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The Empties!
- after another successful Beer Festival

September saw a series of successful events.

The Harbury Village Show attracted a high standard of entries in all classes, although more exhibitors would be welcome next year. The Beer Festival drew in many connoisseurs from outside the village.

The County Air Ambulance benefited by £1,100 from a barbecue held in Ladbroke. This is yet another large sum raised for charity by a relatively small village. Another small community, Chesterton, organised the opening of the windmill for a weekend. It was good to see the sails turning.

An individual success was John Hancock's cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats, which has raised almost £2,000 for an Asthma Charity.

At the time of writing the Harvest @ Harbury celebrations are on-going and there will be a full report next month.

It is disappointing to be publishing a letter from the Toddler Group and Pre-School concerning broken glass and cigarette ends in the play area outside the Wight School. We hope the appointment of a Community Support Officer will end this sort of vandalism.

Your distributor will be calling this month to collect the annual subscription to the News. It is necessary to raise this to £6.00 to meet increased costs.

Many villagers will miss Gladys Williamson who died in August. She was a well-known and hard working lady.

Lastly we extend our sympathies to the families of Ivy Harris, Betty Knappe and Gladys Williamson.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

Sat 2 Coffee Morning in aid of Harbury Nursery School in Tom Hauley Room 10am – 12noon Myton Hospice Plant Sale in The Dog car park 11am – 2pm HARVEST SUPPER in Village Hall

Sun 3 TRINITY 17, Sung Eucharist 9am, Evening Worship 6pm

Tues 5 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Harbury School PTA AGM 7.30pm in School Hall Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room

Wed	6	Holy Communion 2pm, Mothers' Union 2.30pm Prayer Meeting in Church 8pm
		Flu Clinic at Harbury Surgery 5pm – 8pm
Thurs	7	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Men's Society Meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
		Youth Club 7 – 9pm in Village Hall
		Folk Club in the Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
Sat	9	Flu Clinic Memorial Hall/Surgery, Bishops Itchington 9am-4pm
		Coffee Morning in aid of NSPCC in Tom Hauley Room
		10am - 12noon
		District Councillors Surgery in Harbury
Sun	10	TRINITY 18; Holy Communion 8am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	12	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	13	Talk it Through at 33 South Parade
Thurs	14	Holy Communion 9.45am
Sat	16	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
		Coffee morning in aid of Rotary Club Tom Hauley room
		10am - 12noon
		Flu Clinic at Harbury Surgery 9am – 4pm
Sun	17	TRINITY19; Holy Communion 8am
		Family Communion 10.30am, Evensong 6pm
Tues	19	Holy Communion 7.30pm, Mothers' Union 8pm
Wed	20	Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3 – 4pm
		Prayer Meeting in Church 8pm
		Flu Clinic at Harbury Surgery 5pm – 8pm
Thurs	21	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	22	Flu Clinic at Memorial Hall/Surgery, Bishops Itchington
		3.30 – 6pm
Sat	23	Coffee Morning in aid of Thursday Club in Tom Hauley Room
		10am - 12noon
Sun	24	LAST AFTER TRINITY; Holy Communion 8am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	26	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	27	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 – 4.30pm 19 Farm Street
		Talk it Through at 33 South Parade 8pm
Thurs		St Simon & Jude; Holy Communion 9.45am
Sat	30	Coffee Morning in aid of Save The Children in Tom Hauley Room 10am – 12noon
Sun	31	ALL SAINTS; Holy Communion 8am,
agy s	110	Sung Eucharist 10.30am followed by a Faith Lunch in Tom
		Hauley Room Halloween Disco in Village Hall 3.30 – 5.30pm in aid of
		Harbury Pre-School and Harbury Nursery
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NOVEMBER

Tues 2 ALL SOULS; Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wed 3 Holy Communion 2pm, Mothers' Union 2.30pm

Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am

Sat 6 Coffee Morning in aid of Church Choir in Tom Hauley Room 10am – 12noon

Village Bonfire at Village Hall 6pm

Sun 7 3RD BEFORE ADVENT; Sung Eucharist 9am Evening Worship 6pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov 12 Harbury School PTA Quiz Night

Nov 20 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St Dunstan's 10am – 12noon

Dec 4 Harbury All Saints Christmas Fayre

From the Rector

After the joy of celebrating Harvest @ Harbury last week, I would like to share with you two prayers to meditate on.

"After joy comes sorrow; after laughter, tears; after pleasure, pain." Deep down we know that we cannot have one without the other. But sometimes when life is dark we find that hard to accept, even wishing we experienced no joy at all if it would save us pain afterwards.

Yet you were there equally, O God, in the joy of Jesus' birth and the sorrow of his death.

Teach us, we pray, to live with both the good and the bad, the times of celebration and the times of despair, realising though we may not see it, that you are present in both. Amen.

Almighty God,

There are no words able to sum up your nature, to say everything about you that needs to be said.

We do our best to express our faith, but inevitably we fall short, for you are greater than our minds can fathom, ultimately defying human understanding.

Yet we experience your love day after day in a multitude of ways:

We glimpse your glory in the wonder of the heavens and the beauty of the earth; we see everything we see to be true about you revealed in Jesus Christ, his life, death and resurrection and we feel you power at work deep within us through what we call sprit.

Each reveals different aspects of your character, yet it is only when we take them together, recognising them as facets of one being, one truth, that we understand something of your wonder.

Our intellects reel at the mystery of it all, yet in our heart and soul we know you are with us, and we rejoice.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit receive our praise.

Amen.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

3rd September - Oliver Thomas to Nina McNally

4th September - Paul Barrett to Mandy Cooper

Koly Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

4th September - Eleanor Jane Barrett

19th September - Euan Hayden Jayes

Internment in Harbury Cemetery

12th August - Gladys Williamson (89)

All Saints Harbury

14th September - Betty Knappe (73)

Funerals at Oakley Wood

27th September - Ivy Harris (93)



Thought for the Month

To suffer is to be in training for the practice of sympathy

From the Churchwardens

This month we celebrate the Harvest, Harvest @ Harbury and look ahead to the Harvest Supper. We count ourselves blessed to belong to our community.

We had a wonderful Family Service, organised by the Mothers Union. It began with the enrolment of three new members, Ruth Dodds, Chris Jones and Sylvia Paine. We were movingly reminded of the work that the Mothers' Union do world wide, nation wide and here in this parish.

The theme of the presentation, led by Mary and Lorna was the Lost Sheep, its message that, whatever we do or don't do, Jesus loves each and every one of us. The children in the congregation — young and old — had a lovely time joining in. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

The afternoon meeting was a Communion Service led by Father Roy and focusing on Mary, mother of our Lord.

The evening meeting heard Mrs Ann McKenzie speaking about her time as a serving Magistrate in Birmingham. She left us with a strong impression of the commitment and dedication of this vital part of our legal system; in fact a lay Magistrate hears 98% of criminal cases.

The role first appeared in statute in 1361 and is unique in the world. Not only does it greatly ease the burden on the court system, but it reassures those accused that they are appearing before their peers and will be dealt with fairly.

October 6th 2.30pm John Smith will talk about a journey in Nigeria in the 50's and 60's.

October 16th 8.00pm John Stringer will tell us "You can write a book".

A reminder to take the overseas boxes to Jennifer Ingram, to collect toiletries for Christmas Fair and that next year's subscriptions are due in December.

Gillian Hare

Ladbroke News

OCTOBER

Sun 3 **TRINITY 17** HARVEST THANKSGIVING 10.30am Harvest Supper in Village Hall at 7.30pm Fri 8 TRINITY 18; Sung Communion 9am Sun 10 Holy Communion 2pm; Womens' Fellowship 2.45pm Wed 13 W.I Quiz Night in Ladbroke Village Hall Fri 15 Sun 17 TRINITY 19; Sung Communion 9am Tues 19 Millennium Club Draw LAST AFTER TRINITY; Sung Communion 9am Sun 24 Sat Halloween Disco in Ladbroke Village Hall 30 4TH BEFORE ADVENT: Holy Communion 9am Sun 31

NOVEMBER

Mon 1 ALL SAINTS, Sung Communion 7pm
Wed 3 Ladbroke Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm
Sat 6 Autumn Fair in Village Hall at 2pm
Bonfire Night Disco in Ladbroke Village Hall after the bonfire
Display
Sun 7 3RD BEFORE ADVENT; Family Communion 10.30am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

October	10 th	Jane Rutherford
October	17 th	Marie Kennedy
October	24 th	Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman
October	31 st	Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman

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November 7th Christine Payne

Ladbroke Church News

Firstly, many thanks to Nicholas Steenstra and his dad who cycled for us on September 11th in the Sponsored Ride. Nicholas (who is 10 years old) has raised over £100 and visited 13 churches. Well Done!

Joanne Webster also rode for us, I haven't got all her details yet, but many thanks Joanne.

The next date for your diary is Harvest Thanksgiving on October 3rd at 10.30am, please bring baskets of produce. This will be taken to Castel Froma, Royal Midland Counties Home for the Disabled, on Monday morning.

Following that, All Saints Day on Monday November 1st we have a service at 7pm, our Patronal Festival.

Our Autumn Fayre is early this year, Saturday November 6th, battle will commence at 2pm, and everyone's support is requested.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

We did pick the right day for our outing on September 8th. Six of us went to Hidcote Manor Gardens, which is always worth a visit, especially when the sun is shining. We had stopped for lunch at the Plough Inn at Stretton-on-Fosse and enjoyed their home cooked food. We looked round their little church, St Peter's, before lunch and were glad to find it open.

The next meeting is at 4 Ladbroke Hall by the kind invitation of Stella Douglas on Wednesday October 13th following the Holy Communion Service in the church at 2pm.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

Our meeting on Thursday 23 September was hilarious thanks to Mr Martin Clarke, Worm Farmer who related his unbelievable story of how he set up his business and all the incidents that happened along the way to his eventual success. Martin was a natural comedian so look out Peter Kay! It was lovely to welcome Jenny Elkins back at W.I. and also Heather after her spell in hospital.

Stella had recently celebrated her 80th Birthday and provided cakes and wine for the meeting. Congratulations and thank you Stella.

The winners of the raffle prizes were Nancy, Beryl and Jo.

Dates for your diaries: Our Quiz night at Ladbroke Village Hall is on 15th October, everyone welcome.

My Fair Lady at Stratford, Tuesday 26 October at 7.30. The coach will pick up in Southam car park at 6.30, then Ladbroke Hall at 6.40.

Next meeting is the AGM on October 28th (Reminder for the members wishing to make up shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Charity, please bring them with you covered in wrapping paper but not sealed, also £2 donation). Thank you.

Sue Halsall

Ladbroke Village Hall

The A.G.M will be held on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm

A Profile of Beryl Ross

Beryl will support, help and respond to any activity going on in the village. No big deal, no great fuss. When the Harbury Produce Committee invited the Ladbroke W.I. to send exhibits three years ago, Beryl responded. She won prizes in nearly every class she entered and this year she won a cup for the most points for cakes and Pastries.

With Beryl's permission I am letting you into a bit more of this remarkable, unassuming lady's life.

Beryl was born in Ufton. She went to the Village School there until she was 11, when she progressed to the Central School in Learnington. After she left school, she worked at the Post Office in Southam. First in the Telephone Exchange and then on the Post Office counter.



Beryl married Jim Ross, a local farmer from Lower Farm, Stonethorpe, in 1943 (The farm is where Code Masters is now).

After they were married, they farmed at Wedgenock Farm in Warwick until 1962, then they bought Field's Farm, Southam, along the Kineton Road. Jim died in 1971 and since then Beryl's daughter Mary, her husband Peter and son have carried on the farming tradition. To begin with they all lived at Field Farm, when Beryl fed the workers and helped with work outside – especially at lambing time – which she still does now – to a lesser degree. Apart from grandson, Ted, Beryl has two granddaughters. Caroline, who spent her early school years at Ladbroke School and now lives and works in New Zealand. Jessica is a Solicitor working in Liverpool. She still remembers helping her grandmother at functions when she was a child.

Over the years, Beryl has had many students lodging with her. She managed to recall 30 names a few years back but it is many more than that. Many of them still keep in touch from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Great Britain. All remembering her marvellous cooking including home made Seville Orange Marmalade, no doubt.

Beryl was a founder member of the Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge Women's Institute and still is a very active member. What ever function the W.I, Church, fete, Woman's Fellowship, etc put on, you can bet Beryl and Nancy Stubbs will be running the raffle.

Through all that, she still finds time to clean the Church and clean those huge brass candle-holders. She really is a remarkable lady. I'll let you work out how old you think she is.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The August Draw took Place at the Bell Inn on Tuesday 21 September 2004 at 8.00pm

£70 prize Carol Lane.

£25 prize A.Courts

£25 prize H Whytley

£10 prize P Edgar

£10 prize David Halsall

£10 prize Susan Moore

The next draw will take place at the Bell Inn on Tuesday 19 October 2004 at 8pm.

Sue Halsall

Barbecue at Ladbroke

The Bank Holiday barbecue was a great success. It was organised by Mrs C. Payne with support from her many helpers, too numerous to mention.

Almost two hundred people enjoyed the variety of food and company sitting in the elegant marquee, loaned by Alan and Sarah, who married the previous Saturday.



Raffle ticket anyone?

Thanks must go to the residents of the Hall for the use of the grounds and enabling us to raise £1,100 for the Air Ambulance funds.

Hazel Sharples

Bonfire Night - Saturday 6th November

If anyone has any suitable fuel for the bonfire, would you please leave this outside your house/gate and Mark Teverson will collect it prior to the 'Bonfire Night' Event due to be held on Saturday 6th November.

Village Hall Trust A.G.M.

Ladbroke Village Hall Trustees are holding the A.G.M. in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd November 2004 commencing at 7.30pm. All villagers welcome to come along and hear our plans for the future of the Hall and hopefully with ideas to offer.

Christine Baker

Harbury Parish Council - September 2004

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

With your usual reporter away, I volunteered to fill the gap. Linda has never been known to doze during a meeting, keeping councillors on their toes by making pertinent interventions. I'm afraid I didn't live up to her standard but September's meeting was very long, as the Council did not meet in August.

Chairman, Jenny Patrick welcomed Jerry Birkbeck and colleague Kate Brooker from Warwickshire County Council. They gave a talk on options for traffic calming in rural areas. Mr Birkbeck pointed out that some villages who had undertaken this were unhappy with the results. For instance, in Barford, road surface alterations caused unacceptable noise to residents and had to be removed. The maximum grant available is £10,000 or 75% of the cost, whichever is the greater. He suggested the Council asked his department to carry out a traffic survey, which would enable them to make some suggestions, which could be presented, to residents at a public meeting. He felt it was worthwhile to take time over the decision to avoid costly errors; the Council agreed to take the first step of asking for a traffic survey.

In the unavoidable absence of PC Hill, his colleague presented the crime report. Graffiti has appeared on the wall at the Recreation Ground and this is being investigated. Under the new Home Office Scheme we now have a Community Safety Officer, P.C.Went, who will be in uniform and will tackle vandalism and nuisance crime.

Councillor Ellis produced a file detailing incidents of vandalism and unpleasant litter causing problems at the Pre-School at the rear of the Library. PC Went promised to look into this matter.

Councillor Van Spall reported that he had been contacted by residents of Deppers Bridge who were concerned by the number of incidents at the first chicane particularly at night. They have concluded that it needs to be better lit and PC Went agreed and will take the matter further.

A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the price and size of replacement direction signs to the Village Hall car park. It was agreed that while further quotations were obtained, the existing ones should be cleaned and measured! The price for painting the gates and railings also raised eyebrows and further quotations will be sought.

A draft Parish Action plan has now been written and will be submitted to the District Council for approval before the 'glossy' version is printed and distributed to every household.

County Councillor David Booth reported that the County Council was looking at home-school transport, as this cost £10 million annually.

It was reported that planning permission had been granted for an extension at 6, South Parade, erection of a conservatory at 8 Mackley Way, alterations at The Stables, Harbury Hall, a garage and new access at Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane, and conversion of a barn to a holiday let at Greenhill Barn, Station Rd. Following a meeting of the Dassett Area Planning Committee, permission was granted for a loft conversion with dormer window at 3, Margaret Close.

Councillor Thornley reported that she had organised a minibus for the Youth Club to visit Oxfordshire to look at youth shelters. No one wanted to go, although the trip was free, and it had to be cancelled. Thoughts of providing a shelter have therefore been abandoned.

'Never miss a meeting or you end up being chairman' said Councillor Biddle, now Chairman of Properties, ruefully. He reported that the 'Alligator Teeth' at the entrance to the car park would be fitted on October 4th. Volunteers were requested to open and close the gate on a daily basis. Some councillors volunteered but Councillors Lockley and Ellis declined because of family committments. Councillor Hancock stated that she would not volunteer as she had consistently been against the provision of the new barrier.

Some discussion took place on the disputed boundary at the Manor Orchard play area. It was agreed that the boundary was accepted as the line of the hedge planted by Mr and Mrs Winter and solicitors will now need to discuss this with the Land Registry. The council will repair the fence, have the trees inspected and consider planting a quick thorn hedge to discourage the area beyond the fence being used as a meeting place.

Councillor Lockley, now Chairman of Environment, noted some lights that needed repair and his committee are looking at continuing the light replacement scheme.

Councillor Mancell reported that the internal audit had been successfully completed, and that the web site was up and running. Progress continued towards obtaining Quality Parish Council status

but because of the regulations it will be a year before an application can be made. Agreement was reached on rises in Allotment and football pitch rents.

District Councillor Andrew Patrick will be holding a 'surgery' outside the Post Office on Saturday 9th October between 10.00am and noon. Members of the Parish Council will join him.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

John Hancock.

Councillors' News

As you may have read on page 10 of the August 'Your Review', this is the month that Stratford District Council changes the system of delivering black sacks from one every week to a roll of 30 every 6 months. The last 2 "old" sacks will be orange, with information about the new arrangements.

The man in charge is Lee Marshall, Head of Street Scene at SDC. His direct number is 01789-260616. If you have any questions or complaints they should go to him, or you can pass them to Eric Dally or me and we will take them up for you.

Your local Councillors – Parish, District and County - will be on hand to try to answer questions on these or any other matters, at the October Councillors Surgery outside Harbury Post Office on Saturday 9th October from 10 to 12.

County Councillor:	District Councillors:		
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Survey Report - Recreational Needs Of Young People

The Parish Plan Sub-Committee (Cllr Janet Thornley, Cllr Kevin Biddle and Linda Ridgley), together with the Youth Club produced a Survey of Young Peoples' Recreational Needs for the young people and their parents to answer. Although the survey was distributed to every house there was a poor response, just 36 forms had been returned by the end of August 2004 - Twelve from parents and 24 from young people (13 Boys, 11 Girls).

Swimming and Tennis were the most popular sports with requests for facilities for a Cybercafe, Junior Table Tennis Club, Swimming, Films, Drama club, Café/coffee shop, Summer sporting activities, Salsa dancing, Aerobics, Football & Rugby Tournaments, trampolining, a horseshow, and a soup kitchen!

Although all the parents thought their children would use a Youth Shelter only 9 young people said they would, yet seventeen wanted it located on the Playing Fields. Ten parents also would put it on the Playing Fields.

Eighteen young people disliked there being nothing to do in the village, but four parents and four young people also mentioned the darkness. "Yobs" variously located at the Playing Fields, Village Centre, Tennis Courts and on Scooters were universally detested. Yet encouragingly what young people valued were their friends (20); the Playing Fields (11); the Countryside; Scenery, quiet nice people; peace, the spinney, skate-park, shops; friendly community; and the local pubs!

They particularly mentioned people outside the shops being intimidating. They wanted the authorities to stamp out vandalism. They asked for better mobile phone coverage; Public Toilets – Village Hall not being open; Better pool & darts facilities; Youth club to get bands in the Village Hall; Ballet bar & mirrors in Village Hall.

Their parents called for Trampolining; challenging Play equipment; Physical challenges – a climbing wall was suggested; Summer sports and holiday activities not provided by the Church; theatre; archery; Music club for local bands; Cycling proficiency by Police; Martial Arts; a Place to hang out & learn safely; and a meeting place, especially for boys.

Parents were impressed by the Parish Council's commitment to young people and liked Bishops Itchington"s Youth Shelter. They pointed out

that Young People don't join in "activities"; needed an outdoor table tennis table and somewhere for music that doesn't annoy others. One said the "Kids would look after a Youth Shelter as place to get together". And two parents offered to help with these ideas!

The Parish Council will receive a full copy of the findings and must consider how they can begin to provide for the needs of Harbury's younger generation.

Linda Ridgley, Senior Field Officer, Warwickshire Rural Community Council.



Harbury Society

In an inspiring talk Bob Sherman enthused and encouraged members of the Society to consider organic gardening and support for the Henry Doubleday Research Association

Ryton Gardens is the HDRA HQ but it manages other sites demonstrating commercial and domestic organic horticulture.

The organisation moved to Ryton in the winter of 1984-5. In 1999 it collaborated with English Heritage to develop and restore the walled gardens at Audley End. HDRA's latest venture is the Vegetable Kingdom feature at Ryton which has facilities for the Heritage Seed Library.

The Heritage Seed Library has rescued rare and endangered vegetables. It is from these old varieties that many modern varieties and hybrids were bred and their conservation was threatened by EU regulations. Bob gave examples of varieties that were available, free of charge, to members of the Seed Library including the Crimson Flowered Broad Bean that he termed "Our Panda"!

The small <u>Education Team</u> has just recruited its thousandth school to grow and eat its own organic produce. Harbury, thanks to Nigel Chapman has long been a member.

Next event is a Coffee Morning on 25th September, 10-12 in the Tom Hauley Room. On 11 October 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room John Crossling returns to talk about Pubs and Breweries. After that is the Christmas Fayre, the Social and the first talk of the New Year will be by Alan Griffin on Monday 7th February.

Linda Ridgiey



Harbury's Women's Institute

The Village Show was a great success. Congratulations to Pam Parton and Pat Smith for winning cups and to all other winners. Many thanks to all the helpers who made the day run smoothly.

What an enjoyable evening we had at the W.I Harvest Supper. A super meal in good company with plenty of laughter, especially with the "taxing" activities afterwards. All good fun.

Thanks must go to Dorothy Groves for providing the excellent meal, then to the team who got the room looking so welcoming and clearing up afterwards.

A plea to members and readers for the Christmas Child Appeal. Small items suitable for children ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 and for any shoe boxes you may have. They will be sent off in mid November.

Mr Mel Smith came to speak on "My Gran was a Gypsy". There are about 12 million gypsies in the world, 60,000 in Great Britain. It is thought they originated from India. It is said that a gypsy forged the nails for the crucifixion. They were not well received in this country and they took to the woods as in 1563 Elizabeth 1st decreed that if found in towns they would be hanged.

Gypsy men are very chauvinistic. Mel says it does not apply to him as he did not marry a gypsy and lives in a house, as did his father. His father kept his horse, van and trailer though and disappeared for weeks at a time. Dad was a horse breeder and Mel remembers going to the fairs with him. All gypsy boys are taught to poach and fight; his father used to use a catapult so as not to alert gamekeepers and the prey.

Spitting on the hand binds a deal, as is the mixing of blood and wine in marriage, no papers or vows are used; the mixing of bodily fluids is binding.

It is the woman's job to find fine crockery for family gatherings; all cracked and chipped crockery is thrown out. Two bowls are a must, one for crocks and clothes and one for washing oneself. They like lurchers and small terriers but they are never allowed in the van as they are considered to be unclean. Would you believe that pal, dosh, lolly and cushtie are gypsy words?

Mel says that hedgehog tastes like pork, its fat never solidifies so is used on shoes and harnesses. Squirrel is like rabbit, badger (poorman's bacon) and snail soup is tasty.

Gran met Granddad when they were 17 and 18. She wasn't very tall and weighed 18 stone, not surprising after 18 children. She was a formidable lady especially after a visit to the pub. If the children were ill they would be taken to her for medication which consisted of awful tasting medicine and rubbing their chests with goose grease, which smelt dreadful.

Surprisingly Mel spent 28 years in the police force, then in the prison service. His brother is a vicar. We also learnt of some ingredients to make us "happy", so watch out for members behaviour around the village.

October's Speaker: Mr Ralph Richardson - Some Scottish Islands

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

September marked the 20th birthday of Harbury Folk Club. Old Favourites was the theme and true to form The Harvesters opened the evening with 2 new songs!

Pete, Liz and Daniel performed 2 of their old favourites, The Bonny Ship the Diamond and Crazy Man Michael. Des had us all singing with Away with Rum and New York Mining Disaster 1941 and then we sang along with Farewell to Nova Scotia and Queen of Argyle beautifully performed by Danansooz. The first half was brought to a close by Double Up singing a new song for them entitled Anderson's Coast followed by an old one, Play it all again.

The second half saw contributions from Pete Mason followed by Rick, then Celia played us a Morris medley on her 'old' melodeon and we all sang along and did Morris actions! Stuart, without John but with dolls, sang Whiskey on a Sunday and a counting song just to prove he could! Ron was next with a rousing Goodbye and a truly old favourite, Joan the Leather Queen. Ruth closed with Martha's Harbour and then Country Roads.

The third half saw further contributions from Des and Ruth. Peter McDonald sang favourites, Naomi and Feel so near. Pete Bones

proved even at this late hour he still remembered the Alphabet and the evening was brought to a close with the audience singing Wild Mountain Thyme led by The Harvesters.

The raffle raised £37.00 towards John Hancock's mammoth bike ride for Asthma.

Finally, thank you to all the artists for performing and to the audience who make it all such a fun evening.

Sue Hartland

🗱 Harbury Junior Football Club

School years 2,3,4 and 5 - the younger age groups continue to flourish with 43 registered boys and girls training every Saturday morning during term time. As a result, the club hopes to operate three teams for these

children playing in the Three Counties League against local village sides. Fixtures for the under 10s and Under 9s are already arranged providing the opportunity for all players to participate and enjoy competitive sport, irrespective of ability. Further details can be obtained from Steve Darby on 01926 613330.

During the closed season we have lost one of our teams in the U15 league, run by Mick Pratt, and our chairman, Gary Barnes, who has resigned because of other commitments. We thank both of them for their hard work on behalf of the club over several seasons. In addition, the Treasurer, Jim Farrell has indicated that he would like to step down from this position in order to concentrate on coaching the U12s team. If any parents are interested in helping with any posts on the committee, their help would be gratefully received and they should contact their children's coach.

Therefore, the committee would like to appeal to all parents for applications to these posts as well as any interest in providing support to the club. Without the support of parents the club will not be able to function properly in supporting all the boys and girls who so enjoy their football and receive so much from participating in a team based environment.

This season the Under 12's are making the move up to eleven a side football and consequently we need additional players. Would any 11 or 12 year olds who would be interested in playing please contact Jim Farrell on 612396

Year 1 Football - The club want to continue to provide organized football coaching for Harbury children and plan to start a year 1 group in January 2005. However, a willing dad/young adult is needed to support the coach, as it is club policy that each team should always have two adults to supervise each session. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday mornings to assist from January, please contact Steve Darby as above.

Liz Henry

Harbury Tennis Club

Both teams have completed their Banbury Summer League campaigns. The "B" Team continued with its rich vein of form with a fine away win at Hook Norton. Angie Dean and David Lauder were Harbury's most consistent players winning all their rubbers. David won his first 2 in 6-5 tiebreaks, first with Angie and then with Colin Mercer, before completing a more comfortable 8-3 win with Steve Stark. Our ladies, Angie, Caroline Morland, and Sue Mercer proved to be far too strong for the home side and won all their rubbers comfortably including an 11-0 whitewash. The overall match score was 6-3 to Harbury, which took them to a comfortable mid-table position, an excellent achievement after being in the wooden spoon position mid way through the season. The "A" team faced a difficult match at highflying Banbury West End "A" and lost 7-2. Their final league position is not known yet but hopefully the early season wins were enough to maintain top Division status.

There has been very little rest for the league players as the Banbury Winter League fixtures start on 3rd October. In addition the Club has for the first time entered a men's doubles team in the Stratford and District Winter League and has already started its campaign with a win! The first match was against Worcestershire, Littleton. Geoff Prince and Ed Wilson set the standard with a comfortable 6-2, 6-1 win followed by Jon Scothern and Colin Mercer who also had a straight sets win, by 6-3, 6-2. In the second round the visitors conceded the rubber against Geoff and Ed when one of their players had to pull out with a back injury in the third game. This clinched the match but Jon and Colin managed a second win, 6-2, 7-5, to complete a 4-0 overall win.

League action is not confined to the seniors this winter! Linda Casement is running a team in the Warwickshire mini league, in the

"Red" division, which is for players aged 8 and under. All the matches are played indoors at the Esporta centre, Coventry. Between now and Christmas our youngsters will be playing matches against Leamington, Beechwood and Coventry CTC. The Club's men's singles and doubles tournaments were completed during September.

The singles was played on the same very hot Saturday morning as the beer festival, but all players managed to resist the temptation to nip across to the Village Hall! Some very close matches were played, none closer than the final between Geoff Prince and visiting Kiwi, Haydn Shore. This went to a long tiebreak with Haydn eventually winning. He repeated his success in the men's doubles a week later when he partnered Jon Scothern in the final against Keith Thompson and Steve Stark.



Finally, I'm very pleased to report that the Heart of England Co-Operative Society have awarded us £300 from their "Helping Hearts Awards" scheme. We will be using this towards the cost of installing a water supply to the Clubhouse.

Harbury Toddler Group

It is lovely to welcome so many new babies and toddlers and their carers to Toddler Group this term, along with our regulars after the summer holidays.

Toddler Group meets on Monday morning at 10.00 – 11.30am and Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 – 3.00pm in the Wight School (behind the Library).

Judy Hartland Photography

Judy Hartland will be taking photographs (individual and family groupings) on Wednesday 27th October from 1.30pm – 4.00pm in the Wight School. This is a fundraiser for Toddler Group and the money raised will go towards helping to fund the Christmas Party. Anyone is welcome to come along and have photographs taken with no obligation to purchase, so we hope many of you and your family / friends are able to support it.

If you would like more information please contact Eli Priest on 614135 or Nicky Kirk on 614316.

Harbury Toddler Group Committee



Harbury Nursery School

I can hardly believe that the new term is already underway, and that summer is over, but here we are again ready to play hard and learn about 'ourselves'. We have welcomed seven new starters this term, and they have all settled in really well.

The children have enjoyed painting beautiful self-portraits and talking about themselves.

Bailey told us, 'I have painted myself with my leg up because I am doing ballet.'

We have also been talking about emotions and what makes the children feel happy and sad.

Things that make Gwyneth and Elsie happy are, 'Eating chocolate,' and 'Going on holiday, especially at night, so I can look at the stars.'

Things that make Danny and Chloe sad are, 'The sun in my eyes,' and 'Rain on me.'

At the end of the Summer term, the children planted sunflower seeds, and we have enjoyed hearing tales of their progress. Paige showed us a photo of her sunflower, which has done particularly well.

We held our AGM on September 16th, and were delighted to see so many people there. We would like to thank you all for coming, and we hope that Harbury Nursery School meets and exceeds your expectations! We also elected four new Committee members, and we hope that they will enjoy their time with us.

The refurbishment work on our new classroom is due to be completed by the end of October half-term, so the children are currently occupying one of the classrooms within the school. They have all settled into their temporary surroundings very quickly, and we are extremely grateful to the school for our accommodation, and for their help, co-operation and financial support over the past few months.

We are very excited about our refurbishment works, which will include new double doors to improve access; new toilets; a new kitchen area and new flooring and decor. We would once again like to thank all the people who have contributed time, money and items to enable this to happen.

However, we are still £4,000 short of our target to complete the works to our desired specification. Please do support our forthcoming fundraising events, as we feel confident that we will be able to raise this money with your continued help and support.

Coffee Morning - 2nd October

We will be selling plants and handmade gifts, as well as the usual variety of delicious homemade cakes.

Hallowe'en Disco - 31st October

We are delighted to be organising this venture jointly together with the Pre-School. This is the first of what we hope will be many exciting alliances.

The fancy dress disco is for children from Nursery/Pre-School age through to Year 2. There will also be stalls, games and food available during the afternoon. Tickets are now on sale in both Nursery and Pre-School, or from Jo on 614532.

Craft Fayre - 13th November

We already have a full complement of stalls at this year's Craft Fayre, and are currently organising a tasty lunch menu, so we hope to see

lots of people coming to buy their Christmas gifts and join us for lunch! If you don't fancy a cooked lunch, there will be plenty of cakes and sandwiches available, so feel free to pop in for a browse and a cuppa. You may even win a prize in our hourly raffle; if not, hopefully your children will win a treat on the children's tombola, or guess the name of the teddy. It promises to be an enjoyable day for all concerned, so please come and join us in the Village Hall, between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

80/20 Sale - 27th November

Our annual 80/20 sale will be held in the School Hall, between 10am and 12 noon. If you have any items of children's clothing, books or toys that you wish to sell, please let Marie know in Nursery, or telephone 812244.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming months. All support will be genuinely appreciated. If anyone happens to use Persil washing powder, we are collecting the tokens in Nursery, so we would be very grateful if you could let us have any that are going spare.

Nursery places are filling up quickly. If you would like to come and visit, or receive any further information about the Nursery, then please contact Jo Lockley on 614532, or phone the Nursery on 07906 519148.

Nursery School Staff and Committee



September at Pre-School

The children returned to Pre-School full of energy after the summer holidays and the "old hands" have been enthusiastically showing the new little recruits all the exciting games and activities that take place. We are delighted to welcome Rosie, Helena, Nathan and Clarice who started at the beginning of term and are settling in well.

During September, the children have enjoyed learning about themselves. They began by looking in a mirror and drawing a picture of their own face – some of these were remarkably good attempts for such young artists and the pictures will be mounted and displayed on the wall alongside photographs of the children. Icing and decorating

biscuits as faces has been great fun and has produced some lovely variations. The children particularly like eating the biscuits, so it is rare for parents to see the results of their efforts!







The colour of the month is yellow, with numerous yellow items, from stickle bricks to plastic ducks and raincoats being brought in and displayed at each session. Painting and collage work has involved experimenting with different shades of yellow paint, wool, paper, pasta and other items and a large display of their achievements has been mounted for the parents to see at the AGM. Finn decided to use the yellow paint to make handprints, so these have been cut out and interspersed amongst the other creations on the display. The children also enjoy singing the song "What is yellow?" to the tune of Frere Jacques.



Role play is always encouraged, and this month the water tray has taken on a practical theme. Plates, cups and cutlery from the new play kitchen have been washed up over and over again, and the enthusiasm has been such that quite a few children have gone home in replacement T-shirts after soaking the sleeves of their own. At one session, Rosie decided that the animals also needed a good clean, so all of them, from dogs to elephants, tigers and giraffes, are now sparkling!



New Kitchen

Paul Winchester's fantastic donation from his Annual Dance has been used to buy a great new play kitchen area. The units are wooden and very solid, with a cooker, washing machine and sink unit as well as two cupboards for kitchen items and groceries. The children love playing in the home area, cooking and serving up weird and wonderful dishes for the staff.

Donations

We are very grateful to Sam and Max Cheesman who have donated police and firemen's helmets for use by the Pre-School in their much-loved police and fire fighting role-play.

School-link Books

We have recently received a commission cheque for £30.15 for the books sold through the last catalogue distribution and this will be spent on new books for Pre-School. Thank you very much to all those who supported us by ordering books.

All My Own Work

After a year's absence, we are delighted to announce that "All My Own Work" is back. For those who have not been involved in the past, this scheme gives parents the opportunity to help their children to create their own artwork that can then be made into tangible items such as placemats, clocks, mouse mats, mugs, tea towels etc. All these items make wonderful presents for family and friends, as well as being delightful mementoes of your child's early years. The scheme is not restricted to Pre-School and anyone wishing to create a masterpiece with his or her children should contact Jayne Mansell on Harbury 614615 for more information.

Halloween Disco

Another exciting venture is a joint Halloween Disco with Harbury Nursery School. This will take place on Sunday 31st October from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The Disco will be open to children of Pre-School/Nursery age and to pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 at school. There will be a fancy dress competition, and Halloween style stalls and activities as well as refreshments on sale. It is planned to be a fun packed evening and a perfect way to round off your half-term activities. Tickets will be on sale shortly, but if you require any further information, please call Jayne Mansell on 614615.

Pre-School Cleaner

We are currently looking for a cleaner for Pre-School. This involves just 1½ hours per week cleaning the Wight School room, toilet area and kitchen. If you would be interested or know of anyone who would be interested in taking on this task, please contact Clare Stone on 614482 for further information.

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

Harbury Primary School

Open Afternoon for Parents of 2005 Children Tuesday 12th October – 1.30pm

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 12th October at 1.30pm for parents of children due to start in September 2005. If you have a child, or know of anyone else who has a child starting school next September, please come along on the 12th.

Parent's Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October and an appointment system will run for both evenings. As usual, parents will receive a letter nearer the time, asking them for their preferred day and time. Please can these be returned to school the very next day, so that we can schedule in everyone's requirements.

Children Visit Gaydon Technology Centre

On 16th September, all of our Year 5 children visited the Technology Partnership Centre, Land Rover, Gaydon for the day. The Technology Education Centre is equipped with state of the art computer and data logging equipment, which the children used throughout the day.

The children carried out their own experiments with sound, temperature and light sensors, and they learnt how to log their data using computer software systems. The day was extremely interesting, and the children learnt all kinds of new measurement vocabulary such as decibel and frequency.

The following day, Year 6 children revisited the Technology Education Centre, and built on the knowledge they had gained last year.

Printer Cartridges

In school, we have some old printer cartridges, which are not compatible with our printers. They are: Jet Tec inkjet cartridges for Canon BJC 600/600E/610/620, Apple Stylewriter and Stylewriter Pro. If anyone would like them, then please let Mrs. Jackson know in the school office, and for a small donation, you can take them off our hands.

Dining Room Assistants

The school has vacancies for Dining Room Assistants to work either a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime (or both). Please contact Mr. Daly for further details.

P.T.A News

Friday Market

The next Friday market will be held on Thursday 21st October, at 3.20pm in the school hall. (The school will be closed on Friday 22nd October for Teacher Training). As usual, the PTA will be holding their second-hand uniform sale, and we are hoping for many more stalls besides. If you, or you child and their friends would like to book a stall, then please contact Lana Long on 613311.

Quiz Night

The P.T.A. are holding their annual quiz evening on Friday 12th November at the school. The cost is £16 per team of 4 people (£4 per person), which includes a light supper. There will also be a bar. This is always a most enjoyable night, so book your team a place now by phoning Kate Wilson on 612149.

School Disco

The next School disco is being held on Friday 3rd December in the school hall. Infants: 6.15-7.15pm, £2.00 entry fee to include drinks and snacks. Juniors: 7.30-9.00pm, £1.00 entry fee, children to purchase their own refreshments.

Christmas Puddings!

The P.T.A. will again be selling delicious Christmas Puddings this year at a cost of £5.00 each. The artwork for the packaging is being designed by the children over the next couple of weeks, and order letters will be sent out to parents during October.

P.T.A. Ladies Night

Unfortunately, this event was postponed until early in the New Year. When a date has been finalised, we will of course let everyone know.

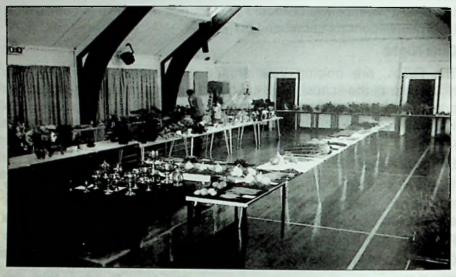
P.T.A. - Annual General Meeting

Finally, the school's Parent Teachers' Association is holding its A.G.M. on Tuesday 5th October, at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

The P.T.A. have worked hard all year in their vital role to raise money for the school. We very much hope that as many parents as possible will come along to the evening on the 5th to support the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Harbury Show 2004

The show on Saturday 11th September was again a success. The number of entries was down slightly but the standard was very good



The Hall all ready!

The cups and prizes were shared around and the winners were:

Farley Cup for vegetables K McMahon

Courier Cup for flowers P Clarke

Rosamund Schofield Best in Section P Clarke

Brunton Cup for flower arranging Pam Parton

All Saints Cup for fruit J Clifford

Reg Harris Cup Best in Section J Rowell

Daniel Trophy for Cookery Beryl Ross

Daphne Clifford

Zonik Challenge for wine R Spall

Rigden Cup for photographs T Mancell

Horticultural Society Trophy for

Handicrafts Janice Siddle

Allotment Holders Trophy J Clifford

Allotment Holders Tray K McMahon

Buck Trophy Bethany Conway

Jean Dunn Cup under 7's Thomas Conway

Fred Lines Cup 8 –12years Layla Henshaw

Grey Novice Cup Nicola Kirk

Barnes Cup Pat Smith

W.I Trophy Pat Smith

Wilkins Cup for most points in show P Clarke

The Top Tray was won by John Brunt and the Society Vase by Margaret Mc Donald.



Judging the vegetables



Children's Vegetable Display

As Show Secretary I would like to thank all the Judges, Stewards and helpers who made the day run smoothly. Thank you to all of the exhibitors and see you all again in 2005.

Janice Siddle

Harbury Twinning Association

We have heard from our friends in Samois-sur-Seine that they would like to visit us from Friday May 13th to Monday May 16th and we are beginning to plan a programme of activities. We shall also be doing some fund-raising over the winter months.

Our AGM will be on Tuesday, 16th November in the Tom Hauley room. The formal part of the evening should be short and there will be a glass of wine (French of course) and an opportunity for members old and new to meet up.

Our Christmas party will be on Friday 10th December, also in the Tom Hauley room, with food provided by members and the usual hilarious charades on a French theme!

In January we will be having a 'Fete des Rois' and later in the month we hope to organise a French wine tasting. We are also hoping to show a French film, probably in February.

We are always happy to welcome new members. There is likely to be an opportunity to 'host' visitors from Samois next May. Many members have now made friendships in Samois and we all feel enriched by the experience of spending time together in our very different villages. If you would like to know more, please contact me at 32, Mill St.

Sharon Hancock.

Harbury Bonfire Night, 6th November 2004

The big day is approaching.....

Once again, courtesy of Harbury Church and GASS, Harbury will enjoy a firework and bonfire spectacular, accompanied by hot food, mulled wine and the rest. The bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm and the fireworks start at 6.30pm; make sure you get there on time!

Please remember that, in order to get a hot dog, you must buy your tickets in advance, by Wednesday 3rd November, at the latest. Entry will cost the same on the day but unfortunately you will not get any hot food! We do this merely so that we can order the right quantity of meat and bread, which keeps costs down. Thank you for your cooperation. Tickets are £3.50 for adults, £2.50 for children (14 or under), on sale from Saturday 9th October in Mugleston's and The Salon.

Now is also the time to clear out your unwanted wood and garden cuttings! In this copy of the Harbury News (or in Mugleston's), you will find a slip which you should fill in and leave at Mugleston's, with a big donation for GASS, if you would like the Scouts/Brownies and their parents/supporters to collect your wood to burn. Collection is carried out on the day of the Bonfire itself.

We are sure that things will go with a big bang - we hope to see you there!

Parish Paths Partnership

We are putting together our autumn work programme. We shall be clearing nettles at Temple End and way marking towards Chesterton on 2nd October. If you notice anything that needs attention on our rights of way network you can contact me, John Ridgley, on 612792 or at 16, Farm Street.

John Ridgley

N.S.P.C.C.

Saturday 9th October – there will be a coffee morning, Christmas card sale in the Tom Hauley Room. Any donation of cakes would be gratefully received, there will also be a Bring and Buy and a raffle.

Saturday 16th October - Italian Evening - Due to unforeseen circumstances this event has had to be cancelled.

Sunday 5th December - Quiz Night in the Village Club.

Saturday 29th January '05 - Burns Night in the Village Hall.

A big thank you to Raymond Flannagan for raising the tremendous sum of £796 with his sponsorship for his London Marathon Run.

A big thank you also to two girls Joanna Sykes and her friend Rosie who baked cakes themselves and sold them to school friends and raised £24.60 for the NSPCC – Well done girls!!

Do come along and buy some Christmas cards on the 9th October.

NSPCC Committee

Traffic Management

The Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Area meeting on the topic of Traffic Management in villages will be held in the Tom Hauley rooms at 7.45pm on 28th September, the meeting is open to all.

The speakers are; Malcom Graham, leader of the Safety Engineering Team and Gerry Birbeck.

Nicola Thompson

Electric Blanket Testing

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is offering electric blanket testing, free of charge, to Warwickshire Over 60s.

Electric blanket tests will take place at several venues in October and November.

Thursday 21st October	Rugby Library	
Friday 22nd October	Age Concern Pop-in Centre, United Reformed Church, Stratford upon Avon	
Monday 1st November	Kenilworth Library	
Tuesday 2nd November	Leamington Library	
Wednesday 3rd November	Henley in Arden Fire Station	
Thursday 4th November	Nuneaton Fire Station	

To book an appointment, call freephone 0800 413332

Tests will be conducted by appointment only and bookings will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis. The number of appointments is limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The freephone number will be staffed between 9.00 and 5.00 Monday to Friday and an answer phone will operate at all other times.

In past years we have found faults on up to 75% of all the blankets we have checked. Unsafe electric blankets are the cause of many house fires each year, and can often lead to death or serious injury. Elderly people are particularly at risk, making up a large percentage of reported deaths. We are determined to rid Warwickshire of dangerous and unsafe electrical blankets and we urge you to take up this opportunity.

Pat Whorton

Flu Clinics 2004

At Harbury Surgery Mill Street, Harbury	At Memorial Hall/Surgery Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington	
Wed 6th October 5 - 8pm	Sat 9th October 9am - 4pm	
Sat 16th October 9am - 4pm	Fri 22nd October 3.30 - 6pm	
Wed 20th October 5 - 8pm	AND THE PROPERTY AND THE PERSON OF THE PERSO	

No appointment necessary – just turn up at the clinic of your choice. The earlier clinics tend to be busier and as we will have plenty of flu vaccines you can safely attend any of the later and quieter clinics. The department of Health strongly recommends that all those aged 65 and over and younger people in certain "At Risk" groups should be vaccinated each year.

These groups are:

Asthma / chronic bronchitis, Heart problems, Diabetes, Kidney disease, Immunosuppression.

Chesterton Windmill Open Weekend

A coordinated effort by volunteers from Chesterton and Warwickshire County Council enabled the mill to be open for a couple of days. Many people walked across the field and climbed the staging to see the millstones turning. The picture shows canvas tied to two sails, these catch the wind and speed rotation.



Request for cakes!

If you are able to make or donate cakes for the coffee morning on 20th November in aid of St Dunstan's, I would be very grateful. Anyone who can help in any way (cakes, serving coffee, washing up etc!) will be most welcome. Please either leave a note for me in church or contact me on 614514.

Supporting Cancer Research

Ruth Guy with her son Jonathon train for the Great South Run at Portsmouth, Sunday 10th October (Ruth) and Saturday 9th October (Jonathon) at Southsea seafront. They will help to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Ruth's run will be 10 miles and Jonathon's junior run will be 2 miles. They welcome sponsorship and can be contacted at 53 Mill Street, tel: 614242.



Harbury All Saints Christmas Fayre

The Fayre this year will take place on Saturday 4th December at the Village Hall. There will be a wide variety of stalls and Santa will be in his Grotto after the usual tour of the village.

The Tombola promises to be as exciting as ever and the "Garden Café" will be there to refresh you and your tired feet!!! All the proceeds from the raffle this year will be donated to Myton Hospice. We are in need of additional raffle sellers and if you think you can help, please ring 612414.

The Fayre will be open at 2pm as usual.

We look forward to seeing you.

A Royal Event

I thought that you might like to see this photo of me meeting The Queen at Buckingham Palace recently. The company I work for, Alumet Systems of Southam, received The Queens Award for Enterprise on this year's Birthday Honours list and three members of staff were invited to the Palace for a reception with The Royal family.



Dean Walton (Ruth Thurogood's other half!!)

Land's End To John O'Groat's Cycle Ride.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the total raisednearly £2000. Lots of you have been very generous and a cheque will be sent to Asthma UK to further their important work as they try to discover the causes and improve treatment of this very common disease.

My companion Les Rackham and I set out on 1st September and had glorious late summer weather for the journey through England as far

as Carlisle. Then the rain started but it was never continuous and thankfully we always had a following wind, which when on a bicycle is worth a lot!

In all we cycled some 980 miles although the most direct route is 874 according to the signpost at Land's End. Cycling up main roads is not much fun so whenever possible we used minor roads, although of course these tend to be hillier. The West Country was tough going but it's difficult to beat a day in the saddle with plenty of interesting scenery and often a view down to the sea. Blackberries proved a useful addition to our diet, although the traditional 'English Breakfast' gave us plenty of energy for the first 30 miles or so. West Country cream teas came in very handy as well!

Panniers and a handle bar bag made the bike fairly heavy and I had one 'prang' when descending a steep hill a little too fast. I ended up in a nettle filled ditch - no injuries but lots of tingling for the rest of the day.

We took in Cheddar Gorge, the Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean before meandering up the Wye Valley and entering Shropshire south of Ludlow. I saw a sign for plums and asked the lady selling them if they were Victoria's. 'No' she said - 'Warwickshire Droopers' so that felt just right!

At Chester, we caught up my friend David Armstrong and went on as a threesome. The weather changed dramatically when we crossed the border (I couldn't get W. H. Auden's poem 'Night Mail' out of my head). Now we had a lot of rain and a strong following wind. It wasn't until we reached John O'Groats and turned back to Wick and the railhead that we discovered what a strong headwind would have been like - Ugh!

In Dumfries we listened to a pipe band in the square and it gave us a spring in our step or should I say pedal. The area of Appin, south of Oban was a revelation and I could see why R.L.Stephenson had chosen it as a hideaway for his hero in 'Kidnapped'. The Great Glen was a tremendous day's ride utilising the towpath of the Caledonian Canal, a forest road beside Loch Lochy and General Wade's military road on the southern side of Loch Ness - no monster - official!

Thanks again for all your support and encouragement. I've promised Sharon that next time, we'll go together and island hop off the West coast of Scotland.

Wright's On Song!

How proud we are of our boys, Richard and Jordan Wright! For the past four years my daughter and I have watched my husband and son leave home early every Sunday for them to enjoy a day racing motorcycle Motocross. Those that know them will be aware that they travel all over the country and where possible we do try to make it a family affair.

All the practicing and the early mornings have now paid off! In May this year, Richard won the 'Over 40's ORPA British Championship' held over two days at Horsham and Northchape! in Surrey. Not to be outdone by his Dad's performance, our son Jordan aged 13 went out on the 29th and 30th August to Tavemspite, South Wales to the Youth Finals and won his class, 'Small wheel 85cc' and also became an 'ORPA British Champion' racing against others from all over the country.



Richard and Jordan Wright with their bikes and trophies.

Richard is soon to compete in a 'Veteran Motocross G.P.' with riders from all over Europe.

They both show such dedication, which has rewarded them by their achievements, not to mention a few injuries! We are very proud of you both!

Shirley Wright

Golden Wedding

Colin and Laura Oliver, of Wagstaffe Close, Harbury celebrated their Golden Wedding on 9th September 2004. The picture shows them just arriving at Harbury Church on Sunday 12th, when they renewed their marriage vows during the Sunday morning service conducted by Father Roy Brown. They were joined by their family and friends and followed the service with a luncheon in the Tom Hauley Room.





Happy Birthday!

Happy 17th birthday to the lad that does so much in this village.... Works at the co-op, baby-sits, mows lawns, cleans fish tanks, cooks, rides a moped and oh, that's right.... Dresses in a bunny suit for little kids at Easter Parties.



Doesn't he look just lovely???? Suits you!

Have a great day Ricky McMahon, Love from all the Ellis Family xxxx

Time Out - Ufton

Patchwork with a Japanese twist.

Monday 11th October 10am - 12.30pm in Ufton Village Hall

How to use origami to make an impression! This patchwork technique can be adapted to be used for many items. Bring basic sewing kit and threads, your own fabrics to match soft furnishings or buy at the event. Cost £4.50 for the workshop plus £5 maximum for materials.

To book please ring Tracey Watts on 614413, book early as places are limited.

Horticultural Society



Although Ron and I were not there, we understand the Village Show was, overall a success, a full account appears earlier in the magazine, written by Janice, the Show Secretary, including a list of cup

and trophy winners. Again more new names and a few familiar ones. Many thanks to everybody who worked so hard to make it the success it was. Our thanks also to the shopkeepers and other outlets for having the schedules, the folks who set up on the Friday evening and helped to clear away after the show, the generous response for tombola prizes which was very gratifying, the various side shows, all helped to fund he event.

The evenings are drawing in, and by the time the talks start it will be really dark. So should anyone need a lift to the meetings <u>please ask</u>, there are always members who have transport and who will oblige.

This brings me nicely to the start – October – of our new season, which in turn means subscriptions are due giving excellent value for all the interesting talks and events, the popular Christmas Party, and of course, the outings.

The first talk of the season will be "The Travels of Charles Maries" a Victorian plant hunter that I'm sure will be an informative and entertaining evening. Mrs Jean Andrews will give this talk which will take place on Tuesday 5th October in the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm.

A note for your diary, the talk given by Mr Leonard Salt "Plants for the Conservatory and Greenhouse" on Tuesday 2nd November will be followed by our AGM.

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

As promised last month, these notes have a national rather than a local flavour as for nearly 3 weeks I've been away cycling. (See Land's End to John O'Groats article)

First, a confession! I said last month that the swallows appeared to have left. Well, perhaps in Harbury but nowhere else in the country. I saw them throughout my ride, even in the north and when I returned, there they were in Ufton fields. A farmer's wife in Cornwall told me on

the 2nd September that the swallows were just completing their 5th brood, so another month or so would be needed before they could possibly fly south.

Perhaps the most striking thing about the ride was the sheer variety of scenery we have in this country. In a relatively small island we can see sand dunes and towering cliffs, limestone gorges and forested plateaux, flat pastureland that was under the sea only a few thousand years ago, chalk downs and heather moorland, deep valleys with lakes and rocky mountain tops. It's an inspiring list and I'm sure you could add to it.

The natural world living in or on this 'scenery' generally needs travel at a slower pace than on a bike to visualise. It was only when I abandoned the wheels that I saw some very large caterpillars eating a small birch tree in the Forest of Dean. Nearby was a notice stating that the coniferous plantation had been cut down and Hebridean sheep and cattle were grazing the area so that the previous, and now rare lowland heath could be reinstated. It was 9-30 am on a cool clear day that promised to warm up. At the base of the 3-foot high tree, the caterpillars were in a football like mass, presumably huddling there for warmth during the night. Occasional ones were limbering up and ascending to gorge on the leaves. As yet, I have not identified the species; it certainly wasn't a butterfly of which there are only about 60 types inhabiting the British Isles. Moth species are much more numerous and moth caterpillars that feed on birch are not uncommon according to local expert Phil Pain.

Buzzards were a common sight along the route of our ride. Notices warning motorists to slow down because of red squirrels were encouraging but we didn't see one. Likewise no sightings of golden eagles though we scanned the hills in hope. I did see a gannet make a spectacular dive for its prey off the cliffs of Sutherland. Whether it claimed a fish I couldn't see.

September is not the best of months for flowering plants to bloom but at least the midge plague, reported in August, had vanished - washed and blown away! It was a pleasure to pick a route through the heather and search for the Lesser Twayblade, a smaller edition of the Common Twayblade (an orchid species to be seen at Ufton Fields and the Spoilbank). Despite numerous forays, I was unable to find one. Field Scabious, Harebell, Knapweed, and several species of Hawkweed (related to dandelions) were our common roadside companions.

Above all the ride was peppered with occasions to stop and feast on blackberries of which over 400 micro species have been recognised in Britain. Hurry - there may still be time to harvest some before the first frost arrives.

John Hancock

Gardening Notes

The autumn is now officially here, although some days earlier on were hardly summer! Any bright spells in October's weather will offer a last fling for golden rudbeckias, and colchicums bring a touch of freshness to the autumn garden, as the blooms push through a carpet of fallen leaves.

Clean the greenhouse ready to bring in tender plants, and remember to close doors and vents at night, but keep it well ventilated by day to avoid grey mould. Arrange plants so that they can be given extra protection should we have a hard winter. Try screening off an area with bubble insulation for extra warmth. If you do not have a greenhouse, move tender plants from summer containers into smaller pots and arrange them on trays on a windowsill. Reduce water to fuchsias to enforce dormancy, and if possible do not cut back geraniums until the spring.

Watch out for mildew on roses and michelmas daisies. Remove blackspot infested leaves from roses before they drop. Reduce the height of tall floribundas but leave the main pruning until spring. Tie in climbing roses. Shorten tall shrubs that may get wind rocked. Clear out summer plants, and then dig in some manure to put back some nourishment into the soil. Plant out wallflowers and other biennials where they are to flower. Plant herbaceous perennials when the soil is damp enough and still warm. Fork in bone meal, or other high phosphate fertilizer to encourage strong root growth. Sow hardy annuals in rows in the borders for an early flowering next year. Protect them with cloches. Alternatively plant them in trays for an early start in the spring. Sow perennials that need cold weather to break their dormancy. Remember to label them. Leave them in a sheltered spot over winter, but check for water occasionally.

Plant hyacinths, daffodils and small bulbs and plant up containers with pansies and small bulbs for winter and spring colour, packing in the plants fairly closely. If you can get pansies flowering before the frosts they should produce flowers through the winter. Remember to water

them and provide shelter if the weather is extremely cold. Good drainage in the base of the container is essential. Pile gravel around alpines and tuck it under leaves to prevent them sitting in wet soil.

Plant out spring cabbage and Japanese onion sets. Some garlic varieties can be put in now with the remainder going in before Xmas. Harvest beetroot and potatoes. Rest marrows on bricks to ripen and bake the skins so they will store for months. Clear any debris left on the plots to prevent pests overwintering. A mulch of compost over the beds will help prevent compaction of clay soils by winter rains. Cut out fruited stems of blackberries and hybrid berries at ground level. Tie in the new shoots. Spray fruit trees against winter pests and diseases, and put grease bands on apple trees.

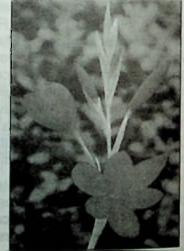
Plant up bowls of prepared hyacinths and other bulbs for indoor decoration. Put them in a cool dark place for two months to root. Christmas cactus plants need dark nights to develop flower buds so do not have them in a room that is used in the evenings. Once the flower buds have developed they can be brought into artificial light again and they will flower at the end of the year. Leave the plants in one position once the buds show. Settle all houseplants back into their winter positions, remembering that windowsills get very cold once the curtains are drawn. Central heating is not ideal for plants so group them together on trays of gravel to give a moist atmosphere.

Hedgehogs will be going into hibernation this month so be careful when tidying under bushes or hedges. If you disturb their sleep they will move to other quarters and you lose a good gardening friend. Clean out nest boxes. Begin to feed the birds regularly, especially on

30th of this month as that is 'Feed the Birds Day'. Gardens are now vital for the survival of many of our common birds, so do your bit to help them and they will repay you by hunting for insect pests.

Plant of the month - Schizostylis

Do not be put off this relatively unknown autumn flowering plant because of the unpronounceable name, for like many botanical names it comes from ancient Greek. This lovely flower comes from the mountains of Natal and so is commonly known as Kaffir lily, although it is not a lily but belongs to the iris family and has the



typical sword-like leaves. The star shaped flowers, ranging in colour from white through pink to crimson, are like mini gladioli arranged along a two-foot stem. The crimson version that bloomed in September was introduced in 1864, but plant breeders have produced plants with larger blooms in more colours and varieties that go on until December. For the best ones took for S. Major and S. Sunrise now sold flowering in pots. Keep them in the pot, in a cold frame until March, then plant them out into rich soil in a sunny border, where they will grow into a clump that is winter hardy, but give a covering of mulch when the leaves die down.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards expressing their condolences, also flowers and donations to Myton Hospice at the sad passing of Bill. Thanks to Dr Snowdon, Frances, Barbara and Sheila, District Nurses, Also Phillipa and Richard for coming to our rescue when we needed them, also John for being available for the hospital visits. Thank you to Father Roy for a beautiful service and everyone who came to the service, also Goodwins Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism.

Jill, Rick, Stuart Cooper and Family.

Dear Editors

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been thinking of our son Alan, for their loyalty and support for him in his times of need. Thanks for all the cards, gifts and help he has received.

Many thanks

Derek and Joy Padbury

Dear Editors

We would, through the Harbury News, like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and congratulations on our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

It was a truly memorable occasion. The service for the renewal of our wedding vows was made so special by Father Roy, and by everyone who was there to support us.

These are memories that we shall treasure always.

Colin and Laura Oliver

Dear Editors

Some of you may be familiar with the local Christian Charity CORD, based in Learnington Spa and whose patron is Right Reverend Colin Bennetts, Bishop of Coventry.

Having worked for this organisation for 14 years, I would like to share with you, that the support CORD has received for the Dafur Appeal has been truly amazing. By mid September, CORD had received almost £200,000 in donations. This includes about £21,000 which will be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue from individuals who have gift aided their donations. Money is continuing to pour in.

The appeal is likely to continue into the foreseeable future as CORD has a long history of helping refugees in similar situations and with their repatriation.

There are usually copies of their regular newsletters "Compassion in Action", at the back of the Church. These are updated every 2 months. If you wish to find out more about CORD and its work, you could ring the office for an information pack – 01926 315301 or visit our website www.cord-uk.co.uk

CORD is so grateful for the generosity of all those who have given to this appeal.

Chris Jones

Dear Editors

As many of you are aware Harbury Toddler Group and Harbury Pre School Have been lucky enough to hold sessions in the Wight School for many years.

During this time we have received tremendous help from many loyal supporters, who have given us their time and resources to achieve many fantastic things including extensive improvement to the outside play area for the children. Therefore, you can imagine our disappointment to find that our lovely play area is not only being left strewn with broken glass, empty bottles of alcohol and other unsavoury items but cigarette butts have also been stubbed out on the play surface. Parents and staff from both groups then have to clear up the debris before the children arrive to ensure that there are no serious injuries. Therefore we would very much appreciate it if whoever is responsible for leaving this rubbish would stop immediately.

This is a lovely environment, we are proud of our achievements, please help us to safeguard it for our future generations.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Kirk
On behalf of Harbury Toddler Group committee
Harbury Pre School committee



A recent example of broken glass found at the children's play corner of the playing fields.

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all those who supported our coffee morning on 28th August by making cakes, donating raffle prizes and items for our tabletop stall, helping on the day and coming along to buy. We have sent a cheque for £210.50 to the Macmillan Nurses.

Liz Bunting and Sheila Scott

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and friends of Harbury Pre-School for my lovely bouquet of flowers, planters and the voucher for Cannons, which I have yet to use!

Thank you all for your help and support in making Pre-School what it is today, with special thanks to Jill Davis who was my "right-hand man" from the beginning and without whom I would never have managed, and also Jo Simpson, Jane Kempton and Rachel Brown, who is going round again for a second time!

I wish the Pre-School continued success.

Yours sincerely

Yvette Tanner

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.

Bookings for:
Scout Hut
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T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning
Village Hali
Wight School

Lesley van Kesteren	613411
Liz Bunting Mrs. J. Windsor	612450 612504
Wendy Hawkes Mrs. L. Hayes	613198 613488

Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon

Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm:

Tuesdays (613413) (Club-not in the summer) 8:00-10:00pm;

Friday (612029) (Juniors) 2:00-3:00pm;

Sunday (not in summer) (613340) 7:00-10:00pm

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm

(613207); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30-12.00 Noon (612864)

BOOK WORMS Tom Hauley Room 2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (614793)

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

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES Farley Room Wednesday 4.00-8.00pm (01789 842242)

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

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

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

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

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

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

> Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch Under 9s:

> > Coaches: Steve Darby 613330

Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch Under 11s:

Coaches: Jim Farrell 612396

Training: 9.30am Saturday at Playing Fields Under 14s:

Coaches: Mick Pratt 817700

Training: 10.30am Saturday at Playing Fields Top Pitch Under 16s:

Coaches: John Wilkins 612115

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: Primary School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-3.15pm; Friday 9.00am-1.00pm

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

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP Last Tuesday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612009)

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

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613730) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

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

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

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

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

Matches on Saturday Afternoon SCOUTS: Scout Hut. Thursdays 7:00pm

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

TENNIS CLUB: April to September:

Adults (614532): Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards; Wednesdays 1.45-3.15pm; Saturdays 3:00-5:00pm.Call secretary 614532 Tim Lockley or

Chairman 613284 Colin Mercer for details

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Bookings should be made at Country Fayre, Chapel Street.

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

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

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

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

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2 nd , 4 th (and 5 th) Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong
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HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

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