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A successful event in Ladbroke was the Summer Madness and Barbeque, when over £900 was raised for village funds.

This year's Garden Walkabout was blessed with superb weather, which showed off the participants' gardens at their best. Thank you to all those who put on such a fine horticultural display. This year the Art Exhibition, which supports the Garden Walkabout, relocated to the Village Hall, which was bedecked with a vast variety of styles and media. Our editorial photograph shows Bill Davies together with Derek Howe. Bill has successfully organised the Art Exhibition for a number of years.



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The school holidays are upon us and to help entertain the children during August there is the Holiday Club running from 16th to 19th August. Registration for this takes place on Monday 15th August at 10am.

Following the attempted break-ins at the Co-op and Harbury Supermarket/Post Office, an editor was told, on enquiring to Alcester Police, that there was "nothing to report"! Meanwhile the Police Enforcement Officer has visited Harbury 98 times and issued four parking tickets. In Ladbroke there have been two break-ins and an incident at The Bell Inn.

Our regular nature correspondent, John Hancock, recently had an accident whilst out on his bike. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Betty Biddle, Anne French, Joyce Pettipher and Vivienne Stringer.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

Tues 2	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed 3	"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
Thurs 4	Holy Communion 9.45am Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10am-4pm 2 nd Test Match, England v Australia (Edgbaston) until 8 th Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
Fri 5	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat 6	Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Youth Project 10am - 12noon Senior Citizens Summer Lunch at Village Hall
Sun 7	TRINITY XI Sung Eucharist 9am Evening Worship 6pm Cricket - Sunday Occasionals home to Henley in Arden
Tues 9	Holy Communion 7.30pm with laying on of hands
Thurs 11	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall W.I. meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Sat 13	Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Funds 10am 12noon

- Sun 14 **TRINITY XII**
Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket 1st home to Yelvertoft
- Mon 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm**
Holiday Club Registration in Tom Hauley Room 10am – 12noon
Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs Summer Event at Village Hall
- Tues 16 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 17 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am
BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL
- Fri 19 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of P.C.C.
10am– 12noon
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 21 **TRINITY XIII**
Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am
Fair Trade Stall in Tom Hauley Room 11.30am
Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket 1sts home to Snitterfield
- Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting 8pm
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 26 **ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury & Email**
Article deadline by 5.30pm
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of St James
Ministry for International Development 10am –12noon
- Sun 28 **TRINITY XIV**
Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 29 **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 31 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 1 Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10am-4pm
Folk Club in Shakespeare 8.30pm
- Fri 2 **NO RECYCLING**
- Sat 3 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cinnamon Trust 10am – 12noon

Sun 4	TRINITY XV Sung Eucharist 9am Evening Worship 6pm Cricket 1sts home to OK Blockers
Mon 5	SCHOOL STARTS
Tues 6	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed 7	Holy Communion 2pm, Mothers Union 2.30pm
Thurs 8	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm W.I. meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room

From the Rector

A holiday puts the clergyman on the other side of the fence. He sits in the pew while others preach and he views the Church from the outside for a few weeks. I did not, however, enjoy sitting in the pews of my holiday Church, sometime ago. The impression given in word and action was that the Church was all-important and the world irrelevant.

My feelings were illustrated for me by a leaking restaurant roof. The rain started to pour through a hole in the ceiling. The manager, when called, disappeared out of the front door and down the road while his staff tried to cope with wet food and diners. Although it was still raining the flow of water into the restaurant slowed and eventually stopped. When we left a voice from the roof enquired whether it had stopped raining inside. Looking up, we saw the manager, complete with large umbrella, standing over the point on the roof where the water was making its entry!

As our amusement and admiration faded, I reflected that the umbrella represented the way some saw the Church. It certainly applied to our holiday Church. An umbrella is designed to protect from the elements and some feel that it is the role of the Church to defend its members from the elements of the world. In my holiday Church the world was resisted by being ignored. The only thing that mattered was the Church – mainly that particular parish. If one stepped out from under the umbrella of the Church and were soaked by the world, that was your concern.

The Church is no umbrella under which the Christian can shelter from the world or from which he or she can talk Church language to the world. If the Church is not in the world, sharing and indeed seeking to influence the joy and degradation of humanity, it is nothing. It needs to express that sharing and influence in worldly language, even though

the content of that language ought to be God inspired. That surely is the role of a body of men and women who seek to follow Christ, who mixed with the good and the bad and was a superb communicator.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

- July 2 John Warner to Maureen Morgan
 July 9 Paul Fryer to Kimberley Bos
 July 29 Matthew Dickson to Joanna Hancock
 July 30 Simon Clarke to Dawn-Marie Eld

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

- July 3 Joshua Liam Kelly

Funerals at All Saints Harbury

- July 13 Betty Biddle (76)
 July 21 Vivienne Stringer (89)
 July 26 Joyce Pettipher (77)



Funerals at Oakley Wood

- Aug 5 Anne French (68)

Thought for the Month

Lax of Poplar.

"Keep an active open mind. The moment a man loses his sense of wonder he becomes old."

Ruth and Dean's Wedding

The wedding of Ruth Thurogood and Dean Walton on June 18th... and a big thank you to Danny for the use of his car on our perfect day!!



From the Churchwardens



We are very pleased to report another successful and enjoyable Art Exhibition, which this year was held in the Village Hall. It was well supported by artists, visitors and helpers alike, and gave us all a great deal of pleasure. We were all grateful to come in out of the heat and to be generously sustained by the

Horticultural Society's tea and cakes. Thank you especially to Bill Davies who works so hard and enthusiastically to organise the event, to his wife Nancy, who lives with it, and to everyone who helped.

Despite the change in venue for the Art Exhibition, the light lunches continued in the Tom Hauley Room. As usual, the food was delicious and everyone enjoyed both it and the occasion. This year saw a first a meals on wheels service to the stewards in the Village Hall. This was very much appreciated by us all, as was the hard work put in by Pam, Joyce and their team. Thank you.

We are very grateful, too, to Mary Catt who has organised the Toddler's Service for the past fifteen years. Mary has worked quietly and with great commitment, often "behind the scenes", to make this an important part of our children's Church life, and has provided a crucial link between Toddler's and Sunday School, still acting as a "Granny"

and choosing books and cards for Sunday School attendance presentations. You can see from the photograph the encouragement and pleasure that the children find in such occasions and in what they represent. On her retirement from Toddler's, Mary herself was given a well-deserved presentation at the end of term party. We thank her and also Lorna Bedford and Barbara Thistlethwaite who are taking over her valuable role.



The presentation to Robert, Megan, Josephine and Freya took place at the end of the July Family Communion Service. John Stringer gave the presentation during the service. Ronnie was on holiday and John chose to talk to us about miracles. Often, and quite rightly, when we hear the word, we think of Jesus' miracles. Some people find belief in miracles difficult, others don't. John doesn't and reminded us that everyday is a miracle. His presentation ended with a 21st Century version of changing water into wine which involved an intriguing piece of silvered equipment, a jug of water, a rather nice bottle of Chateaufneuf du pape and, of course, John's expertise!

Before we look ahead, we'd like to record something, which many of you already know and is cause for great celebration and happiness in the parish. Philip Bullock has been accepted for training for ordination as a Non Stipendiary Minister and begins his studies at Queen's College, Birmingham in September. Please hold him in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares for this tremendous challenge.

Now we do look ahead – to All Saints Holiday Club, FISHY TAILS, to be held in the Tom Hauley Room from 16th – 19th August. Registration will take place on Monday 15th from 10am – 12noon, also in the Tom Hauley Room. So, all 5 -11 year olds please do come and join in! It's always a very happy, lively event.

We wish you all a very happy, refreshing and safe holiday.

Tony and Felicity



Mothers' Union

July has been another sociable month for our members. First, our annual meeting was a garden meeting, kindly hosted by Pam at the Rectory. Actually, a brisk wind drove us indoors, but that was just as pleasant. We heard that we have had a busy year, and now have 41 members.

The committee were re-elected with the exception of Sheila Jackson who has served her full term; we welcomed Liz Bunting in her place. We have sent donations to overseas relief and heard that Mothers' Union nationally has sent £45,000 abroad. The short business meeting was followed by tea and cakes.

More delicious food on July 13th when we held a lunch to meet Mrs Maud Patten, the Provincial President of the Indian Ocean. In near perfect English, this charming lady told us about the conferences she had



come over to attend. She was so enthusiastic about the work of the M. U, especially in Africa where there is a big membership.

The weather was perfect for our evening walk in July when two dozen members, husbands and friends were led by Charles Catt on local footpaths, finishing at the Crown where we were joined by the non-walkers for an enjoyable supper.

Thank you to all who supported our coffee morning, which raised £132.84 for M.U work in this country and abroad. The lunch raised £130 for the church.

The next afternoon meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September at 2pm. It will be a service in church with address by the Rector.

At the evening meeting, on Tuesday 20th September at 8pm the speaker will be Angela Watson on A.F.I.A.

Gillian Hare and Mary Catt

Toddlers' Service



We learned all about Creation from Mrs Bedford. She told us to close our eyes tight and that was how dark it was when the earth first began. She then told us to open them again and to look at all the beautiful things around us. The blue skies, the trees, also feel the warm sunshine on our faces and all the lovely food that was there because it was our picnic. We then sang All Things Bright and Beautiful.

Father Brown then came and gave Mrs Catt a lovely flower arrangement because after sixteen years she has decided to retire and let other people run the service (we will persuade her to come and tell us some stories from time to time don't worry). Then Eve gave the helpers a big card and some chocolates from all the children to say thank you to everyone, who has told stories and helped over the past year.



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We will start again on Tuesday 13th September at 2 0'clock. All babies and young children, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome.

We wish you all a very happy holiday.

Barbara Thistlethwaite

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Mon 29	BANK HOLIDAY

SEPTEMBER

Sun 4	TRINITY XV Family Communion 10.30am
Mon 5	SCHOOL STARTS

Ladbroke Flower Rota

August	14 th	Beryl Ross
August	21 st	Marie Kennedy
August	28 th	Laura Taylor
September	4 th	Catherine Todman



Jane Rutherford

Women's Fellowship

I am sure that everyone who came to our Women's Fellowship Tea Party thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. The garden at the Folly is everyone's idea of a Country Cottage Garden, a beautiful setting to relax and "take tea". Many thanks to Stella Douglas and her daughter for their hospitality.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 14th and has still to be arranged.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

A busy time for the W.I. Ladies with the very successful Strawberry Fayre on 30th June followed 3 days later by the Midsummer Madness afternoon at the Village Hall again serving afternoon teas. A big thank you to everyone involved, the silent workers busy baking cakes, the team of ladies serving and washing up and all the helpers who ran the various stalls.

July 28th our guest speaker Steve Jenkins talk 'Memories Revisited: The Why, What and How of Photo Restoration' was excellent; amusing but also really interesting. Using power point he demonstrated the different stages of restoring old photographs, the wonders of modern technology and the painstaking task of restoring badly damaged photographs and the beautiful end results.

His final presentation was to produce a CD album of several W.I Members and a hilarious old photograph of a ladies sports team with the Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge ladies' heads super-imposed on the picture.

The raffle prizes were won by Julie & Beryl.

Dates for your diaries.

Summer Outing: Wednesday 10th August - Coach first pickup Southam Car park 9.30am followed by Ladbroke Hall shortly afterwards. Leaves Stratford for home at 3pm.

Next meeting will be on September 22nd: Presentation on the Delights of Denman College followed by guest speaker titled "Who am I? What am I? "

Sue Halsall

Congratulations



Congratulations to Dr. Emma Surgey of Ladbroke who has successfully completed her medical studies at Aberdeen University. Emma, an ex-Southam College pupil now starts work in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

Dianne Surgey

Ladbroke Parish Council Meeting – July 2005

Following the June meeting a letter was sent to the County Council regarding the obstruction under Macklin Bridge in School Lane. The gist of the letter was that if the County Council were not prepared to remove the obstruction would they be responsible for any future flooding in the village?

Eastern Area Planning Committee was refused permission to build a Clubhouse – (Fisherman's Hut!) at Deppers Bridge Quarry – it was too big.

David Webster has withdrawn his application for change of use of existing agricultural buildings.

Bishop Bowls site – The Inspectors report is due on 27th July. Cllr Stevens said that there is much negative speculation – people were saying what they didn't want. The site is for development, what do people want? Ladbroke Parish Council is to have a separate meeting to discuss the issue.

Closure of the railway bridge for repairs at Deppers Bridge - There will be traffic diversions. It is also proposed that the bridge will be opened permanently for single traffic only, with traffic lights to deter heavy vehicles. This is only at the discussion stage.

Crime – has been at its worst ever this month! Two residences have been broken into with several valuable items taken at each house on the nights of 10th/11th July. The police were called to an incident at The

Bell Inn on July 9th. Several residents have been disturbed by the noise at The Bell. Apparently young adults were coming from Coventry on motorbikes and scooters. They get inebriated and then want to drive home. The situation is very worrying. Chris Williams advised the Parish Council to write to the Department of Environment of their concerns.

The Parish Plan – has been sent to Stratford District Council for their approval.

Cllr Stevens mentioned "RAGWORT WEEK". Council workmen are busy going around pulling Ragwort up – we are urged to do the same.

Cllr Williams advised people to look at the plans in Southam Library for the improvements to the town.

The Parish Council want an Open Gardens Sunday in 2006. Hopefully this will incorporate a Flower Festival in the Church.

Finally, a letter has been received regarding a flagpole in the area around Hedges Barn. Sometimes two flags at once have been flown, one of which was a skull and crossbones. To fly one flag – National flag or St Georges flag - is fine, but you need planning permission to fly two at once.

Councillors present at the meeting – Derek Batty (Chairman), County Councillor Bob Stevens, District Councillor Chris Williams, Janice Berry, Richard Bennett, Tim Sede, Peter Hartland, and the Clerk, Mrs Colette Bell.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Here are the results of the June draw.

£70 Geoff Lane

£25 Carol Lane

£25 Alan Stubbs

£10 Margaret Bosworth

£10 S&S Roberson

£10 Andy Benzak

Next months draw will be held on Monday 15th August 2005 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Summer Madness and BBQ

Many of you will remember previous Ladbroke Midsummer Madness events some years ago. Well, after a few years without it, we decided it was time for a party, so the Village Hall Committee set to and organised Madness 2005 style on July 2nd.



The day started at 2pm with a variety of stalls outside the Village Hall; lots of fun for the kids in the form of face painting, T-shirt painting, mini golf, games and a painting competition. Parents and kids alike took out their frustrations smashing plates and even pets had their own competition and healing sessions from Claudia.



Inside the Hall we were entertained by the Jazz Creators; a haven for parents and guests who were well supplied with tea and cakes from the WI as they listened to the smooth jazz. All in all a lovely relaxed summer atmosphere, which everyone enjoyed.



In the evening everyone put on their party gear for a BBQ and dancing to Loco Mundo. The warm evening meant that parents could relax and chat while the kids played outside; it was good to see so many villagers getting together and joining in the fun.



Of course it was also a fundraiser for the Village Hall and we raised over £900 towards the much-needed repairs to the roof. Thank you Ladbroke for supporting your Village Hall.

Thanks also to everyone who helped on the day and gave their time and skills; The Committee, Party Girls, the Jazz Creators, Loco Mundo, WI, Church, Ladbroke Hall, Peter Baker, Claudia, Colin & Ian, Danny and Mike in Harbury for the loan of the Test of Strength and games.

Nicky Lewis

Harbury Parish Council - June 2005

The Councillors and watchers stood in silence in remembrance of John Drinkwater. Chairman Jenny Patrick announced that they were seeking ideas for a memorial to this very remarkable Parish Councillor.

Much time was spent discussing Follett's intentions for the Quarries (now called Harbury Estates!) The Council had successfully argued against the latest plans for a huge "Fisherman's Clubhouse" and was combining with Bishops Itchington PC to ensure joint statements were published to keep the public fully informed. They set up a Quarries Sub-group and agreed funding.

The Parish had written to Stratford about the Inspector's Report and to the District Councillors about the Local Plan. With Bishops Itchington they were distributing a flier and an article in the News. Dutch Van Spall was arranging for a "balanced view" to be expounded in the Observer.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Stratford granted with conditions extensions at 26 Manor Orchard and 24 Mill Street and dropped curbs at 8 Park Lane. They refused permission for a fence and gates at Roundhill, Binswood End. The Parish Council made no comment on plans for a conservatory at The Byre, 6 Greenhill Farm, but asked for clarification of the traffic impact of an application at the Old Barn, Ladbroke.

Sharon Hancock reported that the liaison group had met Malcolm Hawkesford, agent for the Wissett Lodge Trust, but she was only permitted to divulge that the second plan, for a much larger development, had not come from Hawkesfords and could be ignored. She did say there seemed little scope for negotiation.

She expressed concern at the length of time taken to begin work on the Bungalow in Mill Street and the Ivy Lane developer's rejection of

responsibility for the loss of the street sign. The Council will nevertheless send him the bill.

Sharon reported vegetation overhanging the path by the Paddock in Church Street again; Hollyhocks obstructing Vicarage Lane and Valerian in Ivy Lane.

The Council agreed Whickstead's quote for new swings and safety surfaces and will look into the costs of replacing the "Play bark" with similar surfaces. This should prove cheaper in the long run as the bark has to be "topped-up" regularly.

Stratford admitted that the Parking Enforcement Officer had visited Harbury 98 (not 198) times and issued 4 tickets. The Councillors wanted more feedback and more tickets to be handed out.

Cllr Winchester reported that after the Carnival, vandals had left rubbish, cans and broken glass on the Playing Fields round the goalpost and skatepark. The Carnival Committee had cleared it twice and Anita Reading the Community Support Officer who was present, agreed to patrol the area. Her job is to patrol the village on foot, speak to people and support the regular officers.

Pc Hill had reported that youths were trespassing on Mr Moore's land to get to the Quarries and were damaging his crops. The Parish Paths group will be asked to put up more signs and The Parish Council will write to Follett reminding them of their obligation to fence their property.

John Ridgley had investigated the ownership of the track to the Allotments and reported it was part of the County Council's land and designated as a footpath (SM59) over which the public had a right to pass on foot. There was no public right to take vehicles along it but the Parish Council's lease might give it such a right. However if the Parish Council allowed vehicles to use the path, and such vehicles caused damage then the Parish was liable for any repairs necessary.

Mr R Padbury asked the PC to dedicate part of an allotment as a turning area for vehicles and said two of the Allotment Holders already had their own parking areas! The Council deferred any comment until they had examined their lease.

There were further complications when the County copied to the Parish a letter from Christopher Hill, Treasurer of the Allotment Holders Association. He sought permission to take over responsibility and the lease on the Allotments. The present agreement is with the

Parish Council who subsidise the rents. The Council agreed that it would not want to relinquish control and matters were further complicated by Mr Padbury's assertion that as Chairman of the Association, he had not heard of the move and would not support it. Clarification was needed!

John Maples MP is on the case of the disappearing Section 136 reimbursements. The Parish is not happy with Stratford's response and is still of the opinion that we should not pay District rates for their recreation maintenance if they won't pay for ours.

County Councillor Bob Stevens warned that the government is set to reduce Warwickshire's Schools budget and that the Education Department will be mounting a campaign to alert the public to this.

He reported that the railway bridge at Deppers would be strengthened and there ensued an intervention from Cllr Van Spall, which seemed to boil down to a desire to question the county's lack of initiative for a weight restriction to deter heavy lorries. Cllr Stevens explained that as it carried a passenger service, which was not an option although he understood Dutch's concern about heavy lorries. He was no doubt, as a politician, building bridges.

Linda Ridgley

Councillors Corner

On the Saturday morning of the Lord's Test Match, I was joined by Eric Dally (District) and Janet Thornley (Parish) outside the Post Office. Thank you to everyone who took the time to stop and chat to us. As usual, there was plenty to talk about.

Concerns about the state of the roads are getting more and more urgent - especially the potentially dangerous condition of Middle Road. There were complaints too about Ragwort at Hillside and on Bull Ring Farm Road. All these complaints have been passed on to the County Highways team.

The main District issue was the ongoing debate about the justification for no longer making Section 136 payments to Parish Councils (to help them maintain their public spaces). This question has to be properly decided at Stratford – but it got a lively discussion in Harbury!

Matters which the Parish will take up are - an over-large hedge in Park Lane, the lamps in Hall Lane obscured by trees and – not for the first time – the untidy state of the wall and space in front of the Old New Inn.

On Licensing, I'm sure Eric would join me in saying if you live near one of the pubs and have concerns about its application for extended hours, please make your concerns known to the SDC Licensing Office in Stratford or pass them on via one of us. We're here to assist.

On the future of the former Harbury Cement Works and Bishops Bowl Lakes, please look at the Parish Council news in this issue for the latest update.

Have a good summer holiday!

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Harbury's Women's Institute



Congratulations to Sylvia Burdett on getting her B. A. in Literacy and Cultural Studies.

Members spent an enjoyable evening at our Garden Party. Celia and Eric had rather a wrestle putting up the gazebos in the rain the evening before but all was well on the night. The refreshments and wine were super with an extra surprise of champagne from Jane (it was her birthday). Thanks to Celia and Eric and all who helped and donated.

Equally enjoyable was dinner on the "Countess of Evesham" on a glorious evening. Thanks to Lynn for arranging the evening.

Gillian Hare is holding a flower arranging class on Wednesday 31st August. We are entering the John Innis Salver Outdoor Bowls Pairs Competition in September. The Harvest Supper is on 16th September, 7.30/7.45pm.

The Autumn Council Meeting is on Wednesday 26th October and the speaker is Canon Roger Royal.

Names are being taken for the Christmas Capers Show at Warwick School in December.

Now is the time to mention the annual Produce Show on 10th September at the Village Hall. As has been said before, this is a village function that everyone can participate in. There are classes for all to enter and what's more it's fun. Please consider entering this time, as it is such a friendly day, especially in the afternoon. This is a village tradition that needs to be kept alive, so come on, mingle a little.

Mrs Sharon Hedges came to speak on Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse is an organisation that works in almost one hundred countries and, as well as Operation Christmas Child provides all year help to people in needy situations. In 2003 Sharon went with the boxes to Eastern Europe and we were shown with slides the conditions in which these children live and their reactions to their gifts. Shots taken in the different countries of orphanages, hospitals, and the living conditions in which these children live were upsetting. There were children who had been beaten and abandoned by their parents. One lovely tot had been found in a dustbin. There were no toys in the orphanage and homes. One particular shot was of a teenager's head looking out of a hatch, this was the entrance to a sewer, which led to a cubbyhole where there were large heated underground pipes. Cardboard was spread over the pipes providing warmth when they slept. This was home to several Russian street children although the Russians denied they had any street children. They were so caring of each other.

Even when filled the boxes are checked to see that all the contents are suitable and meet with custom requirements. Each has to be labelled with the right age group, which is very important. We saw the children's expressionless faces before and after being given their boxes. Some were so thrilled just to have a brightly covered box and were unaware there were contents. Sharon heard that the street children had covered their den with the bright wrapping paper.

For every child that gets a shoebox this year it will be the best present and probably the only one they will ever receive.

This year's boxes will go to Mozambique.

September's speaker: Pino's Life and Cooking Demonstration.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

The theme for the July folk club had been chosen as "Light", it being on the longest day in the folk club calendar. Sadly, tragic events in London on the same day brought a more subdued atmosphere but all the contributors were determined to carry on as usual and the end result was a very enjoyable evening in the circumstances.

The Harvesters got the evening under way with "The Bonny Light Horseman", a Napoleonic theme, and a traditional love song about "The Leeboy's (or Lightboy's) Lassie". Peter Mc was next to the floor and invited us to "Have a Barbecue", followed by the haunting Dougie MacLean song "The Boatbuilders", complete with pre-recorded piano accompaniment. Pete and Liz gave us the "Tay Boat Song" and then Pete provided a solo version of Ralph McTell's "Clown". Debbie announced that her poem for the month had been written only two hours earlier and in light of the events of the day. "The Inner Light" was both moving and thought provoking and deserved the warm applause that greeted it. Rick decided it was time for that famous shanty "Windy Old Weather", accompanied on concertina, and the charming "When The Night Surrenders To The Sun". Ron finished the first half with "The Nor' Light Man" and a stirring song about the Charge of The Light Brigade.

The second half saw the folk club occasional band assembled and tackling the lovely "Slockit Lights", by the late Tom Anderson. Des, in a somewhat clairvoyant mood, sang of "When Autumn Skies Are Blue". Let's hope he's right. Les Barker's charming "Will You Walk With Me" completed his first set and he was followed by Ren who sang a Sandgate Song and then an Old Time Music Hall classic, "Now I Have To Call Him Father". Peter Mason abandoned the apparently doomy songs he had chosen and instead sang two Jez Lowe songs, "Old Bones" and "Idle Time". Don was next with a song about a lost soldier and the "Homes of Donegal". Pete Grassby closed the second half with a humorous song about cameras and then played what he described as a "small muddly", but played with his usual panache.

The third half gave a second chance to some of the earlier performers. Peter Mc gave us the superb "Here Is My Home" and Des supplied the Bee Gees classic "New York Mining Disaster 1941". Ren and Don combined their talents in an authentic rendering of the late Cyril Tawney's classic, "Sally Free And Easy". Peter Mason returned for "The Last Thing On My Mind" and Pete Grassby brought the singing to a close with his lovely "Whale Song". A few keen instrumentalists

carried on with some tunes, doubtless to provide 'light' relief, until the pub staff declared themselves replete. Or something like that.

The raffle, which was to raise money for Cancer Research, and specifically for Race For Life that Sue had completed a weekend before, made a total of £29.

The theme for August, run by Doug and Janny, is "Poverty". Des leads September's Folk Club (the 250th!) with the theme of "Home". We meet every first Thursday of the month and all comers are welcome, whether to perform or simply to enjoy the talents of those who do.

Ian Hartland

Harbury Tennis Club

July proved to be a very eventful and successful month for the Club. We chose one of the hottest days of the year for our Open Day to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. The day was a mix of fun activities including a parent and child tournament with appropriate handicaps to ensure fair competition! The wooden rackets then came out for the adults to bring back memories of the equipment in use in 1980 when the Club was formed. Some very strange shots were played with lots of new excuses! Sue and Colin Mercer won the tournament - no fix, honest!

The off-court activities included a "What was Happening in 1980" quiz, and a display of photographs tracing the Club's history and development. The supporting text makes very interesting reading and we've decided to leave the display in the Clubhouse for a while. If any former members would like to see this please let me know.

This was followed with the fantastic news that planning permission had been granted to extend the floodlights to the second tennis court, and that the Club had secured a £7,000 grant from the Heart of England Community Foundation's Local Network Children's Fund. We hope to have the new lights installed during October. This will enable us to extend the very successful Junior programme through the winter as well as reducing the "waiting time" at the Club's adult sessions.

The final piece of good news was that following discussions and a meeting with Warwickshire LTA's Club development Officer the Club has been made a Mini Tennis Accredited centre. There are only around 25 such clubs in the County and the award is in recognition of the high quality programmes and support the Minis (under 10) get.

A big well done and thank you to Linda Casement and Sue Mercer is

due as the award is mainly down to the work they have put in with coaching and administration respectively over the last 4 years.

Onto league matters! The "A" team were sharing top position with the same points tally as 2 other Clubs and gave their promotion hopes a boost with an 8-1 win over Banbury "B". Gill Thorpe, Kate and Sheila Young, Andrew Rendell, Geoff Prince and Ed Wilson dominated the match, the only defeat coming in Sheila and Ed's mixed doubles. This was followed by another 8-1 win, this time against Kings Sutton "B". 6 of the rubbers were 6-5 scores with Harbury winning 5 of them, so it was closer than the score suggests.

The "B" team faced runaway leaders Brackley "B" and although they lost 2-7 the score didn't reflect how close the match was. The ladies had the most success with Angie Dean winning both her rubbers, first with Caroline Morland and then Sue Mercer. The men, Steve Stark, David Lauder and Colin Mercer didn't manage a win between them! However, 3 of the remaining 7 rubbers were very close but unfortunately this time Harbury lost them all 5-6. The team's fortunes have since picked up with 3 successive wins against Middleton Cheney "C" (8-1), Brackley "C" (8-1), and Byfield "D" (6-3). Rosemary Harley, Lucy Dean, Tracey Hagan, Kevin Moffatt and Ian Panton have all stepped in to cover holidays and injuries to very good effect. As a result of this the team has climbed the table and may even be in danger of filling the second promotion spot!

The "C" team's growing reputation was enough to put off Charlbury who pulled out the day before the match! The winning streak then came to an end in the home match against Tysoe "C". The team was Debbie Radford, Tracey Hagan, Claire Dean, Bob Dean, Paul Crowton and Keith Thompson. Debbie was captain for the night in her last match before departing for 18 months in the States - good luck Debbie! Bob Dean was in sparkling form winning all 3 of his rubbers, with Keith, Paul and Debbie.

The men's doubles team ended its first season in the Prudden Surfaces Stratford league in disappointing fashion with 3 defeats. However, 2 were against Ardencote and Whitnash who were fighting to fill the second promotion spot. The match at Ardencote was probably the longest in the Club's history with all 4 rubbers going to 3 sets and the match taking four hours!

Juniors

The leaflet giving details of the summer programme for the Shipston Partnership appears to have caused some confusion over what is available for Harbury. Apologies for that - this has been a new venture

for everyone involved and we have already identified some improvements for next year. The programme runs until 23rd August in Harbury and places are still available. If you want to discuss any details please ring Sue.

The 3 teams playing in the South Warwickshire Junior doubles league completed their matches. There are no further wins to report but the feedback I've had is that the lads enjoyed what for most of them was their first taste of match play. We hope that with this experience and the benefit of more coaching before next year they will improve and get a few more wins. It's great to see the courts being used so much outside club sessions by the youngsters and we hope that continues and that parents join in! You might be interested to know that there are a range of sponge balls that suit different ages. These are of great help in getting better and more interesting rallies. If you want any advice about them contact Linda (614724) or Sue.

Colin and Sue Mercer



Harbury RFC

The new season is only one month away and the club have been in training for nearly the same amount of time. In the interim our Social Secretary John French has organised two bonding events. The Leamington Raft Race in which the Club was represented by two teams - a senior side and one from our under 17's - this will be followed by the Dragons Race in mid August. These are valuable events that encourage team working and fun in another discipline - congratulations to all especially the Colts.

As a club we do very much recognise the importance of junior rugby and getting young people involved in the game of rugby at ages as young as five [as indeed we do at mini level]. Harbury RFC have to thank Dave Andrews for his vision and drive over 25 years ago to spread the seeds for this. Realistically any club that is involved in mini and junior rugby recognises that of those who commence playing rugby as young as 5 or 6 maybe only a small percentage will continue with the game in their 20's. However, what it does establish is a set of values in team working and a recognition that involvement is the key, rather than winning every match. Which is why competition is limited to festivals, which certainly differs from the introduction to leagues in football at a very young age. Harbury's under 17's will for the first time play in a South Warwickshire Merit Table in the forthcoming season.

However, this will be no more than 8 -10 matches in the season. A real benefit of the commitment to rugby at this level is evident in the presence of no less than nine players in the first team squad who have played at mini and junior rugby for Harbury.

We are hopeful that our young players aged 17 and above may wish to play some senior rugby and the aim is to facilitate this through the 2nd XV, which is captained and managed by Graeme Burgess.

We are very keen to encourage Harbury residents to come and watch our teams next season. The Club play a good standard and we would welcome the opportunity for anyone who wishes to become a social member [or even a player!] to contact IAN HOLROYD [01926 612527] or to visit the club on a Wednesday evening. A benefit of becoming a club member is that you are entitled to apply for tickets for England and other international matches.

This month we have two trial matches at Harbury

Tuesday 22 Southam Kick Off 7.00 PM

Saturday 27 Stoke Old Boys Kick Off 3.00 PM

More details about the club and its activities can be viewed on our website <http://www.harburyrfc.org.uk> or by contacting Club President Ian Holroyd on 01926 612527 and by e-mail on ian@look-whos-talking.co.uk.

Finally one area of assistance that we are seeking help is for someone with first aid experience who would be interested in working with the Club on match days. We would like to consider that if someone is interested that we could work with them not only in this capacity but also in the role of a potential physiotherapist.

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be, please contact either Ian Holroyd or me. I am available on 07855566325 or by e-mail: jerrybirkbeck@aol.com

Family Fun Day - including a sponsored row to Twickenham and back on Sunday 14 August.

Two teams will commence the row at 7.00am in the clubhouse on rowing machines and carry on until all 182 miles are complete (sometime around 4-5pm!!)

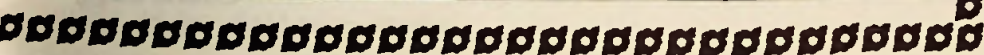
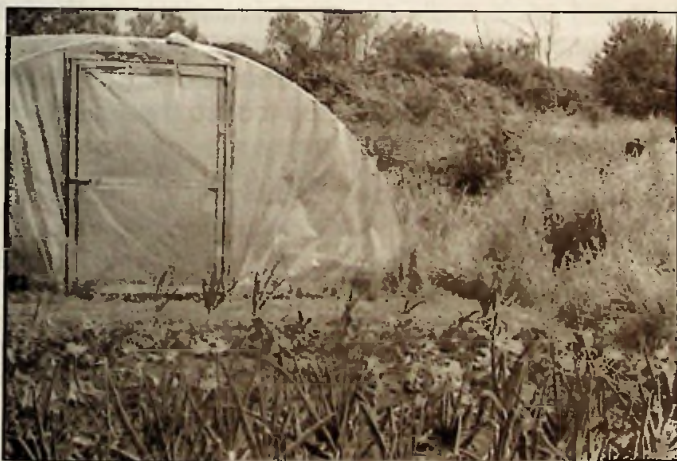
HRFC would like to invite the whole village to come and watch the athletes rowing, to laugh at them and generally have a good time!

FREE ENTRY to all, there will also be a Bouncy Castle and BBQ from 12 noon. All sponsorship to go to HRFC to improve facilities

Jerry Birkbeck



KABOUT 2005





Harbury Toddler Group

This month the toddler's enjoyed a day trip to Umberslade Farm Park.

The weather didn't look too promising to start with but luckily it didn't rain and the children enjoyed a guided tour of the farm. They saw piglets and cows; they fed the ducks and even got a ride on the tractor's trailer to see the sheep and rabbits in the field. At the end of the tour they were given the chance to pet the small animals and took turns feeding the lambs and baby goats and were introduced to a mouse, guinea pigs and a day old chick who was lucky to make it to 2 days old with all the 'love' it received.

We were also given a chance to try out a Family Learning 'taster' session at the Wight school. These sessions are part of a programme, which encourages good communication and fun learning within the family. During this session the children were given various activities to do and looked after by a group of registered carers while the mums were encouraged to make creative props to use at story time. Each mum was given a super little book titled 'Hey diddle diddle' (no prizes for guessing its content) and with the craft materials provided, set about making cats with fiddles, moons cows and spoons, which were received with great enthusiasm by the children.

Just as a reminder, the toddler group sessions continue to run throughout the summer holidays, 10 am – 11.30am Mondays, 2 pm – 3.30pm Wednesdays. We are always pleased to see new faces at the sessions and could really do with a few more on Wednesdays, so if you've not been before and fancy coming along we would love to see you. Its not just toddlers either, we also have a good selection of baby toys to keep your little one amused too, so there's no excuses for not coming out and meeting other Mums.

We are also holding our annual Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 24th August, meeting at 12 pm at the recreation ground or at the Wight School if it is raining. All you need to bring along is a picnic, something to sit on, a teddy and of course a child.

If you are interested in joining us at the sessions or want any more information about the picnic or anything else related to toddler group sessions then please contact Emma on 01926 613093.

Emma Legg



Harbury Pre-School



Our topic for the second half of the term was journeys and we had lots of fun during July, beginning with the Bear Hunt in the Jackson's orchard. It all started when the children received a letter from Ted the Bear to say he was lost and needed help to find him. They all set off and followed his paw prints, along the High Street, down Mill Lane, past the Windmill, over the stile and through the gate into the orchard where they found numerous obstacles to negotiate. The children went through a muddy patch, over a fallen branch, round some tree stumps, under the waterfall (cleverly disguised as bubble wrap), across the river on the stepping-stones, through the tunnel and along the log in the long

wavy grass. At the end of it all, they found a den and inside was poor old Ted waiting patiently for his rescuers! A snack picnic rounded off the hunt before we retraced our steps to Pre-School. On the way back, the children collected lots of interesting leaves, twigs, feathers, fallen baby fruits, nutshells etc, all of which were later used to make a lovely collage.

Our thanks go to Tony Jackson for making the orchard safe for the children, to Thomas, Adam, Bud and Gael who worked very hard to set up the Bear Hunt and to Pam Parton and the parents who came along to make it all possible.

Other journeys have taken place at Pre-School with the help of a variety of cardboard boxes, assorted dressing up clothes and lots of



imagination. Trains, cars and aeroplanes took the children all over the world, as far afield as Australia.

A ticket office was set up in Pre-School to enable the children to write their own tickets, take phone bookings and use maps to follow their chosen routes. Many of the children brought in photographs of real journeys they had experienced with their families and they shared stories about their adventures with their friends. The children also made up and performed a flying dance with the aid of floaty scarves, as they listened to the music of Stravinsky's "Firebird".

We took a final journey to the park with parents and carers, brothers and sisters for a Teddy Bears' Picnic and enjoyed playing with the parachute.

Other activities during the month have included:

- The children making their own "bear's den", using the big climbing frame and a variety of blankets and sheets.
- Using the new computer has proved very popular. All the children are developing good mouse control and drawing quite intricate pictures.
- Making their own fruit salad, cutting up a variety of delicious fruits and eating it as their mid morning snack.
- Trying out a "snack bar", where the children came in pairs to have their snack and a drink at a time to suit them.
- Creating 2D vehicles for display, using various materials such as square, rectangular and circular paper, wooden and fabric shapes.

In the last week of term we took delivery of a whole host of new equipment including a fantastic two-seater tricycle, children's gym equipment, maths games and musical instruments. We couldn't wait until September to try them out; so all the children have put them to good use this week. Finally, we said a fond farewell to our older children who will be taking the next big step in their lives when they move on to Primary School in September. They all went home extremely happy with their books, photos and backpacks.

We wish you all happy holidays!

Fundraising Update

The Pre-school music and film quiz raised £69 and Gael Conway won the prize of a family ticket to Warwick castle. This was one of only two correct entries. Well-done Gael.

Our Pre-school fundraising Group can now take a break until September when we will be hosting the Saturday Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley rooms. Put September 17th in your diaries in advance!

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee



Windmills

Nursery School

We have had a very busy last four weeks of term with lots of visitors and lots of activities happening in nursery. On

Wednesday, 29th June Tina and Marie took the children who will be starting school in September to visit their new classroom and teacher. This enabled the children to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and have a chat to Miss Maher. They particularly enjoyed joining the school children on the playground at playtime. Thank you to Mrs Harris, Miss Maher and the reception class staff for making us feel so welcome.

On Monday 4th July we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Priest, Dominic's mum, who showed us her slides and photos of the animals she saw when she visited Kenya.

Only two days later Elsie's grandma Chris came into the nursery for an art workshop on jungle plants and flowers. She showed us the paintings by Henri Rousseau and talked about the large brightly coloured flowers. The children were then encouraged to paint their own, which they then collaged to create a wonderful colourful display for our wall.

Tuesday 12th July was our last visit to the toddlers' service before finishing for the summer break. We sat outside and listened to the story of how God made the world, then the children enthusiastically played the musical instruments while the grown ups sang the hymn. A picnic tea followed and each child was presented with a book to take home.



We held our annual sports day on Wednesday 13th July and the weather could not have been better. The emphasis was on having fun and the children started by warming up their muscles in a team game called "Don't drop litter", which involved picking up lots of beanbags and putting them in a bucket while singing the song.



They then went on to take part in running races, a beanbag race and an obstacle race. The morning events concluded with every child being presented with a medal, which they proudly showed off to the large 'audience' of parents and grandparents.

To reinforce our topic of the jungle Sara from Zoo lab visited on Thursday 14th July with a 'Rainforest Road show'. She explained to the children what the rainforest was like and what sorts of creatures live there. This was a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning experience and most children held a giant land snail, stick insect, toad and snake. Fortunately the green tree frog and tarantula spider had to remain in their boxes - something Mrs Varriale was very pleased about!

On Wednesday 20th July we held our end of term fancy dress and safari party. The nursery was full of tigers, a lion, monkey, panda, flamingo, butterflies, a zebra, cheetah, explorers and a crocodile. They enjoyed joining in party games, and a sumptuous picnic. Afterwards we all went onto the school field for a jungle expedition to find the hidden animals. Thank you Maxine and Emma for your help during the morning.

Friday 22nd July was the last day of term when we said goodbye to 21 children, all going off to 'big school'. We wish them all well and hope they enjoy their start to school life. Windmills Nursery will re-open after the summer break on Monday 5th September 2005 at 9.05am.

If you would like to register a place for your child in September or require any information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906519148.

Nursery School Staff and Committee



Harbury Primary School

NEW BEGINNINGS - While the end of term sees the start of a holiday for most of us, it is the start of a new era in the lives of the children in Year 6, who transfer to Secondary education in September. They

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

A number of our "long established" families leave us this week as their youngest child leaves the school. We wish these families every happiness for the future and hope that they will be able to look back with fond memories on their association with the school.

Mrs. Harris - The end of term marks one of the real landmarks in the history of the school with the retirement of Mrs. Harris. She has been a wonderful servant, not only to the school but also to the children of the village, having been here for the whole 29 years of her teaching career. She will be missed very much, not only as a teacher and member of the school's Senior Management Team, but also as a valued and loved colleague in the staffroom. On behalf of the whole school community, may I say "Thank You, Pam," and have a wonderful, well-deserved rest.



Miss Fowler will also be leaving, but on a much more temporary basis. Miss Fowler's maternity leave starts during the summer holidays. As she enters a new phase in her life, we wish her all the very best, and I look forward to letting everyone know whether she has had a boy or girl when we return in September.

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

And Finally - Have a great summer holiday and we'll see most of the children again at the start of next term, Monday 5th September.

Denis Daly

Accreditation Celebration

Pre-school had the pleasure of hosting its Accreditation Celebration on Saturday 2nd July. Luckily the weather stayed fine for us and Andrew Patrick very kindly presented the award in the presence of many special guests, parents, staff (old and new), and of course the children.



Our certification is in recognition of the excellent quality of childcare we provide and has earned us the national stamp of approval through the Pre-School Learning Alliance's rigorous accreditation scheme, endorsed by Investors in Children. The scheme is the first of its kind to recognise the importance of linking early years learning with high quality care and the significance of involving parents and we are the first group in the Southam area to gain the approval. It is also further endorsement that we provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment for our children – an environment that includes good quality educational opportunities appropriate to the children's age and stage of development. This is carried out by our highly skilled and trained staff who are, above all, committed to the education and care of the children who attend.

This is a significant achievement for the pre-school and we are extremely grateful to everyone for any part they played in the process (and the steps were many!!) and would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended our celebration to make it such a memorable occasion. Three cheers to Harbury Pre School!!

Nicky Kirk

Age Concern Care & Repair Stratford District

The Care and Repair Service offers practical advice and guidance to homeowners and tenants of privately rented property who require help with repairs or improvements to their own homes. All clients will be visited to assess their needs and advice given on any repairs necessary. Vetted contractors are used and the work can be overseen from start to finish if required. Any minor works including those that are eligible for a Local Authority Grant can be undertaken by our own handyman.

For more information please telephone 01926 458125.

Sue Halsall

Flying Fish(monger) in Harbury?

Not a lot of people know that a species of flying fish was recently netted by a trawler in Devon or that Harbury has its own 'flying fishmonger'!



According to recent news articles, the South Pacific species of fish was landed at Brixham, although it is not usually seen north of the Bay of Biscay. An expert from the National Marine Aquarium who recognised it, commented that 'it is one of a number of fish found in our waters recently, which may have come as a result of rising sea temperatures'.

Although it is unlikely that a flying fish will be one of the delicacies found on fishmonger Glenn Fuller's display, he regularly has Harbury as his first 'port of call', as he brings fresh fish to parts of the country, which other tradesmen don't reach. Glenn arrives each week on Monday (apart from Bank Holidays) and parks his van outside the Shakespeare between 12.30 and 14.45. For those aficionados who appreciate fish of the finest quality, Glenn stocks it all – halibut, plaice, sole, smoked salmon, swordfish and tuna, as well as a variety of shellfish including crabs, langoustines and tiger prawns.

The regular customers who already buy from Glenn are all agreed that the fish is of superb quality – so much so, that you can almost smell the sea when you un-wrap the latest purchase. However, in talking to a number of people who passed by as the 'regulars' secured their latest purchase, 'not a lot of people' know that the flying fishmonger has been a regular visitor for some months. Why is he referred to as the 'flying fishmonger'? It could be because he 'flies up' from Grimsby straight to Harbury immediately after his dock-side purchases early in the morning, but in fact, it is his interest in flying microlights, which have earned him this recognition. He regularly flies around the U.K. and has plans to 'skim over the water' to France in the not too distant future. Maybe he can watch out for shoals of flying fish on his travels, but it will be sometime before he has a stock for sale on his van!

Fish might flyand some do! If you want some to fry, grill, poach or whatever else Jamie and Nigella recommend, Glenn's van is worth a visit. He is providing another service to villagers, which is definitely worth trying!

Chris Finch

Harbury Youth Club

For the past couple of months a number of volunteers have been providing drinks to young people at the playing fields on a Tuesday evening. This gesture has been very well received by the young people, they have shown a lot of interest and been extremely appreciative. From September we intend to provide a 'drop in' service in the Wagstaffe Room of the Village Hall, where they can meet up with friends, have a drink and listen to music. Entry will be free but we will charge for refreshments. The young people are positive about the idea and we have booked the room until Christmas to see how it goes. If it proves to be a success we can then consider how to proceed.

We are sure you will agree that a youth service is vital for the community but, as always, the most important element in running a service is people. We are trying to put together a rota of volunteers for Tuesday evenings from 7.15 to 9.15 pm. If you are able to help **please do contact us** – (Lesley Jones 613207 or Margaret Commons 613963) - even if you can only manage an occasional Tuesday.

Margaret Commons

Fishy tails

Once again All Saints Church is having a holiday club for children from 5 -11 years old. Get ready to claim your plaice by registering on Monday August 15th between 10 am and 12 noon.

It is all about Jonah - the one who couldn't get away! Come and find out how Jonah was brought to eel, how he was the sole survivor, and all about the missing fireball.

There will be songs, games, music, craft and drama, so come along and ride the ocean waves Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th August 10 till 12 in the Tom Hauley Rooms (behind the church). You will have a whale of a time.

Alison Abbott

Howard Cyprus Chronicles

After 37 years in our beloved village of Harbury we decided to have an adventure! Cyprus was chosen as our destination and we set out on July 4th 2004. The exact date when John joined the Royal Navy 49 years previously!

A villa was found after 8 days and we settled into a small rented apartment whilst the building was ongoing. Obviously we miss our family and friends, but have been overwhelmed by your letters, phone calls, texts and good wishes.

We have survived a car crash, a blizzard in the Troodos Mountains and recently a fire in the field beside our home. However, after a visit to the Immigration Office we were quivering wrecks! We now both have "Alien" cards – apparently this means we are visitors to the island.

It was wonderful to see so many of our friends on our recent short visit to the U.K. This was tempered with sadness – John Drinkwater and

Louis Zonik will be sorely missed. Louis and Eleanor were our brilliant neighbours when we owned the newsagents for 7 years. John and Rene became close friends when we moved to Roundhill in 1975. They were residing at that time in the Beeches.

We have so many good memories of the village. We also managed The Dog Inn for a while, so have many stories to relate! We shall keep in touch.

John & Eleanor Howard

Vital Villages is dead - Long live Vital Villages

The SRB5 Vital Villages project formally concluded in March 2005. The final total for grants awarded in Warwickshire was £395,000, which, it must be noted, was more than matched by other funds and volunteer time. Thus, including the matched funding, in excess of £800,000 has been invested in small Warwickshire communities. The average size of grant was £3,400, but more than 50% of applications resulted in grants of less than £1,500.

The final evaluation report on the Vital Villages project observed that, "The main legacy...is the real benefits and improvements in rural communities and these will continue long after the programme has finished. Quite often all that is required is a small financial investment, advice and facilitation." However, notwithstanding the legacy of Vital Villages, the conditions that prompted the programme still exist and will continue to need to be addressed. For those who are not familiar with Vital Villages, it was a project that sought to ameliorate the loss of services in small rural communities – particularly the village shop.

Although SRB5 Vital Villages has ended, some of the Warwickshire partners, notably the County and Borough councils, have agreed to continue funding the post of Project Officer for a further year. Unfortunately there are no more dedicated grant funds available, which means that viable projects will need to be even more inventive in raising finance. However the ethos of Vital Villages will live on and there are other funds that may be used.

So, if there's a problem in the neighbourhood, who ya gonna call? – No, not ghost busters – call Steve at Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

Tel. 02476 531284 or email stevep@wrccrural.org.uk

Steve Patalong

Harbury Surgery

Surgery opening times

Harbury Mon- Fri: 8.30 am – 6.30 pm

Bishops Itchington: 9.00 am - 12 Noon (Mon - Fri) 4.00 – 6.00pm
(Mon and Wed)

Key to doctors: **CMS** (Dr Snowdon) **JJAW** (Dr Wilkinson) **JH**(Dr Hill)

KP(Dr Panting) **JLH** (Dr Hancock)

Surgery	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Harbury From 8.45am	CMS KP	CMS JJAW	JLH JH	JH KP	JJAW KP	Surgery Closed
<u>Evenings</u> 4-6 pm	KP JH	CMS KP	CMS	JH JJAW	By rota	
Bishops Itchington - From 9.15 am	JJAW	KP	CMS	JJAW	CMS	---
<u>Evenings</u> 3.45-6pm	JJAW	---	JLH	---	---	

APPOINTMENTS: Ring Harbury 613554 between 8.45 am to 12 Noon and 2 pm to 5.30 pm

Ring Bishops Itchington 612977 during their opening hours.

HOME VISITS: Ring 612232 between 8.45 am and 10.30 am wherever possible.

REPEAT Ring 614119 (Harbury) and 612977 (Bishops Itchington).

PRESCRIPTIONS: Repeat prescriptions requests posted through the letter box on Saturday mornings will not be processed until Monday morning. **Please allow at least 48 hours notice for all repeat prescription requests.**

TEST RESULTS: Ring 612232 between 11.30 am and 4.30 pm
CLINICS: Child Health (open clinic for well children only)
Harbury 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 1 – 3 pm
Bishops Itchington 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm

ANTE NATAL: Harbury Thursday afternoons (by appointment)

Bishops Itchington Wednesday afternoons (by appointment)

CERVICAL SMEAR: Harbury Tuesday afternoons (by appointment)
Bishops Itchington Monday afternoons (by appointment)

MENOPAUSE: Harbury Tuesday afternoon, Bishops Itchington Monday afternoon (both by appointments)

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT Harbury Tues/Wed am + Thursday all day (by appointment) eg Asthma, Diabetic, Heart, Hypertension

MINOR SURGERY: By appointment at Harbury
Appointments with nurses can be made for immunisation, travel vaccine/advice, dressings, suture removal, ear syringing etc. Please ring Harbury 613554 and Bishops Itchington 612977.

EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DO NOT RING OUTSIDE SURGERY HOURS.

THE SURGERY IS CLOSED ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

Blood Donor Session

The next session in Harbury Village Hall will be on Thursday August 18th. The times are; 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm. Holiday times are difficult for bloodstocks and the requirements do not lessen. How about encouraging some young people home for the summer?

Gillian Hare



Horticultural Society

The weather was kind on all of our outings; we had some useful rain before the Walkabout and the sun shone for the folks viewing all the gardens. There did not seem many people on the Saturday but it was a different story on the Sunday. Once again the Committee thanks everyone who worked so hard and opened their gardens, Paul and Mary and other outlets who sold programmes: our thanks to everyone who helped to make the event run smoothly, those who made and gave cakes, the catering "skivvies" and many others, we couldn't have managed without you all. Overall I think the treasurer is happy, so various organisations in the village could benefit. Thank you again everyone.

On to the next big event – the Show on Saturday 10th September. The schedules, both adult and children's, are available from Mugglestons "Country Fayre" and Co-op, Janice at 35 Percival Drive and Ron Grey, 23 Deppers Bridge. To help cover the running costs of the Show, as in previous years, we intend to run a Tombola, contributions will be very welcome and should be left in the porch of 55 Mill Street or 23 Deppers bridge before Wednesday 7th September, you do not have to be a member to donate. There will also be a produce stall for jars of jam, chutney, baking (wrapped for selling please): plants and vegetables will be welcomed on the morning of the Show before 10.45am please, otherwise it will clash with the judging. If you have nothing to enter from the garden or allotment – after yet another awkward season, there are many other classes to choose from. No matter what you choose please read the Schedule. "On with the Show" is very helpful, Janice has a copy and Mrs Merchant of the W.I has another.

There are the Society Tray and the Society Vase classes in the Schedule, first prize for each - £10 – so they are well worth entering, after all someone has to win!

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

This month's offering is rather restricted I'm afraid. Many readers will know that I have been in hospital recently and am now convalescing at home. I received a head injury while out cycling on the 12th July. I was wearing a helmet, which must have saved me from more serious injury, so please wear your helmet when cycling and encourage others to do the same. Thanks for the many messages and cards wishing me a speedy recovery-they seem to be working and I hope to be out and about soon.

The month is ending in rain and much cooler weather, which seems to be in keeping with the national mood. We had glorious summer weather for the first three weeks of the month - did anyone complain? Certain habitats like the Spoilbank began to look positively autumnal with long grasses losing their greenness, a predominance of purple flowers, both Thistles and Knapweed and the occasional glimpse of Cuckoo Pint (*Arum Maculatum*) with its fruiting spike of green berries (which are poisonous), beginning to shade towards the red of August in the wooded areas. Another name is Lords and Ladies. By the way, Pint rhymes with mint not with a pint of milk. Other names include

'Soldier in a Sentry Box' and Jack in the Pulpit'. The roots of this plant baked and ground were once in demand as a homegrown substitute for Arrowroot (which comes from the West Indies) under the name of Portland Sago. More often the cooked roots were employed as a domestic starch though they often produced severe blistering of the launderer's hands. Hard times! I'm indebted to the incomparable Flora Britannica (Richard Mabey) for this information.

In the middle of July, I visited Stockton Cutting Nature Reserve with my U3A Naturalist Group. Access to this reserve is down steps at the side of the A426 Southam/Rugby road immediately before crossing the Grand Union Canal. (Map Ref: 438650 Sheet 151, Stratford-on-Avon.) We found no trace of the Butterfly Orchids, which had been a feature in early June. There were some Common Spotted Orchids going to seed but the declivity was a riot of other summer flowers including Burdock, Common Centaury, Creeping Cinquefoil, Yellow Wort, Teasel, Bird's Foot Trefoil, Field Scabious, Restharrow, Ladies' Mantle, Agrimony, Rose Bay Willow Herb, Self Heal, Spear and Woody Thistles and many more with similarly evocative common names taking us back to a more measured pace of life in tune with nature. Of course, now, we found a stand of Japanese Knotweed and began a discussion on the balance of plants and animal species in our crowded island. In amongst the flowers and grasses moved butterflies and insects. Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, the incomparable Marbled Whites, darker Ringlets, Small Tortoiseshell, Speckled Wood and a magnificent Red Admiral.

Earlier in the month, I had made a pilgrimage to Ufton Woods to get a sight of a White Admiral whose markings remind me of the shirt worn by Wakefield Rugby League players-a wide V band. Back at the cutting there was Ragwort in profusion but I had to search for the caterpillars of the Cinnabar Moth. Their yellow and black-banded appearance must be a warning to predators that they will taste very bitter, as they are one of the very few creatures that feed on the poisonous Ragwort.

The garden is my natural world now. The Buddleia was a mass of butterflies-all white the other day and in the evening it's home to a lot of very drowsy (? drunk) bees. I hope some of you are enjoying exciting coastal and mountain scenery at home or abroad and getting a wildlife experience to match. Some feedback on your 'adventures' would be good.

John Hancock

Gardening Notes

The gardens are looking refreshed after the rain but we hope that the sun will remember that August is the holiday month for many of us. Whilst there is more time to do extra tasks around the garden, one job could be to make a compost box to receive the plants that will have to be cleared in the autumn. Plants take their raw materials from the soil so return some of this goodness. Recycle your garden! Do your bit for the environment and help to achieve the 50% target set for the recycling of household rubbish.

Hanging baskets are difficult to re-wet if they dry out, and do not assume that if there has been rain they will be all right. Baskets and pots need watering daily and feeding weekly. Tomato fertiliser is ideal. Continue pinching out tips of trailing plants to promote bushiness. Do not feed permanent plantings in containers after mid month or the soft growth may be frost damaged at the end of the year. If border plants begin to flag give them a really good soak rather than a little and often, that revives them temporarily but encourages surface rooting. Check that young plants are receiving enough water in the erratic weather. Greedy feeders with showy flowers, such as gladioli and dahlias are less able to cope with dry spells than the Mediterranean natives, *osteospermum*, *pelargonium* and *marguerites*. If a plant suddenly collapses even though it is regularly watered look in the top few inches of soil around the plant for the small c-shaped cream grubs of the vine weevil. Most of the egg laying by the weevils is over by late August and the larvae are in the soil eating the roots of plants. They particularly thrive in containers, but also attack in the borders. Another sign of these pests are the circular notches nibbled on the edges of leaves by the adults. Drench the soil in a solution of nematodes or a chemical made specially to kill vine weevils.

Deadhead annuals regularly, and perennials will often flower again if they too are deadheaded. Even shrubs will benefit from deadheading and will continue to bloom longer if they do not believe the job of making seeds has been accomplished. Many plants are now setting seed so keep a daily check on them and pick the whole stem just before the seed pods burst. If you want to increase biennials such as foxgloves and sweet rocket collect the seed now and sow it straight away on the surface of trays of compost, or just leave them to self-seed. Mark the area so that the young seedlings do not get weeded out. In sheltered spots hardy annuals can be sown to flower early next year. Most hardy perennials also germinate best if the seed is sown when fresh. Leave a few seed heads for drying for winter

arrangements or leave them in the garden to look decorative when frosted or to provide food for birds. Remove stakes from border plants that are over. Trim away lank or weak growth. Trim lavender with shears, taking off the flower spikes and a couple of inches or more of the foliage but taking care not to cut into the old wood. Cut out 1 in 3 stems on low growing Hebes and cut back any trees or shrubs which have outgrown their space.

If this autumn runs true to the form of the last few years, vegetable harvesting will continue well into October, so keep sowing the salad crops that are quick growers and will mature in 10 weeks. Stop greenhouse tomatoes at 2 leaves above the 8th truss. Stop outdoor ones at 4th to 5th as higher fruit will not ripen. Feed the plants regularly with a high potash fertilizer but do not over water or flavour may be spoiled. Irregular watering causes blossom end rot. When raspberries finish fruiting cut the old canes down to below soil level to ward off cane blight. Tie in the new canes. Earwigs can be a nuisance in flowers, especially when brought into the house, but they are good predators of aphids, mites and codling moth eggs so are useful on fruit trees.

August and September are the best months for taking cuttings of tender perennials. Take them early in the morning when the plants are full of water. Ideally keep the pots of cuttings in a greenhouse. Succulents, such as aeoniums, echeverias, mesembryanthemums, make good low maintenance pot-plants thriving in full sun. They are however very susceptible to vine-weevil attack at the roots. Water the pots with a vine weevil pesticide to give protection for a few months. Re-pot winter flowering houseplants such as azaleas and cyclamen. Do not allow coleus to flower as this ages the plants more quickly.

Plant of the month - Gaura



Five or six years ago garden centres began to promote Gaura lindheimeri as a new treasure, but garden history tells us that the plant was introduced in 1850 from Texas. The name comes from the Greek word gauros, meaning superb. This summer flowering perennial can grow to 2ft and make a bushy addition to the late summer border. Plant it in dry soil in a sunny site to enjoy the delicate white or pink blooms, that seem to dance on their wiry stems above the narrow, lance-shaped leaves like butterflies. At the end of July many of the early summer flowers have to be cut back, so fill the

gap with gaura that will go on flowering until October. One drawback is that it is short-lived but is very easy to propagate from cuttings taken in late summer or grow it from seed in the spring.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Sally and John Stringer would like to thank everyone in the community and the church for their sympathy and support following the death of John's mother, Vivienne, at the age of 89. Thanks to Father Roy and all who contributed to a warm and life-affirming funeral service, and to Rosemary, Sheila, Anita, John and Edyth; Teresa and Pauline of Caring Hands; all at Harbury Surgery and everyone who helped to make her last years easier. We are fortunate to live in this loving and caring community, and we have been very moved by the affection and concern shown by so many.

With sincere thanks

John Stringer

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all who sent cards, letters, flowers and condolences after the sudden death of John on the 11th June.

It was a comfort to have so many friends at such a difficult time.

Special thanks go to Father Brown, John Oliver and Sharon Hancock for the heartfelt tributes paid to John at the service.

The collection for the air ambulance and RNLI amounted to almost £800.

Rene, Sheila, Peter, Emily and Grant

Dear Editors



We had a lovely day out at the Severn valley railway and had a great surprise when we found this sign.

We would like to recommend the SVR for a nice day out.

Karon Killick and Family

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Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
Wight School	Mrs. L. Hayes	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) 6:30-8:00pm;
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)

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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, Last 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

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Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

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Coach: Alastair Cattrell Tel: 335366

Under 15s - Training: 11am Saturday at Myton School

Coach: Keith Edwards Tel: 421414

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HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

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8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

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Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in

the month 8pm

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: (612792) Meeting on 2nd Wednesday in the month at the

Shakespeare 8:00pm

TENNIS CLUB: April to September:

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

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







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