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Local children enjoyed the holiday club held at All Saints Church in Harbury, and Alison and her team are to be congratulated. Looking ahead both villages will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving with Suppers and Church services.



Young helpers at the holiday club.

We are looking forward to a bumper display for the Harbury Horticultural Show early in the month.

It will now be possible to donate plastic drink bottles and milk containers for recycling at the Wood Street Recycling Centre in Southam. It is hoped that a kerbside collection will eventually be available in Harbury.

Best wishes to children and teachers returning for the Autumn term, and congratulations to the University students about to begin their degree courses.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of John Barringham, Gill Carter, Avis McNeil and Bill Roberts.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat | 3 | <p>RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION</p> <p>HARBURY BEER FESTIVAL IN VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cinnamon Trust 10am – 12noon</p> |
| Sun | 4 | <p>TRINITY XV</p> <p>Sung Eucharist 9am</p> <p>Evening Worship 6pm</p> <p>Cricket 1sts home to OK Blockers</p> |
| Mon | 5 | SCHOOL STARTS |
| Tues | 6 | <p>Holy Communion 7.30pm</p> <p>Youth Drop-in Centre in Wagstaffe Room of Village Hall 7.30pm – 9pm</p> |
| Wed | 7 | <p>Holy Communion 2pm</p> <p>Mothers' Union 2.30pm</p> |
| Thurs | 8 | <p>Holy Communion 9.45am</p> <p>Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm</p> <p>WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room</p> |
| Sat | 10 | <p>Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Men's Group 10am - 12noon</p> <p>HORTICULTURAL SHOW AT VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Last Night of the Proms – Royal Albert Hall</p> |
| Sun | 11 | <p>TRINITY XVI</p> <p>Holy Communion 8am</p> <p>Sung Eucharist 10.30am</p> <p>Harbury Society Heritage Open Day Visit to Moseley (details 612792)</p> |
| Tues | 13 | <p>Youth Drop-in Centre in Wagstaffe Room of Village Hall 7.30pm – 9pm</p> <p>Holy Communion 7.30pm with laying on of hands</p> |

- Thurs 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 PCC Meeting 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Fri 16 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 17 **Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am**
 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Pre-School
 10am- 12noon
- Sun 18 **TRINITY XVII**
HARVEST THANKSGIVING
 Holy Communion 8am
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Fair Trade in Tom Hauley Room 11.30am
 Evensong 6pm
- Tues 20 Youth Drop-in Centre in Wagstaffe Room of Village Hall
 7.30pm - 9pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers' Union 8pm
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 21 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
 Harbury Pre-School AGM in Wight School
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall
- Fri 23 **ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury & Email**
Article deadline by 5.30pm
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury
 Society 10am -12noon
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Inn Car Park 11-2pm
- Sun 25 **TRINITY XVIII**
 Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 27 Youth Drop-in Centre in Wagstaffe Room of Village Hall
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 28 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St
- Thurs 29 **MICHAELMAS**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Fri 30 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
 Macmillan Cancer Relief Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning in Tom
 Hauley Room 10am - 12 noon

OCTOBER

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Kids Club
 10am - 12noon
HARVEST SUPPER in Village Hall

Sun	2	TRINITY XIX Sung Eucharist 9am Evening Worship 6pm
Mon	3	Harbury Society Harvest-time Cheese & Wine in the Tom Hauley Room with Talk by Cecil Bloxham 7.30pm. Members and guests.
Tues	4	Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room, Sue Burn – Alpines of the Italian Dolomites
Wed	5	Holy Communion 2pm Mothers' Union 2.30pm
Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10-4pm Folk Group in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
Sat	8	Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Heart Foundation 10am – 12noon Demonstration of defibrillator in foyer of Tom Hauley Room by the First Responder Group 10am – 12noon Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Inn Car Park 11-2pm

From the Rector

Recently a less able three year old completed a race far behind her peers at her Pre-School sports day. To cheers she raised her little arms and shouted, "Yes!" She had triumphed over her difficulties and won her race.

Her story reminded me of many stories of encouragement to be found in the Bible, in biographies and in personal testimonies throughout the ages. Adversity, obstacles and handicaps were overcome when men and women trusted in God to lead them like a good shepherd despite all the evidence to the contrary. They ran the race and finished it to the applause of those who had gone before them. They are "the great cloud of witnesses" who have blazed the trail for us.

A friend of mine used to say that his favourite words from the Bible were "and it came to pass". Experience had taught him that although following Jesus does not mean we are exempt from pain, persecution and death, these things cannot hold us forever in their grip. Jesus testifies to this truth.

A month or so ago I read of a large black bear surprising the owner of a lakeside cottage in Ontario. When Jack found him in the kitchen early one morning he was happily scoffing drinking chocolate powder. When he was shooed away with loud shouting the bear ambled out of the screen door and settled himself under the raised foundation of the cottage. The Environment Officer told Jack that he was not to worry

and that the berries in the woods would be ripe in a couple of weeks and the bear would leave and bother him no longer.

The tragedy of Terrorism, the blight of injustice, the horror of hatred may slow us down and make us afraid but we are promised that God will be with us through all that terrifies us. And one day the bear under the porch will move and we will finish the race into glory with Christ.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

August 20 Alan Overton to Tracey Jasiukiewicz

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

August 21 Jessica Eliza Victoria Carro

Megan Lauren Mai Sutton

Layla Alyshia Muttitt

All Saints' Ladbroke

August 7 Oscar Charles Malby

Christopher Geraint Durnford Elliott

Funerals at All Saints Harbury

August 8 Avis McNeil (91)

August 9 John Barringham (53)

August 23 Gill Carter (63)

August 25 Bill Roberts (99)



Thought for the Month

There is no experience from which you can't learn something.

When you stop learning, you stop living in any vital and meaningful sense. And the purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

Eleanor Roosevelt

From the Churchwardens

It has become almost an assumption that young people are increasingly uninterested in worship. Well, albeit in a small way when we consider the whole picture, Harbury does its bit to reverse the trend as this month's notes suggest.

The Choir and the Jubilate Group are about to hold an evening of entertainment for their families and friends. They make a very valuable contribution to our worship, and the Choir also has the opportunity to work for the VOICE FOR LIFE award. Catriona and Alice have just won their red ribbons: congratulations to them.



Catriona and Alice with Father Roy

An average of fifty children enjoyed a happy week at this year's All Saints' Holiday Club, Fishy Tails. They heard the story of Jonah, sang songs, made masks, mobiles and a collage, played chimes, dramatised Jonah's story, and a number of them contributed to a lovely presentation at the Family Communion Service. We do thank Alison and her team for all the thought, skills, hard work and enthusiasm that went into the week.



The Family Service was, appropriately, the occasion of the baptism of Jessica. Perhaps she'll be a member of the Funday Club in a few years' time. The Funday Club (spot the dreadful link!) will start again in September. We'd like to thank John and Sally Stringer for organising the rota for many years, and, we're sure, for doing a great deal more behind the scenes. Ruth Walton is taking over their role: our thanks and best wishes go to her. The Funday Club welcomes new helpers, so if you're interested, please let us know.

Harvest Festival on 18th September coincides with the Family Communion Service. The school will give the presentation. Please do come and support the children. The Harvest supper follows on 1st October. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of September.

Finally, if you have the energy to think ahead to Christmas, may we suggest the new ALL SAINTS' tea towel as a gift? It really is extremely attractive and at £3, very good value. Please contact Annette Hughes (612273) if you are interested.

Tony and Felicity

Ladbroke News

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat | 10 | Sponsored Cycle/walk in aid of the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust |
| Sun | 11 | TRINITY XVI
Sung Communion 9am |
| Wed | 14 | Holy Communion 2pm
Women's Fellowship 2.45pm |
| Thurs | 15 | ADVERTISEMENTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm |
| Sun | 18 | TRINITY XVII
Sung Communion 9am |

- Thurs 22 W.I. Meeting – Presentation in Delights of Denman College followed by guest speaker –“Who am I?” “What am I?”
- Fri 23 **ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury & Email Article deadline by 5.30pm**
- Sun 25 **TRINITY XVIII**
Sung Communion 9am
- Fri 30 **Ladbroke Harvest Supper in Village Hall**

OCTOBER

- Sun 2 **TRINITY XIX**
Harvest Thanksgiving
- Thurs 6 **PCC at Chapel Ascot 7.30pm**
- Sun 9 **TRINITY XX**
Sung Communion 9am

Ladbroke Church News

There are three annual events in the next month that are a sign that summer is almost over.

Firstly – the sponsored cycle, walk or horse riding on September 10th. There are sponsor forms just inside the church for those who would like to take part. It is in aid of the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. Whatever money we raise in the village, the church gets half back. The other half goes to the Trust, and is there for any churches in the area to apply for grants. Nicholas Steenstra cycled to 13 churches last year, which was the most churches visited in his age group. Nicholas was 10 years old at the time.

Secondly - Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 2nd October. This will be incorporated in the Family Service at 10.30am. Children are invited as usual to bring baskets of produce with them to take up to the Altar.

Thirdly – our Harvest Supper is in the Village Hall on Friday 30th September at 7.30pm. Tickets will be for sale very soon.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

Our next meeting is at Hazel's home in Pound Way, Southam on Wednesday 14th September, following the Holy Communion Service in Church at 2pm.

If this organisation is to continue (it started in 1944) we do need an “injection of new blood”. We have never been a large organisation but

the one big advantage we do have is that we are not affiliated to any Federation. Consequently we are free to raise money for any charity we like – Dogs for the Disabled, Alzheimer's, Arthritis, The Blind, to name just a few.

We meet in members' homes on the 2nd Wednesday in the month at 2.30pm approximately. This follows the church service in church. This is not an obligation – just come to the meetings, you will be made very welcome.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

On 10th August 24 ladies (girls) had a super summer outing to sunny Stratford upon Avon. After a lecture from their president the girls behave extremely well and were a credit to the W.I. The weather was perfect not too sunny but warm and dry. On arrival everyone vacated the coach quickly because they were on a mission. Several members headed straight for the open top bus tour, which they thoroughly enjoyed although a little windblown. The rest of the girls quickly set off either for a morning coffee or a little retail therapy. After lunch a tour of the Swan Theatre followed by live entertainment from two budding actors (not mentioning any names) then 1/2hr free time before returning to the coach and home. Note for diaries the Quiz night has been rearranged to Friday 28 October.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting Thursday September 22nd September.

Sue Halsall

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Here are the results of the July draw:

£70 K Tancock
 £25 Sue Ford
 £25 Nancy Stubbs
 £10 D Surgey
 £10 Pat Kennedy
 £10 Mike Todman

Next month's draw will be held on Monday 12th September 2005 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Table Tennis Club

I hope everyone is in training now for the start of the new season. Get out the old bats, (not wives) dust them down ready for Monday 12th September 8pm - 10pm. All newcomers are welcome to join us for some light hearted fun and laughter as well as keeping fit, do give it a try?

We have our super new full size table as well as the original, so plenty of games can be played. Look forward to seeing everyone old members and new. Interested? Please telephone Sue Halsall 01926 811838 or just turn up on the night.

Sue Halsall

Filming "Tore paa Sporet" at Ladbroke

Following the footsteps of her English great-grandfather Ernest Augustus Palmer Morewood, brought Norwegian-born Gjertrud Morewood not only to the romantic shores of the Isle of Skye where he was buried in 1920, but further south to Ladbroke Hall, where he was born in 1860. The filming of those footsteps brought Tore Stromoy and his TV team here on behalf of the Norwegian Broadcasting Company.

So it was with great excitement that Christopher Palmer and I waited in the car park at Ladbroke Hall for our visitors to arrive and hoped for a clear sunny day that would provide some beautiful shots of Ladbroke. Chris (a fellow historian specialising in the family tree of the Palmer family who were Lords of the Manor at Ladbroke from 1632 until 1918,) and I have linked our research for many years now, as I specialise in discovering Ladbroke's own historical background. We both have extensive files on the village and its populace and here was a wonderful opportunity to exchange information with others personally involved in the village.

Only two months previously, Chris and I had had the pleasure of meeting Anthony Palmer-Morewood, the grandson of Ernest's eldest brother Charles, who had inherited the estate from their father at the turn of the 20th Century and subsequently sold it after the First World War to concentrate on their estates and coalmines at Alfreton in Derbyshire. For Anthony, born after the sale of Ladbroke Hall and now in his 70s living in Malta, this was his first visit to his ancestor's home and it will probably be his only visit. However, although his

family was unaware of their Norwegian cousins, Gjertrud and the team were flying off to Malta to meet them the next day to film their reunion, a secret that had been kept from her right until this very last minute.

Earlier Palmer generations had been educated at Rugby School, but with the inheritance of Alferton, Ladbroke Hall as a small country-hunting seat was not very profitable and although the estate was well maintained, more and more time was spent in Derbyshire. Hence, Ernest and his brothers were educated in a small boarding school for gentlemen at Overslade on the edge of Rugby and very little time was spent in Ladbroke by this generation. It had been their great-great-grandfather who had knocked down the old manor house once owned by Robert Catesby of Gunpowder Plot fame and situated in the field right next to the church, which eventually as a crumbling common farmhouse was not suitable for aristocratic inhabitancy and was replaced by more substantial stone-built hall, while the farmyard, fields and ponds were landscaped as parkland. At the same time, the poverty-ridden peasants' cottages between the new Hall and the church were razed to the ground and leisurely walks planted up around the estate.

At the end of the Victorian era, Ernest Palmer-Morewood as the youngest of nine and with four other brothers was unlikely to inherit much, so he had taken himself off to Norway and remained there until the outbreak of war forced him back to Scotland. Apparently the brothers didn't get along together and friction through family fighting caused them all to travel widely in Europe and North America. Three brothers settled for a time in Virginia USA where they farmed, and Scotland appears to have been a frequent call for the gentlemanly pursuits of hunting, fishing and shooting, as no doubt Norway had been for the young Ernest. However, illness prevented Ernest from returning to Norway after the war and he died in 1920 in Scotland, still presumably estranged from his family as no one knew he had left a son in Norway, hence the 21st Century journey taken by his great-grand-daughter to meet her newly discovered cousins.

Well the day favoured the filming and the team and Gjertrud returned home having enjoyed excellent English hospitality from the present day residents of Ladbroke Hall and we now all look forward to seeing the finished documentary as a memento of their visit.

Linda Doyle

Harbury Parish Council – July 2005

DEVELOPMENT

Ufton Chairman, John Taylor, and Clerk, Gillian Ingram, were present to express their solidarity in opposing Follet Properties grand plans for the Quarries. They were particularly concerned about the proposed freight terminal and the increased traffic it would generate on the A425 and Ufton Lane.

Stratford has been digesting the Local Plan Inspector's Report and it is clear that they will accept no more applications for the Quarries site until a Masterplan has been produced and approved by local communities, the Council and the developers. The rail link would be crucial to the Plan being acceptable.

Dutch Van Spall was appalled that the Leicester Butterfly Group seeking the endangered Small Blue Butterfly at the Quarries had been threatened by Follett's Security staff.

The Parish Paths Partnership had inspected SM84, the footpath that runs alongside the Quarries and recommended that Follets be asked to install gates and Danger signs to prevent walkers straying onto their land.

CRIME - Both the Co-op and Post Office had been raided. The Community Support Officer had taken action about the broken glass scattered on the Playing Fields and would keep an eye on the problem. Janet Thornley informed Councillors that the teenager who had "policed" the site was leaving. She wanted the CSO to patrol the Village Hall area as children had been playing football against the building.

A letter of sympathy and support was received from the Mayor of Samois in the wake of the London bombings.

PARISH PLAN - Cllr Thomley presented Cllrs with a table listing Actions from the Parish Plan and suggested that the appropriate Working Parties took responsibility for implementing them and reported progress to the PC each month.

ROADS - Dutch Van Spall is masterminding a campaign to prevent heavy lorries crossing the railway bridge at Deppers. The County has plans to upgrade the parapet for safety reasons but moves are afoot to have the road downgraded so that HGVs up to 40 tons would be banned.

PLANNING - Stratford granted permission for a conservatory, with conditions at Greenhill; floodlights at the Playing Fields; a roof space extension at 15 The Beeches and retrospective consent for ancillary accommodation at Walworth Farm. This last application was demanded because building had taken place without planning permission and Cllrs were annoyed that it was then allowed. They wanted to know if the owners had paid Council Tax or whether it could be levied retrospectively.

The Council made no representation on the amendments to extensions to The Spiers and for 11 Neales Close.

They had received communication from Hawkesfords that the land to the rear of Wissett Lodge was unlikely to be released for development. It appears that permission would only be granted for social housing, which would not be commercially attractive to the Trustees.

LICENSING - There then followed an interminable debate about the new Licensing Act with Cllr Dally, who is on both the Licensing Committee and the Appeals Panel expounding on the applications submitted by Harbury pubs. There has been a great deal of discussion and confusion on the part of the public about the way the new act is supposed to work which has led to fears that pubs will be open for long hours every day. Councillors asked if the pubs were encouraged to apply for hours to cover all previous extensions and special occasions. District Cllr Patrick was eventually moved to suggest that what Cllr Dally was trying to say to the Council was "Yes".

LIGHTING - New lights have been ordered and landowners will be requested to cut back foliage that is obscuring lamps. Three damaged lights in Neales Close, Manor Road and Temple End had been reported and made safe. The dead tree at the pumping station in Mill Street was noted and the County will be asked to deal with clumps of Ragwort and Japanese Knotweed.

VILLAGE CENTRE - The School is to bid for funds for bike sheds and wants safer crossing places for children. A survey will ask residents where these should go. Cllr Tim Lockley asked if a cycleway could be created from Hall Lane to Ufton Fields Road so that children from Ufton could cycle to school.

ALLOTMENTS - There was nothing in the Council's lease about cars using the footpath alongside the Allotments, so a turning head would not be allowed. Planning permission was likely to be required to change its status. The Council did not wish to relinquish its lease, as the provision of Allotments is one of the duties imposed on it by statute.

PLAYING FIELDS - The Tennis Club has secured a grant for their improvements; the Youth Project will work on a joint application for the Shelter and BMX Track; The Play Bark has been replaced with the correct type and the new Swings have been ordered.

DOUBLE RATING RELIEF - The PC's Area Committee Meeting in September will hear from SDC Officer Paul Ogden and the Stratford Portfolio Holder why the District believes it is equitable to remove S136 Double Rating Relief from Parish Councils whilst still maintaining from the District Rate all the amenities and public spaces in Stratford upon Avon. Officers claimed to be unable to give John Woodward a complete breakdown of the amounts involved, but Harbury calculates it would add £10,000 to our Parish Rate.

Linda Ridgley

Councillors' Corner for September

Recycling plastics

Just one thing to mention this month:-

At last we have reasonably easy access to a site, which will take plastics for recycling.

Southam Wood Street car park now has containers for PET plastics (fizzy drink bottles) and for HDPE plastics (plastic milk bottles). (Please don't put in any other types of plastics.)

The next stage is cardboard. And the stage after that is to include these materials in the household collection. Let's hope we don't have too long to wait.

We have a 'street surgery' in Bishops Itchington on Saturday 10th September from 10 till 12.

If you want to join us there, you will be very welcome!

Andrew Patrick

Harbury's Women's Institute



Although there is no meeting in August, members keep in touch. Some went on an enjoyable walk to Chesterton and came back through the Thwaites Estate, ending our journey at the Crown for a tasty lunch.

We visited Sulgrave Manor, the family home of the Washington's, which was most interesting. It was a lovely day and we had afternoon tea before returning home. Thanks to Nora for organising the trip.

A reminder about the Produce Show on Saturday 10th September. Please support the show and do enter this time. Prizes for the Tombola stall would be most welcome. See you in the afternoon.

We look forward to the W.I Harvest Supper on Friday 16th September at the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30 for 7.45pm. Please bring drink and a glass.

The W.I are "doing" a lunch at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 29th October from 12 noon onwards. There will be more about that next month. All are welcome.

September's Speaker – Pino's life and cooking demonstration.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Society



Harbury Society

Our first event of the new season takes place on the afternoon of Sunday 11th September when we are visiting Moseley Old Village in Birmingham.

The Moseley Society is taking part in the Civic Trust Open Days and will be leading guided walks round their fascinating village. We will be taken into the "secret" Chantry Park to see the Ice House and then the village itself. Their Secretary advises that people should wear stout shoes and be aware that the walk covers rough paths and steep steps so that it is not suitable for the less mobile. More details from Linda on 612792.

We have a fund-raising **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 24th September in the Tom Hauley Room and continuing the Autumn Harvest Theme we have secured the services of Harbury's own Rural Raconteur, **Cecil Bloxham** who will recall the Harbury of his youth at Harvestime on 3rd October 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room).

Then, in November on Monday 7th, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room we have another themed event when Mrs Beryl Ellerslie gives an illustrated talk on **Guy Fawkes**.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Folk Club

August is normally a quiet month for the Folk Club, competing with holidays and Folk Festivals like Sidmouth and Broadstairs. This year though it was nearly as busy as other months and it was good to welcome new people to the club.

The theme was poverty and the performers were skilled in selecting songs or tunes, which fitted the theme, or alternatively twisted the theme to fit their selected contribution. In sympathy with the theme, there follows a poor and probably inaccurate record of what happened.

The first half got underway by those "Silly Sisters" Maureen and Janny singing, "What will we do if we have no money". It is always good to get contributions from the vibrant "young" folk scene, and Lizzy sang and played on the keyboard "Blue" from Joni Mitchell. Summer manipulated the theme with a tune she had written for her granddaughter, and was joined by more "young" folk Jenny and Nicole (visiting from Canada), who enthralled the audience by playing a set of 4 fiddle tunes. Young Ron declared he was only 35 years old, and gave us "Sixpence a Day" and "My Family". Gilly delighted us with a couple of songs (sorry we forgot to note the titles) before Peter McD closed the first half with "Hard Times of old England" and the thought provoking "Making Choices" from Huw Williams.

Maureen and Janny gave us "Hedger and Ditcher", and then Debbie gave a stunning singing debut with her song "Deepest Sympathy" that she had written in 1991. Martin treated us to another Huw Williams song, followed by a fishy Les Barker ditty. Barbara included "Lancashire Lass", and Des the "Sailors Prayer" by Tom Lewis. How else to finish the second half but with a favourite of ours, Ruth, whose singing was so spell binding we completely forgot to record the names of her songs. We were later informed that one of the songs was "Never dreamed you would leave in summer".

The audience thinned somewhat in the third half, leaving a slim contingent, and as always those who left early missed an excellent third half. Vaughan included "Gone on strike for 10%" whilst Judith, visiting from deepest Sussex, gave us a couple fine songs. Janny, Maureen, Pete McD and Margaret joined forces with "Seven Days are in the Week". Finally Ruth closed the evening in great style with "Fields of Gold" from Sting.

When originally setting the theme as Poverty, we had in mind collecting for Farm Africa. Given the recent DEC appeal for Niger, we could not ignore that, so in the end we collected for both charities and

have donated £48.50 to each charity. The next folk club, our 250th and also our 21st birthday, will be on 1st September led by Des and the theme is Home.

Doug and Janny

Harbury Tennis Club

August has been a relatively quiet month due to holidays but plenty of tennis has been played at Club sessions as well as the league matches. The Banbury Summer League season is coming to an end with all 3 teams having one more fixture to play. The "A" Team's push for promotion suffered a set back with a 5-6 home defeat against Hook Norton "B". Gill Thorpe, Kate Young and Carol Best were on their usual good form but due to work and holiday commitments, "B" team regulars Jon Scothern, Richard Harding and Colin Mercer had to step up. They put up a good fight but found the visitors too strong. However, they are still in second place so promotion to Division 1 is still a possibility.

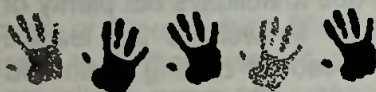
The "B" team's winning run continued with 2 more convincing wins, 8-1 against second placed Byfield "C" and 7-2 against Kings Sutton "C". Caroline Morland, Angie and Lucy Dean were in fine form and the highlight was Angie and Lucy's 11-0 win. Ed Wilson, Richard Harding and Colin Mercer were also in top form winning all 3 men's doubles. In the next match there was one change to the team, Bill Hathaway replacing Ed. He made a very impressive start winning his mixed doubles with Caroline Morland and later partnered Colin Mercer to an 11-0 win. The ladies were again unbeaten but in Angie and Lucy's match there were some interesting and amusing "discussions" over a few line calls! The team has now consolidated its 3rd place in the league and if other results are kind to them it might even clinch the second promotion place, heaven forbid!

The "C" team secured its 4th win of the season with a 6-3 home success against Hook Norton "E". The match turned out to be a Dean family "outing" with Bob and daughters Lucy and Clare playing with Angie providing sandwiches! Tracy Hagan was the third lady but it was the men's turn to win all their matches with Bill Hathaway partnering Paul Crowton to a 10-1 win. Unfortunately they couldn't keep the momentum going in the next match against Cropredy and suffered a heavy 8-1 defeat. Rosemary Harley and Keith Thompson were the only Harbury winners but Mary Thompson, Paul Crowton and Bob Dean were all involved in some close matches.

Juniors

The summer school holiday programme has now finished but plans are well in hand for the Club's first winter programme, which is scheduled to start in mid September.

Colin and Sue Mercer



Harbury Pre-School

The weeks of relaxation and 'fun in the sun' have yet again flown by and next week will see the return of the Pre-School children for yet more hard play and exciting activities. As the older children are settling into their new roles at school the younger children will no doubt glide effortlessly into their shoes and become the big boys and girls at Pre-School.



There will be four new starters this term, Nathaniel, Amelia, Grace and Sophie. I'm sure they will be shown the ropes by their peers and then the staff will introduce them properly to life at Pre-School!

The theme for the Pre-School room this month is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children will be listening to the story and having great fun acting it out – their own interpretations of course!

Pre-School AGM

This year's AGM will be on Wednesday 21st September in the Wight School. Anyone who is interested in being part of the committee or the Fund Raising Group is encouraged to come along. Any help with the running of Pre-School is greatly appreciated. Further information can be obtained from Jane Kempton on 613 786

Fundraising Update

To start this year off we have our coffee morning on Saturday the 17th September in the Tom Hauley rooms from 10am until 12noon. We will

be selling a selection of cakes, plants and phoenix cards as well as the lovely toys, books and puzzles from Orchard Toys. Raffle tickets will be available and the children can enjoy having their faces painted.

Our next event will be together with Windmills Nursery and is the children's Halloween disco, on the 30th of October in the Village Hall.

One last note to all of you who enjoyed the Barn Dance earlier in the year. We will be having another one next year but don't worry we're not selling tickets just yet but we have had a proposition from the band 'Reel to Reel'. If you think you would enjoy learning a Morris dance and then to perform it as the cabaret act at the Barn dance then please step forward! This would very much be a fun event and could go ahead if a small group is interested. You could either speak to one of the Pre-School fundraising group members or call Peter on 613730, e-mail Peter.McDonald@BTConnect.com

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



Toddler Group – August

The summer holidays have meant we haven't seen all the regular faces at toddler group sessions throughout August but that doesn't mean that it has been any less fun.

It has meant that we have been able to indulge in some activities that larger groups wouldn't allow, water play as one example. Julie had the good sense to get the water trough out and fill it with water, bubbles and toys much to the delight of the children. They had so much fun they were even reluctant to come in for their juice and snacks! There was also a biscuit icing session, which was a huge success with the children. Play and snack time rolled into one! Can't be bad.

The highlight of the month was of course the Teddy bears picnic! The weather wasn't the best it could have been that day, however the picnic went ahead in the Wight School as promised with about seven families braving the downpour. Picnic blankets were laid out on the floor, music was playing and teddies were made comfortable. The picnic carried on as if it were outside on a sunny day, the children made sure of that.

So with the holidays over, the older kids back to school and some new Mums in the village we are looking forward to September. We are amending our Wednesday opening time back to the 1.30-3.00pm slot and Mondays stay the same, opening between 10.00-11.30am. Sessions cost 50p per person (adults and children) and that includes refreshments.

As a reminder, we are holding our AGM on Wednesday 28th September, 8pm in the Shakespeare pub. We are always on the lookout for more committee members to bring new ideas to the group, help organise the fund raising events and make the important decisions that affect the everyday running of the group.

It is not a huge commitment, we try to meet up every 6 – 8 weeks at most and when we do we always have a laugh. So if you fancy getting involved or just want to find out a bit more about what is involved please don't hesitate to give me a call (Emma 613093), pop down to one of the sessions or to the Shakespeare for our AGM on the 28th. We look forward to hearing from you.

Emma Legg

Harbury Twinning Association

When our friends from Samois-sur-Seine visited in May, they presented us with three Petanque sets and we feel it's time to try them out before winter is upon us. We will be having a tournament with a barbeque lunch on Saturday 24th September and our thanks to Pam and David Clarke who are hosting the event.

We hope some members of Kilsby Twinning Association will join us as they did for our very successful Bastille Night dinner at the Shakespeare in July.

We are planning a number of events over the winter and we are looking forward to visiting Samois from 29th April to May 2nd next year. New members are always welcome - please contact me at 32, Mill Street.

Sharon Hancock

Are you finding it difficult to visit your local library or mobile library?

If you would like to receive a housebound library service, you may qualify if you:

- Do not have your own transport

- Do not have relatives or friends who can regularly exchange books for you.

In partnership with Age Concern, two volunteers will visit you in your home once every four weeks, bringing you a selection of books, Talking Books, music cassettes or jigsaws. You can request any items free of charge and we can help you with any information needs you have.

To find out more about the Housebound Library Service, Contact Debbie Sly on (01926) 851031.

Library Service

Business loans for social enterprises

When people think of "business" the picture this conjures up can often be of large money-making concerns making huge profits for cigar smoking, Mercedes driving company directors.

There are many businesses operating in Coventry and Warwickshire, however, whose prime objective is "social benefit" and this can result in great difficulties in obtaining loan funds from banks and other financial institutions. Social enterprises could be charity shops, community groups or businesses providing a vital service or generating employment to an area.

A new "not for profit" organisation has now been set up in Coventry and Warwickshire providing loan finance specifically for these social enterprises.

The Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust can provide loans of between £500 and £40,000 over flexible repayments terms of up to ten years to individuals or businesses who provide a social benefit to the area.

C W R T can be contacted by telephone on (0845) 606 6216 (lo-call number) by E-mail at enquiries@cwrt.uk.com or via their web site at www.cwrt.uk.com

Steve Patalong

Blood Donors

August's session had the slightly disappointing result of 84 donations, probably because it was holiday time. So sincere thanks are especially due to those who did get there, including 5 new donors.

Diaries out! The next session will be on Thursday 15th December.

*****: Summer



Many people turned up to enjoy the Summer Lunch held at the Village Hall.

Lunch



This event was held to raise money for the Senior Citizens Benefit Association.

Mike Bloxham

First Responder Group

Following on from the article in the June issue of the Harbury and Ladbroke News, we thought it would be a good idea to demonstrate the automated defibrillator, in the hopes that it would inspire some more people to join our small group, so that we can provide more hours of cover than are feasible at present.

This demonstration will take place in the foyer of the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 8th October 10am – 12noon. Please pop in to find out more information about the group and have a coffee in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Rosemary Harley

Backdoor Drop-in

A Drop-in service for young people (year 6 upwards) will be provided on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Wagstaffe Room of the village hall. Opening night is Tuesday 6 September when there will be free hot chocolate. Entry will be free and refreshments will be on sale. This will be the place to meet friends, have a drink and maybe listen to some music. It will be open every Tuesday until the Christmas break, after which we will decide whether to continue.

Lesley Jones & Margaret Commons

Electric Blanket Testing

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is offering electric blanket testing free of charge to people in Warwickshire who are over 60 years of age. Electric blanket tests will take place at several venues in October.

Monday 10th October	Stratford Fire Station
Tuesday 11th October	Leamington Library
Wednesday 12th October	Shire Hall, Warwick
Thursday 13th October	Nuneaton Fire Station
Friday 14th October	Shipston Fire Station
Monday 17th October	Rugby Library

To book an appointment call Freephone 0800 413332

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

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

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

Pat Whorton

Flu Clinics 2005

October

Saturday 8th	9am – 12noon at Bishops Itchington Surgery
Wednesday 12th	4pm – 7pm at Harbury Surgery
Thursday 13th	4pm – 7pm at Bishop Itchington Surgery
Saturday 15th	9am – 12noon at Harbury Surgery

No appointment necessary – just turn up at the clinic of your choice. The earlier clinics tend to be busier and as we will have plenty of flu vaccines you can safely attend any of the later and quieter clinics.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that all those aged 65 and over and younger people in certain "At Risk" groups should be vaccinated each year. These groups are:

Asthma/Chronic Bronchitis

Heart Problems

Diabetes

Kidney Disease

Immunosuppression

Pneumococcal Vaccine

In addition patients over the age of 65 will also be able to have the pneumococcal vaccine.

Dr Snowdon & Dr Wilkinson

World War II

A shortened version of the story of the late Fred Barker's ordeal on Dunkirk Beach during World War II can now be found on the website:

www.bbc.co.uk/dna/ww2/A4198232

Betty Barker

Harbury's Morris Team – Hereburgh

Hereburgh Morris has passed its 18th birthday. Eighteen years ago we had completed our first performance at a barn dance at Harbury School. Little did we know then what we had embarked on.

Many of us have been members since we started eighteen years ago. We are older and cannot drink and dance as well as we used to! We would like to introduce some new members to have a go – you might enjoy it!

Morris dancing with Hereburgh is:

- A way of keeping fit in a light-hearted atmosphere
- More sociable, cheaper and easier than going to the gym
- Having fun whilst keeping an ancient English village tradition alive
- An opportunity to travel to festivals and other events, at home and abroad
- The possibility to play or learn a musical instrument in an informal style
- Visiting lots of pubs in the name of culture!

Harbury is now on the Morris map. Other dancers and musicians from all over the country have been here; dancers from America, Denmark and New Zealand have visited us. We have travelled to Germany, France, Holland and Ireland and we hope to visit our friends in California.

We normally practise in the school hall on Wednesday evenings 8pm – 10pm. The winter months are mainly for practising and now would be a good time to join. Hereburgh Morris is an 'equal opportunities' team – we have roughly equal numbers of men and women! Do come and bring a friend or two.

On Wednesday 7th September at 8pm, we are dancing at the Merrie Lion in Fenny Compton, a chance to see us enjoying ourselves on an informal occasion. Please contact me for more details, Celia Neill, Tel: 612819 e-mail chelianne@aol.com

Celia Neill

Knitted Woollen Hats

(Bill's Psychedelic Salvation helmets).

Knit Wits and others are respectfully reminded that I shall be collecting hats for onward dispatch to UK Ports / Europe for the benefit of seafarers away from home this winter. We urgently need wool (bright colours please), also used postage stamps.

A BOX is situated at the back of the church or leave contributions at 29 Neales Close. The first consignment is on 16th September. Thank you.

Bill Davies

Licensing Hours

Can I put a word of support in for our local pubs and their applications to extend their hours? Over many years I have enjoyed a drink in our pubs and clubs, all of them. I have found them welcoming and friendly. There is always someone interesting to talk to.

Like many others I regularly enjoyed a late drink, perhaps one of the benefits of life in a village community. It fits in with my lifestyle. From time to time I have shared this late drink with many residents of the village including serving and retired policemen, village leaders, even Parish Councillors. Over the last few years my late drink has been somewhat curtailed by a stronger enforcement of the licensing laws. Sometimes this has been a response to real problems of drunken behaviour, sometimes not.

I do believe that the later hours and the freedom for publicans to open and close at their discretion will make for a more relaxed approach to drinking, bring customers back into the pubs and encourage more sensible drinking.

John Ridgley

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is a national event, which has raised over £20million over the last 13 years; money that has made a real difference to people living with cancer. In the UK, four in ten people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. Coffee mornings, big and small, all over the country, fund vital information and counselling centres, specialist Macmillan medical

staff, buildings for cancer treatments and care, as well as grants for patients in financial difficulties. £121.00 enables a Macmillan Nurse to spend on day giving support, care and advice to someone affected by cancer.

I will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning at my house, 10, Penelope Close, Harbury on Friday 30th September from 9am to 12 noon. Please come along and support a worthy cause.

I will also be selling Phoenix cards, which are a range of greetings cards, charity Christmas cards, gift-wrap, invitations and thank you cards. The charity that Phoenix support is Cancer Research UK, which is the world's largest independent organisation dedicated to cancer research. Last year, Phoenix Trading donated just over £60,000 to Cancer Research UK, and this year it is anticipated that this figure will be closer to £80,000. I will donate 10% of all sales from the coffee morning and associated orders to Macmillan. So why not support two Cancer Charities at the same time and come along to my coffee morning in September. I look forward to seeing you.

Carolyn Dorning

Macmillan Cancer Relief's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Come and help make the world's biggest coffee morning bigger than last year by calling in for coffee and having a chat with friends at the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 30th September 10am – 12noon. There will be a raffle, bring and buy and cakes.

Please come and support the Macmillan Cancer Relief, this is a very worthy cause, and bring a friend.

Mary and Friends

Neighbourhood Watch News

The weekly NHW update from the police gives information about recent crimes. This serves two purposes, any information or observations the public may have can assist the police in finding those responsible, and increased awareness can prevent further crimes. In addition they often include crime prevention advice. I have reproduced some recent advice for those of you who do not receive it personally.

Personal safety at home.

A. Intruders.

If you have intruders, only you can decide how to handle the situation (which may alter if you are on your own). Think about it now, as you might not be thinking clearly in a real incident. You could make a noise in the hope that this puts the intruders off, or stay quiet in the hope they do not enter the room that you are in, or keep a phone in your bedroom so you can raise the alarm. It is best not to challenge the intruder.

B. Interrupting burglars.

If you come home to find a door has been opened, lights on, etc., it may be best not to enter the property but to go to a neighbour and call the police. However, if you ring your door bell, someone who should be in the house will come to the door - intruders are likely to run away. Do not step on or touch anything (do not clean up, etc.) as this will destroy any evidence that may be of assistance to the police in their detections of the criminal(s).

C. Abusive phone calls.

If you get an abusive or threatening phone call, do not respond to it. Put the receiver next to the phone and move away. Return to the phone after a few minutes and hang up. You can keep a record (date, time, what was said, e.g. language used by young/older people, local slang/accents, male/female voice) to assist you in seeing if there is a pattern to the calls. You can dial 1471 to see if the caller's number is listed. At night you can unplug your phone. If you receive a lot of abusive calls, contact your phone company in the first instance, then contact the police.

D. Bogus callers.

You can fit a door chain or spy hole to help you check who the caller is. If you are not expecting a caller, you can find the caller's company's telephone number in the phone book or last billing and ring the company to check who the caller is, prior to letting the caller into your property. If you let someone into your home, even if it is someone you know, and you become uncomfortable, make excuses and leave. Go to a neighbour's house, or ask a friend to come back with you.

E. The law on self-defence

1. Under the law you are entitled to use 'reasonable' force in self-defence or to protect another person on your property.
2. The force that is reasonable to use in any situation will depend on

the threat that you are facing. What is 'reasonable force' will depend on the circumstances of each case and the only courts can decide if the force was reasonable. If the criminal complains that you have used unreasonable force, the police must investigate.

3. The law does not allow you to retaliate. Punishing criminals is a matter for the courts and you must not take the law into your own hands by trying to punish an offender for a crime committed against you, your friends or your family.

Timely advice for those off to University or college

1. In halls, be careful about locking your door, even if you are just going down the corridor.

2. Make sure that main entrance doors close behind you, don't let other people in with you.

3. In a shared house, be aware that you are likely to have more electrical goods (stereos, computers and so on) than many households. You should think about getting insurance to cover these in case they are stolen.

4. Speak to the landlord about any concerns you have about locks, security of window etc.

5. Over Christmas and other holidays, when it is likely that the house will be empty for a long time, see if anyone will be around to keep an eye on things.

Alison Abbott

The Great South Run – Supporting the British Heart Foundation

On Sunday October 9th I shall be taking part, for the second time, in the Great South Run, Portsmouth, a distance of ten miles. Jonathan will be running the Junior Race of two miles on Saturday October 8th. Together we are raising money for the British Heart Foundation and would be delighted if you could sponsor either of us. We have a sponsorship form at home, 53 Mill Street, or you can contact us by phone (614242). Thank you in anticipation.

Ruth Guy

Tree of Light

The Rotary Club of Southam is organising a Tree of Light again as part of the Christmas Lights in Southam. We will be able to light the

tree with more bulbs this year representing those who have died. Leaflets containing information and a donation slip will be available throughout the area. Please ring me if you have difficulty finding one. Donations will go to The Acorn Children's Hospice, which is the only one for children, serving our area. Remembering these children is particularly appropriate at Christmas but it is also an opportunity to show appreciation of the love and comfort Acorns give to them and their families throughout the year. Last year we raised £1,000 for Acorns. This year we hope to send even more and if we manage to increase the support from the villages we might even double it.

For more information, offers of help or encouragement, ring Peter Jackson on (01926) 864234.

Peter Jackson

Time Out – Ufton

Over the past 5 years 'Take Time Out' has held 41 events including garden visits, watercolour painting, antiques, local history, creating cards, cushions and floristry.

During August we have prepared the autumn programme, which starts with:

Millefiori - Thousand flowers. A technique using Fimo plastic clay -
Thursday 22 September 10.00am - 12.30pm.

Alison Gallant returns to demonstrate and run a workshop to make multi coloured flowers creating something fantastic from plastic for necklaces, earrings or cards using fimo and the new 'silver' clay. Cost is £5.00 plus £1.50 for materials.

Please book early as places are strictly limited by ringing Tracey Watts on 01926 614413.

Gillian Ingham



Horticultural Society

In the last issue the Walkabout featured prominently; in this issue it is the turn of the Show on Saturday 10th September. If you haven't got one, please pick up a Schedule - the Committee thinks that there is something for everyone. There are classes for flower arranging, painting, photography, crafts, cooking, preserves etc., all this besides the flower, fruit and vegetable sections. The youngsters of course have a Schedule of their own. As in previous years, the cut off date is

6pm on Wednesday 7th September. Please deliver your entry form and money to Janice at 35 Percival Drive, Dorothy Groves at 37 Mill Street, Ron Grey at 23 Deppers Bridge and Harbury Primary School. This arrangement is very necessary for admin purposes and staging of the exhibition as Janice will then have a better idea how much space to allow for each class - not easy!

On the previous evening before the Show the tables and stands have to be put in place, then the tables covered with paper, so if anyone would like to help, please ring Janice on 614459. Help will also be needed to dismantle everything at 4.15pm on the Saturday.

Please, please bring entries to stage well before 10.45am and bear in mind this does take time to complete. It would be a shame if you were disqualified because you were late, all that wasted effort. The doors open at 8am, so there shouldn't be any excuses! As usual there will be a Produce Stall, so contributions will be very welcome when brought to the Hall on the morning of the Show, but not between 11am and 12.30 when judging will be in progress. Also as in previous years any produce left at the Hall after the Show will be taken to Castel Froma who are always very appreciative. There will be various sideshows so something of interest for all ages. Of course there will be a Tombola - no alcohol please - contributions will be very welcome, please deliver by Wednesday 7th September to 55 Mill Street (in the porch), or 23 Deppers Bridge. Thank you in anticipation.

The trophies and cups are being engraved; ready to be won again, they make an impressive display. The list of winners will be published next month. Even if you haven't entered anything, do come to the Hall at 2pm on Saturday 10th September to see other people's exhibits, you might be inspired to try next year!

This year the Society donations will be to the Senior Citizens, Scouts and Mother and Toddler Group.

Finally our new season of talks starts with "Alpines of the Italian Dolomites" and will be given by Sue Burn on Tuesday 4th October at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

As I write, (24th August) an intense depression is tracking over the north of the country. We are on the edge of it in Warwickshire but rain and high winds have been the order of the day. Some days, such as

Sunday 21st August have been idyllic, and despite the sunshine and still air, we haven't been plagued by wasps - not that I'm anti-wasp exactly - they do a good job mopping up garden pests, but it was a pleasure to spend such a day in the garden with children and not to be constantly swatting wasps away.

Fruit in profusion, both cultivated and wild is what I particularly like about this time of year. Blackberries are a favourite and excellent straight off the bush or cooked - especially with apples. I've got my tried and trusted blackberry picking sites where the bushes crop well year in and year out; perhaps they have their roots down far enough to tap a good water source. Other fruit locally includes the yellow egg plum known as the Warwickshire Drooper because of the way its smaller branches hang down when loaded with fruit. Our garden tree died some years ago but there are several trees in the local countryside at which a reasonable bag can be gathered. One is on the footpath that leads to the railway cutting by the ruins of Childyke. Another is on the side of the B4452 as it crosses the railway tunnel (beware of traffic!). Smaller 'black' plums, which are actually purple in colour when ripe, can be found on the bridleway leading towards Whitnash from the bottom of Middle Road. Damson sites are too numerous to mention. Now the ground has been softened by rain, look out for mushrooms. I found some a few weeks ago on the side of the road which leads to Long Itchington from Offchurch, just on the Long Itchington side of the Fosse Way. They looked superb, but in fact were riddled with maggots; I hope you have better fortune. Don't forget to leave some behind, so that the colony can be replenished. Also make sure you can tell your mushroom from a poisonous toadstool. Generally it's easy, but mistakes have been made.

The arable crops are now about all in. Wheat predominates on the Thwaites Estate, with a little barley and no oats. Roy Lambert told me it has been a good year and the grain drier has not been overworked. As I rode up towards the motorway off the Gaydon Road, I noticed a field of Linseed ripening. The attractive blue flowers had been replaced by the seed head. When harvested, this will be crushed to release the oil, which is used as a lubricant.

Down near Eastleach in the Cotswolds, Sharon and I were lucky enough to come across a Clouded Yellow butterfly. This species is a migrant from North Africa/Southern Europe, which cannot survive our winter. The upper wings are a distinctive orange with a wide black border. In the female, the border is broken by ragged yellow

spots. When the wings are closed, the underside can resemble Brimstone.

Eastleach is in fact two small villages joined by an ancient clapper bridge across the River Leach, which joins the Thames from the north near Lechlade. Hidden away in Eastleach Turville is the delightful Victoria Inn (Grid Reference 198054, OS sheet 163, Cheltenham and Cirencester). An excellent footpath network with good signs makes rambling a pleasure thereabouts.

Another butterfly to arrive here from Africa each year is the Painted Lady. Numbers vary greatly but usually the months of August and September can be relied on for a sighting. Phil Pain who lives by Oakley Wood informed me they have arrived but I've yet to see any this year. Look out for the tiny green eggs on the upper sides of thistle and nettle leaves. Again, I've drawn a blank so far but I did have a chance to look at Cabbage White eggs, courtesy of Margaret MacDonald. She showed me the clusters of yellow eggs and the black and yellow caterpillars, which hatch, from them. These were having a fine time munching through the Nasturtiums. The Nasturtium is related to the cabbage, which is the main food source. It's thought that the butterfly numbers really took off when cabbage fields became a feature of North and Central European farmland. From relative obscurity in the vast forested tracts, it has now become the commonest butterfly to be found. Predators do not find the caterpillar palatable, as it concentrates the oils found in its host plant to poisonous levels.

The list of birds found and ringed by Ron Stanbridge and colleagues at the Spoilbank Nature Reserve makes interesting reading. The mist nets used to trap the birds are sited in particularly favourable spots. After being caught and ringed, the birds are released and come to no harm. On 31st July the following birds were ringed. 1 Wren, 1 Treecreeper, 3 Willow Warblers, 1 Bluetit, 2 Bullfinches, 2 Blackbirds, 1 Great Tit, 1 Blackcap, and 3 Green Woodpeckers.

Rex Humphreys reported a Great Spotted Woodpecker in the village and I've seen several Buzzards in the surrounding woodland. Perhaps we will soon have an influx of Red Kite.

Hot off the press today from Warwickshire Wildlife magazine - positive signs of otters have been found on all the River Avon tributaries. Have any readers more information?

John Hancock

Gardening Notes

In September we need high pressure over the country to give the calm warm sunny days for harvesting fruit and vegetables, but we must also be prepared to go on watering crops and flowers to prolong their show. Continue deadheading to prevent plants setting seed, unless that is what you want, for propagation or decoration. Many hardy annuals will self-seed if the old flower heads are left to ripen, or collect the seed and sow where they are to flower.

Give all plants a general tidy up but when tidying beds leave a few hollow stems and dried up plants for winter homes for ladybirds and hoverflies. This month gives the last chance to trim hedges and conifers before winter. Plant roses, clematis and shrubs especially evergreen types and conifers, in wet weather at the end of the month. In dry weather water at the roots and spray the foliage. It is also a good time to move any of these plants whilst the soil is warm. Take cuttings of fuchsias, pelargonium, marguerites and other tender perennials. Use shoots that have not flowered, trim each one to about 3" then put 6 to 8 into a 4" pot of sandy compost and water well. Stand the pot in a warm but not sunny spot and cover with a plastic bag.

Buy and plant daffodils, crocus and other small spring bulbs, this month and next. Add slow release fertiliser around the planting hole. Daffodils do need to root early so should go in by the end of this month. They also need sun or very light shade. Look for the shorter varieties of daffodils for planting in pots that can then be positioned in the spring. Leave tulips until November. If mixing plants and bulbs in a bed put in the plants first and then the bulbs into the spaces. Plant wallflowers about 9-12" apart other biennials can also be planted now for spring display.

Sow winter hardy lettuce, such as Arctic King, or try lambs lettuce this year for fresh green salad leaves through winter. Up to mid month salad leaves can be sown to crop before the frosts. Continue sowings of radish, the variety China Rose will go on into the winter. Sow an autumn carrot for Christmas cropping. Sow winter hardy spinach. Pot up parsley, mint, chives and marjoram to bring indoors for winter use. Harvest ones for drying or freezing. String up onions in the traditional plait once they are well dried or store them in string bags, or old tights, with a knot between each onion. Store in the light to prevent sprouting. Pick and store apples and pears. Wrap apples individually in newspaper and store, stem down, in shallow boxes in a dark place. Pick pears before they are fully ripe, just as the skin colour begins to

change. Store them, unwrapped, stem up, in shallow boxes lined with tissue paper.

Bring back into the house any plants that have been sunbathing through the summer. Tidy them up and check the pots for slugs or snails. If they are winter flowering give them a feed and put them in good light. Bring cyclamen back into growth by watering sparingly at first, increasing it as growth takes off. Replace some of the old compost every 3-4 years. Stand the pot on a sunny windowsill.

Bring in azaleas for winter flowering. Give a feed of Miracid. Plant up bowls of treated hyacinth bulbs and paper narcissus allowing 10-12 weeks to flowering time. Water the compost before putting in the bulbs. Cover them and keep in a dark place for about 8 weeks. Plant this month for Christmas flowering.

This is the best time to tackle lawn problems. Put down stepping stones through areas, which become compacted. Over sow worn areas. Rake the patch, sow seed, water and cover with clear plastic until it germinates. Clean out bird boxes at the end of the month. If it was unoccupied this year try it in another site. Visiting birds eat leather jackets, aphids and snails, among other pests. Sow seeds of wild flowers and do your bit for bees and butterflies. Plant out next spring. Many need a spell of cold weather. Sow thinly in a pot or tray and cover with $\frac{1}{4}$ " grit, label, stand in cool shady area or cold.

Apple Days are held in October. Launched by the charity, Common Ground, there are now special events around the country. For a list send a 2nd. Class SAE to Apple Day, Common Ground, Gold Hill House, 21 High St. Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8JE or www.commonground.org.uk

Plant of the month – Helenium

This large daisy-like flower dominates many autumn borders with bright orange or red sprays. Known as sneezewort, henbane or sneezeweed in different parts of the country, it was introduced from N. America nearly two hundred years ago. Legend says the plants sprang from the ground after being watered by the tears of Helen of Troy, but quite how the plants went from S. Europe to Canada and USA stretches the imagination.



However it has proved to be a reliable hardy perennial, producing tall branching stems of flowers from a rosette of leaves, and blending well with golden rod and red-hot pokers as the autumn colours begin to take over the scene. From the forty species found, nurserymen have produced a range of flowers from yellow 'Butterpat' through coppery 'Gold Fox' and tawny red 'Moerheim Beauty' to chestnut 'Bruno'.

Drought tolerant, free flowering and lasting well as cut flowers are qualities that make the *Helenium* deserve a place in many gardens. Plant them in October or April in any soil in sun and apart from providing twiggy support in windy sites they will flower for you from July into October.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all my friends for the cards and flowers they sent to me the short while I was in hospital after my recent operation.

Vera Card

Dear Editors

Moirá Lamont would like to thank everyone who sent cards and condolences after the death of Avis McNeil on July 27th aged 91. Thanks to Father Roy for a beautiful funeral service, and a special thanks to Rosemary and Sheila for continuing to visit Mum when she had to move into a home.

Moirá Lamont

Dear Editors

Brian and Sandra Moffitt of the Old New Inn, Farm Street, Harbury, once again would like to congratulate John and Maureen Warner on their

marriage that occurred on the 2nd July 2005. John and Maureen enjoyed their lovely wedding reception at the Old New Inn and were joined by over 200 friends from the local community. However, to the minority of surrounding residents who were upset by the noise we would like to offer our apologies. Furthermore, we would also like to offer our apologies to the few who chose to complain to the authorities about noise levels on a Friday night, but we would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few points:

- The Old New Inn has been a popular venue for locals to enjoy live music for approximately twenty-five years and this is not something that we have recently introduced.
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Finally, on a more poignant note; if you buy a property in the vicinity of a public house you may expect to experience a degree of noise. Similarly, if you buy a property next to the local church you may expect to hear the noise of church bells!

Brian and Sandra Moffitt

Dear friends of Harbury

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and support over the recent weeks.

It was lovely to be back in the village even though I would have liked it to have been under different circumstances. As you know John and myself held Harbury close to our hearts & I hope to return very soon for a visit. August 9th will always stay with me, as a sunny day filled with everything John loved. Thank you for being a part of it. May I also thank Rev Brown for his beautiful service and Goodwins for all their help in making things a little easier for me.

With love & thanks

Sally Arnold

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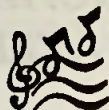
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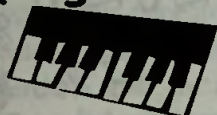
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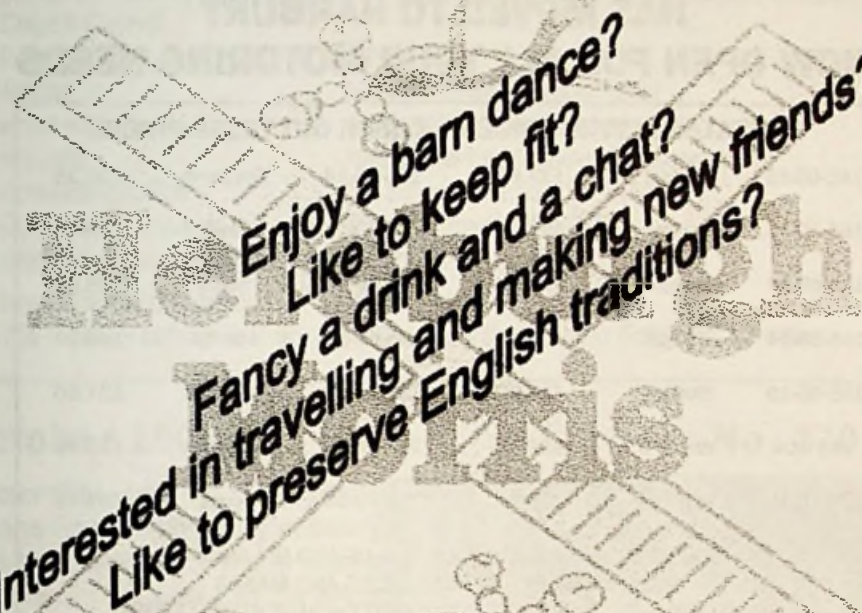
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