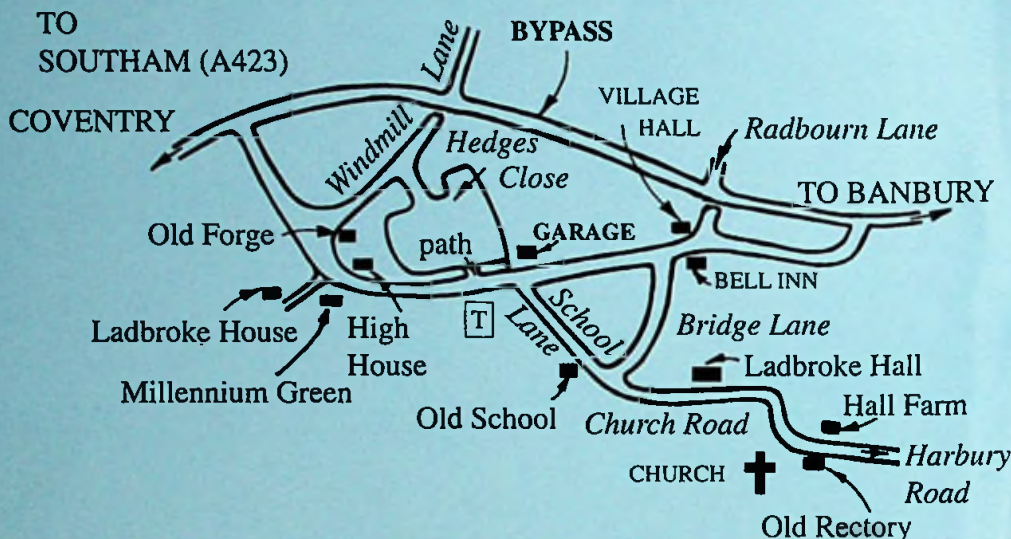


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Editorial

Is Christmas coming early this year? One Christmas tree has already been spotted in the village and several advertisers are already making seasonal promotions in the magazine. Ladbroke will be holding their Christmas Fayre on 18th November with Harbury's Fayre this year on Saturday, 2nd December; both events will have their usual attractions.

Harbury Theatre Group promises a vibrant production of Peter Pan from 23rd to 25th November in the Village Hall. Christmas charity cards are also on sale at Harbury Library. No carols have yet been heard around the villages!

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Olga Hughes and Pam Merchant.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

- | | | |
|-------|----|--|
| Sat | 4 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
10am – 12noon
80/20 sale in School Hall 10am – 12noon
VILLAGE BONFIRE at Recreation Grounds.
Lighting of Bonfire 6pm. Fireworks 6.30pm |
| Sun | 5 | FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT
Sung Eucharist 9am
First Light 10.30am
Evening Worship 6pm |
| Mon | 6 | Harbury Society talk on Wildlife Policing by Pc Craig Fellows in Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm |
| Tues | 7 | Horticultural Society in Tom Hauley Room, "Royal Connections and Noble Plants" by Ian Nex 8pm
Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7pm - 9pm |
| Wed | 8 | "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm |
| Thurs | 9 | Holy Communion 9.45am
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm |
| Fri | 10 | RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION |
| Sat | 11 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Legion
10am – 12noon
Craft Fayre in Village Hall 10am – 4.30pm |

- Sun 12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion 8am
 Remembrance Service 10.15am
 Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 11am
- Tues 14**
 Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7pm-9pm
 Toddlers Service 2pm in church
 Holy Communion with laying on of hands 7.30pm
- Wed 15**
 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3pm- 4pm
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Thurs 16**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 PCC meeting 7.30pm
- Fri 17**
 Harbury School PTA Quiz Night in School Hall 7.30pm
- Sat 18**
 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior Citizens 10am – 12noon
 Councillors Surgery outside Post Office 10am – 12noon
- Sun 19 SECOND BEFORE ADVENT**
 Holy Communion 8am
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after Service
 Evensong 6pm
- Tues 21**
 Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7pm - 9pm
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in Village Hall 8pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers Union 8pm
- Wed 22**
 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 23**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council IN TOM HAULEY ROOM 7.30pm
 Harbury Theatre Group perform 'Peter Pan' in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 24 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
 Harbury Theatre Group perform 'Peter Pan' in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sat 25**
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Men's Group 10am – 12noon
 Harbury Theatre Group perform 'Peter Pan' in Village Hall 2.30pm and 7.30pm
 Live music entertainment evening at Harbury Village Club in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support 7.30pm
- Sun 26 CHRIST THE KING**
 Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Address on Mission to Seafarers Rev Margaret Sweet

- Tues 28 Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7pm - 9pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm followed by Julian Meeting
- Wed 29 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved at 19 Farm St 2.30 pm - 4.30pm
- Thurs 30 ST ANDREW'S DAY
Holy Communion 9.45am

DECEMBER

- Fri 1 Christmas Disco in School Hall 6.15pm – 9pm, Harbury School
Children only
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tom Hauley
Room Funds 10am – 12noon
CHRISTMAS FAYRE in Village Hall 2.00pm
- Sun 3 ADVENT
Sung Eucharist 9am
First Light 10.30am
Evening Worship 6pm
- Tues 5 Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7pm - 9pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society Quiz and Festive Buffet in Tom Hauley
Room 8pm
- Wed 6 Toddler Group Christmas Party in Village Hall
Holy Communion 2pm
Mothers Union 2.30pm
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10am to 4pm
Men's Society Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 8 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Kids Club
10am – 12noon
Senior Citizens Christmas Party in Village Hall



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From the Rector

Father Roy Brown

I wonder how much we see when we look at people. Do we see them as we like to be seen? Do we look at them with eyes of love and understanding or are we blinded by prejudice, expectations or pre-conceived ideas? This is highlighted I think by the following poem, found in a hospital locker.

"What do you see nurses, what do you see?
 Are you thinking while you are looking at me -
 A crabbit old woman, not very wise
 Uncertain of habit with far away eyes,
 Who dribbles her food and makes no reply
 When you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try,"
 Who seems not to notice the things that you do
 And forever is losing a stocking or shoe,
 Who, unresisting or not, lets you do as you will
 With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill,
 Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
 Then open your eyes nurse you're not looking at me.
 I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,
 As I move at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
 I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,
 Brothers and sisters who love one another,
 A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet
 Dreaming that soon now a lover she will meet.
 A bride soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap,
 Remembering the vows that I promised to keep.
 At twenty-five now I have young of my own
 Who need me to build a secure happy home.
 A woman of thirty, my young ones grown fast,
 Bound to each other with ties that should last.
 At forty, my young sons, now grown, will be gone,
 But my man stays beside me to see I don't mourn.
 At fifty, once more babies play round my knee,
 Again we know children, my loved one and me.
 Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead.
 I look to the future, I shudder with dread,
 For my young are all busy rearing young of their own,
 And I think of the years and the love I have known.
 I'm an old woman now and nature is cruel,
 'Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.
 The body it crumbles, grace and vigour depart,
 There is now a stone where I once had a heart,
 But inside this old carcase a young girl still dwells,
 And now and again my battered heart swells.
 I remember the joys, I remember the pain,
 And I'm loving and living all over again.
 And I think of the years all too few - gone too fast
 And accept the stark fact that nothing will last.
 So open your eyes nurses, open and see
 Not a crabbit old woman, look closer - see me."

So let us resolve to look at people as individuals and see beyond the outward signs – whether they are of age, youth, class, culture or colour – and to show respect and love in all our dealings with others.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

October 28th Simon Begbey to Kathryn McDonald

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

October 1st Riley Thomas Birch

Lily Erin McElfrick

October 8th Thea Imogen Steiger

October 29th Emily May Upstone

Funerals at All Saints Harbury

October 9th Olga Isobel Hughes (81)

October 31st Pamela May Merchant (72)



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

Thank you to everyone who put up with two complete novices (named above) who were, loosely speaking, in charge of the Harvest Supper.

Thank you to those who were really in charge on the night, to those who cooked, provided puddings, waited, cleared up and took part in the entertainment. Special mention must be made of Harry's totally tremendous towering timepiece which, we have been reliably informed, has now been transformed into a trellis!

Thank you to the Mothers' Union for the lovely Family Service presentation. In the week of the Family, they reminded us that we are all children of God. We should listen to Him, do what He says and keep our promises to Him as He keeps His to us. We are especially grateful to Mary who gathered the children around her and to all who supported her in her leadership.

Presentations to Funday Club children followed. Please watch this space for photographs.

Please remember the Christmas Fayre! See article!



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

October brought us two enthusiastic and interesting speakers. In the afternoon, Mr David Wheeler talked about the work of 'Tools with a mission'. When serving as a missionary and engineer, with his wife as a nurse, he built a leprosy hospital in Bangladesh and a road in Albania. Without any tools available locally to do the latter, he was delighted to receive 30 pickaxes, shovels, Wellington boots and water pumps from T.W.A.M. When he retired and returned to the UK, he was recruited to work for them, both as a speaker and particularly in receiving and renovating donated tools. These need to be strongly made hand tools, which are packed into kits to meet requests mostly from Africa and Eastern Europe.

His wife is similarly involved in sending sewing requirements such as hand sewing machines and haberdashery. We plan to collect some of this in the New Year. There is also a project to sponsor a tool, by paying towards transport costs.

The evening speaker, Dawn Nevin, is a children's councillor at Myton Hospice. Such a warm and pleasant personality, she showed how she could help children to cope with illness and ultimate death of a family member. By a clever use of visual aids, she helped children to explain their feelings and reactions, and hence the whole family to face 'the elephant in the room' honestly and openly. She finds it most helpful to meet the children very early on in the illness, as they are far more aware that everything is not alright, whatever the grown-ups tell them. We were left wishing there were as many people like her as children who might need her help; certainly the children she did counsel would be far better able to deal with their fears and their future lives.

The overseas boxes raised £310.

Toiletries are needed for the stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 2nd.

Next meeting – November 21st 8pm after the 7.30pm service. Supporting families in 21st century by Felicity Hawke.

December 6th at 2.30pm after 2pm service. Famous women by Margaret Backhouse.



Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

We opened our service with the song, "Mr. Noah built an Ark".

After our prayer, Mrs Karen Ellis told us the story of Noah. He was told by God to build an Ark to save his family and the animals of the world from the coming flood. Mrs Ellis displayed a large side of a boat made from cardboard and the children were asked to put lots of fluffy toy animals up the ramp and into the door of the ark and to poke the animals heads out of the numerous windows in the boat.

We looked at four church kneelers each depicting the story of Noah and also pictures of Noah on the alter cloth in the children's corner.

For our activity, we stuck lots animal pictures onto a drawing of the ark, and coloured in the rainbow.

The next Toddlers Service will be on Tuesday 14th November in the children's corner of the church at 2pm. All babies and young children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

NOVEMBER

Wed	8	Holy Communion 2pm Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
Sun	12	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sung Communion 9am with Act of Remembrance
Mon	13	Millennium Club Draw 7.30pm in Village Hall
Tue	14	Village Hall AGM 8pm
Wed	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sat	18	CHRISTMAS FAYRE in Village Hall 2.30pm
Sun	19	ADVENT II Sung Communion 9am
Wed	22	PCC in Old Rectory 7.30pm
Fri	24	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

Sun 26 CHRIST THE KING
Sung Communion 9am

DECEMBER

Sun 3 ADVENT
Family Communion 10.30am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

November 12 Remembrance Sunday – Susan Moore

November 19 Susan Moore

November 26 Kay Constable

No flowers in Advent



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

STOP PRESS – The Christmas Fair on Saturday 18th November at 2pm in the Village Hall. In aid of Myton Hospice and Church Funds, your support is requested. Donations of bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, cakes, tombola items and your purse. With our thanks.

Village Hall AGM

Christine Baker

The Ladbroke Village Hall AGM is to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th November 2006 at 8.00pm. Everyone welcome.



Women's Fellowship

Hazel Sharples

After the service in church we went to Beryl Ross's home for our meeting.

Steve Copley was with us to tell us about his daughter's work in Vietnam. Elizabeth chose to work there after graduating in English. She is now doing a wonderful job teaching English to children and adults. Many of the adults are doctors and nurses who are now able to communicate with the rest of the world to learn more about up to date treatments, for in particular, cancer and leukaemia. Fund raising is very important and her enthusiasm knows no bounds. Steve had photographs to show us and the happiness we saw in Elizabeth and the young cancer victims was all the evidence we needed to know that she had chosen the right work.



Women's Fellowship

Betty Winkfield

Many thanks to Hazel for holding the fort for me in October. Our next meeting will be here at Hall Farm. Speaker to be arranged. That is November 8th at 2pm for the church service – 2.45pm for the meeting.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Catherine Spence

Here are the winners of the September Draw:

£70 Jo Sowerby
 £25 Sue Halsall
 £25 Mary Coley
 £10 Francis Badman
 £10 Geoff Lane
 £10 Chris Payne

Next month's draw will take place on November 13th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke Parish Council—October 2006

Betty Winkfield

Matters Arising

Bishops Bowl Lake – update still required. Follets are hoping that discussions will be completed by next April.

Village Hall – Parish Council are still awaiting reports on various matters. The Council Chairman will raise the issue at the Village Hall AGM in November.

The Road – Repair area from Barn Farm Drive towards the church – “is included in the next 5 year plan”.

The large branch (which is hanging by a thread) on the chestnut tree in Windmill Lane turning, is the responsibility of the County Council. They have been contacted but are very busy.

Regarding the deflector to the light in Hedges Close. This will be reviewed at the next meeting when the budget for 2007 will be discussed.

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Police Report – PC Joy had nothing significant to report. There has been a green Rover 600 M registration seen cruising around Ladbroke – very suspiciously with two lads inside. PC Joy stressed the importance of neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch in the area. We must be ever vigilant. We are a low crime area.

Planning – Permission to fell 7 poplar trees at Ladbroke Hall. The council has suggested topping rather than felling.

Archers Rest – the alterations being done there – the situation is now in the hands of the District Council.

The boat building at Barn Farm is still causing concern, not only the noise levels but also the movements of boats along narrow country lanes.

Highways and Drainage – Haunching of Harbury Road is now completed. The work promised to stop flooding has not happened. SD Councillor will talk to the department concerned.

Concern about erosion of grass areas in Windmill Lane due to parking was mentioned.

The Parish Plan – almost completed. A meeting in the Village will take place probably one Sunday so that villagers can drop in and view the documents before they are published. People can also see and discuss the major issues and concerns that have come to light in the Plan.

Warwickshire Councillors Report – A white paper will be published soon – outlining what Parish Councillors can and cannot do. The government want areas to work more closely together. Upton tip is to be extended with recycling facilities planned.

The police are to be issued with hand held speed cameras. They will be used along the lanes.

District Councillor – Concern expressed about the length of the hedgerow, grubbed up at Chapel Ascott Farm, plus the removal of a tree, with a preservation order. The highways committee had no objection to the removal of the hedge – better road visibility, but it was an ancient hedgerow and the removal of the tree is a criminal offence.

Statistically there is less car theft – thieves are breaking into houses and stealing the car keys.

Drug related offences increased dramatically during the summer. The Bulldog Bash and similar events made Stratford's crime figures rocket.



Harbury Parish Council—October 2006

Linda Ridgley

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

The meeting started with a Ping-pong match between Dutch Van Spall and Tony Mancell where Dutch had the tricky spin but Tony the fast penetrating response.

Caroline from the First Responders asked if the PC would insure their defibrillator. Napton PC does this but only because their Clerk is in charge of the machine and scheme and Harbury's insurers would not allow it.

Tony suggested the group could apply for a grant to cover the costs but Dutch wanted one of their members co-opted onto the Council. "Ah" said Tony "would that make the insurance any cheaper?" So the Responders will get quotes and the PC will give a grant to cover the cost.

Railway Bridge at Deppers - Dutch asked why work had not started and was put out that farmers petitioned Bishops PC for a postponement.

Declarations - Cllrs were asked to declare any interest they had in Agenda Items. This is mainly to ensure they have no undue influence on any decisions that might affect them financially, but just to be sure they usually indicate if they have any interest in items. They will invite the Stratford Monitoring Officer to explain more fully what is required.

Pool - Janet Thornley reported that Warwick University was advising the School on how to refurbish the Pool for use without the need to use chemicals. Southam School is oversubscribed.

PLANNING - The application for an extension at 1 The Pound was withdrawn.

The Parish Council made no representations on improvements at 21 Frances Road or Glasshouses at Sharmer Farm.

Stratford approved extensions at Crown House, Church Street, 8 and 9 Chapel Street and the felling of a Walnut Tree at 10 Chapel Street. The Lawful Development Certificate for Watersports at the Quarries was also granted – much to the Parish's disgust!

The Appeal on a similar application for a Distribution Centre there is at Appeal. The Appeal on the Southam Distribution Centre has been approved.

Quarries - Dutch Van Spall criticised Folletts for continuing to apply for Planning permission on the Quarries site before the Masterplanning exercise was completed. Cllr Lockley pointed out that it had been a Gentleman's Agreement (finish it yourselves!)

Environment - Sharon Hancock passed on complaints from the public about the run-down appearance of the old Post Office in Chapel Street. Many businesses had been interested in the premises.

There were concerns too about Leylandii planted on the verge side of the property at 1 the Pound. The Clerk will determine the ownership of the land.

Tony Mancell reported that he was present at the Playing Fields when two men from a Coventry City van did what appeared to be a whistle-stop inspection of the Play Equipment (15 minutes maximum). Harbury is charged £440 a year for four inspections and the PC will wait to see what is in the next one.

The Tennis/Netball Clubs thought it might be better to surface the whole of the Netball Court rather than tarmac the surrounds and will get quotes for the work. Keith Thompson suggested asking their contractors to quote for the Cemetery as only one company had been interested in this small job. Les Sollis's quote for repairs to the Crown Green wall was approved.

Karena Ellis warned that the shelter at the corner of Church Terrace and Church Street was in a sorry state. The PC will write to the owner, copying to Stratford District their concerns about this and other parts of the wall.

The new Bus Shelter had to be erected away from the windows of the flats but Chairman Kevin Biddle was not happy that the bus would have to stop in the road.

Roads - Tim Lockley and Karena Ellis had hosted a public meeting on traffic problems in Binswood and Temple End at which 38 members of the public made suggestions for improvements. Copies of the minutes of this meeting are available from Tim (614532) or Karena (614462).

Biffa, who run the tip site, presented the Liaison meeting with their 12 year plan which includes an extension towards Southam. A Materials Recycling Centre is to be built there which will take trade waste, sort it and reuse as much as possible, but Dutch Van Spall warned that this would mean there were even more lorry movements through the village.

At long last Percival Drive has been "adopted", this means that the County is responsible for the maintenance of the road and the Parish the lights.

Sharon Hancock demanded that the PC complain once again about the state of Middle Road. The recent repairs have not solved the problem of the road edges dropping and it has become a danger to traffic. Kevin Biddle pointed out a similar problem on Harbury Lane and blamed the skip lorries.

Cemetery Corner is still a lake and Sharon recently watched a car aquaplane round and almost into Chapel Street. The Clerk will ask Pc Hill to threaten to close the road on safety grounds. That got the County to do work last time.

Flicks in the Sticks - Stratford District asked your Councillors if Harbury would be interested in a scheme to bring Cinema to the village. This sparked off a wave of reminiscences about Saturday Morning pictures. Chairman Kevin Biddle was particularly voluble about it, but then he was still elated from having received Harbury's Gold Certificate in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Next Parish Council meeting in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm Thursday 23rd November.

Harbury Parish Council - Quarterly Report - October 2006

Tim Lockley

During the past three months, the Parish Council has

- Organised the installation of the bus shelter outside the Post Office
- Been involved in the discussions about the future developments of the Village Hall
- Advised on the introduction of Smartwater
- Funded the routine maintenance of the playground equipment
- Agreed to the resurfacing of the netball court surround
- Held a public traffic calming meeting
- Won a Gold Award in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Traffic Calming Meeting

Tim Lockley & Karena Ellis

More than forty people attended the public traffic calming meeting in the Tom Hauley Rooms on October 9th, 2006.

We discussed at length the perceived problems in Binswood End/Mill St, and Temple End/Park Lane. It was not only the excessive speed that residents were concerned about, it was also discourteous (e.g. not giving way) and dangerous driving (e.g. driving with two wheels on the pavement) that were raised as issues that should be dealt with. Possible solutions that were discussed included 'pinch points' to narrow the carriageway in Temple End and Mill St; better signage including mobile electronic signs informing drivers of their speed and of particular hazards (e.g. blind bend); railings to prevent cars mounting the pavement; and better 'gateways' marking the entrances to the village.

The Parish Council's Environment Working Party will be meeting on Nov 1st with County Councillor Bob Stevens in order to prioritise some of these suggestions, and to draw up a strategy that can obtain County Council support. This strategy will hopefully be discussed at the November Parish Council meeting. We hope that some measures can be funded from this year's budget, but this will be an ongoing issue that will need to be budgeted for over a number of years. We will keep you informed of future developments.

Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

Our next Harbury Surgery will be on Saturday 18th November, 10am – 12noon outside the Post Office.

Please come along and bring any questions / complaints / comments you want us to hear.

Shall we see you there??

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Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Graham Sutherland began his talk on English Eccentrics with the observation, that although we believe that "characters" are gradually dying off, we ourselves are beginning to take their place!

Graham rattled through a number of eccentric characters from previous centuries, most of who seemed to have started off with all the advantages of position, power and wealth, and ended their days in poverty, exile or both.

William Beckford, who built the infamous Fonthill Abbey – it collapsed twice in his lifetime and once after his death. **Jeremy Bentham** was an infant prodigy, who gave his embalmed body to be displayed at University College, London. **Edward Bright** (related to Cromwell) who until Daniel Lambert appeared held the record for being the biggest man in England.

George "Beau" Brummell, society dandy and friend of the Prince Regent who fell from favour, took to gambling and had to flee to France to avoid his debtors, dying in an asylum. **Frank Butland** who had the bizarre and unpleasant habit of eating anything, including it was said the embalmed heart of Louis XVI. **Francis Henry Edgerton**, 8th and last Earl of Bridgewater, an animal lover who held dinner parties for his dogs who he also provided with shoes!

John Elwiss, who had a rich mother, turned into a miser and took to wearing his grandfather's out of fashion clothes. **Sir Francis Gaulton** was a medical man who determined to try out all his potions from A-Z but only got as far as Croton Oil (a powerful laxative). The founder of the science of fingerprinting had an addiction to measuring native women's bottoms. **Jack Mitton** was a sporting man and practical joker and once leaped out of the first floor window of Leamington's Midland Bank (then a hotel) onto a horse.

George Osbalderson, the five foot tall "Squire of all England" rode 200 miles in 8¾ hours for a wager. **William John Cavendish Bentick Scott**, 5th Earl of Portland, lived underground, at Welbeck Abbey where every room had its own loo and was painted pink. **John Overs**, a Southwark Ferryman, killed by his servants who being excommunicated had nowhere to be buried.

Our next talk by Pc Craig Fellows is on Wildlife Policing on 6th Nov 7.30pm for 8pm in - Tom Hauley Room.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mrs Rebecca Green gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on costumes and etiquette during the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1. The fencing master who was also the dance master taught both the boys and girls how to dance. All males had to learn how to dance if they hoped to attract a female.

The ladies of the court dressed to attract a suitable husband by wearing the most elaborately embroidered dresses they could afford. These dresses could not be washed so they were worn over a shift that also doubled as nightwear and over a bell farthingale and a bum roll to create childbearing hips. To prevent the neck and cuffs getting too dirty they wore ruffs and cuffs and under the bodice they wore a stomacher made of wood or bone that flattened their chest as it was deemed unlady like to show any cleavage. Flats were also worn and single women could have hair showing. To mask any unsavoury smells they attached pomanders to their dresses, also a feather fan and a book of hours (diary).

Both the men and women had fur somewhere on their clothes, which was to attract the fleas, rather than for decoration. After a days wear the fur was removed by the servants and given a good shake outside to get rid of any fleas. The ladies also had lap dogs, which served the same purpose as flea catchers.

Although washing was not a frequent occurrence, keeping their teeth clean was very important and they did this with a mixture of boiled white wine vinegar and honey. The men were also very concerned with their appearance as they had their jackets and trouser legs stuffed to make them look muscular and more appealing. They would walk around eyeing up the ladies and trying to attract the female wearing the most jewellery as this denoted her wealthy status. Ladies would only lower their eyes at the appropriate moment or peep from behind their fan and when they decided one may be suitable the two would sit together quietly along with her chaperone.

The ladies wore poison rings and if they wanted to rid their selves of an unsuitable man they could sprinkle the contents of the ring into his drink.

After watching Mrs Green assisted ably by Dorothy Travis it was obvious to us all why they had servants to dress and undress them.

The evening was ended by Mrs Green demonstrating the kind of dance they would have performed.

Thanks to everyone who supported our luncheon. Jeanne Beaumont and Sylvia Burdett are doing well.

Please do not forget the shoe box appeal for next meeting on Thursday November 9th.



Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Hayes & Alison Hodge

Have we mentioned it before? We are staging Peter Pan at the end of November, as written by Piers Chater-Robinson, based on the novel by J.M. Barrie. This promises to be a vibrant production, with stupendous special effects. Ian Donnelly has brought his professional skills to bring to life this poignant story of Peter Pan.

Actually there are so many people involved in getting this Production off the ground (pun intended) that we would be very surprised if the rumour has not seeped through to all corners of Harbury by now.

The organisation required for a show like this is enormous. Amateur theatre is not just about the actors. Following countless meetings with the production team, we have people designing sets, people making costumes, discussions about lighting plots, special effects, background music, sound effects etc. And when all the discussions are complete the hard graft has to start. People have been measured for their costumes and the sound of sewing machines can be heard in several Harbury sweatshops. "Fag packet" sketches have been studied and loosely interpreted, so the noise of hammering and sawing (and swearing) is drifting on the wind most weekends now.

So, to make all this hard work worthwhile, we actors have got to knuckle down and provide an acceptable performance. Rehearsals started at the beginning of September, and we have been hard at it twice a week ever since. We have quite a few younger members in this production, playing Wendy, John, and Michael, the lost boys, Indians, pirates, etc and not forgetting Jean Champ's dancers as fairies and mermaids.

This could be a recipe for disaster but not, I think, in this case. They are a good crowd, maybe a little exuberant in the fight scenes, but in some cases you would think that they had been acting all their lives. They are an inspiration to the rest of us.

We have a warm feeling about this show and think that it will be a great production, so make sure that you don't miss it. Make a note in your diary now, November 23rd, 24th and twice on the 25th. Tickets are £6.00 with concessions £4.00, Tel 612150, or 612029 or from Country Fayre, the greengrocers in Chapel Street Harbury. Refreshments will be available with a bar at the evening performances. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



Harbury Folk Club

Doug and Janny

The theme for the October Folk Club was "Memory", and it transpired that Doug had forgotten that the May folk club also had a similar theme "Down Memory Lane". Doug and Janny were the hosts for the evening, and the performers sang songs or played tunes which followed the theme, or just improvised by forgetting their words.

In the first part there were memorable performances from; Maureen and Janny, Stuart, Barbara, Peter McD, Debbie & Pete McD, Sue & Ted Crum. The evening started with a song in Dutch, which had been the debut song for the performers back in 1995. The songs and tunes that followed ranged from the nostalgic to the downright disturbing for those of us getting old. The topics covered were; canals, after the war is over, streets of London, once in a very blue moon, saying the same thing twice, as time goes by, Punch and Judy man. It was good to welcome Sue Crum for the first time to the club, and she sang a John Connolly classic whilst playing the guitar and was accompanied by Ted on the Double Bass. Ted then closed the first half singing, playing the melodeon, and testing the audience with that tricky chorus line; la, la, la, la, la.

The second part had even more memorable performances from; Band of Folk, Ian & Sue, Rik, Harriet, Pete Grassby, Pete & Liz, Pete Bones and Lynne. The Band of Folk started with a couple of greatest hits, one written for and one written by Pete McD. The other performers kept up with the theme with various renditions about; one hit wonders, lavender and lilac, France, Grandma's home, good man, underneath the stars, coal, lovely hair, rickets. Pete Grassby must be congratulated on his fine vocal performance whilst accompanied by the wine fridge. Pete Bones & Lynne brought the half to a memorable conclusion, when Pete explained how poor he was as a lad whilst Lynne provided the Hovis backing.

The third part was by far the most memorable, and those few who had left the club early missed an unforgettable grand finale from; Des, Summer, Pete Mason, Ron, Celia, Band of Folk. The artists' offerings included; Mr Jones, longest journey, doomed love affair, country they died for, a Lonnie Donegan classic, the demise of local pubs, and various tunes on squeeze boxes of all shapes, sizes and ages. Summer's poem was hilarious, but far too close to the theme for the hosts. Celia mastered her antique melodeon and played a couple of fine tunes. The Band of Folk finished with a mega band of musicians, and after the evening was formally closed by the hosts, the band just kept on playing for the next half hour.

The evening will stay in all our memories, well, hopefully until next month. Des will then be the host on the 6th November with a theme of *Passion*. The raffle raised £45 which will go to the Alzheimer's charity.



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

2006 has been a very good year for the Association with many enjoyable social events for all our members. In June our 'Wine and Baguettes' stall at the Carnival proved as popular as ever in spite of a certain football match !

The highlight of the year was of course our visit to Samois. The Samois Committee and our host families made sure we all had a very memorable French weekend.

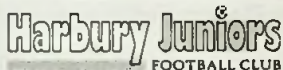
As 2006 draws to an end it is once again time to hold our AGM.

This year it will be on Saturday 18th of November at 7.30 pm followed by a Beaujolais Nouveau evening, starting at 8 pm. The Beaujolais Nouveau for members and guests will cost £5.00 per head and this will include a glass of Beaujolais Nouveau, bread & cheese, and entertainment.

We are always delighted to welcome new members to the Association and the annual fee is still £5.00 for a single person and £10.00 for a family. I do hope as many members as possible will join us for both events in the Tom Hauley Room on Nov 18th.

Plans for the May weekend when families from Samois visit Harbury will be outlined at the AGM.

Christmas Party - The Tom Hauley Room is booked for 15th December. Details of the evening will be sent to all members in the next news letter.



Harbury Junior's Football

This season we are running teams in U17, U14, U12, U11, U10, U9 and two U8's in different leagues.

Congratulations to 3 newly qualified coaches - Andy Dickson, Graham Bell and Tony Chamberlain who all qualified as Level 1 FA coaches during the summer.

We now have 6 qualified coaches at the club and we are running a CRB system through the FA to ensure all regular helpers are approved to work with young people. With these in place we are close to creating a club qualified to FA Charter status.

We welcome two new team managers this season. Malcolm Tanner will manage the U10s team for their matches, and support Tony Chamberlain in combined U9's and U10's training. Judith Woodfield, will manage the U8's in the Three Counties League (combined U9's and U8's division) and continue to support David Hoey who leads the U8's training and manages the U8's in the Mid-Warwickshire League.

Our new 'helpers' reduce the pressure on coaches and improve the ratio of coaching staff to players.

Anyone interested in joining the club should speak to the relevant coach or contact Mike Jones (614040). Coaches/training times/locations are listed below.

Under 17s Harbury

Coach:
Training Pitch and time

Keith Edwards Tel: 421414
Tue. 7.30pm Myton School

Under 14s

Coach:
Training Pitch and time

Alastair Cattrell Tel: 335366
Thu 7.30pm, Harbury Rugby Club

Years 6 & 7 (U11 & U12)

Coach: (U11)
Training Pitch and time
Coach: (U12)
Training Pitch and time

Neil Murray Tel: 612524
Sat 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields
Andy Dickson Tel: 612192
Sat 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 4 & 5 (U9 & U10)

Coach: (U10 – year 5)
 Training Pitch and time
 Coach: (U9 – year 4)
 Training Pitch and time

Malcolm Tanner Tel: 612617
 Sat 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields
 Tony Chamberlain Tel: 614816
 Sat 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 2 & 3 (U8)

Coach:
 Training Pitch and time

David Hoey Tel: 311097
 Thursday 6.15pm, Harbury Rugby Club

Match reports:**U12's**

Our first game of the new season was at Alveston of Stratford one of last seasons strongest sides. Harbury started well and took to the new 11 a side game well. At half time the score was 1-0 to Alveston. The second half was much different with Alveston pushing hard for the win. Their all round strength proved too much in the end with them winning 6-1, our only goal scored by Luke P.

Local rivals Fenny Compton were our next opponents, after a slow start Harbury took the lead and looked the better team. Fenny came back into the game but at half time the score was 2-1 to Harbury. The second half proved to be very exciting with both teams showing great commitment, teamwork & ability. In the last few minutes Fenny were winning 3-2 but a great comeback by Harbury made them 4-3 winners. Our goals were scored by Luke P, Nathan H, Mark S and the winner from Alex D.

A fantastic team performance!!

Andy Dickson

U11's**Tysoe 4 - 6 Harbury**

The boys found themselves 3-1 down in the first 20 minutes but bounced back to win it 6-4. Adam Miles was outstanding, scoring 4 goals as was Angus Murray who was very strong in defence. The other goals were scored by George Hendry who finished very well after an excellent move and by Harry Morrice who scored a stunning goal from outside the box. All the boys played really well as a team and showed great determination to win the match.

Neil Murray

U10's

Harbury U10s opening match against Cropredy was an exciting game with the opponents opening the scoring but man of the match Jack Groves equalised shortly after. However, Cropredy scored a second late goal to rob us of a deserved draw.


The team's second match was against a very good Fenny Compton side whose experience showed and soon opened a commanding lead. However in the last session Harbury matched their opponents and William Apted, making his debut for Harbury, scored a fine consolation goal to end the game 7-1 to Fenny.

Malcolm Tanner

U9's

We are looking forward to kicking off the season (away to Alveston). Training for this group, as was the case last year, has been excellent. We have three new players - William Apted, Harry White and George White. Welcome to them.

Tony Chamberlain

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury RFC</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Midi and Mini Rugby</h3>	<p style="text-align: right;">Mark Easton</p>
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Harbury Rugby Festival

Thanks to everyone who helped on Sunday 1st October 2006. We thought everything was organised but you cannot make allowances for the weather. After 3cm of rain in an hour we decided to abandon the Festival.

I felt particularly sorry for the teams from Stourbridge who had turned out at fairly short notice, not to get a game. In the few matches that did take place Harbury Under 10's lost 10 - 5 to Stourbridge but scored an excellent team try finished by William W.

The Under 9's drew 5 - 5 with Leamington with a last minute try by Molly.

Our Under 8's played really well to beat Leamington 25 - 20 with tries from Saul (2) Bay (2) and Nicholas.

Players, spectators and organisers were frustrated by torrential rain, thunder and lightning just after the first round of matches. It was so

bad that for safety reasons the thought of trying to restart on waterlogged pitches with lightning so close was deemed a risk that just could not be taken. Participating sides had come from Kenilworth, Leamington, Stourbridge and Stoke Old Boys.

Daventry Fixture

Harbury Minis, Midis and Juniors had a tough Home encounter against Daventry.

Our Under 7's are desperately short of children with only 5 players signed up so their first game was always going to be difficult. They lost the first match 25 - 15 with tries from Beth and two for Jamie.



Despite borrowing players from Daventry we lost two further games largely due to one little lad called Ben who obviously has a bright future in Rugby scoring many tries.

The Under 8's fixture was evenly matched with the first game finishing 40 each and the second 25 - 10 to Daventry.

Our Under 9's put in a great team performance to beat Daventry 30 - 20 in their main game with tries from Thomas, Henry S, Henry M, Sam T, Molly and Neil.

The Under 10's had a strong first game with tries from William W and Bradley K with a score in both halves, Simon F was particularly good in defence, with some excellent support from the forwards to contribute in the tries scored, they won 20 - 10.

The second game was a runaway victory for Daventry with Harbury fielding a number of new players.

It was good to field an Under 11's side this was not looking possible a couple of weeks ago with only a few players being registered. Despite losing both games 35 - 13 and 35 - 7 all the team tried hard and Ellie and Ralph scored good tries.

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Under 8's Represented at Coventry RFC

The under 8's squad visited the Butts Stadium in Coventry where they played a tag game against Kenilworth.

The children came on at half time in the Coventry versus Otley League game. Unfortunately they lost by 15 - 5, Saul getting the consolation try for Harbury.

However it was a good experience for the boys playing in front of 2000 people and they all enjoyed having their photos taken with the Coventry Squad at the end of the game. In the main game Coventry won 20 - 3 with a much improved performance, which brought a smile to Mike Umaga's face.

The results of this seasons matches for Harbury Rugby Club are:

3rd October 2006

Yardley Colts 5 - Harbury Colts 36

Harbury 2ndXV 12 - Shotton 1stXV 7

Woodrush 1stXV 22 - Harbury 1stXV 0

9th October 2006

Harbury 'A' XV 71 - Broadstreet 3rd XV 7 9th October 2006

Harbury 'B' XV 12 - Kenilworth 3rd XV 29 - 9th October 2006

Harbury Colts 26 - South Leicester Colts 17

Harbury Under 17's 26 - Rugby Lions Under 17's 25

16th October 2006

Harbury 1st XV 3 - Cov Welsh 1st XV 0 - 16th October 2006

Harbury Vets 0 - Bromsgrove Vets 50

Willenhall Colts 8 -- Harbury Colts 3

Old Leamingtonians U17's 17 - Harbury U17s 12

Daventry U15's 41 - Harbury U15's 7

21st October 2006

Harbury 1st XV 0 - Alcester 1st XV 15 -

Alcester 2nd XV 0 - Harbury 2nd XV 38

Harbury Colts 0 - Northampton Old Scouts Colts 0



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club's 4 teams have enjoyed a good start to their winter league fixtures, albeit disrupted by withdrawals and postponements. In Division 1 of the Banbury league the "A" team faced a difficult first match against Byfield, current champions. Angie Dean, Kate Young, Geoff Prince, and Andrew Rendell fought hard with all 4 rubbers being keenly contested but eventually Byfield took all the points with a 3½ - ½ win.

In Division 4 the "B" team started with a good 3-1 win at home against Tysoe "B", Steve Stark and Colin Mercer starting with a comfortable 6-1, 6-4 win. Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer seemed to be on course for a similar win after taking the first set 6-3 but surrendered a 4-1 lead and lost the second 4-6. In the mixed doubles Colin and Sue lost the plot in the first set losing it 0-6. They recovered well to take the second 7-5 but the points had already been wrapped up after Caroline Morland and Steve Stark had eased to a 6-1, 6-1 win.

In the Floodlit League Division 4, Harbury travelled to Brackley and secured a 3½ - ½ win. After heavy showers there were some low bounces on the wet artificial grass surface which initially caused problems. In the men's doubles Bill Hathaway and Colin Mercer lost the first set 3-6 but fought back to win the second 6-4 and halve the rubber. Captain Caroline Morland and Angie Dean adapted to the conditions more easily and won 6-4, 6-3. Harbury won both mixed doubles rubbers to win the match. Angie and Bill won 6-2, 6-1 with Caroline and Colin winning 6-4, 6-2.

The men's doubles team captained by Jon Scothern has had the best start winning both the first 2 matches. It followed up an opening 3-1 win against Campden with a very emphatic 4-0 win against Snitterfield. Jon Scothern, David Lauder, Bill Hathaway and Mark Pavey were the winning 4 on this occasion. Unfortunately in the next



match they played Alcester "B" who included several of their best and highly rated Juniors and lost 0-4. The match was played in persistent rain which the young opposition adapted to better than Harbury. However, we were delighted that 15 year old Adam Crossling made a very promising debut in a senior league.

The Club recently completed its men's singles which had its biggest entry for many years. After some very tough round robin matches Geoff Prince retained his title beating David Lauder in the final.

The Junior Autumn programme is well underway with 14 hours tennis a week on the courts and 4 hours in the Village Hall. With 123 children taking part (70 more than this time last year!) DCA coaches Linda Casement and Angie Dean are being kept very busy!



Harbury Toddler Group

Emma Legg

November - We love this time of year at Toddler Group: the activities we have lined up for the coming weeks are so much fun. During the half term break some of us will be warmly wrapped up and busy collecting fallen leaves and seeds for the collages and rubbings we plan to make on the first sessions back. We also have firework pictures to look forward to but we might as well re-name that activity the 'see how much glitter you can get on that bit of paper / yourself / on the floor / in your eyes competition because that is how it always end up (better at Toddlers than at home though eh?)

We are also delighted to announce the swelling number of committee members this year. We held our AGM in the Shakespeare on the 11th October; we were a committee of 7 and were about to lose three members due to relocation and pre-school commitments. As it turned out on the night we are now a very healthy 11, with Emma (Chair) and Jacqui (secretary) staying on as officers and the new arrivals Claire, Ceri, Corinna, Helen and Hayley. Elizabeth Kitchener has taken on the role of Chair, Helen is our new Secretary and Catherine remains our Treasurer. We welcome the new committee and are looking forward to the events they will organise in the year ahead. Thanks on the night also went to the Wight School Trustees for allowing us to use the Wight School for sessions, to all the supporters of Toddler Group and the fundraising events held, HGAS for their generous donation to the group at the start of the year, everyone who

donated brilliant prizes for the coffee morning and finally to the landlord and staff of The Shakespeare for allowing us to hold our committee meetings in their lovely pub.

Finally we have one request to put to anyone reading this article. We have our annual Christmas party booked up for December 6th and on inspection of our decorations it's all looking a bit pathetic. So we are appealing to anyone who is thinking of maybe changing their Christmas colour scheme this year or would feel guilty about throwing away perfectly good decorations when buying up to date replacements. **WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** for our party. We are hoping to make a grotto for the children this year so we in need as many as we can get. Our only stipulation is that they need to be in good condition (safe). If you can help us out please call Emma on 01926 814687 or drop them in to one of sessions. Opening times are Monday 10am -11.30am and Wednesdays 1.30pm - 3pm. For more information on anything connected to Toddler Group please call Emma on 01926 814687.



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

We cannot believe we have reached the half term break already and there are only 59 days until Christmas! Our visitor this half-term was our resident artist Chris, who worked with the children to create beautiful self-portraits. She showed the children examples of self-portraits by Van Gogh explaining to them that, as he could not afford to pay models to sit for him he was forced to paint himself. Chris then asked them to look carefully in their own mirrors, and notice how each of their faces is different and unique. The results are stunning.

The children have particularly enjoyed bringing in their treasure boxes containing their special things. Luca brought in her armband, to show how much she enjoys swimming and Lily brought in photographs of herself in her ballet and tap outfits.

We have also been focusing on ways of keeping healthy and after discussing how important it is to keep our hands clean we carried out an experiment with slices of bread to see how many germs are on our hands. Mrs Kennedy then made fruit salad with the children, developing their awareness of healthy nutritious food.



This was an excellent opportunity for the children to practice their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination. We also visited the toddler service, which this month was all about Noah and the Ark. Mrs Casement took our children outside to our woodland area to study the trees at close range. They each collected leaves and bark, which they brought back into nursery to examine with the magnifying glasses, exploring colour, texture, size and shape.



This term Mrs Kennedy has spent two Saturdays renewing her First Aid Certificate.

On Saturday 8th October Tina and Marie attended this year's PLA conference, which included valuable, current training on linking effective practice using Birth to Three Matters and the Foundation Stage Curriculum. It also included workshops on sign

language and one of Anna Ryder's infamous music workshops during which they learned how to compose their own piece of music – a CD is being sent to Windmills shortly, so that they can share their first music composition with the children. They came back to Nursery with lots of new ideas and a large selection of multi-cultural instruments which the children have already enjoyed exploring.

Open Morning

Windmills held a 'stay and play' session on Friday 29th September from 10 – 12 noon. Despite the atrocious weather that morning we were pleased to welcome some new faces that joined in with the morning's activities.

Kids Club Quiz

On Friday 29th September Harbury School Kids Club organised a quiz night kindly donating the proceeds to Windmills. The evening was a great success and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Paula and Simon Brandscomb, Ian Jones, Mike Harris and Jane Durman, and Lynn Hill and Sally Lines for all their hard work in organising this event. Thank you to everyone who supported the night by buying tickets and providing food or raffle prizes. This much needed donation will help with the maintenance and upkeep of the room and hopefully go towards the cost of a sign for Windmills Nursery and Kids Club.

Thank you

Thank you to Mary Catt for kindly donating some children's books and Tina Bishop for a lovely wind chime for our outdoor area.

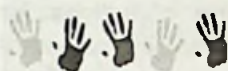
Nursery Garden

We have received many compliments on our newly landscaped garden area complete with windmills. This was made possible by funding from the PTA and a lot of hard work from the Earthworms group led by Barry Dolphin – Joe's dad. The results are stunning and we cannot thank everyone involved enough, as we appreciate the time that these people have been prepared to give. The children have enjoyed making cards to say thank you. We feel extremely privileged to be situated in such lovely surroundings.

Dates

- **Craft Fair** - Saturday 11th November from 10.00am – 4.00pm in the Village Hall

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

Staff & Committee

The Pre-School Café - The first half of the term has gone by in a flash. At the beginning of October, the children enjoyed making salt



dough. They measured out the correct amounts and then mixed and kneaded the dough, before shaping it into rolls, buns and sandwiches ready for baking. The end results were then sold in the role play area, which had been turned into a wonderful café where the children wrote out the menus, prepared sandwiches and poured drinks. Changing roles, they were also customers choosing and ordering their food and drinks and paying for their meals at the till. It was a huge success and the children and staff loved taking part.

Sandwiches at Snack Time - The sandwiches in the café were made of play food, but the children also made their own real sandwiches at snack time. They concentrated hard when buttering the bread and putting in their choice of salad fillings, sliced tomato, cucumber and grated carrot, before eating their sandwiches with a drink of milk or water.

Fun with Cellulose Paste - One of our messiest activities proved to be the cellulose paste. The children had a fabulous time getting their hands and arms up to the elbows in the mixture and their descriptions of what they felt were delightful: Jenna: "It's all bloppy." Sebastian: "It's like toffee". Similarly, PVA glue added to the water tray gave an unusual texture and appearance that Poppy described as "like snowy water".



Hereburgh Morris – One of our specific learning objectives for physical development is to respond to rhythm and music by means of gesture and movement. To help achieve this we had a visit from Hereburgh Morris, who gave a lovely display of Morris dancing and then showed the children how to take part, which they did with great enthusiasm. It was enjoyed so much that the children continued to demonstrate what they had learned, throughout the week. We are very grateful to the Morris Dancers for giving up their time to come to see us.

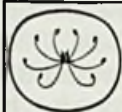


AGM – Our AGM was held at the end of October and we would like to thank all those who attended. Your kind words and support are greatly appreciated.

The End of the Half Term - October was a short month at Pre-School, with half-term towards the end, but the children are now building up to Christmas and the festive season with great excitement.

Date for the Diary - Saturday 11th November is the Craft Fayre in the Village Hall and Harbury Pre-School will be teaming up with Windmills Nursery to provide and serve refreshments, cakes and meals – well worth a visit.

Pre-School Contact – If you would like to know any more about Harbury Pre-School, please contact the Chair of the Management Committee, Nicky Kirk, on 614316.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

The first meeting of the New Season, on October 3rd, was very well attended. It was so nice to welcome back our existing members and some new faces. I hope that you all will continue to enjoy the rest of the talks and activities over the next year.

It was also nice to welcome back our speaker, Sue Burn who works at Batsford Arboretum and who gave a most interesting talk about the Arboretum. She opened by giving a brief history of the start of the collection of trees and shrubs dating from the late 1800's. The man who made it all possible was the then owner Lord Resedale, who was the father of the Mitford Sisters. The collection continued to grow and flourish but sadly the gardens became neglected during the 2nd World War when the house was used as a hospital. Thankfully in 1956 the new owner, the 2nd Lord Dulverton came to the rescue and restoration of the gardens started and is still ongoing.

The collection contains hundreds of trees and shrubs, some very rare species and Sue showed us some wonderful slides of these throughout the seasons. The Handkerchief tree is a fantastic sight in Spring and some of us were lucky enough to see it at its best in May 2004 when Sue gave us a conducted tour of the Arboretum. Also of note is the huge cathedral Lime tree with its enormous girth. A wedding took place earlier this year actually inside the tree.

There is something special to see at all times of the year and Sue's slides demonstrated this. The autumn leaves will be at their best now and well worth seeing. The Arboretum will be open in winter apart from Wednesdays, so do dress up warmly and venture there. Also pop into the shop to say hello to Sue, her passion and commitment to the Arboretum was so obvious throughout her talk and we all enjoyed it. I have not had any response to my previous plea for a Treasurer, there is still time to come forward, if not perhaps a little "friendly persuasion" at the AGM in November will have the desired result. I will report back next month. I'm sure we will all enjoy the next talk at the November meeting from Ian Nez who visited us last year. He will again be speaking about Birmingham Botanical Gardens but this time his topic will be Royal Connections and Noble Plants and their role at the Gardens.

There is no speaker at the December meeting on 5th but we will be having a Quiz with a Horticultural theme with prizes to be won. This will be followed by a festive buffet with food generously provided by our members and liquid refreshment provided by the Society. It promises to be a lively evening and I look forward to seeing you all there.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Of late, several mornings have been quite misty, and with shortening of the daylight hours, there has been an autumnal feeling when out and about. Now, leaves are beginning to turn, but with no frosts yet (20th October), it's a slow process. The predominant colour is green, but here and there individual trees and shrubs stand out. Elder, which often starts to produce leaves in February, is one of the first to show colour changes, eventually taking on a reddish hue before a gale strips its branches. Horse Chestnut leaves are turning a blotchy orange, but around here we must wait a little longer for the vivid red of the cherry. In springtime, the surge of green spreads from south to north, whilst at this time of year the colour changes, like migrating butterflies, go into reverse and the kaleidoscope surges south.

It was on one of these rather dull, autumnal mornings that we set off to explore the moorland country between Alnwick and Wooler just south of the border in Northumberland. Old Bewick, our starting point, is a hamlet of half a dozen stone houses standing beneath a hill crowned by an Iron Age fort at 225 metres[750 feet] above sea level (OS map 75. GR 075216). It was a short walk to the tiny church of Holy Trinity hidden in a grove of trees beside a stream. The pamphlet I obtained told us that in 1091 Malcolm Canmore, King of Scotland, came this way with an army and laid waste much of Northumberland. He had taken the crown in 1054 from Macbeth and was to be ambushed by King William the second (William Rufus) near Alnwick in 1093; he was killed with a great number of his followers. Now, the surroundings were peaceful, but the border wars lasted for centuries, probably going some way to explain the relatively deserted countryside.

Anglo-Saxon and Norman work can be found inside the church. I particularly liked the depiction of the 'Green Man' a pre-Christian deity of fertility and nature adorning the capitals of two pillars in the chancel.

Back outside, we climbed towards the heart of the moor and the ruined farmhouse of Blawearie. The sun came out as we examined a neolithic burial cairn surrounded by heather and bilberry. I searched for the Lesser Twayblade (*Listera cordata*), an orchid about a third the size of the Common Twayblade, a familiar flower in our local reserves. No Lesser Twayblade, but a frog hopped out of the heather to mock my efforts, another year perhaps.

The last inhabitants of Blawearie moved out in the early years of the 2nd World War to make way for military training. The remains of a garden are still obvious and a line of mature Sycamore acts as a windbreak. We ate our picnic on a sandstone shelf. Nearby someone had carved '1893 London'.

Across the moor, close by the ramparts of the fort, were some enigmatic stones, large free standing sandstone blocks carved with cup and ring motifs dating from the Bronze Age [2150-750 BC]. No one knows what they mean; rock art is the best description. Many more have been found in this north-eastern part of the country.

Back in Newcastle, we walked an architectural trail and came across another Bewick. This time it was the workshop of Thomas Bewick (1753-1828). He was born and brought up at Cherryburn on the banks of the River Tyne in the countryside west of the city. Here, he developed his love of nature. He went on to become a skilful and famous wood engraver and illustrator. His great work, well known to modern ornithologists, is 'The History of British Birds'.

Fungi are at their most prolific at present. My U3A naturalists' group was fortunate enough to be taken round Hampton Wood (OS map 151 GR 254600) by an amateur expert, John Sells. We found, with his help, well over 20 species with descriptive names like Mottle Gill, Birch Milkcap, Turkey Tail, Common Bonnet, The Blusher, and Sulphur Tuft. A Horse mushroom had an odour of aniseed, while another, to all intents and purposes, a common mushroom, turned out to be mildly poisonous. This was the Yellow Stainer (*Agaricus xanthoderma*). It has flesh which turns yellow when bruised. The base of the stem is a particularly good place to spot the colour change, so be warned.

To see spores, set a fungus cap on a piece of plain paper. As drying occurs, spores will be shed and can be examined with a lens. The spores are species distinctive and the only sure way of identification. To see spores en masse, find and open a mature Puffball, then stand back.

Circular patterns on the turf are known as fairy rings. For years the cause was unknown, even being thought to be caused by lightning. Gradually though, with scientific enquiry in the 18th century, the mystery was unravelled. From a central point, the rooting system of a fungus grows outwards. The white thread-like mass is known as a mycelium. The individual 'rootlets' are hyphae. The drainage and chemistry of the soil under the growing edge kills or severely damages the overlying grass. The niche thus provided is invaded by other plant types giving rise to the ring effect which advances year by year. Some rings can be more than 50 years old. To see several prominent rings, stand looking at the Dasset Hills from across the motorway near Kineton Camp.

I stated in the last article that Rex Humphreys had only seen one Bullfinch this year. Now, we know why. Two readers have sent me articles which detail the cause. A disease known as Trichomaniasis, due to a parasite, is spreading through the Finch population. Bird feeders and baths have been implicated, and regular, thorough cleaning will probably help stop the infestation. If you think you have a case, contact the Garden Bird Health Initiative on www.ufaw.org.uk

On a happier note, I have had a report of an Osprey by the lake at Chesterton. If so, this would be a bird heading south from Scotland or Scandinavia to over winter in the Mediterranean or West Africa.



General Section

Christmas Fayre! Christmas Fayre!

It's that time of year again! Please join us in the Village Hall at 2pm on Saturday 2nd December. All the usual attractions will be there!

Proceeds from the raffle this year will go to the Mission to Seafarers. This is the 150th anniversary of the charity that cares for all the needs of men and women of all creeds and countries whose work on the sea is dangerous and lonely and who bring us food and drink and so many things that we take for granted.

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Operation Christmas Child

The shoebox appeal really caught the imagination of the generous folk of Harbury. At the time of writing, we have the amazing total of 46 completed boxes, several more promised and enough donations to cover the transport costs, and that is without counting those which the WI are collecting. A huge thank you is due to everyone who has contributed and particularly who came to the coffee morning.

Gillian Hare

First Light

On the 1st October we met to celebrate God the great recycler. We listened to the story of creation and reflected on how God created a world that sustains itself.

We thought about how we can join God in caring for the world, by recycling our waste and sorted through a lot of (I'm relieved to say clean) rubbish to decide what could and couldn't be recycled.

We wrote prayers on paper leaves and hid them in a pile of crunchy autumn leaves. They will slowly turn into compost together, reminding us that although the answer may be a long time coming, our prayers are not wasted.

All this was helped along by music and impromptu dancing from some of the children.

The next First Light is on the 5th November, at 10.30 am in the Tom Hauley Room; our theme will be "Love in a Box". On the 3rd of December we will be looking forward to Christmas.

Come and join us for coffee from 10 o'clock onwards, followed by a relaxed half hour of music, words and spiritual space suitable for people of any age.

Alison Abbott

The Children's Society

The recent box opening realised £342.37. On behalf of the Society, thank you to all the box holders. I'm pleased to say that Karen Ellis will be taking over as the Hon. Local Secretary in January 2007.

Meanwhile I still have boxes if anyone would like to support this worthwhile cause, please let me know and I will let you have one.

Pam Brown

16th Annual Harbury Hash

On Sunday 17th September, 53 runners and walkers set off from Itchington Holt, Thwaites Estate, for the 16th Annual Harbury Hash. The hares were Mali (Little Big Horn) Murphy, Ian (Biker Bill) Hartland, and Doug (Dunn Inn) Freeman.

It was yet again a fine day with blue skies and fluffy clouds, and the temperature was perfect for running, walking and later the BBQ. The trail in flour had been set on Saturday afternoon, and was still mostly visible when the Hash started at 2:45pm. The walkers set off at a sensible pace leaving the Holt at the north east corner, past Badgers Coppice and Kingston Farm, alongside the north side of the lakes, and to the refreshment stop at the small wooded area just above Kinston Manor Farm. The runners were led on a demanding run zigzagging through the length of the Holt, before exiting at the north and heading towards Christmas Hill. This roundabout route eventually brought the runners back past the lakes and to the refreshment stop.

We had planned for the walkers and the runners to arrive together at the refreshment stop, but this year the runners were so slow (or was the distance so great) that walkers had to start the second half of the Hash without any runners in sight. By the time the runners reached the refreshment stop, the walkers were busy picking blackberries around the lake to the south of Kingston Manor Farm. The runners still had a long way to go, and were sent off in the direction of Chesterton before heading back towards the walkers. The two groups finally caught sight of each other to the south of Badgers Coppice, and everybody arrived home at approximately the same time.

With everyone safely back, it was time for the down downs for breaking the unwritten Hash rules which included; being a first time hasher, picking blackberries, being a front runner, being too keen, or just being there. Our thanks to Peter Bones (Hash Fire), Sue Hartland and Janny Freeman (Hash Cashers), Dave Shuttleworth (Hash Web), and to all those who turned up. We raised £67.66 which has been donated to Harbury Guides and Scouts (GASS).

Finally, our special thanks again to Brian Merriman for allowing us access to Thwaites Estate and Itchington Holt, and to Alistair Brooks the Thwaites Farm Manager. Don't miss the 17th Harbury Hash in September 2007. See our website (<http://www.actionability.co.uk/hh/>) for photos of this year's Hash.

Doug Freeman & Mali Murphy

N.S.P.C.C

Cheese and wine event to be held on Friday 24th November at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Tickets cost £5 per head. For tickets and information telephone Pauline Hayes on 612179 or Jo House on 613892.

Village Hall Update



The Village Hall 'Open Consultation Day' went ahead at the end of September and the Management Committee would like to thank all those who turned up to study the plans and register their views about the proposals. Over 100 people attended the event and a total of 65 completed questionnaires were received. For anyone who would like to register an opinion before the final results are collated, questionnaires have been placed in the Foodmart and Post Office. These will be collected during the week after the November edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News is delivered, so that as many people as possible have a chance to 'have their say'. The full results will then be published in next month's magazine before any further discussions take place with the architects or with representatives from Warwickshire Rural Community Council who are providing advice and guidance about the proposed modernisation plans. In the meantime, the Village Hall Steering Group will be meeting again at the beginning of November to assess the review outcomes to date and also to take notice of 'additional comments' which many residents provided about possible improvements they would wish to see.

The 'Quiz Nite' last Friday attracted 15 teams who battled competitively to come 'out on top'. The winners were the 'Dutch Airlines' team of three (K, L & M) who pushed Tranquillity into second place by one point with an impressive last round.

The next event offered at the Village Hall will be the New Year's Dance on Saturday Dec. 30th featuring the Likely Lads. By request, guests can attend either in evening dress or if preferred, fancy dress. The tickets will cost £15.00/head and will include a buffet meal. Reservations for the dance will be taken during November, phone Chris on 612305 and the tickets will be available from December 1st (payment on collection, please).

Chris Finch

Macmillan Cancer Support

We are organising another great entertainment evening of live 60's, 70's and 80's music by 'Frozen Toad' plus disco music/karaoke and raffle.

Please come along and support us on Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Club.

Everyone welcome, bring your family and friends. Tickets are now on sale at £5 for an adult, £2.50 child and are available from Mary 613140, Sally 614290 or Donna 614908.

Book now, come and join us to raise more funds for this very important charity. WE need your help and support to help others. Any donations are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Mary Revitt

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We look forward to seeing you in our new restaurant.

Vincent Fu

Harbury In 1918

By the beginning of 1918, the changes that were finally to bring the terrible war to an end had already begun to take shape, but little of this was obvious to the general population. The trenches offered the same dreary mixture of danger and discomfort. At home there was the same daily grind of hard work and queues. However, the war on the Eastern front was drawing to a close and the American army was arriving in Europe in significant numbers.

Freed from war in the East, Germany could now concentrate its forces on the Western front. The German commander, Ludendorff decided on a spring offensive and he planned to rediscover the art of surprise. He moved troops into position at night using incessantly shunting trains to obscure what was happening. There would be no preliminary artillery bombardment. He aimed to attack weak points in the line with light forces and quickly follow up success with troops held in reserve. The main offensive was to be north of Ypres where a breakthrough might reach the channel ports, but first he would attack further south where the British and French forces joined.

On the 21st March, aided by dense fog, an attack was launched on the Somme. The British front line was overwhelmed. These men had only known trench warfare. They knew nothing of mobile open warfare. Bewildered they retreated and kept retreating. The French poured in reserves and a hasty reorganisation of the command structure led to Marshal Foch becoming supreme commander. The British held the advance at Arras, and with great losses on both sides, the offensive halted on April 5th.

On 23rd March, 2nd Lieutenant Malcolm Bland was killed in action, aged 19. Malcolm was the younger son of Gordon and Evelyn Bland of Greenhill. He was educated at Charterhouse and then commissioned in the 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. He arrived in France in August 1917. He is remembered on the Arras memorial to 35,000 Commonwealth servicemen who died in the sector and have no known

grave. Malcolm's elder brother Arthur served in the Royal Field Artillery and won the Military Cross in 1917.

On April 9th, the German army attacked in Flanders. They made another huge breakthrough, Passchendaele, captured at such appalling cost in 1917, was abandoned. There was a real fear the channel ports would be lost. Haig issued his famous order - 'With our backs to the wall and believing the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight to the end'. Fight they did, and by the 29th April, the attack had been stayed.

Ludendorf tried again. On May 27th, there was a massive attack on the Aisne. Here, the line was held by 5 British divisions who had been exhausted by action in Flanders and had been moved to a quieter sector for a rest. They were all but destroyed. Amongst them was Private Frederick Field of the 3rd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Frederick was the son of Robert and Sarah Field of 4, Park Lane Terrace. Robert was a farm labourer. On the 1901 census, Robert and Sarah had 4 sons and 4 daughters living at home. Frederick enlisted in the Royal Warwicks and later transferred to the Worcesters. He was killed on the 27th May and is remembered on the Soissons memorial to 4000 men killed in the attack who have no known grave.

The German army advanced 10 miles in a day, the greatest movement since 1914. By the 3rd June, they were 56 miles from Paris. Somehow Foch found the forces to once more stem the tide. For the German army it was the beginning of the end. Their initial success raised high hopes, but morale sank when they were unable to bring off victory.

The last German offensive came on July 15th around Rheims. Foch attacked the exposed flank of the advance with tanks using morning mist as cover. The Germans retreated 4 miles and dug in-a line that remained intact till the end of the war. In August and September, there were numerous Allied attacks along the whole front. Nowhere was the line broken, but the German soldier's faith in victory was shattered, and at home there was political upheaval and moves to obtain an armistice.

On 25th August, Sergeant Frank Rainbow of 55th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps was killed in action at Albert. Frank was the eldest brother of Raymond who had been killed in 1917, and his other brother, Reginald was serving in France with the Worcesters. Frank had been in France since July 1915 and had won the Military Medal and Bar for bravery in the field. Frank's niece, Felicity Harris kindly lent me letters and photographs which are extremely moving. There is a

letter to his parents from Major Hartgill RAMC which says 'I grieve as for a brother. I had been through many tight corners with him and learnt his sterling worth. His is a loss that England can ill afford.' He is buried in Albert Communal Cemetery.

On 26th September, the Allies began their last great attack. The Americans attacked near Verdun, suffering over 100,000 casualties. In Flanders, the British attacked and once more floundered in mud. On October 1st, Corporal Arnold Andrew died of wounds aged 23. Arnold's father, John, a baker had moved to Harbury from Moulton in Northamptonshire. Arnold lived in East Ham in London and joined the 26th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers which was raised by the Lord Mayor of London in 1915, mostly from City clerks. Arnold is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery near Poperinge in Belgium.

Although the German army held the line, their government was making desperate moves for an Armistice. Austro-Hungary defeated on the Italian front was asking for a peace settlement. Turkey and Bulgaria were already defeated. The German Navy mutinied and there was civil unrest. They were near the end of the road.

While all this was going on, soldiers still fought and died. Private Ernest Ivins was the son of a quarryman. His parents Edmund and Ellen lived and raised their family at 33, Mill Street. In 1914, Ernest lied about his age and enlisted in the Royal Warwicks. He was 15. Later he transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment. On the 5th November, they took the village of Pont-de-Sambre near the Belgian border. Two days later, he was killed by a sniper, aged 19. He is buried in the village cemetery with 53 other soldiers. Four days later, on November 11th, the Armistice was signed.

As the war ended, another disaster was unfolding - the Spanish Influenza epidemic. The origins were not in Spain but almost certainly in the huge British Army depot at Etaples in Northern France. The virus spread like wildfire among the troops and then to civilians around the world, killing millions. Private Reuben Barfoot served with the 100th Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps. He had enlisted in the Warwickshire Yeomanry in 1914. I am not sure of his Harbury connection - his parents lived in Hampton-in-Arden, but he may have worked on a farm here as most yeomanry recruits were farm workers. He went to Egypt in 1915, and was wounded when his horse was shot from under him in the charge at Huj in Palestine. On recovery, he transferred to the MGC and went to France. He died of influenza on the 23rd November and is buried in Etaples Cemetery.

Private Charles Clarke was born in Warwick. His widowed mother Ada moved to Harbury and his wife Lilian later lived in Leamington. He served with the 1st/5th Battalion of the Devonshire regiment and died of influenza, aged 29 on December 12th. He too is buried at Etaples.

The 'war to end all wars' was over and slowly the survivors came home to a grieving nation. On Sunday 5th September 1920, Harbury's War Memorial was unveiled by Captain Gerald Osbourne, brother of Lieutenant Brian Osbourne, who was killed in 1914. It was dedicated by Rev John Beardsworth, father of Private Reginald Beardsworth, killed in 1917. There are 33 names on the memorial and you may have noticed that I have failed to mention two - H. Gardiner and S. Mullis. I have been unable to trace them, and if anyone has any information about them, I would be very grateful.

The men who came home often struggled not just to recover, but to find employment. Twenty years later, they sent their sons to fight another war. The Peace Treaty of Versailles which humiliated Germany contributed to the burning resentment and economic collapse which allowed the Nazis to flourish and set Europe ablaze once more.

In these articles, I have tried to do justice to those young men who left this place and went cheerfully and willingly to war. I can think of no better way to end than with part of the obituary for Frank Rainbow in the local paper.



'He had the promise of a full and successful life, was a fine-hearted intelligent fellow and as such is remembered by his friends. His grieved relatives may well mingle pride with their sorrow. What is true of Frank Rainbow is true of those other Harbury lads, keen, bright, happy and useful, who have given everything'.

Sharon Hancock

Christmas in Harbury

Harbury Folk Club Choir will, as is usual at this time of year, be practising over the next few weeks for our annual participation in the Harbury Christmas Eve Carol Service.

We've been doing it for more years than I care to count (because it reminds us of our advancing years) and in 2004 we staged a concert of our greatest hits which we recorded and released on CD last year to help raise money for church funds.

If you missed the opportunity to enjoy the original concert and, further, were not accosted at last year's Christmas Fayre by our killer sales team, I'm delighted to tell you that all is not lost! We still have some CDs left and, since we have covered the CD's production costs with last year's sales, all the money collected will be split between Harbury Church and Leamington Christian Mission.

They also make very personal, local (and reasonably priced) Christmas presents at £7 each, £6 for two, £5 for three or more. If you're interested, please contact (in Harbury) Margaret McDonald on 613730 or Pam Brown on 612377 or (in Deppers Bridge) me on 612580 and decorate your tree to some truly local festive music in the knowledge that it will help the church and Leamington's homeless.

Lynne Cooke

Harbury Library

Charity Christmas Cards will be on sale this year in Harbury Library from October 5th until 23rd December 2006. The Library opening hours are as follows:

Monday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

5.30pm – 7.00pm

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2.00pm – 5.00pm

5.30pm – 7.00pm.

All the charities receive at least 81p in every £1 from their card sales, out of which they have to pay for the production and distribution of their cards and any applicable VAT.

Chris Dunne

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 11th November, Ufton will be holding their Christmas Fayre in Ufton Village Hall at 2.00pm to include, gifts and toys, quality bric a brac, tombola and grand raffle.

Gillian Ingham

The 2006 John Turner Festival of Arts at Southam College Saturday 4th November 2006

If you've been before, you'll want to come again - if you haven't, come and find out what you've been missing.

This annual event was started in the early 1980's by John Turner, a man who involved himself very much in the town and who was, amongst many roles in his time, Town Mayor, District Councillor, founder member of Southam & District Lions Club and School Governor. He died in 1984, and, in his memory, since then, a committee comprising his wife Ann, members of the Lions Club and members of the public has continued to organise the event.

Entrance to the Festival costs £1.50 for adults, £1.00 for Senior Citizens, 50p for children or buy a family ticket for £3.50.

Profits from the festival primarily assist with financing Southam College's annual awards evening but the local area primary schools also benefit.

So, come along and see the many and diverse talents on display - items will be on sale which could solve your Christmas presents problems - and wonder at the time and dedication of the participants in the Hobbies section - you could even spark a new interest!

Also, see the art display by the local primary schools - this is always a good indicator of the latent talent that we hope to see again in the future. Hope to see you there.

The JTF Committee

Southam Christmas Lights

The Grand Switch-on will be on Monday 4th December. The Mini-Mop and stalls run by voluntary organisations will open at 5pm and Carol Singing will start soon afterwards.

Father Christmas will arrive on his sleigh ready to switch the lights on at 6.00 p.m. and the festivities will continue during the evening. The main road through the town will be closed from 1.30 p.m. Local shops have once again been invited to decorate their windows and will be judged on Wednesday 6th December. The town will be illuminated until 6th January.

Thanks to all who have supported the lights through donations and practical help.

Bill Pease

The Rotary Club of Southam

CAN WE DO EVEN BETTER?

For the third year running we are hoping to raise money for Acorns Children's Hospice.

Last year the Tree of Light raised £1500 which was an increase of £500 on our first year.

It broke our hearts to see empty rooms on our visits to the Worcester Hospice. Children could be there getting the comfort care and treatment which can make their short lives, and their families' lives, happier but the funding is insufficient to provide it for them.

Every village magazine in our area and quite a few local shops gave us publicity last year and we were most grateful to them but the best advertisement is 'word of mouth'.

Some eighty people (families) lit a bulb up with their loving memory. Can we make that a hundred?

Every penny we raise goes to Acorns.

Every name is recorded in our Book of Memory which is on display in Southam Library for the period.

Our Tree is outside Southam Carpets and will be lit on Dec 4th after the Christmas Lights switch on and stay lit throughout the Christmas Period.

Leaflets are generally available but if anyone has difficulty getting one Peter Jackson 864234 is the number to ring.

Peter Jackson

Ufton - Take Time Out

Baubles - Thursday 9th November 10am – 12.30pm and 1pm – 3.30pm

Diana Griffiths' last visit was so popular she has agreed to run two workshops on this day using ribbon craft to make a beautiful bauble display for Christmas. Using beautiful coloured wired ribbons and a folding star technique you will be amazed at how addictive this craft is! Each workshop costs £3.50 plus materials (approx £5).

All wrapped up for Christmas - Friday 1st December – 10am – 12.30pm

Please book early to avoid disappointment by contacting Karin Kirk 613003



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Firstly I would like to say a very big and sincere thank you, to everyone who defied the atrocious weather on Friday 29th September, to support the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" at 6 Greenhill Farm, where we raised £290 for Macmillan Cancer Support. I think you should all give yourselves a pat on the back, because of the weather; we were only a small gathering.

Secondly, I would like to thank Rhian, Lois and Jan for all their help on the day, and to everyone who so generously gave their time to bake so many cakes, biscuits, etc, and jams for them to sell. Last, but by no means least, a big thank you to Karen, for allowing us into her home and helping her mum, Pam, to do the coffee, thank you to you both.

Mary Coley

Dear Editors

After 25 years running our Salon, here in Harbury, I am retiring to keep the borders in our garden trim. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our clients both past and present for their support over the years. Also, the girls who have worked here. Trisha and the girls at THE SALON are ready and waiting to help you all.

A BIG thank you to my right hand man Wendy who has been at my side from day one.

We have all had so much fun and a fair share of sadness but overall a wonderful time.

Kathleen and Roger Ellis

Dear Editors

As the owners of Bluewater Boats Ltd. (featured in April's edition of the H&L News), we would like to explain our efforts in response to concerns expressed by Ladbroke residents.

Over the past 4 years our business has expanded due to the hard work and commitment of our local workforce, which has ensured that we meet our customer's requirements for quality fitted boats. Recently, this has required us to utilise more technologically advanced techniques, which will allow us to remain viable and competitive in the Dutch and Narrow-boat business. This has included the need to carry out shot blasting, which cleans mill scale off the hulls, so that a longer-lasting paint finish can be applied to the boats. This action is in line with Government Guidelines concerning energy conservation and environmental protection, as boats only need to be lifted out of the water once every 7 years, instead of every year. When this process is carried out, we ensure that all doors to the farm buildings in which we operate are firmly closed to reduce the noise levels. An Environmental Inspector has visited the premises and conducted decibel readings, which indicated that the levels are acceptable for our business, which is carried out in farm buildings set back approximately 750 yards from the Deppers Bridge to Ladbroke road.

Once the boats are ready for collection, we are required to inform the Police each time and they then provide instructions about the route the transporters must take. The directions always show that drivers must exit left from Old Barn Road towards Deppers Bridge and then turn right towards Southam to link up with the Banbury Road and the M40. On no occasion has a transporter been routed through the chicanes at Deppers Bridge. We have also informed all our deliverers of raw materials that they must also use the same route to enter and exit our premises, so that there should be no traffic passing through any part of Ladbroke village.

We are a business which employs mainly young, local people who carry out an apprenticeship with us. We would therefore hope to ensure we maintain a thriving business to ensure their continued employment. We would also like to reassure Ladbroke residents that we are sensitive to their concerns and have therefore put in a planning application, which would allow us to improve the buildings and driveway to our premises. We would be pleased to explain our efforts to anyone who wishes to see our operation, as we wish to be seen as a responsible company, which responds to queries from the local population.

David and Sharon Warner

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who braved the thunderstorms to come to our coffee morning on Friday 29th September, in support of "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning", for Macmillan Cancer Care. But despite the terrible weather, we made a wonderful £370.

Thank you once again, to everyone who supported us.

Mary and friends



Autumn scene at the pond

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

Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Lesley van Kesteren	613411
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
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Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

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Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

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

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

Friday (612029) (Juniors) 6:30-8:00pm;

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

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

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

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

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

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

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

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

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

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

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

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

Year 1 - Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury playing fields

Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

Years 2&3 - Training: 6.15pm Thursday at Harbury Rugby Club

Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

Year 4 - Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School

Coach: Tony Chamberlain Tel: 614816

Year 5 - Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 612617

Under 12s - Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury playing fields

Coach: Andy Dickson Tel: 612192

Under 14s - Training: 7.30pm Thursday at Harbury Rugby Club

Coach: Alistair Cattrell Tel: 335366

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 (613093)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613730) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm

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

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

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

NETBALL CLUB: (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8pm

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

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

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

TENNIS CLUB: CLUB MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES

ADULTS: Tuesdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Wednesdays: 1.45pm - 3.15pm

Saturdays (Winter only): 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sundays (Summer only): 10am - 12 noon

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THURSDAY CLUB: (612273) Farley Room of Village Hall 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm

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

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

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

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