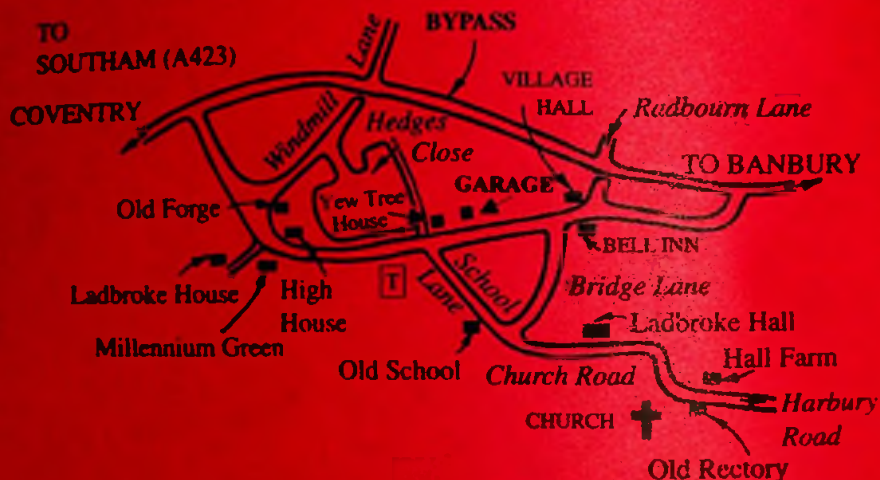


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Editorial

Successes during November began with the G.A.S.S. bonfire and fireworks on an evening of perfect dry, still weather. The Remembrance Day Service saw the large congregation process to the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths. 'Peter Pan' the Theatre Group children's production played to full houses at all four performances.



Collecting the Bonfire Material

The Harbury Directory is enclosed with this issue of the magazine and lists the numerous organisations that the village supports. There are contact details for the Parish Council, District Council and County Councillors. The regular Councillors Corner provides an opportunity to meet your Councillor and bring your issues forward.

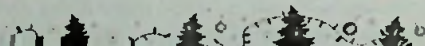
We are looking forward to the village Christmas post run by G.A.S.S. which will be available in Mugleston's until 19th December.

There are several Christmas Services which begin on Christmas Eve (see diary).

The Deadline for articles for the January edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News is pre-Christmas on Friday 22nd December.

We offer our sympathy to the family of Joan Wale.

We wish all our readers a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.



Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

- Sat 2 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tom Hauley Room Funds
10.00am - 12noon
CHRISTMAS FAYRE in Village Hall 2.00pm
- Sun 3 **ADVENT**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am, First Light 10.30am, Evening Worship 6.00pm
G.A.S.S. Christmas Post Box in Muggleston's Country Fayre
- Tues 5 Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society Quiz and Festive Buffett in Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm
- Wed 6 Toddler Group Christmas Party in Village Hall 11.00am - 2.00pm
Holy Communion 2.00pm, Mothers Union 'Margaret Backhouse on Famous Women' 2.30pm
'Talk it Through' at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am to 4.00pm
Men's Society meeting with Andrew Patrick in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 8 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Kids Club
10.00am - 12.00 noon
SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY in Village Hall
- Sun 10 **ADVENT II**
Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Harbury Pre-School Christmas Party in Village Hall
- Mon 11 Brownies Christmas Party in Village Hall
- Tues 12 Toddlers Service 2.00pm
Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7.00-.9.00pm
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands 7.30pm
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 13 Harbury Society Social at Shakespeare Inn
W.I. Carol Service in Church 7.30pm
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion 9.45am
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
- Fri 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
- Sat 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Heart
Foundation 10.00am 12.00 noon
- Sun 17 **ADVENT III**
Holy Communion 8.00am, Family Communion 10.30am

		Evensong 6.00pm
Tues	19	Windmills Nursery Christmas Party 10.30am – 12.30pm Windmills Nursery Closes for Christmas Holiday at 3.05pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Senior Citizens Village Hall 8.00pm Last Day for posting Christmas cards using G.A.S.S. Post Box
Wed	20	Tea in the Tom Hauley Room, 3.00 - 4.00pm 'Talk it Through' at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
Thurs	21	Holy Communion 9.45am Southam Lions with Father Christmas on his sleigh visits Harbury 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Fri	22	SCHOOL ENDS RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION ARTICLES TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY OR BY EMAIL BY 5.30PM
Sat	23	FREE Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am -12 noon
Sun	24	CHRISTMAS EVE Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Dressing of Crib 2.30pm Village Carol Service 6.30pm, Midnight Mass 11.15pm
Mon	25	CHRISTMAS DAY Sung Eucharist 9.30am
Tues	26	ST STEPHEN Holy Communion 10.30am
Wed	27	ST JOHN Holy Communion 10.30am
Thurs	28	HOLY INNOCENTS Holy Communion 9.45am Blood Donor Session in Village Hall 1.30 – 3.30 & 4.30 – 7.30pm Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Fri	29	NO RUBBISH COLLECTION TODAY
Sat	30	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary 10.00am 12.00 noon VILLAGE HALL DANCE IN VILLAGE HALL
Sun	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION 8.00am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am

JANUARY 2007

Mon	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
Tues	2	RUBBISH COLLECTION TODAY Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	3	Mothers' Union New Year Party 3.00pm
Thurs	4	Holy Communion 9.45am Harbury Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am to 4.00pm Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
Sat	6	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Thursday Club 10.00am – 12 noon
Sun	7	First Light in Church 10.30am



All Saints
HARBURY

From the Rector

Father Roy Brown

A Christmas Story 'I Was There.'

'I am getting old now, but I remember it quite well. I was 13 at the time and helping my parents at the Inn. The Romans had decreed that everyone must register at their home town, a sort of census, so there were a lot of people travelling to and fro and the Inns were crowded. Still I suppose it was good for business.

Well, late one evening a poorish sort of man, a working man by the look of him, with his wife and a donkey came seeking shelter. We were packed out, not a square inch to spare anywhere. He was a quiet, gentle sort of man; a carpenter we found out later, and his wife was expecting her first child and very near her time too. So father thought a bit and said the only thing he could think of was the stable. It wasn't too bad really and if they went into the far corner they would be out of the draught and there was plenty of hay and straw to make a bed. Providing of course, they didn't mind sharing with the animals. The man said it would be better than nothing, so mother lit a lantern and took them along. A little later mother told me to take some food and drink to them. They seemed to have settled down alright and said they didn't mind the animals though the camels smelt a bit strong.

After that I was rushed off my feet, attending to all the customers and it was nearly midnight before I could draw my breath. Mother said to me to run along to the stable and see if the man and his wife were alright. Well, when I got to the stable the baby had started. I ran back to the Inn and told my mother but she said I had better stay with them as she couldn't spare the time herself. Fortunately they had brought everything needful with them and as the birth was straight forward I was able to manage. You know one picks up a lot of odd knowledge working at an Inn and I had helped mother before in delivering a baby. At midnight exactly the baby was born. I did all that was necessary with help of the husband, who mainly held the lantern. Most men aren't much good a times like this. Anyway it was a lovely baby boy with a good pair of lungs! I wrapped him in the swaddling clothes his mother had brought and laid him on some hay in a manger where his mother could see him. She couldn't take her eyes off him and lay there looking at him with a mixture of love, adoration and pride.

As I was making him comfortable some shepherds came peering through the doorway. They said that whilst they were tending their flocks a great light had appeared in the sky and an angel came and prophesied peace and goodwill and said that a saviour had been born in Bethlehem and they were to go and worship him. I peeped through the doorway and there in the sky I saw a great star shining. The earth seemed bathed in a mysterious glow and there seemed a sense of peace and joy and hope. I thought I could hear voices singing, though I might have imagined that bit. I never saw them again.

Or did I?

Many years later my husband and I went up to Jerusalem for the Passover. I had, of course, heard of the Preacher who was making such a stir up and down the country but had never seen him. I hoped I might catch a glimpse of him in Jerusalem. However we heard he had been arrested and sentenced to death for stirring up trouble. We went along with the crowd to see what was going on. There were three prisoners being crucified, the Preacher in the middle and two thieves, one on either side. There were some women standing at the foot of the Preachers cross and one of them caught my attention. I could swear it was the woman who gave birth to a baby boy in our stable years ago. There was something about her face that was unmistakeable, although now it was older and distorted by pain and anguish. They said it was her eldest son who was being crucified. A terrible business!

I much prefer to think of him as that beautiful baby boy I cradled in my arms in the stable.

What do you think?

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

19th November Amber Grace Omeara

26th November Matthew Richard Lane



Funerals at Loughborough Crematorium

10th November Joan Wale (84)

Confirmation at Coventry Cathedral

Alice Pickin; Sara Copley; Robert Rollason; Matthew Kennedy



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

November has been a busy month. We began with an extremely successful Ceilidh on Friday 2nd in the School Hall. As part of last year's Gift Day for All Saints', 'Reel to Reel' pledged their time and talents free. We are very grateful to them and to the School who allowed us free use of their hall. Thank you, too, to everyone who worked hard on the night. We made an excellent profit of £483.20. The event, of course, was by no means all about money. It was a very happy, relaxed evening for families and friends and it was lovely to see so many of the young and the not so young taking part with such energy. A good time was had by all!



There are many occasions in the church's year, liturgical or not, which are especially poignant. Remembrance Sunday is one of these and its poignancy seems to increase as, day by day, we hear of new atrocities in current wars. It was good to see Harbury turning out in force to remember and honour the dead.

Father Roy leads the procession to the War Memorial

Congratulations to our choir for holding their Bring and Buy Sale for 'Children in Need'. They raised an excellent sum. We'd like to thank Pam and Mavis

and parents who support them, not just on special occasions but throughout the year. In times when some churches have difficulty in assembling a choir we count ourselves blessed.





Elizabeth, Josephine & Rosie receive their attendance awards.

Thank you to Vicky and Katie Holroyd who gave us a lovely presentation at this month's Family Service. Concentrating on the theme of presents, they described the many that we might give or receive this Christmas – and very way out some of them were! Their main message was that Jesus was and is the most precious present of

all – a thought to keep foremost in our minds throughout Advent.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Again, this month has brought us two most interesting speakers. Felicity Howatson, already known to us as an ecclesiastical embroiderer, showed us the workbox she had inherited from her great grandmother. Although made in England in 1830, the design of ebony inlaid with mother of pearl was Indian. As we handled the exquisitely made contents: button hooks, pin cushions, ornamental scissors, we were taken back to a more elegant age, when accomplished ladies would gather after dinner to show off their beautiful needlework. Some of us felt we would not have shone in such society!

At the evening meeting we were honoured to hear our Diocesan President, Felicity Hawke, talk about Mothers' Union projects to support families in the 21st Century. A lively and enthusiastic speaker, she explained how the changing shape of the modern family has created different needs. M.U. runs several successful parenting courses where the emphasis is on encouragement and peer group support rather than experts coming in with orders. The social policy group looks at the root causes which lead to dysfunctional families, and supports the flexible family scheme which allows parents to ask to adjust their working hours to meet the needs of children up to age 16. At the moment, this only applies to children below school age unless there is a disability. She stressed the need to get to know young

I recommended our own M.U.M.S. scheme. Please

She gave us stop press news that after his retirement Father Roy has accepted the role of Diocesan Chaplain to the M.U., so we shall be delighted to be seeing him at various services.

Nationally, M.U. has urged members to 'think green' and promote ethical banking.

Next year's subscription will be £13.25; Lorna will be collecting this soon.

Wednesday 6th December, 2.30pm – Margaret Backhouse on Famous Women.

Wednesday 3rd January, 3.00pm – New Year Party, please bring lucky dip gift value £1.00.

Visitors are always welcome. To join M.U. you need not be a mother, or married, or even a woman. Just baptised and in agreement with our aim of supporting family life.



Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

We sang two songs and Mr Catt played the music for us.

Mrs Brown then told us a story. We were told to cover our ears and we were then asked if we could still hear what she was saying. She then said for us to hold our tongues and to try and talk. We all made lots of funny noises.

Mrs Brown then explained that people who cannot hear or speak were called "deaf and dumb". She then told us how a man who was deaf and dumb had been taken to see Jesus. Jesus touched the man's ears and lips and lo and behold the man could hear and speak again. Jesus had performed a wonderful miracle.

We then said a prayer thanking God for everything that makes our bodies work so well.

After we had crayoned some pictures we had our drink and biscuits and by then it was time to go home.

The next Toddler's is on Tuesday 12th December at 2.00pm in the Church.

All babies and young children accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us

Ladbroke News & Diary

DECEMBER

Sun	3	ADVENT Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. Xmas Lunch at Moreton Morrell Hall
Thurs	7	Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. End of Year Party at Ladbroke Village Hall 7.30pm
Sun	10	ADVENT II Sung Communion 9.00am
Wed	13	Holy Communion 2.00pm, Women's Fellowship 2.45pm Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. Group Carol Service 8.00pm
Fri	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sun	17	ADVENT III Sung Communion 9.00am
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Sun	31	CHRISTMAS Holy Communion 9.00am

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Sun	7	EPIPHANY Family Communion 10.30am
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Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

Thank you to those generous people who came to our Christmas Fair. We made £510.00, which everyone helping on the day thought was very good. Half of the proceeds will go to The Myton Hospice and half to the Church.

The Christmas Day Service is at 11.00am so we get a 'lie in' this year. Christmas Eve being a Sunday, the service will be a "Said Service" – (no hymns) at 9.00am as usual. The Crib Service will be at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve.

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Women's Fellowship

Betty Winkfield

At our November meeting we discussed the arrangements for the forth-coming Christmas Fair. We also had a trip down memory lane – for some of us anyway, when we had a look at the old registers of the beginning of the group in the 1940's and 50's when there were over 30 members.

Our December meeting will be here at Hall Farm again, when following our Christmas service we will have a little Tea Party which will be our last meeting. In January we are going to have a lunch at The Bell and use up any funds we have left. A happy farewell to a small band of ladies who – by and large – are the same ladies with different hats on who have organised most of the events that have happened over the years, Nancy Stubbs, Pearl Edwards, Connie Hedges, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Fell – no Christian names then. We shall still be here to do the Lent lunches etc. next year.

Ladbroke Harvest Supper - October Hazel Sharples

The Village Hall was just large enough to accommodate the villagers and friends. Thanks to them, everyone had a most enjoyable social evening with good old fashioned food cooked by the usual helpers. A big thank you to them too.

The entertainment was arranged by Kate and was heartily enjoyed by all. Long may this annual event continue.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

In October we held our A.G.M. Marie Coleman the Federation Chairman very kindly assisted. All the present Committee were willing to stand again. I cannot believe that I have been President for 3 years, where does the time go. I was delighted when Lesley Jeffreys was elected our New President and am sure that she will enjoy her role as much as I have.

Thank you to everyone who provided the shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child.

At our November meeting, the speaker Derek Parkes gave us delightful tales about his time spent in Lapland assisting with Father Christmas. Spending 3 weeks there in temperatures of minus 17 to 38 degrees Centigrade. An Actor and Playwright he was working in Birmingham on a Pilot episode when he met a fellow actor who had been to Lapland the previous year. Derek decided that this would be an interesting experience, which it certainly was. Meeting many parties of children from England who had come on the Day Trip to see Father Christmas. He had a selection of amusing drawings and letters that the children had written.

The winners of the raffle were Elizabeth, Julie & Lesley.

Dates for your diaries

Sunday 3rd December Xmas Lunch Moreton Hall. Pick up Southam 12.15pm, Ladbroke Hall 12.20pm Return Approx 3.45pm

Thursday 7 December End of Year Party (Ladbroke Village Hall 7.30)

Wednesday 13 December Group Carol Service 8.00pm



Ladbroke Millennium Green Race Night

Kip Warr

Ladbroke residents and friends went to the Races again. Well, they went to the Village Hall, anyway. But the excitement was just as real as at any racecourse and we had plenty of elated winners and public-spirited losers!

The evening provided enjoyment and excitement for adults and children alike, especially during the auction for horses in the last two races when some last-minute bids kept the crowd on tenterhooks. The event was helped along with tasty chicken and chip supper and generated a good return to help with the insurance and maintenance of the Green.

We are very grateful to the sponsors of the eight races: Colin Constable; Terry Grey; Green Leaf Farm Shop (Peter Healey; Southam Carpets (Andrew and Michael Steele); Essentials (Pat and Les Baldwin) Cedarlea Dental Care (Patrick McCallister) Malcolm Hawkesford, Leamington Spa; Wall's TV Services (Brian Wall).

Thanks also to everyone who supported us by buying the horses in advance – and giving them unfathomable names.

Ladbroke Millennium Green AGM and Subsequent Developments

Kip Warr

Wild flowers were seen in our wildflower meadow this year! Last winter's drastic measures began to show results but we are still a year or two (and probably a lot of work) away from the vision of a bright and colourful field. Meanwhile some of the other vegetation needs taming and we plan to deal with that, and other maintenance, during a working party on 2nd December at 10.00am; all villagers welcome – please come and join in.

We have had another successful year for fund raising with income from a Race Night, Breeze Night and Quiz and donations from the Fete and Safari Supper. But we can stop feeling too smug because we now have to increase our efforts to compensate for the ending of a grant from the District Council. Ideas so far include the ever-popular races and quiz, and another open-air event. Our main expenditure is on maintenance (mainly controlling the hedges, grass and weeds) and insurance.

Our plans for additional play equipment, mainly intended for teenagers, were explained at the AGM. They can be seen on the website (see below) and comprise two sets of swings and a trail circuit. At last year's AGM a vote indicated that the equipment should be installed, so the Trustees have been busy working out how best to implement the scheme, bearing in mind the many issues that had been raised. Prompted by a complaint, we considered whether a further stage of consultation was needed; after careful consideration of the processes (two 'flyers', then the 2005 and 2006 AGMs and a Final Consultation 'flyer' inviting further concerns) we decided that more consultation was not appropriate. Meanwhile we have also been slogging away at paperwork relating to the surfaced area – you probably don't want to know.

Peter Loftus, who has been our busy and committed Chairman, stood down and will be much missed. The Trustees are now: Carole Loftus, Andy Pittaway, Carol Lane and Paul Taylor (all re-elected), Sue Lord and Allan Ballard (newly elected) and Derek Batty and Kip Warr. Carol Lane remains Secretary and Kip Warr has become Chairman.

We hope you will visit our website from time to time: www.warkcom.net/ladbrokegreen, "How," a Ukrainian visitor asked "can a field have a website?" Come and see!

We get more than 150 visits a month, and it presently has details of the proposed development.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Two members of the council were absent due to illness and P.C. Joy and the footpath co-ordinator were also unable to attend the meeting; therefore it was a very slimmed down version of a usually busy evening.

Public participation – Mr David Webb from Bishops Itchington read out a statement in defence of the work being carried out at Archers Rest. It seems that there was a problem with the sewage drainage from the house. This involved a great deal of work, involving earth moving and digging a new drainage system.

Any other Business – Bishop Bowl Lake – The next meeting is in March 2007.

The Chestnut Tree on the corner of Windmill Lane has had the offending branch removed.

Planning – Old Barn Farm – the application for change of use of an agricultural building has been withdrawn.

An application to fell seven Poplar trees at Ladbroke Hall has been received.

On going reports – nothing to report from the Police or Highways and Drainage.

Neighbourhood Watch – It was reported that Diesel had been stolen from Hall Farm. A Diesel tank was emptied, as was the fuel from a tractor. The benefit of the Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch Schemes was that they reminded people to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activities or persons. In urban areas the Neighbourhood Watch gave comfort to the elderly to whom the fear of crime was more real than crime itself.

Parish Plan – An open day – a Sunday in January – is to be arranged. It is hoped that as many villagers as possible will come and see what issues the plan has come up with and to discuss these with the Committee that has been developing it.

Please remember that as many people as possible should come. Otherwise the few that do come will decide what we do about the issues. It is hoped to have the issues and photographs displayed around the Village Hall, which will be open from 10.30am to 4.30pm. There will be refreshments served. (Other ideas for enticement to get you there were put forward!)

Millennium Green – All the alterations are illustrated on the “flyer” that came round a few weeks ago. Fund raising over the last year has been excellent. The Race Night in particular.

District Councillors Report – (County Councillor had other duties). He would like the Parish Council to have a speaker from Neighbourhood Watch on what is really involved with this scheme.

Recycling seems to be the biggest concern at the moment. We shall continue to have weekly collections of household waste. In 2008 we shall have black wheelie bins for all recyclables. The sacks and boxes are too heavy for the men to carry.

The District Council is proud to tell you that it has been classed as a strong Council. It has been streamlined and redundancies have been made. The culture has changed. Ratepayers are now customers not nuisances – great!

After the District Councillors report, the main item on the agenda was discussed – the Precept for 2007/08. The maintenance of the street lighting is costing over £100 more than last year. The main discussion was really by how much the precept needs to rise and if it is needs to rise at all. The dog litter bin that was stolen got another “airing”. Was it really necessary to replace it?

As two of the five councillors were absent the whole precept issue will be discussed again at the January meeting.

No meeting in December, the January meeting is in the Village Hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday 17th January 2007.



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IS FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2006**



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

Deppers Railway Bridge Cllr Van Spall has been investigating the reasons for the Deppers Railway Bridge improvements being delayed and complained that he was denied access to the PR Department of Network Rail and criticised the attitude of the employee to whom he spoke. However Chairman Kevin Biddle had been on the receiving end of a complaint from the company itself that their member of staff had been upset by the conversation with his Councillor!

Mr Malin, from Deppers Bridge, said the residents were not consulted and that traffic lights will cause congestion. The Chairman assured him that he himself had been opposed to the scheme but there had been long negotiations over the problems of making the bridge safe. Cllr Van Spall believed the chosen option had the added advantage of controlling the junction and should prevent use of the road by heavy lorries and traffic generated by the proposed development at the Quarries.

There then followed a long discussion on the merits of a weight and lorry ban and the unlikelihood of them being imposed.

Planning Stratford granted permission with conditions for new windows and a conservatory at 21 Francis Road and explained the Parish could not challenge the Lawful Development Certificate for water sports at the Quarries.

The Parish Council made no representation on two storey rear extension to Kingston House, Mill Street, extensions to side and rear of 1 The Pound, a rear extension at 2 Honiwell Close, the felling of six conifers at 25 Farm Street or the rebuilding of workshops at land off Ufton Road.

They commented that the proposed large extension at 4 Highfield Cottages could alter the original form of the dwelling and asked the Clerk to check whether permission was required for the dormer window at Threeways, Bush Heath Road.

Playground Inspection The Council is to let Coventry City know of their concerns about the adequacy of the Inspection conducted by their staff, which Cllr Mancell happened to witness. In future Cllr Hancock has offered to accompany the inspectors. The latest report was to be carefully scrutinised.

Groundworks The Scouts and Guides Committee asked the PC to provide an all weather surface from the Village Hall Car Park to the Bonfire site. The Cllrs thought the ground probably only needed filling and rolling but would look into the matter.

Binswood End Green has once again suffered from heavy vehicles running over the grass in wet weather and the Council's Maintenance contractor will be asked to make repairs.

The grass outside the bungalows in Vicarage Lane has been damaged by the Co-op lorry mounting the verge to get past a parked car. The Clerk will investigate the ownership of the verge and ask for restoration of the grass.

Traffic Management Butt Lane residents want a 30 mph restriction on their road to slow the speed of lorries which outside the 40mph limit travel at up to 60mph. Cllr Thompson suggested the police be asked to undertake a speed check there.

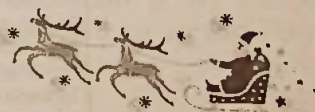
Cllr Lockley reported on a meeting with the County Environmental Traffic Calming Officer who was doubtful whether Traffic Safety Engineers would approve most of the traffic calming measures, residents of Binswood and Temple End had asked for. Cllr Ellis is to get school children to help design village gateways.

Highway repairs Cllrs complained that despite their careful monitoring and reporting of highways defects no action had been taken on the majority of items, some of which had been outstanding for two years. They were threatening to declare UDI and do repairs themselves. Tim Lockley quipped it was "wasting the clerk's ink" to keep writing but they agreed to pitch their complaint at a higher level.

Councillors' Surgery Residents complained of youths congregating outside the Post Office on Friday and Saturday nights and Pc Hill will be asked to pass through the village at these times.

Smartwater is to be available next to households in Binswood End, Leycester Close, South Parade and the remains of Mill Street. PCllr Tony Mancell asked that order forms be included with the publicity.

Pre school wanted the PC to fund a camera, printing costs and the repair of a boundary wall at the Wight School. The council agreed the first two were legitimate items, but pointed out the wall was the responsibility of the owners.



Christmas lights The Council agreed a grant to purchase more Christmas lights to illuminate one of the Wight School trees, subject to full quotations being presented.

The new Children's Centre, which will serve Harbury, will be the one at Lighthorne rather than Southam (this would be accessible by public transport from the village). County Cllr Bob Stevens agreed to take up Harbury's case.



Councillor's Corner - 18th November

Andrew Patrick

On a bright and frosty morning, quite a clutch of Councillors gathered outside Harbury Post Office – the County Councillor, both District Councillors and no less than 5 Parish Councillors.

For your part, you kept us busy! (See the list below, with proposed actions.)

Parish Council	Leaves on footpaths	The Parish Council employ someone whose contract includes the clearing of excess leaves
	Holes in the Playing Fields	There is a hole. It will be filled.
	Increase in dog fouling	The Parish Council intend to use the Harbury News to appeal to local dog-owners to behave responsibly.
Police	Rowdiness at the bus shelter Speeding on Bush Heath Lane	The Police have been asked to keep an eye on these issues.
The Co-op	Lorries blocking Mill Lane	The Co-op has been asked (again) to instruct their drivers to avoid blocking a residential street
District	Collection of plastics & cardboard	There will be doorstep collection some time in the future. Meanwhile, the current cost of plastics / cardboard collection sadly rules out any extension to these pilot schemes.
Planning	Charges for pre-application advice	We have been given information by the Planning Department to explain how this scheme operates.
County Highways	Visibility on the Fosse Way Surface water drains/potholes No kerb outside the Co-op Risen kerb in Chapel Street The 40mph sign in Bush Heath Road Japanese knotweed	Information on all these issues has been compiled by the Parish Clerk and passed to the Area Roads Maintenance Engineer

Thank you for giving us plenty to think about! If you want to know more about any of these matters – or you want to talk to us about other issues – here are our contact details.

Best wishes, Andrew Patrick.

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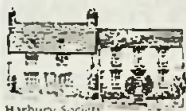
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Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Pc Craig Fellows is the official Warwickshire Police Environmental Crime Officer covering the whole Shire. He raises awareness of environmental crime and encourages the public to report incidents, because prevention is better than prosecution.

There are 150 different laws on Wildlife Crime which include illegal taking of wild birds and eggs, disturbing bat roosts, poisoning wildlife, illegal trapping, and damaging protected sites. But in the 43 Police forces there are only 8 officers specifically looking at wildlife crime. There is, however, public support for the police to attack these issues.

The law protects plants, birds, animals, insects and molluscs – the pearl mussel is endangered. Interestingly it is illegal to release non-native animals into the wild, so technically a grey squirrel that has been trapped should not be freed.

Pc Fellows still sees cases of possession of birds' eggs – it has been illegal to take eggs since 1981. The fine is £5,000 PER EGG and a six months prison sentence but collectors are obsessive and last year there were five convictions locally for this crime.

Taxidermy is a problem area. Practitioners should only take road kills but three years ago in the Coleshill area there was a case concerning three chest freezers full of wild birds.

Badger digging is not as bad as it was - the 1992 Act gives badgers better protection extending to their setts. But there is still badger baiting and badgers are shot by those who believe they spread TB to cattle.

In Warwickshire people dig up wild plants like bluebells without permission and sell them at car boot sales. This is illegal but there is a lot of money to be made. A Warwickshire gang switched from targeting cars and golf clubs at the Belfrey to stealing pondweed!

All bat species are fully protected and Pc Fellows estimated that a third of us would have bats in our houses, especially in the cavity walls. They are a big problem for developers as removing them is costly and time-consuming (a bat survey can take two years). Of the offences concerning bats and Great Crested Newts over two thirds are the result of development.

Pc Fellows urged everyone to use the Crimestoppers Freephone 0800 555 111 to report any concerns and to dial 999 where they see criminal offences like badger digging taking place. They can also call him on 01926 415208.

Our next events are:- Saturday 2nd December 2.00pm Christmas Fayre Photograph Quiz in the Village Hall and the Christmas Social at Shakespeare on Wednesday 13th December.



Harbury Women's Institute

Wendy Knowles

The A.G.M. was well attended and Mrs Margaret Croad from County House came to officiate.

The meeting began with a minutes silence in memory of Mrs Pam Merchant who died in October. Pam was our very efficient and dedicated Secretary and this became evident when Mrs Peggy Middleton read out Pam's resume of the year's activities at W.I.. She will be greatly missed

Mrs Pam Parton thanked everyone for their support and hard work during her first year as President. She expressed her sadness that the Committee was losing some of its very hard working members and they received her special thanks.

After the voting Mrs Pam Parton was re-elected President.

Mrs Burdett is in the Ellen Badger Hospital at Shipston -on - Stour and we wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Jeanne Beaumont is now home and being ably cared for by husband Don.

Please come and join us at Harbury Church for our Carol Service on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30.p.m.

Results for U17s

Harbury 2 Fenny Compton 6
 Harbury 2 St Peters Celtic 6
 Harbury 3 Khalsa 6
 Harbury 3 St Peters Celtic 5
 Harbury 5 Leamington Juniors 4
 Harbury 0 Alvechurch 0

Results U14s

Harbury 2 –1 Kineton

Match reports U12s

Harbury 11—Napton 0

A very good team performance saw Harbury win with their highest number of goals. A good strong defensive performance gave a great platform for the strikers to make the most of their opportunities. 5-0 at half time the team went on to finish 11-0 winners. Too many scorers to mention.

Harbury 1 - Azad Hill 1

Azad Hill are the newcomers to the league and proved to be difficult opponents. After a very competitive first half both teams had good chances to score but had failed to convert chances to goals. The second half was much the same but Harbury started to exert more pressure and eventually won a penalty after Nathan H had been fouled. Ash D stepped up to put us 1-0 up. Azad were not going to give up and pushed hard for the equalizer which eventually came in the dying seconds of the game.

Harbury 0 - Alveston 1

Our first home game of the season was against our first opponents of this new season Alveston. The first half saw Harbury under a great deal of pressure and after some unlucky defending Alveston went 1-0 up. Harbury showed great character and had some chances to get back into the game but could not break down Alveston.

The game finished 1-0 but Harbury showed great determination throughout the game.

**Manager:**

Neil Murray with his Harbury Juniors Under 11 side before their recent 4-2 victory over Kineton, maintaining their 100% winning start to the season.

Results/Reports U11s

Harbury 4 - 2 Kineton

Banbury Irish 0 - 4 Harbury

With only 8 players available every boy played the full 60 minutes, giving a fantastic team performance. Goals were scored by Joe Davidson (2), Adam Miles (1), and George Hendry (1). John Van Kestren had a great match in midfield and Elliott Tawney was particularly strong in defence. We continue our unbeaten start to the season.

Neil Murray

Results U10s

Alveston 6 - 0 Harbury

Despite losing their opening games Harbury bounced back to record a resounding 18-0 victory v Napton with goals from Jacob (7) Jack (6) Toby (3) and Thomas (2). Not only was the victory pleasing but also the manner in which it was achieved with some good teamwork from all the players.

Malcolm Tanner

Results U9s

Harbury 9 - 0 Banbury Irish

Alveston 1 - 3 Harbury

Kineton 1 - 14 Harbury

Results U8s

Harbury Eagles 0 - 12 Tysoe

Eagles 0 - 10 Alveston




Harbury RFC

Harbury Midi & Mini Rugby

Mark Easton

Under 8's

Tamworth 35 - Harbury 15

Rugby St. Andrews 15 - Harbury 25

Under 9's

Tamworth 35 - Harbury 20

Rugby St. Andrews 20 - Harbury 40

Under 10's

Tamworth 25 - Harbury 20

Harbury lost by a narrow margin. Rhodri scored the first try and William W scored two individual tries breaking through the defensive line. William R did well to score his first Harbury try this season, we were 20 points to 5 up at half time, when Tamworth changed all the backs to larger more experienced players which put Harbury on the back foot with three rolling maul tries scored against in five minutes. Finn T tackling gallantly throughout.

Rugby St. Andrews 5 - Harbury 15

Two further tries for William W and one for my Man of the Match, Finn T gave Harbury a deserve victory. Ted had his best game yet and could have scored twice with some forward support.

Two excellent team matches played by the Under 10's.

Under 11's

Tamworth 47 - Harbury 0

Rugby St. Andrews 28 - Harbury 0

Against two strong sides, the U11s side battled bravely but succumbed to two defeats.

However, the side is starting to gel, the pack were in control in a number of mauls and the backs are all getting involved. Some strong tackling in places, led by the example of Bradley, was very encouraging as was all the players level of commitment. This is a largely novice U11's team who are playing some established sides. All the players should be encouraged by their week on week improvement.

Under 8's 15 - 15 Alcester

Under 9's 15 - 15 Alcester

A much depleted Harbury side defended gallantly against Alcester with Henry S and James D all tackling really well.

Sam T scored twice with two good tries and Thomas B getting the other, his last game for Harbury before moving to Australia. All the Junior section wish him and his family luck with their new life down under.

In the 2nd game Harbury drew 5 - 5 with a late equalising try by Connor after Harbury got the ball out of a maul involving most players from both sides.

Under 10's

Harbury 25 - Alcester 30



With players away Harbury did well to hold Alcester and nearly pulled off a draw. Rhodri scored 3 tries and William W got the other 2.

Harbury v Keresley

Harbury 7's and 8's played together against Keresley on Sunday 19th November. They played their matches winning them all.

In the first Saul scored one try and Aidan 2 as Harbury ran out narrow winners 15 - 10.

In the second game Joe ran in 4 tries with good straight running and Saul scored twice as Harbury ran out winners 30 - 15.

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In the third game Saul scored with the last move to win 15 - 10. Lee scored his first try and Ryan got the other.

Under 10's Drew 15 - 15 in their game with Keresley with tries from Rhodri and two for Bradley.

Keresley ran away with the second game 30 - 15 despite two tries from Michael and one by Rory.

Under 15's

Alcester 0 Harbury 33

Despite the best efforts of a home ref Harbury came away with a well deserved victory against an Alcester side who never gave up. Tries for Jago, Ben, Sam, and Joe together with a try and 4 conversions for Shaun made up the points.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club's 4 teams have continued their good start to their winter programmes. In the Floodlit League Division 4 Harbury got a hard fought 2-2 draw at Deddington. Keith Thompson and Jonathan Smith started well and had a 6-4, 6-4 win but the home team won the ladies doubles, Caroline Morland and Eira Owen losing 5-7, 4-6. The mixed doubles were also halved with Caroline and Jonathan winning 6-4, 6-3 but Keith and Eira losing 2-6, 5-7. It was back to winning ways against Kings Sutton with Angie Dean, Eira Owen, Keith Thompson and Richard Harding in good form. In a rain interrupted match Harbury dominated and maintained their unbeaten start with a 3-1 win.

In Division 1 of the Banbury league the "A" team got their first win of the season in a closely fought match against Banbury West End. Gill Thorpe and Kate Young got off to a good start with a 6-3, 6-3 win. Geoff Prince and Andrew Rendell had set points in the first set but couldn't convert them and lost 6-7 followed by a 1-6 reverse leaving the match all square going into the mixed doubles. This was still the position after Kate and Geoff halved theirs but Gill and Andrew won their first set 6-4 and clinched all the points for the home team winning a very tense tie break set 7-6. Their next match was against Hook Norton, one of the strongest teams in the league. Kate and Angie won the ladies doubles but Geoff and Andrew lost the men's so it was all square at the halfway point. Unfortunately both mixed doubles were lost giving the hosts a 3-1 win.

In Division 4 the "B" team continued in winning ways with successive away wins at Byfield and Charlbury, both by 3½ rubbers to ½. At Byfield, Colin Mercer and Steve Stark opened with a comfortable 6-2 first set but faced sterner resistance in the second before winning it 7-5. Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer won their first set 6-3 but dropped the second 3-6. Harbury won both mixed doubles, Sue and Colin by 6-3, 6-3 but Caroline and Steve had to win a long second set tie break before completing a 6-2, 7-6 win. At Charlbury Harbury won both opening rubbers to take a commanding 2-0 lead. Sue Mercer and Sue Panton recording a 6-4, 6-4 win with Colin Mercer and Keith Thompson winning 6-4, 6-2. In the mixed doubles Sue and Colin Mercer won the first set 6-3 but the home pair fought back strongly and took the second 6-4. Sue Panton and Keith Thompson were in fine form and scored a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win.

The men's doubles team travelled to Claverdon where Jon Scothern, Adam Crossling, Bill Hathaway and Mark Pavey struggled on the hosts' artificial grass courts. They lost 1-3 but still have a good record with 3 wins from the 5 matches played.

Finally an early "plug" for the Club's Valentine's Dance when the London based band **The Bitter Lemons** will be coming back! The dance will be on **Saturday 10th February** at the Village Hall. Tickets are £15 each and include a 2 course meal. If you'd like to reserve tickets now please give me a ring.



Harbury Toddler Group

Emma Legg

At Toddlers during November, there has been glue and glitter, leaves picked and stuck and even a smidge of Christmas creeping in.....

We came back after half term armed with beautiful autumn leaves collected from around the village. It really is a splendid place this time of year, so many colours and variety of leaves. So on the first session back the toddlers set about making their leaf collages with very impressive results.

The next session required some homework, firework pictures! Now that's the sort of research we like, all those rockets and exploding colours. The children loved getting out the black paper and decorating it with glue, paint and glitter. Boy, did that take some clearing up?! Better here than at home though eh?

We have also had a portrait session with Judy Hartland Photography, done leaf rubbings and made shiny paper chains to decorate the hall at the Christmas party

Talking of Christmas decorations we would like to thank everybody who has kindly donated their old decorations to the group. We have had some really lovely items (we loved the teddy bears that go on the Christmas tree, thank you!) but there is still time if you would like to off-load any old decorations that aren't suitable anymore. Our only stipulation is that they have to be in good, safe condition. Please drop them off at the Wight school during a session (Mon 10.00 - 11.30 or Wed 1.30 - 3) or call Emma on 01926 814687 to arrange collection. Every donation will be gratefully received as the Village Hall is a big old place to get looking festive.

Christmas Party

We are holding our annual Toddlers Christmas party on Wednesday 6th December between 11.00am – 2.00pm in the Village Hall. We are busy planning a fun filled Christmas lunch with a bouncy castle, music to dance to, a raffle for the grown ups, toys to play with and a visit to the grotto to meet Santa.

Raffle tickets are a £1 per strip and can be bought during the sessions. All profits will be ploughed back into Toddlers in the form of new toys and equipment and to fund events such as the party itself and our Summer outing, so please tell your family and friends and get them buying raffle tickets too! But hurry as the raffle is drawn on **December 6th!!!** The raffle tickets will also be available to buy at the door on the day.

Coming up

We will be making tree decorations over the next couple of weeks at Toddlers, some we will be making ourselves but then we have a special session coming up (Dec 4th & 6th) where the children will be able to paint pottery items and decorations. These make wonderful Christmas presents for family and are lovely keepsakes. As with any 'special' session we have, this is a fundraising event and a percentage of the profits comes back to the group so it is all for a good cause.

We also need to remind parents and carers that toddlers will be closed for the duration of the Christmas holiday with Wed 20th Dec being our last session before the New Year and we will re-open on Monday 8th January.

For any information on the Toddlers Group please contact Emma on 01926 814687.



The children have enjoyed our theme of colours and patterns, it is providing many opportunities for learning as the children investigate and explore the range and importance of colours and patterns. The children have created a group bonfire collage, flicking and splashing vibrant, fluorescent paints onto black paper. It has inspired some wonderful descriptive language about fireworks:

"They look banging and flaming and flicking – greens, blues and reds" (Joshua)

"They bang loud and then they start to pop and make circles in the sky" (Edward)

Other activities this half term have included: -

Free painting which gave the children a chance to explore and investigate what happens when they mix colours together. The results make an impressive display on our walls.

We discussed with the children their favourite colours and then we encouraged them to collage a square of paper using colour matching, which were then made into a graph. We discovered that blue was the most popular colour closely followed by pink.

Following on from "our favourite colours" the children also made jellies of their chosen colour. This proved to be an excellent opportunity for the children to gain an awareness of change, which is one of the stepping stones within the 'knowledge and understanding' area of learning in the Foundation Stage.

Red Day – The children and staff all came dressed in red and enjoyed parading around the room to show how many different shades of red there are. They searched for red toys and objects and made a collection of them.

Our Early Years Advisor spent the morning of Thursday 23rd November at Windmills implementing lots of activities and new ideas for developing awareness of patterns all around us encouraging their interest in shape and space and also making arrangements with objects. The children also went into our woodland area to look at and create patterns in nature.

We made our usual visits to the church toddler service, where the children spent time reflecting on how it would feel to be deaf or dumb. Afterwards they enthusiastically played the musical instruments.

We also visited the library for story time on Thursday 9th November.

Training

We feel that up-to-date training is an important part of staff development and is therefore directly beneficial to each and every child at Windmills. On Wednesday 1st November a group of Windmills staff received current Foundation Stage training from our Early Years Advisor. Marie attended a Special Educational Needs course "Policy into Practice" and followed this up with a further course on I.E.P. writing.

Thank you to everyone who kindly gave up their time to help at the 80/20 sale and craft fair. Also thanks to those parents who made food and cakes and donated prizes for the Craft Fair, especially Fiona and Gareth Cadwallader and Haley Bennett, whose organisation ensured the successful, smooth running of this event.

A big thank you to Tako for putting up two enormous leaves which form a canopy over our book area. We have received lots of compliments and the children love them.

Dates

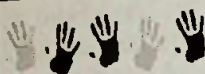
Windmills Nursery School Christmas concert – Friday, 8th December, 2006 in the Tom Hauley room (behind the church) at 10.15 am. We will be serving coffee and mince pies afterwards so please come along and join us.

Windmills Nursery Christmas Party – Tuesday, 19th December, 2006 in the nursery classroom from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Windmills Nursery closes for Christmas on Tuesday 19th December 2006 at 3.05 pm and re-opens on Tuesday 9th January 2007.

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. We have a limited number of places available. If you would like to register a place for your child or require any information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk, call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.





Harbury Pre-School

Pre-School Staff & Committee

New Starters – We are delighted to welcome Joe and Saffie, who joined us at Pre-School after half-term and have settled in very well with their new friends.



Diwali – At the beginning of this half of the term, we learned about the Diwali Festival of Light. After hearing the stories about Rama and Sita and looking at Indian artefacts, the children made their own diva lamps and painted some beautiful rangoli patterns. They loved trying naan bread at snack time and had a marvellous time making and eating Indian sweets, as well as dressing up in traditional Indian costumes.

Enjoying making sweets for Diwali

Bonfire Night – After Guy Fawkes night, the children created some wonderful bonfire and fireworks pictures, using paint, wax crayons, glue and lots of glitter. Their own feelings about the real fireworks ranged from enthusiastic to extremely cautious!

Autumn – During the second week after half-term, we went on two autumn walks in the village. The children enjoyed collecting leaves, conkers, bits of bark and other autumnal items, and they had a great time running around in the spinney, taking bark rubbings off the tree trunks and investigating all the mounds and hollows. We are very grateful to Pam Parton, Sue Mercer, Kerry Lucas, Cathy Gibb, Mary van Kesteren and Saffie's and Joe's mums who helped to escort the children on these walks.

When they returned to Pre-School, the children made lovely collages with some of the natural materials they had found and, using paints in autumnal colours, they produced some wonderful leaf prints.



A golden canopy covers the woodland area that has been set up in Pre-School and this has been decorated with laminated leaves and pictures produced by the children, with logs as additional seats and topical books to look at. In addition, our big tray has been filled with bark chippings, leaves and conkers in which there have been hidden bugs and woodland animals for the children to investigate and explore.

Collecting natural materials on our autumn walk

The Gingerbread Man – During the last week of November, we read the ever popular story of the Gingerbread Man,

using a variety of props from finger puppets to soft toys, books, story tapes, and pictures. The children listened carefully for when they could join in with "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man" at the tops of their voices. Then came the best bit, when they made their own gingerbread men to take home.

Staff Training - The staff have continued to enhance their knowledge and skills during November. Lisa and Lesley attended a course to help develop their ILP writing, Gael and Lisa attended a child protection course, Gael and Bud enjoyed trying out science experiments on a 'Knowledge and Understanding of the World' session, Angie attended a Foundation Stage Awareness course and Claire undertook an equalities training workshop.

Thanks – We would like to thank the Simpson family for their wonderful donation of farm equipment, pushchair, highchair, crib and Brio and also thanks to the Peacock family for some lovely puzzles.

Diary Dates – Harbury Pre-School will be hosting a Christmas Party for all children of Pre-School age on 10th December in the Village Hall. For tickets please call Lisa on 614744 or Kate on 614633.

STOP PRESS - A repeat of our very successful barn dance is to be held on 17th March 2007 in the village hall. Tickets will be available from Lisa on 614744.

For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Nicky Kirk, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on 614316.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly & Nigel Chapman

Cross Country – Congratulations to both the boys and girls Cross Country teams, who recently competed in the third Central Warwickshire League race, the boys finishing 8th and the girls 5th in their respective races. In the boys race, Elliot Tawney finished 20th, James Wilkinson 23rd (they had a tremendous long battling race), John van Kesteren 48th (up from 110th in the last race), Max Brown 77th (up from 107th in the last race) and Alexander Tawney 127th, again a major improvement from the last race in October when he was in the 140s. As for the girls, Taisia Shuttleworth (2nd) and Bethany Campion (9th) had brilliant runs, and were superbly backed up by Rosie Reeves (39th), Rebecca Marston (40th), Lucy Davis (47th), Rebecca Casement (59th) and Joanna Sykes (74th), who all had their best runs of the year. The girls' performance is especially noteworthy, as we only have 8 girls in the year group!!!! Well done, everyone.

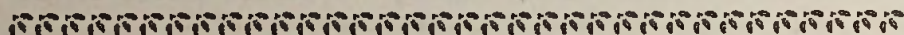
Vacancies – We have a vacancy in the kitchen for one morning per week – 4.5 hours per week. If you are interested in the vacancy, please see Mrs. Jackson as soon as possible or call 612656.

We also have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors – looking after the children in the dining room and on the playground at lunchtimes. Although we have a vacancy on each weekday, we are especially short of supervisors on Fridays. If you are able to help, again see Mrs. Jackson as soon as possible.

Collections – Many thanks to all who sent in shoeboxes in response to the recent appeal – we had a total of 68 collected earlier today.

As a school, we are collecting Tesco Green vouchers and Box Tops from Nestles – if you have either, then please send them in to school.

Data Protection Act – To meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act, schools are required to issue a Fair Processing Notice to pupils and parents summarising the information held about pupils, why it is held, and the third parties to whom it may be passed. Rather than circulate this to parents individually (it is fairly lengthy!), we have decided to publish it on the website (www.harbury.warwickshire.sch.uk).



I thought you might like this seasonal offering. It was written by a child in Year 6 (age 10) at Harbury Primary School. It was chosen for its very mature punctuation (obviously fine-tuned by our classroom helper!) and its use of vocabulary. The perpetrator was Becky Casement. If you have a comment you would like passed on, please send to Nigel Chapman at the school, who will willingly check its suitability before doing so.

A Strange Tale

Today is an annoying day! The only reason it's an annoying day is because tomorrow is a special day..... Christmas Day!

I woke up this morning with a feeling of butterflies in my tummy. I always get that feeling when I'm excited. Always!!! My eyes flickered open and just as they did I heard my baby brother Jack scream as he woke up! Choosing to ignore him, I looked up to my ceiling. It was blue just like everything else in my room – I loved the colour blue, everything about it was beautiful – even the bedclothes were blue! Downstairs Mum called, "Becky time to get up!"

"OK Mum," I called back as I clambered out of bed to get changed for breakfast. When I walked downstairs I could see nothing but Christmas decorations. "Good!" I thought. "I hate the colour of our walls!" I had a quick breakfast then went to play outside "to get rid of some of the excitement," Mum had said.

The day went on for days – or so it seemed – until tea, because we were having my favourite pasta!!! Whatever you enjoy takes seconds but other things take tediously long. I was almost dreading bedtime, I knew I would NEVER get to sleep but that's Christmas for you!

I woke up again to the sound of light tinkly bells and froze in my bed..... tinkly bells meant one thing SANTA!!! I climbed out of bed but "NO!!!" I thought, "There's always a creaky floorboard!" Going as fast as I could – without making a noise – I tiptoed downstairs. When I got to the bottom I saw a sooty trail leading from the fireplace and a plate of cake and glass of sherry empty. As I turned the corner, there he was, just as fat as I knew him, and to my delight he was dressed in blue! At the sight of me Santa looked a bit shocked, but all the same he beckoned me closer and when I was near enough to him he said "Come with me Becky!" in his jolly voice but all I could do was stare. In no time at all we were flying through the air looking at the dazzling lights. "Becky," he said "we'll stop here," and with that we

flew down to the next field just outside my village. "Becky, I can't go with you any further, but please don't tell anyone about me. I'll even give you a special present!" With that he pulled out a golden package and showed it to me. "Do you swear not to tell anyone?"

"Yes sir" I whispered.

"Then off we go!" The four reindeers took off into the sky and dropped me off at my home.

I don't know how I went to sleep last night but I know when I woke up my only thought were for my presents. I ran downstairs but remembered Santa's present. Quickly I reached for it from under the bed. I ripped off the wrapper, and there was an exquisite model of me and Santa flying through the air.

"I know I'll treasure it forever." I said to myself.



1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Tawney

Ready for the next hundred years

The Scouts District Commissioner John Sharp and his Deputy John McMahon recently came to invest five new scouts; two of them girls. Although many troops have been mixed for a while this is a first for Harbury and we welcome Freya and Taisia along with Max, Alex and Elliot.



Last month the troop took part in a county activity camp at Broadwater, Coventry. The weather was good and the scouts had great fun doing, amongst other things, shooting, climbing, abseiling and crate stacking. Question: how high can you get one member of your team by stacking two towers of milk bottle crates? Answer: very high. Next time you see a milk crate imagine twenty-two of them stacked with a scout (plus safety harness!) wobbling around on top. The photo below shows Peter Thompson doing just this.



Other activities this term have included orienteering, night hikes, navigation skills, cooking on fires and lots of energy sapping games.

One hundred years of scouting

2007 will mark 100 years since Baden Powell started scouting. Over the century it has grown to become the most successful worldwide youth movement. Our uniformed groups are thriving and looking forward to local centenary activities; an activity camp at Charlecote and a low cost day at Warwick Castle.

Does anybody out there have any information about the scout group in the last century? When did scouts start in Harbury? Who were the leaders? What sort of activities took place and where was the scout hut before the present one? Any interesting anecdotes welcome. Please contact Nick Tawney on 01926 614062 if you have any information.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

The November meeting was very well attended and we all enjoyed another superb talk from Ian Nex about Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The topic this time concerned Royal Connections with the Gardens and plants. Since the Gardens opened in 1832 many members of the Royal Family have visited. The most recent being Princess Anne, her brother Prince Charles has a great interest too.

The late Queen Mother made several visits, on the last occasion she opened a new educational centre for children. Perhaps the most poignant visit was made by the late Duke of Gloucester on the day that he was later killed in an air accident.

Many of the plants have Regal names such as the Bird of Paradise Regina, succulents with Queenly titles, King Proteas Orchids, Passion Flowers, Chinese Fox Gloves and many more. The slides which were so colourful illustrated the wide range of plants at the Gardens which have come from all comers of the Earth and collected by intrepid Plant Hunters.

If you have never visited the Botanical Gardens why not go there next month when there will be an illuminated trail in the Gardens and Glasshouses. For more details of evening openings and other festive fun contact 0121 4541860.

The AGM took place after the talk and it was looking very uncertain about a replacement for our outgoing Treasurer, John Clifford but at the last minute one of our very new members came forward. The Committee is myself as Chairperson, Daphne Clifford Secretary, Jean Geary Treasurer, Janice Siddle Show Secretary, Dorothy Groves, Muriel Grey and another new member Barbara Andrews. John served as Treasurer for 10 years and we are all very grateful for his contribution during this time.

I'm sure we will all enjoy the Quiz at the December Meeting, a chance to test your knowledge and hopefully win a prize. We will also have a draw for a Bursary when the Society will donate £40 to the lucky winner to attend any horticultural course of their choice.

Don't forget that the January meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday, the 9th. We will be welcoming back Keith Newnham and his two friends who were so entertaining on their last visit. This time the topic is Springfield and Compton Acres Gardens.

Just to finish on a different note, I will not be putting up a poster advertising our next meeting on the board opposite The Old New Inn as I have been fighting a losing battle there. I have put up 6 laminated posters over last 2 months all of which have been removed soon after, for no apparent reason. Hopefully the other posters throughout the Village will provide all the relevant information.



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Nature Notes

John Hancock

Frost, since the last article, has accelerated colour changes and leaf fall. Now woods en masse look truly autumnal although individual trees vary a lot. Most Ash trees are now leafless and the winged seeds and black buds shielding next year's embryo leaves are conspicuous. Oak trees are still largely green and some trees will carry a reduced, if yellowing quota of leaves into the New Year. Mature Beech is not a common tree locally, though we have several specimens, both Common and Copper, in the village, notably on the corner of Hall Lane and Crown Street, and in the Cemetery, opposite the junction of Chapel Street with Park Lane. The Cotswolds' oolitic limestone hills seem to suit the Beech and a walk in that area is a delight at the moment. Nearer at hand, walk along the Edge Hill to have a feast of colourful Beech trees to savour. Some of these giants have been torn down in gales and it's always a surprise to see that the root system is really quite restricted and shallow, though of course some is still underground, snapped through when the tree fell.

On a mild Remembrance Sunday, after paying my respects to Harbury's young men who fought and died in two World Wars, I set off to walk through the quiet country east of Ladbroke. Dropping in at the Spoilbank on the way, I caught sight of a Buzzard flying over the thick scrub clothing the railway cutting. Perhaps it was the same bird reported to me by Cecil Bloxham, who had seen a Buzzard in his garden at Water Tower Holding.

The Millenium Green, with it's large monolith in Ladbroke is a credit to those who had the vision to provide the land and plant it. Before heading east, I crossed the narrow bridge over the stream and then the field to All Saints Church. Large depressions in the ground marked the site of old fish ponds. The present village has moved or been moved, perhaps to keep the Hall in something approaching splendid isolation.

I took the footpath through the grounds of Ladbroke Hall, keeping the residential part on my left-hand side. A short climb takes the path to a vantage point at Milking Hill Spinney before the descent to the A423. Look at the map OS sheet 151, Stratford-on-Avon 1:50,000, or perhaps better Explorer 1:25,000 sheet 206, Edgehill and Fenny Compton, to get an idea of the footpath/bridleway network in the relatively deserted countryside ahead. Cross the road and take the

path close to New House Farm. The field was heavily ploughed but the farmer had left a strip of turf roughly on the line of the path. Arriving on the flat hill top close to Hodnell Manor is a revelation. Substantial earthworks covered with turf meet the eye. This is the site of Hodnell village, which along with the neighboring villages of Chapel Ascote and Radbourn was depopulated in the 15th century when sheep became more profitable than crops. Wormleighton village survived, but only by moving to it's present hilltop site. The view from Hodnell stretches across a largely deserted plain. Those houses that remain mark the medieval villages. They generally occupy minor elevations in this essentially flat landscape which after the last ice age would have been an extensive lake. The Northampton border runs along the crest of the hills, 4 miles away near Priors Hardwick.

Now, something interesting occurs. A little beyond Hodnell, by a square copse, the bridleway on the map just stops. However, on the ground, it continues and is quite well signposted, taking the rambler, horserider or cyclist to the E road near Lower Radbourne Farm. Continue, if you have plenty of time, across some large fields and the Oxford Canal at bridge 124 to the track and minor road ascending steeply to Priors Hardwick. Ropes of Red Bryony with succulent berries festooned the hedges, contrasting with the purple and black berries of Sloe and Privet. I tried nibbling a Hawthorn berry and followed it with a Rose Hip, carefully extracting the seeds. Children in country areas used to call the Hawthorn leaves and berries 'bread and cheese' but I think this is overrating matters a little.

Coming back into Ladbroke down Radbourne Lane, I passed the site of the POW camp at Withy Tree Farm. When World War II ended and the German prisoners were repatriated, the camp was used to house men from the Baltic States and Poland who did not wish to go home, where their reception by the Russians would have been uncertain. Some Nissen huts are still there, and I remember that the Bell Inn, in its older manifestation, usually had one or two Polish soldiers who had come down the lane (no by-pass then) for a pint or two.

Now, a bit of a commercial. I'd like to sing the praises of Oxford University Natural History Museum. It's a relatively short walk from the Railway station on Parks Road. I went there to see the 'Red Lady of Paviland'. In the early 19th century, human bones were found in a cave on the coast of South Wales. The bones and other artefacts were stained red and they were fancifully thought to be those of a prostitute in the pay of the Roman legions. Taken by the Rev. Buckland to Oxford, they have since, with the aid of radio carbon dating and DNA

studies, been shown to be 25,000 years old and the bones of a stone age man. Museum entry is free. (open 12.00 - 5.00pm www.oum.ox.ac.uk) I thought the displays of geology and zoology were excellent. Outside, copies of the footprints of a megalosaurus stride across the lawns-as I mentioned in a previous article, this dinosaur trackway was discovered in a quarry at Ardley, north of the city.

Finally, compliments of the season to you all. Thank you for reading these articles and giving me lots of feedback, keep it coming!



General Section

An Active Hedgehog



Spotted coming away from the Craft Fair, a threequarter grown hedgehog eating in the road at South Parade, an unusual sight for November in daytime.

For safety, the young creature, was brought into the garden and given a plate of cat food. After eating this, it wandered off in search of water nearby. It would be nice to think it might survive.

Mike Bloxham

Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday December 23rd 10.00am - 12 noon

The raffle at the traditional Free Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room will raise much needed funds for the Special Care Baby Unit at Warwick Hospital.

Coffee and Mince Pies will be free. Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received by Ruth Dodds, 41 South Parade or Anne Moore, 23 Mill Street (Tel: 612427).

Anne Moore

G.A.S.S. Christmas Post

If it's Christmas it must be time for the GASS Christmas Post! Once again, we will be delivering cards in Harbury in exchange for your kind donations. The post box is in Muggleston's Country Fayre and will be in place from Monday 3rd December. The last collecting day will be Tuesday 19th December. Please note we do not deliver outside the village and that our volunteers take a few days to sort and deliver. Thank you for your support.

Bonfire Night was very successful; it was well attended and there was a splendid bonfire and display. Thank you to the GASS parents, the Scouts and the Church who helped and to everyone who came.



'Sparkles'

Lighting the
Bonfire



Like the Beer Festival in September, where we provided the food, this event raised significant funds. The hard work and effort at these events gives us funds towards the much needed Scout Hut improvements. In particular, all the groups and parents look forward to having a dry kitchen next year!

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded grants by Stratford District Council and Harbury Council amounting to £18,000 towards replacement of the roof at the Scout Hut. Further applications have been submitted which, with our own hard-earned reserves, will take total funds to the total required for the most urgent work. Some of the applications are for funds to provide cooking facilities in the Hut for the groups to learn cooking skills. We are confident we will be able to proceed with the roof replacement as soon as the builders have a slot, probably in the summer of 2007.

Alan Guy Tel: 614242

Guide and Scout Support (GASS)



Harbury Craft Fair 2006



Alasdair with his bird nest boxes



Alannah with Shirley & Michele Crossan
with their hand made cards



Dave and Sue Cook with their goods

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee update

A big thank you to all of you who came to the Coffee morning in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association. We really do appreciate the support that we get for this local charity. The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 9th December 2006.

If you are new to the village and think you may be eligible to come along, or you think we may not have you on our list of invitations, please contact Margaret Taylor on 612903.

This year the entertainment will be provided by the Karousel Singers. We look forward to seeing you there and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Southam & District Lions

Southam Lions will be bringing Father Christmas on his Sleigh to: Harbury - Thursday 21st December from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and to Ladbroke and Ufton on Friday 22nd December - 6.30pm in Ladbroke, then onto Ufton, finishing at 8.30pm.

Jim Steele

Village Hall Update

Last month the Development Steering Group maintained the momentum needed to 'push ahead' with plans for the modernisation of the Village Hall by:

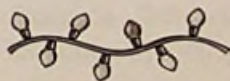
- Meeting with the architect and explaining some of the modifications which had been suggested by villagers at the Open Consultation Day.
- Visiting recently modernised Village Halls at Quinton and Pillerton Priors.
- Arranging for a representative from the Steering Group to attend the regional meeting with the Big Lottery Fund organisers who are leading the scheme which will allocate funding for Community Buildings next year.

The results from the Village Hall survey circulated in the Village proved to be extremely positive with 100% of the 85 returned questionnaires

supporting modernisation of the Hall. From the list of 20 facilities which might need consideration, it emerged that the 'top 5', which needed improvement were toilet facilities (75), changing rooms/toilets for sport (68), energy conservation (62), commercial dish-washer (60) and internal/external hatches (51). These were closely followed by the need for a permanent stage (50), improved security (49), additional storage (45), bar area (44) and offices and projection facilities (39).

There were some 'surprises' in the list, including the suggestion for 'projection facilities'. Visits to other Village Halls, however, have indicated that some community premises are seeking to provide facilities which encourage film/video and lecture presentations to widen participation both from local and 'external' hirers. The Village Hall Management Committee is aware that the Hall must continue to be 'self supporting' and should not become a 'white elephant' which is a drain on Parish resources. To this end, the importance of energy conservation is at the forefront of proposals and the Steering Group has researched 'green building' methods, sustainable developments and all the possibilities for reduced maintenance costs, including solar panels and thermal insulation to the roof as well as the walls. The on-going discussions have provided a fascinating insight into current building procedures, which will hopefully lead to the best possible solution for the improvement of the premises.

In the meantime, the committee is 'pressing ahead' with fund-raising, which allows the 'means', to facilitate meetings with professionals, which will inform the debate towards the 'end', which will serve the community needs. The next event to look forward to is the New Year's Dance on Saturday December 30th with the Likely Lads. The group has always been a great attraction at Village Dances for over 30 years and Harbury has always been one of their favourite venues, as a result of the rampant enthusiasm with which dancers respond to their wide-ranging musical styles! The tickets will go on sale in mid December and all those who have already reserved tickets will be contacted to arrange collection. Geoff (613801), Janet (612688) and Chris (612305) are taking reservations on a strictly 'first come, first served' basis. Tickets cost £15/person and will include a light buffet, including dessert. The evening promises to offer all the exuberant entertainment some remember from the 70's so that it will be a night to remember, as we move into 2007. Evening dress (black tie) or appropriate fancy dress is recommended.



Chris Finch

Village Hall Survey—results

Do you support modernisation of the Village Hall?	YES 85	NO 0	
Results obtained from:	Open Day	Shops/ P.O.	Total
Total	65	20	85
Air Conditioning	21	6	27
Bar Area	35	9	44
Changing Rooms / Toilets for Sport	59	9	68
Commercial Dishwasher / Glass Washer	52	8	60
Computer Facilities	14	1	15
Cooker Hood	34	4	38
Energy Conservation	58	4	62
Improved Security in specific areas	42	7	49
Induction Loop to aid hearing	28	3	31
Larger, more attractive lobby	29	6	35
Offices, including Parish Council Office	35	4	39
Outside seating / tables	24	6	30
Permanent Stage	42	8	50
Projection Facilities	34	5	39
Serving Hatches—Internal/External	45	6	51
Sports Hall	30	8	38
Storage—several specified areas	38	7	45
Swimming Pool	09	11	20
Telephone Facilities	17	7	24
Toilet Facilities for disabled/More female cubicles/Male urinals/Baby changing facilities	61	14	75

A little bit of History

The following extracts were gleaned from the Leamington Courier microfiche in Leamington Library a few years ago, when I obviously had nothing else to do. The first shows either how unfairly the people of Bishops are treated compared to those from Harbury.... or it could be that the people of Bishops have a much wider vernacular vocabulary than their Harbury counterparts.

Feb 1906. *Arthur Allen, Bishops Itchington, fitter, was summoned by C.R.Rogers, district inspector of the G.W.R. Co., for using obscene language in contravention of the Company's bye-laws at Harbury Station on Sunday, December 10th, and also for trespassing and refusing to quit when requested to do so. Fined £1. 6s.8d*

Mar 1906. Obscene Language

Edward Bowles, labourer, Harbury, for the above offence at Harbury on February 11th, was fined 5s – P.C.Baxter proved the charge.

May 1906. Henry Mann, Harbury, labourer, was fined 11s.6d for using abusive language in a dwelling house within hearing of the highway on April 21st. P.C.Baxter said the language could be heard a quarter of a mile away.

It would be interesting to know exactly what was saidit's highly likely to be a scolding for his wife, who was probably dragging her feet instead of getting on with the washing up, scrubbing the floor, ironing, lighting the fire, cooking the tea or whatever... and therefore probably greatly deserved (writes someone else, not me).

.....and it wasn't just the men mis-behaving.....

Mar 1906. *Hannah Haynes, Harbury, was fined 10s.6d for being drunk in the public highway.*

.....though it usually was.

Oct 1906. *Frederick Morris, innkeeper, Old New Inn, summoned for permitting John Calloway to be on his premises in a drunken condition.*

Bishops Itchington starred again in July. I think this conjures up wonderful images of yawping and gouging, fighting to win five bob, on un-made roads using those huge sit-up-and-beg bikes.

George Gulliver, Albert Boyles, Percy Soden, Wilfred Gubbins and Charles Freeman, all of Bishops Itchington, labourers, were summoned by Inspector Lee for furiously riding bicycles to the public

danger, at Harbury on June 30th. Defendants all pleaded guilty. The evidence of P.C.s Harrison and Baxter showed that the defendants were all riding round the corner near Harbury Station as hard as they could, Gulliver being first. It was alleged they were racing to Leamington for a stake of 5s Gulliver being allowed 10 minutes start because he rode a cushion-tyred machine, the distance being covered in 25 minutes. This, however, defendants denied. The Chairman said there would be no conviction this time, but defendants must pay the costs, 4s. 6d each, and they must be careful not to repeat the offence, as they were liable to heavy penalty.

Nigel Chapman
taken from the School Archive

Christmas Greetings to all Blood Donors

Once again, this is the chance to give the best gift there could be – life and health. And to put something in the blank week of your diary between Christmas and New Year. The donor session will be in the Village Hall on Thursday December 28th; 1.30 – 3.30 and 4.30 – 7.30pm. Donation can start at age 17, (so all those youngsters home from Uni. can come along), and continues up to age 60 for new donors. Could be your only chance to put your feet up for half an hour!

Any queries 614809 or log on to www.blood.co.uk or call 08457 711 711 if you need to make an appointment.

Gillian Hare

Gold, Francincense or WHAT?

Epiphany (or Twelfth Night) celebrates the wise men bringing these gifts to the infant Jesus. But what did they represent; they don't sound as useful as a blanket or a new saddle for the donkey?

In December, First Light suggested ways to prepare ourselves for Jesus" coming at Christmas. On January 7th it will look at the symbolism of the wise men's Christmas presents. Everyone of every age is welcome to this informal service in the Tom Hauley Room. Coffee is served from 10.00am, service starts 10.30am. See you there.



Alison Abbott

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that Vicarage Lane, South Parade and the Playing Fields are suffering a spate of dog muck that is not being cleared up by owners.

These areas are becoming unpleasant for pedestrians and a health hazard to the football players who use the playing field. We would expect dog owners to look after their animals with due respect for others.

If members of the public wish the Parish Council to take legal action, please supply us with the necessary information.

Jenny Patrick

Valentine's Day Concert in Village Hall

There will be a fantastic traditional music concert in Harbury Village Hall on Valentine's Day; Julie Fowlis and Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh, with Ross Martin and Éamon Doorley.

Extract from the "Nu-Routes" UK tour publicity:

"This is a unique Celtic collaboration presenting songs and music from Scotland and Ireland, from two of their finest female singers. Julie Fowlis, the leading light in a new generation of Gaelic singers. She was voted Gaelic Singer of the Year at the last Scots Trad Music Awards and also won the coveted Horizon Award at BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2006.

She is joined by one of Ireland's finest singers, Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh, from the award winning Irish group Danú. The group won the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for the performance of the Best Original Song, 'County Down' which Muireann sung beautifully. She surely has one of the best voices on the traditional music scene today. For the tour Julie and Muireann are joined by Ross Martin on guitar and Éamon Doorley (also from the group Danú).

This unique collaboration from Scotland and Ireland, will be presenting a unique performance of Gaelic songs and music from the British Isles."

The tickets are £10 each, from the box office 02476 711616 or Doug Freeman 01926 612002, *early booking is advised*. The doors open at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start on Wednesday 14th February 2007. A bar will be open before and after the concert and during the interval, and profits from the bar will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

See <http://www.juliefowlis.com/> <http://www.muireann.ie/> <http://www.danu.net/>

Doug Freeman

Harbury Asset



The former small stable on the corner of Church Street/Terrace is in need of some repair work, before it becomes in danger of total collapse. It has been part of Harbury's scene during my time and for many years before.

It was built into the paddock wall, which was a clever idea from those people who thought about this method.

The paddock is I think a village asset. I pray it won't suffer the same fate as the one at Bishops Itchington.

Mike Bloxham

Time Out – Ufton

A Good Yarn - Tuesday 16 January 10.00am - 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Rowan and Patons present their range of new yarns including the fabulous new space dyed colourful 'tapestry' wool for you to try. Sarah Hazell, demonstrator, will teach you how to make a scarf and a corsage and show lots of other ideas using knitting and non knitting techniques. Beginners very welcome. All materials supplied but feel free to bring along any odd balls and needles! It promises to be a fun morning. Cost £4.50 for workshop inc. refreshments.

Sew Simple – Bowls in Fabric – Tuesday 8 February 10.00am – 12.30pm

Please book early to avoid disappointment by calling me on 613003.

Karin Kirk



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We should like to thank all the kind people of Harbury who sent us cards, letters and flowers in memory of our much loved wife, mother and nanna, Pamela Merchant.

We especially thank all her friends at Harbury Women's Institute, where she was Branch Secretary, for their support at the Memorial Service on October 31st and afterwards at our house. We also thank her friends at Greenhill Farm, Harbury Art Group, Harbury Badminton Club and the Napton Sewing Group. We are so very grateful to Father Roy Brown for his kindness and sympathetic support.

Howell, Wendy, Peter and Vicky

Dear Editors

It is horrible; everywhere in Harbury there is dog poo!

I have to go to school every day and there is so much I have to walk on the road!

IT IS HORRIBLE!!!!!!!

Dog owners, please can you clear up after your dogs!

Olivia Johnson (Age 8 years old)

Dear Editors

Through this magazine, Michael and Gillian Hare send Christmas Greetings to their friends in Harbury. We shall be giving a donation to Leamington Christian Mission in lieu of Christmas cards, to make a stranger's Christmas nearly as happy as we wish for you all.

Michael & Gillian Hare

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone in Harbury and Ladbroke for their kindness, help and care during Neville's sudden stay in Warwick Hospital. Especially our three immediate neighbours who kept Nora company, helped with chores and provided a meal each evening.

Thank you too for the "get well" cards and lovely flowers. As usual when help is needed Harbury people are there for you.

Neville is now waiting to go to Walsgrave Hospital. He had wonderful treatment in the 48 hour unit and Malins Ward at Warwick and the Ambulance Service was excellent.

Grateful thanks and best wishes to you all.

Neville and Nora Ellis

Dear Editors

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Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Lesley van Kesteren	613411
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Sally Stringer	613214
Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

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BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings 10:00am -12:00 noon (612877)

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

Friday (Juniors) 6:30-8:15pm (612029)

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.40—6.40pm (613434)

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

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

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

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm (612538)

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES Farley Room Wednesday 4.00-8.00pm (01789 290733)

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm (612978)

CHURCH MEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612753)

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon (613214)

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm (614730)

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

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm (07939 679533)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm (613730)

HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534)

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB: Chairman: Mike Jones Tel: 614040

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Training: Tuesday 7.30pm Myton School

Under 14s

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Training: Thursday 7.30pm, Harbury Rugby Club

Years 6 & 7 (U11 & U12)

Coach (U11): Neil Murray Tel: 612524

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Coach (U12): Andy Dickson Tel: 612192

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Years 4 & 5 (U9 & U10)

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Coach (U9 – year 4) Tony Chamberlain Tel: 614816

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HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm –

3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm (614316)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP Last Monday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612150)

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am &

Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm (614858)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm (612819)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)
8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

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

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;
Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm; (613163)
Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in
the month 8.00pm (612427)

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: Meeting on 2nd Wednesday in the month at the
Shakespeare 8:00pm (612792)

RAINBOWS : Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm, Unit Leader Bobbi Sharpe 614040

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm (614062)

TENNIS CLUB: CLUB MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES

ADULTS: Tuesdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Thursdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Wednesdays: 1.45pm - 3.15pm

Saturdays (Winter only): 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sundays (Summer only): 10am - 12 noon

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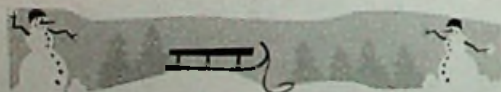
THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of Village Hall 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm
(612519)

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (614188)

WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL: Primary School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-3.15pm; Friday
9.00am-1.00pm (614564)

YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgery (817904)

YOUTH DROP IN: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00pm in Village Hall (613207)



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






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