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April saw changes at two of the village pubs. At The Shakespeare, Andrew and Carole have called "time" after over twenty years at the pub. We wish them well for the future.



We also wish the new proprietors of The Shakespeare, Darren and Spencer, every success in their new venture. Alan and Jackie Steel have returned to running The Crown after a six-month break. We hope villagers will support all of our pubs – as with so much rural life it is "use it or lose it".

The Editors, in response to two articles, which speculate on when the first cuckoo will be heard, can report that it was first heard by two of them on the 29th April.

On a sad note, Sue Merrick, who had been barmaid at he Shakespeare for nearly as long as Andrew had been licensee, passed away last month.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Robin Boydell, Sue Merrick and Ada Perry.

	Harbury Diary
MAY	
Sat 7	RUBBISH OUT! Harbury Hearts Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12 00pm Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11-2pm on Dog Car Park Harbury Tennis Club 25 th Birthday Celebration Dance at Village Hall
Sun 8	RED CROSS DAY
	SEVENTH OF EASTER
	Holy Communion 8am
	Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Mon 9	Meeting in Village Hall for Tenants of South Warwickshire
Tues 10	Housing Association
Tues IO	Toddlers Service 2pm. Holy Communion 7.30pm with Laying on of Hands
	Youth Group in Village Hall 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wed 11	"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade at 8pm
Thurs 12	Holy Communion 9.45am
1	Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Fri 13	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat 14	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Cricket Club 10.00am 12.00pm
	Harbury Pre-School Cycle Ride from Village Hall at 10.30am - 12.30pm
	Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park 11-2pm

		Lunch in the Tom Hauley Room 12-1.30pm
		Harbury Society Tour of Ryton Gardens ring 612345 for details
		Twinning Dinner Dance in Village Hall
Sun	15	PENTECOST
		Holy Communion 8am
		Family Communion 10.30pm
		Evensong 6pm
		Cricket 1sts home to Rugby
		ADVERTISEMENTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
Tues	17	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Mothers Union 8pm
		Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8pm in Village Hall
Wed	18	Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
Thurs	19	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Deanery Mothers Union Service 2.30pm
Sat	21	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Inner
		Wheel 10.00am- 12.00pm
		Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
		Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park 11-2pm
		FA CUP FINAL
		Rugby Club Dinner Dance at Village Hall
Sun	22	TRINITY
		Holy Communion 8am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Cricket - Sunday Occasionals home to Wellesbourne.
Tues	24	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Julian Meeting 8pm
Wed	25	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
		"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade at 8pm
Thurs	26	CORPUS CHRISTI
		Holy Communion 9.45am
		Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
		Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall
Fri	27	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
		ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury, by
		5.30pm
		SCHOOL ENDS
Sat	28	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Twinning
		Group 10.00am -12.00pm
		Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park 11-2pm
Sun	29	TRINITY
		Holy Communion 8am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Cricket 1sts home to Barford
Mon		BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tues	31	Holy Communion 7.30pm

JUNE	
Wed 1	Holy Communion 2pm
	Mothers Union 2.30pm
Thurs 2	Holy Communion 9.45am
	Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10am - 4pm
	Folk club 8.30pm at Shakespeare Inn
	Men's Society Meeting in Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm
Fri 3	NO RUBBISH COLLECTION TODAY
Sat 4	RUBBISH OUT TODAY
	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
	10.00am – 12.00pm
Sun 5	TRINITY II
our o	Sung Eucharist 9am
	Evening Worship 6pm
	Benediction 7.15pm
	Cricket – Mike Daniels Birthday Match
Mon 6	SCHOOL STARTS
	Village Hall Management Committee 8pm in Village Hall
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From the Rector

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As I am writing this we have just celebrated the Feast of St George. So I make no bones about heading this comment ST GEORGE OF ENGLAND.

The Irish have St Patrick; the Welsh have St David and the Scottish have St Andrew. England has St George, our patron Saint only since the 14th Century, whose name and reputation were brought to this country by returning Crusaders – although he was one of the most famous of the early martyrs, he is famed for his death and nothing is known of his life.

I suspect that many English people would struggle to remember that St George's Day is on April 23^{rd,} as it attracts neither the religious attention nor the cultural celebration of the other patron saints of the British Isles.

One possible reason for this is that when the English Reformation put the church so firmly in its place, saints days fell victim to the general suspicion of all public religious celebrations. Secondly, St George, through no fault of his own, has no connection with England at all, except that he was brought here by armies of young men, bedecked in the red cross of St George, causing mayhem abroad, which perhaps has a certain contemporary resonance! Should we try to re-invent St George? If it gives us an excuse to take proper pride in what it means to be English – our famous tolerance, our deep belief in individual liberty, our willingness to use force as a last resort, then all well and good. If it becomes an excuse for xenophobic nationalism – wonderfully mocked, forty years ago by Flanders and Swan in "The English, the English, the English are the best, I wouldn't give tuppence for all the rest!" – then George should remain in obscurity. Instead we should celebrate such English icons as William Shakespeare, William Wordsworth and Rupert Brooke who all were born, or died, on April 23rd.

Yet the association of a saint with a country is somehow enriching and deepening. A saint connects us with our history and particularly with our Christian history. England may be the most unreligious country in Europe, but it is a land, which has been shaped by its Christian past, which gave it parish boundaries and graced the landscape with parish churches, abbeys and cathedrals. A triumphalist for Christianity fuelled the Industrial Revolution, while at the same time other Christians fought its worst excesses.

St George is venerated because he was a martyr; a man who must have understood that life is not fulfilled in timid saving, but in giving to others. We may know nothing of St George's life, but if the principles, which led to his martyrdom, inform our public life, and can inspire the citizens of the country under his saintly protection, then we should celebrate April 23rd not only for Shakespeare, but also for St George of England.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury April 17th – India Ella Cameron Harrison Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

April 14th - Sue Merrick (56) April 22nd – Ada Perry (87)

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Thought for the Month

Seen in a parishioner's house.

House Rules.

CLOSE IT
PICK IT UP
CLEAN IT
FEED IT
LOVE IT

From the Churchwardens

An early Easter meant that the daffodils and primroses in the churchyard appeared in their full glory this year. Inside the church, too, the lilies were particularly beautiful. A lot of people commented on them and we'd like to thank Jo House and her team of flower arrangers for all their commitment.

There are often many congratulatory comments about others who show commitment, and we think especially this month about the choir and members of the Jubilate group. Some of these comments may not always reach them, especially those from visitors who, at a time when congregations throughout the Church bewail the absence of young people, remark upon how lucky we are to have such a dedicated and talented bunch. We'd like to tell them how much we appreciate their contribution to our worship.

Philip led the presentation of this month's Family Service. Taking as his title "Once upon a time", he reminded us what an excellent storyteller Jesus was. Alice read the parable and Philip told Oscar Wilde's story, " The Prince and the Swallow", both of which brought home to us the truth and importance of Jesus' words:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on Earth where moth and rust consume.... but store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

The Reverend Russen Thomas took the service prior to our afternoon meeting. In his address, he quoted a poem by the First World War Chaplain known as "Woodbine Willie",

meditating on the coincidence of Lady Day with Good Friday, as happened this year. He saw it as a symbol of Mary's humility in the light of Jesus' glory.

Lorna led the meeting as we looked at the photographs of each other when younger. They varied from the elaborate frills and furbelows worn by toddlers (and that was just the boys!) to a view of the Jephson Gardens dug up to grow potatoes in wartime. They caused nostalgia and amusement.

At the evening meeting, Tony Stubbs described his voluntary work at Myton Hospice as a "Trolley Dolly", taking meals and drinks to the patients whilst being a sympathetic ear to them and their families. He filled in a lot of gaps in our knowledge of the Hospice movement, telling us that it is far from the depressing and frightening place we might have expected. The ethos is of caring for every need to improve the quality of life, and the higher staffing levels than are available in hospitals enhance this. He emphasised the vital role of voluntary fundraising, for which Harbury can rightly be proud.

Coming up:

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Wednesday 4th May – 2.30pm – Sheila Jackson on the Gideons Tuesday 17th May – 8pm – Joan Smith, "A tribute to my mum". Please bring an item of memorabilia.

Thursday 19th May – 2.30pm – Deanery Service at Harbury. Visitors, including men, are very welcome to join us. Cakes needed please.

Hobley talking and showing slides of embroidery as Acts of Praise.

Saturday 23rd July – Our turn to do the coffee morning and lunch. All hands to the pump!

Gillian Hare

Toddlers' Service

The theme at our April service was the story of The Lost Sheep. Mrs Barbara Thistlethwaite talked about farmers and how they look after the animals in their care. In the Bible, Jesus told the story of a shepherd who had 100 sheep and one day one went missing. The shepherd was very upset and could not rest until the lost sheep had been brought back to the fold. Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd and said how much he loved us all. We sang Old Macdonald had a farm, and afterwards we made sheep from paper cut-outs and soft fluffy wool.

The next Toddler Service will be on Tuesday 10th May at 2pm in the children's comer of the church. All babies and young children, with an adult, are very welcome.

Lorna Bedford

Ladbroke News

MAY

11	Holy Communion 2pm
	Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
15	PENTECOST
	Sung Communion 9am
16	Millennium Club Draw in Village Hall
19	PCC Meeting in Church 7.30pm
22	TRINITY
	Sung Communion 9am
25	Annual Village Meeting 7.30 in Village Hall
26	W.I. Meeting
29	TRINITY I
	Holy Communion 9am
	15 16 19 22 25 26

JUNE

Sun 5 TRINITY II Family Communion 10.30am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

May 8th – Jan Loman May 15th – Jenny Barrett (Whit Sunday) May 22nd – Jenny Barrett May 29th – Rhian Kelsall and Lois Workman June 5th - Rhian Kelsall and Lois Workman



Ladbroke Church News

It is not very often that a request in the Harbury and Ladbroke News is answered so promptly. Many thanks to the Batty family in Deppers Bridge who answered our plea for someone to do the flower beds in front of the church. The April magazine came out on the 2nd April and by the following Saturday our flowerbeds were a different picture – absolutely beautiful. Many, many thanks to all three of you.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

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We had a fascinating talk at our April meeting by Mr Peter Lee from Napton. He called his talk "Just an ordinary house". Peter's house in Napton was built in 1392 – just a one up, one down. It is now a lovely double fronted thatched house. In between times, its history is most interesting as is the peoples lives that have lived in it. It can also boast a very friendly ghost.

Next month – May 11th – Linda Doyle is giving us a talk on the Sikh religion and way of life. The meeting is at Hazel Sharples' house in Southam, following our service in church at 2pm as usual.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The Speaker at the meeting on 28 April was Sheila Jones with her fascinating hobby, Porcelain Doll Making. Sheila explained from start to finish how she made her fine collection of dolls. From moulds for limbs and heads to wigs and tiny shoes and clothes. Sheila kindly made the draw for the Denman Bursary, which was won by Catherine Spence. It was Catherine's lucky night because she then went on to win the raffle along with Julie Harris.

Our next meeting on May 26th is the Resolutions.

Dates for your diaries.

Group Meeting in Priors Hardwick Village Hall Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm.

Thursday 30th June - Strawberry Fayre at 7pm Ladbroke Village Hall. Cakes, Raffle Prizes, Bring & Buy, Tombola.

Saturday 2nd July - Ladbroke Midsummer Madness.

Sue Halsall.

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Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Here are the draws of February and March, which were held in the Village Hall on March 14th and April 11th.

February winners were:

£70 – Muriel Grey
£25 – Mary Coley
£25 – Cyril Spence
£10 – Elaine Taylor
£10 – Mike Todman
£10 – Nancy Stubbs
March winners were:
£70 – Richard Walker
£25 – Francis Badman
£25 – Jill Norgate
£10 – Helen Dowdeswell
£10 – Linda Spence
£10 – Ken Whiteley
Next month's draw will be 1

Next month's draw will be held on May 16th 2005 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Catherine Spence

Annual Village Meeting

Once again we're at that time of year when all associations and clubs in Ladbroke have the opportunity to give the public a review of their year's activities and to discuss fresh ideas for the next twelve months ahead. Amongst the various changes within the village organizations, Ladbroke Parish Council will be bringing everyone up to date with their management changes, while the Village Hall will be giving an insight into their future building requirements and at last the Parish Plan will be outlined in depth.

The meeting will be chaired by Ladbroke Parish Council and the full Agenda posted on the village notice board. Any items not covered by the Agenda may come under Any Other Business for discussion, providing the Parish Council has been notified in advance of the meeting. For inclusion, please telephone the Chairman Cllr Derek Batty on 01926 817278. All members of the public are welcome to attend the Annual Village Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday May 25th 2005 at 7.30 pm at Ladbroke Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to listen, digest and ask questions, so please come and join us!

Linda Doyle

Harbury Parish Council

The room was packed for the April meeting - people turned out in protest at the potential development behind their homes.

However, the first speaker, John Woodward had another outrage on his mind. He alerted the Parish to Stratford's decision to cease Double Rating Relief. Stratford pays Harbury part of the costs of maintenance and improvements to recreational areas (because it is a dual responsibility and in theory the rate-payer pays twice for it).

The move means Harbury loses £10,000 a year and must increase the precept by 23%. But that was not what really incensed him. It was District Ratepayers still having to pay for Stratford's parks and recreation areas!

Philip Mayer, spokesman for the disgruntled property owners outlined what he believed was the planning situation, complaining that residents thought their "open-aspect" was guaranteed and asking the PC to keep total control over the development of the "pasture land" behind Wissett Lodge. Others complained of the "secrecy". They were adamant that development should only be for social housing and particularly for elderly people.

Chairman Jenny Patrick explained there were no concrete plans; the Parish had been investigating all possibilities for providing for the proven housing needs of the community. The land in question was owned by a private trust which might not want to release it just for social housing.

Linda Ridgley urged everyone to attend the Annual Parish Meeting where the Charity, "Planning Aid" would be present to help them understand the planning background and what rights and influence they had.

The rest of the meeting was fairly tame!

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Planning - Stratford granted, with conditions, extensions to Ladywell Cottage in Binswood End and extensions at 5 Hillside, 26 Manor Orchard; 3 Queens Close and 71 Mill Street; and tree work at Roallyn in Hall Lane. They refused a large extension to the Old New Inn and one at 30 Percival Drive.

The Parish Council made no comments on a loft conversion at 1 Constance Drive and an extension at 30 Manor Orchard but considered the proposed garage at 35 South Parade too high.

Pc Hill reported a quiet month on the crime front. The Depot Youth Workers were doing well and some new children had used their "bus", but there were still no volunteers for the Youth Club. Insurance for the proposed BMX track had been checked – all users must wear a safety helmet. Costs to repair the slide in the small children's play area were very high, but parts could only be obtained from the manufacturer. The choice was pay or take it out of use.

The Parish Council is to write to Southam College congratulating it on its excellent Ofsted report.

The Allotment Holders wanted a six-foot weld-mesh fence, potholes filled and their plots registered, but as the Parish rents the land from the County this is not possible. Sharon Hancock did not want a fence and Tony Mancell suggested the hedge should have the gaps filled in.



The Parking Enforcement Officer on Patrol

The Parish will write to County Highways complaining about the poor standard of work of their road maintenance contractors and pointing out that the pavement in front of Merevale House, in South Parade, is damaged and that the Ivy Lane sign has disappeared. They also want the Parking Enforcement Officer in Harbury more frequently and Kevin Biddle wanted the parking in Park Lane targeted.

The Council are investigating a strange request from a resident of Frances Road about the ownership of the parking in Drinkwater Close and another complaint that trees subject to Preservation Orders near Pirie Close may be about to be lopped. There is a substantial fine (£20K) for unauthorised work to protected trees.

Tim Lockley and others quizzed the District Councillors about their Double Rating Relief Policy complaining that the ruling party pushed it through and kept it quiet because of the proximity of the elections! Nevertheless Dutch Van Spall was determined to get the move publicised before 5th May.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Annual Parish Meeting

May 12th 7.30 Village Hall

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Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting at which the Parish Council will officially Launch the Parish Plan.

The Parish Council warmly invite you to join us for a glass of wine or soft drink and to hear what has been going on in the last year. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of your Parish, District and County Councillors.

We are inviting a speaker from Planning Aid who will provide information on how they may be able to help us to carry out some of the ideas that you, the public, have asked for.

We are hopeful that we can display plans that have been put forward for our comments. Young people asked for a BMX track and although this will require a lot of money to be raised, there will be an opportunity to see some initial plans for this project.

Jenny Patrick - Chairman Harbury Parish Council



Harbury Society

A well-attended meeting heard Chairman, Alan Lord remind members that the Society aimed to educate them about planning, conservation and

history and to respond pro-actively to these matters and to initiate village projects, like the Village Design Statement and Parish Plan.

Treasurer, John Holden said the Society was in a good state financially and Secretary, Linda Ridgley outlined the programme for the next year and explained the potential housing and commercial development proposed for the Parish.

Speaker Susan Moore explained her interest in the rural schools in and around Fillongley. She began seeking out old School Log Books but it was twenty years before her third book, "I Remember Bare Bottoms and Stinging Nettles" was finally published. Over a hundred people contributed to the stories.

Transport has been the main driver of the changes in rural life. It took a whole day for Mrs Spencer, Fillongley's new teacher to get there from Learnington in 1911.

Ariey School children were so poor they had no clothes; shoes or food and the school struggled without basic necessities. Meriden was one of the better schools and employed the same teacher for 37 years.

At Corley, younger, cheaper women teachers replaced experienced teachers. Maxstoke School was poor and the young teacher could not control the unruly children. Astley School suffered continual complaints about the toilets making the children ill – some were dying, Little Packington was built next to the river and the health of teachers and pupils suffered.

Corley Open Air School took children from poor, unsanitary, homes in Coventry gave them good food, clean air and exercise to make them fit and healthy again, but the children hated it.

Shawbury Industrial School was for Birmingham boys, orphaned or convicted of crime. It gave them an education and training for a job with an 80% success rate yet despite this it was closed in the 1980's to save money.

The next event is the Ryton Gardens tour & tea on Saturday 14th May. Please contact Ed Wilson (612345) for more details.

Linda Ridgley



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Harbury's Women's Institute

We always enjoy Members Evening when our group of stalwarts compile games and we have some fun with lots of laughter. Our thanks to them all.

Members attended the Spring Council Meeting at the Spa Centre recently. The main speaker was Kate Adie and she was brilliant, as one would expect.

The Group Meeting at Priors Marston is on 4th May at 7.30pm. A definite date for the Countess of Evesham evening trip with dinner is Monday 11th July at 7.30pm and we visit Sulgrave Manor on 11th August. A County Trip to Buckingham Palace and the Royal Mews is on 31st August.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the deaths of Muriel Coupe and Dorothy Turner. Muriel had been an active member for some years and always supported our "do's" with husband Ted. There was always plenty of banter and laughter when they were around. It was great that Muriel attended the March meeting although she was far from well. A really "game girl".

Dorothy Turner had been a member of W.I for many years dating back to the 40's. She had been President and held different offices in her younger days and participated in many of the crafts and cooking that W.I offers. Dorothy had to give up the evening meetings but her daughter Pat kept her in touch. She was a lovely lady.

Members attended both funerals. We will miss them both and send our condolences to their families.

Members enjoyed their walk in the Bishop's Itchington area on a lovely Spring day followed by a pub lunch. We have entered the Carnival and have booked our usual cake stall (plenty of notice to members).

Jane Parker from Myton Hospice's Fund Raising Department came to talk on the running of Myton Hospice and the wonderful work done there. Myton Hamlet Hospice was opened in 1982 and is the only hospice providing extensive in-patient care for those with life limiting illness in the whole of Warwickshire and Coventry. Myton is multi religious and there are twenty-four beds to accommodate patients. Not many, but thankfully another hospice is being built in Coventry in the next few years that will have twenty beds, which will be a great help in caring for such a large area. Myton provides pain control, therapy and spiritual care for patients, relatives and friends. Children and pets are included and it has been known that even a horse and a sheep have visited too. Visitors are welcome to join patients for meals.

An excellent full-time staff runs Myton but volunteers are so important. Whether serving teas and meals, seeing to the flowers or, after training, helping the nursing staff with tasks, reading and talking to patients or helping with crafts or board games, their help is invaluable.

There are Day Hospices at Warwick and Rugby where they can take 15 patients for one or two days. They get reassurance and back up. They can bath, use the hairdresser, and have a massage and aromatherapy. Arts and crafts are available with games and jigsaws. Our own Muriel Coupe took advantage of the service. There is no doubt volunteers are important to the running and fundraising. Myton Hospice is always grateful to them whether it be as drivers, reception volunteers, serving in one of the eleven shops, buying Myton Hospice lottery tickets or running their annual fete.

Our own hardworking village team has raised a tremendous sum running the popular plant sales and coffee mornings.

Do you know Myton Hospice is a registered charity and depends on public donations? It costs £3.5 million a year to run and that's a lot of fundraising.

As Jane said, it is a happy place where the patients make the most of their life that remains.

The May meeting - Resolutions and Craft Collection Display.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

The theme for the 245th Harbury Folk Club was Planets, which proved to be quite a challenge, but as usual many of the artistes managed to fit the theme into their songs or introduction. In the first half we had songs about stars, The Southern Cross, Jupiter, Venus and the Sun.

The second half was a little more contrived but we did hear some great songs including the Bundling Song and Rick's song about environmental disasters. Debbie made her debut with a poem she had written called The Ocean and Jim visited us from Bodmin Folk Club and sang a splendid version of The Foggy Dew. The second half closed with a new duo called Boozansooz!

By the third half the theme had almost disappeared apart from Braunston Pickle's Speed the Plough, but who cares when 16 different performers entertained us and we all had a good sing and plenty of laughs.

The raffle made £40 for Macmillan Nurses. It's Maureen & Steve's turn to run the next Folk Club and the theme is Days, Weeks, Months, and Years.

A big thank you to The Shakespeare for opening specially for us.

Sue Hartland

Harbury Junior Football Club

Year 1's - Coach Steve Derby

As the season draws to a close, we have a group of Under 6's (boys and girls) who have improved dramatically since the first training session in January – it's pleasing to see so many of them using both feet to control the ball and also the determination they all give during the 'friendly' match played at the end of each session. Congratulations to Isobell-Folkes Skinner, Daniel and James Robinson, Josh Savage and Thomas Shaw who over recent weeks have all won the trophy awarded each week for personal improvement.

Under 8's - Coach Steve Derby

The under 8's played their first friendly game of the season against Tysoe and whilst narrowly losing, everyone enjoyed the experience with many of the parents also enjoying the tea and bacon rolls provided by a welcoming group of Tysoe parents. For many of the team, it was their first ever competitive game - congratulations go to Toby Puigserver for man of the match and a special mention for Michael Moss who had an outstanding game. We have high hopes for this age group next season when they enter the Three Counties League and who are also competing at the Kineton Tournament on 8th May.

Under 9's - At last something to shout home about – their first win of the season against Kineton. With the stronger U9's playing in the under 10's we have boys from Year 3 and 2 supplementing this team who compete against Year 4 opponents. A terrific performance from everyone!!! Over recent games Austin Dickson has been outstanding, ably supported in defence by Jack Groves with William Winchester improving 'up front' in every match— a great defensive partnership is forming between Austin and Jack for next season when they revert to their proper age group of U8's.

Last training session of the season will be Saturday 14th May

On Sunday 15th May the club is organising its now annual 'Euro' club tournament – all boys and girls from all age groups will take part together representing countries from across Europe and also with games involving mums and dads. BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Raffle, Tombola and fun, all are welcome to watch some very competitive games with medals awarded to winning teams. First matches kick off at about 10.30am.

Under 10's - Coach Neil Murray

The under 10's have continued their improvement with each match. Notably the first demonstration of this came with our match against Kineton, which resulted in an 11-0 victory! Adam Miles was the main scorer but the goals also came from other members of the team. Ashley Dickson was particularly strong and Matthew Van Kesteren also won his place on the score sheet. Elliot Tawney was in great form in defence.

The next match was away to Napton and was a much harder fought game, resulting in a Harbury win of 3-2. Man of the match, Mark Swan, must be the quickest player in the league over a short distance, and his constant tackling was invaluable. Matthew Van Kesteren was once again outstanding at the back.

The final match of the season was at home to Queensway - a team we have never previously beaten. It proved to be an exciting and eventful game. We were particularly strong in the first twenty minutes and scored three goals (Adam Miles, Ashley Dickson, Angus Murray). We showed tremendous spirit and finished 3-2 winners. There were great celebrations and proud parents, players and coaches. This put us third in the league, a great end to the season.

We now look forward to the Kineton and Harbury tournaments in May.

Under 15's - Coach Keith Edwards

Harbury U 15's had a fabulous end to the 2004 / 2005 season firstly by travelling to Gilmorton and demolishing the home team 7 - 3, goals coming from Richard Thompson 5, James Pettipher and Stephen Murphy.

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The following week Harbury entertained Hillmorton who found Harbury far too strong for them, resulting in a 9 - 0 defeat. James Pettipher 4, Richard Thompson 3, Matthew Jackson and Jake Lee making up the total.

The last game of the season saw Harbury take on promoted Khalsa who had already beaten them twice during the season in the League and Cup. Harbury took the lead through Stephen Murphy and Matthew Edwards added a second before half time. Khalsa pulled one back just before the break and then secured the equaliser early in the second half. The rest of the game was nip and tuck with both sides playing some excellent and positive football. Harbury thought they'd done enough when Adrian Churchman scored with seconds to go, but all to no avail, as after a discussion between ref. and his assistant the goal was disallowed.

It was a season that saw Harbury falter early on, struggling for players on occasions but never giving up and then pick up after Christmas only being beaten twice in the second half of the season......well done to everyone concerned!

End Of Season

The end of our season was marked by the Presentation Evening on April, when the efforts, Saturday achievements and 30th improvements of our young team members were recognized and honoured. Then, on Saturday 13th May, the Harbury Club Tournament will take place on the playing fields as a fitting and very enjoyable culmination of the progress that has been made through the year. The committee recognizes the dedicated commitment and tireless enthusiasm of the team coaches, without whom there would be no Club. The coaches do an amazing job for our children but they do need support in the rolling administration of the Club. Our committee is quite small and therefore spread fairy thinly, which necessarily limits how much we can do. Wider involvement from the parents of the players would enable the Club to realise its potential more fully. If you feel you have some time / energy / enthusiasm to give, please get in touch. It would be great to go forward into the next season with some new blood to help to take the Club further.

Liz Henry

FOUND - GIRL'S WATCH - To claim this item, please ring 612305 with a description of the watch found on the playing fields 2/3 weekends ago.

Harbury Tennis Club

The 2005 season got off to a successful start with the Club's opening tournament for the Dave Brown Shield. All the matches were keenly contested with last year's winner Rosemary Harley keeping a hold on the trophy, this year with Steve Stark, see picture.

Banbury Summer The League season has started with all 3 teams being in action. The "A" and "B" faced away teams both fixtures on the Astroturf at Hook Norton and Brackley respectively. The "A" Team of Gill Thorpe, Kate Young, Carol Best, Andrew Rendell, Geoff Prince and Steve Stark suffered a couple of heavy defeats in the early rubbers but then got used to the surface. They went into the last round of matches all square and won all 3 to record a 6-3 win to open their Division 2 campaign. The "B" team won promotion to Division 4 last year and faced Brackley "B" who had



been relegated from Division 3. The home team men proved too strong for the Harbury trio of Colin Mercer, Steve Stark and Jon Scothern, although the cause wasn't helped with Steve and Jon both suffering injuries. The ladies were much more evenly matched and won 2 of the 3 Ladies doubles. Angie Dean was in the lead winning with both Sue Mercer and Caroline Morland. Unfortunately all 3 mixed doubles were lost giving an overall match score of 2-7. The post match refreshments were somewhat unusual in that the home team was giving away fresh duck eggs and very tasty they were too!

A new venture this season is the "C" Team playing in Division 5. Its first match was a long trip to Charlbury. Debbie Radford, Richard Harding and Bob Dean were making their debuts supported by the more experienced (dare I say "old hands"?!) Sue Mercer, Caroline

Morland and Keith Thompson. It was a very close affair and despite winning the last 3 rubbers ended in a 4-5 defeat. The team did have the satisfaction of getting a bonus point for winning the most games so it wasn't an entirely fruitless journey!

Juniors

The Junior programme has started and is going very well and there has been plenty of positive feedback. The Club is now running 14 sessions spread over 6 days for the various age groups. 112 children are now participating and for some groups there is a waiting list. Plans are already well advanced for the summer holiday camps that will be open to members and non-members. We are continuing to develop our links with Shipston and we hope to be able to have a programme spread over 4 weeks. I will be able to give more details next month. If you're interested please contact Sue for details.

On the facilities front we have made considerable progress this month. The Parish Council voted to support the Club in its application for planning permission to extend the floodlights to the second court and I am pleased to report that the water supply to the Clubhouse has at last been connected. No more traipsing across to the Village Hall to fill the kettle!

Finally, tennis is promoted as a sport available to all ages. We can definitely demonstrate that as our youngest members are 4 years old and we now have a 73-year-old senior regularly playing!

Colin and Sue Mercer

Harbury Pre-School

Old MacDonald: The theme for this half term is "Old McDonald had a farm" and the children returned to Pre-School after Easter full of chocolate and enthusiasm for the new projects awaiting them.

On 16th April, 18 children climbed onto the coach and two more travelled by car for a lovely day at Hatton Farm Park, where we saw many farm animals including the babies that have been bom this spring. The children were able to feed the goats, donkeys, sheep and other animals and had the chance to handle tiny chicks as well as holding guinea pigs if they wished. An exciting, if rather bumpy, ride on the tractor and trailer was the highlight of the day for some, while others chose the fairground rides or the trampolines as their favourites. On returning to Pre-School, the children made their own books about the visit, copying some of the photographs of the animals, and these delightful creations are displayed in the Wight School for the parents and carers to see.



The theme continued with the creation of a farm, including enclosures for the animals, using our new farm set, artificial grass and fencing. The children enjoyed exploring different textures and making sheep masks and animal pictures for display.

In keeping with Old MacDonald's Scottish origins, we will be looking at tartan patterns and experimenting with striped rollers to create our own tartan. We also hope to enhance our dressing up rail by adding any items of clothing that could be considered native to Scotland. Any tam o' shanters, kilts, tartan fabric etc would be very gratefully received and would also be useful for the Carnival float which will be based on the same topic.

Towards the end of the month, the children had great fun getting their arms up to the elbows in compost as we prepared a container for the planting of carrot seeds. Each child then made a pencil hole and planted a single seed, carefully covering it and then the whole was given a good watering. We hope that next month we will be reporting the growth of some seedlings and who knows what by the end of June!

New Starters: Molly, Tiegan, Matthew and Jack joined us after Easter and we are delighted that they have all settled in well with their new friends at Pre-School.

Farewell and Bon Voyage to Pre-School Chair

Pre-School parents, staff and committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Clare Stone for the superb job that she has done over the last year in her role as Pre-School Chair. We would all like to extend our thanks for the time, effort and enthusiasm she has devoted to pre-school.

Many of you will already know that Clare, Mike, Holly and Drew are off to pastures new.



We just couldn't compete with the lure of Australia and we are, therefore, the sad losers. Clare is leaving to set up home in Melbourne, where maybe she will share her knowledge and skills at a Pre-School there.

Pre-School would also like to thank Jane Kempton for stepping into the Chair role for the rest of the year. Jane is no stranger to this role and we, therefore, know we have another Chair with enthusiasm and drive. Nicky Kirk has kindly offered to stand in the Vice Chair role previously held by Jane.

Fundraising Update

At the end of last month Pre-School hosted the Saturday morning coffee morning at the Tom Hauley room. We had a successful morning as the children enjoyed themselves all playing together and Pre-School was able to raise £274.88. This total was then raised to £524.88 by a donation of £250 from Transco, which was kindly arranged by Nicky Kirk. Thank you to everyone who supported us and to those of you who baked a cake or helped on the day. Pre-School would also like to say a huge thank you to Mike Stone who arranged for his employer, Microsoft, to match our fundraising profits from the Barn Dance night. This raised the total to £2207.30, a rather generous parting gift!

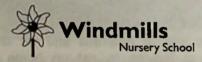
Children's Sponsored Cycle Ride

The Pre-School children are invited to take part in a sponsored bike ride! Don't worry - being able to ride a bike is just a minor detail. Children can take part on bikes, scooters or push along toys. The idea is to have fun with Pre-School friends and families in the spring weather, collect a little sponsor money if possible and bring a picnic along to round off the morning.

The ride will take place on Saturday 14th May on the bottom playground at Harbury School. Mums, dads and siblings are all invited to support the children on their epic ride!

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jane Kempton, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613786.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee



Our topic of journeys and transport this term has already proved to be very popular. The children have brought in various items from home connected with the topic including postcards from abroad and models of space rockets and cars made at home. Alexis enjoyed telling us about her holiday to Lanzarote during the Easter holidays - "it was a long way, I could see lights. My ears hurt on the aeroplane – I read a book and had something to eat, I went on a bus as well". Elsie brought in a London Underground map and told us about her trip to London. She told everyone "I wanted to go on an open top bus but the queues were too long because it was the London marathon". The Triplets were eager to tell us about their bus ride round the block. Taylor - "we got on a bus outside our house and sat on big long seat at the back, mummy paid the driver – he sat at the front" The children have had great fun creating a huge journeys collage, which is currently on display in the nursery.

Mrs Casement took small groups of children, equipped with their clipboards and pencils, to the school gate where they carried out a traffic survey.



Bailey – "we made a straight line on our paper when we saw a car" Tim – "we saw lots of cars – we did not see a motor bike"

The children showed great initiative when they went outside to play. Gwyneth invited the children onto her train to go to Disneyland Paris, this provoked lots of discussion about other destinations.

Everyone practised their driving skills around the 'road' on the infant playground learning to stop at the zebra crossing and taking turns to go round the roundabout. To reinforce colours and road safety the children made traffic light biscuits with Mrs Kennedy using red, yellow and green jelly tots.

We showed the children a map of our village and encouraged them to find their own houses. We talked about what they saw and passed on the way to and from Nursery and then the older children drew their own maps.



The children have also been learning about spring. They loved using their fingers to paint and produced some very effective blossom pictures. They also produced some beautiful observational drawings of daffodils. We showed the children a vase of daffodils, and invited the children to look, smell and touch them before encouraging them to draw their own. We have been pleased to receive so many complimentary comments on how lovely the room looks.

The children were very excited when Ed Russell came to visit with 2 bottle fed lambs – Dino who was 3 weeks old and Becky who was just 1 week old and had a bandaged leg. They prompted lots of comments :

Henna " they said baa, they wanted to say hello to us" Lauren " "it needs to go to the doctors because it has a poorly leg" Tim showed excellent knowledge and understanding when he told us "sheep give us wool and you use wool for coats" After chasing Dino around the school field they all enthusiastically helped to feed them both with a bottle of milk. Thank you Ed for providing the children with an invaluable learning experience.



Thank you

A huge thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after our race night, and who contributed to make it such a success. A special thank you to all the race sponsors and everyone who provided such a valuable selection of prizes. The total raised was a fantastic £1,100.00 which will go towards the funding of our proposed new outdoor play area.

Thank you to Rebecca Groves who has kindly donated a toy electronic cash register, which will be put to good use in our role play travel agents later in the term. Thank you also to Tony Bastin – Evie's dad - who kindly cleaned the nursery room windows both inside and out. It seems to have made the room a lot brighter!

New Starters - We are pleased to welcome 6 new starters, who have all settled well and are already making lots of new friends.

Leavers - We were sorry to say goodbye to Holly Stone who is going to live in Australia. The children made a card and we gave her a present. We would all like to wish Holly and her family good luck for the future.

Open Morning

We would like to invite you to our open morning and official re-launch on Saturday, 7th May at 10.30 till 12noon. Children will have the opportunity to play, explore and join in with various activities and meet some of the staff. We will be giving out balloons and there will also be face painting. Contact Tina and Marie on 07906 519148 for further information.

Competition

Due to the resounding success of 'Harbury Calendar 2004', Windmills Nursery School has decided to produce another calendar for 2006. This time we would like to feature paintings and photographs of Harbury and the surrounding area produced by people who live in and around the village. There is no age limit required to enter and professionals and amateurs are welcome. Entrants will be judged, and 12 winners will have their image printed in Harbury Calendar 2006. To enter please pick up an entry form from The Salon, Harbury Library, or Windmills Nursery. There is a £1.00 fee per entry to cover administration costs. The closing date for entries is June 30th 2005.

There are still a few spaces left on some sessions for the summer term. If you require a place for your child please contact Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.

If you have any general questions or require information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.

Windmills Nursery School Staff

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Harbury Primary School

Tsunami Appeal

The final total raised last term was a magnificent £1128.66, which we shall be sending off to the appeal. May I thank everyone involved, both children

and parents, for their wonderful efforts during the whole of last term, and can I particularly thank the School Council, who came up with the list of fund raising ideas. Well done, everyone!

Interactive Whiteboards

We are having interactive white boards and overhead projectors fitted in Year 5 and 6 classrooms. The initial work has already been done, with the final installations taking place later in the term. We are moving into the technological age – I'm still coming to terms with chalk and slates!!!!

Mrs Harris

Mrs Harris has informed the school that she has decided to retire from teaching at the end of this term. Pam has been a wonderful servant to the school and to the children of Harbury and the surrounding area, having taught here for 29 years, and will be very sorely missed. No doubt there will be opportunities to recognise her contribution more properly later in the term.

PTA News

Beatles Night

The PTA Committee would like to thank Lana Long for organising the recent Beatles Night in aid of PTA and GASS. The evening was very enjoyable and a great success. A lot of hard work was put into decorating the hall and ensuring the evening ran smoothly. Approximately £1200 was raised, which is to be split between the two groups. We are extremely grateful for this donation, which will help our fund-raising efforts for this year.

Spring Fair – Friday 20th May

The date of the Spring Fair is fast approaching and not only is it a major fund-raising event for the PTA, it is also an enjoyable event and one that everyone, parents and children can become involved in. To help make the Fair successful again this year we are looking for donations of the following:

White Elephant and Book Stall - children's toys, games, books etc.

Children's Tombola Stall - new or nearly new toys

Plants - pot plants or seedlings

Tombola – tinned/ packet food, toiletries, sweets, bottles anything suitable – all within date please.

Jam Jar Jamboree – jam jars filled with items, small toys, sweets, soaps etc.

Cakes for cake stall

We are also looking for help on the day with face painting, cooking on the barbecue and helping to man stalls. If you can spare some of your valuable time, then please return the slip from the recent letter sent out or speak to any Committee member.

Carnival – Saturday 11th June

This year the PTA will once again be taking part in the Walking Tableau during the carnival procession. The theme is a children's 'Toy Box'. Dress up as a favourite character and join in the fun.

Beer Walk - Saturday 25th June

This year the Beer Walk is being held in Long Itchington. Start time 11.30 – 12.15pm from the Cuttle Inn, Southam Road. There is no transport provided, so participants will need to find their own way to and from Long Itchington. Bus times are available. For further information about the day contact Nigel Chapman at school.

Denis Daly

Harbury Rugby Club

Many Congratulations to Harbury Rugby Club on winning the Warwickshire League 1 Title. For the second year running the first XV were placed first in their league. Last year they won Warwickshire League 2 and as a result of this year's success they will play in the Midlands League next season. To gain promotion and win the league two years running is a tremendous achievement and a "first" for the club in its 43-year history.

Credit must be given to the coach Tony Cowley who in his 3 years at the club has done a great job. The whole first team squad have played some great rugby and Matthew Knight has led the team by example. To come up the table since Christmas and beating Old Wheats 89-0 and Dunlop 33-15, the final 2 games helped the team clinch first place.

Next season Harbury will be in unchartered waters for the club having never played in as high a league. It will be a great challenge for the club and every effort will be made once training starts in July.

It has been a very successful year for the club, as well as the first team, the seconds have lost very few matches having a great unbeaten run since just after Christmas. The team with an excellent captain in Graham Burgess, consists mainly of young players who are very keen and again they have played some excellent rugby.

From time to time, Bryan Wilson has organised a Vets. team which shows that there is a rugby life for the over 40's.

The mini and junior sections of the club go from strength to strength and the club must have one of the most active and enthusiastic young sections in the county. This has again showed with their results. Many thanks to Mike Connon and his committee and coaches for all their hard work with the junior section. Within a couple of years, the club is optimistic that we will field a Colts team, another first for the club.

With further alterations being made to the clubhouse, the club is making considerable progress for a village organisation. The spirit throughout the club is excellent, so it is hoped that more Harburians of any age will come to the club as players or as supporters when the new season starts in September.

Well done to all those involved with Harbury Rugby Club both on and off the field, long may this success continue. The season will be rounded off with a Dinner Dance and Awards night on Saturday 21st May at the Village Hall, tickets available from any club member.

Ian Holroyd

The Depot

The Depot charity has recently been offering a form of outreach for the young people of the village as part of a six-week placement. Team leader Amanda Chapman, along with two youth workers, has been available for advice and guidance on Tuesday evenings in the Village Hall as well as on Thursdays from the Depot Bus – usually parked by the Hall.

The Village Hall sessions have been run as a "drop in", with the usual facilities of table tennis, pool, indoor football and refreshments. These have proved popular with a whole new influx of 11 - 14 year olds. Twenty-eight has been the most so far. The older ones have been more reluctant to make use of this, but we hope they will feel able to drop in at the Bus or the Village Hall: last visit of the Bus is Thursday 12^{th} May (6 - 8pm) with a finishing session at the Village Hall on Tuesday 17^{th} May (6.30 - 8.30pm).

We are very fortunate to have the benefit of Amanda and her team for these six weeks. However, it would be great if some kind of "drop in" for the young people could continue, now that the enthusiasm is there. We are trying to work out if this is feasible and how it could happen (eg. the need for insurance, funds for the hire of the hall, voluntary help etc.) but even if it was something fairly small-scale, we would like to be able to build on this. If you would like to help in any way, or to offer us advice or guidance, please get in touch with either Lesley Jones on 613207 or Margaret Commons on 613963: We need you!

Lesley Jones

Badminton for 11 – 18 year olds

Beginners Welcome

You don't have to be particularly good at sport to enjoy a game of badminton; it's surprising how far tactics will get you. So why not come and have a go? Mrs Heather Hughes will give you tips on how to play. Heather has been a badminton coach for many years both in Harbury and Southam. It is on each Friday, 6.30pm to 8pm at Harbury Village Hall and the cost is £1.00 per session. Bring your own racket. For more information, phone me on 612029.

Alison Hodge

Warwickshire Walking Festival – A Guided Walk – 8th June

Harbury Parish Paths Team is leading a guided walk across the fields to Chesterton and back as part of the Warwickshire Walking Festival. The walk is on the evening of Wednesday 8th June. It starts at 6.30pm from the Village Hall car park and will take about two hours. We hope that local archaeologist; David Adams will join us in Chesterton to tell us about the Peyto's lost mansion as we walk through the site. All are welcome. Dogs must be on a lead.

Warwickshire Walking Festival runs from 1st June to 8th June. For further details telephone the team on (01926) 413427 or look on the County Council web site <u>http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/</u> walkingfestival

John Ridgley

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Harbury Carnival June 11th, 2005

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 5 June at 12-30pm and will be hosted by the Gamecock. This year, we will again be running separate events that will not require the consumption of alcohol (at least not during the race!). Can I please ask you to help us out by registering your participation <u>prior to the day.</u> Entry forms are available in the pubs and from Dan Killian. Please call him on 612265.

This will be followed by the usual pub games competition during the week. Please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends. Entry forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian. If you want more information you can call either Dan on 612265 or John Broomfield on 614258.

The Kids Club will be providing the teas etc on Carnival afternoon and would welcome the usual donation of cakes to the village hall in the morning.

If you still need to organise a stall please get in touch with Mike McBride on 612421 as soon as possible. <u>Please do not leave this</u> until the last minute.



Carnival King and Queen, Adam and Hannah

John Broomfield

Harbury Hopes To Go The Extra Mile To Help People Living With Cancer

I am organising another "Macmillan Miles Challenge" - raising money to Help Macmillan Cancer Relief support people living with cancer.

Last year saw almost 3,000 people being sponsored to walk, cycle, and line dance or lay a mile of coins. Nationally over £400,000 was raised in thousands of events across the UK. Harbury's contribution was £534.18.

On Friday and Saturday May 27th/28th along with willing supporters, we are hoping to achieve a mile of coins on the footpath in the centre of the village. It's a simple way to support Macmillan nurses in our region and we ask that you give generously.

In the UK one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime and over a million people are affected. Macmillan Cancer Relief is a UK charity, which helps to provide the expert care, and practical and emotional support that makes a real difference to people living with cancer.

For cancer information and support, contact the Macmillan Cancer Line (Monday - Friday, 9.00am - 6.00pm) by free phone: 0808 808 2020, text phone: 0808 808 0121 or e-mail: cancerline@macmillan. org.uk or log onto www.macmillan.org.uk

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY WHEREVER YOU SEE THE MACMILLAN SIGNS

Ann Mayer

Housing Development on The Pasture Land behind Church St, Vicarage Lane, South Parade & Ivy Lane, Harbury

Many of us were concerned to read in last month's Harbury News about the application to build 40 or so private homes on The Pasture Land behind Wissett Lodge and the perceived secrecy surrounding this potential development.

Our Understanding

• This parcel of land is clearly designated as a Conservation Area (Approved by Stratford District Council Planning Committee 21 January 1998). We believe Stratford District Council will only support housing development in a Conservation Area if the location is a "Main Draw Centre".

- Harbury is not classed as a "Main Draw Centre" it's classed as a Local Centre Village and the Council will only support an application for development if there is a demonstrable local need for social housing.
- It is clear from Government Planning Guidance down to Stratford District Council's Local Plan that new "open-market" or private housing on Conservation Land in villages such as Harbury is unlikely to be permitted for the foreseeable future.
- The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister www.odpm.gov.uk in its guidance notes indicates that previously developed land in Conservation Areas (Brownfield) will be considered for further development whereas Pasture Land in Conservation Areas should not be developed.

Effect on the General Environment and Value of our Respective Properties

Increased traffic in Vicarage Lane, Church Street and South Parade will be a great concern to many people living in the neighbourhood. These roads are not designed to take an additional 60/80 cars. People who live in the surrounding area to this Pasture Land will see the character of the village change and endure increased traffic with its associated pollution and noise.

Many homes adjacent to the Pasture Land will be seriously affected by any development on it. When each of us bought our properties we were assured the land to the rear of our respective plots was designated as a Conservation Area and I guess we paid a purchase premium knowing we would enjoy an "open aspect" at the bottom of our gardens.

Suggested Action

If you share these opinions may we suggest that you ask the County, District and Parish Councillors to vehemently oppose the application for 40 or so new houses on this land?

AND

To be extremely vigilant over an alternative application for SINGLE STOREY housing to meet local needs and offering:

- Sheltered Accommodation for the old and/or infirm 1.
- 2. Supported Living Accommodation for adults who prefer a degree of independent living with an element of supervision.

Let us ensure The Parish Council retains total control over the development of this Pasture Land and the allocation of any accommodation built on it to specific individuals now and into the foreseeable future

Philip & Ann Mayer

The Morocco Hitch

I've just returned from a sponsored hitch-hike from Wales to Africa. Many people in the village were kind enough to support me, and this article is a thank you to them. Three of us took part in this annual event, which attracts over a thousand hitchers. Among the lifts we were given were with an African Dance Troupe, a cuttle-fish obsessed courier, on the back of a motorway service vehicle (with other hitchers swept off the road), a seventies music enthusiast and the European lumber jacking champion. We slept rough in an outdoor train station during a storm, developed all sorts of colds by the side of the road and were cautioned by the police for hitching in the wrong area - all to reach Morocco in just over a week.

Morocco itself was even more invigorating, and we had a few days there to recover before heading back. I practised my bartering skills in the souks of Marrakesh, had a snake round my neck in the Djema el Fna, ate the local delicacies, swam under the stars in Zagora and rode a camel in the midday sun on the outskirts of the Sahara.

I raised over £400; all the donated money has gone to Link Community Development (www.lcd.org.uk) who send it directly where it's needed to provide education and hospitals for the children of Africa. Thank you for your help!

Rob Stringer

Blood Donors

Thank you to everyone who came to the April session, 92 units of blood were collected. The next session will be on 18th August 2005.

Gillian Hare

Memory

Words written on an old signpost at Deppers Bridge, which denotes the former Harbury Raitway Station. The full title was Southam Road and Harbury, although local people from Harbury, Bishop's and even Southam spoke of it as just being Harbury Station. Market Day used to be on a Thursday at Banbury cattle market which also saw poultry, ducks and geese on sale. People would board the train, powered by steam, at Harbury Station to travel and attend the market and more often return with a dozen day old chicks.



Mike Bloxham

The Rotary Club of Southam

The Rotary Club of Southam is seeking new members of both genders, including those who are enjoying the freedom of retirement, and who are resident in or within a short distance of the town of Southam.

Rotary gives an opportunity to provide service to a wide-ranging programme, both at home and overseas, to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of colleagues at a weekly luncheon, and the choice to attend any one of several other Clubs within the district.

There is a varied programme of social events throughout the year.

We would welcome you to join us at one of our weekly meetings at the Fox and Hen, Bascote, Tuesdays, 12.45 for 1.00pm. For more information contact our Secretary Mrs Jean Foster tel. 01926 812003.

Jeff Bedford

Time Out – Ufton

Family Bingo Night on Saturday 21st May at 7.45pm in Ufton Village Hall. By popular request.....come and try your luck!

New Watercolour System for Art and Craft Work – Wednesday 18th May 10am – 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall.

A totally new concept in painting in watercolours is coming to Ufton. The recently launched Art-Kure Watercolour System will be demonstrated by International Artist Mike Goss. This will be your chance to try out colour sketching brush pens that are so simple to use, particularly for beginners, and are very portable (ideal for holiday sketching). NEW - this system can be used with rubber stamps to create cards and other craft projects. Cost – £2.50, which includes all materials.

Summer Garden Visit to Ryton Organic Gardens – Tuesday 28th June at 10.30am – 12.30pm.

To Book please ring Tracey Watts on 614413. Please book early as places are <u>strictly</u> limited.

Karin Kirk



Horticultural Society

Mr Aubury, the director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens, gave the talk on "Labour Saving Gardening" and divided it into four main areas – design, what to grow, tools and techniques. Keep it

simple but colourful, think of the boundaries and maintenance. Make sure trees or shrubs are in scale and good quality, simple tools are a necessity. Take good care of the soil, use mulches where appropriate and keep control of the weeds, then last of all – but not least – enjoy it! He ended the talk by answering questions. How do you get rid of ivy?

Judy and Daphne are busy compiling the list of gardens for our annual Open Gardens Weekend – 9^{th} and 10^{th} July, and we would like a few more please. If you would like to open your garden, please phone Judy on 613103 or Daphne on 612829 by the end of May.

The schedule for the show in September is well in hand, something for everyone we hope. If you enter Begonias, the pot size must be no larger than 6", whilst for Fuchsias and Pelargonium an 8" pot is allowed; and should you intend to exhibit fruit, <u>do not polish</u> it or you will lose points.

The Ryton ticket is mostly in the hands of John and Daphne Clifford (612829) but they do go on holiday, and when they are – Judy has it (613103). The gardens are well worth visiting – any day of the year but not Christmas Day!

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

The end of April is cool and wet, some of the rain being quite heavy. The ground could do with the water, but warmth is now needed for plant growth, and survival of young animals, be they farmed or in the wild. At Broadwell, a 'hidden' hamlet, 3 miles from Southam, just off the A426 to Rugby, I came across an eye-catching flock of sheep. The lambs were black with a startling white blaze on their faces. The ewes were grey in colour. A gentleman removing a sign advertising Broadwell's flower show from their small village hall gave me the name of the owners. I telephoned on my return and found out that the sheep were a Dutch breed called Zwartbles.

Closer to home, on the Thwaites Estate, I noticed a black cow with a wide white band totally circling the animal. I confirmed with Roy Lambert that this was a Belted Galloway. Have you seen any of these distinctive and somehow very appealing creatures?

Sticking with black and white fauna, my neighbour, Christopher Bristow, saw a badger attempting to cross Temple End. Has anyone seen one in the centre of the village? Perhaps if a particularly rare species could be encouraged to use the approach roads, traffic calming problems would be solved at a stroke.

Any blue butterfly seen as early as April must be a Holly Blue because the others don't appear until later. Anything which helps with the identification of species in this confusing group of six is to be welcomed. As its name suggests, Holly is one of the food plants of the Holly Blue caterpillar, and so is Ivy and I feel a carol's there somewhere! Other butterflies seen on the wing so far this year include Brimstone, Peacock, Speckled Wood, Small Tortoiseshell and Comma. They are about to be joined by many more - try a walk round Ufton Fields Nature Reserve on a sunny day in May.

So far (28th April), ash trees are not in leaf but the distinctive purple flowers are very prominent. Most of us are familiar with the old rhyme,

Oak before the Ash, we will have a splash Ash before the Oak, we will have a soak.

but I hadn't come across the Scottish version from Roxburgh.

Ash before Oak, the lady wears a cloak

Oak before Ash, the lady wears a sash.

I'm still waiting to see the cloaked woman as so far the Oak has beaten the Ash into leaf hands down. Cowslips adorn the verges,

bluebells fill the woods and in some are interspersed with Yellow Archangel and Wood Anemones, both excellent indicators of ancient woodland. For a fine show of these flowers, visit Hampton Wood, a small nature reserve just west of the River Avon between Sherbourne and Hampton Lucy. Closer to home, try Ufton Woods. On a rather wet day in Hampton Woods recently, I stood and listened to a Willow Warbler's piping call.

The Skylark is a bird that has definitely declined in recent years, but with the advent of 'set aside' farming schemes may be making a comeback. One place you are almost certain to hear it is the tract of flat, sometimes marshy, farming country between the A423 (Southam-Banbury road) and Priors Hardwick. Here, the line of the ancient Saltway is now a bridle path and heads out towards the line of hills and the Northamptonshire border, past the Decca radio mast and across the Oxford Canal. It's lonely country, but great for wildlife.

A highlight for me in April was a tour of the Leam Valley nature reserve with the warden. He showed me a well-hidden spot where the rare Snake's Head Fritillary was thriving. It is possible the flower has been introduced at this place, as it was not noted before 1970. In a previous article, I reported standing in the large meadows by the Thames near Cricklade and gazing out over the nodding heads of thousands of Fritillaries, a truly wondrous sight.

I've seen my first wild orchids in flower - five Early Purple Orchids on a road bank in one of the limestone regions on the island of Anglesey. A few Early Purple Orchids cling on at the Spoil Bank nature reserve, but for a more certain hit, visit Snitterfield Bushes reserve north of Stratford. Now for the cuckoo, and summer will have truly arrived.

John Hancock

Gardening Notes

We now hope for the beginning of summer, for the saying goes that Urban gives the summer, and St Urbans Day is the 25th May. What is more certain is the lengthening of the days and so the increase in plant growth. Ensure plants especially those grown from seed that are making lots of growth are kept well watered. Soak well not just to wet the surface for this encourages shallow rooting. Buy summer plants for borders and containers but still keep them in warmth and good light, gradually hardening them off. Thin out hardy annuals sown last month. This is easiest when the soil is damp, so water well the night before. Don't let them get too big before thinning: four healthy good leaves produce happy plants. Plant dormant dahlia tubers 4" deep in beds; by the time shoots appear above ground the danger from frost should have passed. Some shoots can be cut off at the base of the plants and potted up in sandy compost to produce new plants. Plant out sweet peas after putting in canes for their support. Pinch out tops to encourage bushy growth. Mulch well. Put in support for all tall perennials. Wage war on slugs and snails with beer traps, or use milk. In a test, 147 were caught in one evening using traps! Hoe the soil to expose their eggs to birds. Create a barrier round plants with gritty, hairy or very absorbent material. Cocoa shell works well at first, dog hair is good for a few weeks, eggshell and sand are also effective.

Carefully tidy spring blooming clematis once flowering has finished. To check over-vigorous growth on Montana varieties cut back hard, they will bloom again next year on the growth they put on during the coming months. Prunings can be easily rooted in sandy compost. Clip bay trees. Mulch rhododendrons and azaleas. This is the best time to plant evergreens and conifers, and to buy and plant shrubs which are tender when young, eg. Hydrangea, Choisya. Make a shallow reservoir around the plants to hold water, allowing it to soak in as shrubs put in now will need watering weekly until September.

Continue warming the soil with cloches or plastic sheets, and sow salad crops every 3 weeks to provide continuous cropping. Sow marrows, courgettes, cucumbers and melons inside in pots in early May. Sow the seeds on edge to prevent rot. Plant them out when they have a few leaves at the end of the month. Plants of these and sweet peppers and aubergines are available in garden centres this month. Sow runner and French beans in 3" pots at beginning of month in a greenhouse or outside at end of month. Plant out indoor tomato seedlings in Gro-bags or containers towards end of month. Remember to put in supports. Pot on any young plants grown from cuttings or seed. Feed over-wintered fuchsias and pelargonium with a weak high-nitrogen fertiliser, and pinch out the tops of new shoots to make bushy plants.

Sow biennials and perennials. Lavender, mullein, acanthus and rosemary are good in dry soils. Keep any surplus seed in air- tight jars in the fridge. Most seed, except parsnip, lettuce and onion will be viable for about 6 years. This is the best time to repot cacti and succulents. Use gritty compost. Remove offshoots and pot them up separately. Wrap newspaper round spiny ones to handle them. Pot on or repot foliage plants. Check for vine weevils in the top inch or two of compost. Wash leaves that may have collected dust during the

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winter. Pinch out straggly growth. Add liquid fertiliser to water once a week. When amaryllis leaves die down stop watering and allow the bulb to dry off in the pot. Store until next year, if you fed the bulb during the last couple of months it will bloom again.

The first Sunday in May is styled 'International Dawn Chorus Day'. Did you hear it, and has anyone heard the cuckoo?

Plant of the month - Silene

Late May can be a time when spring flowers are spent but early summer ones are only just beginning. The annuals and perennials of the Silene family could fill that gap. There are over 500 species worldwide but many of them do not have any garden value. The majority are native to the Mediterranean countries but we have seven native ones, commonly known as campions. The red campion is important for wildlife attracting many insects, so is useful in a wild garden. There is an attractive double version sold as



a border plant and Silene fimbriata, a white campion with unusual fringed white petals arising from a bladder-like base. It grows from a rhizome so will form a clump in time. Grow this one in part shade and dry soil. Two more to grow in sun are the pink S.pendula, an annual, commonly called catchfly and S.acaulis, cushion pink, both flowering in early summer. Sow the seed in situ in well-drained soil in September to flower in May.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Robin Noel Henry Boydell passed away at home on 16th April 2005 after a short illness.

He will be sadly missed by wife Maggie, daughter and son-in-law Mandy and Peter, sister and brother-in-law Anne and Adrian and nieces Lynne and Tracy.

Adrian and Anne French

Dear Editors

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their support and compassion after the loss of Sue. It was comforting to have so many people at the church with us from which a total of over \pm 500 was raised for the British Liver Trust.

Particular thanks go to Andrew, Carole, Nathaniel and Jon Boy Cleaver for recalling some happy memories and to Carole and Nathaniel who spoke about those memories at church. Also to Allan, Chris and Lee Carter for keeping Dean and I well fed! While we realise the coming months will be difficult, it is reassuring to know that we have so many good friends.

Alan Merrick and family

Dear Editors

We should like to thank all the friends who sent us cards and letters of sympathy in memory of our dear mother, Dorothy Turner, who passed away on March 18th, aged 97.

When she moved to Harbury nearly 20 years ago, she was immediately welcomed into the community by her neighbours and made many friends throughout the village, which made her life such a pleasant experience. She was a past chairman of her Women's Institute for many years before coming to Harbury and continued her regular attendance at meetings of the village branch until very recently.

She was fortunate in having a long and healthy life and she lived it to the full. Mum was always ready to talk to people and enjoyed her circle of friends and many of the village events.

The family will miss her greatly but the support and friendship given her by the village throughout her life here and especially to us during the last month when she had been in hospital has eased our distress. Once again Harbury has shown what a caring village it is.

As a result of the donations left in the Church and given to us by family and friends, we have sent a cheque for ± 300 in her memory to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. This is a charity that was much admired by both of our parents.

Pat and John Smith David and Heather Turner

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Chairman and members of the Ladbroke Parish Council, I would like to thank Linda Doyle for her sterling work during her three years' tenure as Parish Clerk.

The position of Parish Clerk is not an easy one and Linda has carried out her duties with promptness, diligence, equanimity and a cheery smile. We thank her and wish her every success with her planned house extension and travels to foreign shores.

The Council would like to extend a warm welcome to Collette Bell, Ladbroke's new Parish Clerk who can be contacted on 01926 811575.

Janice Berry Ladbroke Parish Council

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Rooms in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund on Saturday 2nd April and helped us to raise £170 for this very worthwhile cause. This amount will be added to the total raised from our stalls at the Harbury Carnival fete. Please support us on Carnival Day as our stalls include a variety of new and exciting ideas! Do come and try your luck, we look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks again

M. Revitt

Dear Editors

The total amount raised at the coffee morning for the Multiple Sclerosis Society was ± 535.40 . To everyone who helped on the day and those who so generously supported it, we thank you. This time we missed Joan Lodge, who was always involved, especially with "her" raffle, but know she would have been pleased with the result.

Again, many thanks.

Brenda Turner and Doreen Bloxham

Dear Editors



We would like to thank all of our staff and customers for giving us such a memorable send off from The Shakespeare. We were extremely touched by everyone's generosity. The gifts will be a fond reminder of our many happy years there and we are thoroughly looking forward to our holiday in Jersey.

We would like to wish Spencer, Darren, Jo and Mel all the best and hope that they enjoy The Shakespeare as much as we did.

Andrew and Carole Cleaver

Dear Editors

Last weekend (23rd/24th April) after the first of the season's gardening activities, I experienced a persistent ache in my groin, which I put down to muscle strain. This persisted and became quite painful in the early hours of Monday so I decided to seek medical advice. The Harbury Surgery opens at 8.45am so I called to make an appointment. It was not possible to see a doctor at Harbury but I was offered one at Bishops Itchington at 9.40am. I made my way there, was examined and told I must go for a hospital examination immediately. I arranged transport and was admitted at 10.50am.

My reason for writing this letter is to record that when the unforeseen medical emergency occurs the NHS is a supreme service. Two hours five minutes from my first contact at the surgery to hospital admission is worthy of credit at a time when so much adverse publicity is given to the NHS. I am now recuperating at home from an inguinal hernia repair.

My sincere thanks go to Harbury Surgery, Dr Wilkinson and the nurses and doctors of the 23-hour Ward at Warwick Hospital.

Ralph Swadling

Dear Editors

On Saturday 23rd April at 8.30 a.m. my wife was driving home via Farm Street and checked that there was no approaching traffic from the right, before tuning left onto Mill Street. At this point a speeding car drove into view, the driver flashed his lights and waved his arms about in frustration that his rapid rate of knots had been reduced by someone having the temerity to turn into his path.

I don't think that he had bargained on my wife recognising the vehicle and realising that he was about to stop outside his residence in Binswood End. Having pulled up ahead of him and asked him what his problem was, he responded with "Why didn't you look right?" She replied that she had and there had been nothing coming, but such was his speed that he had appeared as she was turning. Predictably, in our polite society, he then swore at her several times.

What makes this all the more frustrating is that as this person lives in Binswood End and must surely be aware of the problems caused by speeding drivers on that increasingly dangerous stretch of road.

I do not have a problem with speed per se; however, the inappropriate use of speed is dangerous, inconsiderate and discourteous. Binswood End, the section of Mill Street past the Shakespeare, and the area around the Co-Op are all potential accident areas where 20 mph is often too fast. We should all drive carefully and politely in our village before we become the recipients of another dangerous traffic calming scheme like those in Deppers Bridge and Bishop's Tachbrook.

As for the "gent", I hope he has had time to reflect on his behaviour and feels suitably chastened, and that he will behave more decently towards his fellow residents in future.

Chris Wall

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

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Regular Diary Dates

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HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

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

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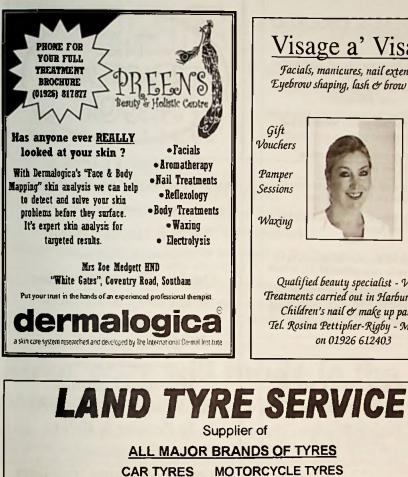
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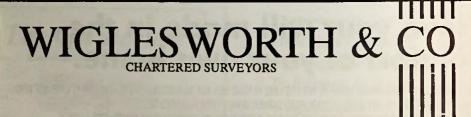
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