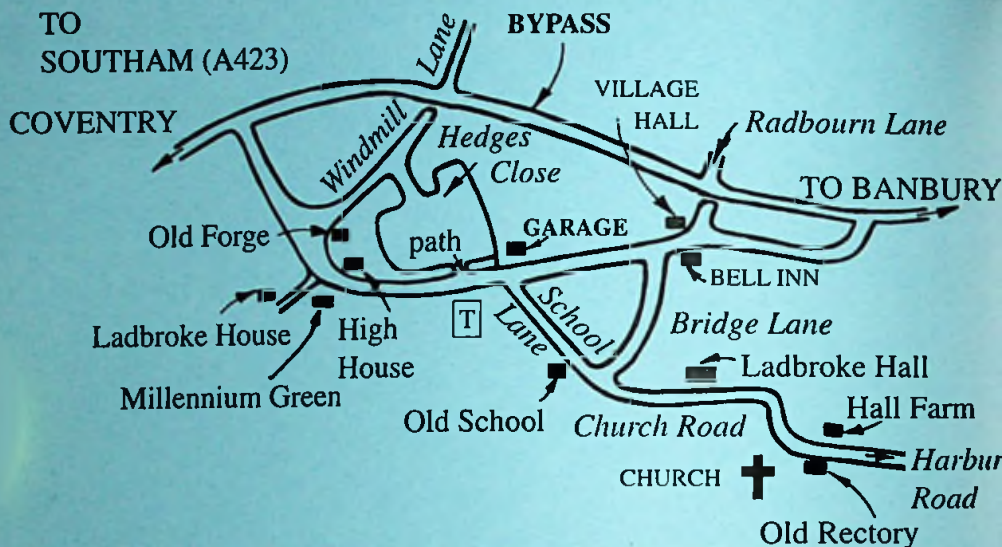


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Last month saw the closure of the 'Top Shop' after 56 years of service to the village. We shall miss the traditional grocers, which is now no part of modern shopping. Villagers over the years have really valued the personal touch given by the staff.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>; the speaker will be Mick Potter from the Warwickshire County Council Emergency

Planning Unit. This is an opportunity to question your councillors about council business.

Looking forward to next month, there will be a whole week of events leading up to the Carnival (see article for details). We would encourage everyone to support this traditional village event.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Gillian Moore.

# Harbury Diary

## May

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>4 THIRD AFTER EASTER</b> - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm  |
| <b>Mon</b>   | <b>5 BANK HOLIDAY</b>  |
| <b>Tues</b>  | <b>6</b> Holy Communion 7.30pm; PCC Meeting in Church 8pm<br>Self-defence Classes in Farley Room, Village Hall 8-9pm<br>Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room with Sale of Plants |
| <b>Wed</b>   | <b>7</b> Sound beginnings in Village Hall 10.30am<br>Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers Union 2.30pm<br>Prayer meeting in Church 8pm  |
| <b>Thurs</b> | <b>8</b> Holy Communion 9.45am<br>Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm<br>Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm<br>WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm                                   |
| <b>Sat</b>   | <b>10</b> Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddler Group<br>Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 11-2pm   |
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>11 FOURTH AFTER EASTER</b> - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am   |
| <b>Tues</b>  | <b>13</b> Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8pm<br>Self-defence Classes in Farley Room, Village Hall 8-9pm<br>'Bodyworks' in Tom Hauley Room (East) 7.30pm                           |
| <b>Wed</b>   | <b>14</b> Sound Beginnings in Village Hall 10.30am<br>'Talk it Through' at 33, South Parade 8pm  |
| <b>Thurs</b> | <b>15</b> Holy Communion 9.45am<br>Bible Study at 15, Pineham Avenue 2pm<br>Youth Club 7-9pm in Village Hall   |
| <b>Fri</b>   | <b>16 RECYLING COLLECTION</b>  |
| <b>Sat</b>   | <b>17</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room<br>Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Kids Club<br>Junior Football Presentation at Village Hall                      |
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>18 FIFTH AFTER EASTER</b><br>Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am, Evensong 6pm<br>Guided Walk from Village Hall 2.30pm   |

- Tues 20 ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm Mothers Union 8pm  
Self-defence Classes in Village Hall 8-9pm  
Senior Citizens in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 21 Sound Beginnings in Village Hall 10.30am  
Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm  
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 23 School Half Term begins
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Men's Group  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 11-2pm
- Sun 25 **SIXTH AFTER EASTER**  
Holy Communion 8am; BCP Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 26 BANK HOLIDAY
- Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Meeting 8pm
- Wed 28 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm 19 Farm Street  
'Talk it Through' at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 29 ASCENSION DAY  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
BLOOD DONORS in Village Hall 1.30-3.30pm & 4.30-7.30pm
- Fri 30 RECYCLING COLLECTION  
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning in Tom H. Room in aid of the Tom Hauley Room  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Inn Car Park 11-2pm

## June

- Sun 1 **SEVENTH AFTER EASTER**  
Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm
- Mon 2 School Half Term Ends
- Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 4 Sound Beginnings 10.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion 2pm Mothers Union 2.30pm  
Prayer Meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Storytelling in Library 10am  
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Men's Society, Talk on *Running* by Susie Tawney in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm  
Folk Club in the Shakespeare 8.30pm
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Women's Institute
- Sun 8 **PENTECOST** – Holy Communion 8am; 10.30 Sung Eucharist



## From the Rector

I was going through my inspirational file when I came across the following; it was headed *Do you Work?*

When you are at home with children the question you dread being asked at parties is *Do you Work?* I have some sympathy with the mother of three who replied like this:

*Actually I do work. I am involved in a programme of social development. At present I am working with three age groups:*

*Firstly, toddlers. That involves a basic grasp of child psychology and medicine.*

*Secondly, teenagers. I confess the programme is not going too well in that area.*

*Thirdly, in the evenings and at weekends I work with a man aged thirty-nine who is exhibiting all the classic symptoms of mid-life crisis; that's mainly psychiatric work.*

*For the whole job you have to be a brilliant planner, have a 'can do' mentality and have a degree in conflict resolution. I used to be an international fashion model, but I got bored.*

Support each other in the task of parenting and keep a balance between commitment to the children and to each other. It is important to make time for them but it is even more vital to make time for each other. They need you to keep your love alive. Don't you think this is part of a good philosophy of parenting?

Fr. Roy

## From the Registers

*Holy Baptism at All Saints' Ladbroke*

6<sup>th</sup> April - Samuel Joseph Lambert

*Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke*

4<sup>th</sup> April - Gillian Moore, 70



## From the Churchwardens



In this time of climatic uncertainty when spring seems to turn into summer and summer may be wintry, it is good to know the seasons of the Church to be a constant, one to which at significant times in its calendar and in our own lives many of us turn.

The keeping of Lent with its marking of Mothering Sunday led up to the celebration of Palm Sunday when a happy, if breathless, Procession of Witness walked from the School to the church. Mike Hare's accompaniment to our singing was a new and blessed bonus. This led into a lovely service, one of its most moving moments being the singing of *All in the April Evening*, by Emmeline, Catriona, Alice and Lilly.

Then came with Holy Week the opportunity during the next three days to give thanks for Christ's sacrifice in the Holy Communion Services and to follow His Passion in the Stations of the Cross; to celebrate the Last Supper in the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday and to watch with Him on that night; to remember His suffering during the Devotional Hour on Good Friday; to mark the coming of Christ into a darkened world through the lighting of the Paschal Candle in Holy Saturday's Easter Ceremonies and, of course, to celebrate His Resurrection through the joy of Easter Sunday's services. Judging by the number of Easter eggs that Father Roy gave out, a record number of children attended! That was lovely.

We know that some parents are embarrassed if their children are a little lively – please don't be. We are also aware that people may be put off by, for example, names of services during Holy Week – please don't be. We will try to do better and explain more clearly next year! Meanwhile, please remember, especially at this Easter time, that no one is excluded; everyone is welcome. Wherever we are, whatever we feel, we are all members of one family for whom Christ died and has risen again.

Easter is a family time and it would be impossible not to remember one family in particular – the Taylor's. For those of us who were children during the time of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor senior, there are many happy memories; for those of us who have grown up or grown older with Brian and Josie, there are equally happy memories. The Top Shop has never been a mere business; it has provided a wonderful service to the community; it has been a centre of our social life and a true reflection of all that is best in the family life of Harbury.



Mary Newbold, Brian, Josie, Mary Ceney, Dave and Pat

So, thank you Brian and Josie, Pat, the two Marys, Dave and all who have worked so hard now and in the past and who have given us so much friendship and shared laughter through the years. We wish you all every happiness in the future.

Lesley and Felicity

## What's in a name (continued)

Following last month's article, we highlight two more small groups that are part of All Saints' Church, both of them prayer groups but with slightly different emphases.

The Julian Group: In a busy and often noise-filled world, a space and time set aside for silence can be deeply beneficial. This group meets



for silent contemplation of God. Julian meetings are held all over the country; the name is taken from Mother Julian of Norwich, a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Christian mystic. The Harbury group meets in Church at 8pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, for a period of 20 minutes' silence for prayer and contemplation. If you would like to know more, please contact Vanda Ball on 612783.

**Prayer meeting:** This group meets specifically to pray for the village and the life and work of the Church here. Prayers are both silent and spoken, and people are free to join in as they wish. People pray in the way they are most comfortable with. Sometimes we move around the church, praying in particular places for particular concerns, sometimes we use a large map of the village to focus our prayers. The meeting is open to all, starting at 8pm and finishing before 9pm, on alternate Wednesdays, in the children's corner of the church. For details contact Lesley Jones on 613207.

The work of prayer goes on continually in Harbury. Father Roy and others offer prayers every morning and evening in church. Many others meet regularly in their homes, in two and threes, to pray for family, friends and mutual concerns. Still more prefer to pray quietly on their own. Another group with members from various churches meets regularly to pray for persecuted Christians around the world. It is encouraging to realise that God watches over this village, and He hears all our prayers, however feeble or stumbling they may seem to us!

**Lesley and Felicity**

## **Mothers' Union**



**Afternoon meeting:** At our April meeting Mrs. Betty Phillips gave us an interesting and informative talk on the history of the M.U.

The Mothers' Union was started in 1876 by Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife in a Hampshire village. She had just become a grandmother and, remembering how inadequate she had felt as a new mother, decided to start a group for mothers in the parish. Her aim was to help them realise the importance of motherhood and to bring up their children in the Christian faith. She was so shy that she could not manage to speak at the first meeting, but persevered and eventually was asked to speak to a large diocesan gathering of women. They took the idea home and soon groups were set up all over the country, including

Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The organisation became known as the Mothers' Union.

People travelling abroad took the idea with them and it soon became an international movement, now in sixty countries with a million members. Members work to support families in many ways from organising holidays for needy families to running crèches for prison visitors. In Africa we run a literacy project to help men and women who have had no access to education.

In Mary Sumner's time, as now, the Mothers' Union was rooted in prayer and every member can take part in the wave of prayer, which every day supports members in a different diocese throughout the world.

Evening meeting: *Bird watching man and boy for 60 years* was the subject of our evening speaker, Alan Barr. At the age of five he saw a red-throated diver and from then he was hooked on bird watching.

Alan was able to watch birds and animals on his father's allotment. He acquired the *Observer's Book of Birds* and by the age of eleven was known as an expert in his school natural history club.

Alan stressed that we can watch birds anywhere. The best way is to stand still, listen and look. It is important to recognise their songs too as some birds like to stay hidden and others, such as the chaffinch and willow warbler, can look very alike.

We heard some amusing incidents that had happened to him while bird watching, and it was another interesting and enjoyable talk.

#### Next meetings:

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May	2.15pm Deanery Service at Bishops Tachbrook;
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm Service; 2.30pm Chris Cooke on <i>Ghana</i> ;
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00pm Jane Smith on <i>Rhythm of Life</i> .

C. Mary Catt

## Toddlers' Service

Mrs. Lesley Jones kindly led the April service for toddlers. The story she told was about Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, and being welcomed by onlookers shouting: *Hosanna* and waving palm leaves. We said a prayer together and then sang *Praise Him, Praise Him all you little Children*.

We then made our own palms out of paper and waved them as the children had done on the very first Palm Sunday. At the end of our service we all enjoyed refreshments.

Our next service for toddlers is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. If you have a toddler in your care on that day, you will be most welcome to join us in the children's corner of the church at 2.15pm.

**Lorna Bedford**

## Laugh Line

Argument in a playground:

1<sup>st</sup> boy: My daddy is a teacher and makes me clever for nothing!

2<sup>nd</sup> boy: My daddy is a doctor and makes me healthy for nothing!

3<sup>rd</sup> boy: My daddy is a vicar makes me good for nothing!

# Ladbroke News

## May

- Sun 4 THIRD AFTER EASTER – Family Communion 10.30am
- Sun 11 FOURTH AFTER EASTER - Sung Eucharist 9am
- Mon 12 Ladbroke Village Hall Prize Draw at The Bell Inn 8pm
- Wed 14 Holy Communion 2pm Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
- Sun 18 FIFTH AFTER EASTER - Sung Communion BPC 9am
- Wed 21 AGM of Ladbroke Parish Council in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Thurs 22 W.I. meeting at 7.30pm
- Sun 25 SIXTH AFTER EASTER - Sung communion 9am
- Thurs 29 ASCENSION DAY - Sung Communion 7pm; PCC Meeting 8pm

## June

- Sun 1 SEVENTH AFTER EASTER - Family Communion 10.30am
- Sun 8 PENTECOST - Sung Communion 9am



## **Ladbroke Flower Rota**

May 11 <sup>th</sup>	- Patricia Teverson
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	- Pamela Barnett
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	- Catherine Spence
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Wedding
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	- Ann Edwards

**Jane Rutherford**

## **All Saints' Church Development Fund**

We will be having a meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm at Archers Rest, Southam Road, Ladbroke. Anyone wishing to join the committee will be more than welcome. We are looking for anyone interested in helping us to raise money for this worthwhile course.

I shall be relinquishing the post of Chairman at the end of July and we need someone to take over this role and push forward with the fund raising. We have managed to raise over £5,500 this year, bringing the total so far to £8,400. Many thanks to all who have helped us get this far and may we continue in the future.

We have now been granted planning permission and await the faculty. We are now seeking quotations for the building work.

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 811749**

## **Women's Fellowship**

Our April meeting was held at Hall Farm, where Betty told us about her travels into medieval Spain. We heard about La Alberca, which has a Plaza Major half the size of Southam Market Hill. There they have an open market place with tame pigs that wander around and a dead wild boar that was hung up and draining blood onto the cobbled stones. They have had electricity connected in the last few years, and to prove it the cables are strung along the walls of the buildings.

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Jane Rutherford

## Women's Fellowship

Many thanks to all our hostesses and helpers at the Lent Lunches. We were able to raise £252 for our chosen charities, half to The First Responder Group at Harbury and the other half to All Saints' Church Development Fund. Many thanks to all who came to these lunches.

This month's meeting will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Nancy Stubbs at Ladbroke Hall and our speaker will be Linda Doyle, who will talk to us on *Farm Africa*.

We have decided to have our outing this year to Cannon's Ashby in Northants on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to join us please let me know and I will arrange lifts.

Jo Sowerby 811749

## Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The meeting held in the Village Hall on April 24<sup>th</sup> was again well attended. Sue Halsall took the chair in the absence of Anne. Sue welcomed members and visitors.

A lot of business was discussed and names were taken for forthcoming events. The outing has been arranged for August 20<sup>th</sup> when we will have a tour of Evesham, a river trip and a tea. It all sounds to be most enjoyable so we hope for good weather. Any member who has not put her name on the list please contact Susan Moore.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Sutherland who was welcomed by Sue. His talk entitled *Food for Thought* was a lavish description of a visit to Charlecote House by Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>. The Queen had travelled from Warwick with her entourage of eight hundred people and eighty carriages; even her four-poster bed was transported. Unfortunately it was too large to go up the spiral staircase so she had to sleep in a room on the ground floor.

The meals consumed were quite different from today's fare and they must have taken hours to prepare on their solid fuel ranges. The cooks were men in that era and the ladies of the house were allowed to make the desserts.

Mr. Sutherland who works for the National Trust compiled his talk for the volunteers at Charlecote and it was a privilege for us to hear his account of the life and times of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, which was enjoyed by all. Sheena gave the vote of thanks.

Tea hostesses were Collette and Sue Raynor.

Next month the meeting is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall when the Resolutions will be discussed. Following that Jo will be showing us her College Project of Quilting and Patchwork she has prepared for her exams.

Hostesses for coffee, tea, wine and biscuits will be Catherine and Hazel.

Hazel Sharples

## **Ladbroke Village hall**

The third draw of 2003 took place at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April. The £80.00 prize was won by Lorna Carleton, the two £25.00 prizes were won by, Peter Derek and Marion Grainger and the five £10.00 prizes were won by: Carol Lane; Ken Tancock; Mary Coley; Pat Collins and Andy Pittaway.

The next draw will take place at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke at 8.00pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Mike Radburn

## **Ladbroke Parish Council Report**

The meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council took place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2003 in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

Present were: County Cllr. Bob Stevens, District Cllr. Chris Williams, Cllrs., Peter Baker, Derek Batty, Richard Bennett, Janice Berry and Tim Seden, Clerk Linda Doyle, Michael Boden Pritchett and three villagers.

Chairman Richard Bennett signed the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 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.

Crime and Disorder Act 1998: Cllr Peter Baker issued a final report to the meeting.

Under Section 2 - Potential problems – that the 24 households who were canvassed put speeding vehicles top of the list, followed by (2) burglary of houses, (3) fear of crime, (4) vehicle crime and (5) anti-social behaviour.

The top possible solutions in order of priority were to:

- (1) raise public awareness of bogus callers;
- (2) identify vulnerable people and get advice to them directly from the police or crime prevention agencies;
- (3) promote better vehicle security by informing the public more regularly about preventive measures and identify vulnerable people and help them prevent themselves from becoming victims (in relation to the problems indicated in Section 2). The chairman thanked Peter for all his hard work. The findings would now be used within the parish plan.

Rugby Airport proposal: Cllr Bob Stevens said there would be a march on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2003 at 2 o'clock in Rugby protesting against the proposal to build an airport one and a half times larger than Heathrow at Church Lawford. 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003.

Planning Matters: The parish council supports the following application:

Mr. C Wall, The Barn (03/00299/AGNOT) Barn. It was recommended to SDC that the building be screened. The following have been granted planning permission: Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Manor Farm 03/00521/LBC listed building and 03/00520/FUL conversion to a holiday home. Mr. and Mrs. J Clews, The Grove, Harbury Road, (03/00798/FUL) pitched roof to replace flat roof on side extension. Mrs. E Pittaway 1 Village Farm (03/00270/FUL) Licensed Store granted with conditions – storage of wine only and no retail sales from property.



The Southam Warehouse Application Planning Appeal (02/01908/REM) has been withdrawn by Southam Properties of Milton Keynes.

Wild flowers: Cllr. Derek Batty said wild flowers both bulbs and seeds have been planted in the wild-flower field, Millennium Green. As usual all donations are welcome. The Village Fete will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**Consultation by Warwick District Council: Construction of airport passenger terminal and associated car park, access roads and infrastructure at Coventry Airport, Baginton.**

All parish and town councils in Stratford-on-Avon District have been asked for their comments on the above planning application. After much discussion, the parish council voted (3-2) in favour of the planning application.

May Elections – "Informal Vacancies: Two parish councillors failed to get their nomination papers signed, completed and returned to the Returning Officer at Elizabeth House, Stratford before the appointed time. As a result Ladbroke now has two "informal vacancies" and these vacancies have to be advertised within the village on and after 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Any person over 18 years of age can apply. Candidates who would like to be considered for these positions should apply to the clerk Linda Doyle for the appropriate nomination forms. The "Informal Vacancies" will be advertised on the village notice board on 2<sup>nd</sup> May for 14 days.

The meeting closed at 9.34 pm and the Annual General Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Ladbroke.

Janice Berry

## **Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch - April**

Between 11.00 hours on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April and 18.00 hours on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, offender(s) stole a Honda all terrain; three wheel quad-bike, 275 cc, coloured red. The frame number is K308083. This was stolen from a barn in Ladbroke. If anyone has any information please contact Southam Police on 812366.

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A message received from Pat Hadfield, Watch Co-ordinator, Community Safety Team at Police Headquarters, Warwick dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2003.

"Midland Police Forces are seeing an increase in distraction burglaries. These offences are committed when persons, both male and female, con entry to peoples homes to steal cash, handbags and other property.

Some recent favourites are:

"My grandma Betty knew you, can we come in?"

"You have been burgled, I have come to help".

"Due to flooding I need you to turn your taps on and stay in the kitchen".

Offenders will also pose as police officers, window cleaners, gasmen, council workers, roofers, tree surgeons, etc.

Offences are usually committed against the elderly. If your community contains vulnerable people, who may be duped by these persons, please do your best to keep them informed. Should you have any information please contact Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 or any police station."

**Janice Berry**

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*Dear Editors*

*Can we express our thanks for all the cards, letters and kind words of sympathy we have received following the death of our Mum, Gill Moore. It has been a great comfort to us knowing that Mum was so highly thought of.*

*Our thanks to Fr. Roy for the church service and to Hazel Sharples for her help. The collection for Dr. Shearman's Liver Trust has reached £450 so far.*

*Many thanks also to Mary Muggleston for the beautiful flowers and to the Bell for their hospitality.*

*John and Susan Moore, Sarah and Kevin Williams*

## **Harbury Parish Council Meeting - March**

Funny what changes a month can bring!

Keith Thompson moved that the Council formally adopt the skateboard equipment, insure it, arrange for safety inspections, maintain it and consider plans for the final phase of development. The almost full compliment of Councillors passed the proposal this time. Keith Thompson thanked Cllrs. Biddle and Thornley for all their hard work on the project.

Chairman Van Spall suggested spoil from the work on the railway could be imported to build up the Playing Field "mounds" and make good the drop at the end of the car park. He thought Biffa could help with grants for this project.

District Cllr. Patrick explained that funding for upgrading the play surface and replacing the perimeter fence to the play equipment had been delayed on a technicality and the bid to Stratford D.C. would be enhanced by the imminent publication of the Parish Review results.

Cllr. Mancell suggested that the Lighting Committee should revisit their plans to upgrade the footway lighting now that the results of the Parish Review were available.

A large number of volunteers came forward, and thanks to the Village Review, Neighbourhood Watch now has over fifty people keeping an eye open for villains.

Pc Hill reported a quiet month, but he had been out with the speed camera and caught four locals! There was great concern that the policing of the Service Centre on the M40 would again fall on our Beat Bobby, who estimated it could take up 20% of his time.

Cllr. Van Spall reported that letters had been drafted to the chosen organisations to set up a panel to choose the Child of the Year. Once that was done the Parish Council leave them to it.



Residents asked that both gates at the Village Hall be kept locked and the Chairman agreed with this. Cllr. Hancock suggested he put this proposal to the Village Hall Committee. As Cllr. Mancell explained, it was not the Council's responsibility.

District Cllr. Patrick agreed to bring to the Enforcement Officer's attention the concrete garage erected adjacent to the highway in Constance Drive.

## **PLANNING:**

Stratford D.C. granted extensions at 10, South Parade; 13/15, Mill Street; 15, Manor Orchard; 23, South Parade, and refused change of a barn to a holiday let at Churchlands Farm, Bascote Road.

The Parish Council made no comments on extensions at 31, Binswood End; 2, Wagstaffe Close; 4, Pineham Avenue, or amendments to details at The Cottage, High Street, or tree work at Harbury House.

They commented that a proposed large new dwelling at 12, Church Terrace was on a small plot with no garage or detailing specified; questioned the need of the additional bedroom at Meadowside, Pirie Close, and cautioned on encroachment on neighbours' privacy. They made Buildings Regulation comments on the conservatory at 1, Park Lane Terrace and objected to the two plans for the rear of Harbury Hall: one for a new dwelling, the other for industrial use.

The appeal against refusal for a distribution centre in Southam was allowed.

Chairman Dutch Van Spall was advised not to take up an offer from the new owners of Bishops Bowl to discuss their plans for the land. County Cllr. Booth explained owners would be obliged to provide two roundabouts to improve the access before any development could go ahead.

The drains at the Paddock Corner in Church Terrace had been jetted and investigations had discovered that there were several problems. A new drain will have to be installed.

The footpath along the Cutting to the Spinney has been fenced off again. The Parish will write to Railtrack and investigate the possibility of claiming it as a right of way. They will also write to Mrs. Price to ask that she arrange for the rebuilding of the wall at the paddock next to the Spinney.

Cllr. Drinkwater reported the strange disappearance of the Frances Road telephone box which was spotted travelling out of the village on the back of a lorry. The Clerk confirmed that there had been no notification from BT that it was due for removal.

Linda Ridgley

## Harbury Parish Council Meeting - April

There was fulsome tribute to Cllr. Ken Stephenson on his resignation. The Chairman praised his effort for the Village Hall, Twinning Association and Local Councils. Keith Thompson remembered him as an enthusiastic and active man.

More practically, Sharon Hancock reminded them they needed to fill the vacancy!

Pc Hill reported he had arrested a village youth in possession of drugs and an offensive weapon. There had been a burglary at Leycester Close, car crime in Mill Street and youths partying at Bishop Bowl.

PLANNING A quiet month! Treeworks at Harbury House were permitted by Stratford D.C. The Parish made no representations on extensions at 1, Hall Lane; 32, South Parade; 7, The Beeches and 7, Neales Close, or on the 24-hour ATM at the Co-op and its illuminated sign.

Enforcement action is being taken over the garage at 1, Constance Drive but Harbury Croft received retrospective permission for all the unauthorised extensions there.

Powergen wants to put a new overhead line through to Harbury from Rugby and the Parish asked what would happen to the existing line.

The councillors were perplexed by the reply Mrs. Barr of South Parade received from John Gordon of Stratford District Council. She wrote to ask about progress on sheltered accommodation and was told, not that there is no suitable site at present but that Harbury should undertake a Needs Survey, when of course they have already done one. The Parish resolved to complain to the District about this misinformation.

The water supply to the new Tennis/Netball complex is still in negotiation but the Parish agreed in principle to them paying for a share of the water supply to the Allotments. They agonised over the wording of a notice for the skateboard area urging users to wear



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protective equipment, forgetting that signage is charged by the letter!

Ann Winchester complained that the weed-killing round trees and the railings outside her house had damaged some of the verge.

Kevin Biddle volunteered to look after the cemetery books whilst the Clerk is on holiday. John Drinkwater has done it for years to ensure that graves are dug in the right place but is finding the trek to the far reaches of the burial grounds more difficult now.

The further outbreak of Mr. Pratt's Rugby Airport signs was noted.

The Phone Box was 'stolen' by BT who claims a notice was placed inside the box for a month announcing its departure and that they told Stratford D.C. it was going, but not the Parish Council because "they meet infrequently"!

The bricks from the collapsed Hall Lane wall have disappeared too. The owner of the land, Mrs. Price has been asked to repair it. The Parish will seek advice from the County about claiming the railway footpath as a right of way.

Mr. Bridgewater wrote thanking the Parish for the One Way system in Ivy Lane, which he said, had brought a great improvement. The councillors wondered if he would be interested in filling the vacancy on the Council.

He had previously, they remembered, offered to lock the village gates and the councillors were annoyed that both gates at the Village Hall are not being locked. Dutch Van Spall threatened that the Parish Council would lock them if the Village Hall Committee did not. Cllr. Hancock warned against such a provocative action. The Chairman decided to write to the Chairman of the Village Hall.

The muckheap behind the houses in Deppers Bridge is still 'ponging'.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **Harbury Annual Parish Meeting**

This is to be held in the Farley Room at the Village Hall on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The speaker for the evening will be Mick Potter from Warwickshire County Council Emergency Planning Unit.

It is very important to all of us in the present climate that we are all prepared for any critical event that might befall us. 5 years ago Harbury was able to assist in the accommodation in the Village Hall of

several people who became stranded on the motorway when the floods hit the area. More recently we have had a suggestion of surprise attacks from foreign powers. Whatever the catastrophe we should all be prepared to offer support if needed in an emergency. It is with this in mind that we have asked Mr. Potter to address us at the Annual Parish Meeting.

This is your opportunity to ask questions of the elected council in an open meeting. Exercise your democratic right and join us for the evening. We welcome your support. This is your village make it yours!

**Jenny Patrick - Vice Chairman Harbury Parish Council**

## Harbury Society



Harbury Society

Lead by the intrepid Ed Wilson a band of two-dozen members, the children of families Hunt and Tawney, and three dogs tramped over to Ufton Fields where they were met by Stephan Drew, the volunteer warden. He showed us round the reserve, pointing out the improvements made and explaining how the area is managed for wildlife. The children in particular were fascinated that rats were diving down to steal freshwater mussels. They collected several broken shells.

We were too early for the orchids and the broomrape and too noisy for most of the birds! But we did see where rabbits are keeping down the grassland and we noted the increase in native trees like oak.



**Hunt and Tawney lads searching for mussels**



**Stephan is explaining woodland management**



Our next event is another walk on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm from the Village Hall.

Linda Ridgley

## Harbury Women's Institute



It was a short business meeting in April because of the demonstration. A few members attended an enjoyable Spring Council meeting at the Spa Centre. Members will attend the Group Meeting in May.

The bulb catalogue has arrived.

Mrs. Glenda Montgomery of Ladies in Pigs came to give a demonstration of cooking with pork. Glenda is married to a pig farmer and in 1990 they went on a continental pig farming tour with other farmers. After listening to much moaning she suggested that they promote their excellent product and the retort was: *Why don't you!*

That was the start of some hard work and in 1991 she and a handful of farmer's wives got together calling themselves Ladies in Pigs.

They acquired a mobile kitchen and a grotty old caravan to sleep in. They progressed to cheap B&Bs, but these days have decent accommodation. They now have sponsorship from all over the country, which has enabled them to expand and promote pork far and wide.

50% of pig farmers have gone out of business over the past 10 years with suicides on the way. In Glenda's words they have been clobbered by the strict EEC ruling, which the Brits abide by for fear of prison, but which the continentals do not.

Always look for the round sticker with British standard on the pack. There is also a small tractor sticker. Apparently these are the true guarantees of British meat.

Glenda cooked two delicious dishes that were sampled by members and guests.

At the May meeting, the Resolutions will be discussed and voted for. This is an interesting and important part of the W.I. calendar.

Jeanne Beaumont

## Harbury Folk Club

The theme for April's Folk Club was simple enough: "Surprise Us"! Perhaps the first surprise was the comparatively small number of singers and musicians that turned up. Still, what we lacked in quantity, we more than made up for in quality. The Harvesters opened with me surprising myself with an unaccompanied, traditional song and Sue followed with the "The Leaboy's Lassie". Brian followed with two Scottish fiddle tunes and then Peter McD. took up the challenge with the excellent "Corvette Song" about a surprise purchase and then a favourite Huw Williams' song. Rick took to the stage next with, to everyone's surprise, "When You Wish Upon A Star". Then, to complete the surprise, he demonstrated a very high level of virtuosity on the harmonica. Martin from Warwick was up next with an unaccompanied version of an Emerson, Lake and Palmer song, and very nice it was too. He then gave us "Déjà vu", which he may have already performed. Pete Bones completed the first set with a Ralph McTell song about a Mermaid and then the ever-popular "Bundling Song".

The second half began with Keith Donnelly with his new song "Voodoo Blues" and then the curiously titled "Bonzo The Dog-Faced Boy". It all made perfect sense to us, through. Janny decided to sing a Les Barker poem to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", and it worked to perfection. John Black was next to perform with the excellent "When Will I Ever Be Simple Again?" and then a song called "The King Of Bohemia". Now that the musicians had all performed, it was time to go around again. The Harvesters gave "The Two Magicians" an airing and Brian followed with a couple of Morris Tunes. Then Rick told us about a "Greasy Cook", Peter McD. "Struck It Right This Time" and Pete Grassby closed the set with "The Kangaroo" and an impressive new self-penned song about a whale.

The third set brought Martin back for another spot with a song about Earl Grey tea, John provided a couple of fiddle tunes and Pete Grassby closed proceedings with a song about a true surprise, "All His Other Wives Came In" with enthusiastic accompaniment from the audience.

It was another excellent night of well-chosen and well-rehearsed acoustic songs and we consider ourselves fortunate to attract so many talented singers and musicians to The Shakespeare every month. We collected £33.00 for Myton Hospice from the proceeds of the raffle,

which surprisingly did not feature the obligatory bottle of wine. The next Folk Club will be on 4th June with John Black at the helm.

Ian Hartland

## Harbury Toddler Group

Play area: April was a busy month for the Toddler Group. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, together with the Pre-School, we had the official opening of the new play area. It was rather cold and windy, but the sun shone and the rain held off so that the children were able to make the most of playing outside. We were delighted to welcome Lucy Grove from Stratford District Council, who had given such valuable support to the project, to cut the ribbon at the entrance. The occasion gave us an opportunity to formally thank all those who had assisted, financially and otherwise, in completing the project so successfully. In particular,



Monday group



Wednesday group



these included the Heart of England Community Foundation, Barclays Bank, Stratford District Council, Lloyds TSB, Compton International and Paul Winchester.

Easter: A raffle was held for a giant Easter egg and the lucky winner was Steve Pryor. The raffle raised over £90 to go towards the interior improvements planned for the Wight School. Many thanks to all those who bought tickets.

The children made 'Easter Crowns' that they wore with pride, even sitting still for long enough to have a group photograph taken! Separate crown making and photo sessions were held on both the Monday and Wednesday meetings the week before Easter, to give all the children the chance to take part.

In addition, the children had fun searching for mini eggs in the Easter Egg Hunt. This meant that large numbers of tissues, damp cloths, etc. were needed to clean up chocolaty hands and faces, but it was all good fun!

Coffee Morning: Please make a note in your diaries that Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May is the next Toddler Group Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to 12noon. There will be a cake stall, face painting, plant stall, raffle with some great prizes, 'Guess the Name of the Teddy', etc.

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 on Mondays 10 to 11.30am and Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3pm. You can also contact Bud Jackson, Chair of the Toddler Group Committee on 613434 or Nicky Kirk, Secretary on 614316.

**Toddler Group Committee**

## **Harbury Ward Councillors' Surgery**

Your County and District councillors will hold a surgery in Harbury on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, outside Londis Supermarket, from 10 to 12 a.m.

In the past 12 months, we have resolved issues of roads, footpaths, shared equity housing, planning and more. Please bring anything you want to discuss, and we will do our best to help.

David Booth (County Councillor for Harbury division) 01926-640728  
Shenagh Booth (District Councillor for Harbury ward) 01926-640728

**Andrew Patrick (District Councillor for Harbury ward) 614359**

## **Starting Soon!**

Free guided walks around Leamington Spa start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from outside the Royal Pump Rooms at 7pm.

Last walk on August 29<sup>th</sup>. No walk on Sundays. More details from the Leamington Spa Tourist Information Office, 01926 742762.

**Pauline Hayes**

## **The Murder of Maria Marten or the Red Barn**

For their latest production, the Harbury Theatre Group were joined by the Folk Club for a musical Victorian melodrama. This tale of seduction and dastardly deeds is loosely based on the true story of the murder of Maria Marten in 1828.

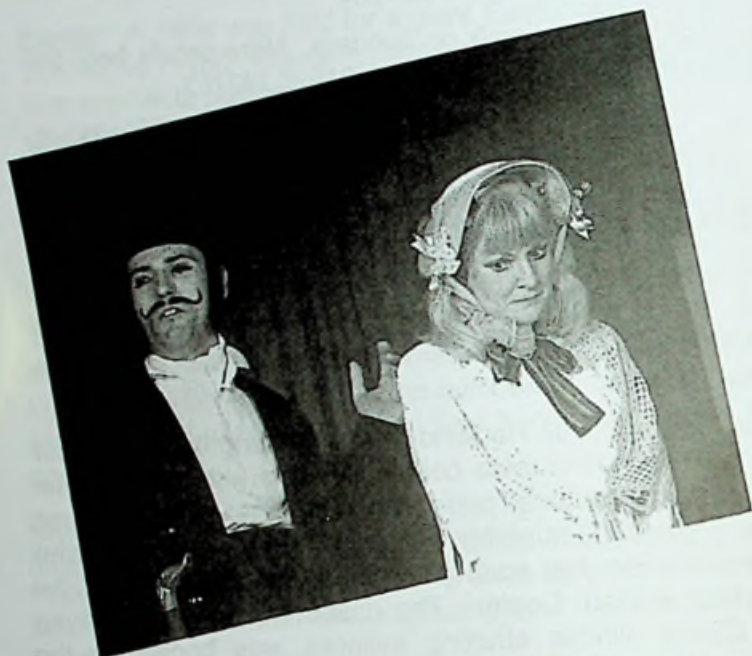
After a lively introduction Sue Hartland, as Maria sang the first of her several solos, each of which were beautifully sung with a clarity that would put many a professional performer to shame. The plot was foretold by the gypsy Nell, superbly portrayed by Helen Cooper who held the audience under her spell until her premature death at the hands of the villain William Corder. The dastardly villain was played by Jonathan Clarke, whose strutting evilness was booed by the audience at every opportunity. Throughout, the simpleton Tim brought much laughter as played by Ian Hartland with his folksy singing and rustic charm.

In addition to the excellent singing of the Folk Club group, the charming duet by the elderly Mr. And Mrs. Marten (Janet Thornley and Robert Waterman) brought the house down with an encore being demanded and actually given!

In all a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all with the atmospheric music, excellently played by Peter McDonald, doing its part to keep the play flowing. In fact so good was the part played by all concerned that by the end of the evening even the heroic efforts of the stage hands were being applauded by the appreciative audience who had also played their part by taking every opportunity to boo, hiss and cry "shame" whenever the occasion warranted. On this evidence let us hope that this will just be the first of many joint ventures between the two groups.

**Muriel and Ted Coupe**

# The Harbury Theatre Group and Harbur— Murder in





# Folk Club Production of Maria Martin or the Red Barn





## Harbury Nursery School

The Nursery is delighted to be able to offer much longer hours after Easter. In response to parental demand the Nursery has now been registered with Ofsted to offer longer hours from 9am to 3.30pm with the possibility of longer hours by arrangement. Parents are also able to add a lunch hour to either the end of the morning sessions or the beginning of the afternoon sessions. So, if you want to sign up for that day course or apply for that job you were thinking about, now is your opportunity. In conjunction with the before and after school club (Kid's Club) it is now possible for your child to be cared for from 8am to 6pm at a very reasonable cost. Please ring for details and to ensure a place in September.

This summer the Nursery children will be journeying beneath the waves to explore life *Under the Sea*. They will be experimenting with paint and different construction techniques to create collages and displays, some of which can be seen on our carnival float in June. Playing in the water tray will lead to lots of opportunities for scientific experiments such as floating and sinking when we try out our home made boats. Fun-fishy activities will develop a wide range of mathematical skills, while our rhyming story *Commotion in the Ocean* will introduce children to an exciting range of under sea creatures like the snippety lobster and the grinning shark!

We will be holding a *Pirates Day* on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May with a Treasure Hunt in the school grounds. We will also be coming to sing at the Jolly Roger Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to 12noon. Everyone is welcome to join us for a coffee and a golden doubloon. There will be a raffle, face painting for toddlers, jewellery, candles and cakes for sale, including Marie's famous lemon drizzle cake. Don't miss out. Do come along and be prepared to walk the plank!

If anyone is interested in visiting the Nursery or booking a place, especially a day care place, please ring Kate on 612656 or me. I will be delighted to give further information on the Nursery.

**Sue Bushill – Chairman 614565**



## Harbury Pre-School

The children have had an exciting and enjoyable time learning about Easter during April and, amongst other things, have made Easter egg pictures and Easter chicks.

The children have discussed how chocolate is made. They were asked where chocolate came from and amongst the answers were "from a cow" and "from a factory." Not too far off the mark! It is quite difficult for a young child to comprehend the whole process of making chocolate; hopefully they now understand that the cocoa beans come from a tree (they have seen photos of the beans being taken from the pod) and are dried, ground and processed into chocolate at the factory. They had great fun wrapping pretend chocolate bars and putting prices on them for their chocolate shop.

Although the children needed no encouragement to play outside, the good weather has been most welcome. One particular day Cassie read the children the story "We're Going On A Bear Hunt" with the help of 10 little imaginations and the colourful shapes and toys in the play area the story was re-enacted outside. They walked to the wavy grass and they could not go over it, they could not go under it, oh no, they had to go through it! Swishy swashy, Swishy swashy! Uh-uh! They reached a deep cold river, and couldn't go over it, couldn't go under it, and had to go through it! Splash splosh! Splash, splosh! The children squelched through mud (still no bears!), stumbled and tripped in a big, dark forest and even encountered a swirling whirling snowstorm, hoooo woooo! When they came to a narrow, gloomy cave of course they couldn't go over it, couldn't go under it and (Oh no!) had to go through it. Tiptoe, tiptoe! What's that? A shiny nose, two furry ears and two googly eyes – it's a BEAR! The children ran back through the cave, snowstorm, wood, mud, river and grass (all in a couple of seconds and without getting dirty or wet!) What a day, and all before break time!

We were recently able to purchase a fantastic Fire Engine Play Tent. This was possible because of the fundraising and grants we have received. The children have been very helpful in putting the frame together (many hands make light work!) and have had tremendous fun, as the photograph shows. Maybe we have some budding fire fighters!

Mr. Chapman came to visit Pre-School on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. He



played pattern matching and threading beads, and proved to be a real fan of planes, trains and automobiles! It was hard to tell who was having more fun!

On the last day of term the Easter Bunny remembered how good our little Pre-School children have been and left all of them a super chocolate rabbit treat.

held the Official Opening Ceremony of our new outdoor play area Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and were delighted to see so many of our ds and sponsors attend. Cllr. Andrew Patrick gave a short speech congratulate everyone for their tremendous team effort. Bud son, Chairperson of Harbury Toddler Group officially thanked our isors and supporters (Barclays Bank, Lloyds TSB, Stratford on 1 District Council, Heart of England Community Foundation, pton International, Paul Winchester and the Wight School tees), Lucy Groves, Grants Officer from Stratford District Council y cut the red ribbon to officially open our wonderful play area. ik you to everybody who supported us at our Coffee Morning on 29<sup>th</sup> March. We raised £222.99.

Our new quieter play session is up and running from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is an afternoon session and starts at 1.00 pm and ends at 3.00 pm. Please contact Yvette Tanner (Pre-School leader) or Jane Kempton (Chair of Pre-School Committee) if you would like any further details.

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

**Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee**

## **Harbury Cricket Club**

It was suggested at our recent AGM that I should write an article about the Cricket Club in the Harbury & Ladbroke News. For a long time I have regarded such literary efforts as dry-as-dust, especially when it comes to Cricket! It was not since the end of last season and the long Winter months that I realised that while the player is advantageously placed to be aware of the development of the cricket season, ninety percent of cricket-loving Harbury needs an explanation of events that take place down at the Middle Road ground!

One of the most popular features of Harbury Cricket Club is the wicket, carefully manicured by our grounds man Richard Carr; some say that it is the nearest you'll get to an Australian Wicket in this country, plenty in it for the fast bowler, though mountains of runs should a batsman get set.

This year we have an exciting blend of youth, experience and age, and this summer is sure to see new chapters written in the history of Harbury cricket! There is experience of the likes of John Clifford, John Wilkinson and Richard Carr plus hungry young players like Greg Neil, Stuart Muggleston, James Clayton and Richard Montague - along with a top-order trio of Ed Russell, Ali Dorma and newcomer Simon White, not withstanding a host of familiar faces that will supplement the side during the season, so helping to ensure the continued success of the club.

The main aim set out by the Club at this year's AGM is to ensure cricket is played in Harbury for this and future generations, promote youth and maintain financial viability. If you cannot get to the ground to follow the action, you will be able to stay in touch by watching this space throughout the summer. Our sponsors, vice presidents and committee help provide the financial foundations that underpin the Club and as such I would like to extend my thanks to them all in ensuring another season of cricket, which I'm sure will not be short on action.

This season started with a bang on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April in tropical sunshine at Budbrooke with:

### **Budbrooke v HARBURY**

Harbury won their first game of the season in convincing style by a margin of 80 runs. Harbury won the toss and elected to bat reaching 249 for 7 off 40 overs. Tearaway fast bowler, Ed Russell usually poses his greatest threat with the ball in his hand. This time, though it was with the bat; Russell scored 98 in quick time, which included 9 fours and 4 six's. The Harbury batting line up proved solid with a stoic 19 from Ali Dorma, Graham Newport 13, an entertaining 31 from Ian Brieley and 16 from Tim Clayton who had the privilege of being stumped by the oldest known player in the country, Budbrooke's 91-year-old Reg Harris!!

Budbrooke could only muster 169 for 7 in reply as victory was made inevitable by some mature pace bowling from 19 year old Greg Neil, who returned figures of 8 overs for 18 runs - (he was unlucky to

remain wicketless) which halted Budbrooke's run-chase before it had started. Veteran spinner Derek Clack took two wickets with some fine off-cutters, Ed Russell and James Clayton also chipping in with two-a-piece. The latter, 80 years junior to record-breaking Harris, took his first-ever senior wickets off four excellent overs. Popular for his no-nonsense approach Keeper Richard Carr kept wicket well, conceding only 5 byes during the innings despite downing at least as many pints before the game!

... interested in playing or joining the club? Ring 01926 612684.

**Ed Russell, Chairman**



## **Harbury Junior Football Club**

### **Under 8's – Coach Steve Darby**

The Under 8's is the youngest group within the Club and was formed at the beginning of this year. The focus to date has been to concentrate on learning some basic routines, which improves their fitness, balance and most importantly their ball skills. Without exception, all 18 boys have already progressed and are keen to impress ready for next season when we shall be entering the Three Counties League. Each week a trophy has been awarded to the child, who has achieved something special, be it self-improvement, exceptional skill, bravery, or outstanding performance during our match at the end of each session. Competition to win the trophy has proved a great motivator and in some instances has made a positive change to a child's behaviour and discipline (something we can all learn from!).

The group are scheduled to play their first competitive game in May when they have been invited to play in a 7-a-side tournament at Kineton against other local sides – we wish them success and enjoyment.

There is still room for additional players – if you want further details, call Steve Darby on 613330.

### **Under 10's – Coach Jim Farrell**

The Under 10's this season have played in the Three Counties League and are looking forward to competing in the same League as Under 11's next season.

Anyone requiring further information or interested in playing for the Under 11's next season should contact Jim Farrell on 612396.



### **Under 13's – Coach Mick Pratt**

The Under 13's have again enjoyed a successful season competing in the Mid-Warwickshire Boys League. After just one year in Division One, the team were promoted as champions last season, the boys reached the semi-final of the Supplementary Cup and finished fourth in the League – an achievement in itself. Through the close season the team will be entering some 6-a-side tournaments.

Anyone requiring further information should contact Mick Pratt on 817700.

### **Under 15's – Coach John Wilkins**

The Under 15's, the oldest group in the club have, this season competed in Division One of the Mid-Warwickshire Boys League. The team will be playing again as Under 16's in the Mid-Warwickshire Boys League next season after competing in a number of 6-a-side tournaments during the summer.

If you require further information, contact John Wilkins on 612115.

**John Wilkins**

## **Harbury Tennis Club**

The weather was very kind to us for our traditional Cheque Book Tournament and a good number dusted off their rackets and had a very pleasant afternoon. Mary Thompson and Andrew Rendell overcame the rest of us and picked up the prize of a year's LTA membership. The weather since has been really good and with the benefit of the floodlights it has been possible to extend the Club session to everyone's enjoyment!

We had hoped to have the landscaping finished and a water supply connected by the start of the season but didn't quite manage it. Severn Trent had raised some potential problems but we seem to have found a way round them so perhaps by the end of the summer we will have finally completed the project!

### **Under 16s**

Although the Under 16s sessions haven't started there has been plenty of activity for the Under 11, 13, and 15 squads. All 3 teams have played their first ever league matches against very experienced teams at Alcester (Under 11s), Coventry and North Warwickshire (Under 13s) and Leamington (Under 15s). As they had only had one organised practice session it wasn't surprising that they suffered heavy

defeats but they all part of a steep learning curve and they enjoyed themselves!

Robin Ashurst, Jonathan Guy and Sebastian Prince played the first match at Alcester. Jonathan and Sebastian came closest to a win in the doubles taking the match to a third "match tie-break" set. Adam Crossling, Daniel Malin and Sam Wright made the trip to Coventry and had to face a team who had just completed a 2-hour coaching session, but still gave a good account of themselves. James and Peter Smart and Tom Wright then had to face Leamington who are definitely one of the strongest teams and they also put in a determined performance!

Another part of the learning experience was completed when 2 LTA coaches, Pat Langston and Tom Gibbins spent 2 hours at the Club watching all 3 squads to assess standards and give LTA ratings. This system allows players of all abilities to assess their performance against all other tennis players in Britain. It also enables players to take part in competitions with players of comparable skills. Pat and Tom were very impressed with the 18 boys able to make the session and awarded ratings to them all. The highest rating of 7.1 went to Sam Wilkins, and Peter and James Smart. Well done to them.

Just in case anyone thinks we have forgotten the other 80 or so children not involved in the Teams don't worry! By the time you read this the 8 regular weekly sessions will have started!

We are also participating in the LTA's national "Do More Than Just Watch" previously known as Play Tennis Day, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. This is an initiative to increase the numbers playing by providing an opportunity to try their hand at tennis free of charge. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year and has proved very popular in the past. This year the programme is split into 4 sessions:

10.00 am – 11.00am: Under 8s + Parents

11.15 am – 12.30pm: 7 – 9 year olds

1.45 pm – 3.00pm: 10 – 13 year olds

3.15 pm – 4.30pm: Adult Beginners and "Rusties".

Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time of your session. All sessions are being run by LTA coach Pete Brinkley who makes them great fun. If you would like to register in advance please ring Sue on 613284.

Finally, for the second successive year we have been able to obtain a "Club Vision" grant from Warwickshire LTA. These grants are intended to support Clubs at grass roots level and we have been

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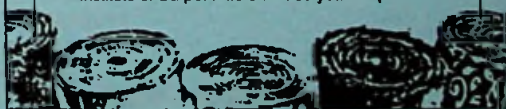
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awarded £770. We are really grateful for this and the grant will be used to provide additional coaching for Juniors and extra equipment to make the sessions even more interesting and fun!

**Colin Mercer**

## **The post Office Card Account**

How many people who go into the Post Office in High Street to collect pensions and allowances have noticed a very well prepared booklet entitled *A Guide to Your Card Account*? If you haven't, then it is VITAL that you do ask for it in the near future if you want to continue accessing money or paying bills through a service available in the village. The booklet explains all the things YOU have to do if you want an account, but if YOU do not do anything then the service is lost.

As with all new ideas, which are implemented in the name of progress, YOU have to make an effort to read all the information and then fill out the 4-page application form AFTER reading the 4 pages of instructions on HOW to fill out the form. This is in addition to the 8 pages of instructions in the booklet telling you how to open the account by bringing 'your Government Personal Invitation Document', as well as another form of identification. All of this is probably designed to put off all but the most tenacious form-fillers, although it is probably implicit in the reasoning behind the new procedure that it will deter any bogus requests for allowances and will make the service more open to careful scrutiny.

Certainly the use of a PIN number, which only YOU will know will ensure that fraudulent transactions should become more difficult, although you can have a 'helper aged 16 years or over', if you cannot get to a Post Office branch on a regular basis. Obviously there will be some people who would wish to continue receiving money from benefits in the village, and could not go elsewhere without considerable difficulty. For this reason, it will be necessary for anyone wishing to use this newly designed service to seek expert guidance, if it is needed.

The system is gradually being introduced and those entitled to allowances will be contacted on a 'rolling programme'.

**Chris Finch**

## Harbury Carnival – June 14<sup>th</sup>



This year's Carnival King is Thomas Kostiuk. Thomas is 11 years old and is in year 6 at Harbury School. His interests are football and play stations and his best subjects are PE, Art and Technology.

Our Carnival Queen is 11-year-old Jessica Holden, who is also in year 6 at Harbury School. Jessica's interests are playing the piano, listening to music and reading. Her best subjects are English and Technology

### **Fun for All**

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 8 June at 12-30pm and will be hosted by the Shakespeare Inn. This year, we will again be running separate events that will not require the consumption of alcohol (at least not during the race!). Can I please ask you to help us out by registering your participation prior to the day? Entry forms are available in the pubs and from Dan Killian. Please call him on 612265.

The team pub games competition timetable is:

Monday June 9 – Aunt Sally at The Crown

Tuesday June 10– Skittles at The Old New Inn

Wednesday June 11 - Horseshoes at The Gamecock

Thursday June 12 - Quiz at The Dog.

All events start at 7-30pm.

This will be organised on a "grand prix" basis with points awarded for



1st, 2nd 3rd, etc. The team that accumulates the most points overall will be the winner. As I said last month, we would like to see more participation this year so please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends. Entry forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian. If you want more information you can call either Dan on 612265 or John Broomfield on 614258.

### **Other Business**

If you still need to organise a stall please get in touch with Jane McCluskey on 614453 as soon as possible. Please do not leave this until the last minute.

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.harburycarnival.org.uk](http://www.harburycarnival.org.uk) and you can e-mail us on [harburycarnival@aol.com](mailto:harburycarnival@aol.com).

**John Broomfield**

## **"La Ciudad Feliz"**

I'm off on my travels again! In July this year I will be visiting Ecuador as part of a team of 13 students from Oxford University who will be carrying out voluntary work there for a month. It is organised by a charity called *Travelaid*, which has sent groups to Ecuador, as well as a number of other developing countries, for the last three years.

We will be working in a community known as "La Ciudad Feliz", meaning *the happy city* in Spanish. It was set up twenty years ago by a forward-looking and socially conscious Anglican bishop called Romero Vega, who left his comfortable city home to start a great charity project. His vision was to build a community where Ecuador's many social outcasts could find a place to live in peace. His main efforts have been to help disadvantaged children, either orphaned or whose parents are jailed criminals or local prostitutes who have no money to feed them. He aims to bring them up within a loving environment and thus break the social cycles of poverty and misery that would otherwise blight their lives. Starting from nothing, he has slowly built up his community in central Ecuador, largely thanks to the efforts of Western charity groups, like *Travelaid*, who bring money and labour to increase the facilities in the community.

This year the aim is to build a classroom for the children. At the moment, they have one room in which they have occasional lessons but the Bishop is well aware that they need more education in order to

stand a decent chance in life. The project needs \$7,000 to go ahead, which covers the cost of the building materials and the group's food while working in the community. If you would like to support this worthy cause and help the children of "La Ciudad Feliz" have a better start in life, donations can be put through the door of Pan's Garden, 22, Farm Street, Harbury. Your support is much appreciated. Many thanks.

Stephanie Okell

## **Summer Programme at Southam Community Education Centre**

### Day Course at Offchurch Village Hall (starting 29<sup>th</sup> April, 9 weeks)

Upholstery and soft furnishing	Tuesday	9.30 – 11.30
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### Day Courses at Southam College, (starting 30<sup>th</sup> April, 9 weeks)

Keep fit to music	Wednesday	9.30 – 10.30
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Water colour painting	Wednesday	1.00 – 3.00
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### Evening Course at the T.H. Room, Harbury (starting 30<sup>th</sup> April, 9 wks)

Yoga	Wednesday	7.30 – 9.30
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### Day Courses at Southam College, (starting 1<sup>st</sup> May, 9 weeks)

Yoga for relaxation	Thursday	10.00 – 12.00
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Water colour painting	Thursday	1.00 – 3.00
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### Course at Offchurch Village Hall (starting 1<sup>st</sup> May, 9 weeks)

Upholstery and soft furnishing	Thursday	1.30 – 3.30
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### Day Courses at Southam College, (starting 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 9 weeks)

Flower preparations for Summer	Friday	10.00 – 12.00
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Water colour painting	Friday	1.00 – 3.00
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### Course at Long Itchington Primary School (starting 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 9 wks)

Daytime computer keyboard skills	Friday	1.00 – 3.00
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For more information contact Gerry Young on 01926 810942 or 812560 or email [gdyoung1@aol.com](mailto:gdyoung1@aol.com).

Gerry Young

## **Calling anyone with blood in their veins**

The next blood donor session will be in Harbury Village Hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Times are 1.30 to 3.30 and 4.30 to 7.30pm. The

afternoon session is usually very quiet and hence quicker. There cannot be many people who do not know someone who has benefited from blood or blood products; not just after surgery or childbirth, but for instance as treatments for anaemia, haemophilia, accidental injuries, leukaemia, and support during chemotherapy.

Last time there were 94 donors – can be make it a century?

Any questions to me on 614809, or the National Blood Service, free phone 0845 7711 711 or visit their website [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk).

Gillian Hare

## Parish Paths Partnership

In response to the interest shown at the open meeting in the Tom Hauley Room held by the PPP, there will be a walk led by Dick Picken on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May starting from the Village Hall at 2.30pm. All are welcome, the distance being to suit the participants.

PPP

## Musings from a Country Garden (10)

### Hyper-activity at Bell View – Birds and animals.

In April the garden is alive and I have been observing. You know the saying: *sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I jest sits*. Well, I have been 'jest sitting' in the conservatory with the double doors opened wide (in brilliant sunshine but freezing to death in actual fact, from the cold wind) and I can see part of the copse, stream and the twisted willow and Eucalyptus trees which are in the garden. I sit or lie motionless, (it has a bed as well!) and the wild life just ambles past the door slowly not suspecting that there is human being watching their every move. The birds are busy building their nests and the wrens have been darting in and out of the large Rosemary bush within feet of me, and giving me the benefit of their powerful song.

Pheasants seem to be in the garden a lot this year. There are two cock pheasants in particular. They are SO beautiful. The design of their colourful feathers is exquisite. Their call matches precisely the old Klaxon that Stan fixed to the five-barred gate years ago and which is still there. This was to alert us that visitors were approaching. The garden is long and when the leaves are on the trees and bushes the gate is out of our vision. When it was first put there this 'klaxon'



appeared to start squawking at daybreak and I used to fly out of bed saying: *Quick, we've got visitors, they are pressing the klaxon.* Stan soon identified the birdcall as that of a pheasant, but he had to agree that it was precisely the same as our klaxon in pitch and sound. Their call is very loud indeed; I would call it raucous and in fact one is making a heck of a noise as I write this - mid-afternoon.

Only yesterday I was resting in the conservatory and I heard frantic hammering. It was the woodpecker in the copse drumming on one of the dead trees.

Before I leave the birds I must say that there is a sound that I have not heard yet this year and that is the cuckoo. The flight path for the cuckoo has always been above our roof. Every year it flies over, at about 4.00am cuckooing like mad - not this year as yet.

### **Animals**

I have been watching baby squirrels on the bird table. They might be called 'tree rats' and over the years they have eaten their way through a good number of hanging nut containers, but they are cute to watch when they have a wide area of bird table to eat food from. However, they do go away when they have had their fill. Also, when spoken to, they turn round and look at me as if they are listening. I like them!

Ginger (the feral cat) has been again to stoke up with food and drink. He knows his name too. I saw him going along the path at the front of the cottage when I was in the conservatory. I called: *Ginger* and he stopped and looked round; gave me a haughty look as cats do, and went on his way **forward**. Fortunately (for him), I thought to myself just in case he comes back I had better go up to the cottage. We arrived at the back door at the same time again; he had come the back way round. He came into the kitchen to wait for his meal. He still cannot be stroked - in fact I cannot get anywhere near him - just like 'tilla.

### **Flowers and Bees**

There are many violets around. Little mini carpets of them and I watched a bee actually going from flower to flower after the pollen - a tiny bee and a miniscule flower. There are hundreds in the garden, but he never misses one in the patch that I was watching.

The Celandines are out alongside the water and the bog-garden lilies are about two feet tall - they are planted actually in the water; no flowers yet of course. The bluebells are all over the place. There is apple blossom and blackthorn blossom and the hawthorn is showing

leaves and white flowers. Cowslips have appeared in the past week and the primroses are everywhere. It is definitely the prettiest time of the year in this garden.

Unfortunately all is not showing life. I have three Mallow Trees and they look as dead as a Dodo - not a shoot at the moment. There were some green shoots but I think the heavy frosts we have been getting this week have taken their toll. A couple of my clematis are also giving a good impression of something dead. I can only hope.

Elsa Greenway



## Horticultural Society

Once again I wasn't at the last meeting, so didn't hear Mr. Alan Cook's talk on Dwarf Shrubs. Apparently he was at Kew for over 30 years in charge of Alpine. Alan knew, and loved his subject well. He showed many excellent slides and answered questions.

The schedule for the Village Show in September is now complete and should soon be available. Something for everyone we hope. One of the classes in the Cookery section I understand will be a carrot cake, which I am sure, will be very popular, however all will be revealed! If you intend to exhibit fruit do not polish it or otherwise damage the bloom or you will loose points. Should you plan to show jams or other preserves the containers and closures are important. These are all dealt with in the WI book *On with the Show*. Janice has one copy (614459) and Pat Smith has the other (612650).

The Victorian Pleasure Gardens at Hill Close, Warwick will need volunteers to help on occasional Saturdays this coming July and August. Four or five people are required to generally help, take money, hand out leaflets and serve teas, etc. If anybody is interested, contact July. The sessions will be for 2 hours at a stretch.

Years ago I was given a recipe for a delicious refreshing drink using elderflowers. One year Bertha Kettle and I had a stall at the Carnival; we didn't make much money, but we raised much interest and comment. I include the recipe now as we are fast approaching the time when the elderflowers are in season. To make the drink take:  
24-26 heads of flowers; 1oz tartaric acid; 1oz citric acid; 4 oranges or lemons; 3 pints of cold water, and 2 to 3 lbs sugar.

In a clean large bucket put the acids, sugar and water. Cut up fruit

thinly, as for marmalade. Add heads of flowers, and stir well at least 3 times a day for 48 hours.

Squeeze well, strain through double muslin and keep in the fridge. It freezes well in clean margarine containers. Dilute to taste.

The last talk will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and is given by Rachel Salisbury on "Plants for Hot Spots".

Muriel Grey

## Gardening Notes for May

Easter is here, and so is the return of winter! I hope that you were able to enjoy some of the warm, sunny days whilst they lasted. May is usually a month of sharp contrasts, with days of warm sunshine followed by a plunge back to chilly winds and drizzle.

Harden off over-wintered frost tender plants and earlier sown, half-hardy annuals e.g. salvias, petunias, before planting out in borders or containers at end month. Do not be in a hurry to get them out, they will catch up, and if you were fooled by the recent summer-like days and have already planted out summer flowers, keep some horticultural fleece handy.

Sow half-hardy annuals directly in borders from mid month, zinnias and China asters will flower in 8-10 weeks. Plant dormant dahlia tubers 4" deep in beds, by the time shoots appear above ground, danger from frost should have passed. The last week in May is usually the cut-off time for frost in this area. As shoots appear some can be cut off at base of plants and potted up in sandy compost to produce new plants. Divide large clumps of primulas or move them to spare ground in shade. Divide large clumps of perennials. Dig up the whole clump then tease off young outer portions to replant. Put in supports for all tall plants. Control slugs by organic methods; with a beer trap they die happy!

All the narcissi family need their foliage to be left for at least 6 weeks after flowering finishes. Before the leaves turn brown, feed with a foliar spray or a high potash fertiliser. Hoe around the plants as flowers fade in case the narcissus bulb fly has laid eggs in the soil. The larvae will be exposed and birds may find them. There is no chemical control. Mark position of bulbs if you intend to split up any clumps in June or to plant new trees or shrubs.

Plant up hanging baskets and containers but keep inside until the end



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of the month. Check drainage holes in pots are clear. Punch drainage holes in a piece of plastic and use it to line a container. A saucer in the base of a basket will help to hold water. Clip bay trees.

Sow marrows, courgettes, cucumbers and melons in pots in early May. Sow the seeds on edge to prevent rot. Plant them out when they have a few leaves at end of month. Plants of these, and sweet peppers and aubergines are available in garden centres this month. Sow runner and French beans in 3" pots at beginning of month in a greenhouse or outside at end of month. Sow annual herbs – basil, chervil and dill. Divide straggly mint and thyme.

Watch out for sawfly larvae stripping leaves on gooseberries. Pick them off. Soft fruit needs plenty of water as flowers set and fruit swells. Pay particular attention to bushes planted near fences or walls. Remove unwanted suckers from all shrubs.

When young plants of fuchsia and pelargoniums are about 4-5" tall pinch out their growing tops to make them bush. Many houseplants can be propagated from leaf and stem cuttings. Those with fleshy stems will root easily on the kitchen windowsill in pots of perlite.

Weed and moss kill lawns. Lightly rake out the dead thatch so that the grass is not damaged as this may allow weeds in. When applying any lawn chemicals follow the packet instructions carefully.

Encourage more blackbirds and thrushes into your garden by planting shrubs that produce berries in autumn. Did you know that we now have a National Compost Awareness Week! Good organic gardening wishes to everyone.

### Plant of the month – Weigela

The first professional plant collector in China was Robert Fortune, sent by the Horticultural Society of London to find plants of interest to the fashionable Victorian gardeners. A deciduous shrub with flowers like tiny foxgloves was sent back to London and given the name Weigela to honour a 19<sup>th</sup> Century German botanist, C.F.Weigel. Twelve species of the plant were found but now we have more than a hundred hybrids and varieties, many bred by the enthusiastic Victorian plants men. The flower colours range from soft pink to





white. Several varieties have variegated foliage, which extends their interest beyond the flowering period of May and June. All are easy to grow in most soils in a sunny or part shaded site. However they do require all flowered stems to be cut out as soon as the flowers have faded, to allow new growth for next year's blooms.

Pat Smith

## Letters to the Editors

*Dear Editors*

*There should be no mystery or surprise regarding the telephone call box on Frances Road (see last issue of the magazine).*

*An announcement given on the BBC, also reported in the national press made clear that mobile phones had hit call boxes hard and BT would take action. This could be the case of 'Use or Lose'.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Mike Bloxham*

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## OBITUARY

*Mrs. Beryl (Betty) Hill, 83*

*It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death of Betty Hill, at her home near Redditch.*

*It was in the summer of 1956 that she and husband Austin brought their young family of Jane, Alison and Graham to one of George Marshall's new semis in the then Co-operative Terrace, then Bull Ring Lane, and now Ivy Lane.*

*Betty and her whole family settled down to an active life in the developing and*

*rapidly changing community, which was then Harbury.*

*Jane, at five, started school life at the Wagstaffe under Mrs. Gwen Watts, while husband Austin was on the original staff of the newly completed Southam High School. Betty was so proud to see daughter Jane rise to become the second Harbury girl, in as many years, to be Head Girl of the Kings High School, Warwick.*

*Though quiet and unobtrusive in everything she did, Betty Hill was instrumental behind the scenes in the Harbury WI, the Parish Church and Harry Windsor's Bell-ringers, the Harbury Footpath Walkers Group (which re-awakened interest in the local field-paths) and the Communal Bonfire Committee. In addition, she played no small part in supporting and helping her husband in restoring both vigour and refurbishment to the Harbury Village Club and Institute in Crown Street. Austin undertook its secretarial work for over 30 years.*

*In addition, on his appointment as Parish Clerk, their home became the Parish Office with all that the term implies in terms of service to the community.*

*Betty Hill gave twenty of the best years of her life to the village of Harbury and was greatly missed when the family returned to its native Gaydon in 1976. We are sorry to learn of her death.*

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**HOME VISITING:** Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you.  
Call Sue Dormer 613254.

**HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE:** Call Tony Brunton 612191.

**VISITING:** Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

## Regular Diary Dates

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall,  
Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon  
Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;  
Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00-10:00pm;  
Friday (612029) (Juniors) 2:00-3:00pm;  
Sunday (613340) 7:00-10:00pm

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm

**BEAT BUDDIES:** Village Hall, Tuesdays 2:00pm; Fridays 9:30-11:30am & 2:00-3:00pm

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

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** (613207) various homes, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in the month 2:00 to 3:30pm

(612864) various homes, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in the month 10.30am to 12noon

**BOOKWORMS:** (614793) Tom Hauley Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:30pm

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm

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

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

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

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

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** The Shakespeare, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 8:30pm



**HARBURY FRIENDS:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**

**Under 9s:** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch  
Coaches: Steve Darby 613330

**Under 11s:** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch  
Coaches: Jim Farrell 612396

**Under 14s:** Training: 9.30am Saturday at Playing Fields  
Coaches: Mick Pratt 817700

**Under 16s:** Training: 10.30am Saturday at Playing Fields (top pitch)  
Coaches: John Wilkins 612115

**HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL:** Harbury Primary School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-12:00noon;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12:45pm-3:15pm

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** (613786) Wight School (behind Library), High St. Tuesday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm;

**HARBURY THEATRE GROUP:** (612009) The Shakespeare Inn, last Tuesday in the month 8:00pm

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** (613311) Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498

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

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** T. Hauley Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00noon

**LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;

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

Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month; Term Time only

**NETBALL CLUB:** (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

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

**TENNIS CLUB:** April to September:

Adults (614532): Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm for April & September); Wednesdays 2.15pm onwards; Saturdays 3:00-5:00pm

Under 16s (613284): *Sundays 10:00am-12Noon; Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm; Thursdays 4:15-6:00pm*  
Non Members may book courts for £2 an hour at Country Fayre, Chapel St.

E-Mail: [sucol-ashcroft@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:sucol-ashcroft@tinyworld.co.uk)

Club Website: [www.harburytennisclub.homestead.com](http://www.harburytennisclub.homestead.com)

**THURSDAY CLUB:** (612273) Farley Room of Village Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month 2:30pm

**WEIGHT WATCHERS:** (07971 457143) Tom Hauley Room, Mondays 7:00pm

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month 7:45pm

YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgey Tel. 817904

YOUTH CLUB: (612688) Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

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