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The forthcoming European, District and Parish Council elections on June 10th will see Harbury Parish councillor John Drinkwater retiring after 42 years service to the village. In the District Council there are two candidates for one seat and in the Parish Council eleven candidates for nine seats.

Harbury made the Midlands News with the siege at the Gamecock. Along with an impressive turnout of the Police Force there was a wedding being conducted at the Parish Church and shoppers were marooned in the local stores.



At the party last month celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Harbury and Ladbroke News three of the original team of editors were able to be present. Our photo shows John Moore and Marian Millington with Alan Lord cutting the cake.



We would like to welcome Suresh Patel, who has taken over the chemists, along with his brother Mahesh, who will be helping out on Tuesdays. We wish them well.



Congratulations to Danny Killian, who has received this year's Spirit of Harbury Award.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Ernest Spencer.

Harbury Diary

JUNE

Sat 5

Coffee Morning in THR in aid of Scouts 10.00am - 12.00pm
Paul Winchester's Annual Fundraising Dance at Village Hall
Ufton Fete 2.00pm

Sun 6

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm
Wheelbarrow Race from Old New Inn at 12.30pm

Tues 8

Holy Communion 7.30pm
Toddler Service at 2.15pm

Wed 9

"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm

Thurs	10	ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE HALL 7.00am –10.00pm Holy Communion at 9.45am
Fri	11	Recycling & Green waste collection
Sat	12	CARNIVAL Men's 6 a side Football Tournament-2.30pm kick-off Coffee Morning in THR in aid of Men's Group 10.00-12.00pm
Sun	13	FIRST AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am Cricket 1 st X1 home to Stratford Bards
Tues	15	Holy Communion 7.30pm. Mothers Union 8.00pm Senior Citizens Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	16	ADVERTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00-4.00pm Prayer meeting in Church 8.00pm
Thurs	17	Holy Communion 9.45pm Bible Study 2.00pm (tel; 613207 for venue)
Sat	19	Coffee Morning in THR in aid of Toddler Group 10.00-12pm Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room Parish Plan Exhibition in School. Drop in from 10.am to 2pm
Sun	20	SECOND AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion 8am Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6pm Cricket Occasionals / 2 nd X1 home to Marton
Tues	22	Holy Communion 7.30pm. Julian Meeting AGM 8.00pm at Rectory
Wed	23	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 19 Farm St. 2.30-4.30pm "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
Thurs	24	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
Fri	25	Recycling & Green waste collection ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High St, Harbury by 5.30pm
Sat	26	Coffee Morning in THR in aid of Kid's Club 10am –12pm Theatre Group Production and Supper in Village Hall 7.45pm
Sun	27	THIRD AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am Cricket 1 st X1 Harbury v Hereburgh and Occasionals /2 nd X1 v Hereburgh
Tues	29	St Peter and St Paul Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	30	Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
JULY		
Thurs	1	Art Tutorial in Tom Hauley Room Holy Communion 9.45am Bible Study 2.00pm (Tel; 613207 for venue)

Men's Society AGM 7.45pm

Folk Club in Shakespeare 8.30pm

Sat 3

Theatre Groups Children's Workshop in Village Hall

Coffee Morning in THR in aid of Pre-School 10.00am-12pm

Nursery Summer Ball, 7.30pm in the School Hall

From the Rector

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Pentecost, God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

"It beats me this Holy Spirit. I don't like to think that I'm leaving Him out but who is He?"

I wonder how many people feel like this. Understanding God is not easy. But we are given clues about God the Father. We know what a father is like and so we have a start. Many things about Jesus make sense to us. We feel that we know Him because He shared so much of our life and experience. But the Holy Spirit! When we speak about spirits we are often misunderstood anyway and calling Him the Holy Ghost does not always help. Sometimes we understand Him better because of what He does.

"Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as His first gift to those who believe, to complete His work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace."

He is our first gift; the one who brings us to life. He is God present in the world. Making all things holy, Christ-like.

He completes Christ's work. Christ had to leave this world and said it was better for us that He should go. His work was to be completed by another. He sent the Holy Spirit from the Father, and the Spirit makes us one with Christ and the Father.

He brings us the fullness of grace. As people we grow and learn and hopefully become the people God meant us to be. God is patient with us; He lets us grow and encourages us. The Holy Spirit, in this way, brings us the grace we need for our growth and development. In Him we become truly alive.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

1st May Marc Faurie to Maria Buffone

2nd May Robert Hill to Rachael Harris

15th May Paul Miller to Lorraine Andrews

Funerals at Oakley Wood

28th May Ernest Spencer, aged 90



Thought for the Month

When you have happiness, don't hoard it. The more of it you give away, the more you will still have.

From the Churchwardens

We have two Family Services to report on this month. April's led by Father Roy, who took as his theme NEW LIFE. We enjoyed a playlet on new birth which called on the services of a few church mice, during which they were invited to consider the Resurrection in the light of a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. Thank you very much to Roy and all who took part.

In May, the Jubilate Group celebrated over a decade of regular playing for the Family Service and so it was fitting that the group led the most recent Family Communion. Everyone who took part made a joyous sound and we thank all members, past and present, for making a wonderful contribution to our worship. Thank you to Rosemary from being in from the beginning and for her commitment during the years. Thank you to Mavis for taking over Rosemary's role, we wish her very well in the future.

The forthcoming SPRING BOARD MISSION in September will be called HARVEST AT HARBURY. Father Roy wants us all to be involved and will keep us informed. Watch this space!

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

Members at the afternoon meeting welcomed Chris Cooke, talking about another of her trips to Africa with S.O.M.A. (Sharing of Ministry Abroad).

In October 2002 a group of eight went to Nigeria to share in Women's and Healing Ministry. Chris' grandchild was expected at that time, but after much prayer she decided to go. A letter from Nigeria asking for her to talk to a M.U. group on AIDS and child nutrition helped her, as a nurse, to decide.

With her slides, Chris told us about their experiences. Rough roads, often deep in rainwater, varied accommodation, Often without water or electricity, and a very different diet.

She managed her talk about AIDS but child nutrition was difficult when the diet offered so little variety. She also visited a factory funded by British M.U. where women made material, candles and toilet paper using the proceeds for the needy.

She was impressed by the generosity and hospitality of people so materially poor, and their enthusiasm for their church.

In the summer she hopes to return with a group of young people from the Cathedral to help build a farm in Kaduna where it is hoped that Christians and Muslims will work side by side.

At the evening meeting the older members had their memories stirred when Felicity Howatson described, with slides, the Overlord Embroidery. In fabric, embroidery and appliqué, this tells the story of the D-Day landings on June 6th 1944. At 264 feet long, 3 feet high, it is longer than the Bayeux Tapestry and took five years to sew by 10 members of the Royal School Of Needlework. It depicts the months of preparation by all the members of the forces and civilians, the invasion of 7,000 ships, plus airborne troops, the famous faces and nameless ones, and the tape-recorded voices of Mary who took part. The detail is remarkable and graphic; the work is on show at the War Museum in Portsmouth.

Felicity also showed her own Millennium project. A beautiful cope (cloak) depicting all the incidents of Jesus' life. She described showing it to her Primary School pupils and their reaction to it.

Dates To Note:**Tuesday June 15th** - Favourite Hymns by Barbara Hodge**Wednesday July 7th 2.30pm** - AGM & Garden meeting with Bring and Buy at the Rectory**Wednesday July 21st** - Walk and Supper 6.30pm at the Lychgate, 7.30pm at the Shakespeare Buffet Supper £10**Saturday July 31st** - Coffee morning and lunch - help needed**Saturday September 18th** - Family day at Kenilworth School**Sunday September 19th** - Family Service**Mary Catt & Gillian Hare****Toddlers' Service**

We are thinking about parts of our bodies this term and in May Mrs Bedford talked about our feet and legs.

After singing "One more step along the world I go" the children walked hopped, skipped and kicked to show how

we can use our legs.

Mrs Bedford then told us two stories; one was about Jesus' washing his friends' feet, and the second about Jesus curing a man who couldn't walk.

The children finished by sticking the legs back onto pictures of people who'd been cut in half.

The next service is at 2.15pm on Tuesday, June the 8th in the children's corner of the church. All babies and toddlers, with an adult, are very welcome.

C.M. Catt**Ladbroke News****JUNE**

Sun 6
Wed 9

TRINITY SUNDAY

Family Communion 10.30 am
Holy Communion 2.00pm
Women's Fellowship meeting

Sun 13**FIRST AFTER TRINITY**

Sung Communion 9.00am
Millennium Club Draw

Tues 15**Sun 20****SECOND AFTER TRINITY**

Sung Communion 9am

Sun 27 THIRD AFTER TRINITY
Sung Communion 9am

JULY

Sat 3 Fundraiser at Walworth Farm

Sun 4 FOURTH AFTER TRINITY
Family Communion 10.30am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

6th June Sally Ann Batty

13th June Christine Baker

20th June Jan Loman

27th June Kay Constable

4th July Pam Brown



Jane Rutherford

Women's Fellowship

At the meeting held at Archers Rest it was decided that the Women's Fellowship should continue each month meeting in members houses and each hostess shall arrange for a speaker / demonstrator or any form of entertainment.

The first meeting will be on June the 9th at the home of Catherine Spence, Ladbroke Hall after a service in the Church.

August Tea Party

This event will take place on August 4th at Hill Farm, Ladbroke. We will be extending our usual invitation to members of Harbury Mothers Union.

All members and anyone wishing to join in these events are more than welcome. Please contact Jo Sowerby 811749.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI hosted the Group Meeting, which was a great success. Belly Dancer, Naomi told us the fascinating history behind belly dancing, which spans hundreds of years and then demonstrated some of the dances, making a costume change in

seconds! The various WIs then took to the floor giving us all a night to remember. Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI took second place in the competition 'Garden on a Plate'. Our thanks to Jan Loman for this.

In May we had our Annual Resolutions Meeting. Christine Sheen, Vice County Chairman attended the meeting and outlined the three resolutions to be debated and voted on. Alison Cragg from the Southam WI is the Delegate who will be taking the results of the resolutions to the National meeting. Our members then enjoyed cheese and wine.

The raffle was won by Raiden, Sheena and Anne.

Note for your Diary - The fund raising Quiz on 4th June has been put back to 15th October due to over commitments.

Christine Baker
WI Treasurer

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The April Draw took place at the Bell Inn on Tuesday 11th May at 8.00pm.

Marie Kennedy won the £70 prize.

Carol Lane and Pat Kennedy won £25 prizes.

Janet Jay, Bernard Billings and Cyril Spence won £10 prizes.

The next draw will take place at the Bell Inn Ladbroke on Tuesday 15th June at 8.00pm.

Do come along and join us in this fun evening.

Sue Halsall

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

From the Spring 2004 edition of the Trading Standards News, Neighbourhood Watch has been advised about "Forged cheques used in international small ads scam"

Evidently international thieves using forged cheques are targeting people who advertise unwanted items in the small ads column of local newspapers. Sellers are contacted by people claiming to live abroad, offering the asking price for the items they have for sale. They will usually offer to pay with a cheque for a higher amount than the cost of the items. Indeed the value of the cheque is sometimes several thousand pounds greater than the cost of the item.

The sellers are told that they will be trusted to deposit the cheque in their own bank account and, after it has cleared, send the difference back to the buyer and someone will pick up the goods. After a few days, when the cheque has cleared, the seller sends the difference between the asking price and the value of the cheque back to the 'purchaser'.

However, Trading Standards Officers are warning people that although the cheque may 'clear' it is usually stolen or forged. Consequently, when the bank finds out, often when the genuine holder of the account on which the fake cheques have been drawn alerts them, the bank then demands that the seller returns the money.

LNW has also heard about another scam involving "telephone numbers for cheap flight holidays". Briefly, before using cheap flight booking numbers which have been obtained from sources other than a reputable travel agent, it is recommended that a check be made to see whether the number is genuine or not as it could be a premium rate line, an income generator for the line hirers.

Janice Berry

Blooze Kings playing.....

On Saturday 3rd July 2004 we are holding a fundraiser at Walworth Farm, Bishops Itchington. The Blooze Kings will be playing, there will be a disco, a bar and food will be available. Tickets will cost £5.00 and proceeds will be divided equally between All Saints, Ladbroke, Ladbroke Village Hall and the Millennium Green. If you would like tickets please contact me on 612207. Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Janice Moore

Harbury Parish Council - May 2004

A strangely "end-of-term" meeting and one that struggled to make decisions. Only seven Councillors were present, the Elections are on June 10th.

The County's Landscape Architect and their Urban Designer gave a presentation on possible improvements to the village centre. These plans will be on show at the Parish Plan Exhibition in the School on Saturday 19th June 10am to 2pm, (along with pictures of the Village Specific Bus Timetable Case, the Youth Club Video and a large-scale plan on which parishioners can indicate where local needs homes, employment and recreation can be sited).

Cllr Kevin Biddle gave an update on the progress with the Parish Plan. He had met Housing Enabler, Charles Barlow and Stratford's Andrew Ford to finalise a Housing Needs Survey but warned that Stratford could not fund a Sheltered Accommodation Scheme in the foreseeable future.

Planning

Stratford confirmed Tree Preservation Order on the Vicarage Lane Silver Birch; granted the two storey extension at Henry's, Bush Heath Lane; pitched roof to 7 Manor Orchard; the felling of a Cypress at the Old Post Office and a granny annex at 11a Constance Drive. Plans for 1 The Pound were withdrawn. The advertising sign in front of the Dog is subject to enforcement.

The Parish Council had made no comment on these plans - a Conservatory at 4 Highfield Cottages; a loft conversion at 3 Margaret Close or the change from grain store to offices at Churchlands Farm. They did comment that the granny flat at 28 Binswood End was a separate dwelling. The Parish Council had asked for the undergrounding of the new electricity supply but were pessimistic about the prospects of success.

Various maintenance jobs were in hand for the Play Equipment and a quote had been received for installing the Dragon's Teeth at the entrance to the Playing Fields. Costs for this have escalated to (£8,362) and the specification now includes a barrier. £5000 has been set aside for this work but the Cemetery Chapel also needs attention and Councillors agonised over which project to approve. As there was no quote for the Chapel Work and the Dragon's Teeth project had been rumbling round for over a year they felt inclined to approve that.

They voted 5-2 to go ahead but then the Chairman suggested they wait until the Finance Officer and Sub-Committee Chair returned from holiday. Dutch Van Spall demanded that the Councillors be given details of the cost to the parish of vandalism over the year.

John Drinkwater ended the meeting, his last as a Councillor, by wishing his colleagues well in the coming election and praising the work of the Clerk. "It's a good job", he said, "I didn't get the One Way System in Church Street. It would have been called Drinkwater Folly!"

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Annual Parish Meeting 2004

Reoccurring throughout this year's Annual Parish Meeting was respect and appreciation of John Drinkwater's forty-two years of service to the parish. Chairman Jenny Patrick praised him in her introduction and each Sub-Committee Chairman in turn paid tribute to Cllr Drinkwater's dedication.

Reports began with Pc Hill's written account of the year. There had been 1,149 incidents and 360 reported crimes (many at Barn Hill). He thanked the Neighbourhood Watch team and Ian Jackson for their help and was relieved that Pc Sarah Niblett was to take on duties at the Service Station leaving him more time to spend in the village.

The County and District Councillors were made aware that the Data Protection Act was hampering attempts to list vulnerable residents who might need special care in an emergency. Mike Bloxham asked the Parish Council to replace the No Parking sign outside the Burial Grounds and Mr & Mrs Pratt were there to complain about speeding in Park Lane and South Parade.

The Chairman reported that Tim Lockley had been co-opted to the Council during the year. Harbury was seeking Quality Parish status and had won the Regional Final of the Village of the Year Competition. Ivy Lane had been made One Way and Neighbourhood Watch was extended. She thanked Jim Chapple who had had to retire as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Harbury is working with Bishops Itchington to present a united front against plans to develop the old Quarry site. The Water Tower had been removed and Business Units built but there was still a need for housing for local people. There would be an **Exhibition at the School on Saturday 19th June** for everyone to record their views on possible sites for local needs development.

Cllr Sharon Hancock reported a relatively quiet year on the Planning front. She too was concerned about the potential development of the Quarries. The Council had opposed the change to industrial and office use of redundant buildings at Harbury Hall. Permission had been granted, but with stringent conditions. The agricultural dwelling on Treens Hill and the house at the Old New Inn had both been refused. She was concerned that the wall round the Hall Lane Paddock had still not been rebuilt.

Cllr Keith Thompson was pleased that the new facilities for the Netball and Tennis Club had been completed and an extra junior Football Pitch provided. A controlled entry and exit system was planned for the Playing Fields' Car Park. The Parish had contributed to the Christmas Lights and taken over the maintenance of the Skatepark. He acknowledged the work done by Cllrs Kevin Biddle and Janet Thornley in providing this facility.

Cllr Janet Thornley thanked the Parish Council, on behalf of the village young people, for the Skatepark which she said they declared was the best in Warwickshire! Answering a question from Mr Padbury she explained the need for subsoil to construct the proposed BMX track.

Cllr Ann Winchester drew attention to the improvements to lighting in the village with the installation of new "Windsor" lamps in Mill Street, Park Lane and Chapel Street. Three more were on order for Park Lane and Farm Street.

Deppers Bridge had its Traffic Calming and the Parish was working with WCC to make improvements in the centre of Harbury. A Flashing Speed sign had been tried in Temple End to warn drivers they were exceeding the limit.

Cllr Mancell's report showed no increase in the precept for the year despite the Council extending the Concessionary Travel Scheme to men aged 60 and over. As part of the bid for Quality Status he had set up a Parish Council website – www.harbury-parish.co.uk

Cllr Van Spall was greatly concerned by the potential development at Bishops Bowl Lakes, but the threat of a Distribution Centre at Southam been resisted. The Traffic Calming was becoming accepted and two Deppers young people intended to refurbish the milestone.

Cllr Hancock said the Twinning Association would visit Samois-sur-Seine at the end of May and was fund-raising to entertain the French when they visited Harbury. The French Conversation Classes had been a great success.

Peggie Middleton's Village Hall report was read out. The Committee was gratified by the compliments returned on the Booking Form questionnaires. There had been improvements to the Hall including the purchase of a new cooker. A portable stage was on order.

Mrs Middleton thanked Wendy Hawkes the Booking Secretary, and Anne who cleaned the Hall. She made special mention of Brian

Ingram who had served the Committee for seventeen years, eleven of them as Chairman.

The meeting ended with more praise for John Drinkwater and the presentation of a framed photograph of many of his past colleagues from the Council. John thanked them all whilst Mike Bloxham recorded his photograph for posterity, and the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Bus Vouchers for Senior Citizens, Registered Disabled and Handicapped Persons

Bus vouchers will be issued in July to the above categories of residents living within the Parish. This year the Parish Council is extending the scheme to include men aged 60 in addition to women aged 60. For 2004 the total value of vouchers to be issued is £15 and each voucher is worth 50 pence towards Stagecoach Midland Red services 63, 63a and 64 and the Village Taxi-Bus services. There is no time limit on the use of the vouchers, but if you have some left from previous years please use them up before using this year's vouchers.

To obtain the vouchers, please register for the Scheme by getting a form from either the Post-Office or from the Clerk to the Council, Nicola Thompson, 36 Percival Drive Tel: 614646.

The forms must be completed and returned to one of the above by no later than Monday 5th July.

You must register for vouchers again this year even if you have done so in the past. Vouchers will be issued in the Wagstaffe Room at the Village Hall on Tuesday 13 July and on Wednesday 14 July between 2pm and 3.30pm.

Please note that only in very exceptional circumstances can vouchers be issued to persons who do not register by the due date of 5 July.

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

Nicola Thompson, Clerk, Harbury Parish Council

District Council Elections

Shenagh Booth

I am standing for re-election as your Councillor on Stratford upon Avon District Council. The election is on Thursday 10th June. I am 48 years old, married with 2 sons, one a software engineer the other a soldier.



If re-elected, I will work to improve services to rural communities:

- ❑ **Housing.** There is a great need for local affordable housing and I will promote the building of quality social housing where this has local support. I will work to reform the housing allocation system so that, when a community gives up land for social housing, people with a strong local connection will be given priority in the allocation process.
- ❑ **Rubbish Collection.** The council needs to improve the amount of waste that is recycled and I will support the collection of plastics and other materials for recycling where this is cost effective. I will try to get wheelie bins provided for general waste collection where people ask for them.
- ❑ **Sport and Leisure.** Local sports and leisure facilities create and maintain vibrant communities. I will support the giving of grants to develop and maintain existing and new facilities.
- ❑ **Planning Control.** The council plans to reduce the influence of Parish Councils and local people on granting planning applications. I will work to maintain as much local participation as is possible within a fair system based on planning law. Big development companies need to be challenged on their proposals.
- ❑ **Council Tax.** Not many people like paying council tax. I will work to balance the need for decent services with the cost of providing them.

I believe in constructive politics. I will work with others regardless of party to achieve the best for my ward while not flinching from fighting those who do not serve our best interests. You can phone me on 01926 640728.



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Shenagh Booth

Eric Dally

I have the pleasure of being nominated to represent you at the June 10th District Council Election. I served you from 1999 to 2002, and ensured that the needs and wishes of the Parish were supported by me. I would wish to have your support to do this again for you.

I have seen to it that the Tennis Club had money for it's development, that the village hall received money for it's staging.



I have a continuing interest in development plans for the Blue Circle site and will support the Parish in anything it wishes to see done with this site.

I shall do all I can to protect the environment from unacceptable development which will ultimately create an urbanisation that threatens to join us to Southam.

With so many elderly amongst us I will support the District Council's initiatives in seeking to ensure the elderly are helped when in difficulty, often not of their own making. I shall lobby for improved transport links to Southam and Leamington and elsewhere, requesting more services. There are concerns about lorries taking shortcuts through our villages rather than on preferred routes and I will take steps to prevent HGV's abusing our rural life.

I shall use my influence on the Council to see that there is financial control of the Council, and that Council taxes do not increase unreasonably beyond inflation. We set a 3.4% increase this year. The Conservative controlled Council has saved some £4 million since it took over the Council, and our services have not suffered.

I will have called on you by June 10th, pleased to meet you again and to encourage you to come out and vote. If elected I shall be first and foremost your servant.

Eric Dally - Tel: 651478

Parish Council Elections

Kevin Biddle

My Family go back five generations in Harbury and I have lived in the village for 42 years. Jackie and I have three boys, Matthew, Robert and Alex who all attended Harbury School.

I am a Contracts Manager and my interests are, Fishing, Golf, Clay Pigeon shooting and Rugby (I coached the Harbury mini's for 4 years). I served on the Harbury PTA; helped entertain the OAP's at Christmas and am actively involved with the Harbury Youth Project Group. I helped promote and raised funding for the Skateboard Park and helped with the technicalities of the site.

I have been a Parish Councillor for three years. Currently my focus is the Parish Plan, looking at the needs for Starter Homes, Sheltered Housing and Smaller Houses for the elderly.

My aims are to participate fully in village activities and to continue to support local events, particularly local charities and fund-raising ventures.

Kevin Biddle

Karena Ellis

My name is Karena Ellis and I standing for the Parish Council because I know how the Council's decisions can affect life here in the village. I am a Mum with three young girls and that means I have a vested interest in the future of Harbury as a safe and stimulating village for children and their families. My professional background is as a general practice Chartered Surveyor; that means that I can bring a wide area of experience in property matters, development and environmental issues to the Parish Council.

Karena Ellis

Adrian French

I am Adrian French, I came up to Harbury from my then home in Dorset when I started work for the Camping and Caravanning Club in 1992. By coming to Harbury I met and married my wife Anne who has lived in the village for 53 years. Harbury has given me a great deal in those ensuing years and I feel that by joining the Parish Council I would have an opportunity of giving something back to the village however small.



I am retired from full time employment but keep busy with my involvement with caravans and cars as tow cars. In the words of the song "you can't have one without the other".

If I were to be elected I would do my best to carry out any duties allocated to the best of my ability and hopefully fairly.

Adrian H French

Sharon Hancock

I have lived in Harbury for 34 years and have been a Parish Councillor for over 25 years. I was privileged to be Chairman for 3 years. During my time on the Council, I have taken a particular interest in planning, and for many years have been Chairman of the planning working party. I also chaired the group that produced the Village Design Statement.



I am involved in other aspects of village life. I am currently chairman of the Twinning Association and on the NSPCC committee. I am also a governor of Southam College.

Harbury has seen many changes during the time I have lived here but the strong community spirit endures. This exemplified in the successful entry to the Village of the Year competition to which so many people contributed. I believe it is vital that the Parish Council not only looks after the lighting and the village greens, but also fosters and encourages and enables the community to improve our facilities and to protect our heritage. It has been a privilege to serve on the council and I would hope to have you support on June 10th.

Sharon Hancock

Tim Lockley

I have lived in the village since 1997, and was co-opted onto the Parish Council last summer. Although I have not had long to make my mark on council business, I hope that I have brought a younger perspective to its deliberations. My daughter will be going into reception at Harbury Primary School this September and I have a particular interest in the facilities and opportunities available for younger people in the village. I have been secretary of Harbury Tennis Club for the past two years, and have also been involved with the Nursery School this year since my wife has been chairing the

committee.

If elected I would like the Parish Council to continue to improve the facilities available for youngsters, and to strive for 'Quality Parish' status giving us more influence over the decisions and policies that affect our village.

Tim Lockley

Tony Mancell

One of the major reasons my family and I moved to Harbury 27 years ago was the strong community spirit that exists within our Village.

This community spirit exists because of the people here and the way we all work together, making Harbury the village that it is.

I was co-opted to Harbury Parish Council 18 months ago, to fill the vacancy of Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes group, my predecessor having left the village. Over these 18 months, the F&GP Group have carefully managed the Parish budget and kept last year's precept down to the rate of inflation, with no increase in this year's Parish precept being required. Over this same period, the Council's spending plans have been carried out in full.

I'm standing for election to the Parish Council so that I can 'put a little back' into our community, hopefully helping to maintain our village's community spirit.

Tony Mancell



Jennifer Patrick

Currently I am the Chairman of Harbury Parish Council. 3 years ago John Hunt asked me if I would agree to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. I have enjoyed this responsibility and would like to continue for a further 3 years if it is the wish of the people of Harbury to elect me to office.



I work for Warwickshire education authority helping to provide teaching for children who are absent from school through ill health. I also write technology lessons to the web site for these pupils. My hobby is flying. In Somerset I was elected to Glastonbury Parish Council and was a member of the Tourist Board Committee and campaigned for the relief road. I was also a founding member of the Glastonbury WI and helped set up a playgroup.

I see myself as a facilitator, helping to enable Harbury to access and achieve sufficiently to be a thriving, vibrant village.

Jennifer Patrick

Stephen Priest

My name is Stephen Priest. I am 40, married to Eli and we have two boys, Dominic and Sebastian. I am currently employed as an advisor within the automotive industry, working with UK manufacturing companies, and I also contribute to the development of national educational strategies.



Previously as a teacher for 9 years in inner London, I saw the best and worst of community life. The experience of dealing with real issues relating to young people on a daily basis allowed me to develop my own value set and perspective.

Harbury is a thriving village and I recognise that the Parish Council has a responsibility to meet the changing needs of its community. I believe that my experiences have prepared me to make a positive contribution to this end.

Stephen Priest

Keith Thompson

Harbury has been our family home for 36 years and being a Parish Councillor for in excess of 20 years has enabled me to contribute to the Community I value greatly. During this period I have been Chairman for 3 years and Chairman of the Finance and Properties Working Parties.



I was also the Parish Council representative on Harbury Primary School Governing Body as Minor Authority Governor for 20 years.

My involvement with the Recreation Ground improvements has been extensive. The installation of challenging, stimulating equipment and safety surfacing, together with the skateboard facilities, coupled with high standards of maintenance and inspections continues to ensure high quality play facilities.

I play tennis regularly and as a founder member of the Tennis Club, have been pleased to help improve the facilities and opportunities for the young people of the Village and us slightly older club members!

The accolade of 'Midlands Village of the Year' was encouraging and satisfying for the whole community and I was pleased that this was recognised and rewarded.

I have continued to enjoy my involvement with and contributions to the Parish Council. I would welcome the opportunity to continue for a further term of office and so would greatly appreciate your vote!

Keith Thompson

Janet Thornley

I have lived in Harbury for over 40 years and was co-opted onto the Parish Council two years ago.

My main interests are with meeting the needs of young people. I was prime mover in reinstating the weekly youth club sessions and act as Chairman and Secretary as well as assisting in the Youth Leader each week. (Now we have 35 members).



I am also Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, a long time member of the Theatre Group and Twinning association. My aims are to foster closer relationships and to promote respect and consideration across age groups. Our community spirit is unique and I believe this will only continue to succeed if we encourage young people to participate in all aspect of village life. I feel passionately about maintaining rural lifestyles and community unity whilst seeking changes for the future benefit of us all.

I have felt privileged to serve on the Parish Council and I hope I can continue as a Councillor, if elected, for the ensuing years.

Janet Thornley

Dutch Van Spall

I live in Deppers Bridge, served the Council for 4 years (2 as Chairman), and am a member of the Twinning Association. My sons are members of Harbury Rugby Club, Southam Air Training Corps, and Southam Karate Club.

I work in the music industry and am a Director of 2 companies and a member of numerous professional bodies. I'm the founder of "TeenIdol" - a free training scheme for young talented musicians. I have written courses for BTEC and the OCN and am a qualified FE Lecturer.

I'm keen to protect our rural ways and traditions from being exploited or destroyed by commercial interests. Like you, I have a great love for the Countryside and I am sad to see it being eaten away year after year.

I'm affiliated to no political party. I'm concerned that young people seem to have greater pressures and fewer options and constantly get a 'bad press'. I am also concerned that the teaching profession does not get the respect or support it deserves. Consequently, the quality of our education system is gradually being eroded. This must improve if we are going to export more than our jobs.

Serving Harbury has been a privilege. I hope I may continue.

Dutch Van Spall

Ann Winchester

I have lived in the village for 17 years and have watched my family grow up and increase during that period. I have been a member of the Parish Council for 4 years and am currently Vice Chairman.

I am actively involved with 2 sub-committees: - the Environment, which looks after lighting, pavements, flooding and the general environment of the village, and Planning which gives comments on new buildings and alterations that go to the planning department at Stratford. I was pleased to contribute towards the build up for the Village of the Year Competition. I support all age groups in Harbury and have an interest in improving the facilities in and around the area.

I combine my work for the village with running a business and continuing to support my family who are all residents in Harbury. I look forward to receiving your support and being re-elected and continue to serve the village.

Ann Winchester

Harbury Society



Harbury Society

Judith Harridge gave a very enthusiastic glimpse into the origins of the Spa development of Leamington. What had for centuries been a small farming community rapidly developed into a fashionable watering place after Benjamin Satchwell and his friend William Abbott found a second spring and set up Abbotts Baths on the site that later became Francis's Store.

Long before Dr Henry Jephson promoted the healing qualities of Leamington's water people were making their way here to try it.

Dr Jephson was the most fashionable doctor of his day with clients ranging from the poorest to Princess, later Queen Victoria. His methods worked and he gave sound advice; eat plain food, take little tea, coffee or alcohol; exercise and take the waters every day for six weeks! He was successful, rich and philanthropic donating £200,000 towards the setting up of the Warnford Hospital.

A memorial to him was erected in the Jephson Gardens, which were established on land owned by the Willes Family of Newbold Comyn.

It's interesting that old Leamington still impinges on the newer development with the line of the old footpath from Lillington to Whitnash being preserved through the gardens, albeit in a cutting and with a bridge over it.

At the Carnival on Saturday 12th June we will be selling **Cross the Stile** footpaths walk booklet and have a Photo quiz of local landmarks.

Saturday 19th June there's an **Exhibition in the School from 10-2pm** where you can give your views on where local employment recreational and housing needs can be met and where development should not go.

Sunday 25th July 2.30pm at Pump Rooms, Guided Walk round old Leamington (1-2 hrs).

Linda Ridgley



Harbury's Women's Institute

Many thanks to those who supported our recent Coffee morning.

A reminder to members. Please support the cake stall on Carnival Day and take your cakes to the stall from

12 onwards.

There are still some seats available for the Evesham trip on August 23rd.

The members Garden Party will be at Celia's home on August 5th.

Diaries and Calendars have to be ordered by June 12th.

Resolutions were discussed at the May meeting, and, if passed at the Annual general Meeting, are acted on by the members and by the Public affairs department at the N.F.W.I. This department is responsible for promoting our policies to Government

Over the years W.I has campaigned on such issues as breast and cervical cancer, public transport, support and recognition of carers, to name but a few. The Keep Britain Tidy Campaign started as a W.I resolution 50 years ago.

Not just jam and Jerusalem eh!

The Speaker in June will be – Martin Sirot-Smith – Food and drink in Tudor Times.

Jeanne Beaumont

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arbury Theatre Group

The children's workshop at the end of May was attended by twelve, (another six are booked for the next one), enthusiastic girls and boys, who after learning how a script works, how a play is cast and a little about stage design, went on to choose a play for their first production early next year. A few places are still available for the workshop on 3rd July – phone 614348 to book.

June promises to be a very special month. First, the new stage is in the village hall after many years of planning. It will be stored on special trolleys in the Wagstaffe Room. It is quick and easy to assemble and can be used in different ways. Second, the one night Summer Comedy production will be on Saturday 26th June in the Village Hall. This will be our 120th production since the early Sixties. Records show a wide range of material used during this time – serious drama, light comedy and pantomimes. Favourites include Habeus Corpus; Hobsons Choice; The Railway Children; An Inspector Calls;

The Ghost Train, but the list is endless. So come along on the 26th June at 7.45pm, select a table and have a drink prior to the first play at 8.15pm. This is THERMAL UNDERWEAR by Andrew Davies. In this black comedy a Ruby Wedding Anniversary becomes a memorable special day for all the wrong reasons. How do a squeaky floorboard, sex mad rats, newts in the bath, caviar and cream cheese figure in all this? A relaxed interval, when a ploughman's supper will be served with the bar available for wine, beer etc., will be followed by the fast run of THE DROITWICH DISCOVERY by David Warburton. A small group on an outing see where Shakespeare actually wrote his plays and get more than the paid for In the attic of Mrs Craddock who claims a debt for 130,000 bacon and eggs from her strange lodger. Tickets can be bought at the Salon (Harbury) and the Newsagents (Bishops Itchington) or telephone 613214 or 612029. Tickets inclusive of supper cost £7 – sorry no concessions for this production. Look out for the posters and a flyer that should come through your letterbox.

The group is always on the lookout for people of all ages to join. Productions are becoming increasingly difficult to cast amongst the existing members. New blood is needed and particularly between the 20 to 30-age bracket – makeup can only go so far! If you are interested then please come along to the production and meet the members at work. The prime aim of the Group is to put in at least two productions a year for the enjoyment of the village but it is not all hard work as the Group has a good social calendar too.

It will soon be Carnival and the Group will have a stall that will be concentrating on fun for the children by providing tattoos. Don't panic parents – they will wash off quite easily. Tickets for the Summer Comedy Production will also be on sale.

Robert Waterman (Secretary)

Harbury Folk Club

At the Folk Club session on May 6th, the theme was 'Freedom'. While some of the performers chose songs to embrace the theme, others decided to demonstrate freedom by ignoring it!

On this occasion, in addition to many familiar faces, we were treated to a visit from Irish traditional singer, Tommy Dempsey. Although having lived in Birmingham for most of his adult life, he has lost none of his 'Irish-ness'. These days, he sings with his group, Dempsey's Lot, but in the past he has been with bands such as Drowsy Maggie and Slip

Jig. His patter is hilarious and he sings with a twinkle in his eye, usually accompanying himself very skilfully with cheeky rhythms on the bodhran. My personal favourite was his first song, 'The Drummer and the Lady'. I just had to invite him back for a second spot to finish the evening for us. For his last song, he dispensed with the jokes and the percussion and sang the traditional ballad 'Black Waterside'. Ian Hartland was co-opted to provide some accompaniments on the cittern and Tommy's travelling companions from Birmingham, Bill O'Neill and Brian Sutton, also sang two songs each, in very different styles.

But our local regulars are, of course, the foundation of our Folk Club. In another very full evening, we had songs from Rik, Martin, the Harvesters, Des, Ron, John & Stuart, Pete Grassby, Gilly and me. By way of a contrast, the five-piece band 'Cats and Concertinas' (consisting of Janny, Rosie and me on concertinas, Margaret on fiddle and Ruth making her debut on cello) played some folk tunes with a bit of a 'classical' feel to the arrangements.

It was another evening of quality music with more than a touch of humour. The charity raffle raised £43 for Cancer Research, boosting the total raised by the Harbury team at the 'Race for Life' in Stratford on May 16th. Ian will host the next Folk Club on July 1st, in the Shakespeare Inn at 8:30pm as usual. Don't forget that you can find out more about the Folk Club by visiting our website <http://welcome.to/harburyfolkclub>.

Peter McDonald

Harbury Carnival – June 12th, 2004

A few last minute items.

1. Will those entering the Carnival processions please assemble in Sutcliffe Drive at the appropriate location for the class you are in (there will be signs on the pavement). The classes are:
 Decorated Float – Trade
 Decorated Float – Private
 Decorated Float – Children
 Decorated bicycle, pram or car
 Horse drawn, mounted or led
 Walking Tableau – Adults
 Walking Tableau – Children (2 to 8 people)
 Walking Tableau – Children (more than 8 people)
 Walking Tableau – Family

Walking Adult

Walking Child

Judging will take place at 12-45pm

2. We need cakes (plenty of them!) for the afternoon teas. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.
3. There is still time to book a stall but please contact Mike McBride on 612421 as soon as possible.
4. To ensure the success of the event we hope that you will support us with your usual enthusiasm, floats, groups and fancy dress.

Wheelbarrow Race

The Wheelbarrow Race on the 6th June will commence from the Old New Inn. Please assemble at 12-30pm for a 1-00pm start. Again, can I please ask you to make sure you complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian on 612265.

Pub Games

For the other events taking place during Carnival week will those taking part please assemble at the appropriate pub for a 7-30pm start. The order of events is:

Monday 7th - Aunt Sally at the Crown

Tuesday 8th – Horseshoes at the Dog

Wednesday 9th – Skittles at the Shakespeare

Thursday 12th - Quiz at the Gamecock

John Broomfield

Harbury Carnival Men's 6 a side Football Tournament

Calling all Harbury Pubs to enter this fun and friendly tournament on June the 12th kicking off at 2.30pm at the top of Harbury playing fields.

The cost per team will be £20 and the money raised, will go to the Brathay Exploration Trust, to assist local lass Anna Harris, who is going on an expedition to the Belize Rainforest in July this year.

Teams to register by the end of May.

The winning team will be presented with a barrel of Warwickshire beer and the runners up a case of Weston's cider.

To register your team please call Paul or Margaret on 01926 613148

Harbury Tennis Club

May has been a really busy month on court. Some of the Club sessions have seen all 3 courts in use and people waiting to play! We are also pleased to welcome a number of new members to the Club.

The coaching programme is now in full swing and this year we've been able to extend it to adults with sessions for "Rusties and Beginners" and "Advanced"! The R&Bs are coming along in leaps and bounds and we hope to see some playing at club sessions very soon.

The last Club competition held over from last year, the Winter Mixed Doubles (the Dave Brown Shield) was finally completed at the end of April on a chilly evening with Rosemary Harley and Colin Mercer winning the tournament. Caroline Morland and Jon Scothern were runners up.

In the Banbury League the "A" team has had a busy start to the season and has already played 5 matches. The mainstays of the team have been Gill Thorpe, Kate Young, Carol Best, Geoff Prince, Andrew Rendell, and Brian Biro. Linda Casement, Ed Wilson and Colin Mercer have made "guest" appearances!

The winning start against Hook Norton "B" was followed by 2 defeats, at home against Banbury and away at Byfield. However, the last 2 matches against Hook Norton at home and away at Charlbury have seen more resilient performances with plenty of Harbury fighting spirit! Although Hook Norton went home overall winners it was a very close match and Harbury picked up a valuable bonus point by winning more games.

A return to winning ways came on a humid summer's evening at Charlbury. After the 30-mile journey Harbury made a jittery start but managed to be on level terms after the first two rounds of matches. It was all very close with Andrew and Brian and Gill and Kate narrowly losing tiebreak sets 6-5. Everyone hit top form in the third round of matches and in the end Harbury were comfortable winners by 6-3.

The "B" Team have only had 2 fixtures so far and carried on where it left off last year by losing both! In the first match of the Division 5 campaign Byfield "D" were the visitors. Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer played well to record a 7-4 win in their rubber but were Harbury's only winners in the first round of matches. Debbie Radford and Steve Stark were unlucky to lose a tiebreak but Brian Biro and Colin Mercer lost 4-7. The second round of matches saw Caroline and

Brian make a remarkable recovery from 0-5 to win 6-5 on a tiebreak but Byfield won the other 2 to go into the final round with a 4-2 lead. Harbury nearly pulled it off with Brian and Steve getting a narrow 6-5 win and Sue and Colin winning 7-4. Unfortunately Caroline and Debbie lost the final match and Byfield went home with a 5-4 victory.

The second match was on a lovely evening at Kings Sutton. Colin and Steve got off to a good start, winning 7-4 but a strong Kings Sutton pair beat Caroline and Sue. Kate Scothern and Paul Crowton also lost their match. In the second round Colin and Paul were in a very close tiebreak when Paul did a Boris Becker impression (not advisable on tarmac!) and injured his elbow. Unfortunately the tiebreak was lost and Paul was unable to play his third game. Although the rest of the matches were close, Sue and Colin were the only winners.

Under 16s

The very busy coaching programme has gone very well, although the weather has not been too kind for the Wednesday groups with some very chilly evenings and one rain interrupted session. However, as ever the children aren't easily put off and show tremendous enthusiasm.



[Picture of Mini 2 group of 5-6 year olds, who are coached by Linda Casement]
There has also been some competitive action with Jonathan Guy, Charlie Hawley, Thomas Kostiuik and Josh Fitzgerald representing the

Club in a Year 7 match at Snitterfield. They all gave a very good account of themselves with Jonathan on particularly good form. He partnered Charlie in the opening match and they recorded an emphatic 6-3, 6-2 win. He then played with Thomas and narrowly lost 4-6, 5-7. In the other matches Josh and Thomas lost 3-6, 1-6 and Charlie and Josh lost 4-6, 1-6.



[Picture of Harbury and Snitterfield teams attached, Harbury are in back row]

We do have one very good win to report for the youngest team in the Mini Red league. The team (from years 2 and 3) of Hallam Bullock, Becky Casement, Thomas Conway and Emma Hutchinson achieved a fine 8-4 win over Shipston. We have it on good authority (Linda Casement!) that Hallam was player of the day and played out of his socks! Well done to all and let's hope this is the first of many wins.

Colin and Sue Mercer

Harbury Nursery School



With signs of early summer, the children have been taking advantage of the recent sunshine by spending a lot of time outside, especially at lunchtime when they have enjoyed eating their 'picnic' lunches! They have also had many opportunities to play in the sand and water and have sat outside listening to stories under the shade of the trees.

After the half-term break, the children will be finding out about mini-beasts, and I'm sure that all parents, myself included, will be looking forward to finding interesting specimens inside our houses being studied enthusiastically by our offspring!

Tabletop sale: Thank you to everyone who supported the sale held in the village hall. A fantastic £270 was raised, which will help towards costs involved with our forthcoming move.

New Equipment: A very big thank you to the chair of the committee, Jo Lockley, for her generous donation of a digital camera to the nursery. This will be of great benefit to both the staff and the children, who will be able to see the photos on the computer and help print them out.

Fancy dress day: This was a great success. Everyone enjoyed dressing up as their favourite character, including Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Varriale. A few of the children had their photograph taken by 'The Courier'. It was good to see a variety of costumes ranging from a traditional Dutch girl outfit to fairies, princesses and even the Incredible Hulk!



Move to the Mobile Classroom: Following a successful meeting with the representative from the LEA we are now waiting for quotes before building work can commence. We would like to thank several organisations for their kind support, including Terry Grey, The Southam Lions, David Hower and MFI. We are most grateful for their donations and contributions and we are all looking forward to occupying our newly refurbished and equipped premises.

Summer Ball – Night of 100 Stars: Tickets are now on sale for this spectacular event. Guests are invited to dress as their favourite movie star, or dress to impress on the red carpet for a chance to win an Oscar! Tickets are £12.50 and include a high-quality buffet and disco. It will be held in the School Hall on Saturday 3rd July from 7.30pm until midnight. A professional photographer has been booked for the evening. For further details and to book tickets contact Harbury Nursery School on 07906 519148, or call Jo Lockley on 614532.

New Children: We have recently welcomed seven new children to the Nursery. They are Connie, Ben, Paige, Niamh, Nicola, Tim and Oliver. They have all settled in really well and have made lots of new friends.

If anyone would like further information about the Nursery School, please drop into the Nursery or contact Jo Lockley (Chair) on 6145312.

Nursery School Staff and Committee



Harbury Pre-School

May at Pre-School – At the beginning of May, the children enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Butterfly Farm at Stratford and, following the visit, they spent time learning about how tiny caterpillars grow into butterflies. The lovely weather enabled them to look for butterflies outside and they enjoyed talking about the visit, using their mathematical skills to count butterflies and making wings for themselves.



Learning about butterflies on the Pre-School Summer Trip

Also during May, the children have been enjoying looking at, reading about and creating a jungle theme. This began at the end of April, with the Kids Klub Adventure Video, when some of the children took part as mini actors starring in their own jungle safari video. They have followed this with the production of a huge collage centred around a giraffe and decorated with flowers made by the children. Lovely renditions of songs such as 'A lion is very fierce' and 'The animals went in two by two' could be heard as the children continued the month's theme at song time.

Yvette Tanner– We are very sad to announce the departure of Yvette Tanner from Pre-School at the end of the summer term. Yvette has been with us for three years and has played a major part in transforming the Pre-School into the caring, thriving place it is today. She will be missed by everyone involved, but particularly the children, with whom she has developed a very special bond.

Donation of Toys – We are very grateful to Gill Carter, who has kindly donated some lovely toys and dolls to Pre-School.

Safari Trail - On Saturday 22nd May, the Pre-Schoolers took part in a sponsored "Safari Trail" on the village playing fields. Each child was given a sheet with pictures of eight jungle animals – lion, snake, zebra etc. They then had to search the field for large versions of the same animals. Their sheets, when completed with stickers to show that they had found the right animals, were laminated and presented back to the children after a lovely picnic lunch. The weather stayed fine, if a little chilly, and a wonderful time was had by all. The money raised from the sponsorship will be used to buy toys and equipment specifically asked for by the children themselves. Our special thanks go to Yvette Tanner and Lana Long and her fundraising team for their hard work in making the event such a success.



The Pre-School children show off their Safari Trail Certificates

Visit to Harbury Primary School – It seems hard to believe that some of our little Pre-Schoolers will be leaving us at the end of the term to start at "big school" in September. Since they have been with

us, they have developed from toddlers into confident, enthusiastic four-year-olds who are ready to take the next step. In order to help them with the transition, they will be visiting the school later this month, to have a look round the classroom and meet their new teacher, Mrs Harris.

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

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee



Harbury Primary School

New Intake

The induction programme for the children starting in September began last Monday evening with a meeting for the parents of our new intake. If you are expecting your child to start in September, but did not receive an invitation to this meeting, it means that we do not have your child on our list of starters – if you are in this position, please contact the school as soon as possible!

Badby Visit

Some of you may have noticed that Harbury School was considerably quieter than usual the week before last. The absence of Year 5 and Mr. Chapman would probably be the reason, for they were away at Badby Youth Hostel (Near Daventry) for the whole week.

The trip was action-packed with a huge variety of pursuits for the children to enjoy, which included an eight mile country walk, identifying wild flowers and trees, treasure hunts, photography, sketching church architecture, rounders, swimming, a BBQ, with many more activities besides.

The Hostel is a beautiful thatched cottage in the middle of Badby Village, where the garden is rich with wild flowers and trees. Luckily the weather was super, so the children were able to enjoy their surroundings to the full.

We were extremely fortunate to have a dedicated and efficient team of parent helpers who shopped for and organised all the food for the week. They arrived at 7.30am to prepare a hearty breakfast, supervised the children making their own packed lunches, and prepared a lovely meal for everyone each evening. There were many helpers, but we would particularly like to thank Karen Bradford, Lynn Hill and Sally Lines, for co-ordinating the work of so many parents.

The trip was orchestrated by Mr. Chapman, who devoted an inordinate amount of his own time devising an action-packed timetable for the 21 children, which kept them fully occupied 24 hours a day over a 5 day period!

The trip was supported by Julie Linforth, Carole Shuttleworth, Ken Robertson, Mike McBride and Jacky Sykes, and Mr. Daly made regular appearances. The school, and particularly the children of Year 5, would like to thank everyone who made this exciting and memorable trip possible.

Summer Play Scheme

Kids' Club are running a Summer Play Scheme in school during the first part of the summer holidays. If you would like your child to attend, please contact Lynne Hill at Kids' Club before or after school for more details.

Building Work

The plans for the development of parts of the Junior end of the school to create small group rooms are well in hand – costings have been approved and the firm orders have been placed. We are expecting there to be no problems with the work being undertaken during the summer holidays. Many of you know that the nursery will be moving to the Spooner in September, which means that there has to be some alterations made to the room. Again, plans are on schedule for the work to be undertaken during the holidays.

Half Term

May I remind parents that school finishes for the summer half-term on Friday 28th May and re-opens on Monday 7th June at 9.00am.

P.T.A. News

School Coffee Morning

We would like to thank all of those parents who baked cakes for the recent PTA coffee morning, and all of you who turned up for a cuppa!

We raised an excellent £213.19, which will obviously go towards our school's fund.

P.T.A. 100 Club

The P.T.A. will be round collecting your money for the 100 Club numbers very soon. Members pay an annual fee of £12 (i.e. £1 per month) and each term a lucky winner is drawn who receives £100 cash. If you do not already have a number and would like to purchase one, please see Gill Holden or any other member of the P.T.A.

The Summer Fayre

The annual School Summer Fayre is on Friday 9th July from 4-6pm, with games from 6-7pm.

This is always a well-supported event, and the community atmosphere is so enjoyed by all the children. So put in it your diaries now! This year we will have many stalls including: Hook the Fish, Treasure Hunt, Jam Jar Jamboree, plant and book stalls, Hot Dogs, an exciting raffle with lots of attractive prizes, and many more games and activities to enjoy!

The PTA will be appealing for help from as many parents as possible to attend the various stalls, for just an hour. Please let Kate Wilson know if you are able to help (tel: 612149)

Denis Daly

Brownies First Harbury Brownies

Firstly we would like to welcome Lorraine into our Brownie Pack and say farewell to Frankie who has gone to Southam guides. We are sure she will have some great adventures and we wish her all the best.

This year the Brownies are celebrating their 90th year. A special Brownie Rose has been launched at the Chelsea Flower Show, grown by flower specialists, Harkness Roses, the Brownie "Floribunda" has bright yellow petals symbolising friendship and it has a light herbal scent so keep your eyes peeled if you are watching the show on the TV or if you are lucky enough to be visiting.

What busy Brownies we were preparing for our coffee morning, making homemade sweets, painting pots and planting Pansies in them etc. Thank you for being patient as the girls served you with coffee and tea, the girls achieved their hostess badges and the Brownies made all the beautiful flower arrangements that you saw on the tables.



Thank you again for all your support on the 15th May, we raised £160. At present we do have approximately 8 girls on the waiting list but if you do want your girls to start Brownies in the near future please contact Fiona Cole and we will start the girls as quickly as we can. Any questions or suggestion please contact:

Karyn Hunt (Snowy Owl) 613598

Fiona Cole (Tawny Owl) 612538

Helen Cooper (Swallow) 612794

Karyn Hunt



Harbury Juniors Football

The end of season for Harbury Juniors has been an exciting time for the players. On 8th May, Steve Darby organised a Club trip to take 63 boys and parents to Villa Park to watch the England under-18s Schoolboys International match. A very enjoyable day was had by all and gave our boys something to aspire to! The season culminated in two events where all six teams that represent the village were in attendance - the EURO 2004 Football Fun Day and the Presentation Evening. It was great for everyone to have the opportunity to get together as a club and the children and their parents all enjoyed themselves.

EURO 2004 Football Fun Day

We were blessed with great weather for this event and over 80 boys from across all age groups were 'representing' the various teams that will compete in the European Football Championships in Portugal this summer. We saw some great football during the course of the day with the following teams winning the various age categories:

Under 7's:	France
Under 9's / 11's:	Spain
Under 14's / 16's:	Portugal

In addition to the boys games there were matches for the Mums and Dads. These games were closely contested and gave the Dads the opportunity to relive some of their 'former glories'! It truly was a fun day with a bouncy castle, penalty shoot out, tombola, ice cream and delicious burgers and sausages.

Everybody went home having had a great day, plenty of sunshine and aching limbs for those 'old boys' who took part in the Dads' game.

Presentation Evening

So to the final event of the season and what a great event it was. Nearly all the boys who play for Harbury Juniors turned up for the presentation evening, many of them accompanied by their mums, dads, sisters and brothers. Our special guest, Cyrille Regis - the former Coventry, WBA and England player - presented the awards to the various winners from across the age groups. Cyrille not only presented the trophies but also drew the raffle and spent some considerable time signing autographs and having his photo taken with the youngsters - a great Ambassador for the game of football. During the course of the evening over 100 medals and trophies were presented with the age group awards as follows:

Under 7's

Player of the Year	Jack Groves
Clubman of the Year	Aaron Murray
Most Improved Player	Alannah Cadwallader
Golden Boot	William Winchester

Under 9's

Player of the Year	Matthew Van Kesteren
Clubman of the Year	Matthew Hayward
Most Improved Player	John Van Kesteren
Golden Boot	Jointly awarded to Adam Miles and Ashley Dickson

Under 11's

Player of the Year
 Player's Player of the Year
 Player Most Improved
 Golden Boot

Shaun King & Joe Woodfield
 Teddy Zawoda
 David Van Kesteren
 Chris Wall

Harbury Hawks

Player of the Year
 Clubman of the Year
 Most Improved Player
 Golden Boot

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Under 14's

Player of the Year

Jointly awarded to Steven Boss
 and Andrew Young

Clubman of the Year
 Most Improved Player
 Golden Boot
 Player's player

Kyle Ball
 Michael Smith
 Stuart Pratt
 Andrew Young

Under 16's

Player of the Year
 Clubman of the Year
 Most Improved Player
 Golden Boot
 Player's player
 Steve Wilkins Trophy

Charlie Neale
 Thomas Wilkins
 Matt Cowley
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 Charlie Neale
 Phillip Mugleston

For the Under 16's this was a milestone event as it was their last presentation evening, many of them having represented Harbury Juniors since they were 7 or 8 years old. The club wishes each and every one of them all the best for the future, in their studies their work and their football careers. For John Wilkins, the manager of the Under 16's, it was an emotional night as his 'football protégés' move onto pastures new. John has been involved with the club since its early days over ten years ago and the Club Committee and all its members would like to thank John, his wife Lesley and their family for all their hard work over the years and their contribution in making the club the success that it is today. We hope that John and his family will be involved for many years to come.

Both these events demonstrate, yet again, the importance of the junior football club to the village community and its young people and the Committee would like to thank all those helpers who contributed to

their smooth running and success. The tombola raised £152:60 and the raffle, £275:00. Thank you to everyone who supported these events and bullied their family into buying tickets. We would also like to thank the local shops and businesses who so generously provided the prizes for the tombola and raffle, namely; Sainsburys, Aston Villa Football Club, Woolworths plc, Hargreaves Sports, Cannons Health Club, Guy Salmon Landrover, Leamington Spa Megabowl, Gordon North Catering Butchers, Hatton Country World, Oscott Trade Auto Parts, Border Holdings Landrover Wholesale, Bearmach Landrover Wholesale, Town and Country Landrovers, ASDA.

Liz Henry

Here there and everywhere – An insight into the life of a young footballer at Northampton Town's Centre of Excellence.

Well, it's been 2 years now since our son, 10 year old Edward Kostiuk, was signed-up by Northampton Town's Centre of Excellence and we thought some of you may be interested in just what it's been like playing football at this level, not only for him, but for us as parents.

The first thing that struck us is the amount of commitment we as parents have to make. We have to travel every Monday and Friday evening to Northampton for 2 hours of training and then virtually every Sunday we either travel to Daventry for Edward's home games or to Northampton's Sixfields Stadium at about 7am to drop him off for away fixtures. These can be as far away as Norwich, Colchester, Lincoln and Portsmouth. As a player, Edward travels on a team coach. As proud parents, we have to make our own way!

Even at this age, Edward's whole lifestyle has to change - he has to eat properly - chips and burgers are a once a week treat. His food has to be rich in carbohydrates and protein - for energy. This is very difficult to maintain at his age as all kids love chips!

Every day he is expected to do at least half an hour of skills training, such as various turns and tap-ups (we thought he had improved to achieve over 100 tap-ups on alternate feet but there is another boy in his group who can do over 1000 with a football or up to 100 with a golfball!). Again trying to drag him away from his Playstation or fighting with his brother to do his training can prove difficult.

Another thing that struck us is that at this age, unlike playing for Harbury, the emphasis is most certainly not on winning matches, it is all about developing Edward, individually, as a young professional -

the most important thing is developing his individual skills and his personal profile - he has to greet and shake hands with every Northampton Coach he meets and is encouraged to think for himself. This has made him a much more confident child. He has also played in every position - not just to see where his best position is, but also so that he understands the way of thinking of opposing players in those positions.

In his Sunday matches, the result of the game is totally irrelevant - each player is given individual targets to achieve, such as 5 crosses, 2 Cryff turns or 3 headers. It doesn't sound a lot, but in matches with players who are all of a high calibre it can be very difficult to achieve. If the team loses 10-0 it doesn't matter as long as they, as individuals, achieve their targets.

Edward loves this lifestyle (including free match tickets) as even at this age he is classed as a member of the Northampton Town squad) but he really misses playing football with his mates from Harbury, which under FA rules he is not allowed to do. However he does get the opportunity to play with them in school matches and it's not until he plays those games that we realise just how much he has progressed. However, even this has its downsides as due to his talent he is often a 'marked man' and it is sad to hear a few parents telling their kids to target him.

It's been a hard, but enjoyable, two years and daunting to think that there are potentially another 7 ahead, but hopefully it will be worth it in the end (we just need to keep him away from wine and women!)

Finally we would like to thank Harbury Village Club who provided sponsorship for Edward in his first season when Northampton were in financial difficulties (which they have since overcome). It was very much appreciated and pleasing to see support for a local talent from an organisation in his own village.

Pete Kostiuk

Spirit of Harbury Award - 2004

Dan Killian's contributions to village life have resulted in his recognition as the second recipient of the Spirit of Harbury shield, which is presented annually in memory of John Hunt, a former chairman of Harbury Parish Council.



Dan and his wife Julie, who have just celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary, have lived in the village throughout their married life in a bungalow in Chapel Street, for which Dan prepared the plans and oversaw all the building work using local builders.

Dan's origins were in Knightsbridge, but the family moved to Barford and lived in a cottage on a country estate near Sherbourne. Dan's father took the position as butler to Mr. Smith-Ryland, whilst his mother looked after her three children, and was also employed in the local bakery during the war. After school, Dan eventually enrolled as an apprentice with Hobbs Transmission in Russell Terrace in Leamington, where he met Julie who was working as a secretary. When the firm closed in 1963, Dan transferred to A.P. where he began working as a design engineer on automatic transmissions and he became the Engineering and Quality Manager of the division. He was one of many people in the village who worked at Automotive Products, then the biggest employer in the area. He worked alongside Joe Bamford, known to many in the village for his artistic skills, who still receives a monthly testimony to his work through his design for the front cover H & L News.

Julie was born in Leamington, but lived in Bishops Tachbrook and followed Dan in seeking employment at A.P. Before their marriage they purchased the plot of land in Harbury and between them dug out all the footings in preparation for the building work. They borrowed equipment from George Marshall, the Harbury builder, who had a DIY shop in the premises now occupied by the Compton organisation and as they were 'between jobs' Whiteman's Builders Merchants in Kenilworth allowed them to have 'materials on credit', so that they could continue with the construction work. Their honeymoon was spent in Southam, as they returned daily to decorate the bungalow, which has been their permanent home ever since.

As with the majority of men in the 'fifties', Dan did his National Service and basic training with the Warwickshire Regiment and he was then transferred to the Intelligence Corps. He was deployed in Cyprus for 18 months, as were several other Harburians, including Derek Thomas. He eventually returned home in 1960 by a circuitous route, which involved 'hitching' lifts home. He travelled on the troop ship, Dunera from Famagusta to Malta and then flew to France on a 'Beverley' and onwards to England on a 'Hastings'. Dan's love of all 'things mechanical' ensures that his total recall of engines extends to ships and planes and not just his first love – cars!

Dan's first involvement in supporting village activities started in the 'seventies' when he was involved in building the Chapel street floats with enthusiastic neighbours. This eventually translated into producing the Trade float for the Gamecock with other willing customers who committed to the project in between 'serious discussions' in the pub! It was one such evening, which led to the formation of the Street Fayre committee for which Dan was elected Chairman. The bi-annual Victorian Street Fayre has been held seven times since its inception and brings together a wide range of village organisations to create an atmospheric evening enjoyed by all the many visitors who look forward to the event.

Dan was also involved in his heyday with the Harbury Motorcycle Club, which offered youngsters the chance to build a motorcycle in the company of other enthusiasts, including Tim Millington and John Moore. The teenagers then put on displays at the Carnival, which gathered interested onlookers awaiting the Tug-of-War competitions and the conclusion of the Five-a-side football matches. Another venture in which Dan had an involvement was the Harbury Chronicles, which recorded village life in the latter part of the twentieth century. Danny joined Anne Megeney, Mary Shelley and Janet Thornley when they set about raising the finance to create the video, which recorded aspects of village life throughout the year. More recently Dan joined Janet on the Skateboard committee and they are now working together on the proposals for a cycling course. Both Janet (who received the Award last year) and Dan have committed countless hours of their own time to make contacts, raise finance and produce the paper work, which is essential for the organisation of any venture. With Dan's involvement, it has been the case of 'behind any good man', there is an equally 'good woman' and Julie has been the 'behind the scenes' secretary for all his commitments. In the next few weeks with the approach of this year's Carnival, Dan will be working 'flat out' with the organisation of the week's activity of pub games and the novelty Wheelbarrow Race, which he also re-introduced in memory of a former Harbury resident, Brian Scandrett.

In amongst all the effort put into his public spiritedness, it is a wonder that Dan finds the time to pursue his own interests, but until recently he worked on one of the allotments in the area behind the telephone exchange and he is continuing to breed rare bantams on his own property. However, the main love of his life has to be 'all things mechanical' and he retains a collection of classic and veteran motorcycles, as well as vintage cars. He used his bull-nosed Morris

Car for last year's Carnival procession and this time, the Harbury Carnival King and Queen will have the experience of travelling in a 1923 3 litre Bentley, which he has acquired from Cottesmore.

As Dan and Julie both agree they have had a lot of pleasure from working with other committed people in organising village events and finding that their efforts have created enjoyment for others. It is this selfless commitment to village life that the Spirit of Harbury award seeks to recognise and Danny is the second very worthy winner.

Chris Finch

"A much needed facility has now been installed at the Village Hall".

A new portable stage has been purchased and this was delivered on Friday 21st May 2004. It will be available for any organisation or group to use when hiring the hall for future functions. This portable staging can be adapted to any size and is user friendly. A diagram of instructions will be available and initially the Theatre Group members will assist and give instruction on request.

The provision of this facility has been achieved by the Village Hall Management committee working with the Theatre Group over the past few years. The Theatre Group has done an enormous amount of research with the design in order to obtain quotations. This is a fine example of partnership and close co-operation over a number of years. It is a reflection of a caring community with drive and tenacity to accomplish a worthwhile project.

Funding was originally started by the Theatre Group for which we are very grateful and we extend to them our thanks and appreciation. We would also like to thank the Carnival committee for their donations over the past three years and also for an anonymous generous donation.

Grants have been obtained from Stratford-upon-Avon District Council, Heart of England Community Foundation and the Arts Council. Without these generous grants our aims would not have been accomplished and we are extremely grateful and again thank these organisations for their vital financial support.

Thanks are also owed to the village residents who have helped us to raise funds locally, especially in supporting Theatre Group productions.

The portable staging will be used for the first time by the Theatre Group on Saturday 26th June when an evening of Mid-Summer Comedies will be presented – Tickets £7 including a ploughman's supper (please see local advertising for this event) and we hope you will support this event. This will give everyone an opportunity to see our new portable stage "in action".

Janet Thornley

Secretary, Harbury Village Hall Management Committee

JOHN DRINKWATER

May 2004 is a landmark in the history of Harbury Parish Council as Councillor John Drinkwater is retiring after 42 years of service to the village. Originally from Birmingham, John made his career in Warwickshire Constabulary and for many years was Long Itchington's village policeman. When he retired from the force in 1959, he and his wife Rene and their daughter Sheila moved to Harbury, and in 1962 he became a Parish Councillor.



Later John also served on Stratford District Council. He is a past Chairman of the Parish Council and has worked tirelessly for the community. He was honoured with the M.B.E. three years ago.

John's fellow councillors find it hard to believe that he is now 92, as his contribution to the Council's work is undiminished. His meticulous memory and quiet common sense always laced with good humour, will be very much missed. At the Annual Parish Meeting, John was presented with a framed photograph of him taken with past and present councillors and parish clerks. Many tributes were paid, and the esteem and affection in which he is held were obvious. We all wish John and Rene many more happy years together in the village they have served so well.

Sharon Hancock

Hundredth Birthday Celebrations

As part of the local celebrations of the Hundredth Anniversary of Rotary International, we are inviting the people of Harbury and Ladbroke to nominate people, who have given outstanding service over a number of years to their community, for an award. This will be given to them at a public presentation in Southam. In the event of there being more than one nomination from any village, the most deserving candidate will be decided upon, by us, after local consultation. Please submit any names together with a short account of your reasons for nominating them to the undersigned by November 30th 2004, together with your own name and contact details.

Peter Jackson (01926)864234
The Rotary Club of Southam

Race for Life 2004

More than one in three of us will develop cancer at some point. Few of us go through life without coming into contact with the disease in some way. So, for this reason, seven of us from Harbury decided to enter this year's 'Race for Life' at Stratford Racecourse, on May 16th, to raise money for Cancer Research. The seven were Sharon Hancock, Celia Neill, Ruth Guy, Ann Mayer, Sue Hartland, Rosemary Harley and me. Over 1600 women took part in this event.



It was a wonderful atmosphere and quite emotional, realising that so many people had been touched by cancer and were passionate about

helping to fund research into cures. In addition to individual sponsors, Hereburgh Morris donated money from recent performances, and Harbury Folk Club donated the proceeds of their monthly raffle. Together, we raised over £700. Thank you to all who supported us.

Margaret McDonald

Christian Tapes and Books

A few of us from the village have started to visit prisoners at Rye Hill Prison. We have had several conversations with the Chaplain there and one of their problems in the work of chaplaincy is the lack of resources. They have a need for accessible material, especially cassette tapes of the gospel, as quite a number of the prisoners have difficulty in reading. So please, if you have any tapes, even of the spoken word or Christian music, or books you no longer need, could you pass them to either myself or Jill Winter and we will see that they will find a good home!

My address is: 3 Vicarage Lane, Tel: 613680

Jill's address is 19 Farm Street, Tel: 612585

We'd be happy to collect from you if you prefer.

Joan Smith

Sign Comes Down

Kathleen and Roger Ellis taking down their sign, which was designed by Wendy Bloxham when she was a student. Kathleen is now semi-retired, working mornings only.

Blood Donor Session

So near! Last month's donations missed the century by one!

Next visit will be on **Monday August 23rd**.



Harbury NSPCC Golf Day

On May 6th, nearly 100 golfers gathered at Leamington and Country Golf Club to compete in the first NSPCC golf day organised by the Harbury and District NSPCC Committee. A competitive round of golf, on an unexpected fine day, was followed by an excellent carvery meal to provide a memorable event.

A team lead by Len Edwards of Southam won the men's section and the ladies section was won by a team lead by Chris Leeds of Leamington. There were also prizes for the nearest hole and longest drive.

A big thank you must go to all our sponsors including Frettons of Leamington Spa, International Lifting and Shipping, Storm Display of Stratford, The Cloister, Gaydon Service Station, Miles Of Tiles, T. Peggs, Land Rover, Millennium Fine Arts, S. Walton Wilson, and of course all the golfers that took part plus the many people who helped in many different ways to make the day a success.

The final sum raised for the NSPCC was £1,626 and is now hoped to make this an annual event.

NSPCC Committee

3rd Summer Art Exhibition / Sale

Building on the tremendous success of the first two shows when the response of artists and the public far exceeded expectations, Harbury will stage its 3rd Summer Exhibition of paintings, pastels and drawings in the parish church on Saturday and Sunday July the 10th and 11th.

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

The hours of opening this year are from 10am to 6pm on Saturday and between 1pm and 5pm on Sunday. Church funds will benefit from the proceeds.

Artist who have not already done so and wish to exhibit have until June 18th to submit an entry form which can be obtained from me (Tel / Fax: 614104: Mobile 07979514517).

Bill Davies

Southam Embroideries

There will be an exhibition at The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam on Sunday 4th July, 2-5pm. Entrance is £1.00 and refreshments of tea, coffee and cakes 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
- 25small 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

THE FUTURE FOR HARBURY

There will be a free exhibition in the School Hall on Saturday 19th June 10-2pm. See the children's model of Harbury; the youth video and village centre enhancement proposals: plus the local needs for housing, employment and recreation.

Pop in and help with the decisions.
Should we try to find sites for these local needs?
Where can we site local homes, jobs and play?
What areas must be safeguarded?
Come and have your say!

It has been organised jointly by Parish Council & Review Group with Warwickshire Community Council Housing Enabler & Field Officer being on hand to advise.

The PTA will provide refreshments.

Ufton News

Guided Tour of Moreton Morrell College. Monday 28 June 10.30 – 12.30pm. Moreton Morrell.

Our annual summer outing to gardens this year will take us to Moreton Morrell. Graham White will show us around the grounds, the new horticultural unit, garden centre and wildflower meadows and answer questions during our visit. Afterwards we plan to have an informal lunch at The Kings Head, Wellesbourne. This event, hosted by Moreton Morrell, will be free. Lunch will be extra. We will leave Ufton at 10.00am please contact us if you require transport.

Please book as early as possible, spaces are limited for these events and we expect them to be very popular. Contact Tracey Watts now on 614413 for full details.

Ufton Fete – Saturday 5th June 2.00pm in the Old Rectory Garden. Come along and have fun, stalls, games, competitions, jumble, fancy dress, lucky dip, refreshments, cakes, groceries and ice cream. Refreshments will be served all afternoon.

The Fete will be opened by The Rev'd John Armstrong with a Fancy Dress Parade at 2pm.

With your help we can make this a great village event.

Karin Kirk

Horticultural Society



Our last talk of the season was given by Jeanette Merilion, a garden designer from Lincolnshire, on "Birds, Butterflies and Bees". This proved to be all about how to garden in order to encourage these. She gave us a seasonal list of plants and showed many slides to provide food and comfort for these creatures accompanied by much good advice on how to maintain a supportive environment and deflect various perils that threaten them in the wild. At the same time, she showed us how to create an attractive display through the seasons in our gardens. This was a complicated subject tackled with verve and impressive knowledge. There were many amusing moments even a rendition of Lilly Of The Valley in Latin in a West Country dialect!

For the people going on the all day outing (Wednesday 9th June) to Stockton Bury in Herefordshire, please be at the Village Hall early, as the coach will leave **9am prompt!** Hopefully it will be a nice day, but please bring your brollies - just in case!

The people going to Barton House on Thursday the 24th June please meet at the Village Hall at 5.45pm.

I know the show isn't until the 11th September but here are a few hints: -

To exhibit Begonias - the pot must not be larger than 6"

To exhibit Fuchsias and Pelargoniums - an 8" pot is allowed

To exhibit Fruit - leave bloom on - don't polish

If you intend showing jams etc., to make sure the seal is acceptable to the WI judges, contact Nora Ellis, she has the approved jar - Tel: 613605.

No matter what you display "On With The Show" is very helpful and is available from Pat Smith Tel: 612650 or Janice Siddle Tel: 614459. Some of these hints could save you losing points. The show is open to members, Harbury W.I. and residents in Harbury, Ladbroke / Deppers Bridge W.I. and residents of Ladbroke / Deppers Bridge. Schedules should soon be available.

I did not go on the outing to Batsford but I understand it was very enjoyable, the "handkerchief" tree was in full bloom and quite a sight.

Muriel Grey

Nature Note

I finally heard my first cuckoo of the summer on the evening of 1st May while cycling along the 'Salt Way' near Knightcote. Sharon had heard it the day before and then in response to last month's article, reports flooded in. Jim Chapple had heard one on 16th April. I'm indebted to Rex Humphreys for giving me information about the bird's unique lifestyle.

There's nothing quite like the month of May with rampant growth, fresh blossom cascading from hawthorn and the spectacular unfolding of horse chestnut blooms. The road margins are deep in cow parsley and I am lured to certain favourite spots to find some of our rarer plants. I found 2 early purple orchids at the Spoil Bank nature reserve near the recently reopened Great Western. After a Warwickshire Naturalist Trust meeting at Snitterfield Village Hall we split into groups and toured Snitterfield Reserve. There, on calciferous soil, we found upwards of 30 'early purples' and the elegant Herb Paris. This flower is

poisonous and its name probably derives from the Latin *Pars* meaning equal, referring to the plant's Maltese Cross like symmetry. The leaf and petal pattern is crowned by 8 golden stamens and a single shining black berry-the 'devil in the bush' that was one of the plant's now obsolete names. Snitterfield Bushes is a wood of mainly pedunculate oak and ash with a hazel shrub layer. Construction of a wartime airfield has left behind a network of concrete tracks, which give excellent access for all including wheelchair users. It is the only place in Warwickshire where the aptly named fly orchid has been found, although the last specimen was seen here about 10 years ago. Do not give up all hope however as orchids are notoriously variable in their flowering patterns.

Mid May is the time to visit Draycote Meadows Nature Reserve tucked away near the hamlet of Draycote and not approached by the reservoir entrance. For those with access to OS map 1:50000 sheet 140 (Leicester and Coventry), the entrance is at GR 448706. I visited on 24th May to see the stunning display of Green Winged Orchids. The flower colour can vary from pure white to purple though most are a shade of pink. Make a point of putting this date in your diary for next year.

Also at Draycote, I saw 2 small butterflies of a type I had not seen before. I searched my books on return and came to the conclusion it might be the wonderfully named Duke of Burgundy, now a real rarity. After talking to Phil Paine of Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation Group, he concluded that I had seen the Burnet Companion Moth day flying and exactly mimicking a butterfly.

Other interesting sightings-Heath Spotted Orchids, seals and a sea otter on and off Skye. I also saw hundreds of Snakes Head Fritillaries in the famous North Meadow by the infant Thames at Cricklade, Gloucestershire. Here in early May, these variously coloured (from white through to purple) flowers make a superb display. The Warwickshire name is 'shy widow' and fittingly perhaps, in this county it is now rare.

With intensive agriculture, our rarer plants are often now only seen in the county's nature reserves. However, road margins, if fairly broad and sensitively managed can surprise. Look out in June for bee orchids beside the old A41 (now the B4100) nearly opposite the entrance to Redlands village between Harwoods House and the turn to Lighthorne. Have a fruitful summer.

John Hancock

Gardening Notes

The warmer weather has already made the gardens full of the blooms of early summer, so just take the 'time to stand and stare' and admire them. Then, on with the ever present tasks, not least amongst them watering. Containers need doing several times a week, smaller ones every day, even after rain. New trees, shrubs, perennials and bedding need a weekly good soak, give each tree or shrub a full two gallon can. Established plants only need water when they flag, just giving them a dribble causes them to produce shallow roots, which quickly dry out.

Tidy away any remaining leaves on spring bulbs. Cut down spent spikes of delphiniums, lupins and any other early flowering perennials, unless you wish to save seed. Do this as soon as seed is ripe and sow immediately. Take off flowers and old leaves of oriental poppies as soon as flowers fade. Remove flowered stems of iris. If overcrowded divide by discarding the old centrepieces. Because they are replanted shallowly cut off the top half of the leaves to prevent wind uprooting them. Thin out hardy annuals sown in April. Transplant or thin any self-sown seedlings if necessary. There is still time to sow quick flowering annuals such as candytuft and cornflowers to fill gaps in the borders. For quicker results buy in biennials e.g. sweet williams.

Now tender plants in pots and hanging baskets can be safely put out. Plant out half-hardy summer bedding in borders and pots. Water the plants a few hours before starting work with them and try to pick a cool damp day. Be generous with plants but not with manure or the plants will put on lots of leaf at the expense of flowers. Water in after planting. Tie in sweetpeas and mist them in dry weather. Pinch out side shoots and tendrils.

Many fuchsias will survive outdoors if they are planted deep to protect the roots from frost. If you have enough with which to experiment, try planting them 4-6" deeper in the border than they were in the pot. Cover the root ball but leave a depression, which can be gradually filled in during the summer, and mulched in autumn. This ensures the root ball is deep enough to survive the winter frosts.

Prune early flowering shrubs as soon as they finish flowering. Cut out some old stems completely. Do not cut back into the old wood of cytusus, but cut off two thirds on each flowered stem. Feed them and all your shrubs, preferably with an organic fertiliser. Flowering cherry

trees can be pruned now whilst the natural gum produced by the tree will seal the wounds. Be aware that laburnum seed-heads are poisonous. Prune early flowering clematis if it is necessary to restrict growth. Feed and mulch all clematis, 2-3" will keep the roots cool. Tie in and train clematis and wall shrubs, and any other climbers. This is a good month in which to plant clematis, and to take cuttings. Cut the pieces between the leaf joints, not at them. Clematis and chaenomeles can be increased by pegging down healthy low growing shoots, fertilise and mulch the soil before doing this. June is one of the best months for taking softwood cuttings of shrubs. From this year's growth of non-flowering shoots take the top 3-4" cutting just below a leaf joint. Remove the lower leaves and submerge the cutting in a fungicide solution. Dip the end into a rooting compound then put it into a pot of compost made from 50/50 sand and potting compost. Several cuttings can be put round the edge of a pot. Water in with the fungicide liquid and cover with thin polythene to seal in moisture. Put pots of cuttings in a warm but shaded place and leave for 6-8 weeks before examining them for rooting, and potting on. Try any thing; all you can lose is a little time.

Vegetable crops to sow this month are beetroot, carrots, kohlrabi, radish, peas, French beans, runner beans, lettuce, spinach, spring onions and turnips. If main crop carrots are sown now they are less likely to get fly attacked but still give them a 1-1/2 feet high plastic sheet protection. There is no chemical control for carrot fly. Lightly rake in a balanced fertiliser around all crops or use a liquid feed. At the start of the month plant out all the tender vegetables. They are all moisture-lovers and great feeders so dig in plenty of manure or compost. French marigolds planted next to tomatoes may deter pests. Many herbs are at their best for picking for drying or freezing. Feed and weed herb beds. Sow parsley and annual herbs. Plant up a window box of herbs to have near the kitchen.

Plant of the month - California poppy

On a bright sunny day there is nothing more cheerful in the garden than a few silky petalled *Eschscholzia*s. Difficult to say but very easy to grow, sown directly into the border, preferably on well-drained soil. Get them in straight away for flowers in a few weeks time if we get a good summer. The bluish green finely divided leaves are very attractive whilst you wait for the horn-like buds to appear. These open into cup-shaped



single blooms in shades of yellow through to bronze and on to pinks. They were found in 1815 by a Russian doctor exploring what is now California, where it grows in such profusion that it is now the official flower of the state. I have found that it seeds itself around appearing even in paths, and although sold as an annual some plants survive the winter to give early flowers from late May onwards for many weeks. Our soil is fairly light and stony so it may help to sow it on soil made gritty with the addition of sand or fine gravel.

Pat Smith

The Gardeners Hymn

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all;

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,
Is when he made the goodies, he made the baddies too;
All things spray-and-swat-able, the diseases great and small,
All things paraquat-able, the Lord God made them all;

The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, he also gave us these;
The fungus on the goosiegogs, the club root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines;

The drought that kills the fuchsias, late frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds;
The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons on the greenstuffs – the sparrows on the seeds;

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasps that eat the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumb;

But still we gardeners' labour, midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbour's will somehow bypass ours;

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all;

Sue Lord

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Don, Alex and Giles Darkes are most grateful for all the support received in their recent sad loss and wish to advise that the Warwick Hospital Willoughby Ward Nurses Fund benefited in the sum of £876 donated in memory of Beryl. The Fund is able to provide additional hospital equipment.

Sincerely Don

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to the Christian Aid Collection in May.

The total amount raised was £1,220.65.

Our special thanks goes to all those who gave their time to help with collecting and counting.

Alan and Betty Barr

Dear Editors

On behalf of all fundraisers for the "Run for Home First Steps Appeal". I would like to say a Great Big Thank you to all who supported our Family Entertainment Evening held at Harbury Club last month. A fantastic night was had by all - Children enjoyed the table tennis games and Disco - Adults enjoyed live music from the very talented Vocal Duo. Including the sale of raffle tickets and filled rolls, our total monies raised on the evening was an amazing £536.55! Many Thanks to all Companies and local individuals who kindly donated raffle prizes.

Mary Revitt

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, messages, cards, flowers and for visiting me in hospital. Most of all I thank everyone for their prayers which I found extremely helpful.

Alice Wilkins

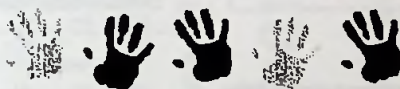
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