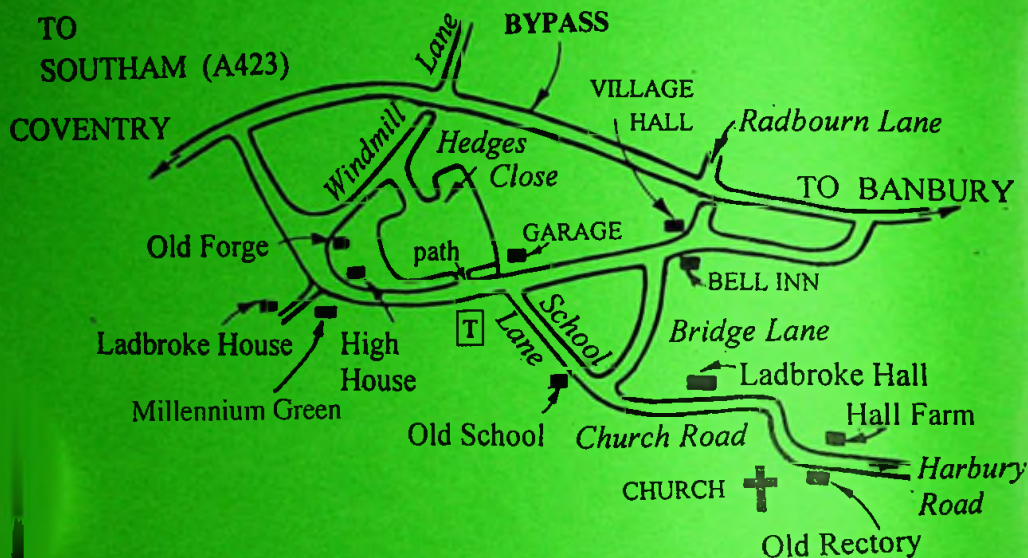


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Harvest Time

Congratulations to Pat Taylor for coming forward to be the new Cub Scout Leader for the village pack. We are sure that she will be well supported by parents and GASS.

The summer holidays have seen several activities for children: the Holiday Club, run by the Parish Church, the two tennis schemes were well supported and much enjoyed by the participants, and for the more mature villagers the Annual Beer Festival provided an opportunity to sample a wide range of beers.

The possibility of an airport nearby the size of Heathrow has generated anxiety. Such a large development near the village would have a considerable impact on our quality of life – see article in the magazine.

This month sees the start of a new academic year and the editors wish all those who are either starting or returning to school every success.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of David Ankers and Sarah Enefer.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

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|--------------|---|
| Sun | 8 FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home to OK Blockers
Twelfth Annual Harbury Hash |
| Tues | 10 Harbury Society talk on <i>Old Leamington</i> 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 11 Prayer meeting in Church 8pm |
| Thurs | 12 Holy Communion 9.45pm
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Youth Club in Village Hall 7pm |
| Sat | 14 VILLAGE SHOW IN VILLAGE HALL
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Nursery School 10am |
| Sun | 15 SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion 8am
Harvest Thanksgiving and Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6pm |

- Tues 17 **ADVERTS** to 31, Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 18 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3pm
Talk it Through at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7pm
- Fri 20 RECYCLING COLLECTION
- Sat 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room at 7.30am
Holy Communion 9.30am
Coffee Morning for Air Ambulance in Tom Hauley Room 10am
NSPCC Jumble Sale in Village Hall
Celebration of life of artist, Joe Henson Bamford in Village Hall 3pm onwards
- Sun 22 **SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY**
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 24 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 25 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved at 19 Farm Street 2.30pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
Men's Society talk *My kind of music* in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm (NO meeting in October)
- Fri 27 **ARTICLES** to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm
Macmillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Tennis Club 10am
- Sun 29 **EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY**
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 30 ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS - Holy Communion 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 2 Holy Communion 2pm - Mothers' Union 2.30pm
Talk it Through at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Folk Club in The Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7pm
- Fri 4 RECYCLING COLLECTION
- Sat 5 Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park 12noon
PCC Harvest Supper in Village Hall
- Sun 6 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm

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 Tel.: 612377

From the Rector

When God made the world, he saw that it was good. The message of the Book of Genesis at the beginning of the Bible is clear. There is an idyllic picture of what God intended when his great love "overflowed" to bring the world into being. He created man in his own image and likeness that his children might rejoice in the beautifully created world.

The good earth and its fruit might be shared and all humankind be united through the good things God has made, but sin shattered this picture. Selfishness, pride, hatred, avarice and all the rest of the rotten things that spring up where sin is, defiled God's beautiful world.

Jesus came to put the picture right again. He would redeem the world, he would re-create humankind, restoring the image of God in them. The love of Christ our Saviour broke through the worst that sin could do; it overcame death and gave us new life in the resurrection.

The people who walked in darkness could see light again. Perhaps we take the Easter message very much for granted. All through the year we may recapture the joy of it in looking at the lovely world our God has made and see his goodness shining in it.

One of the very striking hymns that has become popular in recent years is that anonymous "O Lord my God" which powerfully summons us to acknowledge the source of all life:

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hand has made,
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.*

This is a good time of the year to take a moment to look at the good things around us. Take a walk round the village, see the trees, the flowers or just rest your eyes on the green grass, and thank God. Thank God for your gift of sight too.

"Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise", but it is man that can voice that praise. God is praised by all that lives, but man has the special gift of freedom that enables him to praise God freely. We can rejoice in our praise and speak for those who have no voice.

"I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord", said St. Paul. "I repeat, what I want is your happiness . . . the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry, but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

Yes, that is the staggering thing about the Easter message. We have so much to thank God for and so many things to enjoy in this world that God has made, but that is not half of the story. The Lord himself is near. He is within. The message of Easter takes us far beyond the material creation. That is but a shadow of the love the Lord holds for us. He gives us his life.

Where is the joy in the world? It is in our hearts and we are to be its presence to creation. Jesus would ascend into heaven but he would not let his disciples grow sad. He was not to leave them orphans. He promised them new life in his Spirit and in that faithful promise they rejoiced. And believing in him became a source of joy in Christ to all who received them.

*Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
Come and see the works of God,
Tremendous his deed's among humankind.*

Fr. Roy

Calling all Ex Choir Girls/Boys, Men/Women and Jubilate Players!

When I go round the villages I'm constantly amazed at the number of people who tell me they've sung in the choir at one time or another. To celebrate the years of music making we are going to have a 'Songs of Praise' at Harbury on Sunday 3rd November at 6:00pm followed by a

Faith Supper in the Tom Hauley Room. Please put the date in your diary now, and come and join us.

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 Baptism – All Saints' Ladbroke

4th August James Xavier Lavras Whitehouse

Holy Baptism – All Saints' Harbury

18th August Lauren Ann Mann
Lucas Frank Morgan Mann

28th August Jack Mitchell Knowles

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury

3rd August Jo Gascoigne to James Stirling

30th August Mavis Taylor to David Taylor

31st August David Warner to Sharon Rose

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Ladbroke

24th August Ben Golob to Sarah McDougall

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

31st July Sarah Enefer, 93

13th August David Ankers, 48

Passed away

18th August Valerie Daives (nee) Perry, 63
(at Burlington, Canada)

From the Churchwardens

We hope that you have all had a very happy summer. We remember especially all those who have been or are about to be married; all young people who have received examination results and who have made or are about to make important decisions about their future; all children who are about to start school or to change schools and, indeed, as Fr. Roy reminded us, all those who work, in whatever way, in education.



All Saints' has just held its seventh Holiday club. We called it EUREKA, which, roughly translated, as several of the older children knew, means *I found it*. We pretended that we were scientists, setting out to find the meaning, the sense behind Jesus' miracles, linking those stories to our five senses: taste, touch, hearing, smell and sight. Up to thirty-seven children attended each day. Thirty-six adults helped over the five days from registration to completion and we are very grateful for their support. The Holiday Club gave the presentation at the August Family Service and it was good to see how many people attended. Eleanor, Ben, Cameron, Jacob and Lucy read splendidly.

We are now looking forward to the Harvest Festival Family Service on September 15th. There will be a rôle for the children there too. Please do join us.

Lesley and Felicity

Mothers' Union



No meetings to report on during August, but we start our 'new year' with a service on September 4th when the Address will be given by Father Roy.

The next Evening Meeting will be on Tuesday 17th September at 8pm, in the Tom Hauley Room, following the Communion service in Church.

We shall be having a discussion and quiz, and new members are always most welcome - please come and join us!

Wednesday 2nd October - 2.00pm Service; 2.30pm Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room when we shall discuss our favourite hymns and have a chance to sing along!

Anne Moore

Laugh Line

You must have seen the dual-purpose notice boards with a section for a wayside pulpit text, and another section for service details, etc. Sometimes they make interesting reading.

The Lord Bishop will preach here next Sunday at 6:30pm

On the other side were the words:

DON'T WORRY IT MAY NEVER HAPPEN

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Ladbroke Flower Rota

September 8 th	- Jill Moore
September 15 th	- Carol Lane and Carolyn Taylor
September 22 nd	- Carol Lane and Carolyn Taylor
September 29 th	- Jane Rutherford
October 6 th	- Harvest Thanksgiving, Jenny Barrett
October 13 th	- Jenny Barrett

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke Village and Church News

The sponsored Cycle Ride is with us again on Saturday 14th September. I have sponsor forms waiting for you. The Constables, James and father are doing their bit again – please support them and ride as well – it is good for you and us, mentally, physically and spiritually.

We learnt with sadness of the death of Betty Malcolm this morning (Thursday 29th August). She died peacefully in her sleep following a massive stroke.

Betty had lived for many years at No 1 Ladbroke Hall. She never really got over losing her husband Ken – some years ago now, and lived a rather lonely life. She was very generous with her support of the Church and the village. She always bought tickets for any function that was put on, but never attended. She always sent a donation to the Lent lunches, and was forever giving raffle prizes. It is only after someone has died that you hear of their quiet generosity, isn't it?

Betty Winkfield

All Saints' Church, Ladbroke

Development Plan

August 10th will be remembered for some time to come, as this was our Bar-B-Q event held at Peggy and George Askew's. It will be an evening to remember for several reasons: One, the weather - as soon as we started to cook our food the rain came down, and down. I stood under a very steamy umbrella trying to cook the food and it felt like

being in a sauna. I still have the picture in my mind of one lady (not mentioning any names) who was not going to let the weather spoil her evening or her hair-do by wearing a most becoming hat, a M&S carrier bag, most fetching she looked too.

In spite of the dreadful weather we managed to have a great time and we raised over £450 for the fund, which is to be doubled by a very kind sponsor, thanks to Peggy.

Many thanks to all the persons for their help on the evening and before the day.

Our next event will be the Auction of Promises on Friday 20th September at the Grange Hall, Southam at 7:00pm. Programmes can be obtained from Ann Edwards (817997) or Jo Sowerby (811749).

Jo Sowerby

Women's Fellowship

On August 14th we had our afternoon tea party, this was a super day at my house, and the weather was fantastic. We had 9 visitors from Harbury afternoon Mothers' Union and several of our past speakers came as well.



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Our ladies did us proud with their food. Thanks to Pam and Betty for running a very successful bring and buy stall, Beryl and Gwynne for doing the raffle – well done. We made £65 for the Development Plan – thank you to everyone who came.

A big thank you to my two lovely children Kelly (who's 15th birthday it was on that day) and Jamie for all their help in getting everything ready for me.

Our next meeting is on September 11th at the home of Hazel Sharples, 19, Pound Way, Southam and we hope to have a Beetle Drive – do come along, it should be fun.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke Village hall

The seventh draw of the Millennium Club was held on August 12th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Avril Court £80; Steve Birch £25; Alan Stubbs £25; Andy Bendzak, Marie Kennedy, Jo Sowerby, Peter Derrick and 'Wild Indians' each won £10.

The next prize draw will be held on September 9th at 8:00pm at The Bell Inn. Anyone who would like to join the Club, please give me a ring on 814362.

Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Millennium Green Trustees

There are 3 vacancies for Trustees to the Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust. This is not an onerous commitment. The Charity Commission requires a minimum of 2 meetings per year plus the Annual General Meeting. Each vacancy would commence after the AGM, which is to be held in the Village Hall on October 25th and Trustees hold office for 4 years.

Among the originally stated aims of the Trust are '*to make a substantial contribution to the life of the whole community*' and '*to make a positive contribution to the local environment and respect the established character of the area*'. Becoming a Trustee will give you the opportunity to help to fulfil these and other aims.

For more information please contact one of the existing Trustees:

David Halsall; Christine Baker; Derek Batty; Linda Doyle; Joley Malby or Carol Lane (814715)

Carol Lane

Ladbroke Parish Council Meeting

The meeting of the Ladbroke Parish Council took place on August 21st in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Present were: Cllrs. Peter Baker, Derek Batty, Richard Bennett and Janice Berry, Clerk Linda Doyle and five villagers.

Apologies: County Cllr. Bob Stevens, District Cllr. Chris Williams, Cllr. Tim Seden (medical) and Michael Boden Pritchett.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on July 17th were confirmed and signed as correct by Chairman Richard Bennett. A letter will be sent to the County Council regarding the pole under Macklin Bridge. The appraisal meeting with Linda Ridgley had taken place and the application for a grant should be in the post soon.

Dog fouling: The Council will write to Mrs. Quartermain at Stratford (dog warden's dept.) asking her to write to the dog owners who are happy to allow their pets to roam around the village depositing their excreta as and when the need occurs. The village verges, footpaths and roads are beginning to look like a dog's toilet.

Cllr. Peter Baker is looking into the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002-2005. Peter will be seeking the view of villagers on the best ways to eliminate crime and will be carrying out a random 'door knock' survey in all parts of the village.

Planning: Avon Blue Farms – Drainage Scheme, Mr. D. Webster attended the meeting and gave his report on the Land Improvement and Drainage Scheme at Old Barn Farm.

Planning application 02/01908/REM development on land west of Kinton Road, off Northfield Road, Kinton road Industrial Estate. The Parish Council objects to the proposals on the basis that making the dominant use of the site for which outline consent has been granted to be a regional depot for road freight fails to resolve the reserved matters relating to access, noise, highway access and cycle-ways.

Briarwood, Windmill Lane for Mr. N. Kemp – consent.

The Village Notice Board: will be left in abeyance until sufficient funds are available.

Reduction of Parish Meetings from 11 to 10 per year: It was unanimously agreed that in future there would no longer be a Parish Council meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September at 7:45pm in the Village Hall.

Janice Berry

Harbury Parish Review

Is coming your way - the Review has begun to be distributed to all households in Harbury Parish. A team of distributors has been organised to deliver and collect the questionnaires. If you are not sure how to answer any of the questions or you require help to complete the form your distributor will be pleased to help you. Should you not be at home when your form is collected, then please hand in at Muggleston's Country Fayre.

It is important for the future of the Parish that as many households as possible return their questionnaire. The information gained will provide both the Parish and the District Council with valuable information. This will enable more informed planning and other decisions to be made in the future. The results from the Review will be published when the forms have been analysed.

John Holden

Harbury Society



Harbury Society

On the farm trees give shelter to animals and screen crops from the wind but mainly they are a crop - planted, grown and then harvested.

Within the village they are valued just for themselves. As well as the smaller suburban and mainly exotic trees planted in gardens there still some larger native trees that were incorporated into Harbury as it grew and bring the countryside into the heart of the village.

Thirty years ago we lost all the towering Elms that lined South Parade

and Bush Heath Lane and gradually most of the other forest trees have reached the end of their lives or have been felled for safety reasons. We have replaced them but it will take a lifetime for them to mature.

So it is increasingly necessary that we value and defend the trees that remain. Nationally the government recognises this and protects them with Tree Preservation Orders.

The ancient coppiced ash trees that line what remains of the "bury", the defensive site of the original settlement, are important historic survivals and subject to this designation. Unfortunately as reported elsewhere two of these trees, along Lovers Lane, have been killed.

It is sad that such selfish, premeditated vandalism should result in the loss of part of our community's heritage. We hope next spring to hold a guided walk round the village to showcase our most important remaining forest relics and to encourage everyone to appreciate them more.

The next Harbury Society Meeting on September 10th is at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room when Bill Gibbons gives a talk on *Leamington in the first quarter of the Twentieth Century*.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury's Women's Institute

There was no meeting in August but that did not stop activities. Some members went to Ladbroke WI's Strawberry Fair at the end of July.

The Garden Party went well with members enjoying the company, wine and refreshment. The weather just about behaved itself and was not cold. As usual, a big thank you to Jean and Colin Abrahams for the use of their home.

The visit to Highgrove was memorable. The application was made over 3 years ago, then out of the blue a letter came stating a date and asking for prompt confirmation. The weather was perfect and after a pleasant ride through the Cotswolds we stopped for refreshments at Tetbury. Arriving promptly and credentials having been checked by a P.C., the party were welcomed and introduced to the guide.

Then began an informative and interesting tour of H.R.H.'s garden. Generally a very informal layout with features made from natural

materials from the estate and countryside. The Princess' love of pots was evident and gifts of them and other artefacts were dotted about.

The vegetable garden, within its high walls, was quite something and everything was organically grown. The Prince wished it to be known that he worked quite regularly there. The whole of his 2001 Chelsea garden entry had been rebuilt at Highgrove and was quite a contrast with its mosaics, fountain and bright colours.

We enjoyed the refreshments provided, and then browsed in the shop. All proceeds go to the Prince of Wales' Charitable Foundation. Thanks to Dorothy for organising the trip.

Please do not forget the Produce Show on September 14th. Do participate, even if you only enter just one class. We look forward to seeing the children's entries. They are always good. Look forward to seeing you in the afternoon for the viewing and a chat.

Jeanne Beaumont

Scouting in Harbury

It is a pleasure to announce several pieces of good news concerning the scouting groups in Harbury.

Firstly, the Cub Scouts have a new leader in Pat Taylor, who has had previous experience of this role both in Harbury and elsewhere. We wish her well and I am sure that we as cub parents will give her every support in settling into her new role.

Sheila Malin, previous cub leader with Rob Davis, will be re-starting Beavers. Again, we wish her every success. Beavers provides a very important introduction to Scouting for younger boys.

Meanwhile the Brownies continue to be ably led by Helen Larder; likewise Scouts under Messrs. Doming, Linforth and Ward.

Members and supporters of the new GASS Group have now completed the first phase of refurbishment of the Scout hut. Why not come in and have a look? We would like to say a big Thank You to Mike Steele and Southam Carpets. They have done a splendid job in surfacing the walls of the Scout Hut at a greatly reduced price.

Alan Guy

Chairman of GASS (Guide and Scouting Support Group)

Harbury Folk Club

'Travel' seemed like a good theme for the Folk Club in August, it being a month when many folk are on the move. As it happened, the Club itself had to travel from the Dog Inn to the Shakespeare because the managers at the Dog decided that they could no longer accommodate us. So, once again, we have to thank Andrew and Carole for welcoming us at short notice and we now look forward to a long and happy association with them at the Shakespeare Inn.

Thankfully, a good number of performers and audience caught up with us at the new venue and some had travelled from as far afield as Coventry. This month, the culprits were Brian Rogers (making his first appearance at the Club), Bob, John & Chris, Alan, Keith A, Keith D, Pete Mason, the Harvesters, Pete & Liz, Ron, Des, Brian K, Rik and me. Travel turned out to be a fairly easy theme, if interpreted loosely - our musical travels took us to (amongst others) Manchester, Arkansas, Liverpool, the Settle Carlisle railway, Carmarthen, on the Old Open Road, in a 30-foot Trailer with the Raggle Taggle New Age Travellers-o. Bob's *Charabanc Trip* was deservedly popular, Rik's *Cock o' the North* particularly well done with a neat concertina accompaniment and Brian R's *When all men sing* a fine way to end another memorable evening.

The raffle raised £36.83 for Cancer Research. The next session will be at 8:30pm on Thursday 3rd October, in the Shakespeare, with Pete Bones in charge.

Peter McDonald

NSPCC

The grand total of £836.12 was collected for this area by our willing volunteers. A big thank you to all of them and to you who gave so generously. Many thanks.

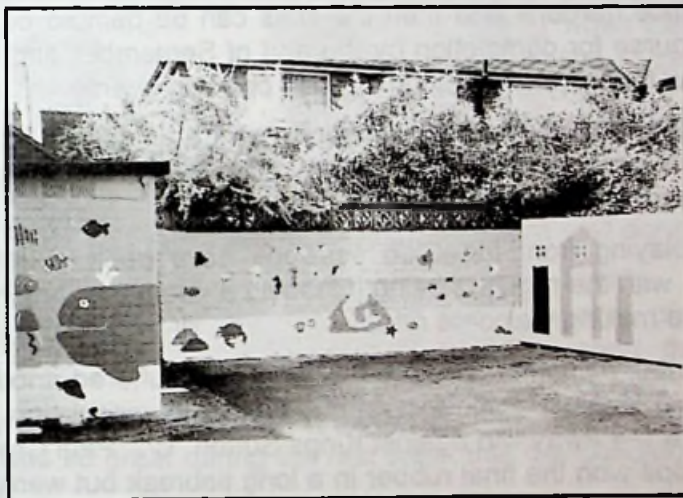
NSPCC Committee

The Pre-School - Learning Through Play

New enclosed outdoor play area. On August 28th, Harbury Pre-School and Harbury toddler Group, with enormous help from Barclays Bank, completely transformed the children's outdoor play area at the Wight School.



Before work commenced



The outdoor play area now

The main day of painting was also a Fun Day with many activities for the children to enjoy including a bouncy castle, face painting, a children's entertainer, hot dogs, ice creams and of course painting too!

Please feel free to come around to the back of the Library to see the play area. You will be amazed by the impact of the colours and design.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

Macmillan Cancer Relief's World's Biggest Coffee morning

Please support our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September at the Tom Hauley Room from 10:00 to 12noon.

Pop in for a coffee and a chat, also there will be a raffle, bring and buy and cakes. Please help us to raise money for this very worthy cause.

Mary and Friends

Harbury Tennis Club

The next phase of the improvements to our facilities began as scheduled on 20 August and the new tarmac on the two tennis courts has now been laid. We have to wait for a couple of weeks while the new surface hardens and then the lines can be painted on. We are still on course for completion by the end of September and now need to turn our thoughts to planning a grand opening event!

The last 2 phases require an electrician and a plumber and we would like to use local firms for this work. If anyone is interested in giving a quote please give me a ring.

On the playing front the Club sessions have been extremely well attended, with the regulars being joined by a number of beginners plus one or two making welcome returns!

In the Banbury Summer League the "B" Team suffered another home defeat, 3-6 against Byfield "C", but eased its relegation fears by sneaking a 5-4 away win against Kings Sutton "C". Paul Crowton and Keith Phipps won the final rubber in a long tiebreak but were unaware that the outcome of the match depended on them. Glad we did not tell them! This was followed by a 7-2 defeat at Brackley "D" although 2 of the rubbers did go to tie breaks but unfortunately we lost both! The "A" team's losing sequence continued with defeats against Kings Sutton and champions elect Byfield. With one match to play, a return to Division 2 seems inevitable.

The Club Summer Mixed doubles tournament has stuttered along because of holiday commitments and now that the courts are out of action the tournament will be extended into the autumn.

Minis, Junior & Intermediate Sections

The season for Under 16 members has now finished and has been

another tremendous success with 114 children across all age groups being involved. Playing standards have continued to improve with 36 children having got through the Yoplait Bronze award and 8 having achieved the Silver award. Well done to everyone!

The very high standard in the Intermediate group singles tournament continued in the semi-finals. Rory Cook beat James Armitage 7-6 in a very close tiebreak and Peter Smart overcame Tom Hughes 7-5. The final was a very tense match with the lead changing several times before Peter managed a 7-5 win against Rory. The photo shows all 4 players with trophies.



Rory and Sam Wilkins made their first venture into competition outside the Club when they entered the Leamington Open Doubles event and did very well to finish fourth in their age group, well done to both!

Finally, we are very pleased to report that the 2 Active Sport

courses were a great success. A total of 56 children took part and the demand was so great during the first week that the coaches put on a third hour.

Colin and Sue Mercer

Remembering Joe

Avril Moore, eldest daughter of Joe Henson Bamford is holding a celebration of his life and work. She invites his friends to call in at the Village Hall on Saturday 21st September starting at 3pm.



"Joe William Henson Bamford was born on 28th August 1902.

Like Harbury Dovehouse he is no longer with us but we are having a 100th Birthday Party to celebrate his life and work.

If you can you join us, and if you have a piece of Joe's work, a memento or a memory to share, please bring them along." RSVP to Avril on 024 76 542995.

Avril Moore

"Comedy by Candlelight"

The Grange Players, some members are from Harbury, will be presenting "*Blithe Spirit*" - AN IMPROBABLE FARCE BY Noël Coward, held at the Grange Hall, Southam on Friday 18th October and Saturday 19th October at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets at £5 (to include cheese, pickles and biscuits) are on sale at the R.S.P.C.A. Charity Shop, Southam or at the door. For further information and ticket enquiries please telephone 01926 817871 or 833119.

The Grange Players

Recycling

You should by now have received your copy of *The Review*, Stratford District Council's annual report. It is in a very well designed newspaper format, and deserves to be read. (Harbury teenagers get a good mention on page 14 for their skate park funding efforts.)

An issue, which affects us all, is **recycling**, as part of the process of refuse collection (see page 12). We are all conscious of the need to divert as much as possible of our own rubbish from un-recycled, collected in the black bags, to recycled, collected in the black boxes.

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To encourage us (and to save money!), the Council wants to cut the number of black bags per household from 2 per week to 1.

But the real success story is the **black boxes**. Last year SDC recycled 13% of all household waste – a bit short of their ambitious target, but still one of the best results in the country. So the Government has set Stratford an even more ambitious target for this year: 21%. There are powerful financial incentives to succeed, and we all know that the benefits of recycling represent a win-win: it saves money and protects the environment.

There are countries that achieve far higher recycling rates than the UK, which shows it can be done. Before the elections in May, a number of residents spoke of problems getting delivery of their black box. For this or any waste collection enquiry the number you need is **01789-260616**, or email bob.green@stratford-dc.gov.uk.

And then there's composting. Again, the more we can re-use the better. The Council is considering, through the Waste Management Group, the possibility of a door-to-door collection garden waste collection service. And they are planning a trial scheme to recycle bottles/cans/papers from public litterbins. So they are prepared to experiment – and to listen. If you have good ideas on how to improve our recycling performance, please pass them to Stratford, either direct or via one of your Councillors.

Sheena Booth, Andrew Patrick
Liberal Democrat Councillors for Harbury Ward

Sustainable Development?

The proposals for a huge new airport between Coventry and Rugby, at Lawford Heath would have a significant impact on rural life. Not only would Harbury be subjected to the noise of low flying aircraft every few minutes but there would be enormous infrastructure implications. New hotels, houses, factories, warehousing and distribution, car parking sites, and vastly increased traffic on country roads would result.

A vigorous "Not there Mr. Blair" campaign is being waged by those most severely affected by the plans and villages further away are being urged to add their voices to the protest. They have a website at www.arac.org.uk where they put the case against the airport, and they would like you to protest to your MP, Mr. Maples at the House of Commons rather than fill in the governments survey form which they feel is ambiguous.

As a nation we need to be thinking more deeply about the continual push for growth and the ethos of "predict and provide". The idea of flying to Europe for a fiver is very attractive, but air travel is highly polluting and not, in the longer term, in our best interests.

As world leaders meet in Johannesburg to try to combat global warming; the destruction of the ozone layer; world poverty and the depletion of natural resources; perhaps we should be looking beyond our own immediate self-interest to a more sustainable way of life.

Linda Ridgley

Take Time Out

This is a voluntary and self-financing event organisation for the community of Ufton. Tracey Watts and Karin Kirk formed the organisation to enable villagers to experience a wide variety of activities in a taster format.

Each month we plan a different activity, from water colour painting to antiques road shows, on a different day of the week during the day and in the evening, to meet the needs of villagers and friends. It was started some 18 months ago and has already received recognition in the form of 'Highly Commended' in the Warwickshire Village Ventures competition. This community project has been well received and invariably is oversubscribed. Should you wish to know more please contact Tracey Watts (614413) or Karin Kirk (613003). Following is a list of forthcoming events:

SEPTEMBER

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| Tues | 10 | Ufton Youth Club for 5 to 10yrs, 5.30 – 7pm |
| Wed | 11 | Ufton Youth Club for 11 to 16yrs, 6.00 – 7.30pm |
| Sat | 14 | Historic Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Cycle/Walk/Horse Ride, 10am – 6pm |
| Fri | 20 | Play with Clay in Ufton Village Hall 10am – 12.30pm |
| Sun | 29 | Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10am |

OCTOBER

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| Sat | 5 | Harvest Supper, 8pm |
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Karin Kirk

John O'Groats to Lands End

Many readers will have followed Mick Kane's progress in the Courier newspaper as he walked the length of the country. The 1,100 mile walk took 37 days and ended on August 9th. Mick raised a substantial sum of money – several thousand pounds – for Myton Hospice and must be congratulated on his achievement.

Despite some adverse weather conditions, blistered feet and a few inconsiderate drivers, he enjoyed the 'open road' and travelled through parts of the country, Northern Scotland and the Lake District to name but two, he had not visited before. He met some great people on the way who were really encouraging when they heard of his goal. His partner Max and his mother waved him off at John O'Groats and were at Lands End to see him finish. He came through Leamington Spa (of course) and his son Adam accompanied him from the town to Moreton-in-marsh. Most readers will remember Mick when he lived in Harbury and ran the Newsagent's.

John Hancock

Harbury-Samois-sur-Seine Twinning Association

After two highly successful organised visits to our twin village in May and June and a number of individual visits made by families during the summer to their friends in Samois, we are now beginning to make plans for a return visit to Harbury next year.

Dates have not yet been finalised, but our French friends will probably be here from Thursday 1st May to Sunday 4th May. We need to raise funds towards providing entertainment for our guests and to set the ball rolling we shall be holding a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 7th September from 10.00 am-12.00 noon. Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November also in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm when we shall be electing both a new chairman and secretary as our terms of office come to an end.

We are always keen to enroll new members. If you are interested in joining us and would like to know more about our activities please contact me on 612585.

David Winter, Chairman

Upton House near Banbury

If any of you have visited this wonderful National Trust property on a Wednesday, you may have spotted a familiar face amongst the Volunteer Stewards. There are at least 5 of us from Harbury and Ladbroke who volunteer on a regular basis.

For those of you who have never visited here you have missed a treat. The gardens are superb with a huge bog garden, arboretum; splendid borders full of colour, plus a sequence of terraces that slope down to the lake. Also at this time of the year there is the added bonus of the national collection of asters. I hope I have wetted your appetite.

The 17th Century house is full with treasures, old masters, 17th Century soft paste porcelain and some very interesting pieces of furniture. Lord Bearsted who gave the house to the Trust in 1948 was the son of the founder of Shell Oil, hence such a wonderful and varied collection. There is an exhibition of Shell posters plus the recently restored art deco bathroom and the new restaurant is a must.

However, this year has seen the number of Volunteers decrease and there is an urgent need for extra ones. If you have 4 hours a week or a fortnight to spare, please consider applying to Julia Barker on 01295 671111. What better way to make new friends amongst the volunteers and to be amongst such treasures in the house. You do not need to have any knowledge about the house or the Bearsted family, as basic training will be given. None of us who started to do this had any pre-conceived ideas and we all have enjoyed it so much. The other stewards are always on hand to help and it is amazing how much you pick up along the way.

There is no payment for the hours worked, but we do get a mileage payment plus, once you have completed a few hours you qualify for staff discount at all National Trust shops and free admittance for a quest at other properties, if already a member of the Trust. We also have social evenings in the summer and the occasional outing. Sounds tempting doesn't it? Julia will be very happy to hear from you, I can certainly recommend the experience. If you would rather talk to me first I can be contacted on 613103.

Judy Morrall

Criminal Damage to Ancient Trees

Harbury has always prided itself on its ability to look after not just the people but also its environment.

Unfortunately not everyone is of the same mind. Two of the large mature Ash Trees that mark the old BURY of HARBURY in Lovers Lane, have been attacked, and have since died. It would appear that someone with knowledge and access to strong poisonous substances has deliberately killed off these trees; this is unlikely to be wanton vandalism by some youngster intent on a prank.

The police have been informed. Any person with further information as to how this damage occurred, probably in late Spring or early Summer 2002, should contact either the Parish Clerk or Southam Police Station.

It should be pointed out that anyone wishing to lop, trim or take up trees or hedges *within the curtilage of a Listed building or in the Conservation Areas or protected by a Tree Preservation Order MUST apply for planning permission before undertaking the work.* Fines starting from £2,000 **per tree** can be imposed for unauthorised work.

The Stratford District Council Officer Ruth Rose is always happy to give advice (01789 267575).

Harbury Parish Council ~~~~~ Harbury Society

Memories Of Harbury

The coming of the railway in the mid 1840s brought with it a gang of labourers from all over the British Isles and beyond, who, using the unfortunate words of a prominent member of the present government, "swamped" the local communities through which they temporarily passed. I decided a few years ago to see what effect this influx had on the village. I must admit to going into this little bit of research with a somewhat closed mind, expecting to find murderous and licentious behaviour among the workers (and among the locals of course).

To my logic, there should have been loads of O'Flahertys and so on appearing as 'father' on birth certificates for example, or even 'father unknown' – did not stick around, so to speak. Also, to my mind, Magistrates Court records should have reflected the influx of workers. But the names appearing in court records are very English, and many of them are actually Harbury family names, so many of the carryings-

on were only exacerbated, rather than caused, by the temporary influx. (It gave the locals someone different to blame, I suppose, rather than the usual Bishop's Itchington lot.) The extracts below I think make interesting reading.

The sheer numbers of men pouring into what was a village of less than 1,000 people, must have been overwhelming, hence the request for extra constables to be called in.

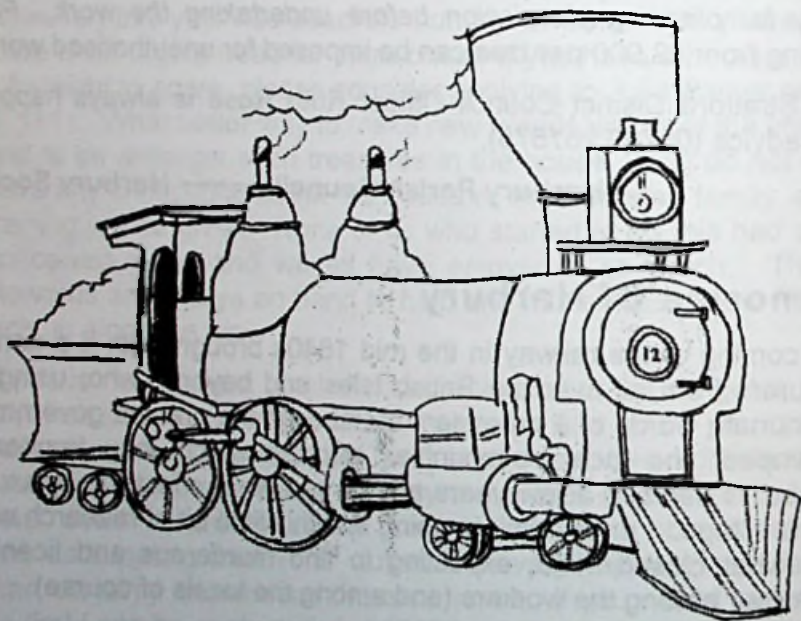
Reverent Wight was a force to be reckoned with – a real Band of Hoper . . . and what was the fascination with turnips?

Drawing, as usual, by Sam Pickard, aged 11.

Nigel Chapman

1844 – 1854

The Great Western is coming to Harbury village



1844 – December 2nd

John Boneham was committed to the House of Correction for 2 months for neglecting to pay 2/- a week maintenance to Hannah Pettipher as father of her bastard child.

1845 – March 31st

A warrant was issued for the arrest of John Boulham for non-payment of maintenance to Hannah Pettipher.

1845 – November 3rd

John Smith and Richard Beasley were bound in the sum of £20 each for the good behaviour of Fanny Franklin, Sarah Smith and Matilda Beasley who had been charged with assault.

1846 – June 1st

William Bennett was find 5/- and 3/6 costs for drunkenness.

1846 – October 5th

Thomas Palmer, the churchwarden reported that William Bennett had not paid the fine for drunkenness. He was committed to the stocks.

1847 – April 19th

The publicans of Harbury appeared (at Southam Petty Sessions Court) and prayed that an additional number of constables should be sworn in to keep the peace in consequence of the riotous conduct of the labourers employed on the railroad there. It was ordered that the Clerk should write to Mr. Superintendent Isaacs for the names of such persons he would recommend to be sworn in.

1847 – June 5th

From the Courier: An inquest was held on Tuesday last before G.C. Greenway Esq., Coroner, upon viewing of the body of a labourer named George Morgan, aged 17 years, who on the previous day, whilst drawing a wagon on the rail of the Birmingham and Oxford railway let the horse go too far and went on the near side instead of the off. On unhooking the wagon he was thrown under the wheels, and it passed over him, causing his death.

1847 - July 19th

John Johnson was fined 5/- and costs of 11/- for drunkenness. Mush Thompson was charged with assault. A warrant was issued for his arrest, as he did not appear.

Friday next at 10 o'clock was fixed upon for the purpose of swearing in Special constables for this parish (Bishop's Itchington) in consequence of the number of railway labourers employed there. (The railway company paid for the extra policing.)

1847 - November 1st

George Jennings fined for assault. Several railway labourers lately discharged from the Railway works at Harbury made complaints against the sub-contractors for non-payment of wages due to them, and it was arranged that their cases should be gone into on Friday next.

1847 - December 20th

Henry Long and William Barrett appeared in court charged with assault.

1848 - May 1st

George Chaplin and John Wood summoned for drunkenness.

1848 - August 21st

John Thacker summoned for assault. Fined 5/-, to be paid by next Saturday week. Joseph Morris convicted of drunkenness. Fined 5/- with 17/6 costs.

1848 - December 4th

William Ward was convicted of stealing turnips. He was given 14 days hard labour.

1849 - February 19th

John Robbins of Bishop's Itchington was fined 1s for stealing 12 turnips at Harbury.

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1849 – April 2nd

Constable Edward Sheasby gave information that Charles Carr, retailer of beer, kept open his house after 10 at night and suffered ale to be consumed – case dismissed.

1849 – March 17th

From the Courier: Elizabeth Russell, 15 years of age was charged with stealing various articles the property of William Harvey, her master, and Jane Russell, 36 years of age was charged with receiving goods and money from the other prisoner, knowing them to be stolen. Guilty, sentenced to 9 months imprisonment each in the House of Correction with hard labour.

1849 – May 5th

From the Courier: On Tuesday 29th May, The Fox Inn, in the occupation of Mr. John Powell to be sold by auction. "The situation is very desirable for an active publican or for a Brewery Company, as a large trade may be insured to the house in consequence of the earth works in progress on the railway adjoining the village."

1849 – July 16th

On the complaint of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Harbury orders were granted for the removal of Sarah Pettifer aged 10 years and Martha Pettifer aged 8 years or thereabouts, Paupers, the children of John Pettifer and Hannah his wife both deceased from that Parish to the Parish of Leamington Priors.

1849 – August 6th

Sarah Hysome convicted of assault fined 6d, costs 11s or 14 days at the House of Correction.

1850 – June 3rd

Thomas Wardle, George Richards, William Jordan, William Smith, William Hughes, John Usher charged with riotous assembly and breach of the peace. Reprimanded.

1850 – November 18th

Abednigo Mitchell, beer house keeper, convicted of keeping open house after time. Fined 5s, 11/6 costs.

1852 – August 16th

Reverend William Wight vs. Robert Godfrey and James Wheeler – drunkenness. Convicted, fined 5s each with 10/6 costs. Order made on the churchwardens to receive same.

1852 – November 1st

Reverend William Wight reported John Fraser for drunkenness. He was fined 5s with 12/6 costs.

1854 – November 6th

William Wight vs. John Pickering. Latter fined 5s, 10/6 costs for drunkenness.

From Southam Petty Sessions records and
Courier Warwick C.R.O.

Musings from a Country Garden (2)

People

Stan and I met forty years ago in a field. He was a Scouter who camped regularly with his lads and I was a Guider who camped regularly with Guides and Rangers. I also went backpacking with my Rangers. He was a fisherman - not the *'sitting on a basket'* type, but the *'walk for miles out in the wilds in all weathers and coming home with absolutely nothing except a pile of soaking wet clothes and nothing remotely fishy in sight'* type. It was called 'fly fishing' !.

Even with that track record, we would still have to call ourselves 'townies', but with an insatiable appetite for the countryside. Our mutual hobby was canal walking. At every opportunity when there were no tennis or badminton tournaments and Stan was free of car rallies and fishing trips, we put on our walking boots and our mini rucksacks, then, with binoculars round our necks we went in search of

anything that moved. We were never disappointed. Canal towpaths are exciting places for wild life and history.

Garden

Starting from the disused bit of Radbourne Lane (cut off in 1986 when the Bypass was put in) we have an outer car park, which is shale. There is a Byre where the cars are kept (when the birds let us) then there are two garages and a potting shed. Here also, the compost is stored on the 'wild piece of land' where occasional bonfires are lit and special plants are grown for wildlife food.

Coming further in, we arrive at the second shaded area with Stan's workshop and veranda (now a store for the garden furniture), the conservatory, the Utility room, and the patio. Continuing north we walk up the path alongside the water and the garden itself. On the opposite bank all kinds of wildlife appear from a copse. We are surrounded by trees - it is like living in a wood. There are eleven elm trees in the hedge alongside the main village road. Five have had blackbirds' nests in them. Many of the trees we have planted ourselves over the years, including a Eucalyptus, a twisted Willow and a Leylandii. These are all about 40/50 feet tall. The ten ash saplings that we inherited are now 30/40 feet tall. I did try to count the trees but got to 32 and became bored.

The copse, which is actually on the other side of the ditch, is full of assorted trees and they have grown so large that they form an arch over the ditch and in several areas over the garden path as well. The area is so beautiful and very indicative of the season. Now the berries are forming on the hawthorn and the rose hips are in evidence. The two Cotoneaster trees are already covered with bright red berries. The Elderberry is covered with fruit. There are sloes and crab apples. Not long ago the dog roses cascaded from 20 feet down to the water, right outside the kitchen window. Hawthorn trees make a canopy for the very large bird table. It really is a privilege to live amongst so much natural beauty.

We have four assorted bird boxes, three bird tables of varying sizes, two bird baths, and *a partridge in a pear tree*..... as the song goes, but the latter is fiction as we do not possess a pear tree for the partridge to go into. Right from the outset we have purchased a variety of bird food in large buckets and mixed it ourselves. I have always said: *I do not drink gin, so I might as well buy birdseed*. Well you know what I mean!

Local wild life

Coming to Bell View Cottage was the best thing we ever did. It is a happy garden; we have never chased anything off or shooed it away. We even left the moles to vacate at their own speed.

During the last fortnight a baby adder and a stoat crossed the path and a lovely large yellow frog sat under the gentle shower of the hosepipe whilst I was watering the tomato plants. He looked as if he was really enjoying himself. The bird table has revealed new families of robins, thrushes, blackbirds, blue tits, all being taught by their parents how to eat from the table outside the kitchen window. The washing-up takes forever with several changes of water necessary. We have eight long-tailed tits, marsh tits, tree creepers, nuthatches, wrens and lesser-spotted woodpeckers. The two most popular species of owls hoot or screech during the night. Finally the teasels are turning violet in colour so the gold finches are expected any day - that IS a sight for sore eyes, they come altogether in fives or sixes.

Well now the geography of the garden has taken up the space, so the wild life stories will have to start next month.

Elsa Greenway

Parish Footpath Working Group

Regular walkers amongst you may be wondering if the footpath group have gone mad if you have seen the newly fitted gate on the path to Bishop's Itchington. A gate and then a stile?



P3 first self-closing gate

A change in policy relating to footpaths by Warwickshire County Council means that gates will gradually replace stiles wherever possible. This is to enable easier access along the footpath network.

We fitted our first gate on the above path at the beginning of August. More gates will appear as

stiles become in need of replacement. A reminder to anyone who wishes to join us – we meet in The Shakespeare Inn at 8:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month to plan work for the first Saturday in the month.

Catherine Darby

Horticultural Society

The Village Show on Saturday 14th September is almost here and if you do not already have one please pick up a schedule. We think there is something for everyone. You do not have to grow fruit, vegetables, or flowers to make an entry. There are classes for cooking, preserves, flower arranging, wine, photography, painting, crafts, etc.

May I draw your attention to the top vase class; unfortunately the rules are not printed so please contact Janice on 614459 for details. Also the recipe for Apple Cake in class E should read, "8oz cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped". Most schedules have been amended, I hasten to say, as far as the recipe is concerned. Our judges like plenty of work, so keep them happy and enter something! Of course youngsters have a complete schedule of their own.

As in previous years, the cut off date is the Wednesday before the show: September 11th, 6:00pm. Please deliver your entry form and money to Janice Siddle at 35, Percival Drive; Nora Ellis, Sheen Farm House, Temple End; Ron Grey at 23, Deppers Bridge, or to Harbury School. This arrangement is very helpful both for administration, and for the staging of exhibits; Janice then has a fair idea how much space to devote to each class. The trestles and tables have to be put in place and covered with paper the previous Friday evening, so if any strong men would like to help, please ring Janice on 614459. We shall also need help dismantling everything after the show at 4:15pm on Saturday.

Path Smith (612650) and Janice each have up-to-date copies of *On with the Show*, a mine of information, and a phone call could make all the difference. Good Luck.

Please, please bring entries to stage well before 10:45am. It would be a shame if you could not take part because you were late, all that wasted effort. The door opens at 8:00am. As usual there will be a Produce Stall, so if you have a contribution, please bring it to the

Village Hall on the morning of the Show, but not between 11:00am and 12:30pm, whilst judging is in progress. As in previous years any produce left at the Village Hall after the Show will be taken to Castel Froma. They are always very appreciative.

The Silver Cups and Trophies are being engraved – ready to be won again. They make a splendid display on the table in the Hall. The list of winners will be published in my article next month. Finally, even if you have not entered anything do come to the Hall at 2:00pm on Saturday 14th September to see what other have done.

Our new series of talks starts with Mr. Roger Smith, speaking on *Autumn Colours* on Tuesday 1st October at 8:00pm at the new venue, the Tom Hauley Room. A full programme will be displayed.

P.S.: Please take any Tombola Prizes to Mrs. Zonik, Childyke, Mill Lane, or Ron Grey, 23, Deppers Bridge before Wednesday 11th September. Many thanks. You do not have to be a member to donate.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

The glory of the summer garden has passed but nature's autumnal store holds more delights. Asters in blues and purples, crocosmias in brilliant orange, yellow or red, and ripening fruit. Buy and plant colchicums, sternbergia and autumn crocus to add further interest.

Take stem cuttings of penstemons, osteospermums and such-like perennials. September is the ideal time for penstemon cuttings. Verbascum, Oriental poppy and pulmonaria can be propagated from root cuttings. Try anything you want to increase or fear may suffer if the winter is harsh. Take cuttings of plants in hanging baskets and containers if you have room for them in a frost-free place.

In the borders plant wallflowers and other biennials for a spring display. If mixing plants and bulbs in a bed put in the plants first and then the bulbs into the spaces. Try sweet rocket, *Hesperis matronalis*, for a change. Cut off faded blooms of gladioli but leave the foliage to die down naturally. Water all pots with vine weevil control, especially ones being taken indoors or into the greenhouse.

Check variegated shrubs for all-green shoots. Cut these out completely or the variegations will eventually be lost. When rambler

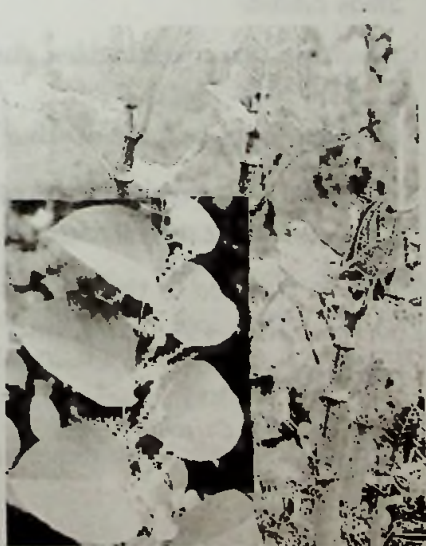
roses finish flowering cut the old stems back to their base. Cut out suckers on roses, lilacs and apple trees that are prone to suckering. Trim back climbing roses if they are outgrowing their space. Plant evergreen hedges. Take stem cuttings of clematis and put them in a covered propagator. Take cuttings of hydrangea, heathers, hardy fuchsia and many other shrubs.

Pick all tomatoes from outside plants by the end of the month. I successfully ripen green ones by hanging the whole plant, minus roots, upside down in the garage. Alternatively, put some into a paper bag containing an apple. Sow winter hardy lettuce, such as Arctic King, or try lambs lettuce this year for fresh green salad leaves through winter. Lift potatoes, carrots and beetroot before the first frosts, which could be in early October. Store potatoes in thick brown paper bags and keep in as dark a place as possible, and carrots and beets in sand. Other root crops can stay in the ground and dug up, as they are needed. Order garlic cloves for planting next month or November. Tie grease bands around apple trees trunks to catch the wingless female winter moths before they can crawl up to lay eggs on the bark. Sow hardy perennials and biennials and place the seed trays in a cold frame or unheated greenhouse. Seeds of primulas and some other plants need the seeds to freeze and thaw several times to break the dormancy. These seeds must be sown on the surface of trays of gritty compost and left outside through the winter. Check the seed packets for special instructions.

Bring cyclamen back into growth by watering sparingly at first, increasing it as growth takes off. Replace some of the old compost every 3-4 years. Stand the pot on a sunny windowsill.

Plant of the month: Japanese knotweed

Several people in the village are worried that they may be harbouring this invasive weed so the accompanying picture may help. *Polygonum* or *Fallopia japonicum* was introduced from Japan in 1825 as an ornamental perennial. It is not unattractive, with a spray of tiny white flowers, but it is very invasive and overwhelms other garden plants.



Where it has established as a wayside or waterside weed it is smothering out native plants. Since 1981 it has been an offence to spread Japanese knotweed.

Digging out the roots is almost impossible as very small sections of the rhizome can produce a new plant. Treat the leaves with a glyphosate spray marketed as Roundup or Tumbleweed. However by now the plants are around 2m tall so although mid to late summer is a good time to deal with the plant it will be difficult to avoid spraying adjacent plants, unless they are carefully covered. It will die down in the winter but come the spring it will be back, so be on the lookout and attack early! If you do cut it down you must burn it and not put it in the dustbin

Just a little word in its defence - researchers at the university in Quebec may have found a hidden virtue. Extracts from the leaves can control powdery mildew on some crop plants. So there is just a possibility that something good can come from this menace of our countryside.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Through your publication, my family and I would like to convey our thanks for the cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received following the death of my mother, Sarah (Billie) Enefer.

We greatly appreciated the caring shown by those who attended her funeral service and Father Roy's kind words.

Thank you too to the staff at Newstead Lodge for their special care over the last 4½ years, and to Mother's special friends who visited her there.

Mrs. Daniel Cunha

Dear Editors

My husband and I would like to thank all our friends and neighbours, for taking me into the hospital when he was in and for brining him in when I was in. Also to Father Roy for his visits.

Thank you for the cards and flowers I received.

Thank you to friends who are still coming to do jobs for me.

Sheila and Tony Bugg

Dear Editors

As a direct response to an article by Debbie Ellis in your May edition, a very successful coffee morning was held on August 17th. The recipients of the £197 raised are The Harbury First Responder Group, the members of which are undergoing training now.

Thanks are due to all who contributed, whether it is through giving their time, baking skills or money/donations. The support given will be gratefully received by all, for the skills of this group could benefit any one of us in the village in the future. So, thanks again and I am sure Debbie will keep us informed as to the group's progress.

Moya Waterman

*Dear Editors*Save our Skies

I am pleased to associate myself with Mr. Eric Dally, your local Conservative Representative in opposition to the proposal to build a new International Airport just west of Rugby. The airport, bigger than Heathrow will take 5,000 acres of 'green belt land'. Two picturesque Warwickshire villages: Kings Newnham and Church Lawford, including the Parish Church will be bulldozed.

The airport will have 3 runways with a projected 560,000 flights

and 63.9 million passengers each year. The runways run north to south with the flight path directly over our villages.

I would respectfully invite you to join the Conservative Party campaign to stop the destruction of our countryside and rural environment.

Yours sincerely

John Maples

Dear Editors

A FOND FAREWELL to:

Lynn, Simon, Anne, Pete, Jason and Geraldine



Lynn and Peter Roberts will be leaving Harbury at the end of August, after 30 years' residence in the village. Lynn was one of the instigators of the tennis courts at

Harbury Playing Fields and in those early years Peter was involved in the design and construction of both Warwick and Kenilworth By-Passes. Their sons, Simon and Jason, attended Harbury Primary School before continuing their school education in the Middle East and Cyprus. Peter's final project in UK was as Project Manager for the planning, design and construction of the Coventry-Leicester Motorway - M69.

They headed for new challenges in the Middle East when the British motorway programme declined in the mid-1970's. Lynn worked for the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates and then became

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school secretary at the Sharjah English School, whose Headmaster, Michael Short and his wife Jenny, will be known to many Ladbroke residents.

Peter was heavily involved in design and construction of major road projects in the Middle East, including construction of the Jeddah-Mecca Expressway and the strategic motorway from the Arabian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman during the blockade of Straits of Hormuz by Iran in 1980. Subsequently, Peter assisted the Western Alliance in its (then!) support of Saddam Hussein against Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran during the Iran-Iraq War from 1982 to 1989, with the design and construction of the new motorway from Aqaba Port in south Jordan, to Jordan's capital Amman and hence to Baghdad. This was Iraq's only lifeline during that period. Lynn worked as personal assistant to the senior officer of the British Government's Royal Ordnance Corps, who were supplying arms to Iraq. Saddam Hussein's subsequent invasion of Kuwait was a shock to them both, proving how fickle are political alliances!

Lynn and Peter then took up several overseas postings from 1989 to 1999, including three years in Papua New Guinea, where Peter was Project Manager for the expansion of the Island's road network outward from the capital, Port Moresby, under European Union funding. Lynn worked as Manager of an American Oil company, one of many companies feverishly prospecting for oil, gas and minerals at that time. They were both lucky to survive several attacks on them by 'Rascals' (local thugs), with guns and machetes and spent their leisure time way out to sea, windsurfing, sailing and snorkelling in shark-infested waters - safer than the mainland confrontations!

Following Papua New Guinea they threw themselves wholeheartedly into the sharp end of foreign aid for Developing Countries from the major Aid Donors, including World Bank, Asian Development Bank and the European Union. The objective was stimulation of grass roots economies in various countries and included full engineering, economic and environmental studies. A large part of

their effort was devoted to training local people to provide them with sustainable technical skills, with the objective of making them self-sufficient in the modern world to which they are now exposed.

Many of the present endemic problems in these countries stem originally from colonisation and their recent exposure to Western economics and culture. More 'hands-on' help is essential to bridge the ever-widening economic and cultural gap - one of the main problems facing the 21st century.

Peter's projects included expansion of Guadalcanal's road network outwards from the capital Honiara in the Solomon Islands; work on Nepal's road network expansion where they were based in the exotic capital of Katmandu; a major road network improvement project in Fiji following its exclusion from the Commonwealth and a significant World Bank project in Mozambique. Peter's team was first in, together with the United Nations' wooden legs and wheelchairs unit, after the end of Mozambique's Civil War in 1993. This was a hazardous project, carried out amidst minefields, to re-establish Northern Mozambique's road network devastated by fifteen years of Civil War. Food was scarce, apart from an abundance of prawns and lobsters caught by local fishermen and washed down with the local mind-bending rum! Lynn accompanied Peter on all these projects as administrator, report writer and co-ordinator for a large, international team of varied linguistic ability!

Latterly they worked in Sri Lanka, assisting in the planning and design of expansion of Sri Lanka's Road Network. They worked across the whole island under the ever-present threat from the Tamil Tigers, narrowly missing bombing incidents on two occasions! They left behind a fully trained, computer-literate team of local secretaries, technicians and engineers employed by the Sri Lankan Government, who can undertake design and construction of infrastructure projects without the need for Foreign Aid.

They decided to retire in 1999 whilst still in one piece and will be settling in the Cotswolds Water Park complex, to resume their interest in water sports without the threat of sharks, crocodiles and

hostile natives! Further travels are planned in the future to assess progress in the countries in which they were involved.

Their son Simon is now married to Anne, whom he met whilst at Manchester University and they now live and work in London. Jason also lives and works in London with girlfriend Geraldine. Lynn and Peter are sad to leave Harbury even though they spent only short periods in the village between 1977 and 1999. But it was always 'home', never changed and was somewhere safe and comforting to return to after the uncertainties of life in the Third World.

They wish good fortune to the new generations of Harbury residents and hope they benefit from all the excellent facilities on offer, as their family did.

Lynn and Pete Roberts

Dear Editors

The front garden at The homestead, Crown Street

So many people have been asking me what is happening about our front garden, that I thought I would update everyone via the H&L News. For those who missed the beginning of this tale, here is the background. A year ago we finally got around to tidying up our overgrown and rubbish-strewn front garden. It had been a disgrace since we bought the property, but putting in a proper bathroom and kitchen had to come first! Unfortunately, somebody thought that we had extended the garden (we hadn't, but tidy spaces do always look bigger) and the issue was raised at a Parish Council meeting, where it was eagerly taken up by County Cllr. David Booth. He inspected the garden, from his car, after dark and decided that something must be done! The matter was put in the hands of the County Solicitor, who opined that the entire garden should go, because it looked as if it should be pavement.

Many people from all round the village, as well as neighbours, wrote

to the Council supporting us. People came round with old photographs (a special thanks here to Celia Barrett, Dan Killian and Isabelle Clarke) showing that an enclosed garden, with the same boundaries, had existed here since the early 1930s. Others stopped me in the street to recall childhood memories of our house. Nobody seemed to want the garden to go and all were astounded that this was how the County Council chooses to spend our money, when there are so many more important things that need doing.

We have now had ten months of exchanges of letters with the County Solicitor. We have provided them with our evidence, including a full legal report, and have repeatedly requested that they show us their proof that the garden is highway land. They have consistently avoided doing this, we believe, because their records are incomplete and inadequate. They then turned to bullying tactics, saying that it had all gone on long enough and that they would prosecute us for obstruction of the highway if we did not clear everything away. Some thanks for tidying a front garden!

Even though we believe that we could win, we do not have the County Council's bottomless pit of money to indulge in court proceedings, just for the sake of it. We have, therefore, offered the Council a compromise of setting our fence back by about a metre to provide a continuous pavement, of the same width as that outside Church House and Church View Cottage, leaving us with a tapering enclosed garden. We hope that this will please everybody, finally settling the issue and allowing everyone to move on to more important matters. Whether this is possible is now in the hands of Councillor Booth and the County Solicitor. We await their response.

And the moral of the story? If your front garden looks a mess, save your money and leave it as it is.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has given us so much support over this matter.

Katharine Barker

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