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Whilst there has been snow in Spain there is still no sign of snowfall here in Harbury and Ladbroke. It is well over ten years since we had deep snow lying in the villages.

The Hunt met in Harbury on the New Year public holiday. Will this be the last time this traditional custom takes place in the village?



Tsunami Appeal Fun Run

Whilst there is nothing from the registers this month, there was a requiem for Malcolm Snow. We extend our sympathies to Reverend Peter and Mrs Mary Snow.

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in aid of Ladbroke Church in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12 00pm
Theatre Group production in Village Hall, Matinee 3pm, Evening 8pm
- Sun 6 **NEXT BEFORE LENT**
Sung Eucharist 9am
Evening Worship 6pm
- Tues 8 **SHROVE TUESDAY**
Holy Communion 7.30pm with laying on of hands
Toddlers Service 2.15pm
- Wed 9 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
School Service in Church 10.30am
Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
W.I 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 11 **SCHOOL ENDS**
Holy Communion 12noon
Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning in aid of Theatre Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am 12.00pm
- Sun 13 **LENT I**
Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 14 **VALENTINES DAY**
- Tues 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm**
Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lent Address
Senior Citizen's Benefit Association 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 16 Dave Perry will be taking Children's Photographs (black & white) in Tom Hauley Room between 10.00am & 2.00pm.
Proceeds in aid of Harbury Pre-School and Windmills Nursery
Tea in the Tom Hauley room 3-4pm
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 18 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
Holy Communion 12noon
Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning in aid of Mother's Union in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am– 12.00pm
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room

- Sun 20 **LENT II**
 Holy Communion 8am
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Evensong 6pm
- Mon 21 **SCHOOL STARTS**
- Tues 22 Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lent Address
- Wed 23 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 19 Farm Street
 Free Youth Club Session at Village Hall for 11+year olds 8.15pm
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 25 **ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury, by 5.30pm**
 Holy Communion 12noon
 Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning in aid of Air Ambulance in Tom Hauley Room
 10.00am – 12.00pm
 Barn Dance in the Village Hall at 8pm in aid of Harbury
 Pre-School Tickets available from Jayne Mansell on 614615
- Sun 27 **LENT III**
 Holy Communion 8am
 Family Communion 10.30am

MARCH

- Tues 1 **ST DAVIDS DAY**
 Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lent Address
 Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 2 Holy Communion 2pm with Lent Address
 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Men's Society Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm - Speaker is Mr John Walton on "Plain English"
 Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
 Art Tutorial in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 4.00pm, Spring Flowers/Bulbs – Watercolour. Contact Bill Davis 614104
- Fri 4 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
 Holy Communion 12noon
 Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Womens World Day of Prayer in Tom Hauley Room at 2pm
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in aid of Meningitis Research in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Sun 6 **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
 Sung Eucharist 9am
 Evening Worship 6pm

- Tues 8 Toddlers Service 2.15pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lent Address and Laying on of
 Hands
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 11 Holy Communion 12noon
 Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning in aid of Guide Dogs in Tom Hauley Room
 10.00am – 12.00pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2005

- Sat 23 Beatles Tribute Night 8pm in Village Hall - proceeds to Harbury
 PTA and GASS

MAY 2005

- Sat 7 Harbury Tennis Club's 25th Birthday celebration in Village Hall –
 London band "The Bitter Lemons", tickets £15 from Colin and
 Sue Mercer

Please let Linda Ridgley know of any future diary dates, telephone 612792.

From the Rector

The talk was going well and the vicar was quite pleased. He had taken a long time getting round to organising a series of talks for his parishioners. If this was adult education, he thought to himself, it was not too bad after all. Certainly the speaker was giving it all he had. The first talk was on belief in God. I could have preached a few good sermons on this point, he thought. The fellow seemed to know his stuff and the people seemed to be listening.

Now it was time for the questions and discussion. But no questions came. In spite of a lot of encouragement, silence reigned. So they opened up the discussion to include any questions about religion and the church. A question came almost immediately, "Why do we not have a toilet at the back of the church? They have one in the new church in the next parish and everybody thinks it's a great idea. We could convert that old room where we used to keep the extra chairs....." The discussion went on for a full hour and was only

stopped by the promise that the matter would be taken up and discussed at the next PCC meeting.

That is a true story. The point it makes is that it is usually the most practical questions in life that will absorb people's attention.

A father was telling me recently that his three-year-old daughter accepted without difficulty the whole theology of creation. No problems for her in the truth that God had made everything. She quite accepted that God was everywhere, but she was puzzled on being told that God was in church. "If God is in church" she asked "where does he sit?"

As we go into Lent on Ash Wednesday, we all need to put aside our concerns for the practicalities of life and use the Lenten period to prepare spiritually for the glories of Easter. Please do join us as we journey to the Cross and then experience the joy of the Resurrection.

Prayer for Lent

Lord God, with Lent, we approach the springtime of the year when the face of the earth is renewed and life emerges out of death.

We pray that this season of Lent may be a veritable springtime for our souls, so that our lives, quickened by the breath of the Spirit and warmed by the sunshine of your love, may bear abundant fruit and be made radiant with the beauty of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Roy Brown

We will be having our procession of witness from the school to Church, on Palm Sunday March 20th.

This year we would like to include a donkey and are looking for one (four legged variety!!!)

If anyone knows of one that is amenable and fairly good tempered, please contact Rosemary Eld on 613340.

Thought for the Month

Worry is an old man with bended head, carrying a load of feathers that he thinks are lead.

From the Churchwardens

Christmas seems a long time ago now but we are still in the season of Epiphany. So many people have said how special this year's Christmas celebrations were and we do thank Father Roy, in particular, and everyone else who worked to make it a joyous time.

Hard on the heels of Christmas came the Tsunami disaster, which brought us all up short and united the village in grief, shock and sympathy. We know that there have been many responses, group and individual, to the appeal, but we would like to thank everyone who supported the PCC coffee morning, the retiring collections and those who have given us independent donations, for their great generosity.

With Epiphany almost over, Lent is almost upon us. Thinking of giving, as we all are, you might like to support the Lent Lunches, which will be held at 12.30pm in the Tom Hauley room from Friday 11th February to Friday 18th March. The proceeds will be given to the SILOAM CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES of which John Eld is Director. They work with CHILDCARE INTERNATIONAL but focus especially on three villages to which they have already sent boats and nets and emergency aid, all of which we can be sure will go directly to the people in need. A Holy Communion service is held at 12noon on each of these Fridays to which everyone is welcome, but if you can't make the service, please don't feel debarred from the lunch.

At January's Family Communion Service, John Stringer's theme was "New Beginnings". Using William Holman Hunt's painting, "The Light of the World", he reminded us that Jesus knocks at the door of our lives but only we have its handle and so only we have the choice to invite Him in. Ronnie learned something along the same lines, we're thankful to say. If Ronnie went AWOL, it would be worse than the death of Sherlock Holmes!

There will be two Family Communion Services in February, the first, as usual, on the third Sunday, 20th, and the second on Sunday, 27th when the whole presentation will be given by the school. It will be lovely to welcome them, please do try to come.

A final date for your diary: Friday 4th March at 2pm, The Woman's World Day of Prayer Service. This is not only for women, all are welcome and the service will be over in time for you to collect your children and grandchildren from school.

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

January was party month. Both afternoon and evening meetings saw members and friends relaxing together, doing quizzes and enjoying good food. Many thanks to everyone for their contributions.

February 15th at 8.15pm. The evening meeting will be a general discussion, a little later than usual following the Lenten address and communion service.

February 19th is Coffee Morning – please help on the day plus baking cakes and bringing raffle prizes.

March 2nd at 2.30pm. Lenten Service and address.

Visitors are always welcome to join us.

Gillian Hare

Toddlers' Service

We were very pleased that sixteen children braved the weather to come to our service in January, including the Nursery School children and some new toddlers.

Mrs Bedford talked about how we feel when we're not well, and the children helped put teddy to bed to make him feel better. We sang "Ring a Roses" and "Humpty Dumpty" then Mrs Bedford told us the story of Jairus' little girl who was ill, and how Jesus made her well. After a prayer we sang, "Morning has broken".

The children then coloured pictures of the little girl in (and out of) bed.

The next service will be on Tuesday 8th February. Please note that it will now be 15 minutes earlier as we are changing the time to 2pm.

C.M.Catt

Ladbroke News

FEBRUARY

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| Wed 9 | Lent Lunch 12noon at Hall Farm
Holy Communion 2pm with Imposition of Ashes
Women's Fellowship 2.45pm |
| Sun 13 | LENT I
Sung Communion 9am |

Mon 14 Millennium Club Draw 7.30pm in Village Hall
 Wed 16 Lent Lunch 12noon at Field Farm
 Sun 20 **LENT II**
 Sung Communion 9am
 Wed 23 Lent Lunch 12noon at 3 Ladbroke Hall
 Sun 27 **LENT III**
 Sung Communion 9am

MARCH

Wed 2 Lent Lunch 12noon at Chapel Ascot Farm
 Thurs 3 PCC Meeting 7.30pm in Old Rectory
 Sun 6 **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Wed 9 Lent Lunch 12noon at Walworth Farm
 Holy Communion 2pm
 Women's Fellowship 2.45pm

Ladbroke Church News

I hope you have got your breath back after Christmas because Easter is very early this year (Easter Sunday 27th March). I had to get moving when I realised Ash Wednesday is on February 9th. The service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion is at 2pm. This follows the first of our Lent lunches here at Hall Farm – we start serving the soup anytime after 12noon. The monies raised will be sent to Siloam Christian Ministries Ltd, of Leamington Spa. They have many projects on-going in India but the money we send is to support three villages that were affected by the Tsunami and Earthquake disaster. The appeal here and in Harbury is being co-ordinated by John Eld.

The dates for our other Lent lunches are:

Wednesday February 16th at Field Farm, hostess Beryl Ross

Wednesday February 23rd at 3, Ladbroke Hall, hostess Catherine Spence

Wednesday March 2nd at Chapel Ascot Farm, hostess Jenny Barrett

Wednesday March 9th at Walworth Farm, hostess Susan Moore

Wednesday March 16th at Old Rectory, hostess Jane Rutherford.

This morning I received a letter from Michael Short, suggesting the date for the commencement of rehearsals for our Good Friday evening service. The first practice should be on Monday 21st February at 7pm. If you would like to be part of this augmented choir please come and join us.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

In November three members, Sue Halsall, Catherine Spence and Hazel Sharples plus two husbands travelled to South Africa to visit past president Anne Edwards, in her beautiful new home. They were able to swim in the new pool, with breathtaking views of the lagoon, which goes out to sea. Anne & her husband took them to see many of the wonderful sights in the area, including a visit to a Game Park, a wild life Park where you could interact with the animals, an Elephant Sanctuary where the elephants roam around while you are able to feed and stroke them. Everyone had a great time and definitely hope to return.

The meeting held on Thursday January 27th was a talk by Jan Warner called 'Survival of the fittest - a brief history of Childrearing' this was a very vivid tale about pregnancy, childbirth and rearing over the centuries. Jan explained the reasons why so many babies and mothers-to-be did not survive, due to so many horrific methods and treatments and also the lack of hygiene. It was a very interesting evening illustrated with examples of various feeding methods, bowls etc from her museum.

Pam Collins, Linda Hodgkiss and Mary Entwistle won raffle Prizes.

The next meeting is on February 24th Galanos House - Matron.

Tea Hostesses Sue Rayner and Beryl Ross.

Sue Halsall

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The draw took place in the Bell Inn on January 11th. The lucky winners were:

£70 Sue Ford

£25 Mo Wright and Wild Indians

£10 Pauline Laidler, Susan Moore and Nancy Stubbs.

Next month's draw will be held on February 14th 2005 in the **VILLAGE HALL** at 7.30pm.

Will participants who pay by cheque please pay before the draw takes place, or their numbers will be withdrawn until payment is made - thank you.

Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Needs Bell Ringers

Now we are beginning a new year perhaps it is time to take up a new hobby. Ladbroke All Saints church has five bells and only one resident bell ringer! We have been relying on the kindness of other bell ringers, from Gaydon, Harbury, Leamington and South Africa (whenever possible) to ring once a month at the family service. We would really like to recruit new bell ringers or 'retired' bell ringers from the village so that we can keep this great British tradition alive. Bell ringing is a suitable activity for anybody over twelve and is really quite an easy technique to master. The next big occasion for national bell ringing will be on October 21st 2005 for the 200th anniversary of Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar and it would be fantastic to hear Ladbroke bells ringing out then, as well as for church services.

We are hoping to have an open evening, or afternoon to demonstrate what bell ringing is about. If you are interested please call Laura Taylor 01926 812101 or email laura@aquarellepictures.co.uk. If children are interested, more information can be found on the Blue Peter website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/bluepeter/show/dyk/index.shtml>

Laura Taylor

Harbury Parish Council - January 2005

We had a remarkably short meeting that accomplished significant business.

Ratepayers will be pleased to note that the Parish Rate will only increase by £2.74 a year (for Band D payers). This will enable the Parish Council to fund extra works, like the restoration of the Cemetery Chapel; street lighting improvements; tree maintenance; new swings for the playground and improvements to the Deppers Bridge Play area; the continuation of the Concessionary Travel Scheme; investigations into Traffic Calming; matching the Village of the Year Prize to fund Village Centre Improvements and covering the cost of vandalism, which this year rose to £3,000.

There is also in the estimates, provision for paying Councillors an allowance to cover their out of pocket expenses. The Council has not yet made a decision on whether to offer allowances, but has to make provision in the precept at this stage.

There was interesting debate about this topic, which will be fully aired

at the next meeting. Dutch Van Spall argued allowances should be given to all, because being a Councillor was expensive and the PC should not discriminate against those who could not afford the financial burden.

Cllrs were offered the opportunity to attend the Association of Local Councils' Annual Briefing on funding and the Area Association's meeting on Policing in Rural Areas at Northend. Both entail Councillors expending time and money.

There are continuing problems with Deppers Bridge Traffic Calming. A recent accident has demolished some of the bollards rendering the unlit scheme even more hazardous, the Councillors claim.

The results of the traffic survey showed that over half the vehicles leaving the village at Temple End exceeded 35 mph and 86% exceeded the 30 mph limit. Entering the village 65% of vehicles exceeded 30 mph. The figures for Binswood End were not quite so bad; 82.3% over 30mph and 49.4% over 35mph going out and 66.6% over 30mph and 31.1% over 35 mph coming in to the village.

Even more worrying were the figures for the centre of the village. A quarter of vehicles on Park Lane exceeded the Speed Limit and 29% in Mill Street with one recorded at 71 mph! Five vehicles travelled at between 46-51 mph in South Parade and there were four recorded at 70mph in Butt Lane.

Kate Brookes from WCC Environmental Design presented the Councillors with the draft of a Traffic Calming Scheme for Harbury, which they suggested, could be exhibited to the public at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th May.

Harbury School apologised for the traffic congestion caused by the recent Cross Country Relay Event at the Playing Fields. The organisers had made strenuous efforts to direct parents to parking areas at the village pubs, but unfortunately some latecomers had parked thoughtlessly and impeded the bus.

There were complaints about the lack of a grit bin on the corner of Farm Street and Mill Street; the dire state of the lower parts of Middle Road where the carriageway is breaking up and the verge opposite the Manor House.

New lights for Temple End have been ordered and the Parish Council is to complain that a design fault in the Windsor Lamps causes the lantern to come loose in high winds. Cllr Thornley was thanked for her survey of the lights and she pressed the Council to consider the views expressed in the Parish Review calling for lighting improvements.

A resident of Frances Road asked for financial assistance in removing a tree from the footpath that runs from Vicarage Lane to Dovehouse Lane. The Councillors could see no adequate reason for its removal or their involvement in the costs but agreed to send Cllr Healey to look at it.

Pc Hill's report on local crime listed the Accident at the Deppers Bridge Traffic Calming, a gang who broke into four vehicles, the theft of a horse trailer, domestic violence, an arrest for damaging Christmas Tree lights and an assault outside a Pub.

The Parish Review is at the printers and should be distributed with the Harbury and Ladbroke News in March.

The Youth Project is at present dormant and the Youth Club has been closed. The Open Meeting on Youth did not attract replacement officers and there will be an Open Forum of the Youth Club on Wednesday 23rd February at 8.15pm for the over elevens to see if there is any support for the Club.

PLANNING

Stratford granted permission for a Conservatory at 32 Vicarage Lane and 10 The Beeches; extensions at 3 Queens Close and Roallyn on Hall Lane; a new garage at Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane and extensive alterations and additions to The Bungalow on Mill Street.

Harbury PC had no representations on planning applications for Conservatories at 6 Greenhill Barn, 32 Vicarage Lane, 7 Manor Orchard and Hall Bungalow, Hall Lane; the garage at Walnut Tree Cottage; clearance of vegetation at Harbury Works; an extension at 3 Queens Close and amendments to plans for a Courtyard complex at Harbury House.

They made representations on an extension and conservatory at 26 Manor Orchard; on Roallyn in Hall Lane; extensions at 5 Hillside, 35 Deppers Bridge; and the plans for a very large "Clubhouse" at Bishops Bowl Lakes.

Stratford refused the "Clubhouse"; the extension to 30 Percival Drive, the Conservatory at 6 Greenhill Barn and the felling of the Yew Tree at 31 Mill Street.

The next Councillors surgery outside the Post Office will be on Saturday 12th February and the next Parish Council meeting is Thursday 24th February 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Linda Ridgley

Councillors' Corner

Three matters for your attention this month:

A collective sigh of relief that Stratford Planning officers rejected Follett Holding's application to build an enormous so-called "fishermen's club house" at Bishops Bowl Lakes.

From Stratford publications department, an apology for the late appearance of what should have been the December issue of "Your Review". But it does contain lots of useful information, including the complete 2005 schedule of refuse & recycling collections.

The next Councillors' Surgery is Saturday 12 February 10am -12noon, outside the Post Office.

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Andrew Patrick



Harbury Society

Harbury Society

Have you ever wondered why we have that elegant fountain in the centre of the Jephson Gardens? It is there to commemorate one of the most heroic actions of the Second World War in occupied Europe and bears the names of seven Czech parachutists who died in Prague in 1942 after a gun battle with the German Gestapo and SS Units.

Alan Griffin is coming to give a slide show and tell the Harbury Society more about the Free Czech Army on Monday, 7th February in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm. He will also have copies of his latest book about the Patriots for sale at a special price of £5.

On Saturday 9th April at 10.30am we are arranging another Pub Walk. Our AGM is on April 20th (7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room) when we have invited author and artist, Susan Moore to tell us more

about the research she has undertaken on the history of ten small rural schools north of Coventry. She too has a book published, "All I remember are Bottoms and Stinging Nettles", the reminiscences of staff and pupils of these schools.

We will organise a trip to Ryton Gardens for May and hope to have a Harvest Supper treat in the autumn.

Our Christmas Fayre Quiz was won by Gill Holden who only got one street wrong, and our Social, ably organised by Chairman, Alan Lord, was a noisy success, with Sharon Hancock winning the seasonal questionnaire.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury's Women's Institute

Our next walk is on Friday February 4th, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am. We have entered the John Innes Indoor Pairs Competition in March. The Fair Trade Action weeks will be from 1st – 15th

March. The Touch of Tartan Dinner at Southam is on March 11th. Spring Council Meeting at the Spa Centre is on Wednesday, March 23rd and one of the speakers will be Kate Adie.

What a super time was had at our New Year's Party. In the cosy Tom Hauley Room, members and guests enjoyed a delicious spread. There was a great team of helpers who transformed the room and worked tirelessly to make the evening a success. Many thanks to them and to everyone who supplied the food.

Mr Mel Mills gave an interesting talk on his life as a prison officer. We all complain about the concessions prisoners get but Mel said without them it would be impossible to maintain order.

At January's meeting Mr Peter Lee entitled his talk "Just an Ordinary House". On a canal holiday twenty years ago Mr and Mrs Lee berthed at Napton, liked what they saw, which resulted in them buying a cottage on the village green. It had been thatched but was covered by a corrugated roof. Whilst renovating the roof the University Research Society tested the roof wood but they were unable to give a date, as Elm cannot be dated. Mr Lee got so interested that he started to delve into the history of the cottage and searched private, public, parish records and wills, even checking "on line".

From an extensive and long search he found that the plot of land was obtained in 1392 and a small dwelling was built in 1393 by the Browns and that the son married the Budds daughter from Coventry in 1400. The original plans were found showing a very basic dwelling, which over the years was extended. In 1804 it was three cottages, one of which was a bakery.

Mr Lee learnt that at one time there was extensive land, also that at one period the area was in the diocese of Lichfield.

So much information has been unearthed about the area and familiar local families that lived in the dwelling; sketches; building materials and their cost and the occupations of these people. And Yes there were two ghosts at Compton Place, but quite friendly.

February Speaker: Mrs M. Evans – Easter Traditions and their stories.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

It was Twelfth Night, 6th day of the 1st month of 2005 and Folk Club number 242. So, what better theme could we have chosen but "numbers"? The back room of The Shakespeare beckoned the faithful and the seats were quickly filled. The Harvesters opened the night with a song, which required the audience to count backwards from 20 in odd numbers and then in even numbers, and at some speed too. The "Two Magicians" required less counting but was equally suitable for warming up an audience. Martin Day, celebrating a birthday of unrevealed proportions, gave us a superb song about events at the beginning of the 20th Century, culminating in the famous Great War song "Tipperary". A Les Barker poem "Chronology" followed, which shifted time in a spectacularly confusing fashion. Peter Mason gave us the beautiful song "Kilkelly, Ireland" charting a series of letters from an Irish father to his emigrant son. Then we were "Following the Herring Home". Not easy in Harbury. Rick seemed to be in a 'size' mode as he gave us "Little Jimmy Brown", followed by "Still Growing", but both expertly executed. Ron closed the first 'half' with his "Good Companions" and an almost feminist version of the "Two Magicians", by request.

The second half was opened by the Folk Club choir, whose highly successful concert in December had raised over £400 for Harbury

Church and Leamington Christian Mission. The first, a west gallery carol called "Newton's or St Paul's" cleverly uses the words of "Hark The Herald Angels" and is a great sing. The more secular "Holly and the Ivy" completed a fine set. Peter McDonald was next up, or rather stayed on the stage to present "The Circle Game" and "The Shores of Old Blighty". Des was next with the "Trunch Wassail" and then the "Boar's Head Carol" to prove that although Christmas may have been over, Wassailing was still very much current. With all of the singers present having performed one spot, it was time to go around again and Rick presented us to the "German Musicianer", while birthday-boy Martin was joined by wife Val for "Unison In Harmony", a fine song well delivered. Peter Mason completed the half with an unaccompanied rendition of "John Barleycorn".

After another well-deserved break, the third 'half' began with The Harvesters going "One Step Forward" Mike then agreed to recite a song lyric as a powerful poem, choosing Ian Campbell's "Old Man's Tale". Then Ron returned to perform the seasonal "Stoneleigh Mummers-all", and was followed by Peter McDonald who played two fine tunes from his excellent repertoire of self-penned music. Des returned to give us a sea shanty and was followed by the Folk Club Choir with the west gallery carol "Lonsdale", a belting song (I know we're probably wearing that joke a bit thin, but bear with us) with which to round off another great evening of song and music. The departing audience were treated to a tune from Lynne, Peter Mc and me and a host of percussionists, normally used for the dance "Three Around Three".

The raffle, which was to raise money for the victims of the Asian tsunami disaster, made a total of £60.

Ian Hartland

Harbury Twinning Association

We were all very saddened by the untimely death of Tony Bastin at his new home in France. Tony and his wife Carole have been great supporters of Twinning from the beginning and Carole has received messages of sympathy and support from our friends in Samois-sur-Seine. Many members of the association attended Tony's Memorial Service, and glasses were raised in his memory at our Christmas party on December 10th.

In January we held our now traditional Fete des Rois at the home of Peter and Moira Rollason. A large group enjoyed a variety of games, including a fiendishly difficult photo quiz, delicious Galettes, and the odd glass of wine. Many thanks to Peter and Moira for their hospitality. At the time of writing, we are organising a tutored wine tasting by S.H. Jones and Co, followed by some French bread and cheese. We are also planning a French film evening in March.

We are looking forward to a visit from Samois in May (13th-16th) and planning is well advanced. The main event will be on Saturday, May 14th in the Village Hall when entertainment will be provided by the Vanilla House Band who play in the style of Django Rheinhardt.

We are always keen to recruit new members, and it is not too late to offer to entertain guests from Samois. If you are interested, please contact me at 32, Mill Street.

Sharon Hancock

Harbury Tennis Club

The Club celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2005 and has had a busy start to the year on all fronts. It started with the traditional "Muffler" Tournament. This was held on 2nd January rather than the usual New Year's Day and the extra 24 hours to recover from celebrations resulted in a record 25 participants and much higher quality tennis! Caroline Morland organised the order of play and made sure nobody had too much time between matches in the Round Robin section, although there was enough time to indulge in the festive hot punch and food on offer! Gill Thorpe and Geoff Prince became the Club's first Champions of 2005 when they overcame Angie Dean and Colin Mercer in a closely contested final.

On the more serious competitive front all teams have been in action. In the Banbury Winter League the "A" Team (Gill Thorpe, Kate Young, Andrew Rendell and Geoff Prince) lost at home to Banbury West End by 2½ rubbers to 1½ in a very close match. The "B" team nearly inflicted a first defeat on undefeated Byfield "D". Caroline Morland, Angie Dean, Jon Scothern and Colin Mercer came away with a very creditable draw, only missing out on a win when the home side won the final set of the match in a very long tiebreak. Following those matches the "A" are in the wooden spoon position in Division 1 but the "B" Team are second in Division 4.

In the Stratford League (Men's doubles) Harbury (Jon Scothern, David Lauder, Geoff Prince and Colin Mercer) completed a double over Littleton after a 3 -1 win in Worcestershire. Geoff and David (playing despite having broken his nose the day before the match!) lost their first match in a third set tiebreak but won their second quite comfortably. Jon and Colin won both their rubbers to seal the win.

Linda Casement's Mini Reds (Under 8s) resumed their programme losing to Esporta (Coventry) but Sam Tutt, Henry Steele, George McGowan and Alex Marston all gave a very good account of themselves and more importantly thoroughly enjoyed playing.

Juniors

John Hales who led our Junior Programme last year took up a new position at Esporta at the end of the summer and is unable to fit in any coaching at Harbury this year. However, we still have our stalwarts, Pete Brinkley and Linda Casement and through Warwickshire LTA have been able to find two coaches, Mark Boden and Geoff Vaughan.

Discussions about the programme are at an advanced stage and if successful will enable us to introduce some exciting changes. Mark is Head Coach at Shipston Tennis Club, which is the leading club in a new Schools Partnership in South Warwickshire. This partnership is in response to a government initiative to have more sport in schools. In our area the partnership includes the Specialist Sports College (Kineton), secondary schools in the area including Southam College, and the feeder schools to the secondary schools. In our case this includes Harbury, Bishop's Itchington, all the Southam primary schools and Long Itchington. As we already have children in the club from most of these schools, this fits in very well with our plans. In the longer term there should be more tennis within the schools and closer links between schools and clubs. Another advantage of our own link with Shipston is the chance for our most talented youngsters to go to Shipston for "Performance coaching" while still playing and remaining members at Harbury. Sue and Linda are putting the final touches to the programme and will be contacting parents with details very soon.

Do you enjoy dancing? If so, why not grab a group of friends and come along to Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 7th May to help celebrate the Tennis Club's 25th birthday - dancing to the best party music from the 60s to the present day with London based live cover band, "The Bitter Lemons". Tickets are £15 (food included) and there will be a Bar. To order your tickets in advance give us a ring on 613284.

Colin and Sue Mercer



Harbury Junior Football Club

Year 1 group

The club commenced a Year 1 age group in the new year and we now have 10 enthusiastic children (7 BOYS AND 3 GIRLS) enjoying football coaching between 9.00am and 10.30 am at the village playing fields on Saturday mornings during term time. Despite the poor weather conditions each child has turned up for every session and they are now proudly sporting the Harbury colours - more are welcome, just turn up or call Steve Darby for details 613330.

Steve Darby

Under 10s

The Under 10's continued to show great improvement and determination in the last two matches played. Away to Cropredy ended in a 1-1 draw (Adam Miles goal scorer played with his usual endless energy). It was an outstanding team performance with great saves by keeper Matty Heyward. Proud parents watched a good result.

At home to Alveston the unbeaten league leaders, we again saw team spirit and determination. We gave them a great match, scoring four great goals (Angus Murray, Adam Miles and Alex Day) but ultimately lost 7-4. Ashley Dickson returned from injury in strong form. It was a tense and physical match with 100% effort from all.

Neil Murray



Windmills

Nursery School

Our theme this term has been shapes; we have also been talking about what happens in winter. All the children loved using rollers, toothbrushes sponges and paintbrushes to create a winter collage currently on display in the nursery. We talked about the colours of winter and what we have to wear in winter to keep us warm. Tim said "my dad is going to make a bird table to feed the birds" Eve Murphy added "in winter there was a puddle that went into ice and I skidded on it on my new bike".

Tina and Marie have attended a "Lets Dance" workshop also with a winter theme. They acquired some wonderful new ideas for future music and dance sessions in the school hall. It was a very energetic course and involved a lot of enthusiastic candidate participation!

Each week we have concentrated on a different shape and the children have enjoyed bringing items from home to show and tell at circle time. They created some beautiful different shaped collages and shape paintings. Ellen said of her collage "this is me and mummy and there is a flower on the farm." We also had great fun on a 'shape hunt' looking for shapes outside on the playground and in nature.

We again took the children to the toddler service, when they particularly enjoy helping Mrs. Catt ring the bell! This term we have welcomed 6 new starters, who have all quickly settled in and are making lots of new friends. Adam said after his first day "my new best friend is Mrs. Varriale". We have also welcomed Luke Squires, a student from Mid-Warwickshire College who will be with us until the end of the summer term. He has already proved to be a popular and valued addition to the nursery.

Dates for your diary

On Wednesday, 16th February Dave Perry will be taking black and white photos in the Tom Hauley room from 10 am until 2 pm. This is a joint venture with the pre-school and is open to all.

On Saturday 19th March 2005 we will be running a Race Night and more details on this event will follow in next months article.

On Saturday morning 16th April 2005 we will be having an open morning, which will coincide, with our official 're-launch'. Further details of this event will follow nearer the time.

Windmills Nursery is open during the following times:

Monday to Thursday 9.05 am until 11.45 am and 12.30 pm until 3.05 pm with a lunch club from 11.45am until 12.30 pm.

Friday 9.05 am until 11.45 am with a lunch club from 11.45 am until 12.45 pm

There are still a few places left on some sessions for next term. If you require a place for your child or would like further information about the nursery, please contact Jo Lockley – Nursery Chair or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148

Nursery School Staff and Committee



Harbury Pre-School

January at Pre-School

The children returned to Pre-School after Christmas brimming with news about what they had been doing, where they had been and the presents that they had received. It was a delight for the staff to hear their wonderful stories.

During January, we were looking at everything to do with winter. We had hoped that there might be some snow, or at least a really good frost or two, but these seemed to pass us by. So, instead of playing in the real thing outside, the children had a lovely messy time making a long collage, using all sorts of different white items and large amounts of glue, and then painting it all white to make a winter scene. This was later embellished with glitter and silver paint, for the frosty effect. They also made their own individual collages, which enabled them to produce something that was all their own work and gave them lots of practice in cutting and sticking. As well as the collages, the children made large paper snowflakes, which were tied with ribbon and used along with a "snow dance".

To round off the winter theme, the children had great fun experimenting with blocks of ice in different shapes and sizes and seeing what happened to the ice as it melted. There was even more excitement when assorted small white items, such as Lego, plastic animals, and even cotton wool were frozen into the ice, allowing the children to guess what they were before the ice melted.



The overall topic for this half term is "Our World Around Us", which follows the topic for last term of "Ourselves". The children were asked this month to bring in photographs of their families and their homes so that they could tell us about them and then draw and paint pictures. The results were delightful and many lovely pictures of brothers, sisters, parents and houses have been produced, with the individuals carefully identified to avoid confusion!

To expand on the "World Around Us" theme, the children went in pairs with a member of staff to the local shops, each armed with a single item "list" and some money.



They had to find the item in the shop, take it to the till, pay for it and wait for the change and the receipt before heading back to Pre-School to tell the other staff and their friends how they had got on. Following this outing, the role-play area was turned into a shop and the children had a marvellous time doing their shopping from lists that they wrote themselves. They took a purse and a shopping basket and selected items from a variety of products such as cereals, eggs, toothpaste and fruit (all empty containers or cartons provided by parents and staff). The next step was to take the full basket to the till, operated by one of the children, have the items scanned and then pay for them, before being handed their receipt and the shopping, packed into a suitable bag.



To round off the month, the children enjoyed digging in compost with trowels (most of them going in with great gusto up to their elbows!) and then used some of the compost to plant seeds in small pots.

We will be watching for growth in the seeds over the coming weeks and hope to have something to show for the children's efforts a little later on.



Pre-School Leavers

A fond farewell was given to Anna Talbot who has left Pre-School and is now settling into her new nursery in Warwick. The staff and children, however, will hope to keep up to date with her news and progress, as she will still be in the village.

Pre-School Barn Dance 26th February 8pm – midnight

Please come and support the village Barn Dance that will be raising money for Pre-School. It will be a fun night and there is really no experience needed! Tickets are on sale now and cost £12.50. The ticket price includes a light supper. There will be a bar available for refreshments and our music will be played by 'Reel to Reel'. We will have a raffle during the evening and prizes available include tickets for Warwick Castle, Charlecote Park, Twycross Zoo and Hatton Country World, we have tickets for the Belgrade Theatre and Dream Works as well as many other prizes.

Don't miss out on the fun and the exercise! Or come and watch and support the bar!

Contact Jayne Mansell (614615) for tickets.

Dave Perry Photographs 16th February 10am – 2pm

Are you interested in a family photo or one of the children? Dave Perry is taking photos in the Tom Hauley rooms on the above day. He takes lovely black and white photos and it's well worth a visit. Teas, coffee and juice will be available and there will be an opportunity to look at and buy the new collection of chocolates from Chocoholics. This event is open to all and any funds raised will go to Pre-School and Windmills Nursery.

No booking is necessary and there is no obligation to purchase any of the photos taken. Please note the photographer has advised us that darker clothes work best in black and white photos.

Fundraising Update

£14 was raised from the School Link magazine in December. Thanks to those of you who bought books.

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

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

Harbury Primary School



Cross Country

Many thanks to the parents who helped with the Cross Country relay on Saturday 15th January. Thanks to everyone's hard work in ensuring that the Village Hall, the playing field and the car parking were organised. The event was a great success, and

I have had a number of e-mails from schools congratulating the school. The general feeling among the schools there on Saturday was that it is worth making the relays an annual event.



The school teams themselves had a successful morning, with pride of place going to the girls "A" team, who finished 4th in a very competitive race. The "B" team finished 17th, while in the boys' race, the "A" team finished a very creditable 8th place, with the "B" team finishing 23rd. Well done to all the children who took part.

Tsunami Appeal

We have got off to a wonderful start with our Tsunami appeal. The first cakes sale raised £71.53, Lauren Brough, her sister Sophie, and Eleanor Clarke's trampoline afternoon raised £26.00, Heather and Aimee Clifton collected over £8.00, while a staggering £327.63 was raised at the Fun Run on Saturday.



Fun Run



Trampoline Afternoon

In addition, the School Council decided that £51.88, which was collected after the Christmas Play/Carol service but not needed for the Shoebox Appeal, should be used for the Tsunami Appeal. This gives the school a wonderful total of £485.04 so far. Well done everyone.

Safe Routes to School

At the recent parents' meeting, we discussed setting up a committee of parents to develop a "School Travel Plan", aimed at looking at ways of developing safe routes to school which would encourage pupils (and parents!) to walk or cycle to school where possible. It is possible that a successful travel plan could be supported by a School Travel Plan grant. If you are interested in getting involved contact the school.

Parents' Evenings

These will be held on Monday 28th February and Wednesday 2nd March (both 5-7pm). Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Dates for your diary: Wednesday 9th February, Ash Wednesday Service at 10.30am.

Friday 11th February, Half term begins 3.15pm. Tuesday 22nd February – children return (Monday 21st February is a Teacher Day).

P.T.A NEWS

PTA Golf Tournament

As I am told there are a number of golfers among our parents (both male and female of course), I would be happy to organise, on behalf of the PTA, a winter golf tournament, at the Warwickshire Golf Course, Leek Wootton on Sunday 20th March. Please let me know in writing as soon as possible if you would like to play. The cost, which will include the golf, coffee and bacon rolls beforehand at 11.30am with tee-off at 12noon, a meal afterwards and prizes, will be in the region of £36 per person.

Mr Chapman's Wooden Spoon Quiz

Following on from the PTA quiz in November, we would like to invite you to participate in what promises to be a very entertaining evening! The evening will run in the same format as the usual quiz but with our compère for the evening being Mr Nigel Chapman (who has also set the questions)

The event will be held on Friday 11th March in the School Hall. Teams of no more than 4 people can enter at £16.00 per team. There

is a limit of 25 teams ... so don't delay book your team today! Please send in payment and contact details to the school office on or before Friday 11th February.

Denis Daly

Guide and Scout Support (G.A.S.S)

Firstly, a belated Thank you to our team of deliverers who once again delivered a mountain of cards in the weeks before Christmas. Thank you for using this service. It raises vital funds for GASS.

We are pleased to have been invited by Harbury PTA to join them in hosting the Beate Tribute Night on Saturday April 23rd in the Village Hall. Anyone who has been to this event before will tell you what a fantastic evening it will be. Tickets are £12.50 each, with a licensed bar and food available. Please contact Lana Long (613311) soon, as this event is always a sell-out!

On January 10th we said goodbye to Mrs Mary Entwistle, who has retired after 13 years as cleaner for our Scout Hut, an unglamorous but very important job. The Brownies invited us along for their evening session. They had made Mrs Entwistle a lovely Thank You card and this was presented to her along with some gifts from the GASS committee.



Incidentally, the cleaning job is still available at the time of writing, although we have received some enquiries about it. Please phone Lesley Van Kesteren on 613411 if you are interested.

Alan Guy

Countdown – Channel 4 Quiz Show

Are there any Countdown followers in Harbury? If so, you may be interested in visiting the studio in Leeds where the programme is made. I have made enquiries at a coach firm and a 24-seater or 49-seater coach could be booked. Depending on the number of people interested, the cost would be approximately £17.00 if the smaller coach was filled, or £10 if the larger one was filled. The recording time for the morning session is 10.00am to 12.45pm, so this would mean starting out at about 6.00am.

If you are interested please phone either Gill Alder (613123) or Rosemary Harley (613402).

Rosemary Harley

Calling all Mothers-to-be

Did you know that some members of Harbury Mothers Union would like to give you a helping hand during the hectic early days and weeks of motherhood?

It would be bringing in shopping, washing up, answering the phone whilst you have a short rest – the sort of things we would do for our own daughters. And it isn't only for first babies – life is even more fraught when there are toddlers in the house! If this appeals to you please phone Gillian on 614809 or Liz on 612450, or talk to your health visitor or midwife. If we could meet before baby arrives it would give us a chance to get to know each other first.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

This year the Senior Citizens Summer Outing is on Wednesday, 15th June. Do come - it's going to be a great day out in Bath.

To clear up any misunderstanding there are only two restrictions to attending the Christmas Party and the Summer Outing:

1. You must be a resident of Harbury or Deppers Bridge.
2. A couple can attend together when the man has reached the retirement age of 65 years. However, a lady who lives on her own can of course attend when she reaches 60.

So, if you qualify and want to come to either of the events let us know - please phone Margaret (612903) or Marie (613205).

Sue Exton



Harbury and District British Legion

Once again the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2004 realised a grand total of £1963.43.

Our sincerest thanks to all the generous supporters from Deppers Bridge, Chesterton, Ufton and Harbury along with the Parish Council donation.

Also very special thanks to our dedicated band of collectors. We do so appreciate the time they spend and their willingness to help with this appeal.

The end of the year Coffee Morning was again a great success, due to the wonderful help with gifts of cakes, pies etc. and many raffle prizes.

Support at the "Service" was again impressive, followed by the Last Post at the War Memorial played by Mr Les Spreckley. We are so privileged to hear the sound of "your trumpet". Thank you Les.

The Committee

Neighbourhood Watch News

How secure is your car?

Four cars have been broken into overnight in Harbury recently (all on the same night). In two cases things were stolen from them. The police advise you not to leave valuables such as laptops in cars when they are unattended and to set the alarm if you have one.

If you see anything suspicious report it to the police; it may be part of a wider pattern and help prevent a crime.

Smart Water is coming to Harbury!

Smart Water is an ingenious way of marking your property. Basically it is a clear varnish, which contains a unique code. You paint a small amount onto any valuable items, if they are stolen and recovered by the police they can be quickly identified as yours.

It will soon be available (at a reduced price) through the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Harbury. If enough people use it we will be able to put up additional signs to act as a deterrent to burglars.

Watch out for the letter giving you more details.

Alison Abbott

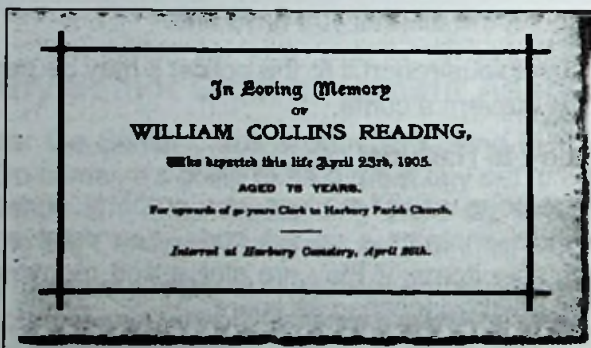
In Memoriam

(This article written by Robert Ettridge appeared in the February edition of 'Practical Family History' and has been reproduced with their kind permission. We are also grateful to Mrs Janet Hill from Combrook who brought this article to the Editors attention.)

Car boot sales can result in some interesting finds including Victorian photographs, although they rarely have any names written on the backs of them to give these images 'a life'. Such photographs are historical curiosities of little value to the genealogist, the sitters long dead and unknown, but recently my attention was caught by a bunch of 'In memoriam' cards at a boot sale in Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex - here were some of the deceased who could be identified!

There were six cards and all the people they referred to had been interred at Harbury Cemetery. A little research - comprising help from an AA road map - placed this cemetery in Warwickshire. The subjects were:

- William Adam Owen, died 1912 aged 77.
- William Henry Moore, died 1905 aged 19.
- Alice Jane Prime, died 1917 aged 29.
- Thomas Caleb Gurden, died 1915 aged 63.
- John Boneham, died 1901 aged 35.
- William Collins Reading, died 1905 aged 75.



William Collins Reading's memorial card informed me that he had been clerk to Harbury parish church for 'upwards of 50 years' and that he died on 23 April 1905 and was buried three days later. Funerals, it seems, took place pretty quickly in those days.

Consulting the 1881 Census index, I found William Collins Reading (source: FHL Film 1341742 PRO RefRG11 Piece 3114, Folio 73, Page 9) living at Mill Street, Harbury, Warwick, with his wife Abigail Reading. He was listed as aged 50, born in Harbury, a pump maker and also a parish clerk. His wife, also 50, was born in Daventry, Northamptonshire. There was one son recorded in the census, Edwin W Reading, aged 14, born in Harbury, a stipendiary monitor in the National School.

The 1901 Census (RG13/2948/64/8/59) finds William living at 34 Mill Street, Harbury. He was described as a local assistant overseer (at the age of 70), living with his wife Abigail and a grandson, William Booth Reading, aged 12, who was born in Audenshaw, Lancashire.

Irene Boston in her book *Town & Village Discovery Trails, Warwickshire* (Sigma Leisure, 1997) describes Harbury as 'a substantial village, a mix of historic styles, from 16th and 17th century Lias stone cottages to modern brick terraces, bounded on the east by the Roman Fosse Way. Harbury is a place of great antiquity midway between Leamington Spa and Southam. All Saints' Church is a wide squat building dating from the 13th century with a tower supported by Lias buttresses topped with Georgian brickwork.' Lias is a blue limestone rock occurring in the southwest counties of England.

Memorial cards measure about 4.5 x 3in (11.5 x 6.75cm). They seldom contain more than a name, date of death and place of burial but occasionally give a little snippet of additional information, as in the case of William Reading. There were probably thousands of stock designs held for selection by funeral directors and printers.

I have two questions though: how did these cards get from Warwickshire to Shoreham-by-Sea in West Sussex? And are there any more registers of memorial cards other than that shown in 'Useful websites'? The latter could prove a useful database for genealogists.

Robert Ettridge

If anyone recognises any of the names mentioned in this article and would like one of the cards, the author will be pleased to send it on receipt of contact details and a stamped addressed envelope. Send your request to Practical Family History, 61 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, PE26 1HJ and we'll pass it on to Robert Ettridge. If anyone can answer Robert's queries, also let us know.

Useful websites:

www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk - The 1901 Census for England and Wales.

www.familysearch.org - Search the 1881 British Census.

freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/langolier/obituaries.html - you can register obituaries and memorial cards on this site.

Robert Ettridge

Harbury Youth Club

As previously reported, the Youth Club weekly sessions were cancelled in October last year due to lack of support.

An Open Forum was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 13th January at which 18 adults (which included 3 of the Youth Club committee and 2 representatives from the WAYC) and 4 youths attended. This was very encouraging but disappointing that only a few young people came along.

William Clemmey, Executive Director of WAYC agreed to chair the meeting and outlined the various options with which WAYC could help and stated that if the Youth Club is reinstated, he will help to find a new Youth Worker to replace Melanie Scobie who has now moved on to other areas of youth work. A lot of ideas were put forward and it appears the needs of young people have changed, as they prefer to meet and "chill out" with their peers. Several people offered help but did not want to commit themselves in forming a committee.

After discussion, it was agreed to arrange a free youth club session (with refreshments provided) and a date was fixed for **Wednesday 23rd February in the Village Hall from 8.15pm for youngsters aged 11 upwards**. This will give young people the opportunity to put forward their ideas on the type of activities they need.

In conclusion, it was agreed by the present Youth Club to circulate the village and fund this trial session to assess the need for the reinstatement of the Youth Club.

The AGM was postponed as no one wished to be committed to any official post but the present committee has resigned. If the outcome of this free open evening on the 23rd February proves Youth Club facilities are not viable and there is no committee to supervise it, then it will be dissolved.

Janet Thornley

Parking

It Is An Offence To Cause An Obstruction By Parking Any Vehicle On The Pavement.

I am partially sighted and I regularly push my physically handicapped wife in her wheelchair. Others affected are mothers with young children in prams or pushchairs. We have to take our lives in our hands by moving out into the road, in order to pass any obstructions.

Arthur Turner

Play Tennis for Tsunami and Motor Neurone Disease

On Friday 18th February, I and some friends will be going down to the Tennis Courts from 9.00am until the light goes to play tennis non-stop for charity, sponsored by our families and friends. In addition, anyone is welcome to bring their racquet down and have a game on the adjacent court, in exchange for a 'court fee', which the Tennis Club is kindly donating to our charities. The money will be split 50:50 between the Tsunami appeal and the Motor Neurone Disease charity.

To book your place on the court, please contact me directly. Tel: 614242 or email: jonnyvillan@btinternet.com Thank you.

Jonathan Guy

"The Café Within" at All Saints Church, The Parade, Leamington Spa

You may already know this café. It is open from Wednesday to Saturday for tea, coffee and lunches. It sells delicious food (mostly homemade) in very friendly and relaxing surroundings. It is staffed almost entirely by volunteers, and the manager is therefore keen to hear from anyone who would like to help out occasionally. Volunteers are always warmly welcomed, even if they can only help out once a month.

If you would like to find out more about working as a volunteer at the café you could phone me on 614242 or Sue, the café manager, on 651789.

Ruth Guy

Mrs Nora Durrant with her pet donkey at Deppers Bridge.



Nora has looked after her donkey's welfare for about thirty years. Sometimes a friendly cat likes to catnap on the donkey's back – mates together. Inside the stable hangs a small wireless turned down very low for company. Harbury and Ladbroke News readers may recall a feature about 15 years ago, which showed Mrs Durrant's husband Jim pictured in foggy weather with the same donkey. Sadly Jim passed on before Christmas last year.

Mike Bloxham

Harbury Carnival – June 11th, 2005

Yes, it's that time again but first we thought you might like to know how much money we made last year and what we did with it. Our profit was £1,000 and it was donated in various amounts to Harbury School, the Nursery School, the Pre School, the Toddler Group, the Church, G.A.S.S., the First Responder Group, the Village Hall, the Youth Project and the Senior Citizens. It was a very good year but I would like to think that it was not exceptional and that we can do at least as well, if not better this year. The Carnival is not only a lot of fun for everyone but brings lasting benefits to the village. So, with that in mind, I encourage you all to think about how you can contribute to its continued success.

Now for some practical stuff. Please make a note of the date. The wheelbarrow race will be held on the previous Sunday, June 5th (plenty of time to get into shape) and the usual team events will be held Monday 6th to Thursday 9th. This year's selection process for the King and Queen will as usual be organised by Harbury School.

We are looking for someone to run the teas in the Village Hall and any organisations interested should please contact me – first come, first served! This is a good money making opportunity.

If you want to book a stall or space on the field for Carnival day, please call Mike McBride on 612421. It is not too early to do this; it does not have to be left until the last minute!

More news next month but, in the meantime, please feel free to contact me, John Broomfield, on 614258, if there is anything you would like to know about the Carnival.

John Broomfield
On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Blood Donors

Thank you to everyone who gave blood on December 30th especially the seven new donors who contributed to the total of 94. Please come again – and tell your friends how easy it was. The next session in Harbury will be on Thursday April 21st. See you there.

Gillian Hare



Notice

It would be nice to reinstate the parking notice at the entrance to Harbury cemetery. This would enable drivers to take notice of its message.

Mike Bloxham

Time Out – Ufton

3 Dimensional Fabric Sculpture Friday 11th March 10.30am – 12.30pm

Twist and fold fabric to create a raised “rose” as a centrepiece for a cushion, box or quilt, with expert Sheelagh Trigger, using shiny and matt fabrics. Bring a basic sewing kit with you. The workshop is £4.50 and materials are £5.

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

Karin Kirk



Horticultural Society

Mr Julian Stanley from Ryton gave the talk “Organic Gardening for pests and weed control”, it was both informative and entertaining. He said “Prevention is better than cure”, so it makes good sense to feed the soil, choose varieties with good resistance to disease, strive for vigour in plants to promote good resistance, also to rotate the crops. This in turn tends to deter pests and encourages wildlife. Many plants and flowers are good foodstuffs for hoverflies, ladybirds etc, give cover to frogs, toads newts etc, so don’t be too tidy! A pond is very beneficial also. It is a good idea to grow open flowering annuals near vegetables and try to attract and keep lacewings and the like in your garden by providing suitable hibernating accommodation. It seems fleece has proved to be useful guarding against the carrot fly; the heavier guage fleece is more satisfactory and lasts longer. Trapping pests is useful, but the traps must be emptied regularly.

The approach is different in the control of weeds, keep the hoe busy and don’t let the annual weeds seed. For the persistent dandelions, twitch, dock etc, cover to exclude light and water, this is particularly important if permanent planting is planned – shrubs and fruit etc. Mulching is important also, as it helps to keep down the weeds and retain moisture and warmth, always providing they are there already. Green manures are useful as they help to prevent leaching during the winter months. Mr Stanley showed many slides illustrating these various points before answering questions.

The days are lengthening noticeably now, in fact there are quite a few flowers out already and soon all early spring flowers will be in full bloom, which is something to look forward to.

A note for your diary on 1st March the talk will be "Vegetable growing for everyone" and will be given by Mr Reg Moule.

N.B Incidentally I heard radio 4 the other day, the scientists are working very hard to find a biological control - a "Magic Bullet" to destroy Japanese Knotweed! I hope they succeed.

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

The sparrow hawk mentioned towards the end of last month's article has been seen widely through the village. It's even been into the living room at Jim and Edna Chapple's house. Rex Humphreys told me it's often about and as each bird would need several square miles of hunting territory, it looks as if Harbury is its base.

January has had several cold snaps lasting 3-4 days but so far (the 25th), no snow has fallen. During the warmer 'inter glacials', wildlife has been on the move. I saw my first hedgehog of the year (dead unfortunately) in Manor Road and soon, no doubt, frogs and toads will be heading out of their hibernation sites to seek a mate. The BBC is doing a survey to find out if winters are getting shorter, by monitoring wildlife. Log onto www.bbc.co.uk/nature and find out how to report your observations. They are looking at the date and map reference on which observers spot ladybirds, bumblebees and frogspawn. Later marker species are peacock butterflies, flowering hawthorn and swifts. My personal opinion is that winters are getting shorter, but results from the survey will lend some evidence. Hazel catkins are now prominent, and closer to the ground; snowdrops are in bloom in many gardens, as well as numerous patches in sheltered wild sites - no doubt garden escapes. Harbury churchyard has a fine display of snowdrops and winter aconites around the Stobo memorial to the left of the main entrance. I've been searching in the mound at 5-Ways for coltsfoot, but so far with no success - mind you, last year there was only one small clump. The botanical name is *Tussilago farfara* from 'tussis ago', meaning to drive away a cough.

In sheltered spots, beneath hedges, wild arum leaves are already over 6" high, and today, on a roadside verge, I noticed a single, rather premature cow parsley flower.

Warwickshire is in the news in the archaeology world, and the findings are to be seen in an exhibit at Warwick Museum. While commercial sand and gravel were being excavated at Wood Farm Quarry near

Bubbenhall, some exciting discoveries have been made. On display is a vertebra and teeth from a straight-tusked elephant, together with a stone axe. These have been dated to some 500,000 years ago. The extinct elephant would have been around in Warwickshire well before the Ice Age. The stone axe is of andesite, a volcanic rock from North Wales or the Lake District. No human remains have been found as yet, but the date would mean that the axe might have been wielded by *Homo erectus* whose remains and tools have been found together with animal bones at a site in Southern Germany. These humans have been named 'Heidelberg Man'. The Warwickshire site is to be preserved thanks to a £12,500 grant from English Nature.

John Hancock

Gardening Notes

February is called the Vegetation Month in the Netherlands, the time to gear up for the year ahead in the garden. Already the hardy bulbs, shooting through the soil, are a sure sign that Nature is awakening. Before annual weeds begin to establish, hoe them up and dig up the perennial weeds, destroy these but compost the rest. Fork in some organic material when the weeding is finished. Begin to attack slugs that continue to feed as long as the temperature is over 5C. Surround any vulnerable plants with coarse acidic grit; apparently lime or chalk grit encourages them.

This is the best time to buy new snowdrops 'in the green', ie. already growing, as they establish much better than the dry bulbs purchased in September. They are woodland plants, so grow them under deciduous trees and shrubs. Over crowded clumps can be split up after flowering finishes. Iris reticulata, crocus and cyclamen corms can all be bought in flower and either left in their pots whilst blooming, or planted into the garden straightaway. Winter pansies in pots will need watering and deadheading regularly, to keep them blooming.

Clematis, which flowers in late summer or autumn, eg. the varieties Jackmanii, and Viticella, should be cut back to the lowest pair of plump buds or to within a foot of the ground. Early summer flowering types should be pruned lightly to retain a good framework. Layering can propagate clematis. Before pruning take one long stem down to the ground and fasten it there with a piece of bent wire. Roots should grow from this stem where it touches the soil. Separate it off from the parent plant in the autumn and there you have a new plant for free.

Clip wall trained pyracanthas to keep them neatly against the wall. Prune late summer flowering shrubs and climbers before they break into new growth. This controls their size and shape and encourages strong new growth to produce flowers and fruit.

If you intend to do some early planting in the vegetable garden cover a few areas with thick plastic sheet. Early sowings can be made in these areas, which will be warmer and drier. Make first sowings under cloches of beetroot, early carrots, lettuce, spring onions, peas, radish, spinach, and turnips. Sow broad beans in pots and plant out when a few inches. Set early potatoes to 'chit', eyes facing up, in a light frost free place. Scatter lime where brassicas will be grown to help reduce attack by club root. Prune apple and pears into shape, and take out any old wood and crossing branches to let in more air and light. Do not prune plums and cherries, including the ornamental types, until after they have flowered or they could be attacked by silver leaf disease. Prune autumn fruiting raspberry canes to the ground. All types need renewing about every ten years and now is the time to plant new canes.

Water over-wintering tender plants occasionally and check for pests. At the end of the month prune off dead fuchsia stems to encourage new shoots from the base. Other tender plants can also be trimmed back. Do not cut back the hardy fuchsias growing outside in the borders. In the house keep bowls of bulbs in good light but cool. Stand pots of azaleas on damp gravel to keep their compost permanently moist.

If there is enough frost to freeze ponds make air holes in the ice to allow oxygen in and waste gases to escape. Put out food to attract birds into the garden and they will also seek out garden pests. Private gardens cover an area equalling all our nature reserves so have become an important habitat. A bird friendly garden will attract 15-20 species regularly and up to 35 throughout the year.

Plant of the month - Rosemary

The hardy aromatic shrubs of *Rosmarinus* were introduced to England from the south of Europe by the mid-sixteenth century, or possibly even earlier by the Normans. The Latin name means 'dew of the sea', their native habitat being sea-cliffs. In the garden they prefer dry soil, even with old mortar mixed in, and full sun, but they will grow in other situations too. Only two or three varieties are available, usually upright but there is a prostrate form that can be grown to trail over a low wall.

Sir Thomas More said 'I lett it runne all over my garden walls, not onlie because my bees love it but because it is the herb sacred to remembrance.' Lovers and old friends would exchange sprigs and it was often strewn on graves, especially at the funerals of young girls. Herbalists from medieval days to the present have used the leaves and the blue flowers. In a recipe from 1640 the instruction was 'put flowers into a bottle and leave it to digest in hot horse dung for two weeks' to produce an oil to cure all manner of diseases. Gerard used it as a remedy against 'stuffing of the head and a cold braine', and the smell to 'keep one youngly'. Other claims are as an aid to digestion, to improve circulation, restore fading eyesight, improve hearing, clear the skin and to prevent baldness! It is still used as a moth deterrent and after steeping stems; the liquid is used as a hair rinse. As a culinary herb it is used with meats, poultry and fish. Whatever magical properties it may possess, I value it most for the grey-green leaves and the flowers, which appear almost all year round.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbours for their good wishes and visits during my stay in Warwick Hospital.

Thank you also to Father Roy Brown, my best wishes to you all for 2005.

Sincerely

Joan Wale.

Dear Editors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind wishes and cards, all too numerous to mention, during my recent stay in hospital. Also to say, I am making a super recovery – the tumour was benign and I don't need to see the surgeon for two years.

Once again, thank you all for your kind wishes.

Mary Coley

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the kind person who left a beautiful Poinsettia outside my door during the days before Christmas, as there was no name on the card I cannot thank them personally. So please accept my thanks through the Harbury News and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Jill Cooper

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all my family and friends for all the lovely cards, presents and my wonderful surprise party on the occasion of my (wait for it) 80th birthday. You can all keep a secret after all.

It was a memorable day I will always remember and I love you all for it (no I haven't been drinking.)

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Harbury a very Happy New Year and consider myself fortunate to live in such a wonderful and caring village.

Love and best wishes to you all

Fran Onions

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning on Friday 14th January at the Tom Hauley rooms in aid of the Tsunami Disaster Appeal. We raised the wonderful amount of £451.15.

Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

Mary, Sylvia, Helen, Doreen, Shirley, Una, Linda and Pam

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support in making Andrew's 20th Anniversary at The Shakespeare so successful and enjoyable.

We raised a total of £500 for Myton Hospice – mostly thanks to Keith, Pino, Nick, Olly and the selling of raffle tickets by the two Laura's. Harbury Albion F.C and friends also made a large contribution to the fundraising with "Killer Pool" and "Sponsored Karaoke". Thanks are also due to everyone who donated the many generous raffle prizes.

We would like to thank Sue, Sophie, Jemma, Laura, Laura, Jane, Jack and Sam for working so hard to make the evening a great success.

As many of you will know, Sue is in hospital at the moment. She has dedicated over 19 years to The Shakespeare, which is a remarkable achievement in this trade. We wish her a speedy recovery and our thoughts are with her and her family.

Finally, we thank all our faithful customers for their continuous support and for making our work all the more enjoyable.

Andrew and Carole Cleaver

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

Bookings for:

Scout Hut

Tom Hauley Room

T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning

Village Hall

Wight School

Lesley van Kesteren 613411

Liz Bunting 612450

Mrs. J. Windsor 612504

Wendy Hawkes 613198

Mrs. L. Hayes 613488

Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month 10:00am-4:00pm

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)

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

CHURCH NEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm

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:

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

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

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

Under 16s: Training: 10.30am Saturday at Playing Fields Top Pitch
Coaches: John Wilkins 612115

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St Tuesday to Friday
9:00am-1:00pm (614482)

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Tom Hauley Room, 3rd Saturday in the month 7.30am

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:

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

Under 16s (613284): Coaching sessions for minis (4-7 year olds) Junior 7-11 and intermediates 11-16 years at various times. Call Sue Mercer 613284 for details. Non members may book courts at £2.00/hour, £5.00/hour to include floodlights, (plus £5.00 deposit for key to floodlight box). 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

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

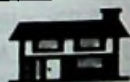
YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgery Tel. 817904

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

MARCH EDITION – HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to 31, Binswood End by Tuesday 15th February
Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 25th February

Property required



Sue, Ian and Callum Panton have returned to Harbury after a 3-year sojourn in North Devon. We'd like to thank everyone for the kind welcome we have received from friends old and new. We are currently living in rented accommodation in Harbury and we desperately want to stay in the village. We are cash buyers and will consider anything up to £300,000. So if you haven't got your property on the market but are considering moving please ring us on 01926 614963 and hopefully we can help each other out!!!!

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