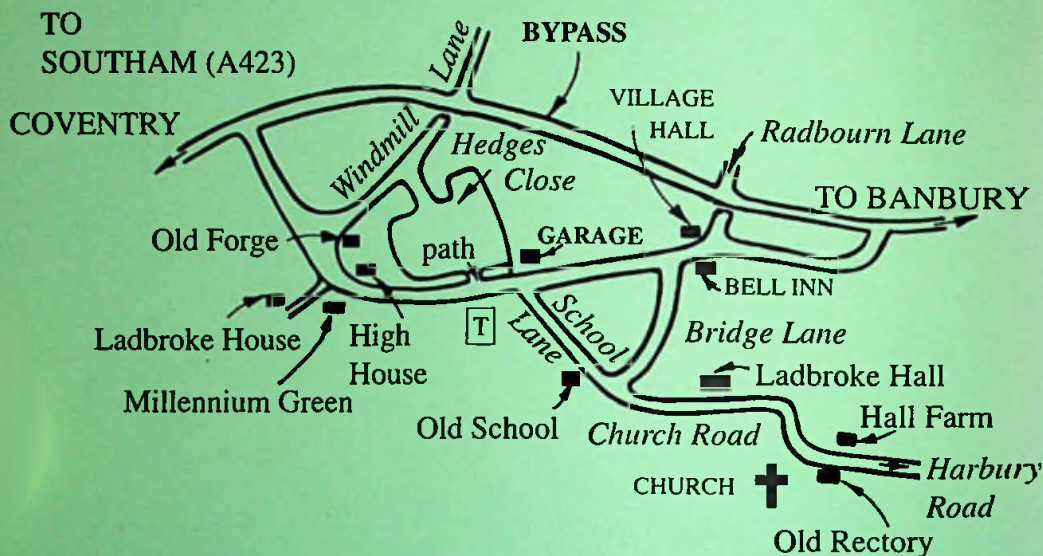


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Another year, another carnival – and a consensus that it was a vintage year, with a splendid procession. An amazing array of walking tableaux, floats and decorated prams and cars, presented a colourful spectacle. The fantastic weather brought a huge crowd on to the playing fields, where M.C. Tony Ceney conducted the proceedings in his inimitable style.



The magazine includes a selection of the excellent photographs submitted by Mike Bloxham, the Harbury and Ladbroke News Photographer.

The Editors have taken note of a letter sent out from Harbury School warning against including individual names alongside images of children. The magazine is following the school's policy in order to protect families from distressing calls (see Parish Council article).



Harbury Carnival King and Queen with chauffeur Danny Killian.

It is to be hoped that the Open Garden Walkabout will be equally fortunate with the weather. Next month, the magazine will feature the Ladbroke Fete and the Walkabout.

The Parish is experiencing a very busy season for weddings at the moment, and all the services have been officiated by Father Roy, who has shown tremendous commitment to his duties despite his recent stay in hospital.

Again, there is a request for all computer-users in the villages to register interest, so that the 'trigger level' is achieved, allowing the Broadband service to be initiated.

In last month's magazine, there was a call to villagers to support local enterprises. The Editors wish every success to the Fu Garden Chinese take-away and restaurant service at The Dog Inn, and to the new landlady of The Gamecock Inn.

The Harbury and Ladbroke News has been delighted to welcome our new typist, Wendy Marks, for whom the last magazine was her first success.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Nick Andrews, Bob Marley and Brenda Taylor.

Harbury Diary

July

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Motor Neurone Research.
Harbury Review Exhibition, drop-in 2.00pm-5.00pm at the Village Hall.
- Sun 6 **TRINITY 3** Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm.
Harbury Cricket Club away to Radway.
Harbury Cricket Club Occasionals at home to St Benedicts (Alcester).
- Tues 8 Toddler Service in the church, 2.15pm.
'Bookworms', 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
- Wed 9 'Talk It Through' at 33 South Parade, 8.00pm.
- Fri 11 **RECYCLING COLLECTION.**
PTA Summer Fair at Harbury School, 5.00pm-7.00pm.
- Sat 12 Open Gardens Walkabout.
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior Citizens Support Group.
Sale of giftware in the Village Hall.
- Sun 13 **TRINITY 4** Holy Communion 8.00am; Family Communion 10.30am.
Open Gardens Walkabout.
Harbury Cricket Club away to Kissing Tree (Alveston).
- Tues 15 Mothers' Union, bring and share supper at 33 South Parade, 7.30pm.
Bus Pass Distribution, 2.00pm-3.30pm in the Wagstaffe Room.
- Wed 16 Bus Pass Distribution, 2.00pm-3.30pm in the Wagstaffe Room.
Prayer Meeting in the church, 8.00pm.
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cambodian Street Children.
- Sun 20 **TRINITY 5** Holy Communion 8.00am; Family Communion 10.30am;
Evensong 6.00pm.
Harbury Cricket Club at home to Arden Forest.
- Wed 23 'Talk It Through' at 33 South Parade, 8.00pm.
- Fri 25 **RECYCLING COLLECTION.**
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union.
- Sun 27 **TRINITY 6** Holy Communion 8.00am; Family Communion 10.30am.
Harbury Cricket Club away to Hockley Heath.
- Wed 30 Prayer Meeting in the church, 8.00pm.
- Thurs 31 Harbury Women's Institute river trip with a meal.

August

- Sat 2 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Macmillan Nurses.
- Sun 3 **TRINITY 7** Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm.

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
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From the Rector

When I came out of hospital, with the deadline for the Harbury and Ladbroke News looming, I dipped into my 'Inspirational File' (various material given to me) and came up with the following prayer, which as I am getting older myself, with all my aches and pains, I thought it might be appropriate.

"Lord, thou knowest, better than I know myself, that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on many aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I will be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint, some of them are hard to live with; but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Help me to extract all possible fun out of life, as there are so many funny things around us and I do not want to miss any of them. Amen"

Many thanks for all the prayers, love and concern shown to me as I recover. We live in marvellous villages.

Thought: The day that you were born,
Everyone was laughing;
Only you were crying.
Live in such a way that when you die,
Only you will laugh,
And everyone will cry.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury

- 13th June - Richard Mayurek to Rebecca Robinson
- 14th June - Alan Lemon to Deborah Clay
- 21st June - Adrian Giblin to Katherine Bennett
- 28th June - Russell King to Donna Smith

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Ladbroke

- 8th June - Niamh Turner

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury

- 15th June - Leanne Wareing

Funerals - All Saints' Harbury

- 2nd June - Nick Andrews

Funerals - Oakley Wood

- 16th June - Brenda Taylor, 63
- 17th June - Bob Marley, 68



From the Churchwardens



This has been a month of weddings, and we wish all the couples who have been married every happiness in their future lives together. Most appropriately, the month culminated in the renewal of the marriage vows by Alan and Betty Barr on the fortieth anniversary of their wedding. Our love and best wishes go to them, and our thanks for allowing us to share such a special day with them. The service was very moving and we were all so pleased that Father Roy was well enough to take it.

For the carnival, All Saints' "dove of peace" was taken around the village as a timely reminder of essentials in these turbulent days – but great fun too. Thank you to everyone who took part.

The Family Service theme was "Other People's Shoes", when Tony Stubbs (half way up a tree as Zac the Tax) reminded us that Zacchaeus was one of the first to experience the all-embracing, unconditional love that Jesus offers to us all. We would like to be able to say that Tony starred, but the show was stolen by members of the Sunday School, whose candour reminded us never to appear with children or animals!

By the time that you read this, several of us will have attended the open meeting of the Deanery Synod, when the proposals for the future of the Deanery will be discussed again. As in recent months, we shall in future endeavour to keep you informed of what is happening. Whatever goes ahead will affect you and you need to know. Apathy is dangerous.

Finally, we are so glad that Father Roy is now up – if not running. Although he would be the last to admit it, he is still in need of some tender loving care. We thank him for all that he has done during his period of illness, and we thank Pam for just 'plain keeping going'. We

also thank the priests who have taken such very good care of us in Father Roy's absence.



"Dove Of Peace" Procession

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

Afternoon Meeting: Pam Brown held our interest with her talk on her "Life As A Social Worker". We were impressed by her caring attitude and her courage in very demanding situations during her twenty-five years of social work. Her anecdotes of cases she had dealt with made us realise the difficulties with which social workers have to cope. Working with children and families, especially where child abuse is involved, can be dangerous as well as heartbreaking.

Things have changed a lot during that time but not always for the better and, in spite of being a dedicated profession, social workers are not able to do all that they would wish to prevent problems arising and to give the support and care needed, particularly to children and elderly people.

It was a thought-provoking afternoon.

Evening Meeting: Our annual walk this time was close to home. Charles Catt led us around the churchyard, telling us how it was managed to encourage the wildflowers. We saw a number still out,

including at least twelve different grasses. The special wildflower area will soon be mown and kept short until next spring.

We then walked down to the three-arch bridge and along the footpath coming out at the end of Mill Street, seeing wild roses, elderflowers, and the pernicious Japanese knotweed on the way.

Our evening ended with a delicious supper at The Shakespeare Inn.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday 2nd July, 2.30pm – AGM and Garden Meeting at the Rectory.

Tuesday 15th July, 7.30pm – Bring and share supper at 33 South Parade.

No meetings in August.

C. Mary Catt

Toddlers' Service

At our June service, we talked about the colour 'blue'. We saw a display of everyday objects and flowers, all a different shade of blue. We had to hunt around the children's corner for pictures of blue items which, when found, were displayed on a board. Mrs Catt told us the story in Matthew's gospel of how Jesus went out in a boat with his disciples. After a while, a storm blew up and Jesus' friends were afraid the boat might capsize. Jesus stood up and stilled the wind and the stormy sea, and his disciples were amazed at his power, for even the wind and the waves obeyed him! For our activity, we coloured paper sails and fastened them to toy boats.

Our next toddler service is in the church at 2.15pm on Tuesday 8th July. If you have a toddler in your care on that day, please do come and join us. After refreshments, we finish in time to collect older children from school.

Lorna Bedford

News From The Tower

Congratulations to the team of ringers from Harbury who came second in the Warwick District Striking competition in June. We wish them luck for the final in September.

The tower will be open as usual for the weekend of the Open Gardens, but unfortunately, this year we are unable to allow people access to the roof. Throughout Saturday and Sunday afternoons, we will be demonstrating both the church tower bells and hand-bell ringing, so please call in and find out a little more about the bells, and what is involved in ringing.

Allison Abbott

A View From The Bell Tower

I have always adored the sound of church bells ringing out joyfully over their neighbourhoods and, be it to welcome brides to their wedding or congregations to their church, they are for many as synonymous with an English way of life as cricket or fish and chips. Therefore, when I moved to Harbury and had the opportunity to learn a four hundred year old craft I jumped at the chance, but soon found out that like most things in life, it is not as easy as it appears. The first problem was learning to control the bell, which, being attached to a rope that seemingly has an agenda of its own, is quite a challenge. Then comes the additional complication of having to ring the bell at the right time to fit in with the other seven bells. Finally, there is method ringing or set patterns of bell sequences which have names such as Queens, Tittums, Bob Doubles Cambridge Minor et al, and which on first glance look as if they could be prefixed with the word "Rosa" and be found as entries at the Chelsea Flower Show. However, daunting as this sounds, it is made much easier in the company of fellow bell-ringers who possess unlimited supplies of good humour, patience and understanding (they need it) and the ability to smile when things go pear-shaped.

This is a friendly pastime, for both young and old, as age is no handicap. Membership of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers brings the opportunity to visit other towers in some of the loveliest locations in the country, together with regular get-togethers throughout Warwickshire. Harbury bell tower is open on Saturday 12th July for the Open Gardens day – why not come and visit us. Who knows, it may bring out the campanologist in you!

Phillip Bullock

Harbury Parish Council - June

Welcome new blood was injected into the Parish Council with the co-option of Tim Lockley of Binswood End. It will not help the achievement of "Quality Status" for our Parish, as one of the criteria is that all Councillors should be elected, but it is good to see younger residents coming forward to serve ... and serve he will, for he was immediately put on the Environment and Properties Sub-Committees!

The Parish Council received welcome news from the School: parents have now upgraded the Swimming Pool facilities; the new Head has introduced himself; and school meals will once again be cooked on the premises. Will Brenda Thomas come out of retirement?

Unfortunately, we have received unwelcome news from 'Beat Bobby' PC Hill with a catalogue of petty crime this month, namely: burglaries in Chapel Street, Farm Street and twice at the Rugby Club; thefts at Harbury Fields Farm and Bush Heath Lane; break-ins at Percival Drive and Bush Heath Lane; a car set alight on Windmill Hill; action on serious drugs in the village; predatory tarmackers in Farley Avenue; and a series of terrifying calls from a Scottish sex pervert who claimed to have kidnapped children from the school.

However, the Neighbourhood Watch network is functioning well. PC Hill has also agreed to take action against residents who park inconsiderately in the village centre.

The County Council sent a depressing letter about the cuts in funding for minor improvements to the roads and pavements, but the Parish Council will survey what is required and present their report to the Area Committee, which has the power to award some funds.

Councillor John Drinkwater was much exercised by the derelict state of the drains and gullies in the village, and pleased to learn that Jez Romano from the Divisional Engineers had looked them over and would undertake some remedial work. Everyone pointed out that the verges at the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads desperately needed cutting. In the village, proper vegetation was overhanging footways and the Parish Council is to ask householders to remove it.

PLANNING

Stratford gave permission for an extension at 27 Deppers Bridge and conversion of a barn to offices at Churchlands Farm, Bascote Road.

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Steve Bromley apologised for the District Councils failure to inform the Parish Council of this application. The District Council refused permission for the refurbishment of buildings to a house off Bull Ring Lane, but the alternative for office use is still under consideration.

The Parish Council argued that the single garage at 1 Constance Drive (for which retrospective permission had been applied) was not in keeping with the area and unattractive in appearance. The Parish Council took note of Mr Tudor's argument that he needed an agricultural dwelling on the seven acres he owns on Treens Hill (to enable him to keep poultry there once again), but was concerned about the danger of access. Sharon Hancock pointed out that other similar applications that appeared to have more justification had been rejected by the planning authority.

Appeals: at Hazebrook for a new house to the rear, and at The Barn, Spiers Farm to remove the warehousing permission were refused. District Councillor Patrick reported that enforcement action is on going where a garden has encroached into the field behind Harbury Hall.

The licence for The Gamecock is being transferred from Lianne Gillespie to Debra Griffiths.

Parish Councillors were still not satisfied with the District's decision to withdraw statutory planning notices from our local newspaper 'The Courier'. Residents had complained that they had been unaware of important developments, and the District Council admits that the notification of neighbours had in some cases failed.

The Parish Council received another letter (and the Chairman a telephone call) from Mr Ridley, complaining about Deppers Bridge Traffic Calming. As Councillor Drinkwater pointed out, most of the residents are satisfied with the scheme, whereas Mr Ridgley "in his position up in the sky at Greenhill" is not. Speed measurement devices have been installed there and the impact of the scheme is being monitored.

Following two incidents of noisy evening events last month, the Parish Council wishes residents to note that District Council Officers are available on 01789 414066 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in the summer months from 9.00pm-1.00am, to take action to abate noise nuisance.

Councillor Janet Thornley thanked the Parish Council for their sponsorship of the Skateboard Competition at the Carnival, where

over sixty young people were entertained by professional skate and blade experts.

The Parish Council failed to get a grant from the District Council to replace the safety surfaces in the young children's play area and must now use its own resources. Councillor Ann Winchester offered to remove the obscenities from the blue slide. The ramp into the playing fields has been put in place and the bollards have been found. The Parish Council still wants both gates into the Village Hall entrance area to be shut.

Councillor Patrick "went to school" to give out the prizes for the Children's Best Kept Village Art Competition, which was judged at the Carnival. Parish Councillors were less than lukewarm about the proposed 'Child of the Year Award', which would see commemorative plaques put on the Village Pump, but they postponed discussion until Councillor Van Spall, who made the suggestion, was present.

There is no site available for sheltered accommodation yet, but the Parish Council is still looking.

Councillor Mancell has taken advantage of the County Council website initiative to begin setting up a site for Harbury. County Councillor Booth reported on the slow progress towards securing Broadband access for the village.

Parish Councillors agreed to attend the launch of the Harbury Review and Exhibition of the findings from the survey held last winter. The free event (which clashes with the Tennis Finals) will be held in the Village Hall from 2.00pm-5.00pm on Saturday 5th July.

Linda Ridgley

Laugh Line

A Jew named Goldberg was walking along the street when a thug attacked him.

"Why are you beating me?" he asked.

"For sinking the Titanic" replied the thug.

"That wasn't my fault" he protested, "That was an iceberg."

The thug hit him again and responded "Iceberg, Goldberg, you're all the same".

Images Of Harbury Carnival 2003



"Wheelbarrow Race Entrants"



"Harbury City Hospital"

Images Of Harbury Carnival 2003



"Keeping the crowds going with tea and cakes"



"Carnival M.C. Tony Ceney interviews Fancy Dress Entrants"

Ladbroke News

Ladbroke Flower Rota

July 6 th	- Jean Clews
July 13 th	- Sally-Ann Batty
July 20 th	- Jane Steenstra
July 27 th	- Marie Kennedy
August 3 rd	- Catherine Spence

Jane Rutherford

July

Sun	6	TRINITY 3 Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 4.00pm; Sung Eucharist 9.00am.
Wed	9	Women's Fellowship Meeting at the home of Stella Douglas (Ladbroke Hall).
Sun	13	TRINITY 4 Sung Communion, 9.00am, BCP.
Mon	14	Village Hall Prize Draw, 8.00pm at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke.
Sun	20	TRINITY 5 Sung Communion, 9.00am.
Thu	24	W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
Sun	27	TRINITY 6 Sung Communion, 9.00am.

August

Sun	3	TRINITY 7 Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 4.00pm; Sung Eucharist 9.00am.
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Ladbroke Women's Fellowship

Our annual outing to Cannons Ashby in Northants on Wednesday 18th June was a great success. Seven members of the fellowship were joined by two husbands for the outing. After a short drive through the Warwickshire countryside, we arrived early and were able to have a good look round the gardens of the house before we had lunch in the newly refurbished restaurant, and it was very nice too.

We then had a good look around the house, and were amazed to see how much work had been carried out by the National Trust in restoring most of the house back to its former glory, as it has been left to deteriorate for many years.

"A lovely relaxing day was had by all."



Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July at the home of Stella Douglas (Ladbroke Hall).

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The meeting held in the Village Hall on June 26th was well attended and was a meeting with a difference. We walked into the hall and there were a variety of games set up on the tables by the committee. They included Scrabble, Draughts, Snakes and Ladders, Quizzes and Crosswords. Anne welcomed everyone telling them to begin playing at their selected table and business would be discussed at half time while having refreshments. Some members had almost forgotten how to play their childhood games, but judging by the hilarity, all enjoyed their memories. At half time, we were provided with tea, coffee and a choice of wines. Payment for diaries and calendars and the Evesham trip were made to Chris.

Final arrangements were made for the Ladbroke Fete on Saturday June 28th when the W.I. will be holding a cake stall and helping with other stalls.

We also had two visitors, two months old George Williams and his mother, Sarah. George was very good with his various nursemaids and seemed to enjoy the meeting as much as members. May be when he is old enough to be a member, there will be a Women's and Men's W.M.I.

Tina won a prize for having a ticket under her chair.

The next meeting is on July 24th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when

J and C Stubbs will be telling us about "The World Of Miniatures". The talk is entitled "Lych-gate Miniatures" and visitors are welcome.

Thank you to the committee for a 'different' evening.

Hazel Sharples

Ladbroke Village Hall

The draw for May 2003 took place in The Bell Inn, Ladbroke on Monday 9th June.

The £80.00 prize was won by Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I., the two £25.00 prizes were won by Mr A Court and Mr J Lowman, and the five £10.00 prizes were won by Mrs J Norgate, Mr B Billings, Mr M Theaker, Mrs S Heale and Mr K Picken.

The next draw will take place at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke at 8.00pm on Monday 14th July.

Mike Radburn

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

Please, please be aware that Tarmackers calling themselves "Gypsies" visited two addresses in Southam on Wednesday 18th June and conned elderly people into "tarmacking" their drives, and when the job was finished demanded extortionate amounts of money.

These people arrived, knocking on doors with a "Motorways Highway Management" (or similar wording) lorry (registration plate number P302 VHU) and a grey truck (registration plate number NZ....??). They appeared nice and friendly and spoke about having extra tarmac available; thus letting people assume that they were from the County Council Highways Department, and were able to do a very cheap job as they had tarmac left over. The jobs were completed in about fifteen minutes to a very poor standard of work, and the workmen then became demanding and requested thousands of pounds in payment.

These people prey on the elderly and weak, so please:

- Do not show these people any signs of encouragement.
- Do not enter into a conversation with these people.
- Do not let these people into your homes.
- Do not supply these people with names or telephone numbers.
- If you require maintenance jobs, tarmacking etc., use local well-known tradesmen.

In respect of the above article, the following has been received from Southam Police:

"Tarmacking of privately owned driveways: A couple of residents in Southam have been approached by workmen to resurface their drive with excess tarmac from a previous job. The residents and the workmen agree a figure and the work is undertaken. However, when money is exchanged for the service, the price is somewhat more expensive than the residents believed it would be. Unfortunately, this is a civil matter between the residents and the workmen, and not a police matter. It is worrying that this is happening in our area and we wanted to point this out to you, so that you are aware of what may happen if you agree to such a transaction."

A local business proprietor has recently received a "final notice" under the Data Protection Act 1998 to register her business' details (some of the information required was personal); she was informed the fee to register this information was £95.00 and failure to do so would result in a cost of £5,000. This "final notice" is a con. A company attempting to make money out of people's naivety distributes them.

If your business should receive such correspondence, the Data Protection has issued a warning with 'hoax companies' listed. This can be found on the internet at www.pdr.gov.uk/donotbemised.html.

Data Protection have requested that any such correspondence should be brought to the attention of the local Trading Standards Officer at their office in Warwick, telephone number 01926 414000.

Janice Berry

Harbury Carnival

Well, what a fabulous day! The procession was excellent, lots of people lining the streets, the attendance on the field was the highest for many a year and the weather was not bad either. Thanks to everybody who participated. We asked for your support, you gave it to us, and it made all the difference.

Thomas and Jessica were fabulous as our King and Queen, and our special thanks go to them.

"The Carnival King and Queen"



The prize-winners on the day were:

Procession:

Decorated Float	1 st prize	Harbury Theatre Group "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"
	2 nd prize	Pineham Farm "Old MacDonald's Farm"
Decorated Float (Trade)	1 st prize	Shakespeare Inn "Swan Lake"
	2 nd prize	Harbury Village Club "Pop through the Ages"
Children's Float	1 st prize	Harbury Nursery School "Jolly Jellyfish"
	2 nd prize	Constance Drive "Kings and Ladies"
	3 rd prize	Harbury Toddler Group "Keep Britain Farming"
Decorated Bike/Pram/Car	1 st prize	Molly Gladden "Penelope Pitstop"
Horse-drawn/Mounted/Led	1 st prize	Maggie Soden "Arwin"
Walking Tableau Children	1 st prize	Harbury School "The School Houses"
	2 nd prize	Harbury Pre-School "Chinese Carnival"
	3 rd prize	Cubs "Child Catcher and Children"
Walking Tableau Adults	1 st prize	Hunt Family and Friends "Harbury City"
	2 nd prize	Winchester Family "The Flintstones"
	3 rd prize	Rollason Family "Hordes of the Things"
Walking Adult	1 st prize	John and Linda Ridgley "Gandalph and Frodo"
	2 nd prize	Jim and Dan Ward "Matrix"
Walking Child	1 st prize	Lauren Wilson "Butterfly"
	2 nd prize	Thomas Conway "Snake Charmer"
	3 rd prize	Bethany Conway "Egyptian Princess"
Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup)		Thomas Conway "Snake Charmer"
Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup)		Rebecca Groves "Lion"

Fancy Dress:

Under 5 years	1 st prize	Meredith Bull "Pirate"
	2 nd prize	George McGowan "Crocodile"
	3 rd prize	Amy Darlison "Jelly Fish"
5-7 years	1 st prize	Thomas Conway "Snake Charmer"
	2 nd prize	Jack Groves "Lion"
	3 rd prize	Robert Rollason "Knight"
8-10 years	1 st prize	Harriet and Sophy Cole "Incy Wincy Spider"
	2 nd prize	Bethany Conway "Egyptian Princess"
	3 rd prize	Hannah McCluskey, Vicky Carpenter and Mhairi Gibb "Three Blind Mice"
11-17 years	1 st prize	Katherine Abbott "Hippie"
	2 nd prize	George Bloxham "Skateboarder"
Adult Group	1 st prize	Hunt Family and Friends "Harbury City"
	2 nd prize	Winchester Family "The Flintstones"
	3 rd prize	Rollason Family "Hordes of the Things"
Adult Individual	1 st prize	Moir Rollason "Octopus"
	2 nd prize	Rebecca Groves "Lion"
	3 rd prize	Linda Ridgley "Frodo"

All the entries were so good that we owe our thanks to the judges for a difficult job – so well done and thank you to Andrew Patrick, Jenny Patrick, Mike McBride, Steve Dolley, Gladys Hutchins, Midge Keen, Ken Hughes and Dennis Daly (Procession), and Julie Killian and Brian Ingram (Fancy Dress).

There was also a skateboard and roller blade competition in the afternoon, which I understand was thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part and those that spectated. The results were:

Skateboard Competition:

Under 14 years	1 st prize	Alex Burrell
	2 nd prize	Chris Darby
	3 rd prize	Lance Clarke
	4 th prize	Darrell Nobbs
	Joint 5 th prize	Tom Wright George Wayne
Over 14 years	1 st prize	Jim Phelps
	Joint 2 nd prize	Ryan Elton Andy Churchill
		Richard Lane
	3 rd prize	Luke Robertson

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Roller-Blade Competition:

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2 nd prize	Amar Stewart
3 rd prize	Andy Churchill
4 th prize	Alex Holton
5 th prize	Mark Coleman

Thank you to Tony Ceney who as usual did a great job as M.C.; and thank you to John Ridgley, Rick Evans, Mike McBride, Brian Ingram, Simon Sykes, David Thistlethwaite and Ann Winchester for their various contributions on the night before and on the day itself. Thank you all so very much.

Finally, there were some items of lost property - a toy gun, a purse and two bead necklaces. Please contact me on 614258 if they belong to you.

Do not forget to visit our website at www.harburycarnival.org.uk and you can e-mail us at harburycarnival@aol.com.

John Broomfield

Wheelbarrow Race

This year we had 10 entries for the 'beer' and 6 entries for the 'water' race. The start was slightly delayed due to a mini monsoon and the race took place in a mixture of sunshine and showers.

The winners of the beer race were Steve and Mark Evans who, although completing the course in an amazing 8 minutes 44 seconds, were unable to beat their own record time of 8 minutes 2 seconds. However, it was still a fantastic performance and they were presented with the Scandrett Trophy and £25.

The winners of the water race were Nick and Alexander Tawney who completed the course in 10 minutes 15 seconds, an excellent time, and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10.

Many thanks to all the competitors, the Licensees for providing the beer and water, the scrutinisers, and everyone else who supported the event.

Dan Killian



Steve and Mark Evans
Winners of the Beer Race



Nick and Alexander Tawney
Winners of the Water Race

Pub Games

The five teams competing in the various events were The Shakespeare, The Gamecock, The Twinning Association, The Old New Inn, and we welcomed a new entry this year – The Fosseway Fossils. The winners of the individual games were:

Skittles	The Twinning Association
Aunt Sally	The Shakespeare
Horseshoes	The Fosseway Fossils
Quiz	The Shakespeare

The overall winners were The Shakespeare, who retained the shield. Many congratulations.

Our thanks again to all the Licensees for allowing us to use their premises, to all the teams for their participation and friendly rivalry, and to everyone who supported the events.

Dan Killian

Scouts "Guess The Weight Of The Canoe"

Thank you to all who took part in this at the Carnival – the canoe weighed in at 16.5kgs (36lbs) and the nearest guesses were:

Adult	Marion Cockburn from Warwick	37.75lbs
Youth	Caroline Burt from Harbury	37lbs

Harbury Scouts continue to thrive with lots of activities taking place, especially now the summer months are here, for example the group have recently been on camp near Shipston-on-Stour, and spent a day caving in the Forest of Dean. Although we are a smaller troop (twelve members now) than in recent years, we are expecting the numbers to swell again in the autumn with some more Cubs, and longer term the prospects look good with the revival of the Beavers under Sheila Malin and Christine Milliken.

One of the reasons we had a stall at the Carnival this year was to raise awareness of the need for adults to be involved with the groups. Pat Taylor, with the help of Richard Linforth and parents of Cubs in the group, are currently doing an excellent job in running the Cub Pack, but they are in need of another adult to become a leader.

In Scouts, Andy Linforth has recently taken up a job in Dubai and, unfortunately, he finds it rather difficult to get back on a Thursday, so we have lost his services as a leader. After eight years with the group, his enthusiastic contribution has been tremendous, and naturally, he will be missed very much. We all wish him well with the venture he is taking on and send many thanks for the time and commitment he has given to the troop. As a result, we are looking for someone to take up the role of leader with the group.

So, if anyone is interested in getting involved, or indeed knows of anyone who might be (although volunteers are preferred over the 'press-gang!'), please get in touch with Jim Ward on 612401.

Our thanks to the Carnival Committee and all who helped make this year's event a great success.

Jim Ward and Steve Dorning

Double Yellow Lines

I have received several complaints about vehicles parking on double yellow lines in the village. The lines are there for a purpose.

Please be aware that by parking on double yellow lines, you commit an offence and may be liable to a fixed penalty.

PC Nigel Hill

Noise Nuisance On Summer Evenings

In the village, there have been cases recently of an organised event giving rise to excessive noise late at night.

For residents who may not be aware, the Stratford District 'Out of Hours' team have response officers available to investigate complaints on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings between 9.00pm and 1.00am. Their number is 01789 414066 (you can call this number any day, but the officers' on-call time is limited to the hours above). The service is available until the end of British Summer Time.

If problems recur, the office may consider taking formal action under the Environmental Protection Act. (An alternative number is 01789 260814.)

For organisers of events, please show consideration for people living close by:

- Adhering to your permitted hours.
- If you have opened windows and doors because it is a warm evening, remember that neighbours have probably opened their bedroom windows for the same reason and sound travels!

Shenagh Booth & Andrew Patrick (SDC Councillors)

Harbury Surgery Says Thank You...

... to Barbara Andrews. After 25 years dedicated work for the General Practice in Harbury, our Manager, Barbara Andrews is retiring. Over the years, she has tackled the various challenges thrown at her with enthusiasm and dedication well beyond the job description. When she joined the practice, we were in very small premises at the old surgery in Sutcliffe Drive. Barbara was a tower of strength during the move to the new surgery and has always given 100% to the job.

Sometimes the job has been far from easy, especially with the constant changes in the NHS, and of patients' expectations of the service. We are going to miss her very much. Practice staff (both past and present) and their partners are gathering in the Tom Hauley Room on the evening of June 30th for a farewell party. Thank you Barbara, and we wish you and Pete a long and happy retirement.

Dr John Hancock

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"The Shakespeare Inn - Swan Lake"



"Doctor and Nurse"



"Sea Witch and Mermaid "

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"Harbury School Lions"



"Hordes Of The Things"



"Harbury Pre-School - Jolly Jellyfish"

Wanted: Minibus Escort

Is there anyone who could spare a few hours once a month on a Monday evening from approximately 6.15–7.45pm and 9.00–10.30pm to accompany either Paul Crowton or Rosemary Harley when they drive the minibus from Southam to Warwick and back, taking people to the Gateway Club?

If you can help, please contact Paul on 613128 or Rosemary on 613402.

Rosemary Harley

More On Broadband...

Dave Shuttleworth and I placed an article in the Harbury and Ladbroke News in January of 2003, bemoaning the fact that cheap fast internet access was not available in Harbury, as the telephone exchange has not been upgraded to enable it. In the article, we asked anyone who used a computer at home to access the internet and who was prepared to register an interest, to visit the British Telecom website and add their telephone number to the list. At that time, there were no plans to upgrade the Harbury exchange, nor had British Telecom published a trigger level (the number of interested parties it needed to make it worthwhile for them to consider it). When we first visited the site to register our interest, the number of registrations for Harbury was 28. In the last few months, the following progress has been made:

An initial trigger level of 350 was set. British Telecom accelerated their programme of enabling rural exchanges where there is seen to be demand. The number of registrations for Harbury has risen to 187 (as of 6.00pm on 27th June 2003), and the trigger level has been reduced to 300, indicating that we now have 65% of our required number of registrations.

The Southam exchange has recently been enabled (possibly because of some Ladbroke registrations).

The following text was taken from the British Telecom Openworld Website:

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keen to get broadband letting us know of your genuine interest. If enough people vote for broadband in your area, the trigger level will be reached and broadband activated at your exchange. If you know of other people or businesses in your area with a genuine desire to receive broadband, recommend they register their vote now at www.btopenworld.com/broadband.

Please show this article to any of your computer-owning friends in the village who do not subscribe to the Harbury and Ladbroke News, and who knows, maybe we will have broadband before Christmas!

Lynne Cooke & Dave Shuttleworth

Harbury Women's Institute



Our recent coffee morning followed by a luncheon, proved a very successful venture as so many members supported Dorothy Groves, who organised the food admirably. Thanks go

to all who participated and to those who came, especially the party from Berkswell.

Again, members "came up trumps" just one week later on Carnival Day. Lots of cakes and preserves arrived at the cake stall and all were sold. Thanks to Pat and Lyn and to all who baked and helped on the day.

The members' only garden party will be on Thursday 7th August, 7.00pm onwards at the home of Jean Abrahams. There will be a raffle and bring and buy. (Please bring a chair.)

A river trip with a meal is being organised for Thursday 31st July.

The speaker was Fay Wheat with "A Walk Through Real Life". Fay started life as the eldest of seven children of feckless parents, and spent a childhood of poverty; she survived her mother's left hook and gave her thanks to a caring teacher who guided her. Fay has worked in a childrens home and two hospices locally. In between times, she joined the army hoping for sun kissed beaches but was stationed at Aldershot, Woolwich, Northern Ireland and Colchester. In addition, there was a failed marriage, which produced two children. Although it was a traumatic time for Fay, she is now happily remarried.

Fay gave us her philosophy of life and experiences in a humorous way, with poems she has compiled over the years. It is so hard to believe that Fay has had four heart attacks and suffers from Lupus. A lesson to us all!

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

The theme of the 223rd Harbury Folk Club was 'Sleeping and Dreaming' but artistes and audience managed to stay awake and were treated to an evening of absolute delight.

The Harvesters opened with 'Dreaming America' followed by a more up-tempo 'One Step Forward'. Pete Mason kept to the theme with 'I'm a Dreamer' and 'Down Where The Drunkards Roll'. Maureen's 'Dream A Little Dream Of Me' had everyone joining in, and Des raised the roof with 'Lowlands Away' and 'A Long Time Ago'. Bruce and Rebecca had done their homework and sang 'Go To Sleep Little Babe' and 'Are Ye Sleeping Maggie'. Rick closed the first half with a great version of 'Sit Down You're Rockin the Boat'.

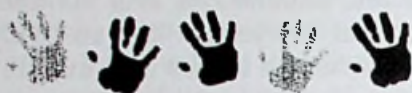
The Second half started with Ron singing 'The Drover's Dream' and 'Li'l Eyes'. Pete and Liz sang 'Franklin' followed by 'Little Man You've Had A Busy Day'. Lizzie played guitar and sang 'Kiss Me'. Peter McDonald sang two of my favourites 'Knocker Upper Man' and 'Captain Swing'. Theresa made a rare and very welcome appearance singing the lovely song 'Scarlet Ribbons'. The second half ended with the superb trio from Oxford, Three Pressed Men, who delighted us all with their versions of 'The Eynesham Poacher' and 'The Grey Funnel Line'.

The third half commenced with 'Rosebud In June' sung by Des. Janny entertained us next with 'Jenny Slept' and 'Hush-a-bye'. Latecomer Pete Grassby sang 'Fable Of The Wings' and 'The Mermaid And The Seagull'. Peter McDonald sang about 'love in the launderette', and Three Pressed Men finished the evening with lots of tunes on concertinas and the song 'George Fox'.

The raffle raised £23.00 and is contributing to my sponsor money for the Race For Life in which I am taking part on June 29th.

Were we dreaming? No, it was all for real and free! Why don't you join us at The Shakespeare on the first Thursday of the month?

Sue Hartland



Harbury Pre-School

During the days before the Carnival weekend, the buzz of excitement could be felt at Pre-School with busy little children preparing for the procession. The day dawned, warm and sunny as everyone congregated at Sutcliffe Drive. Shouts of "back a bit more!" could be heard as more and more people joined the happy crowd. More people participated in this years' carnival than in recent years, and it was great to be part of it. All of the children had a thoroughly fantastic time taking part in our Chinese Carnival procession; the colours of their costumes and hand-held streamers were so vibrant and warm, and our dragon looked impressive leading the way. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Carnival Committee for all their hard work, and congratulate them on another successful event.

We would like to pass on a BIG "thank you" from the children, staff and committee to everyone who supported the hot dog stall on carnival day, with special thanks to Jacky and Simon Sykes, George and Jo Simpson, and Lana Long, who spent a huge amount of time organising, setting up and clearing away at the end. We raised an amazing £340.00, which is being doubled by our generous sponsor Barclays Bank with their employee "£ for £ Scheme".



The success of our stall will enable us to provide our coach trip to St John's Museum in Warwick, free of charge for all of our little pre-schoolers. This will be a great day out for the children, with time being spent in the Discovery Room of the museum (which is especially designed for 3-5 year olds). Plenty of fun will be had after lunch as well, playing on the equipment in the park, and taking part in games and having a trip on the train.

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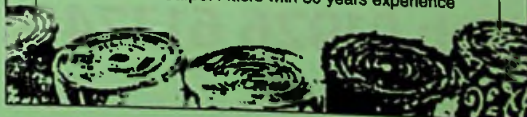
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Now the carnival has passed, the new theme we are looking at is "Seaworld – Beneath The Waves". The children are creating their own underwater experience at Pre-School and are listening to stories, talking about and looking at pictures of the world beneath the waves. They have already created some beautiful fishes for the wall displays, and one corner of the Pre-School room has been transformed into a 'world beneath the waves'.

Pre-School's high staff to child ratio means that we regularly take small groups of children into the village for 'real life experiences'. These little trips give the children a real sense of responsibility and importance of themselves. This month, Adam and Sophia have been busy writing up shopping lists in the Pre-School's Graphics Corner

One Tuesday afternoon, as it approached break time at Pre-School, the children decided that they would like biscuits today instead of toast, but there were no biscuits in the tin! So, Adam and Sophia wrote out their shopping lists and accompanied by our caring staff, the two children went off to the shops. First, they called in at the chemist, Adam wanted to buy some soap to wash the dolls, and so he bought some soap with his money and was very excited to receive change and a receipt! Next was Sophia's turn, off they all went to the Co-op, Sophia chose the biscuits, paid for them and also received change and the all-important receipt! With their mission accomplished, and shopping bags full, they all returned to Pre-School to eat the biscuits with their juice, feeling very proud of themselves!

.....How lovely.

Pre-School continues to prepare its older children for the smooth transition into school in September. They have attended Rainsbrook reception class to meet Mrs Harris in the school environment, and have had the opportunity to watch school assemblies on several occasions. We all wish the children a happy time at school.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jane Kempton (Chair) on 01926 613786, or you can drop a note through Jane's door at Helen Owen House, Mill Street.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

Harbury Primary School

Educational Visits

We have an amazing number of educational visits this term. Our thanks are due to all the volunteers who have accompanied or are about to accompany the children. Quite rightly, there are very strict guidelines on the staffing of these visits, and without your support they could not go ahead. So thank you everybody!

New Staff Join The Team

Earlier last month, appointments were made to the staff as follows. Mrs Liz Bones, who has worked as a supply teacher here many times before, has been appointed as a part-time support teacher for all of the staff throughout the school. Mrs Eilish Flanagan and Mrs Jacky Sykes have been appointed as teaching assistants to work in several classes mainly helping with Literacy and Numeracy. We warmly welcome all three, knowing that they will bring real benefits to the staff and children alike.

Annual Church Holiday Club – Once Upon A Time

The Annual Church Holiday Club will take place on August 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th at the Tom Hauley Room, 10.00am-12.00noon. Its theme - ONCE UPON A TIME - stories for all. All families will receive a notice through the school about the Club. Please come and join us.

Get Sporty Tokens

Cadburys are running a token promotion, where schools collect tokens that contribute towards the purchase of sports equipment. While we are certainly not encouraging children to eat chocolate, if any family has any tokens, then the school would certainly benefit. Please send any tokens into the school office.

Mrs Percival Needs Help!

The school would like to recruit a School Office Assistant to work approximately 5 hours a week during term time. Basic administration duties will be required, and a cheerful smile! If you are interested, then please call in at the School Office or telephone on 612656.

RNLI Collection

The RNLI welcomed the recent collection of £30.59 from Harbury School. We were top of the schools apparently.

Nigel Chapman

Musings From A Country Garden (12)

What an exciting month June has been! Baby birds and squirrels all over the place. Up until now, I had never seen fledglings just leaving the nest, but one afternoon I sat and watched tiny, miniscule wrens starting out on life's adventures. They were so small - much less than my little finger and unable to fly very well - they lunged and lolloped. One little soul stood on the sundial and jumped with both feet into the water trough (very shallow) then performed a vertical take-off to get back on to the sundial again. They still had their gapes. The little wren loved it, and did it over and over again looking at me in the conservatory with the doors wide open as if to say "Look at me, aren't I clever?" Then another one turned up and actually came into the conservatory where we had a conversation about beds and chairs - well what else? It managed to get on to the bed, and then plopped on to the chair where he stopped to look and listen. When back on the floor once again, he walked around and looked at everything. There were five eggs in the nest - one addled. The nest was actually in the cross beam of the veranda outside the workshop. I sat there when I returned home and they did not mind at all ... they just continued to feed the young, quite unconcerned.

The bird table has had baby birds of all descriptions. Blue Tits with tufts of feathers stuck upright on their heads; according to Bill Oddy these are the last feathers to go; the baby Robins with their speckled fronts, which will eventually turn into their characteristic red breasts. Their feathers are somewhat unkempt and I have the urge to tidy them up a little. They seem to come supported by the rest of the family. I also saw the smallest squirrel I have ever seen eating on the bird table.

I have still *not* heard a cuckoo this year, but on 23rd May I did see a bird I have never seen before - it was a Brambling - no doubt about it. It was a bit late as they are winter birds, yet it was eating on the lawn just outside my window. The different colours alerted me to the fact that it was not a male Bullfinch.

A vixen and her cubs were heard several nights running - what a noise they made - excited squeaks is the nearest description I can come up with, but very, very loud ... and at 2 o'clock in the morning - unmistakeable. They were running backwards and forwards across the road, chasing each other. It happened again the following night.

The Dog Roses have never been so prolific. I have four sites, including the very picturesque 20-foot cascade over the ditch, which is breathtakingly beautiful. It is such a privilege to live so close to nature.

Ginger, the feral cat has been coming more frequently, and I have ascertained that he is playing the field. I took several photographs of him and it would appear that he is the same cat that appears in my friend's garden up on the main road. Good luck to him I say - the cat I mean, not my friend - although I don't know!!

Elsa Greenway



Horticultural Society

The weather for the evening visit to Bridge Nursery left much to be desired, although for the coach trip it could not have been better. It was cloudy during our first stop at The Rococo Gardens; had it been much warmer it would have been too warm, as there was quite a lot of walking involved. The history was interesting, as were the various projects – educational, etc. The planting for both flowers and vegetables were as near as possible authentic. I understand the food served was also excellent. On to Malmsbury to the Abbey House Gardens, and what a treat was in store. The impact of over 2,000 varieties of roses, lovely clematis, etc., etc., was quite something – and that did not include the two head gardeners! The area down by the river was gorgeous – irises galore, even one or two azaleas were still in bloom. Thank you to Judy for arranging it all.

The Open Gardens weekend is nearly here. I can see, looking back over past articles, the growing conditions have not been ideal and this year is no exception – just English I suppose. The hot dry spell March/April time was very nice but there have been repercussions; not much in the way of rain and drying cold winds. There is little doubt things newly sown and planted did not really do much until the nights warmed up, although the weeds thrived! So we will have to hope for reasonable weather until and during that weekend.

This is the last opportunity I have to promote the Open Gardens Walkabout on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July. Anyone not currently involved, who would like to help in any capacity, please telephone Judy on 613103 or myself on 612515. Please support the event in any case, as village groups other than the Horticultural Society benefit from its success. As in previous years, plants will be on sale in various gardens. If you have any spare, please take them to the Village Hall before 11.00am on the Saturday, labelled and priced accordingly. (Programmes are on sale in Muggleston's and Kath the hairdressers.)

I would like to mention that not only is Pino Lacaruso opening his

garden, his first cookery book "Flavours of Rosello" will also be on sale (see my Letter to the Editors).

The time approaches to collect the trophies for engraving. If you are going on holiday, please take them to Janice (35 Percival Drive) before you leave (she would appreciate it if they are cleaned first), and she will have them engraved for the show in September. The show will be held on Saturday 13th September. If you require an early schedule, please contact Janice (614459) or Ron (612515). Please remember that in the photograph and handicraft sections where "mounted but not framed" is specified, it means just that!

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes For July

'Softly on the evening hour, Secret herbs their spices shower' wrote Walter de la Mare one summer evening. We hope to have some days that fade into balmy, scented twilight that we too may enjoy the scents of a summer garden. July should be a more restful time with only a few essential jobs to be done.

Early perennials have bloomed well giving us colour in the borders. Cut flowered stems of lupins, delphiniums and other early performers to the ground to give a second flush in September. Pick sweet peas regularly and deadhead all flowering plants to keep the blooms coming. Feed Michaelmas daisies and dahlias with a high potash fertiliser and at the end of the month feed chrysanthemums. Feed all acid loving plants with a solution of iron-rich Sequestrene, a good tonic for camellias, azaleas, pieris, rhododendrons and heathers. Collect seed heads, grasses and flowers for drying just as they open and on a calm day. Delphiniums, achillea and rosebuds are usually successful if dried rapidly. Be on the lookout for any pests and deal with them promptly.

Garlic and shallots can be lifted when the leaves begin to yellow towards the end of the month. Dry them in the sun until the leaves shrivel before stringing them up or storing them in string bags in a cool airy place. Finish planting any tender crops and plant winter greens. Beans do not set well if the difference between day and night temperatures fluctuates wildly, but growing annuals near rows of beans will attract bees to help pollinate the bean flowers.

Clean pond filters regularly, but if the water remains green, plant more aquatic plants to add cover and to use up the water's excess nutrients. Watch out for young frogs when working in the pond area. This month

they will be living almost all the time on land, feeding first on greenfly and later as they mature, on slugs and snails. If you have a 'wild meadow' area, now is the time to cut it. Leave the cut grass and plant stems on the ground for a few days for the seeds to drop. We gather up the hay, stuff it into a black plastic bag and use it as a 'duvet' for the compost heap. Rabbit owners would welcome it too.

All houseplants, except those with hairy leaves, can go outside. Put succulents and cacti in full sun but leafy, rain forest types need shade. If you have cymbidium orchids, stand them outside in shade. If you are away, leave houseplants on trays lined with capillary matting and place them in a cool place.

Plant Of The Month - Sweet Pea

In 1699 in Sicily, Father Cupani gathered seeds from the native plant known as *lathyrus odoratus* and sent them to Dr Uvedale in England. He cultivated the plants but they were not widely known, even though they could be grown here as hardy annuals. Slowly a few new colours appeared but by 1828 only five varieties were grown. Market gardeners grew them as cut flowers, valued for their fragrance, with a Cambridgeshire family named Unwin sending large quantities of sweet peas to Covent Garden Market. One day William Unwin noticed some plants with frilly flowers and saved the seeds to grow on. These seeds produced the same frilly petals and by 1903, he had enough seeds from this new variety to begin to sell them. Demand for seeds grew and so did the Unwin seed selling business, helped considerably by a competition run by The Daily Mail. They offered a prize of the vast sum of £1000 for the best bunch of sweet peas; which was won by a woman from Kelso who had bought her seeds from Unwin's. The firm has continued to be famous for sweet peas but now sells a wide range of flower and vegetable seeds by mail order.

One packet of seeds can produce enough plants to provide bunches of flowers from mid June to the end of August. Almost every colour is now available and the breeders continue to produce bigger blooms, however, this is at the expense of the fragrance, so evocative of summer. The lavender and mauve ones have the most scent, red and pink ones the least. If you love these flowers for their perfume then choose the old-fashioned mixture to sow next February or March. Germination levels are about eighty percent so you can be sure of success and the pleasure of picking the flowers throughout the summer.

Pat Smith

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"The Flintstones"



"Carnival Procession In Park Lane"

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"Arwin"



"Penelope Pitstop"

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After five years of doing absolutely nothing, Jean Herbert's yucca plant decided to flower and tried to outgrow her garden, and we thought you would all like to see it.

Michele Kostiuk demonstrates just how tall the yucca plant is.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank friends, neighbours, the many good people of Harbury and customers of 'Harbury Private Hire' for their flowers, cards and messages of sympathy on our recent loss of Bob.

Many thanks to all those who attended the wonderful service at the crematorium conducted by Canon Roy Brown, whose kind words were most comforting.

The content of the service included the Monty Python song 'Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life' which Bob had requested for his funeral. This raised much laughter, which Bob would have loved.

Thank you all,

Yours faithfully

Jean Marley and Family

Dear Editors

Having watched the increase and speed of traffic coming through Deppers Bridge over the past sixteen years, we have been writing to the County Council and campaigning for traffic calming measures for several years.

There is nothing wrong with the chicanes if you drive with care and consideration and at the correct 30 mph speed limit.

If drivers do not like coming through Deppers Bridge because of the chicanes, they do have a choice, as whichever way they are going there is an alternative route they can take.

The chicanes have slowed a large amount of the traffic down and we are glad they are in place.

Roger and Tina Gilbert (Deppers Bridge)

Dear Editors

I would like this opportunity to thank my family, friends, Mother's Union Members and the Knit-wits for their good wishes, cards and gifts during my three week stay in hospital; also, Father Roy for his visits each week. As I came out, Father Roy went in, so I wish him a speedy recovery to continue his good works among us all.

Many thanks once again.

Eve M Lowe

Dear Editors

Chester, surely a jewel in the fabric of England's history, no city can be richer in archaeological and architectural treasures, which have survived to this day. This was the pleasurable destination of the Senior Citizens summer outing this year. With over five hours and beautiful summer weather, we were free to explore the city.

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The heart of the city lies within its walls built in the Roman occupation; it was the fortress site of the 20th Legion and known as Deva, a major trading port. The walls allow one to make a leisurely two-mile walk around the city to view many of its wonderful buildings - the Roman Amphitheatre, Cathedral, Castle and racecourse.

The Rows are a unique medieval feature of the city. These black and white timber-framed buildings enclose galleried shops on two levels; the upper storey overhanging to form a covered shopping precinct.

The 14th century Cathedral built on the site of a 10th century Saxon Abbey holds the remains of St Werburgh a Mercian prince (circa 707a.d). The layout of the building has changed little over the centuries, and still has its Consistory Court, Chapter House, and Baptistry, all with elaborate carvings.

The River Dee was an attraction with a river cruise; the commentary provided an instructive narration of the rivers place in the city's history - later the river silted up and became un-navigable for sea-going ships and the trade moved over to Liverpool.

We again have to thank the Senior Citizens Committee and their band of generous helpers for a wonderful day's outing.

Ralph Swadling



Senior Citizens waiting to board the coach to Chester.

Dear Editors

May I thank all the people who sent me Birthday Cards for my 90th birthday. The cards were beautiful, and there was such a lot.

Thanks to all of you for thinking of me.

Yours,

Mary Morgan

Dear Editors

Did the walking Freshflow Water Coolers make the sun shine at the carnival this year? Who knows, but at least there was a drink and some shade on the stall at the playing fields for the afternoon.

We would like to thank all of our little volunteers, who bravely carried a hot stuffy box with a bottle on top, around the village in the procession. They were Caitlin, Claire, Sophie, Lauren, Albany, Christopher, Peter, Cameron, Hallam and Alex. We would also like to thank all of the Freshflow staff who gave up their time and helped on the day.

Our cheese and biscuits proved very popular with free drinks from our lager, wine and water filled coolers, and we are very pleased to announce that all of the proceeds, totalling £135.65, went to Myton Hamlet Hospice.

Don and Denise Vincent

**Freshflow Water Coolers
"Little Volunteers"**



Dear Editors

We would like to thank everybody in the village who supported our fund raising efforts for 'Walk The Walk' in May. 'Walk The Walk' raises money for charities that are working to fight breast cancer, through treatment, research and support.

Our marathon walk was throughout the night, through the streets of London. Have you heard the first bird of the morning sing in Chelsea, or watched the sun come up over Hyde Park? We have!! Yes, it was extremely hard work, but the memories are so special that it is hard to recall just how tired we were by the end.

People in the village did not just donate lots of money, they supported, laughed and sympathised through the months of training.

We are delighted to say that we have raised about £3,000, much much more than we thought possible when we started out.

So, thank you, you helped us do it, and you have supported a very good cause.

Sue Bushill, Jo Wright and Bev Veasey-Walshe

Dear Editors

Pino Iacarusso

I am sure most people in the Harbury area know Pino Iacarusso and his wife Caroline. Many have tasted his dishes and will be delighted to know that after many years of hard and time-consuming work, they have published their first cookery book. Most people also know of Pino's courageous battle with cancer, and much of the proceeds from "Flavours of Rosello" will go to help his favourite cancer charities. Pino's book is on sale from his house (8 Penelope Close), Muggleston's and Waterstones in Leamington Spa.

In "Flavours of Rosello", Pino writes of his childhood with his

extended family and memories bring to life those times. The book is illustrated with Pino's colourful paintings and delightful sketches by George Corbett. Both Ron and I have sampled the fig tart (page 110) sitting in Pino and Caroline's garden - it was beautiful.

A few years ago, I worked for Pino (quite an experience to see an expert at close quarters) and I learned a great amount; in fact, an apple or rhubarb tart is quite often made just as he taught me.

Muriel Gray

Dear Editors

As a result of the coffee morning held on 21st June, I was able to send a cheque for £133.00 to the British Heart Foundation.

My grateful thanks as always to my brave and trusty band of helpers; and to those who generously contributed cakes, prizes and donations, not forgetting everyone who came to support us.

Thank you all very much.

Gladys Hutchins

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all our friends for helping to make our Ruby wedding such a happy day.

Our special thanks must go to Father Roy for such a moving service for the renewal of our wedding vows, and to Pam and the choir for their lovely singing.

We were touched by the many good wishes, cards and gifts that we received, and we were so pleased to be able to share such an important day for us with so many others.

Alan and Betty Barr

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Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Thursday in the month.

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month 2.00pm-4.00pm.

BADMINTON: Village Hall, (613174) Monday morning 10.00am-12.00noon;
(612627) Monday (Seniors) 7.00pm-9.00pm;
(613413) Tuesday (Club) 8.00pm-10.00pm (not in summer);
(612029) Friday (Juniors) 2.00pm-3.00pm;
(613340) Sunday 7.00pm-10.00pm (not in summer).

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Friday 7.30pm.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: (613207) various homes, 1st & 3rd Thursday in the month 2.00pm-3.30pm; (612864) various homes, 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the month 10.30am-12.00noon.

BOOKWORMS: (614793) Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 7.30pm.

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Monday 6.15pm-7.30pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Friday 6.30pm.

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon.

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesday 6.30pm-8.00pm.

DANCING CLASSES: Children only (01789-842242) Farley Room of Village Hall, Wednesday 4.00pm-8.00pm.

DROP-IN TEA: (612585) 19 Farm Street, 4th Wednesday in the month 2.30pm-4.30pm.

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Monday 6.00pm-7.00pm.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn, 1st Thursday in the month 8.30pm.

HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8.00pm.

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Under 11s: Coach: Jim Farrell (612396), Saturday at Harbury School Pitch 9.00am;

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HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: Harbury School, Monday to Friday 9.00am-12.00noon; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12.45pm-3.15pm.

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: (613786) Wight School, Tuesday to Friday 9.00am-1.00pm.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP: (612009) Shakespeare Inn, last Tuesday in the month 8.00pm.

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: (613311) Wight School, Monday 10.00am-11.30am and Wednesday 1.30pm-3.00pm.

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498.

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, Wednesday 8.00pm-10.00pm.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct-May) 8.00pm

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: (612734) Scout Hut, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon

LIBRARY: (613297) Monday 2.00pm-5.00pm and 5.30pm-7.00pm; Thursday 10.00am-1.00pm; 2.00pm-5.00pm and 5.30pm-7.00pm.

NETBALL CLUB: (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursday 6.30pm; Matches Saturday Afternoon.

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursday 7.00pm.

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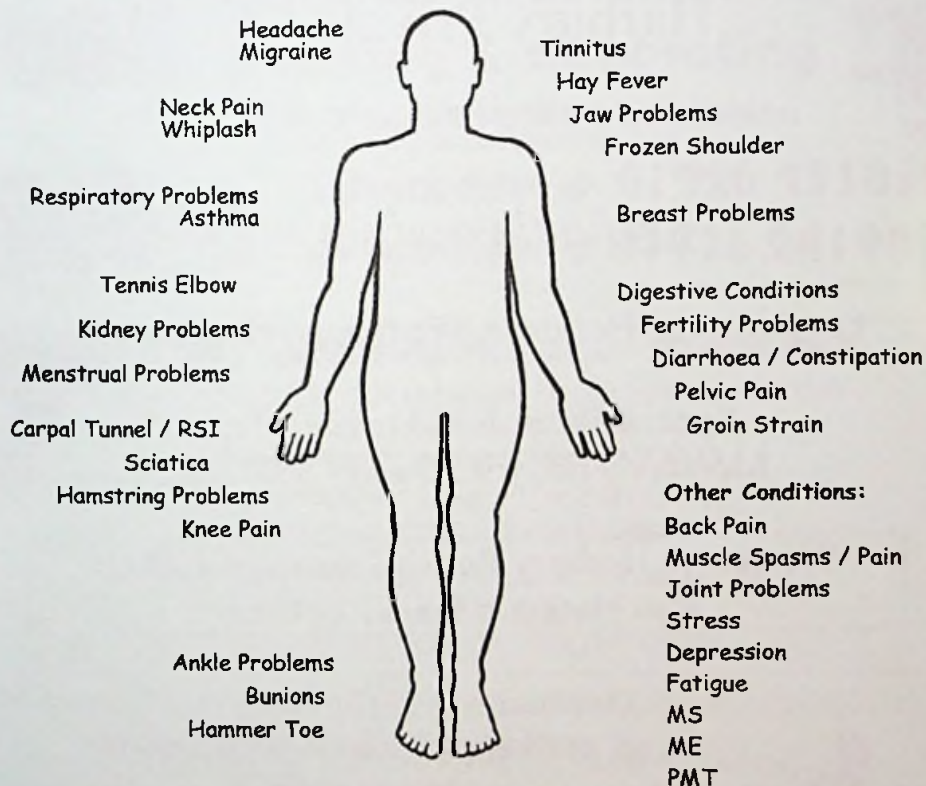
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