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This month there are reports recording happy events from the end of term at Harbury School, Pre-School, Nursery School and the Toddler Group. We wish all the children well, particularly those awaiting exam results or moving on to new schools.

The Garden Walkabout and Art Exhibition were very successful, despite the showers. We thank and congratulate the organisers for all their hard work.

Mention must go to the Ladbroke Millennium Green Fundraising Event that raised nearly £3000. Congratulations on this amazing amount.

## **Who makes the News?**

An article outlining the history of the magazine has been included in this month's edition. Throughout its thirty years the magazine has always relied on villagers contributing material. This is still the case today and we always welcome contributions.

To meet rising production costs, it will be necessary to raise the annual subscription in October by a small amount.

Our appeal for editors and typists was very fruitful: we have a new typist, Kate Wilson, and two new editors, Janice Thraves and Adrian French.

In our Forthcoming Events section we are now publishing diary entries up to three months in advance.



An example of the children's impressive artwork in the Summer Exhibition.

We extend our sympathies to the families of Stanley Belshaw, Joseph Cox, Joseph Greenwell and Jean Russell.

# Harbury Diary

## AUGUST

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| Sun 1   | <b>TRINITY EIGHT</b> Sung Eucharist 9.00am, Evening Worship 6.00pm<br>Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> X1 home to Aynho<br>Plant Sale 11.00am – 2.00pm at Dog Car Park in aid of Myton Hospice |
| Tues 3  | Holy Communion 7.30pm   |
| Wed 4   | "Talk it Through" at 33, South Parade, 8.00pm   |
| Thurs 5 | Holy Communion 9.45am<br>Art Tutorial in Tom Hauley Room<br>Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm   |
| Fri 6   | Recycling & Green Waste Collection<br>WI Members Garden Party, 7.00pm   |
| Sat 7   | Coffee Morning in aid of British Heart Foundation in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12.00noon  |
| Sun 8   | <b>TRINITY NINE</b> Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am<br>Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> X1 home to Henley in Arden   |
| Mon 9   | Holiday Club Registration 10.00am – 12.00noon in Tom Hauley Room  |

- Tues 10 Holiday Club 10.00am – 12.00noon in Tom Hauley Room  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Holiday Club 10.00am – 12.00noon in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 12 Holiday Club 10.00am – 12.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Prayer meeting in Church 8.00pm  
Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 13 Holiday Club 10.00am – 12.00noon in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 14 Coffee morning in aid of St James Ministry for International  
Development in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12.00noon
- Sun 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Communion 8.00am Family  
Communion 10.30am, Fair Trade Produce Stall (after service)  
Evensong 6.00pm,  
Benediction 7.00pm  
Cricket Occasionals/2<sup>nd</sup> X1 home to Bishops Tachbrook  
**ADVERTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm**
- Tues 17 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 18 Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3.00pm – 4.00pm  
"Talk it Through" at 33, South Parade, 8.00pm
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 20 Recycling & Green Waste Collection
- Sat 21 Mens Prayer Breakfast 7.30am  
Coffee morning in aid of Senior Citizens Support Group in  
Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12.00noon
- Sun 22 **TRINITY 11** Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung Eucharist  
10.30am  
Cricket 1<sup>st</sup> X1 home to Snitterfield
- Tues 24 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 25 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30pm – 4.30pm at 19 Farm  
Street  
Prayer meeting in Church 8.00pm
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 27 **ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury, by  
5.30pm**
- Sat 28 Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses in Tom Hauley  
Room 10.00am – 12.00noon
- Sun 29 **TRINITY 12** Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Cricket Occasionals/2<sup>nd</sup> XI home to Oakfield Rugby
- Tues 31 Holy Communion 7.30pm

## SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 7.45pm
- Fri 3 Recycling & Green Waste Collection  
Beer Festival in Village Hall
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning in aid of RNLI in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am –  
12.00noon  
Beer Festival in Village Hall



- Sun 5     **TRINITY 13** Sung Eucharist 9.00am, Evening Worship 6.00pm  
             Cricket 1st XI home to 6 Blockers
- Tues 7     Harbury Society talk on Ryton Gardens 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 8     Prayer meeting in Church 8.00pm
- Sat 11     Coffee Morning in aid of Southam Guides in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12.00noon  
             **HORTICULTURAL SHOW** in Village Hall

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Harbury School PTA Ladies Night in School Hall

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> November - Auction of Promises in Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

## **From the Rector**

John 8: vv 1-11. This passage relates the story about how Jesus deals with the woman caught committing adultery.

This story is possibly the most touching example of love and forgiveness in the entire scriptures. After this who can doubt the mercy of God?

There are some very nice points, which make the incident even more re-assuring.

First of all, there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the woman is a sinner. Even she does not deny it. Christ does not turn a blind eye to her sin and pretend that everything is all right. The woman has been caught. She needs forgiveness, not excuses and she finds it in the simple words of Christ. *"Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more"*.

When we are troubled or upset, the last thing we want is a pat on the head and a promise that everything will be fine. Everything is not fine, that is the trouble. We find no peace until we find someone who can assure us that, although they know us in all our weakness and sin, they still have kind thoughts about us, they still accept us. And that is what happens when we go to God as sinners. We can only know what his acceptance of us means if we are prepared to lay before him our sinfulness.

Another beautiful part of the gospel story describes how Jesus turns the tables on the woman's accusers. He does not defend the woman by excusing what she has done; He simply starts writing on the ground. What He was writing we will never know, but this action gave time to assess the situation. Time, we say, is a great healer. It is also essential if we are to see things in their true light. We are not big enough or clever enough to see everything at a glance. We need time and if we are wise we take time to take a second look. Time is so often God's way of healing us.

Finally, the incident teaches us that God's pardon is absolutely free. We do not deserve it; we have no claim to it. The woman in the story speaks few words. Her sin and her accusers have reduced her and she can only accept Christ's pardon as a gift. And that is how we always receive it. Sometimes we are so bothered about how we are to confess our sins, about getting them right, that we can end up with a feeling that we have in some way earned forgiveness. Nothing could be further from the truth. God's pardon is a pure gift, but is always available to those who are willing to receive it.

Freely, freely, you have received;

Freely, freely give.

Go in my name,

and because you believe,

others will know that I live.

**Fr. Roy Brown**

## **From the Registers**

### *Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury*

17<sup>th</sup> July     Marc Lusty to Kirsty Taylor

31<sup>st</sup> July     Stefan Whatcott to Olivia Michie

### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

18<sup>th</sup> July     Saskia Emily Steiger

18<sup>th</sup> July     Ellie Jane Cumberbatch



## *Funerals at All Saints Harbury*

2<sup>nd</sup> July     Joseph Greenwell (14)

6<sup>th</sup> July     Stanley Belshaw (86)

14<sup>th</sup> July     Jean Russell (81)

## *Funeral at Emmanuel Evangelical Church, Leamington Spa. Burial at Harbury Cemetery*

5<sup>th</sup> July     Joseph Cox (14)

## **Thought for the Month**

As | grow older, Lord, | pray,  
not for more wisdom, gold or power –  
But that | may know each passing hour,  
a stronger faith if skies grow grey.

## **From the Churchwardens**

Photographs this month show crucial stages in our common Christian journey: Baptism and Confirmation. The baptism of Harriet Rose and the confirmation of Alan and Betty Barr were both very joyful occasions.





To be reminded of the centrality of the sacraments in our lives is both humbling and uplifting and we thank parents, godparents, confirmands and all their families and friends for their faith and witness.

Thank you, too, to Bill Davies and all who worked so hard to make the weekend of the Art Exhibition a success. We do very much appreciate the chance to work with the Horticultural Society. The weekend is an occasion, one of many, when the whole village pulls together and when the outcome is not only the money raised, but also represents a contribution to the community spirit of Harbury.



**John Stringer performing his presentation of "The Wonder of Creation".**

Last, but not least, thank you to John Stringer for his presentation at this month's family Service, its theme "The Wonder of Creation". The experiments were spectacular. Ronnie's presence and John's message were, as always, engaging and thought provoking. We have it on good authority that if Ronnie ever goes AWOL "there'll be trouble at mill"!

**Lesley Jones**



## Mothers' Union

**Afternoon meeting** – In July we held the garden meeting and AGM that Pam Brown and the Rector kindly hosted.

The weather stayed fine, if windy, and we were able to sit outside and enjoy the garden. After tea and cakes we heard reports from the treasurer and secretary.

With the proceeds from coffee mornings and our individual collecting boxes we have been able to send donations over the year to Mothers' Union work overseas, emergency relief and the AFIA scheme to provide holidays for needy families.

The programme has been varied with meetings designed to "inform, stimulate discussion, provide fellowship, increase spiritual awareness, and to be fun and interesting". Members have taken part in a number of projects including knitting for seafarers and for premature babies, running the Toddler's Service, attending and following up baptisms, helping with the Holiday Club, prison visiting, and the latest project MUMS to help young mothers.

The committee members were re-elected with the addition of Gill Hare. There are already some potential new members and we are always pleased to welcome more. **Anyone** who has been baptised and agrees with the aims of the Mothers' Union is eligible to join, man or woman, young or old.

**Evening Meeting** – As usual our July evening meeting took the form of a walk and supper. Charles Catt led about 30 members, husbands, and friends for the walk, on local footpaths and we finished with an excellent buffet meal at The Shakespeare.

There are no meetings in August.

**Next Meetings** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 2.00pm. Service in Church.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8.00pm. To be arranged.

**C.M.Catt**



## Toddlers' Service

The weather was kind and we were able to have our July service outside.

We sang "Two Little Eyes to look to God" and then Tony Stubbs talked



about our hands and our ears. He told us how Jesus cured a man with a bad hand and a man who was deaf. He then told us how we can talk to deaf people by using our hands and Karena Ellis taught us some sign language including how to say "I love you".

Our picnic followed and we presented books to all the children who will be starting school in September (and little books to the other children too).

There is no Toddler Service in August. The next one will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm in the children's corner of the church. All babies and toddlers are very welcome.

C.M.Catt

## Ladbroke News

### AUGUST

- Wed 4 Women's Fellowship Summer Tea Party at Hall Farm, Ladbroke 3.00pm
- Sun 8 **TRINITY 9** Sung Communion 9.00am
- Tues 10 WI Summer Outing to Upton House, 1<sup>st</sup> pick up Southam at 11.00am, Ladbroke Hall at 11.10am
- Sun 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary Sung Communion 9.00am
- Tues 17 Millennium Club Draw 8.00pm at Bell Inn, Ladbroke
- Sun 22 **TRINITY 11** Sung Communion 9.00am
- Sun 29 **TRINITY 12** Holy Communion 9.00am

### SEPTEMBER

- Sun 5 **TRINITY 13** Family Communion 10.30am
- Mon 13 Table Tennis Club 8.00pm

### Ladbroke Flower Rota

- 8<sup>th</sup> August Pat Kennedy
- 15<sup>th</sup> August Beryl Ross
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August Catherine Todman
- 29<sup>th</sup> August Sarah Duncan
- 5<sup>th</sup> September Kate Pickin



Jane Rutherford

## Women's Fellowship

Thank you to Hazel for hosting our meeting in July, we had a most enjoyable afternoon, discussing some of our favourite books and poems. Nancy started off the afternoon with a recital of a very long poem called "Bishop Hatyo" believed to have originated in Germany. Nancy had been taught this many years ago, when a child, maybe as long as 75 years.

I read one of my favourite books from long ago, Postman Pat. I'm sure most of you recall reading these to your younger children and that many of you read these to the grandchildren today.

It was agreed that any money made at our Summer Tea Party, to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> August at the home of Betty Winkfield, will go to Ladbroke Church's new development to buy some new kitchen equipment for the pantry area and that the Fellowship will be responsible for providing the cleaning materials in the future.

Please do come along to our Summer Tea Party, there will be a Bring and Buy Stall as well as a Raffle and of course plenty of good homemade food.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 3.00pm at Hall Farm, Ladbroke.**

**Jo Sowerby**

## Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

Saturday 17 July was the W.I.'s very successful barbecue held at the home of Janet & John Loman. A big thank you to them both for allowing us to enjoy their beautiful garden and for arranging for the weather to be good too.



Our meeting on the Thursday 22nd July was great fun with various games from snakes and ladders, draughts, and crosswords to a game of Table Tennis for the more energetic. Memorable photos were brought including interesting albums on Ladbroke's Flower festival from 1986 and 1990.



The winners of the raffle prizes were Susan Moore, Beryl Ross and Sue Halsall.

September Tea Hostesses are Catherine Spence and Jo Sowerby

### **Dates for your Diaries.**

August 10<sup>th</sup> - The W.I Summer outing to Upton House, 1st pick up in Southam at 11.00 am, then Ladbroke Hall at approximately 11.10am.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> - A Wiggle with a Giggle, Mr Martin Clarke - Worm Farmer.

**Sue Halsall**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**

The June Draw took place at the Bell Inn on Tuesday 20 July 2004 at 8.00pm

Pam Collins won the £70 prize.

Marie Kennedy and Wild Indians won £25 prizes.

David Halsall, B Whitehouse and K & C Picken won £10 prizes.

The next draw will take place at the Bell Inn Ladbroke on Tuesday 17 August 8pm

**Sue Halsall**



## All Saints Church Development



I am sure many of you will have seen the coming and goings of workmen at Ladbroke Church; this is for the new extension at the back of the Church to house the new pantry and toilet facility (disabled).

We are very pleased with the work and hope to be able to use the facilities very soon, by the end of the summer. We are still raising money for this project and will continue to do so in the future. Any help in this matter would be very much appreciated.

**Jo Sowerby**

## Ladbroke Table Tennis Club.

I can't believe it is nearly time to dust down the bats, get out the trainers ready for the new season of Table Tennis, which begins on Monday September 13th 2004 from 8.00pm until 10.00pm.

First of all I would like to say a big thank-you to Derek Batty and all his hard work in raising sufficient money to buy a new table tennis table. "We will have no excuse now for poor shots." Look forward to seeing members old and new. Please come and join us for these action packed evenings?

Either telephone me on 811838 or just turn up on the evening, with your trainers (The kind that you wear on your feet not personal trainers)

**Sue Halsall**

## Ladbroke Crazy Golf Day

Ladbroke held its first 'Crazy Golf Day' on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd July. What a good event it turned out to be for both adults and the children.



There were nine gardens each with their own imaginative twists and very difficult holes. The props used were very original, from slides, sandpits and wendy-houses to castles, drainpipes, rabbit hutches and buckets! The event started from the Millennium Green where each player was given a map of the course and a score sheet.

The weather managed to stay fairly warm, albeit one or two showers, luckily our hosts were on standby to offer shelter to those playing. After all holes were complete, it was back to the Millennium Green for a competition at the 19th hole, some fantastic home made cakes, refreshments and of course the all important results..!

#### **Adult Winners –**

1st Prize - Derek Batty with 94

2nd Prize - Peter Loftus with 106

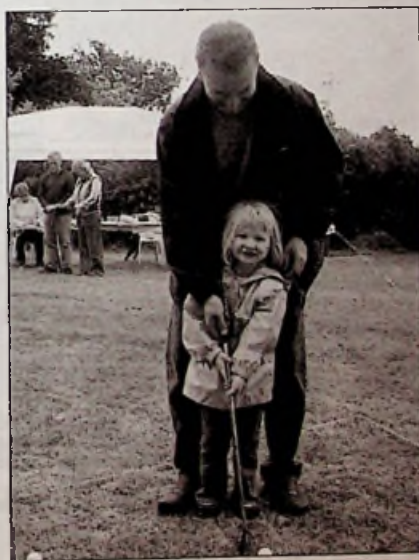
Booby prize awarded to Margaret Bosworth

#### **Children's Winner -**

1st Prize - Lawrence Jay with 103

#### **19th Hole Competition Winner –**

Tracey Ryan with 34





£100 was raised for the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. A big thank you to everyone who took part and a special thank you to Kay and Moira for all their hard work organising this event. See you all again next year.

**Lesley Loveday**

## **Ladbroke Millennium Green Fund Raising Event**

One of the Trustees of the Millennium Green will be calling on homes in Ladbroke to give you the opportunity to buy a horse, which will be entered into the Race Card for the Race Night in the Village Hall on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September. There will also be the chance to place bets, watch the filmed races, and enjoy a chicken and chip supper - for the price of £5. Children are welcome at a reduced price for a reduced supper! A bar will be available.

## **Blooze Kings Play Walworth Farm**



**"Volunteer Barnmaids" Jenny Barrett, Susan Moore, Christine Baker, Janice Kennedy and Collette Batty.**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July as planned, we held our fundraiser. Family and friends worked all day to help set up. The band and disco arrived, the loos were in place and the weather was kind, all we needed were the



people. The barbeques were lit and the bar was ready and by 9pm we welcomed about 350 people who ate, drank and danced until 2.00am. All that remains to be done is to say a big thank you to all who helped and enabled us to raise the princely sum of £2960.00. This amount has been divided equally between All Saints Ladbroke, Ladbroke Village Hall and the Millennium Green. Our thanks once again to our sponsors and all who gave their time and efforts to make this event such a great success.

**Susan and John Moore**

## **Harbury Parish Council - July 2004**

*Official minutes can be viewed in the Library or obtained from the Parish Clerk.*

You can tell the Chairman is a schoolteacher. First she ticks your reporter off for suggesting that Dutch Van Spall left the meeting early last month to watch the football, when he had another more important engagement. Sorry Dutch! Then she had her colleagues with their hands up to indicate whether or not they approved of plans to allow Parish Councils to pay allowances to Councillors like the higher Local Authorities do.

This was a very contentious suggestion. Some Councillors thought it wrong in principle that they should get any remuneration for their efforts. Others took the view that the increasing workload and incidental costs could inhibit potential Councillors from offering themselves for election. As Tim Lockley pointed out the sums suggested were only a token and the Council was being asked its views and would not be committing itself to paying allowances. Whilst there seemed a majority in favour of the proposals the Council agreed to seek more guidance before making a decision.

We had the same "hands-up" performance when it came to allocating the seats on the various Parish Sub-Committees. Dutch Van Spall went on the Planning Committee, Sharon Hancock dropped Environment and Keith Thompson indicated that he wished to relinquish the Chairmanship of the Properties Committee. Apart from that it was impossible for the audience to determine who got what.

Now that our Police Officer has been relieved of responsibility for the Service Area he has been much more active in the village; visiting Bishops Bowl to ensure the site manager keeps the boundaries

secure; speaking to staff and parents about the parking outside the school; agreeing to talk to the Village Hall Committee about Drugs Awareness; giving the Beavers a Road Safety Walk and speaking to Binswood End residents about their traffic problems.

The Parish Council met Jez Romero from the County who recommended that Jerry Birkbeck should produce a Traffic Calming Scheme for them and Jerry has been invited to the September meeting.

Cllr Booth has managed to get the resurfacing of Middle Road included in the estimates for the 2006 road maintenance programme along with the Fosse between Middle Road and Harbury Lane, and parts of Butt Lane.

The Parish Council registered their gratitude for the work of the Parish Paths Partnership which has up-graded all the rights of way within the Parish and will now continue to maintain them as needed.

Lots of tree works are needed; the Limes in the Burial Grounds require pollarding and there's a crack in the stem of the Chestnut outside the Surgery and one branch must be removed. The overhanging branches in Church Street will also receive attention but were not the Parish's responsibility.

The work on the Parish Plan continues with the Survey of Young People's Recreational needs; which will be distributed with the Harbury News. Chairman Jenny Patrick announced that she wanted to call a meeting of Councillors during August to finalise the Plan and hoped to have it ready for adoption by October.

They are still on course to apply for Quality Status, helped by now having a fully qualified Clerk. Everyone congratulated Nicola Thompson for passing her exams. The website is fully operational and they were re-assured by Alison Hodge, Secretary to the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils that they only needed to publicise their deliberations once a quarter in the Harbury News to satisfy the conditions.

## **PLANNING**

Stratford granted permission to demolish the existing garage at Walnut Tree Cottage and erect extensions at 17 Binswood End and Burnside, Deppers Bridge.

The Parish made no representation on the extension at 6 South Parade but suggested that parking and turning provision should be made at the Stables, Harbury Hall.

Enforcement had been issued over the advertisement on the Dog Inn. Sharon Hancock reported that there had been no landscaping provision in the permission for the sectional concrete garage at 1 Constance Drive.

The Appeal at Square Close was granted; giving change of use of a barn for warehousing.

The Councillors discussed the application by Biffa to construct a "Stable Non-Hazardous Waste Cell" for the disposal of Bonded Asbestos. It transpired that this material had been disposed of on-site since 1992. The Notice came as a result of changes in the regulations.

Janet Thornley is still waiting to hear if Biffa will be able to supply sub-soil for the BMX Track at the Playing Fields. It was suggested that spoil from the Burial Grounds might help, but Councillors would need to investigate the regulations on its transportation and use.

Repairs were in hand to various pieces of Play Equipment and the Dragons Teeth and barrier were to be installed soon. "You should not have been sliding down it" was his colleagues' response to Tim Lockley's complaint that paint rubbed off the slide.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **Harbury Parish Plan**

Harbury's final Parish Plan questionnaire will be delivered with this month's Harbury News. It is a survey of the recreational needs of young people aged 11-17. The under 11's have already completed theirs.

Included with the children's survey is one for parents so that they too can give their views on what is needed.

The forms should be completed as soon as possible and returned, not later than 14th August to the Collection Box at Muggleston's Country Fayre in Chapel Street. Anyone who needs extra forms for their children should contact the Parish Clerk, Nicola Thompson on 614646.

Once this survey is analysed the Parish Council will have all the information necessary to complete our Parish Plan and will publish an



Action Plan showing what improvements are needed and how they will be realised.

This is a new and exciting idea, which gives the community the opportunity to tell the Parish, District and County Councils how they would like to see their village develop in the next few years. It will also help our Parish Council along the road to Quality Status and more powers to undertake improvements within Harbury.

Please take time to read the survey and answer the questions and do encourage your children to have their say too.

**Linda Ridgley, for Harbury Parish Council, Parish Plans Committee**

## Harbury Society



Harbury Society

Our Sunday afternoon walk round Leamington Old Town with Judith Harridge took us back to the very origins of the Spa.

Judith's enthusiastic and encyclopaedic knowledge of Leamington revealed the sites of the main wells and springs exploited by the early entrepreneurs; the oldest surviving cottages

from the village of Leamington Priors; the now ignored Georgian buildings that served as hostelries, theatres and Assembly Rooms and the hidden gems of Satchwell Place and Gordon House.

We tried hard to imagine the Leam as a small braided stream where a wooden footbridge carried the Lillington to Whitnash bridleway across by the old Mill. We wondered just how Benjamin Satchwell was able to market this modest village with only two pubs, a simple Church and no meeting rooms to the gentry and qualify it as a health resort. And we marvelled at the considerable local investment that brought about its expansion into a fashionable Spa Town on the southern side of the river.

**Ryton Gardens talk by Bob Sherman is on 7th September, 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.**

The Society has a fund-raising Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 25th September from 10-12 noon, where we will be selling copies of our up-dated Footpaths Book, Cross the Stile and our history of the parish, Hungry Harbury.

**Linda Ridgley**

## Harbury Women's Institute



The members Garden Party will be at Celia's home on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.00pm. There will be a raffle and a Bring and Buy. Do bring a chair.

The outing to Evesham is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Please be at the Village Hall by 9.45am. There are still a few seats available to any readers who are interested. It is a super day out, returning to Harbury at about 6.00pm. Please contact Nora Ellis on 613605 for details.

There are County Trips to Malvern County Show in September, Westonbirt Arboretum in October and The Lowry Galleries in November.

The walks organised by Celia are proving popular. The recent two were in the Offchurch and Shuckburgh areas.

Celia and Dorothy have entered the John Innis Outdoor Bowls Competition in September.

The Speaker was Mrs Bonnie Webb who demonstrated Sugarcraft. Bonnie took up cake decorating when she retired from lecturing. There were albums showing her work, in traditional and modern designs. She showed us how to make a lily with its slightly curved petals and the shaded colouring along the centre of each petal resulting in a perfect flower. She picks flowers to study the shape and colours.

Bonnie does not believe in the old laborious methods with all the easy materials now available. She says cold porcelain can be used to make flowers in the same way, which could be fun.

One useful hint – never use cornflower to roll out marzipan as it ferments. Only use icing sugar.

A final reminder to all readers. Please enter the Village Produce Show in September. It helps to keep a village tradition alive and "it's fun". More next month.

September's Speaker; Mr Mel Mills – My Gran was a Gypsy.

The Darts team is also poised for the "off" in September.

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## Harbury Folk Club

With the holiday season almost upon us, the theme of the 236th Folk Club was "Rest" and almost everyone who made a contribution kept as close to the theme as possible. Once more the club welcomed first-time as well as regular contributors and the standard was predictably high. Dave and Brenda Bennett appeared at Harbury for their first time, although Dave has been playing superb guitar around the folk scene for many years. Together they gave us some blistering guitar work and some excellent singing and also completed the evening with the "Teddy Bears' Picnic". Their "And So Do I", a setting of a Thomas Hardy poem, was one of many high spots in the evening. Also appearing were Bob Brooker and Maggie Coleman, two members of "Newbold". However, this time they sang solo with Bob giving us a couple of songs about the sea and Maggie singing a night visiting song and the lovely "Linden Lea". We were also fortunate to have the services of Keith Donnelly, always a popular and unpredictable performer, who is extremely busy during the summer with Festival commitments. He chose two pensive and quiet songs, including "Lullaby-bye-bye", which assisted the rest process still further.

Contributions from Des are always welcome and he too chose a more maritime direction for his songs. Peter McDonald chose two Tom Paxton songs, which are always popular at Harbury, and "Take Me Down to Forest Lawn", about a cemetery in the US, is as good an interpretation of the theme as any. Ron always puts on a good spot and we were treated to his humorous "Death to the Traitor", about the French Revolution. Peter Mason circled around the sun and then performed Stan Rodger's excellent "Mary Ellen Carter" about a sunken ship denied rest. Maureen and Janny had worked hard on two lovely songs "Cupid's Garden" and "The Loyal Lover", bringing their rich harmonies into effective play. These occasional groupings are always welcome and show the diversity and versatility of club members who often prefer to remain in the audience. We were also treated to a couple of songs, and comically extended introductions, from John Kemsley and his friend Stuart from Yelvertoft. I may be biased but I really liked the first song, which was one of Stuart's original creations linking as many Harvesters' song titles as possible into the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen".

As so often, the large and appreciative audience gave generously to the raffle, whose prizes included the traditional bottle of wine and, appropriately, a plastic model of a Portuguese footballer. We raised a



total of £34.00 which all went to Myton Hospice, one of the most popular Folk Club causes. The Folk Club meets every month on the first Thursday in the Garden Room of The Shakespeare and it is always wise to arrive a little before 8:30 if you intend to be seated. Singers, instrumentalists, dancers, poets, acrobats, storytellers are always welcome and the club is noted for giving debut performers a fair and enthusiastic hearing. So what are you waiting for?

**Ian Hartland 612734**

## **Harbury Tennis Club**

The weather has been very unkind to us recently but we did manage to complete our Midsummer Barbecue tournament. New member Angie Dean won the ladies' section but the Men's was a 3-way tie that couldn't be resolved on the night or the sausages would have burnt!

Another pleasant session was the "Mix and Match" evening when some of our "Rusties and Beginners" who had just completed their 10-week coaching course joined a number of Club members for some informal doubles. The aim was to welcome the "R&Bs" to the Club and hopefully give them the confidence to come along to Club sessions.



**Mix and Match – Rusties and Beginners**

The Banbury Summer League has reached the halfway stage although the weather has been far from summery! After a promising start to the season the "A" team have had a difficult time in recent matches with heavy defeats against Banbury West End and Banbury "A". There was also a defeat by the narrowest of margins, 4-5, at Kings Sutton but the outcome would have been very different had they managed to win one of the 3 rubbers that went to a tie-break. It's not all doom and gloom though as a home win against Hook Norton "B" ensured the mid-table position was kept.

The "B" team had a fruitless trip to Charlbury "B" where they lost 3-6 that was followed by a narrow 4-5 home defeat against Hook Norton "E" but at least we gained our first point of the season by virtue of the bonus point for winning most games. The team's losing sequence was "broken" when Deddington "B" conceded the points after they pulled out on the morning of the match, which happened to clash with England's Euro 2004 game against Croatia! In the bottom of the table clash at Middleton Cheney "C" Beccy and Chris Ellis made very encouraging debuts with regulars Caroline Morland, Steve Stark and Sue and Colin Mercer. It was a very close affair with 4 rubbers being settled on tie-breaks but unfortunately we only won one of them and lost the match 3-6. The next match against unbeaten Kings Sutton "C" was even closer but a very hard fought match ended in a 4-5 defeat. Keith Thompson, Jon Scothern and Colin Mercer hit a purple patch and won all three men's doubles but the visiting ladies proved too strong for Harbury's trio of Debbie Radford, Beccy Ellis and Sue Mercer, so the match hinged on the outcome of the mixed doubles. Colin and Sue had an emphatic win, Debbie and Keith lost narrowly but once again nerves proved too much for us as Beccy and Jon lost a very long tie-break after taking an early lead.

Back in June eight of our juniors from School Year 5 were invited to a coaching clinic organised by Warwickshire LTA during the DFS Classic, a leading pre Wimbledon tournament for ladies held at the Edgbaston Priory Club in Birmingham. The lucky 8 were Bethany Conway, Mhairi Gibb, Harry Hill, Edward Kostiuk, Jack Sampson, Joanna Whitty, Georgina Wilson and Lauren Wilson. After the clinic the children and parents were able to watch some of the top class tennis. Here is Bethany's account of her day:

"I went to Edgbaston to the DFS Classic with Lauren, Mhairi, Mum and Cassie. When I arrived I felt nervous but excited. We met Jack, Harry, Georgina and Joanna and at 9.30am we had our tennis clinic. We played different tennis games using different equipment. It was fun but



we had to work hard! In the afternoon we watched a doubles match between Zi Yan and Jie Zheng vs. Tatiana Panova and Elena Tatarkova. I was really excited watching professional tennis players and Mhairi, Lauren and I stood directly behind the court to watch the match. As the winning point was scored the ball came over, hit me and Mhairi threw it back on! We also got the autographs of the 2 Chinese girls who won the match (we had been cheering for them all along!) It was definitely worth missing school for the day as we all had a fantastic time!"



DFS Classic

The weekly junior coaching sessions have finished for the summer and have been a tremendous success thanks to the efforts of LTA coaches John Hales and Pete Brinkley as well as our own Tennis Assistants, Linda Casement and Brian Biro.

By the time you read this, John will have completed the Summer Tennis Camps held during the first 2 weeks of the school holidays, another new venture for the Club. The Camps were open to juniors of all ages and abilities and were open to members and non-members. At the time of writing there has been a great deal of interest with between 16 and 30 children attending at least one of the 6 days on offer.

John has impressed everyone with his enthusiasm and we are talking to him about the possibility of arranging some additional coaching during the autumn and winter.



The last Mini match of the season was against Rugby and finished with an honourable 5-5 draw. Matthew Kennedy who was playing his first match joined the "regulars" Becky Casement, Hallum Bullock, and Thomas Conway. They all played really well and with great team spirit against one of the biggest Clubs in Warwickshire. This has been Harbury's first competitive experience and everyone who played has improved and really enjoyed it. We hope to arrange some coaching and perhaps increase the number of teams. Many thanks to Linda Casement for organising it all.

**Colin and Sue Mercer**



## **Harbury Toddler Group**

### **Harbury Carnival**

The theme for the Toddler Group float this year was 'Our Summer Garden' and we were delighted to win first prize in the children's float category. Thank you to everybody who helped to decorate the float. Special thanks to the Morley family who provided the trailer, space to decorate the trailer on their farm, as well as a driver (Nicholas) to tow the float on carnival day.

### **Coffee Morning**

We hosted a very successful coffee morning in June, which raised £195. We would like to thank everyone who helped us on the day and everyone who supported us by buying cakes, raffle tickets, plants and books etc. Particular thanks to the following individuals or organisations who kindly donated raffle prizes, Ragdoll Limited, Sarah Morley, Belgrade Theatre, Harbury Chemist, Cannons Health Club, Megabowl, Twycross Zoo, Warwick Castle, Stratford Butterfly Farm, Playbox Theatre, Warwick District Council, Tesco, Asda, McDonalds and Warwick Arts Centre.

### **Summer Outing**

The money raised from the carnival and the coffee morning was used to fund the Toddler Group summer outing. This year we went to the Cotswold Farm Park and the toddlers (and carers) had a lovely time looking at all the animals.

Harbury Toddler Group meets in the Wight School (behind the library) on Monday mornings (10.00am – 11.30am) and Wednesday afternoons (1.30pm – 3.00pm). For more information please contact Eli Priest (telephone no. 614135).

**Harbury Toddler Group Committee**

## Harbury Nursery School



The last few weeks of term have been as hectic as ever, and the children have been very busy and have had lots of fun. Our leavers have now 'graduated,' and they looked very grown-up when they received their graduation certificates and presents! We would like to

say a big thank you to all of them for making our work this year very enjoyable, and wish them every success at school.

Our Sports event and Teddy Bear's Picnic took place at the end of term and, despite the weather, everyone had a good time. All the children took part in these events, and all won medals for their sporting efforts. A great variety of teddies thoroughly enjoyed their picnic, and there were many 'tired little teddy bears' going home at the end of such an exciting morning!

Playbox theatre once again visited the Nursery with a topic-linked theme. This was a huge success, with all children taking part and many drama kings and queens emerging!

**Night of 100 Stars** - Many thanks to all who supported this event. It was a fantastic success, raising around £850 for the Nursery. Well done to all those who won Oscars; 'Shrek' and the cast of 'Toy Story' certainly deserved their awards, as did Cruella De Vil and Carmen Miranda. We only hope that Posh and Becks weren't too disappointed - better luck next year!

We would like to thank Cannons gym, Terry Grey and everyone else who donated raffle prizes for this event.

We must also thank all those involved in the organisation, particularly Imogen Johnston and Sarah Bull who were the masterminds behind the ideal

**Training** - Helen Green has recently completed her First Aid training, which means that we now have four qualified first-aiders on the staff. Tina Varriale and Marie Kennedy enjoyed their course on 'gardening within the Nursery environment,' so we can all look forward to our children bringing home an array of garden produce over the next year!?

We hope that the children enjoy their summer break and benefit from a good rest, and look forward to seeing our new Nursery class in September.

If anyone would like further information about the Nursery School, please contact Jo Lockley (Chair) on 614532.

Have a good holiday!

**Nursery School Staff and Committee**



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## ART EXHIBITION 2004





## Harbury Pre-School

**Donation** – We would like to say a big thank you to Disney for their generous donation of books and soft toys, which will make a big difference to our new reading corner.



**The children enjoying the Disney donation**

**July at Pre-School** – During July the children enjoyed experimenting with paint and other mixed media on fabric, the results were amazingly creative. They also enjoyed playing outside with ethnic musical instruments from The Gambia, learning how to make music from them and noticing how different they were from our own musical instruments. July also brought a visit from some delightful baby chicks that the children stroked and played with gently.

**Summer Party** – July also brought the end of our summer term with our older children leaving us to move up to "big school". We wish all of our leavers every success in their new school. With them in mind we held a big Summer Party where all the Pre-School children, their parents and siblings, staff and committee got together to enjoy a picnic and entertainment supplied by "Creative Kids Parties". Everyone had a ball, dancing to the latest tunes and playing musical games. All of the children went home with a balloon model and wonderful happy memories.





**Summer Party**

**Goodbye** – We also said our farewells to Yvette who has now left us for pastures new. Yvette has done a remarkable job at Pre-School, taking it on and building it up when it was floundering, leading us through Ofsted and smiling all the while. She has made Pre-School the success it is today and we thank her for all of her efforts and hard work. At the Summer Party she was presented with some lovely pots of flowers for her garden and gift vouchers to pamper herself. We wish her well in her new position, best of luck Yvette.



**Yvette says goodbye to her Pre-School children**

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Clare Stone, Acting Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 614482.

**Enjoy the Summer Holidays!**

**Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee**





## Harbury Primary School

**New beginnings-** While the last day of the summer term sees the start of a holiday for most of us, it is the start of a new era in the lives of the children in Year 6, who transfer to secondary education in September.

They have been a very good year-group, and many of the children have achieved very high standards in a range of activities. We wish them all the very best for the future, and hope that their time at their new school is a happy and successful one.

A number of our "long established" families leave the school community when their youngest child moves on to the next stage of their education. We wish these families every happiness for the future and hope that they will be able to look back with fond memories on their association with the school.

**Thanks** - As the school year closes, now is the time to say "Thank you" to all those people, far too many to mention, who have helped in any way over the past year. Your efforts and your commitment to the school are fully appreciated by all the staff. Many thanks.



**Mrs Van Hoorebeek** - one of our teaching assistants, will also be leaving the school. She has been a wonderful asset to the school, and all of us are sorry to see her go. We wish her every happiness in the future, and thank her for her wonderful contribution to the life of the school.

**Summer Concert** - Congratulations to the children on putting on such a wonderful concert – it was obviously an outstanding success, with many parents commenting on how impressed they were with the children. Thanks to all who took part, and thanks, too, to the staff for their hard work.

**Summer Fayre** - What a wonderful event on 9th July, the Summer Fayre turned out to be – to someone attending his first Harbury School Fayre; it was really impressive to see the whole school community pulling together to make the event such a success. I understand over £1500 was taken on the day, which should turn in to a profit in the region of £1200.



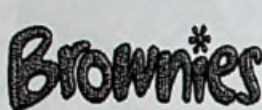
This is a fitting reward for all of the hard work that went into the planning of the day in the weeks leading up to the event, and the work put in by all those who helped in any way on the day. It was also a splendid climax to the outstanding work that is done on the school's behalf by our brilliant PTA. **MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED.**



**Stop Press ....** On Thursday 23rd September the PTA will be holding a 'Ladies Night' in the School Hall, at 7.30pm. Ladies clothing by Next and Per Una will be on sale along with beauty products and more items. Further details to follow next month!

Finally, have a great Summer holiday and we'll see most of the children again at the start of the next term, Monday 6th September.

Denis Daly



## 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Brownies

Time has really flown and here we are at the end of term. On our final "party night" we invited four new Brownies who are ready to start in September. A big welcome to Lucy White, Aimee Clifton, Heather Clifton and Lottie Green.

**The Summer Holidays** – Over the summer break don't forget to look through your badge books for any ideas or summer holiday projects that could count towards a badge.

Brownies will re-start on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 6.15pm**. On September 20<sup>th</sup> we will be starting the parent rota once again, and because of our numbers we anticipate asking for two parents per meeting.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Kary Hunt on 613598 or Fiona Cole on 612538.

Kary Hunt

## Who Makes The "News"?

After 30 years of continuous production, it might be expected that the majority of people in the villages would have a good idea about the preparation and production of the monthly magazine. However, it still remains a mystery to many, so a review of the evolution of 'behind the scenes' at the H & L News is probably long overdue.

The first edition of the 'News' appeared in April 1974 as a parish magazine, which was offered free to all households in Harbury. The 8-page magazine was paid for by the Parochial Church Council and included articles of interest relating to 'happenings' in the village and from the vicar, Father Mackley. The majority of contributors submitted hand-written 'copy', whilst the more technically proficient at the time produced typewritten articles. Each article was expected to indicate the number of words, so that the editorial team could do a calculation



to work out how the individual items could be adjusted to fit into the required number of pages. In those days, there had to be ruthless pruning of some articles, as there was no room to allow unnecessary eloquence to expand the size of the magazine. Following the Sunday night deliberations, a typist would then produce the completed text, which was taken to Sudak printers in Leamington where it was re-typed before printing. The typists of the day included Glenys Hill, Diana Holt and Anne Moore who all have fond memories of pounding the keys to create the initially text-only magazine.

The first photograph appeared in the May-June 1975 issue when a well-known local swimmer, Hamilton Bland opened the Harbury school pool. Then, as now, the photographer was Mike Bloxham who in the early days, processed all the images in his own home and passed them on to the editorial committee to include with relevant articles.

With advancing technology, the articles were typed using an electronic typewriter and as the images were clearer, plates could be produced directly for publication by Tripod printers in Leamington. As previously, boxes of printed material were collected during the week and returned to John Moore's house in Mill Street where the pages were sorted, collated and then stapled to produce the magazine.

In the early stages, there were only a few advertisements to offset the cost of publication, so after six months, a charge of £1.00 had to be made when the free offer could no longer be sustained. The early covers used Joe (Henson) Bamford's drawings of the streets of Harbury, and when the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke were combined, the magazine was re-named the Harbury and Ladbroke News, so that parishioners from both villages were kept in touch with details from the parish registers and news of activities.

Over the years, the magazine has drawn acclaim for its role in informing villagers about secular and non-secular events; and it was the winner of the Diocesan magazine competition for 2 years in 1979 and 1981. It subsequently won awards in the Village Ventures Competition. Special Harbury and Ladbroke News editions were produced for the 25th Anniversary and the Millennium.

So what has changed after 30 years? Some might say the cost; others the layout and number of pages; the increased number of photographs or the in-house stapling. Some members of the earlier News 'production team' probably regret the passing of 'stapling night', which drew upwards of 15 people to the Tom Hauley room to shuffle, collate and staple the pages together. The magazines were then packed into

boxes and given to the distributors, who walked the village streets to post them through subscriber's doors.

Has anything else changed? Obviously - nearly all the articles are now typed on computer; some are emailed and many photographs are scanned in to fit the boxes created alongside the relevant information.

Why is a review of production and distribution of the 'News' included in this month's magazine? To explain how it has kept pace with the changing times, but also to encourage new contributors to offer articles, which they feel will add interest to the overall content of the magazine. In the past, there have been features on walks in the vicinity of both villages, places to visit, historical reviews, environmental comments and regular profiles of local people. The 'News' is only as interesting as the variety of articles offered for publication and ANYONE can submit something they wish to draw to the attention of villagers. At present, most articles are printed in the form in which they are received, but if there was a sudden flurry of activity on the contribution front, the present editors may have to revert to the 'judicious pruning' of former years, as the magazine these days often expands from 48 to 52 and sometimes to 56 pages. There is definitely a limit beyond which the present printers would be unable to staple the magazine in their premises due to the thickness of the pages. As the years have progressed, the number of advertisers supporting the magazine has increased and their revenue significantly underwrites the cost of production. However, it was agreed at the last Harbury and Ladbroke News committee meeting that it would be necessary to increase the cost for the 12 copies to £6.00 when the distributors next call to ask for your subscription. The financial review showed that the cost of publication would soon put the 'News' in negative equity over the space of a year, but an increase per household of 50p would just allow the magazine to be financially viable.

Does the 'News' represent good value for money? The Annual subscription was £1.00 for 8 text-only pages thirty years ago; during the last year it was £5.50 for an average of 50+ pages with many photographs. This still seems remarkably good value. Remember, it is our magazine and it is only as good and valuable as we all endeavour to make it. It is read and re-read throughout the villages, Europe and elsewhere. The internet copy has drawn interest from far flung corners of the globe – so it must be good. Let's keep it that way to the benefit of us all!

**Chris Finch**

## Parish Paths Partnership Five Years on

Yes, it's five years since the Parish Paths Partnership was formed and started work to open up all our public rights of way. In that period the group has surveyed all the paths in the Parish; repaired, improved and replaced many stiles; installed steps on steep slopes; removed overhanging trees and branches; filled in waterlogged spots; erected roadside signs and improved the way marking in between. We have created a short easygoing route at the top of the playing field. Each year we have cut back vegetation on the enclosed paths and recently we have been running a monthly footpath walk using local paths.

Over the five years some volunteers have come and gone and others have stayed with the group, we thank them all. On the whole we have worked well with our village landowners and have received the grateful thanks of many path users from local dog walkers to serious ramblers

We now feel we have reached a point where the nature of the work has changed. The paths are in good shape. Although some stiles could perhaps be made easier for users, there are no major tasks to do. There is the annual vegetation clearance and the walks programme but this does not need a monthly working party. We did think we might extend our work to Chesterton and we carried out a survey of all the paths. This revealed most of them to be in reasonable order but between us we haven't had time to analyse the work needed or organise the first tasks. In the meantime, the County Council has asked us if we will take on the paths in Bishops Itchington.

Now we come to the crunch. Clive Taylor our able coordinator feels it is time to lay down the coordinating role although he is happy, indeed keen, to join regular or occasional working parties. None of the other members of the core group is able to take on the co-ordinating role at present. One of the options is to pass the Chesterton survey information back to the County Council's Rights of Way Rangers for action, turn down the Bishops Itchington offer and put Harbury on an 'as and when' basis. The other option is to find a new coordinator.

So if there is anyone out there who feels they would like to coordinate a further work programme for the volunteers please get in touch with me in the first instance.

**John Ridgley 612792**



## **Harvest @ Harbury - You are invited to a special event.....**

In the Village Hall on Saturday September 25th at 8pm there will be an occasion of celebration to give thanks to God for Harbury, its people and the wonderful sense of belonging we enjoy. In Harbury there is a wealth of talent and gifts willingly shared, as well as day to day caring, not only through various organisations, but also through many acts of individual kindness and neighbourliness. This makes for a really strong community. Not surprisingly we won the Central Region Calor Village of the Year competition last year and we would like to build on that success by holding this event.

The speaker will be Howard Petch CBE. Nineteen years ago, Howard, Shirley and their family left Harbury for Yorkshire. Many will remember their years here, when over two hundred villagers helped them in a truly amazing way, when Tracey, their three year old daughter was left brain damaged after surgery. If you didn't know them, then this is a wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to a remarkable ex Harburian. We feel sure that many who did know them will want to come and listen to Howard. At around 9pm there will be coffee, so we hope you will stay and socialise – meet old friends and perhaps even make new ones.

By now all village organisations should have received an invitation for their members to attend this celebration. If some have been accidentally omitted, we offer our sincere apologies and ask you to please accept this article as your invitation. We are asking that each organisation brings with them one item to represent their group, to be used in a display.

ANYONE whether a member of an organisation or not is invited- if you are interested then please come along. Although this event is aimed at adults, children have not been forgotten. All children will be invited to a 'picnic with a difference' on Sunday September 26th. More details next month.

**Harvest @ Harbury core committee**

## **Harbury Neighbourhood Watch News**

There is an effective Neighbourhood Watch scheme in place in Harbury, but it does not cover the whole of the village. For it to do that we need more co-ordinators. Being a co-ordinator is not a big task. It

involves receiving the weekly crime summary by email and passing it on either by email or a paper copy to those in your area (usually about 12 houses). If you are not on email we can arrange for someone who is to give you a copy, which you can then forward, on to your houses. If you are interested in becoming a co-ordinator for part of the village, then contact Ian Jackson (612615).

There have been several burglaries and attempted burglaries in Harbury recently. Although you cannot make your home impenetrable, there are some things that you can do to minimise the risk of being broken into.

- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Take care disposing of the boxes from electrical equipment. Take them to the tip or break them up and hide them in a dustbin liner.
- Make sure you close all downstairs windows and those that can be reached from a flat roof or drainpipe before going out or to bed. Windows at the back of the house are particularly vulnerable.
- Close and lock all external doors when going out even if you are not going far.
- Lock doors if you are working in the garden especially if you have a large garden.
- Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place; a thief will look there first.

Most burglaries happen when you are out so don't advertise your absence. If you are going away for a few days consider: -

The post office operates a scheme called "Keep Safe". For a small fee your post is retained at the sorting office while you are away and delivered after your return. A leaflet with more details is available from the post office.

Get a friend or neighbour to look after your house while you are away by: -

Drawing the curtains at night, collecting any post, newspapers, dustbin liners etc. and making the place look lived in. Invite them to park their car on your drive for example.

Use time switches (available from DIY stores and the police) to turn on lights, radios etc while you are out.

Further details of all these measures can be found on the Warwickshire Police Website at [www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)

If you can give the police any information about the burglaries in Harbury or any other incident contact Southam Police on 01926 812366

Next month we will look at how to mark your property so that it can be easily identified if it is stolen.

**Alison Abbott**

## **Champions!**

That is the name of our Olympic themed holiday club. You don't need to be fast or strong or good at jumping to be a winner. Come and register between 10am and 12noon on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August in the Tom Hauley Room. The games will run from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10-12noon and anyone between 5 and 11 years old can compete.

The closing ceremony is a family communion at 10.30am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August in church. All your family can come to this.

There'll be four days of songs, stories, drama, music, games, crafts and fun. Don't miss your chance to win a gold medal!

**Alison Abbott - Team Coach**

## **Monthly Fair Trade Stall**

Many of us are becoming more aware of the need to consider just where our food comes from, who produces it and under what kind of conditions. Buying fairly traded coffee, tea and other goods means that workers who produce the food get a fair wage and better working conditions. The coffee used in church and enjoyed by many at the weekly Saturday coffee mornings is now Café Direct, a Fair Trade brand.

There will be a monthly Fair Trade produce stall in the Tom Hauley Room after each Family Service (i.e. the third Sunday of every month) at 11.45am. The first one will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August, after the Holiday Club Family Service.



We plan to sell a range of dried goods e.g. Coffee, tea, sugar, dried fruit, chocolate, pasta etc. and also paper goods such as toilet rolls, kitchen towels and writing paper. The produce will be renewed each time in order to maintain fresh stock, courtesy of Juteronomy, the Fair Trade shop in Kenilworth. Why not come and try it and support trade justice at the same time?

**Lesley Jones**

## **They Came from Mars & Landed Outside the Farndale Avenue Church Hall in Time for the Townswomen's Guild's Coffee Morning**

The Grange Players will be putting on another fantastic play. It runs from Friday 17th to Saturday 18th September 2004, 8pm at the Grange Hall, Southam.

Karena Ellis is directing - therefore bound to be fun and interesting, as those of you that know her will know her way of thinking is..... a little eccentric maybe???

Tables can be booked in advance at £7 a head inc. of supper or turn up at the door for £8. There will be a licensed bar.

Tickets available from Karena 613867

**Karena Ellis**

## **A plea for help!!**

Harbury Knitwits are a group of ladies who meet every Monday afternoon at various houses in the village and "knit for charity".

The beneficiaries of their good work are:

The premature babies unit at Warwick Hospital

The Mission to Seafarers

Myton Hospice

They are in urgent need of MORE WOOL. If you have wool that you could donate this would be much appreciated.

Please contact **Barbara Thistlethwaite** on 01926 613555 or **Anne Moore** on 01926 612427

## **The Blackbird Family**

Wondered if anyone else has had this happen to them?

I have a blackbird family. The so-called "normal" family...with Mum (hormonal and rotund), Dad (as skinny as they come and blackbird pecked) and two huge babies. The Mum and Dad have terrorized my garden for several years but few babies have come along. Now, however, they are terribly territorial. If any of the Ellis Girls so much as put one foot in their hallowed garden...beware!

Suddenly there will be a swoop! And noisy chatter of disgust...and that comes from Mum and the two babies, who have to be girls due to their tendency to twitter away too! And then the cheeky Dad dashes into the conservatory and steals as much dried cat food as he can!

The other new thing is for Mum to check out the conservatory first...doing a recce, is the monkey-tailed cat in there?...then twitter away and in come the babies..to devour the cat food.

Porsche Cat, I hasten to add, has decided not to do anything about this as she was attacked by Mum and Dad for being in the garden and doing "cat things" one day! It is not worth her while to devour the Blackbirds, as there are too many of them! But she would like to have food so she is now back on wet food until the Blackbirds have had their fill!

Great to watch and my girls love to see the cheeky birds who visit the conservatory which now includes a robin and a sparrow (known as a "spuggie" in Hartlepool twang!)

**The Ellis Family**

## **Lands End To John O'Groats Cycle Ride**

During September, accompanied by 2 friends, I hope to complete this 1000 mile ride. Anyway, I've told too many people about it to back out now! Of course, I will be sending in my usual 'Nature Notes' but this time it will have a more countryside feel.

I have decided to try to raise funds in aid of Asthma UK (formerly the National Asthma Campaign). This charity is close to my heart as my elder brother Bill died of asthma when he was 25 years old. My ride will be in his memory. If you would like to sponsor me for any amount, forms will be available at the Surgery and from 32, Mill Street. Thank you.

**John Hancock**

## A Close Shave

Shearing sheep is a skilled job also it can be back aching work.

The sheep's coat is removed in one piece known in the trade as a fleece, which is then washed and is then ready to spin.



The shearer pictured here worked on the eight sheep of Mrs Betty Bloxham, just off Vicarage Lane.

**Mike Bloxham**

## Thank You...For Nothing!

A big "thank you" to everybody who signed the petition for an improved bus service (Stagecoach route 64) for our village in May and June. Sadly, it has not achieved the desired effect. The Transport Operations Group at W.C.C. wrote:

"Funding pressures are such that the cost of providing a bus at school times cannot be met from the existing budget and I do not see this situation changing in the near future."

If anyone feels strongly about this lack of a result can I urge them to contact our local MP, Mr John Maples, by letter.

Many Thanks

**K. Thomas**



## Are You One In A Hundred?

Maybe you are going away soon, but sadly accidents and illnesses will not and the demand for blood and blood products is even harder to meet when regular donors are on holiday. The last session in Harbury resulted in 99 donations; could we make it 100 this time? Donors can start at age 18 – maybe you are a school leaver who would like to take the opportunity to save someone's life; maybe you are grateful for the recovery of someone you care about. How about finding a friend to go with?

The session will be on a Monday this time, August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Village Hall. Times 1.30-3.30 (normally a quiet session) and 4.30-7.30.

If you are tight for time, you can make an appointment by ringing **0845 7711711**. Any other queries to Gillian Hare 614809

**Gillian Hare**

## Volunteers Wanted

Warwickshire Victim Support, Mid/South Branch is looking for volunteers to help support victims of crime. Victim Support will provide free training, reimburse expenses and offers support from members of staff. This is a real opportunity to contribute to the community and is also an introduction to possible careers in social care and criminal justice.

If you are interested ring: 01926 336474 (Leamington) or 01789 266626 (Stratford).

## Southam Embroideries

There will be an exhibition at The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Entrance is £1 and refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

1000 years History of Southam, on six glazed panels, each 4ft x 4ft. and using 17 different embroidery and sewing techniques.

- 998- Holywell
- 1227-Medieval Market
- 1642-Civil War
- 1818-Stoneythorpe Eye and Ear Hospital
- 1902-Welsh Drovers Last Drive

- 25 small cross-stitch panels, stitched into one large panel
- A 3ft x 2ft panel, all hand embroidered of the Southam Coat of Arms

Come along and spend some time admiring, reading and learning about the history of Southam and looking at the book on the making of the embroideries. For viewing at other times, or for any other information on the 'Southam Embroideries' please contact Mrs Val Steele on Tel; 01926 813577.

**Val Steele**

## **Scarecrow Weekend in Offchurch - August 21st - 22nd 10.00am - 5.00pm**

The origins of the familiar rural scarecrow remain a mystery, but we have created some new and original versions to make you smile. Flora Bunda, herself a scarecrow, will be joined by her friends appearing in gardens, in the Churchyard, perhaps at windows, leaning on garden gates and generally going about their business.

We have had so much fun making our extended family of Scarecrows we do hope this will be a happy weekend for all the family. There will be lots to see and do including Adult and Children's Scarecrow Trails with clues to solve. Prizes to be won. Games. Children's Workshops. Photographic Exhibition. King Offa's Treasure Hunt. Refreshments and more. All funds raised will be divided between St. Gregory's Church and the Village Hall.

**Caroline Ainscow**

## **Time Out – Ufton**

**Take Time Out – A Leisure Time Project for the Community of Ufton**

An enjoyable morning was spent at Moreton Morrell College with Graham White showing us around the wildflower meadows, Moreton Hall grounds, library and horticultural unit, not forgetting the plant shop and lunch afterwards at The King's Head, Wellesbourne.

**Next Event:** Beaded Tassels, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Ufton Village Hall, 10am – 12.30pm

To book this event and for a copy of the Autumn Programme contact Tracey Watts 614413.

**Karin Kirk**



## Horticultural Society

The weather for the Walkabout Weekend was rather different to last year! Far more comfortable for viewing gardens, not so good for selling programmes and plants or standing chatting. In spite of two heavy showers and cold winds the event was quite a success, and the garden owners turned up trumps again. Our thanks to all those who worked hard to open their gardens, Paul and Mary and other outlets which sold programmes, also our thanks to everybody else who helped to make the walkabout run smoothly, all those who made and gave cakes, the catering "skivvies" and many others, we couldn't have managed without you all. I understand not much ice cream was sold – fancy! Taking everything into consideration our treasurer is reasonably happy, so various organizations in the village should benefit. Thank you again everyone.

The trip to Barton House seems a long time ago now, and although we didn't go, I was told it was a lovely garden, with a knowledgeable guide for the evening. Thank you Judy once again.

Now to the next big event, the Show on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The schedules – both adult and children's – will be available from Country Fayre, Co-op, Janice at 35 Percival Drive and Ron at 23 Deppers Bridge. To help cover the running costs of this show, we intend to run a Tombola, all contributions will be very welcome and should be left in the porch at 55 Mill Street or 23 Deppers Bridge before (if possible) Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. You do not have to be a member to donate. There will also be a produce stall, jars of jam, chutney, pickles, baking (wrapped and labelled please) plants etc. will be welcomed on the morning of the Show **before 10.45am** please. May I draw your attention to the Society Tray and the Society Vase classes in the schedule, 1<sup>st</sup> prize for each is £10, well worth entering. If you have nothing to enter from the garden allotment – it has been another odd season, there are still many other classes to choose from. No matter what you enter, **please read the schedule**. The book "on with the Show" is very helpful, both Janice and the W.I have copies.

Should there be any Cups or Trophies, which haven't been taken to Janice for engraving, please take them to 35 Percival Drive.



## Nature Notes

The superb summer weather we had in June has not transferred to July. My water butt, which had run dry, has now refilled. The nights are drawing in inexorably and the arable fields are taking on a mid-summer appearance. Today (July 19th), they were cutting barley on the Thwaites Estate and by the week's end I'm told, the rape harvest will commence. The colour of the countryside is gradually changing from predominantly green to a dun colour with some fields already ploughed. On the 15th July, on the edge of Ryton Woods, I tasted a few early blackberries and by the time the Harbury News is out, I hope to have had a bowl of this delicious fruit for breakfast.

Phil Pain, a local butterfly expert, gave me a ring and directed me towards Ryton Woods, as he had seen several rarities, two of which would be first sightings for me. The exotic Purple Emperor, Purple Hairstreak, Silver Washed Fritillary and White Admiral had all been found on one foray and I looked forward to my own search. The Purple Emperor probably inhabits most large woods in Southern England, but is distinctly more rare as one travels north. It spends most of its time amongst the tops of the tallest trees, so a sighting can only be confirmed with binoculars.

The 15th July, when I visited, was not a good day for butterflies, warm enough, but breezy with rain not far off. The time was not auspicious either as it was after 4.00.p.m. Ryton Woods can be accessed from 2 points, Warnact members can enter via a locked gate on the A423 near the 'Old Bull and Butcher' pub. The other route in is via Ryton Pools Nature Reserve on the A445 near Bubbenhall. From there it is no more than half a mile to the wood entrance where an attractive notice board with map announces that over 20 species of butterfly have been seen in the area.

After half an hour I had traversed the wood and seen Small Tortoiseshell, Green Veined White, Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper, but none of the above specials. Then, flying strongly towards me over some blackberry bushes (their favoured feeding plant) came the unmistakable White Admiral. Of course, shortly after this I saw 4 at once in a quite entrancing display of beauty. Sadly none of the others put in an appearance, but that's half the fun of butterfly 'hunting'.

On the 18th July, at Harbury Spoil Bank, I found a good number of Marbled White butterflies. They were all feeding from the purple heads of Knapweed. A good description of these butterflies would be flying

chessboards. Despite their name, they are related to the Browns - the Satyridae. The old English name was Marmoress, an ancient word meaning marbling.

Our keenness to weed and root out nettles, thistles, and other persistent plants is not helping butterflies to survive. Set aside a portion of the garden and encourage the insects on which we all rely for pollination and ultimately our 'daily bread'.

I was just in time at Ryton to see the later flowering common spotted orchids though most had set seed. Using the maxim "where one orchid species appears, others are almost invariably present", I came across the inconspicuous broad-leafed helleborine amongst the grasses on the edge of a wide ride.

### **Stop Press.**

On another trip to Ryton Woods - the largest area of ancient woodland in the county- the weather was as perfect as could be (July 20th) and I watched the beautiful Silver Washed Fritillary feeding along a ride choked on one side by thistles. Its colour was predominantly orange and it was therefore a male as the females are darker. Further into the wood, near some ash trees, a common association, I came across the much smaller Purple Hairstreak, but again, no Purple Emperor was sighted. Oh, I nearly forgot, our water butt is empty!

**John Hancock**

## **Gardening Notes**

The fruit and vegetable gardens are coming into their own now and there is a great satisfaction in harvesting the crops you have grown. August is the month for sitting in the garden to admire the results of your hard work. Look around and make a few notes on the successes and the failures. One of the best steps to help the environment is to have trees in your garden, so decide which one you will plant in the autumn!

If the weather is hot and dry do not cut grass too short. Use the clippings to mulch trees and large shrubs. Deadhead annuals regularly, and perennials will often flower again if they too are deadheaded. Plant autumn flowering bulbs towards the end of the month. Harvest herbs and flowers for drying. Check that young plants

are receiving enough water in this erratic weather, also gladioli and dahlias, greedy feeders with showy flowers, do not cope with dry conditions as well as the Mediterranean natives such as osteospermums, pelargoniums and marguerites. Containers now make their greatest contribution. Feed them, at least once a week, dead head the plants every few days and enjoy the pots of colour until autumn

Now is the time to take cuttings of silver leafed plants. Use non-flowering stems for this then trim over the whole plant to tidy the shape. Trim lavender with shears taking off the flower spikes and a couple of inches of the foliage but taking care not to cut back into the old wood. Cut out 1 in 3 stems on low growing Hebes. Cut back any trees or shrubs which have outgrown their space

Harvest shallots when the leaves bend over and turn yellow. Buy Japanese onion sets for an early crop next year. Sow winter lettuce and red lettuce and radicchio, which take on their best colour as the days get cooler. There is still time to sow a few summer salad plants using any space amongst the flowers if necessary, they will all be ready before a frost comes. Summer pruning is best for cordon and espalier trees. To promote fruit bearing growth cut back new growth on laterals to three leaves. Earwigs can be a nuisance in flowers especially when brought into the house, but they are good predators of aphids, mites and codling moth eggs so are useful on fruit trees.

In the greenhouse sow half-hardy annuals such as godetia, clarkia and antirrhinums in trays or pots for an early display next year. Remove the growing tips from standard tomatoes but not bush varieties. Try not to wet the fruit when watering as the cold water can cause the skins to split. Tomatoes, aubergines and peppers need lots of water and high potash food now. Retouch the greenhouse shading if it is thinning.

Succulents, such as aeoniums, echeverias, and mesembryanthemums, make good low maintenance pot plants, thriving in full sun. They are, however, very susceptible to vine-weevil attack at the roots. Water the pots with a vine weevil pesticide, which gives protection for a few months. Do not allow Coleus to flower as this weakens the plants.

If your garden pond has fish but no fountain, spray a lively hose-jet into it from time to time to help re-oxygenate the water.



### Plant of the month - *Perovskia*

A sub-shrub which has strongly aromatic leaves, a mass of flowers that last from now until October, has winter-interest stems, is long lived and trouble free would surely be in every garden. Not so, for how many have *Perovskia atriplicifolia*, even though it was introduced from its native Afghanistan by Count Perovsky over 100 years ago? This plant has upright stiff stems covered in white downy hairs that still look good in the winter garden. The



grey-green leaves appear in late April or May, branching out at about two and a half feet, to form the flowering stems which are now becoming clothed in a haze of violet-blue flowers.

Put this deciduous, small shrub in the sun, in well-drained soil, where it will catch the evening light, or where you can crush the leaves to release the aroma of sage mixed with lavender. Cut the stems to near the ground in the first week of May as the new growth is springing from the base, to keep it neat, and it should last for many years, perhaps exceeding the age of one at Wisley which is known to be over sixty!

Pat Smith

## Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to funding the coffee morning for the Oncology Dept. Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Also thanks to all who gave their time and energy in helping. A magnificent effort by everyone, which was greatly appreciated by us all.

Thanks again

Grandma Betty (Cox)

Dear Editors

May I, through your pages, thank everyone who sent messages of sympathy following the tragic early death of my grandson, Joseph Cox. This loving support was a great help at the time of such grief.

Also thank you to all who supported the coffee morning in aid of the Oncology Ward at Birmingham Children's Hospital, where Joseph had been treated. Your great generosity realised the sum of £636, which will do much to help the children who are suffering from this dreadful disease.

Yours sincerely

Beryl Checkley

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Dear Editors

Many villagers will know that Brian and Sue Ingram are leaving Harbury after 23 years living in the heart of the village at Kingston House.

Both Brian and Sue have been active members of the community. Brian was the Chairman of the Scout Committee for a number of years, a stalwart of the Village Hall Committee and regularly exercised his professional skills on the hall's drains. He was a leading contributor to the Street Fair, the Carnival and the Millennium celebrations and recently has organised the fireworks on Bonfire night and the Christmas lights. Last, but not least, many will remember him as the entire rhythm section of that 1980's institution, the Jug Band. Sue was active in the NSPCC and in Meals on Wheels and her 'salute to the sun' is still talked about at Yoga. We wish them well in their new home in Devon. The licensed premises of Harbury will miss them.

John Ridgley - on behalf of their friends

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