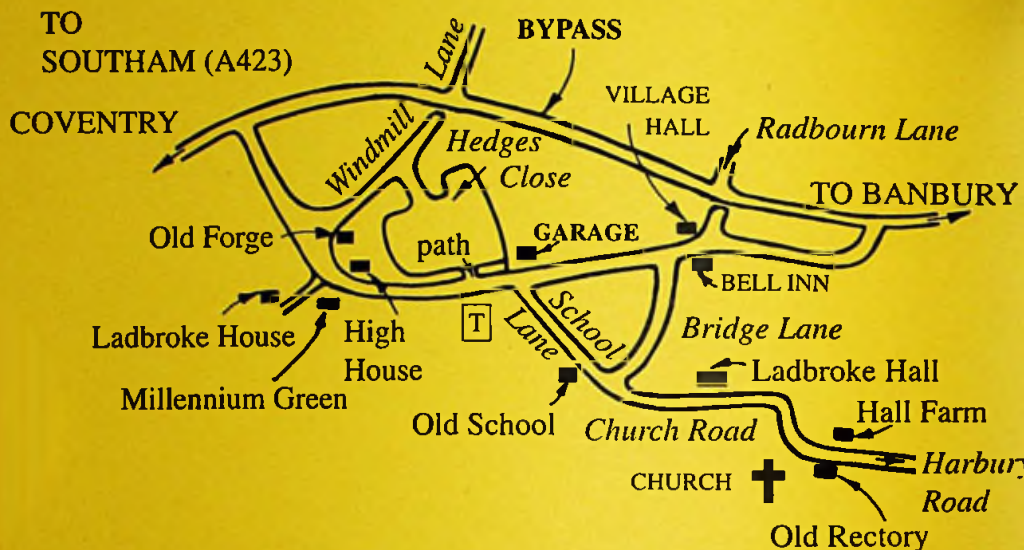




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Alison Hunt presented Janet Thornley with the "Spirit of Harbury" shield, as the first recipient of the award created in memory of John Hunt.

The spirit of Harbury has been demonstrated in many ways during the past month. The Harbury Junior Under 15's Football Team was awarded the Mid-Warwickshire Boys League Overall Sportsmanship Trophy. They received the most votes from managers of the teams who played against them during the season. The village teams have been supported throughout the year by enthusiastic parents who have turned out to encourage them.

The previous month has seen many volunteers collecting for national charities and the sums that have been collected reflect the continuing

generosity of local people. A total of almost £3,000.00 has been raised.

The flags have been flying in Neale's Close to celebrate the safe return of David Birnie and Emma Rawlings after serving in Iraq. We all join with their families in welcoming them home.

Carnival spirit will see more flags flying in the centre of Harbury to celebrate Carnival Week. There will be a chance for everyone to participate in the week-long activities, culminating in Carnival Day on 14th June. Ladbroke is holding its Annual Fete, and there will be the usual range of attractions on the Millennium Green on 28th June.

Finally, please be careful when dialling the editorial office. The correct number is 612155, and mis-dialling has caused problems to other villagers.

Harbury Diary

June

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|-------|----|---|
| Sat | 7 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Women's Institute
Harbury Nursery School Open Morning (614565) |
| Sun | 8 | PENTECOST - Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am |
| Mon | 9 | Harbury Cricket Club away against Arden Forest, and the Occasionals play
Bishops Tachbrook at home |
| Tues | 10 | Bible Study, 10.40am at Hurdis Farm
Toddler's Service, 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
'Bookworms' in Tom Hauley Room (East), 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall, 8.00pm |
| Wed | 11 | Sound Beginnings 10.30am in Farley Room of Village Hall
'Talk It Through' at 33 South Parade, 8.00pm |
| Thurs | 12 | Holy Communion, 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall, 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall, 7.00pm-9.00pm
W.I., 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Fri | 13 | RECYCLING COLLECTION |
| Sat | 14 | Carnival (see programme for details)
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St James Ministry for International Development |
| Sun | 15 | Holy Communion, 8.00am; Family Communion, 10.30am; Evensong 6.00pm
Parish Paths Partnership - First Sunday Walk, 2.30pm from Village Hall
Harbury Cricket Club away against Stratford Bards |
| Tues | 17 | ADVERTS to 31 Binswood End by 5.30pm |

- Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Senior Citizens' Committee, 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed 18** Sound Beginnings, 10.30am in Farley Room of Village Hall
 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room, 3.00pm to 4.00pm
 Prayer Meeting in Church, 8.00pm
 Mothers Union, 6.30pm walk around churchyard; 7.30pm supper
- Thurs 19** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Youth Club in Village Hall, 7.00pm-9.00pm
- Fri 20** Bible Study at 11 Constance Drive, 2.00pm
- Sat 21** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Theatre Group Social Evening in Village Hall
 Table Top Sale hosted by Harbury Toddler Group at Wight School car park, set-up 8.00am, sale 9.00am-11.00am
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Heart Foundation
- Sun 22** Holy Communion 8.00am; 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 Harbury Cricket Club plays away against Barford
- Tues 24** Bible Study, 10.30am at 6 Manor Orchard
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Julian Group, 8.00pm at the Rectory
- Wed 25** Sound Beginnings, 10.30am in Farley Room of Village Hall
 Drop in tea for the bereaved, 2.30pm-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
 'Talk It Through' at 33 South Parade, 8.00pm
- Thurs 26** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
 Youth Club in Village Hall, 7.00pm-9.00pm
- Fri 27** ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, by 5.30pm
 RECYCLING COLLECTION
- Sat 28** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Holiday Club
 Harbury Cricket Club at home to Presidents Eleven
 LADBROKE Fete, 1.00pm to 4.00pm, on Millennium Green
 Paul Winchester's Annual Fund Raising Dance at Village Hall
- Sun 29** Holy Communion 8.00am; 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- ## July
- Tues 1** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 2** Sound Beginnings 10.30am in Village Hall
 Mothers Union, AGM and Garden Meeting at the Rectory, 2.30pm
- Thurs 3** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Youth Club in Village Hall, 7.00pm-9.00pm
 Men's Society AGM, 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club in the Shakespeare Inn, 8.30pm
- Fri 4** Bible Study, 2.00pm (venue to be arranged)
- Sat 5** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Motor Neurone Research
 Results of Village Review Survey, drop-in 2.00pm-5.00pm at Village Hall
- Sun 6** Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm
 Harbury Cricket Club Occasionals at home to St Benedicts (Alcester)

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)
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From the Rector

As most of you will know, I am presently in Warwick Hospital (again), and so I just send you all a message of thanks for all the care and concern, cards, prayers and words of encouragement I have received. I apologise that there is no laugh line this month (I might burst my stitches!!), but promise two for next month. I hope to be around fairly soon, but not in full action for a few weeks. However, you are all, as always, in my prayers and thoughts, and I am grateful for those keeping things going during my absence – please continue to support them. God bless.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, Harbury

Sunday 18th May - Arianna Risi

Sunday 1st June - Benjamin Elliott White



From the Churchwardens

The May Family Service: Further Adventures Of Ronnie

Rover, a puppy named by Ronnie after his father's car, was a present from his Mum and Dad. Now that both parents were at work and

Ronnie was grown up enough to spend some of the holidays on his own, they wanted him to have a good friend to keep him company. Rover did just that. Ronnie realised, especially after the vicar's visit to School Assembly, that Jesus was just such a friend and companion. Ronnie was particularly impressed by the vicar's message: although no one can earn a ticket to Heaven, each and every one of us has one – FREE! NO CHARGE! ALL COSTS PAID! ABSOLUTELY FREE! NOTHING TO PAY! EVER! Ronnie thought long and hard about this, and, with the open faith of children, tried to convey its simple, truthful message to adults who don't always look at life with such clear-eyed simplicity. Rover roughed up – but only mildly – those adults who didn't understand. We weren't roughed up. Instead, each of us was given a ticket with Ronnie's message to take home with us. May we, too, think long and hard about it as Ronnie did? Thank you to John (Stringer) for another inspiring presentation. It was lovely that during this service Arianna Risi was, through baptism, welcomed into the family of Christ's church.

A letter responding to the proposals for Southam Deanery was sent to the Rural Dean on May 22nd. This is its history. Following the Parish Church Council meeting, a core group, set up to discuss the issues raised, met and the minutes of this meeting (dated 17th May 2003) were circulated to all members of the Parish Church Council. A letter to the Rural Dean, based on these minutes, was then drafted and circulated, and all members of the Parish Church Council were invited to respond. Thank you to all who did so. The final letter to the Rural Dean was written on the basis of these responses. We have done our best to keep you informed, but you are Christ's church, you are the congregation, you are the Parish. Each and every one of us is responsible for the outcome of these proposals.

It's something of a relief to turn from thing partly political to things entirely spiritual: ASCENSION DAY. In the absence of Father Roy, Father Russon Thomas celebrated the Eucharist on the day that marks the completion of Christ's ministry on earth. It was a lovely service. We thank Father Russon and, also, the bell ringers who got up early to greet this day's blessed dawning.

As many of you know, Father Roy has recently been in hospital; we send him our love and prayers, giving thanks for his recovery. We miss him and look forward to welcoming him back into the Parish which is his and his family's home.

Since the breaking out of war in Iraq, we have all, especially on

Thursdays, been praying for peace. Now we look ahead to the Carnival. All Saints' Harbury, through Lesley's inspiration, in this year of conflict will take PEACE as its theme. Please join us in thoughts and prayers if not in person.

Lesley and Felicity



Alpha Course

The Alpha Course dates are booked on every Monday from September 22nd to December 1st (except October 27th - the Monday of Half Term).

The course will take place in the Tom Hauley Room - the modern, warm and welcoming parish building you find if you follow the path round the left of the church. They will start at 7.30pm and finish around 9.00pm. There will be no charge.

On Monday, September 15th, a launch event will take place at The Shakespeare Inn in Mill Street. Everyone is welcome. A hot buffet meal will be included in the ticket price, and there will be a crime mystery to solve, presented by the Theatre Group. During the evening, there will be a brief presentation about the Alpha Course, and you will be able to ask questions informally, without commitment. (Ticket price and availability soon.)

Saturday October 18th is an optional away-day to be held in Southam as part of the course, allowing course members more time to learn and discuss.

Alpha courses will be advertised nationally during September. Look out for the Alpha logo - a small character carrying a large question mark. Put the dates in your diary - and then pick up your questions and bring them along in September!

John Stringer



Mothers' Union

Afternoon Meeting: Chris Cooke's talk, illustrated by slides, was on her trip to Ghana. In 2001 she was asked to join a group from SOMA (Sharing Of Ministry Abroad). She felt nervous but three times in one week, the verse from Psalm 91 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge" came to her notice, which made her feel that it was right to go.

The group of eight left in the February snow and arrived in Accra in 104°F. After two days acclimatising they spent a week running a retreat for clergymen and their wives. Then they split into two groups and travelled north to a more rural area. Conditions were basic but the people were welcoming. The group visited schools and a clinic and again helped in services and meetings. They were also able to give some financial help.

Chris was especially interested in the children and enjoyed talking to them. She was also impressed by the Mothers' Union members she met and the way the Mothers' Union workers helped other women with health matters, bringing up children, and growing food.

Since returning, Chris has become a Mothers' Union member and is now leader of the Southam branch.

Evening Meeting:

"Rhythm of Life - Reflections on Holy Island" was the subject of Jane Smith our evening speaker.

A group from her church in Exhall go each January to Lindisfarne to a retreat house. They feel that it is a very special place where St Cuthbert and many other saints lived and left their mark. Although the weather is very cold at that time of year, the island is especially peaceful without all the summer visitors, and the group can walk and pray in the footsteps of the saints and many pilgrims. They stay in a comfortable house and spend their time relaxing, reading, walking, and meeting for prayer.

Just as the crossing to Holy Island must be planned for the time that the tide is out and the causeway passable, so we need to pause, reflect, and think about the way ahead in our own lives – to listen to God and replenish our spiritual lives.

Perhaps a group from Harbury will be travelling north next year?

Next Meetings:

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| Wed 4th June | 2.00pm - Service; |
| | 2.30pm - "Life As A Social Worker" – Pam Brown. |
| Wed 18th June | 6.30pm - walk around Churchyard with Charles Catt; |
| | 7.30pm - supper. |

Please note change of day for evening meeting:

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| Wed 2nd July | 2.30pm - AGM and Garden Meeting at Rectory,
with Bring and Buy (no service at 2.00pm today). |
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C. Mary Catt

Toddlers' Service

We are thinking about colours just now, and we started our May service by singing "Colours of Day".

Mrs Bedford talked about the colour red and we played Kin's game with red objects on a tray. She then told us the story of Moses and the Burning Bush.

The children made pictures by sticking paper flames on to pictures of Moses and the bush.

Our next service is on Tuesday 10th June and 2.15pm in the children's corner of church. We shall be thinking about the colour blue.

C. Mary Catt

Ladbroke News

June

- Sun 8** PENTECOST - Sung Communion, 9.00am
- Sun 15** Sung Communion, 9.00am; BCP
- Tues 17** ADVERTS to 31 Binswood End by 5.30pm
Church Development Fund Meeting at Archers Rest
- Wed 18** Women's Fellowship outing to Cannons Abbey, leaving from church at 10.30am
Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 22** Sung Communion, 9.00am
- Fri 27** ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, by 5.30pm
RECYCLING
- Sun 29** Sung Communion, 9.00am

July

- Sun 6** Family Communion, 10.30am; Evensong, 4.00pm; Sung Eucharist, 9.00am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

- June 8th - Ann Edwards
- June 15th - Ann Edwards
- June 22nd - Hazel Sharples
- June 29th - Susan Moore
- July 6th - Jean Clews

Jane Rutherford

All Saints' Church Development Fund

At our last meeting we decided to continue to try and raise more money for the fund by having a Hog Roast (date to be arranged). We are all also trying to arrange a Jazz Night for later in the year.

Our next meeting is on June 17th at Archers Rest – any new members will be made very welcome. Please do not forget that I am retiring at the end of July and a new Chairman is needed.

We will be taking part in the village Summer Fete in June, and again we are asking for anyone's old china for our "Smashing Time Stall". A box will be in church for your contributions, or you can leave them on my doorstep.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke Women's Fellowship

Our meeting held at the home of Nancy Stubbs was a very enjoyable one, where we were lucky to have Linda Doyle come and show us a video 'Farm Africa'; this is a charity dedicated to long term development in Africa to help the local farmers to be able to work the land to produce enough food to sustain a healthy way of life. We thank Linda for coming and talking to us about this worthy cause.

Our next meeting will be our annual outing; this year we are going to Cannons Ashby in Northants on Wednesday 18th June. Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome. We leave Ladbroke Church at approximately 10.30am. Anyone wanting a lift, please contact me on 811749.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The meeting held in the Village Hall on May 22nd was not very well attended. Some members had gone on the Warwickshire break to Cornwall and some had sent their apologies.

Sue Halsall took the Chair in the absence of Anne, and Sue welcomed members. After the business was discussed and names taken for forthcoming events, Sue welcomed Mrs Lynne Stubbings, WI Adviser, who had come to tell us about this year's Resolutions. They were all presented clearly and were passed by those present. It is always a pleasure to have Lynne's company.

A good report of the Group meeting at Long Itchington was given, and

praise for the excellent Speaker. The last production of The Park Street Players had been well attended and very much enjoyed.

Marton WI have invited us to their meeting on June 10th.

The Town and Country Festival is to be held from August 23rd to 25th, and Warwickshire WI will have their usual market for homemade products.

Arrangements for the Evesham outing have been made for August 20th when we will have a tour of Evesham, a river trip and a tea. It will cost £5.50 for the tour and £3.00 for the tea. Coach transport costs are to be decided.

Jo had put her City & Guilds needlework on display, prior to displaying it at College. She has certainly had a busy year with her patchwork, dyeing of materials, her imaginative ideas and completing files. Thank you for the preview Jo, and we all hope that you obtain good results.

April raffle prizes were won by Pat, Jenny and Sheena.

May raffle prizes were won by Linda, Hazel and Chris.

Tea hostesses were Catherine and Hazel.

Next month the meeting is on June 26th at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. It will be a games evening. Hope to see all members there and visitors too.

The release date for the film of the WI Calendar Girls is September.

Hazel Sharples

Ladbroke Village Hall

The April draw took place in the Bell Inn, Ladbroke on Wednesday 14th May. The £80.00 prize was won by Mary Coley, the two £25.00 prizes were won by John Lowman and Alan Court, and the five £10.00 prizes were won by Christine Baker, Sheena Healey, Jo Sowerby, Maureen Wright and Beryl Ross.

The next draw will take place at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke at 8.00pm on Monday 9th June.

Mike Radburn

Ladbroke Parish Council Report

The Annual General Meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council took place on 21st May 2003 in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m.

Present were: District Councillor Chris Williams; Councillors Richard

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Bennett, Janice Berry and Tim Seden; Clerk Linda Doyle, Peter Baker, Michael Boden Pritchett, Michael Radburn and two villagers.

Apologies: County Councillor Bob Stevens and Derek Batty.

Richard Bennett was elected Chairman and was formally requested to sign the Declaration of Acceptance Form, which was countersigned by the Clerk.

Parish Council Vacancies:

It was proposed and seconded that Peter Baker and Derek Batty be co-opted as Councillors, Peter consented and took part in an official capacity for the rest of the meeting.

After the formalities, the Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2003.

Matters arising:

The pole under Macklin Bridge is still in situ but the contractor has until the end of May to complete the work.

Proposed Rugby Airport:

The consultation process across the UK has been extended and the closing date for all responses of the Second Edition February 2003 questionnaire will be 30th June 2003. It was recommended that questionnaires should be returned stating that there was no change to the comments given in November 2002.

Planning Matters:

The Parish Council supports the following applications: Mr and Mrs Beman, Newlands, Windmill Lane, Ladbroke (03/01332/FUL) - erection of stabling and storage shelter (this is a retrospective planning application); Mr and Mrs K Warr, Whiteways, Bridge Lane - pitched roof over existing garage, (amendment to 02/03278/FUL); Mr C Wall, The Barn, Windmill Lane (03/00299/AGNOT) this has been granted planning permission. It was recommended that the building be screened by native trees/hedging.

Village Hall Management Committee:

Michael Radburn gave the following report on behalf on the Village Hall Management Committee. The most significant event of the last twelve months is that the position regarding custodian trusteeship of the village hall has been finally and unambiguously agreed with the Charity Commissioners.

The land with the building were originally described in the Indenture dated 29th September 1925, made between Alexander Hamilton Wheeler of the one part and Alexander Hamilton Wheeler and three others of the other part. (The three others being the then rector and the two churchwardens).

The Village Hall became a registered charity in 1996, at that time the Charity Commissioners were not interested in accepting responsibility for the land. The thinking at the time appeared to be that this should rest with the Parish Council, although this is not actually clear from the documentation.

Since the original order was drawn up in 1996 there appears to have been some confusion as to who the custodian trustees actually were, therefore in 2002 the Village Hall Management Committee decided that it was time to clarify the situation with the Charity Commissioners once and for all.

As a result, the status of the village hall is now firmly established, the trustees are the members of the management committee, and the title of the land is now held by the Official Custodian for Charities in trust for the charity. The way is now clear for the land to be registered with the Land Registry.

Footpaths:

Ground Report and Parochial Update No.23. Michael Boden Pritchett reported that footpaths SM33 and 33a (Farmyard Field) now has a Jubilee Way way-mark fingerpost; this has been erected within the churchyard boundary line. Thanks are due to Geoffrey Timms for his stalwart assistance with the operation and to Warwickshire County Council for the funding of both this and the new "kissing gate".

SM-89 Ladbroke Village (North): The efforts of Mr. Green, owner of the small parcel of land lying to the north of the village through which lies public footpath SM89, to make this access area more attractive and accessible are to be commended. We now require confirmation as to where this mini right of way emerges into the village proper; to enable stiles and/or gateways, affording full and better access to be sited.

Chairman Richard Bennett signed the Peethree annual agreement covering the period 1st April 2003 to 31st March 2004. This confirms the Parish Council's acceptance of the Peethree funding opportunity for a further twelve months.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm and the next meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 18th June 2003 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Ladbroke.

Janice Berry

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch - May

Between the hours of 10.30am on Wednesday 14th May and 9.00am on Thursday 15th May, a large female white goat was stolen from the Windmill Lane area of Ladbroke. The goat was wearing a "greyhound" type collar with an "old" phone number on it. The goat has a long beard and slightly deformed back feet. Any sightings, please inform the police.

Janice Berry

Ladbroke Annual Village Fete

Please join us on the Ladbroke Millennium Green on Saturday 28th June 2003 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm for the Ladbroke Annual Village Fete. Enjoy the Morris Men, tug-o-war, teas and cakes, various stalls, barbecue and beer tent, children's races, skittles, balloons, face painting, wet sponge throwing, tombola and raffle. £1.00 per adult – children free.

Gwynne Badman, Betty Winkfield and helpers will be running the bric-a-brac stall as usual, in aid of the church. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Janice Berry

Why Hedges Close?

Hedges Close was named after the last owners of the land before it was sold to the developers. It had been part of Village Farm – a "Baker's Farm" as it was generally known – being the name of the Farmer who worked it. George Hedge bought the farmhouse, barns and some of the land in the 1950s.

George and Connie Hedge moved into "Briarwood" in Windmill Lane in 1957. George – being a master builder had built the bungalow himself. His firm worked from Leamington where he built and restored many properties.

The farmhouse and cottage were initially rented out, but then sold at a later date. I would imagine that George had hoped to develop the land

himself at some stage, but after planning permission had been granted in the 1990s the land and barns were sold to developers in 1995. The Hedges had a son who was killed in a road accident in 1968, and maybe George lost interest in expanding the business. He died in 1992.

George was a generous benefactor to the church – he had been a Churchwarden for several years. The most obvious contribution to be seen is the path from the lych-gate to the church porch. It is his legacy to the church that has enabled us to do so much maintenance work. We dedicated a small plaque to this effect in 2002.

I have written this article because it was suggested that some people living in Hedges Close had asked why it was so called. While I was thinking about this a small incident occurred which does have some connection with the recent history of Village Farm.

I had just locked up the church one evening – quite recently – when I met a lady coming in to the lych-gate. I asked her if she wanted to go in the church; she was actually going to visit the family graves, but we went into the church anyway. Before her marriage she had been Emily Bates and had been born in – what is now – Quince Cottage. She was thrilled indeed to see the font she had been baptised in and the “beautiful church” again.

She talked about “Baker’s Farm” and how she had spent many hours there growing up with the Baker’s three daughters (Emily is now 85 years old and lives in Bristol).

Apparently the Bates ran the Post Office before it moved next door – I just about remember Mr and Mrs Offord at the Post Office (but that’s another story).

I also remember having a conversation with Mrs Bates when she was in her 90s and she told me about her grandmother – I was doing a bit of mental arithmetic trying to work out how many years back we were going!! If anyone can add to this bit of recent history, I’d love to hear it.

Betty Winkfield

Harbury Parish Council - May

In a seamless transition, Jenny Patrick took over as Chairman of Harbury Parish Council with Ann Winchester as her deputy. Keith Thompson paid tribute to Dutch Van Spall’s “thorough and capable

Chairing during the past two challenging years" and in response Dutch said it had been a great privilege and he was "a better person for it".

Tony Mancell was given a place on the Planning Sub-Committee and Properties and the Environment were left to whoever is co-opted to the spare place on the Council. Other Sub-Committee membership remains the same.

The Public Participation Session saw Jill Gurden draw the inconsiderate parking in the village centre (outside the Church and the Co-op) to the Council's attention. Jenny Patrick pointed out they explored an extension of the one-way system with the County and asked for extra double yellow lines. More consultation would be needed.

Mr Ridley of the Greenhill Farm complex wrote protesting about the Deppers Traffic Calming saying he had "seen more attractive devices on industrial and military sites". Jenny said there had been a survey of residents before it was installed and the scheme was still being monitored by the County. One of the elements had been widened to let farm vehicles through.

Planning:

Stratford granted permission for extensions at 32 South Parade; 4 Pineham Avenue; 31 Binswood End; 2 Wagstaffe Close; 5 and 7 Neale's Close; and 7 The Beeches: extensions and windows to gable end and roof at Meadowside, Pirie Close; for a 10% reduction in the crown of the Cedar at Harbury House; for an ATM and hanging sign at the Co-op; for one new dwelling adjacent to 12 Church Terrace; and for a conservatory at 1 Park Lane Terrace (it may be of interest that at the previous meeting the Parish Council commented on the door into the kitchen, not the conservatory itself).

Harbury Parish Council made no recommendations on extensions proposed at 15 Bush Heath Lane; 31 Manor Orchard; 38 Binswood End; 5 Neale's Close and 27 Deppers Bridge. It did comment on the renewal application for Fishing Lodges at Bishops Bowl complaining that it had not been consulted previously. It also restated its objections to proposals for Industrial Units on land off Bull Ring Farm Road, stressing that the site and access were unsuitable.

They had no objections to the plans for a conservatory at 18 South Parade but queried whether the permitted development rights would be exceeded. Stratford Enforcement Officers are following up suggestions that the concrete garage in Constance Drive is in front of the building line.

They were pleased to learn that the existing powerline would be removed when the new one was completed.

They have replied to Mrs Barr explaining that there has been a full survey which showed a need for supported housing – unfortunately cost and the lack of suitable land are the stumbling blocks.

County Councillor Booth said the Materials Recycling Facility at Ufton Tip was allocated in the Waste Plan. The application is now waiting for an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Both Harbury and Bishops Itchington Parish Councils have complained to Stratford that the withdrawal of official notification in the Courier of plans for the Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings was not publicised. Stratford District claim that the Stratford Herald covers all the District and that our local paper is too expensive for them.

Janet Thornley has arranged for "Team Extreme" to give displays on the Skateboard area from 2.30pm onwards on Carnival Day and the Parish Council offered to use some of its \$137 money on prizes. She had arranged for vandal-proof bolts to replace those removed from the Skateboard Ramp and reported she was waiting for details of model BMX Tracks.

Keith Thompson "pondered" on the huge pile of soil that would be needed for the track and for extending the ramp off the Car Park. Councillors wondered where the bollards went.

Tony Mancell has arranged insurance coverage for the Skateboard facility. The increase in premiums is only £232.00 because he discovered the Parish Council had been paying to cover the Bus Shelter which was removed ages ago!

The Clerk's salary is to rise so that it is in line with National Association of Parish Councils' recommendations and she will undertake a training course. The archive papers held in the Parish Safe will be donated to the Records Office.

Janet Thornley, Jenny Patrick and Brian Ingram hope to call a meeting of volunteers who might join the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Council will ask the Open Spaces Society for advice on claiming as a right of way the path along the top of the Railway Cutting to the Spinney.

The reason the Village Caretaker has weedkilled so many strips of grass in village is that, understandably, he is not prepared to mow or strim areas where people have allowed their dogs to defecate. It was

pointed out that he is "Licensed to Spray" and that the chemicals used are safe.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Annual Parish Council Meeting

This turned out to be a surprisingly lively meeting, despite the relatively small audience. There were moments of humour, as when veteran Councillor John Drinkwater suggested the absent Parish Chairman was to be congratulated for his concise and brief report – it was three pages long!

Vice-Chairman Jenny Patrick took the Chair and invited County Councillor David Booth to answer questions from the floor. He promised to discover the level of cuts in spending on rural transport and what strategy was in place to maintain road signs in good order. He explained that the Freight Partnership was working on agreed routes for HGVs which would then enable the County to put weight limits on other roads. Footpath maintenance and the dangers of the Farm Street/Mill Street junction were also brought to his attention.

District Councillor Patrick agreed to take back to Stratford the meeting's extreme displeasure that statutory notices are no longer placed in the Courier. Councillors were scathing in their rejection of the argument that the Stratford Herald covered the area. He would find out whether Fly Tipping was increasing and what the charges were for the disposal of large household items. Alison Hodge asked why the Housing Department did not know of the Sheltered Housing Survey.

The Chairman's report praised the work of Jack Heath and Ken Stephenson who had retired during the past year, and Tony Mancell who had taken over as Treasurer. He thanked the new Clerk Nichola Thompson and paid tribute to the retired Clerk Debbie Steele and new Councillor Janet Thornley for her work for the Youth Group. He listed the year's achievements and promoted interest in Broadband again.

Councillor Sharon Hancock's report warned of the danger Harbury faced with the proliferation of substantial suburban houses eroding the rural character and increase in retrospective applications where people flouted authority by building without planning permission.

Councillor Keith Thompson, Chair of the Properties Committee

reported on the successful completion of the Tennis/Netball Court upgrade and the consecration of the remainder of the Burial Grounds. He paid tribute to Janet Thornley, Kevin Biddle and the Youth Project who had secured funding for the Skateboard Area. Janet Thornley was at pains to point out that the Parish Council had paid not a penny towards the project; money had come from the Lottery, Stratford District, The County Council, the Countryside Agency and local fund raising. Alison Hodge asked why the Properties Committee provided nothing and was told that it had no funds. It was however taking on responsibility for insurance and maintenance.

Councillor Ann Winchester's Environment Working Party Report included the surprising information that the Percival Drive Estate is still not "adopted" and that maintenance is the responsibility of the developers.

Gladys Hutchins complained about irresponsible drivers who parked on the pavement outside Londis with their engines running and radios blaring whilst they collected their morning newspapers, and Ray Padbury complained about the poor state of the drains.

Councillor Tony Mancell was pleased to announce that there would be more money this year to spend on the Playing Fields, Lighting and the Car Park, and that the precept had only increased in line with inflation.

Alison Hodge asked why so little money had been spent on supporting local groups; given Parishes can now spend up to £5.00 per charge payer under Section 137 for any purpose of benefit to the village.

Deppers Bridge Report showed residents were pleased with the Traffic Calming but Mr Padbury complained traffic going south was unsighted at the middle pinch point. Jenny Patrick said this was still being monitored.

There was concern that the Village Hall Management Committee was now without a Chairman and Secretary and needed the village's support. Alison Hodge highlighted the excellent organisation of the Bookings by Wendy Hawkes.

Councillor Sharon Hancock reported a successful visit from the Twin town of Samois sur Seine and the possibility of joining in events with their twin towns in other countries.

Under Any Other Business there were requests for French Conversation Classes; greening of the bleak car parks at the Dog and Old New Inns; and removal of vegetation and repairs to the walls

surrounding the Paddock.

Margaret Denning then gave a presentation on the work of the County's Emergency Planning Department where she encouraged the Parish to keep its Local Emergency Plan up to date with contacts for key-holders, etc. She could offer tabards to identify key workers and those in charge of operations, empty sandbags and an emergency number to contact. But by far the best way to keep in touch with events she said was to listen to local radio.

Linda Ridgley

Bus Vouchers for Senior Citizens, Registered Disabled and Handicapped Persons

Bus vouchers will be issued in July to the above categories of residents living within the Parish. 'Senior Citizen' means a person of State Pensionable age i.e., 60 and above for a woman and 65 for a man. For 2003, the total value of vouchers to be issued is £15.00 and each voucher is worth 50p towards Stagecoach Midland Red services 63, 63A and 64, Village Taxi-Bus services and Harbury Private Hire. There is no time limit on the use of the vouchers, but if you have some left from previous years please use them up before using this year's vouchers.

To obtain the vouchers, please register for the Scheme by getting a form from either the Post-Office or from the Clerk to the Council, Nicola Thompson at 36 Percival Drive.

The forms must be completed and returned to one of the above by no later than Monday 1 July. You must register for vouchers again this year even if you have done so in the past.

Vouchers will be issued in the Wagstaffe Room at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 15 July** and on **Wednesday 16 July** between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. *Please note that only in very exceptional circumstances can vouchers be issued to persons who do not register by the due date of 1 July.*

In addition to the Parish Council's scheme, Stratford District Council also runs a concessionary travel scheme for Senior Citizens and Registered Disabled persons. If you have previously applied to the District Council for tokens it is not necessary to apply again. If you have *not* previously applied, forms are available in the Library or by telephoning 01789 260 402 or 01789 260 423.

Nicola Thompson, Clerk

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Following the recent resignation due to work commitments of one of its members, Harbury Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. To be eligible you need to be • over 21 years of age, and • a resident of Harbury or Deppers Bridge, or owning a business/property within the village.

The Council is involved in a wide range of services and projects such as planning, street lighting, allotments, maintenance of the playing fields, litter, concessionary travel and problem parking to name just a few! It now needs a new member who is interested in serving the needs of the community – could this be you?

For more details or an informal chat please call the Chairman, Jenny Patrick on 614359 or the Clerk to the Council, Nicola Thompson on 614646.

The Parish Council has recently been informed of two new services which may be of interest to local people:

Support For New Businesses

PIE in Business is a project run by a consortium of professional business support agencies. Its aim is to bring business support services to local venues across South Warwickshire in order to help individuals and groups to set up new businesses.

Who can benefit?

- Anyone living or wanting to establish a business in the Stratford or Warwick Districts of South Warwickshire.
- Community and voluntary groups wanting to establish trading enterprises.
- Farming families wanting to diversify their business.
- Newly established small businesses.

Business support includes assistance with the preparation of business plans, possible marketing grants of up to £250.00 and access to Warwickshire County Small Business Loans of up to £7,500.00. Local people within South Warwickshire can access FREE confidential business support counselling at local venues without having to travel far. The next three sessions at the Graham Adams Centre in Southam

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are on Wednesday 4th June, Wednesday 2nd July and Wednesday 6th August. To book a time slot or to get further information on any of these projects, please call 0845 0700370 and quote 'PIE in Business'.

The Pension Service

The Pension Service is part of the Department for Work and Pensions and aims to offer a service of information via drop in surgeries for those of pension age or approaching it. They can offer advice on pensions and other related benefits. The nearest surgery to Harbury starts on 3rd June in the Congregational Church, Wood Street, Southam and will be held weekly on Tuesdays between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. They are also interested in finding new venues where older people meet and would consider holding an advice surgery there. Any suggestions?

For further information on either of the above two schemes, please contact Nicola Thompson, Parish Clerk, 614646.

Nicola Thompson, Clerk



Harbury Society

Harbury Society

We had a delightful walk last month led by Dick Picken which took us over to Chesterton and back (see report).

Now we are concentrating on the Carnival, where we will have a 'Bat the Rat' game for the children (and the young at heart), and a display advertising the "Launch of the Harbury Review" (to take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th July 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

Do come along and see us.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Review Group

At last! We have finished the work on the Harbury Review and on **Saturday 5th July at the Village Hall** we will hold an Exhibition of the findings.

The results will be displayed and there will be the chance for you to comment on them, and suggest how we can solve some of the

problems that were revealed.

The Session runs from **2.00pm to 5.00pm** so do drop in to see what everyone said!

The Parish Council will be using the report to help them formulate their Parish Plan – a Blue print for Harbury's future. Make sure you have your say.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury Women's Institute

No speaker in May as Helen McCartney from County came and we discussed and voted on the resolutions for the Annual General Meeting in London in June.

Three members attended a World of Worship Study Day at the Central Mosque in Birmingham. They were made most welcome and, after an interesting tour, enjoyed a tasty lunch.

Members went to the Park Street Players finale concert and the Group Meeting; two excellent evenings.

There will be a Cheesy Evening at Weston-under-Wetherly on June 19th, learning how cheese is made and sampling some afterwards (with wine).

Now is the time to order calendars and diaries.

We hope you came to the Coffee Morning on June 7th at the Tom Hauley Room. Also hope those of you who came to the luncheon afterwards enjoyed your meal.

There will be the usual Cake Stall on Carnival Day. Members are asked to contribute please. Bring your cakes, marmalade or chutney to the stall from 12.00noon onwards or take it to a member in good time.

The speaker in June will be Mrs Fay Wheat – A Walk Through Real Life.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Twinning Association

It was with the pleasant feeling of waiting to welcome old friends that we stood in the car park of the Club on Thursday 1st May, and there

were many warm greetings when the coach from Samois-sur-Seine arrived. It is now four years since twinning was established, and for some of our guests it was their third visit. This time we had planned an informal weekend, and after a welcome drink our guests went home with their host families. Next day, host families were responsible for entertaining their visitors, and I have heard of visits to Warwick Castle, Stratford, The Cotswolds, Coventry Cathedral, Hatton Craft Centre and many other places of interest. Despite indifferent weather, the countryside was looking beautiful and showing round overseas guests does remind you what a lovely part of the world we live in.

On Saturday afternoon, we offered a choice of activities. Old English pub games were arranged at The Gamecock. Over 20 people took part, organised into 5 teams of 4 (2 English, 2 French) to play Aunt Sally and Skittles. The winning team was Andrew Patrick, Brian Lamont, Laurent Bourguignon, and Joel Samson. They were presented with four bottles of old English ale. It started to rain so everyone adjourned inside the pub to play darts. The game of darts does not come naturally to the French so we definitely had the advantage! Our thanks to Danny Killian for the loan of the games equipment, and for organising the event. Meanwhile, 22 intrepid people went on a walk in the Burton Dassett hills led by John Hancock. Despite the showery weather, the views were spectacular and everyone enjoyed it.

On Saturday evening we held a Ceilidh in the Village Hall. Our resident band 'Reel To Reel' provided the music with caller Peter Bones guiding us through the dances. The cabaret spot in the break was provided by brother and sister duo Daniel and Susie Bones. Those of us who are regulars at the Folk Club know how talented they are, and they gave a terrific performance and were rewarded with enthusiastic applause. Andrew Patrick, speaking first in French and then in English congratulated Georges Guilo-Lohan on his recent honour (he has been made a Chevalier de l'Ordre Nationale du Merite). We now call him Sir Georges! The Chairman of Samois-sur-Seine Twinning Association, Nelly Touchard, presented us with a number of books (in French) for the Library, and you will find them on the shelves soon. The atmosphere during the evening was very special, and rounded off the visit memorably.

We waved farewell to our friends early Sunday morning after an exhausting but hugely enjoyable weekend. They were all presented with a gift box of John Home's excellent Fosseyway honey. There are

a number of people I would like to thank – Ray and Jan Playdon for superb catering for the Ceilidh, members who were not hosting who decorated the Village Hall, and above all, my committee, who worked so hard to make the visit possible.

There are a number of families in Samois-sur-Seine with a teenage son or daughter who would like to arrange an exchange visit this summer with a Harbury family. Unfortunately, we do not have many members with teenage children, so if anyone is interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

We will be going to Samois-sur-Seine in May 2004. Twinning is fun so if you would like to join or just know more about it, you can find me at 32 Mill Street.



Walkers from Harbury
and Samois-sur-Seine
setting out from
Northend

Janet Thornley
dancing with coach
driver Jerome at the
Ceilidh



Sharon Hancock

Harbury Folk Club

During a recent impromptu sing-song with some friends from the Folk Club, we surprised ourselves at how many of the songs we were singing actually came from musicals such as South Pacific, Oklahoma

and of course, the ubiquitous Sound of Music. It therefore seemed a good idea at the time to have "Musicals" as the theme of a forthcoming folk club.

No sooner had I announced this theme than I started to have serious reservations. As the evening approached I became less and less certain that I had chosen the subject wisely, and relented to adopting the theme of "Musicals and Spring"

I need not have worried, as the crowd which filled the Garden Room of the Shakespeare to overflowing, proved once again to be willing to have a go at any subject. We were treated to items from Cats, Sound of Music, Les Miserables, Miss Saigon, and numerous other musicals and a superb atmosphere developed.

I won't name all those who took part as there were too many, but they all did a great job and thanks very much. I must however mention that one of the many highlights of the evening was the rendering of "Doh a Deer" sung by Maureen, Janny and Celia. This was done in 4 languages, namely English, Dutch, French and Boozers!

It was also good to welcome Zoë James from Ladbroke who has never performed at the club before, and Bruce and Rebecca, who have taken part as members of a community choir; it was their first time as a duet. We hope we will see and hear more of them in the future.

It was also good to be touch with some old faces from the past. Mike Putnam turned up, and in his unforgettable style forgot some of his words, but nonetheless entertained us superbly. We also had a live telephone link with John Kemsley, but the amplifier, microphone and phone failed abysmally. However, Peter Mc did a great job of performing an impromptu interview with him and conveyed John's unrelenting enthusiasm to us all.

In summary it was another great Folk Club. Many thanks to all who took part and also to Carole and Andrew who made us so welcome, and served us such quality beer!

The raffle raised a handsome £40.00 and being just before Christian Aid Week, this was the charity.

Don't forget the next Folk Club will be on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 8:30pm in the Garden Room of the Shakespeare.

Parish Paths Partnership

First Sunday Walk:

To the sound of Mike Bloxham's camera clicking away, twelve of us set off on the first walk of what is hoped to be a regular monthly happening. We walked to Chesterton and back in perfect weather using some little known paths and covering about four miles in two hours of gentle exercise. Thank you to Dick Picken for organising the walk, and to all those who took part.

We intend to make this a regular event so why not join us on the third Sunday of the month, 2.30pm outside the Village Hall. (That's June 15th this month.)

Why not also join us at the Carnival when we will be updating an old favourite: a Roll-a-Penny (10p) game with a rights of way theme.



Dick and Eileen Pickers lead the Parish Paths walk

John Ridgley

Harbury Ward Councillors' Surgery

Thank you to those who braved the damp weather to visit our Councillors' Surgery in Harbury on 10th May. As usual, you brought a variety of interesting and important issues, including:

- evidence of the local need for **Housing for Supported Living** (NB not the same as Sheltered Housing) - which we will discuss with Parish, District and County Councils;
- complaints that **Travel Tokens** (requested, under the new scheme, by a £5.00 pre-payment) still haven't arrived one month later - which we will take up with SDC;
- concern about the timing of **refuse collection** from Harbury School with vans reversing up the lane just when children are arriving for school - which we will take up with SDC;
- real disquiet about the 58% rise in **District Council Tax**, feeling that no responsible Council should have allowed itself to get into the position where such a rise was needed - a feeling with which we entirely agree although we can do nothing to change it.

When we have some answers, we shall of course report back to the residents concerned.

The summer Surgery will be at Bishops Itchington in August. But please remember that you don't have to wait until then if you need us. Our contact details are below.

County Councillor: David Booth 01926 640728
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District Councillors: Shenagh Booth 01926 640728
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 Andrew Patrick 01926 614359
andrew.patrick@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Andrew Patrick

Harbury Toddler Group

The weather during May did not live up to the previous few weeks, but the toddlers and their parents/carers were nonetheless able to play/sit outside in the new play area on several occasions, and it is proving to be an excellent extension to the Wight School.

Coffee Morning: Our thanks go to everyone who supported the Toddler Group's Coffee Morning on 10th May. The event raised a tremendous £179.99 and we are very grateful to Compton International who generously increased this figure by £100.00. In

addition, Transco have donated a fantastic £250.00, making a grand total of £529.99. This will go a long way towards helping to pay for the Toddler's summer outing at Umberslade Farm on 9th July, as well as contributing to further improvements in the Wight School.

Carnival: The Toddler Group will once again take part in the Carnival Parade – look out for a tractor with a trailer full of excited youngsters! We will also have our treasure hunt map, where the aim is to guess the location of the buried treasure – in this case a huge hamper full of loads of goodies! The map will be found at the Toddler Group's Pirates' lair at the Carnival. Be sure to get there early to have the best choice of map location for this fantastic prize.

Table Top Sale: Many parents have commented that they would like to sell items of nursery ware, toys, clothing, etc. The Toddler Group is therefore hosting a Table Top Sale in the car park of at the Wight School on Saturday 21st June. Pitches can be booked, on a first come, first served basis, at £5.00 in advance or £6.00 on the day. Please contact Lana Long on 613311. The sale need not be restricted to nursery items, but please note that space will be limited to the area immediately behind the sellers' cars and sellers will need to provide their own tables to display their wares. Set up time will be from 8.00am, with the sale running strictly from 9.00am to 11.00am.

If anyone would like to know more about the Toddler Group, please just come along to one of the sessions at the Wight School, behind the Library (Mondays 10.00am-11.30am, and Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.00pm) or call Bud Jackson, Chair of the Toddler Group Committee on 613434, or Nicky Kirk, Secretary on 614316.

Harbury Toddler Group Committee



Harbury Nursery School

Creative Learning

The Early Years Adviser Chris Thompson had been out to visit the nursery and take part in a creative learning experience. "I want to get messy" she exclaimed. Chris went home three hours later covered in paint after experimenting with a variety of tools and equipment from brushes to rollers and fingers. She loved the wonderful language the children were using as they were painting. Alisha described her creation, "I love this painting. I'm making squishy squashy with my fingers". Chris has asked if she can bring other early

years practitioners to visit the nursery and look at the examples of children's free expression and creativity in photographs, paintings and collage work.

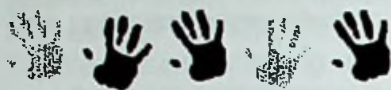
Our 'Pirates Day' on Thursday 22nd May was great fun with a lovely assortment of bloodthirsty pirates and shipmates turning up to help with Captain Kate Smart at the coffee morning, and take part in a treasure hunt in the school grounds masterminded by Mr and Mrs Killick. All shipmates enjoyed consuming the treasure! The coffee morning raised nearly £200.00 which will be put towards a visit by Playbox Theatre in July. The children will enjoy a morning of treasure activities on our sea theme. Many thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes and helped out on the day.



Harbury Nursery
School children
enjoying 'Pirates
Day'

Day Care Success: Parents have been quick to seize the opportunity of adding extra lunches on to sessions this term, and our choice of day care places has been nearly filled every day. If anyone wishes to book a day care place in September, it is essential they book early, as the first to go!

Open Morning Saturday 7th June: All parents are welcome to visit the nursery and find out more about our plans for all the new training our staff are involved in. If you are unable to attend on the day, then please do arrange a time to come in at a later date. Please ring Kate on 612656 or Sue Bushill, Chairman on 612656. We will be delighted to give further information on the nursery at any time.



Harbury Pre-School

Pre-School children often learn about different religious festivals and celebrations that happen both in our and other countries. May has been no exception, with the children being shown where Japan is on the map in relation to the United Kingdom. They understand that Japanese people speak a different language to us and have even been shown Japanese writing. The Japanese people celebrate Children's Day (on May 5th) by decorating their houses with carp shaped kites. The Japanese admire the carp because it is strong and perseveres against the current as it makes its way upstream; they want their children to grow up with the same attributes which is why they hang up the kites. Pre-School children even made their own "carp" shaped kites.

We have also been discovering ways in which the weather, particularly wind, affects our lives and how it can be used. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed blowing bubbles, blowing boats across the water and flying their carp kites. The children have been using a parachute both inside and outside to see how the wind traps underneath the material to lift it up. Everyone had plenty of ideas when they all helped to write a poem about the wind.

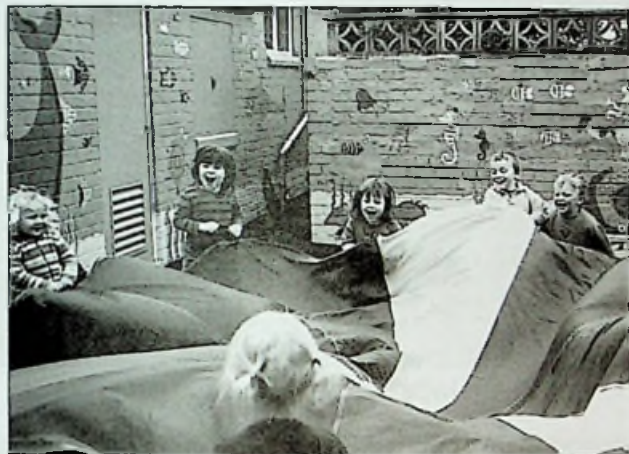
We encourage children to understand how we can look after our environment from an early age, no matter how big or small the part they play. Recently we have talked about keeping the village and Pre-School tidy and have been creating a poster for "Best Kept Village". The children have also learnt the following song (this is sung to the tune of "Ten Green Bottles"):

Don't drop litter, put it in the bin!
 Don't drop litter, put it in the bin!
 Let's keep our Pre-School tidy, neat and clean,
 So don't drop litter, put it in the bin!
 No crisp packets, put them in the bin!
 No crisp packets, put them in the bin!
 Let's keep our Pre-School tidy, neat and clean,
 So don't drop litter, put it in the bin!

Carnival time is getting closer and the excitement is growing at Pre-School. Our theme this year is "A Chinese Carnival", the children have been busy helping Lisa in constructing a giant paper-mache

surprise! All families and friends of Pre-School are more than welcome to come and join in the fun with us on our walking tableau. We will be meeting at Sutcliffe Drive (the usual start point) no later than 1.00pm. Please contact Lana Long on 613311 or the Pre-School staff for further information, including the dress code!

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 her door at Helen Owen House on Mill Street.



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Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on March 22nd; we raised a fantastic £173.00 for P.T.A. funds.

The Uniform Shop held during the Friday Markets in the School Hall in March, April and May raised £25.00 towards P.T.A. funds. We would like to thank Betty Winkfield for the kind donation of a clothes rail for use at the Uniform Shop. If anyone has any school uniform in good condition which is no longer needed please donate it to the PTA. Items can be left with Carol in the school office.

Southam Lions

The P.T.A. Committee would like to thank Southam Lions for the recent donation of £50.00, this being some of the proceeds from the John Turner Festival of Arts and Crafts which was held last November.

Swimming Pool

P.T.A. fundraising efforts for this year are being spent on refurbishing the Swimming Pool surround and changing rooms. Apart from occasional decoration in the changing rooms, no major work has been undertaken and we felt this was a job long overdue. With the help of Jacqui Bullock, one of the parents, Year 6 children put forward designs for a 'new look' to the changing rooms.

With the County Council completing work to the surround of the pool during April, a group of parents/children volunteered to work on the changing rooms over two weekends in May to help keep the cost down. The work mainly involved sanding and painting in the rooms and the fixing of colourful transfers and new hooks; with a new floor finish to be installed to complete the project. The surrounding fence has also been painted in 'Atlantic Blue', which really helps to brightens up the area.

It is also hoped to buy a new shed to house the boxes of armbands, floats and the winter cover for the pool. Although the project is not fully complete and further fundraising is required to help pay towards it, we are sure the children will appreciate changing in the refurbished rooms. Helping to make swimming lessons an even more enjoyable event!

Conkers Trip

On May 17th, eighteen families visited 'Conkers' Discovery Centre near Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Although the weather could have been kinder to us, everyone seemed to enjoy the picnic and activities on offer; with the highlight of the day being the assault course (particularly for the Mums and Dads). The children also enjoyed experiencing the computerised hands-on activities in the Centre which ranged from looking at bugs, recycling everyday items and other environmental displays.

100 Club

By now all of our Committee members will have been collecting for the 100 Club again. For those who aren't familiar with how this works, the numbers 1-100 are sold for £12.00 each and then a draw is made 5 times over the year, each winner receives £100.00.

Anyone who would like further details or would like to put their name down for a number (should one become available) please contact Gill Holden on 612155. The first draw will take place during the Summer Fair in July.

Carnival – Saturday 14th June

This year the P.T.A is planning to hold a 'Sand Art' stall on the field during the Carnival fete. Please come along with your children to fill up a plastic animal or bottle with the colourful sand.

It has also been decided to enter a 'Walking Tableau' in the parade. The theme will be the 'School Houses' i.e., Crocodiles, Dolphins, Foxes and Lions. The purpose of entering is for the children to have fun. If your child attends Harbury Primary and wishes to take part in the parade, please contact Alison Baldwin on 612087 by Thursday 12th June.

4th Annual P.T.A. Beer Walk - Saturday 28th June

A great day out for the whole family! The fourth Annual Beer Walk takes place on Saturday 28th June, starting at midday. For an entry fee of £15.00 per adult, participants are given 10 tokens entitling them to a free ½ pint of beer:

- at all the Harbury pubs,
- a location on the Thwaites estate
- the Butchers Arms in Bishop's Itchington,

At Christmas Hill Farm delicious bacon and egg sandwiches can be purchased.

Those not wishing to drink beer, including children, are welcome to accompany participants. In the evening from 6.00pm, there is a barbecue and a barrel of Hook Norton at the Shakespeare.

Summer Fair – Friday 11th July

This is a very popular event, which takes place after school. As well as the usual games, there will be a cake stall, raffle, tombola and a jam jar jamboree and more. So please start filling those jam jars with interesting items and donations of raffle prizes are most welcome – they can delivered to the School office. More details about the Fair will be distributed at school, together with requests for help to man the stalls and BBQ. See you there!

P.T.A. Committee

Harbury Cricket Club

There is no doubt that the fortunes of Harbury Cricket Club are on an upward curve, but whether that curve can reach consistency is another matter. Everyone will have to play terribly well this season!

That curve is based on Harbury's 4 wins out of 5 games; victories against Bugbrook, Kinton, Rugby and Willoughby, a quartet of clubs that have inflicted heavy defeats upon Harbury in the past.

Still if you've got a drum to beat - even a small one - beat it loud and long. Read the following match reports to see just how we do that!

Harbury also sports an Occasionals side which was set up to encourage new players - particularly younger players. The club is keen for father/son combinations to play in this development team. If you are interested in playing or joining the club, telephone 01926 612684.

Shirley Royal British Legion V HARBURY (27th April)

'Nice Weather For Ducks - Harbury lost their second game of the season by 10 wickets on Sunday. Harbury won the toss and elected to bat against a strong bowling line up. It was an awesome sight to witness the Legion's field placement, fine legs and third men did not exist. For both opening bowlers there was a close-in cordon of five slips and gullies which helped account for three of Harbury's ducks. Ed Russell went for a duck, Clifford and Dormer batted with confidence and put on 46 runs before Clifford fell for 16, Dormer went on to score 55 not out, coping with the bowling with relative ease. Wilkinson looked in fine form but was dismissed before he really got going. Adrian Clack's dismissal was almost beyond explanation; as he trudged off the field for Harbury's second duck, nearly everyone was tempted to ask him if his shot was really necessary! For once there were no revival heroics from Richard Carr. The keeper tried to half-sweep, half-pull a delivery in line with his off stump. The hybrid nature of his eventual stroke was caused by a gross misjudgement of length, and the result was Harbury's third duck of the innings! Bowler Greg Neil came in at number nine and hit a graceful 18 not out to help Harbury struggle to 138 off their 40 overs.

Harbury's bowlers were unable to break the Legions opening pair who knocked off the runs

HARBURY v Willoughby (4th May)

Only a handful of spectators witnessed what many believed would be a Willoughby victory, but instead Harbury easily won in a low scoring encounter. The general consensus of opinion was that Willoughby would make light work of Harbury but instead with the new ball Harbury bowled out the opposition in windy conditions for 125. Ed Russell took 3 for 15, Greg Neil who is a bowler that has suffered from people bending his ear about line and length was able to cut through all that and produce a fine spell of pace bowling to take his first wicket of the season. Stuart Muggleston was economical and bowled a good spell with Ian Brieley who struck with 3 quick wickets from 5 overs for only 10 runs. Harbury's 'Deadly' Derek Clack was accurate and awkward; on a drying surface he proved nearly unplayable as batsmen found it difficult to use their feet to attack him, this helped bring Willoughbys innings to a close at 125 all-out. John Clifford and Richard Lowe chipped in with a wicket-a-piece in their first bowl of the season.

The wicket had much improved by the time Wilkinson and Clifford strode out to bat; the latter soon misjudged a swirling full toss to lose his leg-stump for 8, and Wilkinson quickly followed after again looking good before an in-swinging rearranged his off-stump scoring 7. Ed Russell and Ali Dormer resumed the fight, Dormer brilliantly stumped for 13 and Russell falling next after a quick-fire 49 which included 3 six's. The damage had been done to Willoughbys small total even though Ian Brieley gave them hope of a Harbury collapse when he went for a Golden Duck playing the kind of shot that will give him many sleepless nights! It was then left to the lightening reflexes of Richard Carr who put his unorthodox style to good use this week finishing on 9 not out and Les Sollis 19 not out who steered Harbury home to a convincing win with a six!

HARBURY v Kineton (11th May)

Harbury won by 8 Wickets - Harbury's successful start to the season continued as they won their third out of four games. Kineton were hanging on from the outset: but there was no resolution in their defence. After only four runs were on the board, Greg Neil struck removing opener Clarke for 2, Neil finished with an impressive 1 for 16 off 8 overs. Keeper Carr produced a sober performance behind the stumps taking a catch and conceding only 3 byes. Muggleston took 3 for 18 with an intelligent spell of bowling. Thereafter they're seemed to be a death-wish to Kineton's batting, Ian Brieley mopped up with a wicket at the end, but it was 'Deadly' Derek Clack who was again accurate and awkward picking up 5 wickets for 18 runs off 8 overs. Clack's patience and precision succeeded in bringing the innings to a premature end finishing with what seemed to be a slow googly that enticed the batsman forward to produce a sharp caught and bowled chance which the old timer gladly snaffled up! The best batting of the Kineton innings came from Burt and Powell who scored 16 and 18 not out respectively but were unable to drag the innings past 69.

Harbury's reply was swift and effective, the opening pair putting on 55 for the first wicket before retired school master Clifford chipped up one too many chances and was snapped up for 29. Ed Russell fell cheaply for 3 with anything but a reassuring shot though Wilkinson who's looked good all season finished on 28 not out as Harbury cruised home inside 23 overs to win by 8 wickets.

Rugby v HARBURY (18th May)

Rugby 176 all out, Harbury 179 for 2 - Harbury win by 8 wickets and

10 balls to spare - Harbury won the toss and elected to bowl on a damp wicket. Rugby responded well and dominated the Harbury attack and seemed to be in control of the game early on. However Rugby's shot selection let them down and no batsman went on to make a big score even though seven players did reach double figures. Despite the big hitting, Harbury's bowlers stuck to their task well. Ed Russell took 4 for 33; Stuart Muggleston 1 for 38; Greg Neil 1 for 45; Tim Clayton 1 for 22; Derek Clack 1 for 23 and Ian Brieley bowled straight taking 2 wickets for a miserly 10 runs off 7 overs. Harbury for once were not at their best in the field, Dutch import Paul Bennett who dropped an easy chance and proved not tall enough to reach another whilst a host of chances were misjudged in the outfield. It was left again to evergreen keeper Richard Carr on the cusp of retirement to take a sharp stumping off 'Deadly' Derek Clack and to dive backwards clinging onto a catch at the fourth attempt to bring the innings to a close. Rugby however maintained their aggressive momentum finishing on 176 all out off 38.4 overs.

Harbury's batting line-up is largely unproven this year and in stark contrast to Rugby got the reply off to a cautious but steady start. Clifford and Wilkinson put on 28 for the first wicket before Wilkinson was bowled playing back to a pitched up delivery for 8 runs. Ed Russell came to the wicket and batted with confidence to score 82 not out and was well supported by Clifford 33 (losing patience to leg spinner Turner chipping up another tame catch to mid-off). Ian Brieley 38 not out (who was promoted up the order for his unorthodox style) batted manfully for an inspiring 38 not out. Both players guided underdogs Harbury home for their fourth and best victory of the season so far.

Ed Russell, Chairman



Harbury Junior Football Club



The annual presentation evening was held at the Village Hall on May 17th and once again it was a great success. This year the medals and trophies were presented to the players by ex Coventry City and FA cup winner Lloyd McGrath.

Each player received a medal to commemorate the season with the club and awards were presented for Most Improved Player, Clubman

of the Year, Golden Boot Award for the most goals scored, and Player of the Year for each of the four teams representing the club this season. A Player's Player of the Year trophy was awarded in the U13's and U15's age groups.

Winners of the annual awards were:

Under 8's

Most Improved Player	Berren Long
Clubman of the Year	Sam Cheeseman
Golden Boot Award	Angus Murray
Player of the Year	Matthew van Kesteren

Under 10's

Most Improved Player	Awarded jointly to Mike Varriale and Joe Woodfield
Clubman of the Year	Teddy Zawoda
Golden Boot Award	Jordan King
Player of the Year	Awarded jointly to Chris Wall and Ben Swidryk

Under 13's

Most Improved Player	Jordan Cox
Clubman of the Year	Henry Wilkins
Golden Boot Award	Stuart Pratt
Player of the Year	Steven Boss
Player's Player of the Year	Andrew Young

Under 15's

Most Improved Player	Neil Hudson
Clubman of the Year	Awarded jointly to Tom Hughes and Thomas Wilkins
Golden Boot Award	Adam Johnson
Player of the Year	Carl Hanson
Player's Player of the Year	Sam Wilkins

Also on display was the U15's Fair Play Trophy and the League overall Sportsmanship Award. Both trophies were presented to the U15's at the recent Mid Warwickshire Football League Presentation

Night at the Spa Centre. The Fair Play Trophy was awarded to the U15's for receiving the most votes for Sportsmanship throughout the season from Managers of the teams who played against them. The League overall Sportsmanship Award was open to all the teams from all age groups in the League which number nearly 200 teams, making this a very prestigious award and shows how well the team have conducted themselves both on and off the pitch.

All teams have progressed and developed their football skills during the season. We wish all the teams a successful and enjoyable 2003/2004 season.

During May the teams have competed in a number of tournaments.

The under 8's group played their first ever competitive games in a seven-a-side tournament held at Kineton Sports ground involving teams from other local villages. Despite a difficult start against the eventual tournament winners, the team rose to the challenge of competitive sport and finished off their group matches with a resounding 4-0 win. The team fielded many players who were under 7's and as a result gained valuable experience in preparation for next season.

On the 25 May the U13's entered a team at the Central Ajax six-a-side tournament where they played well and came away with creditable 1 defeat, 2 draws and 3 wins, narrowly missing out in a place in the final.

The U15's also entered a team at Central Ajax where they played a series of close competitive games that resulted in losing 1, drawing 3 and winning 1.

The club have once again entered teams in the Three Counties League (U8's and U10's) and the Mid-Warwickshire Football League (U14's and U16's).

The club would like to attract more players for next season that will be in Year 4 in the next school year starting September. This will enable us to run two seven-a-side age groups (under 9's and under 8's). If you are interested in joining for next season, please call Steve Darby on 01926 613330.

Training for the under 8's will recommence at 9.00am at the school playing field on the first Saturday when the children are back at school after the summer break.

Trials will be held for next seasons U10's, U14's and U16's on Thursday 19th June at 6.30pm at the village playing field. For further information contact Jim Farrell (U10's) on 612396, Mick Pratt (U14's) on 817700 or John Wilkins (U16's) on 612115, or just turn up on the day.

Steve Young (Club Secretary) 813690

Ufton News

Ufton Fete - Saturday 7th June

A lovely afternoon for all the family, starting at 2.00pm in The Old Rectory Garden. Come along and have fun: stalls, games, competitions, jumble, fancy dress, lucky dip, refreshments, etc.

Best Kept Village Competition 2003

Just a reminder that the judges will be visiting the village for the first time, any moment now. Please tidy up your frontages!

Take Time Out

Sketching and Watercolours - Outdoors On A Summer Evening, Thursday 26th June, 7.30pm-9.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Brian Aldrich, a participant on TVs Watercolour Challenge, has agreed to come again to Ufton to show us how to sketch and complete a landscape in an evening. If the weather is too wet we have ensured alternative subjects to paint. As with all Take Time Out events this is suitable for both beginners and the more experienced artist. Please bring, if you can, soft pencil, rubber, watercolours, watercolour paper (pre-stretched – or from a watercolour block pad), a board to rest your work on, brushes and a small water pot. Cost £4.00.

Private Garden and House Visit to Broughton Castle, Nr Banbury, Wednesday 2nd July at 10.30am

A special guided tour has been arranged to view the one acre herbaceous, rose and knot gardens and an inside tour of the moated

castle, home of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele. A light lunch in the castle tearooms has also been arranged. Cost is £4.00 (plus lunch £4.15). This visit needs a minimum of 20 persons; please help us by booking early.

Please book as early as possible for these events as we expect them to be very popular. Contact Tracey Watts on 614413 for full details and a copy of the 2003 programme.

Karen Kirk (613003)

The Post Office – Now and In the Future

Many people in the village will be aware of the on-going struggle to find an alternative situation to house the Post Office following the retirement of Brian Taylor. What may not be quite so obvious is the continuing fight by rural and small urban Post Offices to retain the 'franchise' to remain open for business in some instances. The P.O. at the top of The Parade ceased operating this year and there are plans to shut around 3,000 branches nationwide in the interest of 'efficiency'. It does not matter to some of the P.O. chiefs that the cost-cutting exercise they are promoting will result in a less efficient or none-existent service for many - particularly the older members of a community or people unable to travel to the next nearest branch. It is therefore vital that those in our village who depend on the services provided by 'our' branch are supported by those who at the moment could make arrangements elsewhere, but may at some time in the future wish they had supported those in current need to retain the service they depend on. We all need to ensure that we do 'our bit', so that the chance to receive cash, pay bills and have a local bank account is a service available to all villagers.

Last month I wrote about the Post Office Card Account, but since then I have become aware of additional information, which I am passing on through this article. Apparently, the 'Key Pads', which were intended for customers to put in their PIN code in order to obtain cash have been found to have a design fault in those areas which trialled them so far and have had to be returned for modification. The pads were unsuitable for the use of disabled people, including the visually impaired and the positioning of the pads in many cases was found to be unsuitable.

The good news, however, is that an article in the national press indicated that no-one needs to be persuaded, against their better

judgment, to give up their allowance book. The article stated 'what the Department of Work and Pensions letter fails to mention is that everyone is legally entitled to carry on using a benefits book'.

Help the Aged have said that the "Department cannot force people to change, it can only hope that they respond to its letters. Those who receive a letter should not just rip it up, but write back, explaining that they want the 'EXCEPTIONS' choice and continue to use their books. Those who ignore the letters are likely to be plagued by more mail and phone calls, putting pressure on them to switch to direct payment through a bank". The message from Help the Aged is to 'stand firm' and continue to state that you wish your allowance book to be retained.

In order to maintain a viable Post Office in the village everyone should be aware of the ways in which they can ensure the service is maintained for the future by taking some of the following steps:

1. Pay some bills through Post Office Counters, including electricity, gas and water, using the Giro Cheque payment section which is attached at the bottom of each bill.
2. Pay other bills such as TV Licence renewals in the same way, or pay for saver stamps, which gradually allow the cost to be covered over a period of time.
3. Use the 'banking service', which some banks, including Alliance and Leicester, Barclays, the Co-operative Bank and Lloyds TSB have set up. For those who may wish to carry out some transactions from home, Abbey National's on-line bank Cahoot and the Co-operative's Smile will facilitate use of the P.O. service.

Over the years, the Harbury and Ladbroke News has continued to advocate 'USE IT or LOSE IT' in the context of supporting those village services, which some villagers depend on, but others use as a convenience, 'when all else fails'. There are those in the village who still have long enough memories to recall the time when Harbury was cut off for several days by snowdrifts and families who had never visited one of the local shops suddenly appeared through the doors looking for provisions, which they normally purchased elsewhere. The H&L News has often quoted that 'if each family put approx. £5.00 into each of the village services each week', then we might never need to worry about another service being lost to the community. This time, the pressure could be on the Post Office, next time it could be the

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garages, one of the pubs or the shops. If we care about our community, then we should all 'do our bit' to show support to all members of our village, especially those for whom the local services are a life-line. Maybe use more services at the Post Office than your family currently uses – a cheque paid 'over the counter' is cheaper than the cost of a stamp and direct access to instant cash makes budgeting more easy to deal with on a regular basis.

In recent weeks, the Post Office has displayed two posters about its services and it is worth remembering the following quote from Hansard (House of Commons report 12.04.00) on the window poster:

This is the PROMISE of the Prime Minister, Tony Blair: "Let me make one thing clear again. No-one will be prevented from continuing to receive benefits in CASH, at the Post Office, if he or she wants to, and not only monthly, but WEEKLY."

We must all remember in the coming months when we are contacted about the 'changes to the service' to 'stand firm' and write our request to continue with allowance books in the 'EXCEPTIONS' space, so that we retain the present system for the benefit of all – now and in the future.

Chris Finch

Harbury Goes The Extra Mile To Help People Living With Cancer

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Harbury, I have sent the grand total of £439.56 to the Macmillan Cancer Relief Charity.

To those who willingly gave their time monitoring the line of coins along the footpath in the centre of the village on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th May, a very big thank you.

The money raised provides:

- specialist Macmillan nurses and doctors who deliver the best in cancer care,
- vitally needed treatment centres,
- financial help to those who need it most,
- a range of information both locally and nationally.

For cancer information and support, contact the Macmillan Cancer Line (Monday-Friday 9.00am-6.00pm) by freephone: 0808 808 2020, textphone: 0808 808 0121, or by e-mail cancerline@macmillan.org.uk, or log onto www.macmillan.org.uk.



Daphne Wallington with
Rebecca and Mille Evans



Ann Mayer (centre) with
Win and Tony Elliott

Ann Mayer

Harbury Carnival June 14th

A few last minute items:

1. Will those entering the Carnival procession please assemble in Sutcliffe Drive at the appropriate location for the class you are in (there will be signs on the pavement). The classes are:
 - Decorated Float – Private
 - Decorated Float – Trade
 - Decorated Float – Children
 - Decorated bicycle, pram or car
 - Horse drawn, mounted or led
 - Walking Tableau – Adults

- Walking Tableau – Children
- Walking Adult
- Walking Child

Judging will take place at 12.45pm.

2. We need cakes (plenty of them!) for the afternoon teas. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.
3. There is still time to book a stall but please contact Jane McCluskey on 614453 as soon as possible.

To ensure the success of the event we hope that you will support us with your usual enthusiasm, floats, groups and fancy dress.

Wheelbarrow Race

The Wheelbarrow Race on the 8th June will commence from the Shakespeare. Please assemble at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. Again, can I please ask you to make sure you complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee before the day? Forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian on 612265.

Pub Games

For the other events taking place during Carnival week will those taking part please assemble at the appropriate pub for a 7.30pm start.

The order of events is:

- Monday 9th - Aunt Sally at the Crown
- Tuesday 10th - Skittles at the Old New Inn
- Wednesday 11th - Horseshoes at the Gamecock
- Thursday 12th - Quiz at the Dog

Carnival Dance

Don't forget, this year sees the welcome return of the Carnival Dance, organised and hosted by the Village Club. Please give them all the

support you can.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.harburycarnival.org.uk and you can e-mail us on harburycarnival@aol.com.

John Broomfield

Victorian Street Fayre

Saturday 11th October 2003

It's back by popular demand, the Harbury Victorian Street Fayre! This event takes place in the autumn and is not only a fun evening out, but a great opportunity for your organisation or charity to make some money.

So put October 11th in your diary, phone 614062 to book a stall, and dust off your top hat or crinolines.



Nick Tawney

Summer Exhibition

Building on the tremendous success of last year's initial show, when the response of artists and the public far exceeded expectations, Harbury will stage its second summer exhibition of paintings, pastels and drawings in the Parish Church on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July.

Two features which proved exceedingly popular last year will be repeated. They are a display in their own special corner of the church of paintings and drawings by village children, and the attendance throughout of Nick Baldwin, a professional artist and former Daily Express cartoonist, who will demonstrate his techniques and answer visitor's questions. Exhibitors who wish to do so are able to offer their

work for sale.

The hours of opening this year are from 10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday, and between 1.00pm and 5.00pm on Sunday. Church funds will benefit from the proceeds.

Artists who have not already done so and wish to exhibit, have until 27th June to submit an entry form, which can be obtained from Bill Davies (Telephone/Fax 614104, Mobile 0797 9514517).

Bill Davies

Closure of Southam Surgery

Our surgeries at Pendyke Street Clinic, Southam, will cease from Friday 27th June 2003. We hope this will not cause inconvenience to those of you who have found this surgery time useful, but we feel we are able to offer a more efficient service at our main surgery in Harbury.

Should you wish to discuss this in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact our Practice Manager Mrs Barbara Andrews, or Ms Wendy Smith at the Primary Care Trust (01926 493491).

Drs JL Hancock, CM Snowdon & JJA Wilkinson

Art Tutorials

Professional artist Nick Baldwin is running whole day painting tutorials in the Tom Hauley Room on the first Thursday of the month for the remainder of 2003 (commencing 5th June).

All levels invited to join a friendly group of enthusiastic water colourists, many of whom have attended the sessions since October last year.

For full details contact Nick Baldwin, telephone 01295 252773 or 01926 614104.

Nick Baldwin

Do You Enjoy Singing And Friendship?

The Windmill Singers of South Warwickshire meet at the Old School, Long Itchington (opposite the church) every Thursday evening 8.00pm to 10.00pm, including break for refreshment and chatter. We rehearse a variety of choral music; classical, folk arrangements, church music and perform at local churches, halls, stately homes, as well as at weddings and other events. We also enjoy an annual weekend visit to one of our great Cathedrals to replace their own choir at summer holiday time.

We celebrate our 40th anniversary next year and we would love to work towards this event by adding new members, and taking part in extra events in 2003. Do come and try out this very sociable group any Thursday evening. There are no auditions and you can be sure of a Windmill Family welcome and the opportunity for new friendships.

Give our secretary Pam Miller a call on 01926 813477 or, even better, just bring your voice along on a Thursday evening.

Ray Truslove

Harbury First Responder Group

Were you there? Did you work out whodunit? Well, I didn't.

Anne Megeney turned Agatha Christie and put pen to paper and came up with a fabulous Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday 17th May, in order to help raise funds for the Harbury First Responder Group. The evening at the Tom Hauley Room was wonderful. The actors, the setting, the food, the waiting staff, and all the *unknowns* behind the scenes came together and made a really good night out. This evening helped to raise £400.00 for the Group and this will be very much appreciated. The Group now has enough funds to run for the foreseeable future.

I would like to thank absolutely everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm. On the night, I was quite overwhelmed as the event was well supported.

I would like to congratulate Mark, Julie, Helen, Rosemary, Caroline, Gwen and Brenda for recently achieving the standard required in the assessments to use the defibrillator. There will be more training nights

being set up in the future for anyone who would like to become a Responder. All you have to do is pop your name, address and telephone number on a piece of paper, and post it to me at the *Hairdresser's, Chapel Street*, and I will contact you.

In the next few weeks I am going to have a meeting with the Responders to set up a rota, and with that the Group will become active in Harbury and the surrounding area. The light at the end of the tunnel is drawing nearer

Deborah Ellis

Musings From A Country Garden (11)

New Life

We might be looking at hail storms and dramatic fork lightning - the temperatures may have forced some of us to put the central heating back on (if we had been brave enough to turn it off), but wild life has been multiplying as if it was spring.

Birds

Lots of tiny sparrows appear daily on the bird table. B-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l thrushes with pristine new feathers also visit daily, as do the large contingent of male blackbirds. The females are undoubtedly sitting on their nests. There are eleven elm trees at intervals in the long hedge. I have seen the blackbirds disappearing into the thick ivy that is covering the trunks— where there are nests.

Robins keep telling me that it is 'cheese-time' -they get grated cheese when they are feeding their young. There is one egg in the wren's nest in the eaves of the workshop. I didn't come across it, Albert did (he is my 'aide-de-camp' in the garden) when he was looking for the spare key to the potting shed. The long tailed tits have gone – temporarily - they will be back. I have seen a Tree Creeper and a Nuthatch as well as several Marsh Tits. Also Dunnocks have appeared this year; they do not come on a regular basis.

I still have not heard a cuckoo - am I the only one I ask myself. Time is running out - what is the saying? 'In June they change their tune

and July they fly away' !!!

Life is full of surprises as I have said before. You remember me telling the tale of the l-a-r-g-e Jackdaw with the steely grey eyes who was in my hearth one dark night I have just been into the kitchen, having finished this article (I thought) - I looked out of the window and (this is not exaggerated one little bit) on the bird table looking straight at me with steely grey eyes was a *small* Jackdaw but with what looked like a grey fluffy mohair cardigan on and grey mohair shaggy trousers. I stayed for some time looking at this strange bird and then headed for my reference books. Just as if he knew I was confused, it is now mid-afternoon and there he was again on the bird table. I have not changed my mind. He must be a newly hatched Jackdaw, with the grey downy type fluff that he was born with. I have never seen anything looking quite as odd.

Cats

Ginger, the wandering feral cat has made himself obvious several times just lately. Visitors on two separate occasions called out to me "there is a ginger cat sitting in your kitchen is that all right, has he got an appointment?" What was odd was that he did not seem to be too frightened with a surprise encounter with a strange gentleman and a strange lady, 'Tilla would have been half way down the village. However, when I got to the kitchen door he was just outside. I said "Hello Ginger" as one does, and he immediately turned and faced me and followed me back into the kitchen ... he drank his milk with his eyes closed ... if I was a cat psychologist, I would know what that meant, but I don't - had he got a headache I wonder? Today he was waiting for me to return home. I almost got right up to him. He WAS thirsty - he drank three-quarters of a pint of diluted evaporated milk straight off with no pauses. I do hope he has not got designs on Bell View - I really do not want another cat.

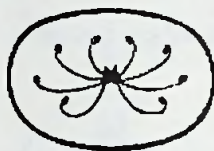
Game

The garden now has the added excitement of pheasant's heads appearing *above* the foliage. Before, they could be seen clearly, now they are mostly hidden with their patches of red facial feathers just poking out looking like a plant I did not know I had got. Their raucous call is the same, they are sometimes so close that I jump out of my skin - perhaps it is intentional - like - "get out of my way I want to pass by" ... well it works!

Plants

The Ragged Robin (which I read was a wild flower plant in decline) is not dead as I thought, but has appeared in a different place in the garden in several clumps, and what is also exciting, I have a Cardoon which is about 18" tall.

Elsa Greenway



Horticultural Society

At the last talk "Plants for Hot Spots", Rachel Salisbury explained that the Mediterranean climate occurred in many areas of the world. Hence the plants which survive these conditions also come from many parts of the world. She gave many examples which put up with our cold wet winters – rather different to the normal Mediterranean ones – Penstemons, Daphnes, bulbs like tulips, some pelargoniums and the rhizomatous common "flag" iris. They don't mind the cold and wet, but object to standing in it, so reasonable drainage is essential. She also showed many slides and, of course, answered questions.

It will very soon be Wednesday 11th June. This is the date for our trip to the Rocco Gardens, then after lunch on to Abbey Gardens. The coach leaves 9.00am sharp, so please be at the Village Hall in good time.

For the evening meeting on Thursday 26th June, please assemble at the Village Hall at 5.45pm so Judy will then hand out directions to South Newington House. As usual, we hope for fine weather, but please bring your brollies on both occasions.

They were certainly needed for the visit to the Bridge Nursery last Thursday. The weather did not spoil the evening, however. Christine and her partner have put a lot of work in, a pond and more beds, etc, I am told. In their "spare time" they are making more figures in willow, their panda was stolen, so will set the new ones in concrete - how can anyone do that sort of thing? In spite of the rain there was a good turn out – true Brits, and an enjoyable evening followed.

With the September Village show in mind, please remember if you intend to exhibit home made wines – there are more classes this year – use clear colourless bottles with flanged closures. This makes it easier for the judge to evaluate clarity and colour etc. As for the last

three years, the show will be open to Ladbroke/Deppers Bridge W.I. and residents of Ladbroke, as well as members of Harbury W.I., Horticultural Society, residents of Harbury and Deppers Bridge. Schedules will soon be available.

The walkabout is the 12th and 13th July, and please I would like some help serving teas in Dr Wilne's garden. If you would like to help, please telephone me on 612515.

NB: The recipe for Elderflower Cordial – in the May issue – should read four oranges and one lemon.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes For June

It would seem that our seasons have become so confused that the poor plants do not know where they are. Here is the start of summer and yet today, it could be late autumn. Traditionally, early June gives the 'bedding gap' when at the end of May, spring flowers give up the ghost and summer plants are only just going in. However, in my garden spring bulbs are still growing apace and there is hardly a space for the plants waiting in the wings. Is this what keeps us gardening?

Hopefully, tender plants can be safely put out, so plant out half-hardy summer bedding in borders and pots. Water the plants a few hours before starting work with them and try to pick a cool damp day. At the moment that should not be difficult! Fill to within 2" of the rim, add water, gel and slow release fertiliser, a couple of handfuls to a 12" pot will keep them fed until late summer. Nicotiana, brachycome, verbena, petunia are very good 'doers' no matter what the weather, even if we get a cold wet June. Be generous with plants, but not too generous with manure or the plants will put on lots of leaf at the expense of flowers. Water in well after planting. Put out hanging baskets and containers that were planted up last month. Boost border perennials with a liquid feed.

Pull off stems of garden pinks to make cuttings, and plant them in pots of sandy soil, covered by plastic bags. Alternatively layer them by piling soil onto some of the longer stems and they should grow roots

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and form new plants.

Thinking ahead, sow winter flowering pansies, polyanthus, other early spring bedding and biennials now, in seed trays. Keep in a cool shaded place but do not forget to water them. Wallflowers sown now will be big enough to plant out in October.

Plant outdoor tomatoes with a strong stake to each plant. Once they have produced 4 or 5 trusses of fruit pinch out the growing tip to leave one leaf above the top truss. If the plant is allowed to grow on, the later blooms will not produce ripe fruit outside. Plant out leek seedlings by dropping each plant into a 6" deep hole and watering in. Try slipping a loo-roll cardboard inner over each plant to make earthing up easier. June drop of apples and pears will occur, but it may still be necessary to thin the small fruits to 2 or 3 per cluster. Remove any suckers at base of trees. Thin plums to a single fruit every 2-3". Plum and cherry trees can be pruned from now through to the beginning of September, choose a dry day.

Now is a good time to take cuttings of foliage leaf begonias rex, saintpaulias, streptocarpus and ficus plants. Finally for a lush green lawn feed the grass with a nitrogen rich or long lasting fertiliser. If this is in granular form, water the grass to prevent the chemicals scorching it.

Plant of the month - Carrots

A bunch of young carrots can be as pretty as a posy of flowers, indeed in Elizabethan times they decorated sleeves and hats. Courtiers pinned the feathery fronds to clothing to celebrate the arrival of summer. Then, this plant which was probably introduced to Britain by Flemish workers, had more leaf than root, rather like caraway, cumin, chervil and parsley to which it is related. I wonder do children still grow the green fronds that will sprout up from a carrot top if it is left in a saucer of water? Now it is the slender or stumpy, orange roots which we value as a year round vegetable.

Daucus carota is native to Europe and has been welcomed in the kitchen for its role in sweet and savoury recipes. In theory it is easy to grow, with seeds germinating in about two weeks when sown any time from February to August. In practice they can be difficult because they prefer deep sandy soil and are easily attacked by carrot fly. Anyone

who has pulled what appear to be perfectly healthy plants only to find them riddled with holes and tunnels will know the feeling of loss. The research laboratories at Wellesbourne have made some progress in producing resistant varieties but unfortunately only the wily gardener with protective mesh and good timing will grow the perfect roots.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Please could you delete the item of Stories, etc., in the Regular Diary Dates, from future newsletters.

Unfortunately, Stratford cannot provide staff to come and read a story, and as the library is single manned, I cannot do it myself.

Thank you.

Christine Dunne (Library Assistant)

Dear Editors

Red Cross Collection Week

On behalf of the Red Cross, I would like to thank everyone once again for giving so generously. The total collection was £757.65. An excellent result done by a hard working team of collectors, many of them having collected for several years.

Anne Lambert

Dear Editors

Christian Aid Week

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, especially the collectors and counters. The kind people of Harbury raised £1,156.00. Grateful thanks to you all.

David Cooke

Dear Editors

The coffee morning for the Multiple Sclerosis Society together with donations raised £600.00. To everyone who supported and gave so generously, also our band of helpers (what would we do without them?) - THANK YOU.

Brenda Turner and Doreen Bloxham

Dear Editors

I am writing on behalf of myself and David Birnie to thank all those people who sent letters, parcels and best wishes to us while we were away in Iraq.

We really appreciated the letters and news from home, not to mention the parcels we received, and it certainly helped us to know that our families were being well supported during, what must have been, a very difficult time for them. It was very comforting to know that we were in your thoughts and prayers while we were away.

David and I are now back home safe and sound, and looking forward to some leave before we go on to our next assignments.

Thank you all once again.

Emma Rawlings



Flags fly in Neale's Close to welcome home David Birnie and Emma Rawlings

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Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Mrs. J. Windsor	612504
Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
Wight School	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: T. Hauley Room, 1st Thursday of the month

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon
 Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00pm-10:00pm (not in summer)
 Friday (612029) (Juniors) 2:00pm-3:00pm
 Sunday (613340) 7:00pm-10:00pm (not in summer)

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: (613207) various homes, 1st & 3rd Thursdays in the month 2:00pm to 3:30pm; (612864) various homes, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the month 10.30am to 12noon

BOOKWORMS: (614793) Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15pm-7:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room, Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

DANCING CLASSES: (01789-842242) Farley Room of Village Hall, Children only, Wednesdays 4:00pm-8:00pm

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

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 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 9s:** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch
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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

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HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

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

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom. Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (October to May); 8:00pm

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Thursdays 10:00am-1:00pm; 2:00pm-5:00pm and 5:30pm-7:00pm;

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Matches on Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

SOUND BEGINNINGS: (614532), Farley Room, 0-2yrs music, Weds 10.30am-11.30am

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: (614274) Meeting on 2nd Thursday in the month at the Shakespeare 8:00pm

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