, and they totally confused the runners by sending them off in the correct direction and not on a false trail.

The runners followed a circular and hilly route, which took them to uncharted parts of Chesterton and Kingston. The more sensible walkers just ambled over fields and past ponds stopping to eat

blackberries on the way. There was a regroup for the runners and walkers near to Kingston Manor Farm where sweets and light refreshments were consumed. The return to Chesterton sent the runners out towards Checkleys Brake before heading north across country. The walkers just strolled home on the direct route past Chesterton Church and the fishponds.

Learning from last year we had erected gazebos but thankfully we



were treated to fine weather for the BBO The down downs were awarded for breaking unwritten Hash the rules, and these varied from mass blackberry eating to answering a phone. mobile thanks to Peter Bones Fire). (Hash Janny and Sue Freeman Hartland (Hash Cash). Gilly and Mali for use of

their paddock, and to all those who turned up. We raised £82.71, which will be donated to GASS to help toward the Scout Hut refurbishments.

Finally, our special thanks to the farmers and land owners for allowing us access to their land; Dick Smith, Winston Warhurst, Roy Lambert, Brian Merriman and Michael Thwaites. Don't miss the 13<sup>th</sup> Harbury Hash in September 2003.

**Doug Freeman** 

#### Harbury Youth Project Group

Great news! We have sufficient funds to embark on Phase II of the Skateboard/Roller Blade Park on Harbury Playing fields. A grant application to the Countryside Agency was successful and we will have sufficient funds by the end of the year to install further equipment, i.e. half pipe, two quarter pipes and grind rails.

An extension of the tarmac surface has now been completed and we hope to take a group of teenagers by coach to look at skateboard parks elsewhere on Monday 28th October. If any teenager is

interested, please contact me on 612688.

We also raised funds ourselves by catering at the recent Harbury Beer Festival held at the Village Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August and made a magnificent sum of £814.00. I would like to thank the Committee members and others who helped on these two days. If any village organisation would like to raise funds, they should contact John Crossling on 613256 for further details with regard to catering at next year's Beer Festival, which is usually held at the end of August.

If you have a particular interest in the Harbury Youth Project (parents or children), please contact me. We would welcome your involvement.

Janet Thornley, Treasuer



# Memories of Joe Bamford

Avril and Diana, the two elder daughters of the late artist Joe Bamford, pictured near the cabinet frame (made by Joe), listing names of people present when Harbury Village Hall was opened in March 1962 by her then Majesty's

Minister for War John Profumo, M.P. for Stratford. At the ceremony he was accompanied by his pretty wife, film actress Valerie Hobson.

The recent party in the Village Hall was arranged by Joe's three daughters Avril, Liz, and Diana, to celebrate what would have been Joseph William Henson Bamford's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Quite a number of people attended the party.

Mike Bloxham

#### Musings from a Country Garden (3)

Wild life .....at last.

Living in a cottage in a wood - well it IS surrounded by trees - must give the indigenous wild life a false impression They have their

nesting boxes, and infinite places to sit and hide, but it is not unusual for them to overspill into the cottage. Whilst I am typing I often have a Mrs. Blackbird down by my right side and Mr. Blackbird down by my left side - one has hopped in through the open back door and the other has hopped in through the open front door. They twitter and I use my 'Hello Darling" spiel then they hop out again. As my wild cats also feed at one or another of the open doors, it has been known for Mrs. Blackbird to hop on the edge of the cat food dish and eat whatever is on offer. Only yesterday I was lying in bed at around 5.30am and in hopped a Wren, had a look round and hopped out again, then a Great Tit came in - not at all agitated, looked around and went out again. I just laid there and watched without speaking.

#### 'Little and Large'

The smallest visitor we have had has to be the bat. We used to have lots of bats flying around in the dusk and one evening I opened the sitting room door and something that I thought was a baby blue-tit dive bombed my head - its primary aim appeared to be to part my hair. Now the standard greeting for (almost) everything that is seen either in the garden or in the cottage, with fur or feathers, (with one exception, but that story will come later) has always been "Hello sweetheart, what can I do for you?" in my softest voice.

Now, being good 'Neighbourhood Watch' villagers, all our windows are locked, so opening them with speed is just not possible - therefore a good, lengthy spiel is essential. I slowly went across to the window talking all the time and unlocked and opened it. Then I sat down, hoping it would do the same. It did, (well it, didn't actually sit,) it 'hung about' by attaching itself to the curtain, where I could get a good look at it. I had never seen a bat close at hand before. I called Stan and we both sat and watched. Eventually, Stan got up and quietly went over to it and very gently managed to detach it from the curtain - not easy, but he did it and opening his hands outside the window it flew away. It was a Pipistrelle bat and a beautiful one at that.

The largest visitor was actually a horse but that is another story.-. the largest 'wild life' has to be the Roebuck deer.

One morning I opened the kitchen door and started to go down the path towards the Utility Room when about 50 yards away was a l-a-r-g-e deer with a beautiful face and tiny antlers. I stopped and sat on my seat stick and started talking to it. When I was seated I had to look up to him, he was I-a-r-g-e! Hello sweetheart - what are you hoping to find in my garden today? I had seen it before in the copse looking at

me from behind a tree, so we had been introduced previously seemed quite happy to stand there looking at me giving the impression that he was listening - his head inclined one way, then the other otherwise guite motionless and certainly not agitated. So I chatted away (I talk to anyone or anything) Then, his head went down as he looked for something to eat, he had a mouthful of grass, and started to walk slowly towards me. I thought to myself I hope he realises that I don't 'do reverse' and certainly cannot run. I remained rooted to the spot on my seat stick still talking. He got up to 6 paces away still chewing, then he turned, and slowly went down the bank into the shallow water and up into the copse. I immediately returned to the cottage to look at my reference books whilst the details were still clear in my mind and found out that he was a three-year-old roebuck deer. I have seen it only twice. Muntiaks I see almost weekly. I was told by an 'old' Villager that a few Roe deer live in a wood in the Chapel Ascote area

Spiders. Now, I have to confess that the species I cannot talk to are spiders. During the past week I have seen six of the biggest spiders I have ever seen in my life. That is the one thing I would not say 'hello sweetheart' to - snakes, rats, Yes! but spiders, No! I thought that as I had disposed of five out of the six on my own I was getting over the phobia, but when it came to number 6, this one had 'hinged' legs - do you know the type I mean? I am not given to exaggeration and I do not drink!

I was watching the 'Last night of the Proms' I froze in a panic (which is what I have been doing all my life where spiders are concerned). It appeared to go under the duvet. I can assure you that you have never seen anyone with osteo-arthritis move as quickly as I did to get out of bed. It does not seem possible for someone who has camped under canvas in fields, by water for 45 years being forced to telephone someone else to come and remove the 'thing' that is preventing her from going upstairs, or getting in the bath or bed. I cannot even touch pictures of the offending creatures. I paper clip together pages in wild life books in order not to unsuspectingly be confronted with pictures. Oh yes! I am definitely an arachnophobic. I make no apology if that spelling is incorrect, I cannot get away from the subject quickly enough. It will never be mentioned again.

Next month I will get on to the subject of our butterflies. There are four Buddleia trees in the garden and a wide selection of butterflies constantly frequents them. A friend who is a specialist in Lepidoptera spent some time in the garden and said that we had a very good

variety - some were quite rare ones. Then there are our feral cats and I might even digress to mention the mid-November mediaeval feast held in the garden at full moon to the strains of Vivaldi. That WAS a night!

Elsa Greenway

#### **Horticultural Society**

The Village Show is over for another year, and by the time the magazine is in circulation the new season of talks has already started. The Show went well, many thanks to everybody who worked hard to make it the success it was. Our thanks also to the shopkeepers and other outlets for having schedules, the Theatre Group for helping with the setting up etc.

The generous response for the tombola prizes was very gratifying and the proceeds and side shows helped fund the show. A full account appears elsewhere written by Janice, the Show's Secretary, including a list of cup and trophy winners. More new names which meant more competition and again didn't the children do well!

Our new year started in September so this means subs are due again, £3.00 each member – no concessions but very good value for the season of 8 interesting talks and events; also the popular party and outings.

The AGM as usual will be in **November**; new members always welcomed; any resolutions should be sent in writing to the Secretary Mrs. Daphne Clifford by **Wednesday 30**<sup>th</sup> **October**.

With the start of the new season you will have noticed the dark evenings are already here. Anyone who would like a lift to the meetings please ask, there are always members with transport who will oblige.

There are spare allotments available I understand; anyone who would like one please contact the Allotment Secretary Patrick Clark 612066.

Ryton Gardens will be holding another of their popular Apple Days: on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Experts will be there to identify different varieties, take an apple and test them; also cooking demonstrations, all very interesting, and you can taste the various dishes.

The talk <u>before</u> the AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> November will be "Restoration of the Lord Leycester Hospital Garden" given by Susan Rhodes. Christmas

cards for the Gardeners Benevolent Fund will be on sale on this same evening - a busy one, and I am sure an enjoyable one.

**Muriel Grey** 

#### **Harbury Village Show 2002**

The show this year attracted many new entries with numbers up considerably on last year. Some classes were a little disappointing in numbers but the photographs, handicrafts, and children's sections were very well represented.

I would like to thank all those people who helped to make the show such as success. All the judges said how much they enjoyed coming to Harbury and that the standard of entries was very high. One minor problem was that some entries were not as shown on the schedule, especially the labelling of the preserves. Janice Siddle has the 'On with the Show' book so please contact her to see it.

The prizes were as follows:

The Farley Cup for vegetables

Courier Cup for flowers

**Best in Section** 

**Brunton Challenge Cup for flower arranging** 

All Saints Cup for fruit

**Best in Section** 

**Daniel Trophy for cookery** 

Zonik Challenge for wine

Rigden Cup for photographs

Horticultural Society Trophy for handicrafts

**Novice Cup for vegetables** 

**Allotment Holders Trophy** 

**Allotment Holders Tray - Finch Cup** 

**Buck Trophy for children** 

Jean Dunn Cup (under 7)

Fred Lines Cup (8-12)

Wilkins Cup (most points in show)

Bernes Cup

Pat Clarke

Pat Clarke

Ralph Lawson

Mrs. Pam Merchant

Mrs. Heather Turner

Ralph Lawson

Carole Badger

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Top Vase	<b>1</b> st	Pat Clarke
	2nd	Mrs. Pat Smith
	<b>3</b> rd	Mrs. Anne Lambert

The Teddy Bear was called *Connor* and was won by Victoria Carpenter and Jackie Reeves won the Raffle.

Janice Siddle (Show Secretary)

#### **Gardening Notes for October**

The start of autumn depends on where you live in the U.K. but here it has arrived by the end of September.

The first frost is likely this month, to call a halt to summer flowers. Leave any attractive seed heads for the frost to decorate them for winter, alliums, sedums, crocosmia and eryngiums take on an ethereal look when hoary.

Clean the greenhouse ready to bring in tender plants. Test the heater to make sure it is working. Remove the shading paint. Remember to close doors and vents at night but keep it well ventilated by day to avoid grey mould. Arrange plants so that they can be given extra protection should we have a hard winter. Pot up fuchsias and pelargoniums as whole plants or cuttings. Reduce water to fuchsias to enforce dormancy.

Watch out for mildew on roses and michaelmas daisies. Remove blackspot infested leaves from roses before they drop. Lift gladioli corms once the leaves turn brown. Collect up the cormlets to grow on for a few years in pots. Cut the stem to within 3cm of the corm. Dry in trays then store in strong, paper bags in a cool, dry, frost-free place. Label the bags.

Put back some nourishment into the soil by digging in manure when plants are cleared. Plant herbaceous perennials when the soil is damp enough and still warm. Fork in bonemeal, or other high phosphate fertiliser. Perennials bought from the garden centres now, often look tatty and may even disappear after you have planted them,

but this is the best time for the job. For success plant at the same level as the plant was growing in the pot.

The nip in the air reminds us to take in tender plants in containers. Check for any signs of vine weevil damage on the leaves and if present tip out the compost and look for the cream coloured grubs. Wash the soil off the roots before repotting in new compost. Water with a vine weevil protection solution that should be effective for six months.

Plant hyacinths, daffodils and small bulbs. Depth of planting is important, daffs. and narcissus need at least 3" of soil above them, too shallow and they may be 'blind'. It can be difficult to decide which way up to plant some of the smaller bulbs but don't worry as they will right themselves. Soak anemone blanda tubers in cold water for 1 hour before planting. Give a sprinkling of bonemeal to areas where bulbs are naturalised in grass. If you have kept an amaryllis bulb, remove it from the pot and put it in an airing cupboard. Inspect it daily and as soon as a bud appears pot up bulb into new bulb compost and water carefully from the bottom. Pile gravel around alpines and tuck it under leaves to prevent them sitting in wet soil.

Extend lettuce season by covering with cloches. Plant sets of onion Radar for early summer harvesting. Plant sets of Japanese onions. Plant out spring cabbage. Rest marrows on bricks to ripen and bake the skins so they will store for months. Protect fruit trees against winter pests and diseases. Put grease bands on fruit trees and tar wash them. Harvest all apples and pears by the end of the month and before spraying trees. Store fruit on wrinkled newspaper in trays, or a few together in plastic bags, in which a few air holes are punched.

Hedgehogs will be going into hibernation this month so be careful when tidying under bushes or hedges. If you disturb their sleep they will move to other quarters and you lose a good gardening friend. Clean out nest boxes, or put up new ones. Birds are great scavengers of pests so encourage them to visit the garden by feeding them regularly.

#### Plant of the month - Grasses

To most of us grass just means the green stuff in the fields and on the lawns, but now the garden designers are encouraging the use of ornamental grasses in place of shrubs and herbaceous perennials. They bear enticing names such as Quaking grass, Green cat, Baby's fingers and Angel hair. They can add blues and golds to the border,

provide contrasting leaf shape, soften harsh colours, make bold graceful specimens but most importantly at this time of year provide interest that will last well into winter. There are more than 10,000 species of grass with only a few being worthy of a place in the garden. Garden centres and specialist nurseries now have more than the well-known Pampas grass, so look for varieties of Carex, Festuca and Stipa. However beware of Carex riparia variegata and Luzula maxima variegata which are both very invasive. The well known Gardeners garters, that has been a garden plant since at least the sixteenth century, will also romp away in rich, moist soil but is so attractive it is worth growing either in a pot or a restricted area. Several grasses are now at their peak in bushy clumps or tumbling fountains and with tall feathery flowers which persist deep into the winter, long after most other perennials have died down.

Some grasses are only annuals in our winters but are easily raised from seed in the Spring, and some will seed themselves and are easily moved around the garden. If these plants have not yet found their way into your garden and your heart give them a try and I am sure you will come to treasure them too.

Pat Smith

# Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

The footpath group are to be congratulated and thanked for all the work they do to keep our footpaths clear.

I was very glad to read in last month's HEL News that stiles are to be replaced by gates. Older people especially do find stiles difficult to cope with and I know that they can prevent people from walking on the footpaths.

Recently a fairly agile ninety-four year old friend and I took a short walk on path No. SM 62. We both managed to climb over the stile (the one near the petrol station) but it was a struggle. I think all the members of the group must have extra long legs.

until gates are installed, would it be possible to put an extra bar on the stiles? This would be very helpful to those of us more vertically challenged.

Yours faithfully

C.M. Catt

#### Dear Editors

Thank you very much indeed to everyone who supported the recent Harbury Nursery School Coffee Morning. It raised £180.00 for Nursery School funds. A special thanks to everyone on the outgoing committee who organised it and made it so successful!

Sue Bushill (Chairman)

#### Dear Editors

can you help? Wanted:

Driver for the minibus to take young adults, with learning difficulties, from the Southam area to their club in Warwick. An escort will be provided. If you can spare the time, once a month, on a Monday evening, from approx. 6.15pm until 7.45pm for the journey there and 9.00pm to 10.30pm for the return journey, please contact Rosemary Harley 01926 613402.

Rosemary Harley

#### Dear Editors

May I tell you a story? One recent Sunday evening at about 10 o'clock in the wilds of darkest Wales, I had an accident to my leg. It was quite a nasty gash on my shin. However, an extremely pleasant young lady (one of the guests at the wedding I was attending) who told me she was a holistic healer, cleaned and dressed the wound for me, saying that she thought it would probably need some butterfly stitches. Monday I travelled to my son's home in Crawley Down, Tuesday I went to the minor injuries in East

Grinstead, after waiting nearly three hours without any likelihood of being seen within the next hour or two I had to leave. Wednesday, I phoned the local doctor to see if I could see the nurse – no chance – no answer. It was Thursday before I managed to get a triage nurse to look at my leg. I came back to Harbury the following wednesday, called at the surgery the next morning and within a couple of hours was seen by our lovely Linda who with efficiency a smile and a laugh sorted me out.

The object of this story? Don't knock our local surgery. We are all well served in this village. If in doubt, try getting emergency treatment in West Sussex.

Gladys Hutchins

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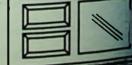
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