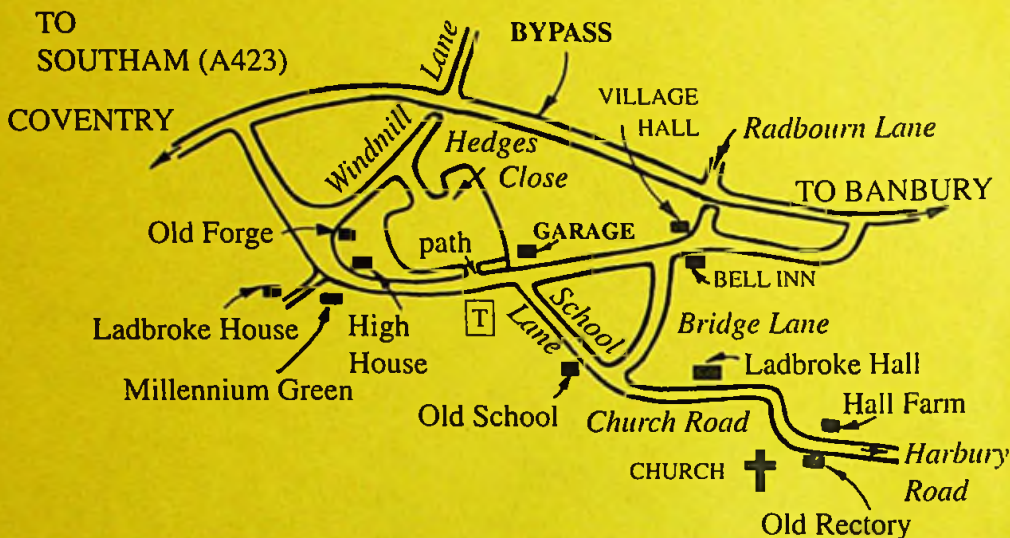


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Editorial

Our children in both Harbury and Ladbroke benefit from the community spirit and commitment that villagers provide.

In Ladbroke the Millennium Green charity is looking for a seventh trustee to continue the oversight of the Green. In Harbury the weekly Youth Drop-In restarts at the beginning of October. The leaders of the Guide and Scout Support Group (GASS) are currently fundraising for the refurbishment of the Scout Hut. In October they will be submitting a grant application to Stratford District Council: we wish them well.

Future plans for Harbury Village Hall were exhibited on 30th September. Committee members answered questions and there were opportunities for comments.

A meeting will take place on Monday 9th October, to discuss traffic calming in Harbury, particularly Binswood End and Temple End.

The annual Harbury village bonfire, run by GASS, will be held on Saturday 4th November, and as usual volunteers will be collecting combustible waste. Please save your prunings during October.



Martin & Karen Ellis completing the Historical Church Cycle Run

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

- Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Brownies
10am – 12noon
Harvest Supper in Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm
Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park, 11-2pm
- Sun 8 **TRINITY XVII**
Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 9 Binswood End/Temple End Traffic Calming Meeting in Tom
Hauley Room 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- Tues 10 Toddler Service 2pm in Church
Youth Drop In at Village Hall 7-9pm
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion 9.45am
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
- Fri 13 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of PCC
10am - 12noon
Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park, 11-2pm
- Sun 15 **TRINITY XVIII**
Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am
Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after Service
Evensong 6pm
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
5.30PM
- Tues 17 Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7-9pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 18 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
Councillor's Surgery outside the Post Office 10am – 12noon
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Society talk by Graham Sutherland on "English
Eccentrics" in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm for 8pm
- Fri 20 SCHOOL ENDS
- Sat 21 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
10am 12noon
Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park 11-2pm
Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am

- Sun 22 TRINITY XIX**
 Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 24** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 25** Drop in Tea for the Bereaved at 19 Farm St 2.30-4.30pm
 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 26** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
- Fri 27 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
 Quiz Night in Village Hall 7.30pm for 8pm start
 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &
 EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sat 28** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
 10am 12noon
 Windmill Singers Concert 'War-time Songs' at The Grange,
 Southam 7.30pm (tickets £5.00 on the door)
- Sun 29 LAST AFTER TRINITY**
CLOCKS GO BACK
 Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 30 SCHOOL STARTS**
- Tues 31 ALL HALLOWS EVE**
 Youth Drop in Village Hall 7-9pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- Wed 1 ALL SAINTS DAY**
 Holy Communion 2pm
 Mothers Union 2.30pm
- Thurs 2** 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 3** Family Ceilidh in School Hall
- Sat 4 VILLAGE BONFIRE**
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save The
 Children 10am – 12noon
- Sun 5 FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT**
 Sung Eucharist 9am
 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** Harbury Horticultural Society - Royal Connections & Noble
 Plants (associated with B'ham) Botanic Gardens.... Ian Nex

Forthcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Fri 17 PTA Quiz in School Hall 8pm start



All Saints
HARBURY

From the Rector

Father Roy Brown

Many years ago I was having a discussion with a group of friends about the possibility of offering myself for ordination.

Then, quite out of the blue, someone asked, what for me has become a million dollar question; "What difference does religion make in real life, anyway?"

To this day I do not remember what answer I gave. I imagine I must have mumbled something hopeful and moved swiftly on. However, that question has tested and challenged me ever since. What difference does our faith make to 'real life'? If it is true God creates us, if God loves us, if God has a purpose for our lives, if he holds the universe in his hands, and sustains all life, then surely, this business of faith must make a difference in our 'real' lives.

Over time I have continued to turn this over and over, and on one level, the difference that faith makes can be very elusive and difficult to define. When people find faith, it doesn't suddenly make them better or happier; it doesn't take away the possibility of suffering or remove the danger of getting things wrong. When we look at Christian congregations we do not always see a gathering of joyful generous, sinless people. So, what difference does it make? What is the point? The only answer I have ever been able to find, the answer I return to again and again and which I still find compelling and ultimately hopeful is that faith is about transformation. It is not about sinless perfection, it is not about a trouble-free life and it is most certainly not about easy answers. Faith, or at least the real fruit of faith is about our being transformed.

From the pages of scripture and through the whole of Christian history, we find stories of people who were transformed. Not only do we find that they were transformed, but that as a result, they become a transforming presence in the world. Time and time again, I have come across the most unlikely and unpromising of people who have found

faith and by it have begun a lifelong process of transformation. Often they have dealt with great struggles and difficulties in life and have become signs of hope and life to those around them.

This process is almost the work of a lifetime. Through all its difficulties and diversions and right across the whole spectrum of its traditions, the Christian faith has called people to the work of transformation, this inward and outward process. It is something that happens gradually, imperceptibly, day-by-day, hour-by-hour. It is about the business of living close by God and being slowly and subtly changed by his presence and by the knowledge of his love. We don't become someone or thing different, though rather we become our true selves, the you that God made you to be. By long exposure to God's loving presence our fractures and fault lines are gradually, lovingly healed and forgiven, and our hidden beauty and our true selves are brought to the surface.

And that is always a truly beautiful thing to behold.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

September 23 David Lawrence to Chrystal Moss

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

September 3 Jacob Edward Victor Harvey
Jemima Dawn Grace Harvey

September 17 Amelia Catherine Thompson
Harry James Thompson

September 24 Charles Mark Kitchener



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

Thank you to everyone who made Harvest Festival Sunday such a special celebration.

We are very grateful to Jo and her team for making the Church beautiful with flowers and fruits and to everyone who gave so generously of all their produce which was taken to Helen Ley House.



Thank you, too, to the school who gave the presentation at the Family Service. Through paintings, readings, poems and prayers, they reminded us of how much we can learn about and from our world, God's world, how thankful we should be for its riches and how careful we should be as its stewards. Congratulations to everyone who took part on the day and to everyone involved in the preparation. You delivered a very powerful message and it was great to see the church packed out with families and friends.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our afternoon meeting was a communion service, with an address by Reverend Geoff Morris from Priors Marston. He spoke about Mary, the mother of Jesus.

"Beyond the Frame" was the title of the talk at the evening meeting. The speaker was Mrs Audrey Holey, who gave a fascinating talk, illustrated with slides on art, from early mosaics to modern painters, such as Francis Bacon.

Audrey told us about the painstaking work which went into the making of icons; about the materials used by painters throughout the ages; about the different styles used at various stages in history and about the meanings of symbols used, especially in religious paintings.

We all felt that we shall look at paintings more closely in future, with much more interest and knowledge.

Overseas boxes should have been returned to Liz Bunting.

Please start collecting items for our toiletries stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 2nd, and for the shoebox appeal.

There is car space available to the Diocesan Council meeting on October 11th; 10am – 4pm.

Future meetings:

October 4th - 2pm Communion, 2.30pm Tools with a mission

October 15th - Family Service will be led by Mothers' Union

October 17th - 7.30 Communion, 8pm Dawn Levin, a children's councillor working at Myton Hospice will speak about Grief and Loss. NB. This meeting is open to anyone (man or woman) who is interested.

November 1st - 2.30pm, Speaker to be confirmed.



Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mr Catt played the music and we sang "We plough the fields and scatter".

Mrs Sheila Carr then told us a story about "bread", how it starts life as grain which the farmer had planted using his tractor and plough, how the rain makes it grow and the sun makes it ripen. All sorts of magical things then happen to it until it becomes bread for our sandwiches.

We then played two games which taught us about the different fruits and vegetables.

We had to guess what was in the bag by feeling it and then we made a picture of different fruits and vegetables which had been grown for us to harvest.

We then had our drinks by which time it was "going home time".

Our next Toddlers Service will be on Tuesday 10th October at 2.00pm.

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

Ladbroke News & Diary

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Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
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Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

- October 8th Jenny Barrett
- October 15th Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor
- October 22nd Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor
- October 29th Kate Pickin
- November 3rd Kate Pickin
- November 12th Remembrance Sunday – Susan Moore





Women's Fellowship

Betty Winkfield

Our October meeting is at Beryl Ross's house on Wednesday 11th, following our Church service at 2pm. The speaker is Steve Copley who will tell us about his daughter's work in Vietnam.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

September 28th - We met again after the August break with a delightful evening of Wartime tunes and tales presented by the charming Eric Hibbs. Although some members were post war babies, it was obvious that we all knew most of the songs. A really good evening with plenty of singing, lovely to see our visitor Cyril Spence.

The winners of the raffle were Linda Hodgkiss & Mary Entwistle.

August 30th - Ten of our members joined the Group Outing to Oxford and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Several saw the sights from the open top bus, others went on a boat trip. Thank you to Alison Cragg for organising another successful outing.

September 14-17th - Seventy members of Warwickshire W.I.'s attended the Warwickshire at Denman Weekend including 4 of our own members, Susan Moore, Ann Edwards, Catherine Spence and not forgetting our new member Kay Constable. The college was full and I bet you couldn't hear a pin drop with all the chatter and laughter. A guided tour of the Cotswolds was the favourite choice for three of the members but Catherine with her sewing expertise decided to try the Amish Quilting Course. Catherine very kindly brought her work to our September meeting, which everyone admired.

Forthcoming Events.

18th October - Autumn Council Meeting, please contact a member of the committee if you have not already arranged transport.

26th October our AGM. Marie Coleman, our Federation Chairman will be attending. Cheese & Wine will be served by our committee.

3rd December our Christmas Meal at Moreton Hall. There are still four places available, if you are interested please contact the committee.

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We are again organising the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal. Please remember to bring your shoe boxes to the AGM meeting.

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W.I. Members on their recent outing to Sulgrave Manor. These photographs should have accompanied last month's article, but were omitted in error during the typing of the magazine.





Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Jim Clews was welcomed to his first meeting by his fellow Councillors.

The Parish Council website – further information is awaited. Permission for a Ladbroke website should be granted soon. It will provide electronic communication between District, County and other Parish Councils. One-to-one training sessions are to be set up.

Village Hall – As the Chairman of the Village Hall is living abroad for three months, communication regarding the Village Hall is only hearsay. The Council has no official word on the progress of the refurbishment, or otherwise of the hall.

Planning Applications – There are several applications in for Manor Farm; the main concern for both District and Parish Councillors is the realignment of the driveway.

Archers Rest on the Southam Road has still not had permission for the work in progress. The District Council has explained to the owners that the work is being done at their own risk; that if permission is not granted retrospectively then the site will have to be restored as it was formerly.

Alterations to the Grove have been passed.

Boat building at Old Barn Farm - The conditions for permission is subject to environmental issues, e.g. noise levels.

Highways and Drainage – The roads in Ladbroke are, on the whole, in good condition; work hopefully has begun on the Harbury Road from Ladbroke Road (The Folly Road) to the Old Barn Farm entrance. The road from there to the "S" bend by the Church also urgently needs repairing.

Drainage – The surveyor should have visited Ladbroke during the week beginning 25th September; there has been no progress on the work on the by-pass.

Neighbourhood Watch – A trailer has been stolen out of the rickyard at Hall Farm. Neighbourhood Watch have been alerted to the possibility that farms in the area are being "marked". Farmers, look out for hub caps, wheel trim or other debris which may be subtle signs for villains. Details are on the Farm Watch website.

Parish Plan – A meeting in the village will be arranged soon for people to see the plan and to make comments on the ideas put forward. The meeting will probably be on a Sunday morning.

Millennium Green – The Trustees are applying to the Charity Commissioners for alterations to the Green, mainly to alter the size of the children's play area.

Report from the County Councillor

The report was mainly about policing in the Southam area. Some of the policing will be done by Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's), Warwickshire now has 36 PCSO's. They are being issued with bicycles, which is much quicker than walking! There is much concern about hospitals in our area. Warwick hospital will not be much worse off; but the George Elliot Hospital in Nuneaton is probably to be closed. The Coventry Hospital has to treat a certain number of patients. The authorities are aware that the biggest problem is transport. Primary Care Trusts are merging – slowly. Care of the elderly is of prime concern; more interim hospitals were mentioned.

Report from the District Councillor

He spoke about the budget for next year, the amount will be announced in advance; the community charge will rise again. Savings will have to be made – the District Council is looking at ways of doing this; inflation again is the biggest problem.

There is to be a service for planning applications at the District Council Offices at The Grange in Southam. It will be by appointment.

Further items for discussion –

- Warwickshire Fire Brigade is to be streamlined; it is not value for money. There are problems and the firemen are feeling very militant!
- Dog Waste Bins. The siting of these is to be reviewed, left in abeyance. There was talk of on the spot fines for people not cleaning up their dog's waste.
- Fly tipping on unused land. Prosecutions can be brought through the Clean Up Act.
- The street light in Hedges Close needs to be shaded; deflectors cost £200; to remove the light costs £300.
- The Village Meeting will be held on April 18th 2007.

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee

M. Bosworth

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Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Catherine Spence

These are the winners of the August Draw:

£70 Elaine Taylor

£25 Sue Ford

£25 Brian Whitehouse

£10 Geoff Lane

£10 Jo Sowerby

£10 Lois Workman

Next month's draw will take place on October 9th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Ladbroke Millennium Green AGM

Carol Lane

The Ladbroke Millennium Green AGM is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th October at 8.00 p.m.

The people of Ladbroke created the Millennium Green in 2000. It provides an open air space for the village with a children's play area, seating, rest areas, and a wild flower meadow with wildlife habitat. It

was decided to create a feature in the shape of a tall Millennium Green Stone with a time capsule buried at its base. The addition of extra equipment for older children will be installed in 2007.

The Millennium Green is a registered charity and is currently administered by 7 Trustees under the leadership of Peter Loftus. Unfortunately his 4-year tenure is coming to an end this October and he has decided to stand down, which leaves a vacancy for a Trustee. The duties are not onerous. There are usually about 3 meetings a year plus the AGM, a couple of fundraising events and one working party if we can all get together! Could you consider joining the team this year? See our website www.warkcom.net/ladbrokegreen for more news of the Green and contact one of the Trustees or me, Carol, on 01926 814715 for more information.



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

VILLAGE HALL - The Councillors inspected the draft plans for the upgrade during the public participation session.

PARISH SUPPORT - Anyone who has a query or problem, which they feel the Parish Council can help with, is free to attend the meeting and speak for five minutes. The Councillors (Parish, District and County) do all they can to help.

At present they are working to help a disabled resident who has been waiting for five years for suitably adapted accommodation in Harbury. There are apparently eighty people in the same position in the District and Cllr Patrick reported that action was now being taken to deal with the problem.

NOISY PUBS - There is now a 24 hour facility on 01789 414066 to log a complaint about noise from Licensed Premises, and during British Summertime there is an out of hours service staffed from 9-1pm for immediate action.

NUISANCE YOUTHS - The latest crop has been damaging garden ornaments. Pc Hill reported that he had "taken a couple home" recently and the cold weather had put an end to swimming in the quarries. The PC resolved to warn Follett's insurers of the potential liability of the unsecured pools.

SMARTWATER - has arrived (a colourless liquid for marking possessions that identifies the postcode when stolen goods are recovered.) It is thought such a good thing by the Cllrs, that throughout the meeting they recommended various items be marked like the Clerk's new IT equipment and the First Responders Defibrillator (which they also agreed to insure).

PLAYING FIELDS - A catalogue of maintenance and improvements was presented. Some caused by use and age but there continues to be deliberate damage and vandalism. Graffiti, paint and broken glass at the Skatepark are the biggest concerns. The facility, which will include a BMX track, was provided at great cost as part of the on-going project for Harbury's young people.

The Council agreed to undertake remedial work on the Netball Court surrounds. Sharon Hancock was in favour because Netball "is a girl's sport". The PC will renegotiate the Sinking Fund Contribution. This fund was set up to ensure that the Tennis and Netball Courts could be maintained. The Parish Council contributes one third of the money and the Clubs contribute the rest.

DRAINAGE WORK - The Council has been unable to obtain competitive quotes for work on the drain across the Playing Fields but feels the quote they have with the offer of a 50% payment towards the work by the adjoining landowner makes this good value for money.

HIGHWAYS - There will be a public meeting in the Tom Hauley Room on 9th October at 8pm to discuss possible safety measures to deter speeding traffic in Binswood End.

Middle Road is still suffering subsidence after the Gabions were installed. The Council will support Ufton's demands for a footway into Harbury for the School children. Various footpath problems were reported and the Council was given the WCC contact for repairs. Cemetery Corner floods spectacularly – Tim Lockley swears the lorries shoot the water 20 foot into the air.

DEPPERS BRIDGE - There was little to report and the item was quickly dealt with in the absence of the Ward member, although by October the Railway Bridge will have been closed for repairs.

COUNCILLORS CORNER - The next Councillors Surgery in Harbury will be on 18th November 10am – 12noon outside the Post Office. SDCllr Patrick reported that following criticism by the Audit Commission the District would reinstate the Planning Surgeries at Southam.

WCCllr Bob Stevens reported on Police moves towards Community Policing, based on County Ward boundaries with more liaison meetings with the public. The joint working of the Primary Care Trust and Social Services at Shire Hall is concentrating on healthier living.

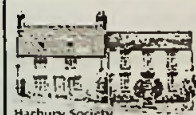
He warned of the upheaval in the Health Service with the change to the Primary Care and Acute Trusts; the review of Council Tax; the Local Government Review; the Baker Report on Housing and Planning; the imposition of the Local Area Agreement regime and the Regional Housing and Planning Strategies which were likely to require higher housing provision within the District.

PLANNING - Stratford granted rear extensions at 8 and 17 The Beeches; Garaging at Mansfield Barn, Fosse Way; a garden wall at The Stables, Harbury Hall; and a toilet block and touring caravan site at Harbury Fields Farm.

Follett Properties have appealed over the refusal for a distribution centre at the Quarries. The PC will attend the inquiry.

Harbury PC had no representation on internal work at Church House, two storey extension at 1 the Pound or treeworks at 39 Farm Street, 9 Church Street, 10-11 Chapel Street and Montgomery House, Mill Lane. They commented on the rear extensions at 8 and 9 Chapel Street, pointing out the need to preserve the private right of way.

They went to town on their objection to Follett's attempt to claim an ongoing use of the quarries for watersports, pointing out that the affidavits in support had been from an employee and a tenant of the company and that the Jet skiing had been a temporary nuisance in the 1990s which ceased after a serious accident. They were particularly annoyed that the spirit of the Masterplanning exercise was not being adhered to by the Company.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Next Meeting 26th October 7.30pm Village Hall.

Sulgrave Manor is not big although it is surrounded by attractive countryside and the gardens are lovely. If we had been left to our own devices rather than been part of a guided tour, we would probably not have gleaned much from our visit. As it was, the guide's passion for the place, wit, knowledge and most importantly determination that we should understand its history made this a fascinating experience.

We saw three rooms downstairs and three upper rooms with a small museum and a porch outside full of photographs. The Great Hall is an impressive place with simple robust furniture of the Elizabethan era, armorial glass and memorabilia of George Washington, (his ancestors built the Manor). The adjoining room is in Queen Anne style and much more comfortable and intimate. The most interesting of the downstairs rooms is the Great Kitchen with its huge open fire and cooking paraphernalia. Upstairs are bedrooms furnished from the Queen Anne and Georgian period and the Great Chamber with its simple, heavier Elizabethan oak four-poster bed. It was however the social history, the anecdotal and the personal insights that made this visit so special. All for £5 a head including Guided Tour, Book and a cup of tea!

On **Thursday 19th October 7.30 for 8pm** in the Tom Hauley Room there will be a talk by **Graham Sutherland on English Eccentrics**. Pc Craig Fellows talks on Wildlife Policing on **6th Nov 7.30pm** same time and venue.



Harbury Women's Institute

Wendy Knowles

Mr George Hook is the only Pearl Button Maker left in the Midlands from around 200 firms which were based around Birmingham. Sheffield has two family run firms but it seems all three could soon cease to exist which would be a great loss.

In the 1780's buttons were made of bone or metal but during Queen Victoria's reign, rare objects were a passion for some people and as a result of this large sea shells were brought to England from around the World. It was soon realised that the Mother of Pearl shells made beautiful buttons, handles, ornaments and jewellery.

The largest oyster shells are 30 - 40 years old and are made by the oyster secreting saliva around itself which then goes hard and rough and it is when this rough exterior has been filed away that the true beauty of the Mother of Pearl is revealed. These large shells come from the NW coast of Australia but parasites bore holes in them and so some of them cannot be used. Mr Hook now purchases 3-4 year old shells which seem to be hole free. Pearls are formed by the oyster coating grains of sand with saliva to stop it irritating and cultured pearls are formed by sand being introduced artificially.

Black oysters, Browns Abelomes and African Sea Snails have shells made of Mother of Pearl but the Trocus Shell from the Far East is not the true Mother of Pearl and should be much cheaper. However it is sometimes bleached by unscrupulous salesmen who then try to sell it as the real thing.

The items crafted by Mr Hook were fantastic and it will be so sad if crafts such as these are lost for ever. Mr Hook's sister has published a book about the history of their business which began in 1820.

The Produce Show was well supported and the entries were of the usual high standard. Well done everyone who entered and congratulations to those who won prizes.

Saturday 7th October is the WI. Luncheon, DO NOT MISS IT. Bring your family and friends.

Mrs Rebecca Green is talking on Elizabethan Dress on Thursday 12th October. Come and join us.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

"Wind and Rain" was the theme for the 262nd Folk Club, in early September. August had brought plenty of both, including a couple of tornadoes locally, so it was as well I hadn't suggested something like "The End of The World" as the theme instead!

With a room full of performers even before the timely eight-thirty kick-off, it was always going to be a tight squeeze to fit everyone in. But quality was in equal measure to the quantity on offer and a memorable night ensued. The first half got under way with The Harvesters providing a murder ballad from West Virginia and a song about over-extended mourning. Des followed with two rather more cheerful offerings from the shanty repertoire and was followed by Sue Dixon and Linda Dickson whose two voices blended beautifully. Danansooz brought their youthful exuberance to the stage next with a risqué song and a blistering instrumental with some help from Will Pound. Rik was in a nautical mood and we were soon "Rolling Down To Old Maui" with him. Harriet Guy completed a fine first half with two well-chosen songs to showcase her burgeoning talent.

The second half opened with Janny and Maureen, followed by Peter Mc who made sure of sticking to the theme with "Four Strong Winds". Pete and Liz were next, although Pete's popular "Dog in the

Microwave" makes only a brief mention of the theme. Ron was on fine form with a limerick about flatulence, followed by a song about Noah. Maggie gave us "Blowin' in the Wind" and was followed by Summer and Jim who brought the second half to a sing-along close.

The third half commenced with the inspired combination of Will (soon to be leaving us for a Music degree course at the University of Newcastle) and Dan, joined by Susie, who powered their way through a couple of excellent instrumentals. Stuart was next and had us "Singing in the Rain", complete with audience participation in some suggestive actions. Pete Grassby restored calm with a fine ballad "Mail Order Annie" and a funny song about his cat, Orca. With the time racing towards the midnight hour, Dixon and Dickson brought proceedings to a perfect conclusion with Neil Young's "After the Goldrush".

The raffle raised an impressive £36.00 for Myton Hospice. The next Folk Club is on Thursday 5th October, when Doug and Janny will be offering performers the theme of "Memory". Or was it something else? I can't remember. The Folk Club is becoming ever more popular and both audience and performers are recommended to get there as close to 8:30 as possible in they want to secure a seat or a spot. The one thing guaranteed is a warm welcome and superb music from a lot of very talented performers.



Harbury RFC

Midi and Mini Rugby

Mark Easton

Sunday 1st October Harbury Rugby Club are hosting the Annual Harbury Mini and Midi Festival, with teams coming from Leamington, Kenilworth, Stoke Old Boys and Stourbridge who kindly agreed at short notice to replace Old Leamingtonians who pulled out a few weeks ago.

There is a lot of work that goes into setting up this tournament especially being at the start of the Rugby Season.

All junior coaches are now qualified to at least Stage 1 level but we are still a little short on players particularly in the U7's and U11's age groups.

U7's and 8's we only play tag rugby and girls are welcome to join in too.

The U9's and U10's have been together for sometime now and have gelled well as teams, so I am reasonably optimistic for their chances of success in the festival.

Anyone can come down and watch on Sunday mornings, there is always a friendly welcome and refreshments available.

Last Saturday I watched the 1st XV play their opening League Match against Upton. With 5 minutes to go we were 10 - 6 down and should have had a penalty try but the Referee thought otherwise, I couldn't believe it!!!! Fortunately we ran in two late tries so Harbury were victorious.

The Wednesday coaching sessions are paying off and all the team played well, particularly the forwards, led by Captain Jeff Foster, we won scrums against the head and line outs on Upton throws, WELL DONE all who took part.

Next home game is against Coventry Welsh on October 14th, Kick Off at 3.00 p.m.



Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

HARBURY	18
UPTON ON SEVERN	10

Midlands 5 South (West)

An excellent start to their league programme as Harbury earned a deserved victory in a tough encounter with Upton on Severn, a side whom they had not played before.

Harbury opened brightly and took the game to their opponents in an opening quarter that saw an emphasis on forward domination. Significantly, Harbury achieved this through driving mauls. However, too often they gave away potential excellent field positions through a breakdown in the final stages, resulting in either a scummage or penalty for Upton.

Nonetheless, Harbury opened the scoring through a Richard Mazurek penalty after 15 minutes, he added a second on 25 minutes to give his side a 6-nil lead.

Upton's backs always looked dangerous, particularly through their number 10, who showed great pace and distributed the ball well from hand and foot. Harbury, had worked hard on their defence following

last week's display, and contained the threat well. Upton came back into the game, when, following heavy pressure; they forced their hosts into a series of penalties within 5 metres from their line. After a third consecutive penalty the referee adjudged that Harbury had not learnt their lesson and awarded a penalty try to Upton. The straightforward conversion was added to give the visitors a 7-6 half time lead.

Harbury, endured some early pressure from Upton and though their defence was firm they conceded a penalty within their 22 and Upton added the points to give them a 10-6 lead on the 55th minute. Harbury countered but could not break an obdurate defence. As they entered the final quarter scrum half Rob Shuttleworth came on as a replacement, and Dean Sanderson too replaced the admirable Ed Lines at tight head prop. These two players added much to Harbury's play. Shuttleworth's pace enabled him to run clear of the visitors back row and set up some different attacking lines for the home backs. The hosts began to raise the ante and applied more pressure on the Upton defence, twice they broke through - one where space was created for centre Chris Lord who broke through the cover and was unopposed from 40 metres out, the second where clever interplay between Rob Shuttleworth and Steve Alford drew the home cover for full back Gary Fennarty to touch down unopposed. However, both moves were deemed to be the result of forward passes.

As the game entered the final ten minutes of play skipper Jeff Foster, who had an outstanding match, urged his side on. From a line out 10 metres from the Upton line, Harbury won a line out and some good work between backs and forwards resulted in Steve Alford being forced over the line beneath the posts. Mazurek's conversion put Harbury back in front 13-10. Upton drove at Harbury in the final four minutes of play determined to salvage something from the game. A visiting attack broke down in midfield and Chris Lord capitalised on a loose ball and set off on a 45 metre run before being stopped 5 metres short of the line. The support was at hand and Rob Stephenson was at hand to touch down to give his side an 18-10 victory.

A good result for Harbury and the hardwork put in by the team and coach Sean Geary since last weeks match.

Harbury are away to Woodrush on Saturday.

SILLHILLIANS 3rd XV 55

HARBURY 2nd XV 5

A tough pool fixture for Harbury, who found it hard going against an experienced Sills side. Harbury's try came through the hard work of

Adrian Exton. The second's area at home on Saturday against Shottery in the Alan Padbury Memorial Match. Kick off is at 3pm

HARBURY COLTS	26
OADBY WYGESTONIANS COLTS	0

Young Harbury got their season back on track with an impressive display against a big and committed Oadby side. Sam Went was unlucky not to score in the opening few minutes as he crossed the line but was held up from grounding the ball. Harbury's pack exerted maximum pressure on the visitors line and Dan Taylor drove over from close range, John Jo Cronin kicked the conversion and no more points were scored before half time. Harbury stepped up the pressure in the second half and Charlie Gladden increased the score with a try out wide which was again converted by Cronin. Tom Bush added another after 60 minutes but the best try came in the dying seconds after a strong run from Sam Reeves Dan Stuchbury arrived in support and passed it to flying winger Charlie Gladden who rounded his man to score under the posts. It was left to Cronin to kick the conversion as the referee blew the final whistle. The Colts travel to Yardley on Saturday.



Harbury Cricket Club

Philip Mugleston

We have ended the season on a huge high since my last report and have managed to win six of our last seven games, our only loss coming against a West Indian team who, as many will know, are brilliant with the new ball. Since my last edition there have been several more key individual performances from members of the team. Ed Russell once again used his vast experience and although dropped on 99 managed to make his second hundred of the season, which included many towering sixes. Graham Newport carried on his fine form with the bat and made another half century in the same game and helped us amass a huge total of 280 off our 40 overs, our highest score of the season by far. Stuart Mugleston has continued to impress with the bat and ball, and in the last game of the season, under tight circumstances, he kept his cool and steered us home against Budbrooke, with a well made innings of 56 not out. Also Will Russell, younger brother of Ed, having returned to the team after a few seasons out has scored vital runs at the top of the order, making 3 fifties to date.

In the bowling department there was a tense finish to the season with bowler of the season going down to the last game, between pace bowler Greg Neale and young spinner Phil Mugleston. Both were very unlucky having catches dropped and close LBW decisions not given, and after Phil was given his last chance in the final over of the innings to take that final wicket, it was thought to be all over when the ball went straight up in the air, but who should drop it other than Phil's older brother Stuart. Both bowlers ended up equal on 20 wickets apiece, which is probably a fair result for the season. A new addition to the team, Matt Boam, has continued to improve with his bowling and has taken vital wickets up to the end of the season.

We have finished the season with 10 losses and 9 wins, and after a brilliant second half to the season I would just like to say thank you to our supporters who continue to turn up every week to watch us play. This certainly reflects on the spirit of the team, which has continually been high and we never let our heads drop. I would also like to thank our long serving Tea lady, Sheila Carr who for many years has provided a quality tea for the team in between the innings, Thanks Sheila!

Now with the season over we are turning our attention to our Christmas presentations, and as ever we are keen for anyone in the village to get involved in the club. Further details will be shown in my next edition about the presentations so bear it in mind if you are interested.



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Welcome to a new term. Our theme this half term is 'Ourselves', we will also be discussing harvest, autumn time and ways of keeping healthy. The focus has been on settling in, helping the children to feel safe and secure and to encourage friendships. The children have all settled well especially our new starters, and are now concentrating on this half-term's topic,



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enthusiastically describing themselves and their home life. Jacob's mummy Emma brought in his baby sister Abigail into the nursery and we talked about all the things a baby can do. This proved to be an excellent way of allowing the children to realise how much they have learnt in such a short time. We have also been talking about emotions, especially what makes us happy and sad.

We have made the most of the fantastic weather by spending as much time as possible outdoors, in our outdoor area and also in the school grounds. The children had great fun in the recent windy weather running and chasing the leaves being blown round on the playground. The children also worked very hard sweeping and clearing up some of the leaves from our outdoor area, taking turns with the dustpan, brushes and broom while excitedly pointing out all the spiders and 'other' minibeasts lurking beneath - much to the delight of Mrs Varriale! It was also beautiful sunny day for our walk to church for the first toddlers service of the new term. We joined in with a poem about harvest and then tried to guess the vegetables by feeling inside a bag. Oliver demonstrated his gardening knowledge; by shouting, "it's a French bean - like the ones daddy grows on his allotment".

College Placement

We are fortunate to have been approved by Mid-Warwickshire College to receive a placement of one of their students, Sophie Markham. Sophie is doing a CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education and will be in the Nursery on a Monday and Tuesday up until Christmas.

Thank you

Thank you to Bobbie Jones, Alison Baldwin and Jared's mum for their kind donations of an assortment of toys. The children are already putting them all to good use. Thank you also to Barry Dolphin for the two wind twirlers that we have put up in our outdoor area, Tim Lockley for demonstrating his excellent DIY skills putting up a cupboard, finger guards and a notice board, and also Julie Knapp for the vast quantities of card, which has more than replenished our ever decreasing creative supplies.

A big thank you also to everyone who donated their Persil stars, both staff and children were delighted to receive a huge box of art and craft materials ready for the new term.



Teacher Training Day

Please note Windmills will be closed on Friday 20th October 2006 for a teacher training day. Therefore we close for half-term on Thursday 19th October 2006 at 3.05 pm and will re-open on Monday 30th October 2006 at 9.05 pm.

Dates:

- Annual Review - Wednesday 11th October 2006, at 7.30 pm, in the Nursery classroom.

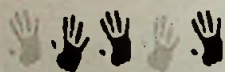
There will be a chance for you to find out more about what has been happening in the Nursery during the last year, meet staff and parents and enjoy a glass of wine.

- 80/20 Sale - Saturday 4th November 2006, from 10.30 am till 12.00 noon

This is a sale of nearly new children's toys and equipment where the seller retains 80% and 20 % of the selling price goes to the Nursery. This event will be held in the school hall, to register for a selling number please contact Nicola Perrett on 614564.

- Craft Fair - Saturday 11th November 2006

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. 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

A New School Year - The start of the new term at Pre-School brought with it several new faces and we are delighted to welcome Stephanie, Laura-Lydia, James, Lily and Katie who have all settled in very well with the other children. Our little ones of last term are now the old stagers and they are very good at showing the way to their new friends. We are also pleased to welcome Angie Clifton to the Pre-school team as our new Pre-School assistant and Kate Wilson in her new role of administrator.

Ourselves – The theme for the half-term is "Ourselves." We are very grateful to health visitor, Paula Cranston, who came to talk to the children about caring for babies. The children had a lovely time



learning how Paula weighs babies, puts nappies on them and discusses their general care with their parents. We then had great fun transforming the home area into a baby clinic where the children could make an appointment, visit the health visitor, weigh, change and feed their dolls.

The children also spent some time looking at their faces in the mirror and describing what they saw. They drew their own images of what they saw in the mirror and drew pictures of each other.

Family Tree – We are now developing a family tree – made from a cardboard carpet tube (kindly donated by Sophie's dad) with twigs for branches and photographs of family members as leaves. Photos of the children as babies are on display to show them how they have changed as they have grown.

Primary Colours – For their creative work, the children are using the primary colours, producing some fantastic red, blue and yellow paintings, collages and drawings. We are very grateful to local artist Libby January who came to show the children



different ways of creating using paint and pastels and helped them to produce a lovely canvas in bold primary colours. Thank you too, Libby, for the wonderful donation of coloured balls for our outdoor area.

Science – Sticking to the colour scheme, the children had a great time experimenting with blue water that turned their hands blue when they were submerged, and a tray of red jelly which was a particular hit. The children described the texture of the jelly in their own words.

Huge Thanks – As always, lots of people have given up their time, expertise and/or belongings for Pre-School and we are very grateful to them all. In addition to those already mentioned, handymen John Kirk and Jonathan Jennings have put a second coat of paint on the walls in the toilet area; IT expert Steve Conway patiently took apart our computer, installing a new hard drive and sorting our software so that it is easy to find and operate; and Pre-School old boy Lee Dorning donated dressing up clothes, while Megan Wilson donated a play and learn computer.

Date for the Diary – We will be holding our ever successful barn dance on 17th March 2007, so make a note of the date in your diaries now!

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.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Many thanks – To all the children and their families who supported the Harvest Festival Family Service at Church last Sunday week. The event appeared to go very well, with many parishioners expressing their thanks to the children – well done, everyone.

Forest of Dean Trip – Well, they went, they saw and they conquered! Will Symonds Yat ever be the same again?? Congratulations to the children in Year 6 who have just returned from their week away in the Forest of Dean – I understand from the staff that the trip was very successful and that the children were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Well done, everyone. I do know that a large number of people were involved in the planning for the trip – too many to name individually. However, I must thank Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Linforth, Mr. and Mrs. Bones and Miss Cowley for giving up their time to take the children on the trip. Many thanks.

Headteacher's Open Meeting – The next Open Meeting for parents will be on Tuesday 10th October at 7.30. Agenda items will include the SATs results and the role of the teaching assistants.

Change of Dates – The dates for the two Parents' Evenings scheduled for later this month have had to be put back by one week – they will now take place on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November, 6-8pm. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Book Bags – The PTA have kindly bought every child in the school a new book bag. Should your child lose his/her bag, replacements can be bought from school.

I have also been informed that the date of the PTA Disco will now take place on Friday 1st December.



Horticultural Society

Muriel Grey

Over 700 exhibits in the Show, a lot of card to write! Another Produce Show over and the cups etc. awarded – Janice has written a full account in this month's magazine, including the list of winners.

Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to make it a success. On behalf of the Society and those who entered exhibits, may I also thank the shopkeepers and other outlets for having Schedules, the willing folks who set up the tables on the evening before and also helped clear away after the Show, the generous response for tombola prizes which was very gratifying, the various side shows, these all helped to fund the event – thank you Janice.

Our new season starts in October and this means subs will be due again, covering all the interesting talks and events, the popular Christmas Party, not forgetting the outings all included.

The evenings have noticeably drawn in these last few weeks, in fact by the time the talks start it really will be dark before 8pm, so should you need a lift to the meeting please ask, there are always members who have transport and who will oblige.

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 7th November, any resolutions or nominations for the committee should be submitted in writing to the Secretary, Daphne Clifford, 71 Mill Street, by Wednesday 1st November. This will take place after the talk.

Most people are aware that there is an abundance of fruit this year, with branches breaking under the weight of it, much of it may go to waste. Normally our autumn perfumed cyclamen puts on quite a show, but this year they are beautiful and perfuming the garden especially with the warmth of the sun.

Following her bad fall in Worcester Cathedral, I understand Jeanne has now been moved to Heathcote. Come on Jeanne we want to see you back at the monthly meetings soon please.

Village Show 2006



Charlie with his beach scene



John Brunt with his heaviest marrow



Julie & Pat Clarke with a few vegetables



Janice Siddle dressed for winter



Nora Ellis holding a quiche



Bertha Kettle with a display



Harbury Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall (Chairperson)

A new season of talks begins on 3rd October and it would be so nice to see some new members this year. If you enjoyed the Walkabout and the Show, this is just a taster of the activities of our Society. It is a lovely way to spend an evening and make new friends.

Hopefully too we will all learn more and be entertained with colourful slides that will spur us all on to new heights. I have arranged the new programme of talks and there is something for everyone. At the meeting on 7th November we welcome back Mr Ian Nex who gave a super talk last year concerning the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and his talk this time is a follow up to the last one and is called Royal Connections and Noble Plants associated with the Botanic Gardens). His enthusiasm and knowledge will ensure a most enjoyable evening.

Please come along to the Tom Hauley room; we start at 8pm and have refreshments after our talk, I look forward to meeting both existing and new members.

John our treasurer is retiring from the committee in October, so we will be seeking a new treasurer. If anyone is interested and would like to talk to either myself or John please do so. It is not an onerous job and we only have about 5 committee meetings a year so please don't be shy, we cannot continue without a treasurer.

I'm sure 2006/07 will be another excellent season. Long may the Society continue to expand and flourish.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Tu-whit, tu-whoo, the classical sound of the Tawny Owl is in fact rarely uttered. It's rather more likely you will hear something like hooo,hooo,hoo-oo-oo-ooo. Celia Neill reports hearing the bird several times in Hall Lane but so far no sighting. In August, Celia saw a young grass snake and had previously seen an adult snake so successful breeding must have taken place.

As I write, (26th September), we seem locked in a weather pattern giving us warm, sunny, still, conditions interspersed with very heavy brief downpours producing some local flooding where run off is impeded. Last weekend we got the edge of hurricane Gordon which battered the eastern USA. It coincided with the Ryder Cup taking place near Dublin. Although the K Club was hit by heavy rain and wind at times, it didn't hold up the golf. The USA team might have hoped for 'Rain stops play' as a headline rather than 'Europe romp to victory'.

Golf courses, rather like churchyards can be wild life havens. At Royal St Georges, Sandwich, Kent, the nationally very rare Lizard Orchid (*Himantoglossum hircinum*) can be seen in early July. My only sighting was beside a road in Tuscany some years ago and it was quite a thrill. For interesting churchyard wildlife, I can recommend the book 'God's Acre' by Francesca Greenoak, published by Orbis. (My copy is available for loan).

Now the crops have been harvested, the ground ploughed and in many cases re-seeded. Alongside the railway line between the Fosse and Golf Lane, Whitnash, the bridleway skirts a large arable field which has been sown with broad beans. The plants are already a handbreadth above the soil and a reminder to gardeners to set to on their own plots. In the hedgerows great clusters of blackberries have ripened and now, with the damp autumnal conditions, many are beginning to gather mould. I was picking blackberries in favoured spots back in July. Now the fruit is beginning to 'go over' and soon we'll be saying 'They've got the devil in them' as the flavour and texture changes. Frost in October? We shall see.

Some birds are thriving, while others seem in decline. Rex Humphreys says that he's only seen one Bullfinch this year. The Wren, however, is flourishing and there's probably a pair in every garden. We've said good-bye to the Swallows, Swifts, and Martins; those aerial acrobats which arrive here for the summer, mop up some of the teeming insect population, and then leave as the weather cools. I saw a telephone wire crowded with House Martins at Chesterton on the 21st September. Suddenly, they have gone and we will have to wait six months for their return.

Buzzards are about in numbers. I saw a pair wheeling over Lighthorne and Rex says they have nested down at Harbury Fields Farm. He has seen a Red Kite in the village and several other villagers have

reported a local sighting. I've yet to see one nearer than the M40 cutting at Stokenchurch where they are guaranteed.

Red Admiral butterflies (*Vanessa atalanta*) are having a good season. I disturbed a cloud (well at least a dozen) feasting on fallen plums on the bridleway mentioned earlier. Despite its common status, it's always a shock to see the brilliant colours of a new specimen. Some manage to hibernate but the majority fly in from Southern Europe and restock our islands, reaching as far north as the Shetlands. At this time of year, their drive to fly north is reversed, and the remaining insects fly south following the Swallows.

Although there have been numerous small Tortoiseshell butterflies (*Aglais urticae*), I do not think they have been as plentiful as in previous years and I haven't seen any caterpillars. These are easily spotted as they live communally in the growing tips of stinging nettles, spinning a dense web of silk. As each plant is defoliated, the group moves to another nettle. The damage is conspicuous and the caterpillars rely on their black and yellow colouration, signifying toxicity, to deter predators.

Moths can fly by day or night, though most do the latter. In terms of numbers of species, they far outnumber butterflies. Britain boasts around 2,500 species of moth but only 60 species of butterfly. The antennae of many male moths are feathery and may house as many as 60,000 sensilla (sense organs). These can pick up the pheromones (distinctive chemicals) released by a female and track her down over a distance, so researchers say, of up to 10 kilometres.

No one could fail to be impressed by the huge numbers of Daddy-long-legs about the place during September. I was constantly lifting them back outside to have a last fling. Now, like our migrating birds they have gone, but in the case of the Crane-flies never to return.

They will have mated and the female laid her eggs before bowing out. Hatching out in the soil, the larvae, or Leather Jackets as they are known, feed on the roots of grass before pupating. Despite its long legs and conspicuous antennae, the Crane-fly is one of the Diptera or two-winged flies related to the house-fly. In the Diptera, the hind-wings are residual organs known as halteres. They vibrate with the wings and control flight, acting on the same principle as a gyroscope.



General Section

Harbury Village Show – 9th September

We had a very successful show again this year; many said the “best” recently and thank you to all who helped with judging, stewarding, catering and on the day in many ways. The show could not continue without you.

The winners were as follows:

Farley Cup for Vegetables
 Grey Cup for Novice Vegetable Grower
 Courier Cup for Flowers
 Rosamund Schofield – Best in Section
 Brunton Cup for Flower Arranging
 All Saints Cup for Fruit
 Reg Harris Cup – Best in Section
 Daniel Trophy for Cooking
 Rigden Cup for Photographs
 Horticultural Society Trophy for Handicrafts
 Allotment Holders Cup
 Finch Cup Best Allotment Holders Tray

Buck Trophy
 Jean Dunn cup (under 7)
 Fred Lines Cup (8 – 12)
 Wilkins Cup (most points)
 Horticultural Society (most points)
 W.I (most points)
 Society Tray

Society Vase

Pat Clarke
 Janice Siddle
 Margaret McDonald
 Pat Clarke
 Margaret McDonald
 John Smith
 Chris Hill
 Dorothy Groves
 Gael Conway
 Janice Siddle
 Mr A Pratt
 1st Kevin McMahon
 2nd John Clifford
 3rd Janice Siddle
 Chloe Kempton
 Caitlin Mansell
 Thomas Conway
 Pat Clarke
 John Clifford
 Dorothy Groves
 1st Pat Clarke
 2nd Kevin McMahon
 3rd John Brunt
 1st Pat Smith
 2nd Margaret McDonald
 3rd John Clifford

The raffle was won by Mrs Moore and The Dog named “Henry” was won by Steve Dolley. The pumpkin weighed 64lb 3oz and the nearest was Martin Ellis.

Thank you again to all who helped and came to see the show. See you next year – perhaps if you came along to see, you could put an entry in next time. Schedules will be available in April 2007.

Janice Siddle

The Big Bang !

Well... Harbury's version of it.

Harbury Church and GASS will once again be presenting the annual Village Bonfire Night on Saturday November 4th. There promises to be as spectacular a firework display as ever, with the usual high quality hot dogs, snacks and drinks provided.

Tickets are available from Muglestons from Thursday 5th October (adults £3.50, children £2.50 including food). Please remember to buy your tickets by **Wednesday 1st November**. Otherwise, food is not included in the ticket price, and there may not be a spare hot dog for you to purchase on the night!

You will find enclosed in this paper a slip for ordering collection of your burnable garden waste (please note no plastics or melamine covered boards). Please return to Muglestons' Country Fayre.

Finally, anyone with a 4X4 and/or trailer available for collecting wood on Saturday 4th, please contact Steve Brough on 612979. Thank you.

Alan Guy
GASS (Guide and Scout Support)

Thursday Club

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the Farley Room at the Village Hall, starting at 2.30pm. A charge of £1 per meeting covers the cost of speakers, tea, biscuits and a raffle ticket. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

We are looking for someone to take over the job of Secretary. Annette Hughes, who has been our Secretary for the past eight years, wishes to give up because of other commitments. She has performed this duty admirably and we are grateful for her efforts on our behalf.

If you are interested in taking on this work, please contact either Annette Hughes (612273) or Beryl Checkley (612519).

Beryl Checkley



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Binswood End and Temple End?

Are you tired of the speed of cars, vans, buses and trucks in our village? Mounting of pavements? Near fatal accidents? Come along to a meeting at the Tom Hauley Room on **Monday 9 October 2006** from **7.30-9.30pm** to discuss a plan of action. All are welcome. There will be Parish Council members in attendance.

If you wish to discuss this matter prior to the meeting call Karena Ellis 614462 or Tim Lockley 614532.

Karena Ellis

Flu Clinics

Flu Clinics for 2006 will be held at

Harbury Surgery On -

Wednesday 18th October from 4 pm to 8 pm

Saturday 28th October from 9.30 am to 12 Noon

Bishops Itchington Surgery On -

Saturday 21st October from 9.30 am to 12 Noon

Wednesday 25th October from 4 pm to 8 pm

- No appointment necessary – just turn up at the clinic of your choice.
- Please note that letters will not be sent out inviting eligible patients to attend.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that the following patients should be vaccinated:

- all those aged 65 and over
- younger people in certain 'At Risk' groups

These groups are:

Asthma/chronic bronchitis - Heart problems - Diabetes - Kidney disease - Immunosuppression

The earlier clinics tend to be busier and as we will have plenty of flu vaccines you can safely attend any of the later and quieter clinics.

Pneumococcal Vaccine

Patients over the age of 65 will also be able to have the Pneumococcal vaccine at the same time. Please note, however, that if you have received this vaccine within the last 5 years you are still protected and will not need it repeating this year.

Drs Snowdon and Wilkinson

MacMillan Cancer Support

Forthcoming event – “Frozen Toad” are playing a live music entertainment evening also with disco music and Karaoke on Saturday 25th November at Harbury Village Club.

Please keep this date free for a great family evening out. More details in next month's Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Mary Revitt

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Thank you to all of those people who came to the Summer Lunch in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association. We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and would like to say thank you to those people who helped and those who attended. The lunch was a great success and the monies raised will contribute to funding the activities that we arrange for the senior citizens of Harbury.

There is a further fund raising event to come. That will be the Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley room on Saturday 18th November. All are welcome.

The next major activity will be the annual Christmas Party. This will take place on Saturday 9th December in the Village Hall.

Mike McBride,

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Harbury Scout Hut – latest news

The leaders of Harbury's Scouting and Guiding groups have told us clearly that they wish to remain in the current Scout Hut, rather than to take up space in the proposed Village Hall development. This is firstly because these groups require particular facilities and storage for their activities. The other reason is simple demand: the Scout Hut is currently used six days of the week, sometimes by two groups, and this may soon increase to seven days – further news soon!

We are very fortunate in already having received from the Harbury Parish Council a pledge of £5,000 towards the main hall roof replacement and refurbishment of the kitchen – with great support and the possibility of further assistance. On October 10th, we present a major grant application to Stratford District Council for further funds, supported by our local District Councillors. We have had many people

signing our 'petition' and many letters of support from parents and village organisations. If you wish to write in support, please phone me on 614242.

More good news: GASS has this month received a £5,000 grant from 'Awards for all' for new canoes and a range of sporting and miscellaneous equipment for the groups. Particular thanks go to Lana and Kathy for their work on this.

Looking back, September was a busy month for GASS. Early on, we provided the food at the Harbury Beer Festival which was a great success; our thanks to all parents, friends, scouts and committee members who helped with cooking and serving, as well as to Ruth, who organised it. We raised a large sum for the Scout Hut funds. The Coffee Morning on 16th September was also a great success: thanks again to all who helped out, baked cakes or otherwise supported it.

Alan Guy

Chairman of GASS (Guide and Scout Support)

Family Ceilidh – a date for your diary!

On Friday, November 3rd, All Saints Church is holding a family ceilidh. The popular local band Reel to Reel, with its caller Pete Bones, will lead an evening of lively and easy to learn dances for all ages. Food and a bar will refresh you. So put the date in your diary; tickets will be on sale nearer the day. Join us that evening at the school to dance and to help meet the increasing cost of running your village church.

John Stringer for All Saints Church Social Committee

First Light

Our September meeting was about New Beginnings to fit in with the children going back to school or starting at a new school, or college. We thought about how God was there right at the beginning and is with us whatever changes and new beginnings we face in life.

By the time you read this we will have already had our October First Light on the theme of "God the great recycler" and will be preparing for November 5th. So put it in your diary and come along to the Tom Hauley Room at 10 o'clock to enjoy a cup of coffee followed by a relaxed half hour of music, words and spiritual space suitable for people of any age.

Alison Abbott

"Love in a Box"

There will be a coffee morning for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal in the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 19th October, 10am – 12noon.

It is planned to gather together gifts for the shoeboxes, made up boxes and empty boxes (if possible covered in Christmas paper, approx size 5x7x12 inches).

Boxes will be for boy or girl, age groups 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 years. Suggested contents; cuddly toy (NOT homemade) toiletries, stationery, hat, gloves, scarf, ball, puzzle, toys, jewellery, and sweets. Items that are unacceptable are chocolate, food, other clothing, glass, liquids, and war related items. Suggested donation of £2 per box will go towards transport costs.

Last year the UK sent 1.18million boxes to children in 13 countries, where children have nothing through no fault of their own. It is a very direct way of sharing a tiny amount of our profusion.

I have labels and the full list. Do contact me, Gillian Hare (614809), especially if you would like to be involved but cannot manage that day, or if it's easier, speak to a member of W.I who is also collecting for the appeal.

Raffle prizes will also be gratefully accepted.

Gillian Hare

Youth Drop – In

Cold drinks and hot chocolate have been served to the young people (and the occasional family) on the playing field each Tuesday evening throughout the summer. We have enjoyed remarkably good weather; I think it only rained once! We've also enjoyed meeting those who came.

However, darker and colder evenings mean we will be moving into the Village Hall again from **Tuesday 3rd October 7pm - 9pm**. We are exploring the possibility of using the main hall for soft ball games, but as we go to press this has not yet been decided. If we can, the fee for hiring the hall will obviously be higher. To offset this, there will be an entrance fee of 50p. Drinks and snacks will be on sale as before and there will again be table tennis and air hockey. All young people (minimum Y6) are welcome.

We particularly encourage more girls to come and would welcome their ideas and suggestions for activities they might like.

The Drop-In is run by volunteers (all CRB checked), not trained staff, and we are still trying to find a way to get a trained youth worker. We are meeting Mike McGuire from 'Positive about Young People' and are hopeful that he can provide advice and resources.

We have booked the hall until Christmas and then will review the situation. Until then, the Drop-In offers a warm dry place to meet friends, have a drink and a chat. Come and try it.

Lesley Jones and Margaret Commons

Village Hall Update

Last Saturday, Harbury residents had the chance to view the proposed plans for the modernisation and possible extension of the Village Hall, which had been drawn up by a firm of Kenilworth architects. The plans represented stage 2 of the discussion process and are in no way 'set in stone' (or brick!) at this stage. Some 'updated' features were included, which the majority of users would like to see and there were 'improvements', which would greatly enhance the facilities for different groups. Members of the community who attended the Open Consultation Day were provided with a questionnaire, which sought opinions about the range of improvements which should be developed. In the coming months, the results will be analysed and reported back to the community, after which the plans may move into stage 3 and a modified version of the proposals. There will be no attempt to request estimates on the cost of the work until there is a general consensus of opinion within the village about the preferred 'way forward'. For anyone who was unable to attend the 'Open Day', but would wish to have their opinion 'counted', copies of the questionnaire will be available at the Post Office/Foodmart and Mugleston's/Fresh Produce shop throughout October.

Since the last meeting, the Village Hall committee members have made plans to raise funds through regular activities, so that it will be possible to research all the funding bodies, which are able to give grants in support of community development. So far, the committee has held a Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room in August and a Quiz Nite has been booked for Friday October 27th – 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. The Likely Lads have also agreed to play for the 'New Year' event scheduled for Saturday December 30th. Tickets for the dance will be on sale in November and details about cost / contact

details etc will be advertised in next month's magazine. It is hoped that all organisations which use the Village Hall will 'rally round' to support these activities, which are being offered in the hope that the development of the premises for which the Management Committee is responsible, results in enhancement of the building which is at the heart of community life in the village.

Chris Finch

Do you recognise your sister?

This photograph was taken during the summer months on the Rievaulx Terrace in Yorkshire. During the course of a conversation one of the ladies in the photo announced that she had a sister who lived in Harbury. Could it be you? We are intrigued to find out who the lady is related to!



If you are the sister and wish to contact Dorrie Johnson, telephone the Editorial Office on 612155.

Dorrie Johnson

Steel Pans – Adults

Are there any adults who would be interested in steel pan lessons in Harbury School on Wednesdays from 4.50pm – 5.30pm? (I can't go between 7pm - 8pm) – Possibly not starting until either after half-term or after Christmas. If you are interested please contact me, Rosemary Harley, telephone 613402.

Rosemary Harley

Harbury Swimming Pool

The swimming pool at Harbury School has recently been subject to review. A working party of PTA, Governors and staff has decided to pursue a project to completely refurbish, cover and potentially extend the pool.

The pool, built in the mid 1970's, has historically only been used for a short period each year. It is now quite run down, with an ailing boiler and filtration system, which is no longer efficient to run.

The intention is to build an eco-friendly building, with all new facilities that would enable swimming to take place all year round. It is possible that this would include alternative eco and skin friendly sanitation without the use of chlorine. The working party are also hopeful of producing a small surplus of energy using a combination of wind, solar and other energy sources. In addition to the main pool the group are also considering the possibility of an additional toddler or starter splash pool. Another option could be the inclusion of a Hydro pool if there are enough interested therapists (and patients) in the local area. The School recently received a visit from a representative of the Engineering Dept at Warwick University to offer advice on 'eco' engineering. Attempts will be made to gain financial support, in part, from grant schemes. As this is to be an environmentally friendly project the group feel that it will be an attractive proposition with respect to funding.

As part of the viability study the group must consider additional use of the pool outside of normal schooling. This could be at various times during the day and evening, including weekends. They would therefore like to hear from any group or individual interested in using a new covered pool for their own purpose. The following are just a few examples-

Private Swimming Instructors

Scout / Guide or other Youth Groups

Water Polo Teams

Lane Swimming

Aqua Exercise Classes

Physiotherapists / Hydrotherapy

If you have an opinion or interest please contact Nigel Chapman at Harbury School or drop a letter in.

Rob Darlison

Flyball

Were you watching Crufts on when Isobel Clarke and Ziggy were screened competing in the National Flyball Championship? Their team was placed 4th and they won their 35th rosette, four of them are from Crufts. Flyball began in the USA 30years ago it soon became popular in Europe; Ziggy and Isobel have been competing since 2004.



Ziggy, Isobel & Sky

It is a team sport, for any age or breed of dog. Ziggy is a border collie, and the breed is popular for Flyball - she is intelligent, able to stay focused and agile and is very 'keen on balls.' Sky by contrast 'is a lovely little dog but she just hasn't got it for Flyball' says Isobel. Dogs are trained as a squad of six but four will be chosen to make a team: they learn to race over four jumps and to retrieve a ball loaded in a mechanically controlled box by activating the mechanism with paw-pressure. Fly agility is similar but the obstacles are much more demanding.

Ziggy and Isobel have their team-training with The Wolfpack

at Portway near Redditch one night a week and in the summer they compete around the country once or twice a month; in winter there are some indoor events.

Daily training and top quality food keep a champion dog fit. Isobel and Ziggy with Sky go to the top of the playing field each afternoon to practice with the jumps and weave-poles and balls. They will start training for Crufts 2007 in November; to compete there all dogs must be registered with the Kennel Club.

If you have any old tennis balls for training please ring Ziggy 613600 and she will be pleased to come and retrieve them!
www.flyball.org.uk

Marian Millington

Neighbourhood Watch

We are currently rolling out Smart Water across the village.

Residents in Manor Orchard, and surrounding roads should have received information in the last few weeks. Residents in Mill Street, Binswood End, Leycester Close, The Beeches and Hilltop should be getting it this month, so watch for the letter dropping through your door and take advantage of a state of the art crime prevention measure at less than half the normal price.

If we have a good take up across the village we can put up signs advertising that this area is protected by Smart Water, which is a very good deterrent to would-be thieves.

Looking at the recent crime summaries from the police, there are still a lot of thefts of garden equipment and power tools. Are yours secure? And don't forget the garden shed when applying Smart Water to your possessions.

Thefts from cars continue to be a problem. Try to avoid leaving valuables in cars, and if you really have to, make sure they are out of sight, and the car is secure.

Can you help the police with information on any of these:-

- Between 12:00 hours on Saturday 16/9/06 and 12:00 hours on Sunday 17/9/06, offender(s) damaged a vehicle parked in Mill Street, Harbury. (Incident number 147 dated 18/9/06)

Information is sought about the following:-

A white coloured Transit van - possibly selling tools to farms and rural businesses during the last four weeks. The occupants of the van are described as follows:

- Male 1: White middle aged, approximately 6' 2" tall, of stocky/big build, with black hair. (First name possibly 'Dan').
- Male 2: White middle aged, approximately 5' 8" tall, of stocky build, with grey hair.

A blue coloured Vauxhall Cavalier, bearing the registration number plate of K204 KVC, was being driven by a white male with dyed blonde spiky hair. The male was wearing a silver cross earring in his right ear. This vehicle is believed to be involved in rural crime.

If you can provide information, contact Southam Police Station on 01926 812366

Alison Abbott

Electric Blanket Testing Campaign

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

Monday 16 th October	Kenilworth Library
Tuesday 17 th October	Nuneaton Fire Station
Wednesday 18 th October	Stratford Fire Station
Thursday 19 th October	Leamington Town Hall
Friday 20 th October	The Grange Hall, Southam
Monday 23 rd October	Rugby Library

To book an appointment call **01926 736477**. Tests will be conducted by appointment only and bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. The number of appointments is limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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

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

Pat Whorton

Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will start again on 10th October at 10.30am at 16 Dovehouse Lane. At present we are studying Philipians.

We are a small group of mixed denominations, meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We would be very pleased to welcome new members. For more information please ring 612864.

C. Mary Catt

Churches' Network for Non-Violence (CNNV)

Celebrating Children at Coventry Cathedral, Saturday 14th October at 2.30pm a service dedicated to children and non-violence. A focal point will be the dedication and signing of a Charter for Children.

RSVP to Dr Elizabeth Penlington, 2 Leighton Close, Coventry, CV4 7AL, if you require a formal invitation (info@churchesfornon-violence.org)

CNNV have recently published 'Respecting Children', a handbook on growing up without violence at £7, or on CD at £3. Send cheque to CNNV Co-ordinator, 6 Sylvia Avenue, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 4QE Website: churchesfornon-violence.org

Anne Moore

Commemorative Bench and Tree



On Saturday the 23rd September 2006 a Bird Cherry tree was planted in memory of Ren Rana, who was resident in Harbury for over 25 years. It was planted on the green at Farm Street in front of a bench dedicated to him. The tree planting ceremony was attended by his widow Saroj, and more than 30 family members, former work colleagues, friends and neighbours. The tributes to him reflected the warmth and esteem with which Mr Rana was universally regarded. The

ceremony was followed by lunch at The Shakespeare Inn.

The WASPS Fund

The WASP fund is a new small grant scheme which allows rural groups, organisations, businesses and parish councils to apply for funding to improve access to services and employment.

Grant funding ranges from £100 to £5000. However awards of more than £500 will require the applicant to provide 25% of the project cost from their own resources.

Funding is available to any voluntary organisation, community group, business or registered charity within Warwickshire. The awards can be used to help people get to services or to bring the services to the

community. It can also be used to improve information facilities, including better access to IT services.

There is no restriction on who the beneficiaries are, except that they are resident in Warwickshire.

For more information contact Simi Braich on 01926 414986 or email simibraich@warwickshire.gov.uk

Steve Patalong

Harbury In 1917

In the long years of Britain's history, it is hard to think of a year more grim than 1917. All enthusiasm for the war had gone in the face of appalling casualties without gain. At home, grinding hours of work for the war effort and lengthening bread queues added to the misery. On the 31st January, Germany announced unrestricted submarine warfare-all shipping, neutral or not would be sunk on sight in the Eastern Atlantic. In the early months of 1917, 1 in 4 ships leaving these shores was sunk. Such losses were unsustainable. Lloyd George instituted a convoy system against the wishes of the Admiralty, which saved the situation.

On the Western Front, the relentless daily attrition continued. Before the war, Rifleman Bernard Turner had been employed at the cement works. He joined the 16th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade and went to France in March 1916 and took part in the Battle of the Somme. On the 8th February, he died of wounds aged 25. He is buried in Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery.

On the 6th April, following the sinking of American ships, the USA declared war on Germany. This brought limitless resources to the Allies, but not immediately. America had a large navy but a small standing army. Millions of men would have to be conscripted and trained. For the time being the Allies would continue to fight the trench war alone. The French commander, Nivelle, had plans for a new offensive on the Aisne. The British were to provide a distraction by attacking at Arras. This cost the life of Private Charles William Bird of the 5th Battalion of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Both of Charles's parents, William and Ellen, were born in Harbury. William was a self-employed painter and he and Ellen raised their family at 'The Yews' in Mill Street. Charles became a gardener, married, and lived in Chapel Street before he went to war. He died of wounds aged 34 on the 2nd April and is buried in the Duisons British

Cemetery at Etrun with many others lost in the Arras offensive.

Canada played a large part in the Arras campaign. Their mission was to attack Vimy Ridge, one of the few hills on the Flanders plain. Among the Canadian forces who attacked on April 9th were two Harbury men.

Clement John Gascoigne was born in 1894 and lived with his parents, John and Elizabeth, two elder brothers and four sisters at 8, Church Terrace. John was a tailor. In 1911, Clem's elder sister Gladys married and emigrated to Canada. In 1912, the 18 year old Clem followed. In 1915, when attending church, he heard the priest comment that there were young men in Canada who should be home in England fighting for the motherland. Clem immediately joined up and came home with the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles.



Sadly he was unable to come home to Harbury, but was immediately sent to France.

He was killed in action on the opening day of the battle of Vimy Ridge, aged 23. He is buried at the Thelus Military Cemetery which is on the ridge and contains the graves of over 200 Canadians. Clem was well known Harburian Derek Lowe's uncle and I am indebted to the Lowe family for information and the photograph.

Private Reginald John Beardsworth served with the 27th Battalion of the Manitoba Regiment. He was the son of the Vicar of Harbury, the Rev John Beardsworth and his wife, and lived at the old Vicarage in Church Street along with his brother, Tobin. He emigrated to Canada where he was employed as a clerk. He enlisted on the 26th September 1914, and was killed in action in the Arras offensive on the 3rd May. He is remembered on the Vimy memorial which commemorates 11,285 Canadians who have no known grave.

One more son of Harbury died in the Arras offensive-Private Ernest Gurden. Ernest was born in Harbury and grew up at 37, Mill Street. His father, Thomas, was a carrier. Ernest joined the 16th Battalion of the Royal Warwicks, a Kitchener battalion. He died of wounds aged 22 on the 13th May and is buried in the Aubigny Communal Cemetery, where there are 2771 Commonwealth graves.

The Canadians succeeded brilliantly at Vimy Ridge albeit with heavy loss of life, but the Arras offensive overall was yet another costly failure. Nivelle's main attack on the Aisne was a disaster with colossal French losses. The French army had had enough and there were mutinies and desertions. Nivelle was dismissed and replaced by Petain who restored discipline with leniency and a promise of no more offensives. Haig, however, was undeterred and had his eye on an attack in the Ypres Salient. An advance of 30 miles to the north would reach Ostend. However, the dykes had been broken in 1914, letting in the sea. The terrain was mostly deep mud. By the end of July each side had a million men in the Salient. The 3rd Battle of Ypres began on the 31st July. It is often known by the name of its last phase - Passchendaele. The already muddy terrain was made worse by an exceptionally wet late summer. Men and horses drowned in the mud. The greatest advance achieved was half a mile. The battle dragged on until the end of November and there were 300,000 British casualties. One of them was Gunner William Lancaster of the Royal Field Artillery. Willie's mother lived at Westfield Farm. He was killed on June 7th and is buried in the Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery, 6k south-west of Ypres.

Early in the battle, Private Frederick Padbury was lost. Fred was the son of William and Mary Padbury. William was a shepherd and when Fred was young the family lived at Kingston Cottages in Chesterton. (He is also on Chesterton memorial). Later, they lived at the Co-op Cottage in Harbury. Fred enlisted in the 1st/5th Battalion of the Royal Warwicks. He died of wounds in a Casualty Clearing Station on the 15th August and is buried in Dozingheim Military Cemetery at Poperinge where there are 3,174 graves.

Bombardier Raymond Rainbow was killed in action on August 30th at the age of 19. He was the youngest son of Francis and Dinah Rainbow of Orchard House in Hall Lane. Francis was a carpenter. Ray's two elder brothers, Reginald and Frank were also at the front. The local paper reported 'The brave lad, only 19 a month ago, need not have gone out but being anxious to do his bit joined up 2 years ago and had to volunteer several times before he was allowed to go to France.' He is buried in the



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Potijze Chateau Cemetery near Ypres. My thanks to Ray's niece, Felicity Harris for her help.

Passchendaele was the last battle in the old style though no one knew this at the time. In November, Haig's Chief-of-Staff visited the fighting zone for the first time. He burst into tears and cried 'Good God, did we really send men to fight in that'. In a search for better ground, an attack using tanks was made 45 miles to the south at Cambrai. It was initially successful with a rapid 5 mile advance, but the infantry couldn't keep up, the Germans brought up reserves and the following cavalry were massacred. Among the casualties was Private Raymond John Brooks of the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. Raymond was brought up at Highfield cottages near the Great Western. His father was a railway signalman. Raymond was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field and was killed in action at Cambrai aged 22. He is buried in Gouzacourt New British Cemetery.

As this terrible year drew to its close, there was one more loss for our village. On 31st December, Able-Seaman Edmund Astell was killed in action at Welsh Ridge on the Somme at the age of 33. I am not sure of Edmund's Harbury connection. On the 1901 census, he was a 17 year old railway guard living with his parents in St Pancras London. Harbury was home to a number of employees of the Great Western Railway Company, so maybe he moved here. He served in the Drake Battalion of the Royal Naval Division. The navy had more reservists than ships for them to serve in and excess sailors were formed into infantry battalions. Edmund is remembered on the huge Thiepval Memorial designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. It commemorates 73,357 men killed on the Somme who have no known grave.

As 1918 began, there can have been little hope that this would be the last year of the war, and there was much heartache to come before that day finally arrived.

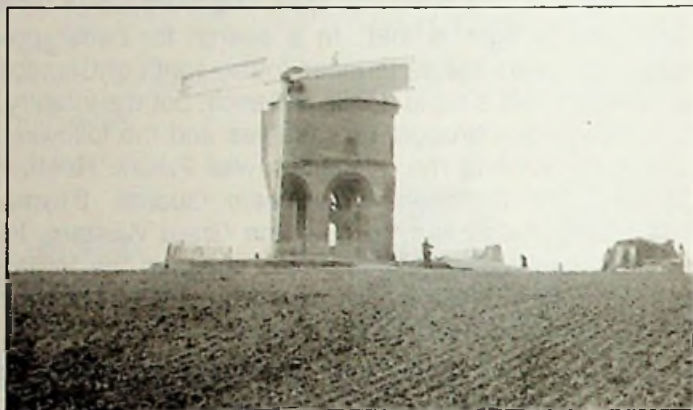
Sharon Hancock

Chesterton News

As many of you will already know, this year's Windmill Open Weekend had to be cancelled due to the structural failure of one of the sails that left one of our visitors being airlifted to hospital. We are very pleased to report however that she escaped with only bruising and a broken finger and our thoughts and best wishes go to her for a full recovery.

Following the incident the HSE and Warwickshire County Council immediately launched investigations into how it happened and we

await their findings. WCC had previously confirmed that a mechanical and structural safety inspection had been carried out, including a report by an independent windmill expert. They hope to restore the mill to full working order as soon as possible.



Helen MacLagan, Head of Museum Services at WCC was quoted as saying "I would like to thank the Chesterton local volunteer residents, with whom we work in partnership to open the mill, for their unfailing support and the time they gave freely."

As one of the local organisers I would like to extend my thanks to all the volunteers from Chesterton and surrounding areas who were involved in the setting up and running of the event and who dealt with the incident in a calm and professional manner.

Malcolm Murphy

Magazine Subscription

The H&L News Committee feels that it is the appropriate time to reiterate the current policy regarding the annual subscription in relation to senior citizens. When the Harbury News was first published it was distributed free to all residents of pensionable age. By 1996 a total of 287 copies out of 950 printed were being distributed free. Ladbroke senior citizens had always had to pay for their copy of the magazine.

This number of free magazines, which had been increasing each year, was not sustainable and the Committee decided that from October 1996 all households wishing to take 'The News' should pay for it. The distributors were given the discretion to continue to deliver the magazine free of charge to senior citizens who felt that due to financial hardship they would be unable to subscribe.

A small number of magazines continue to be distributed free of charge to a few of our elderly residents, however, since 1996 the magazine should not have been offered free to any villagers reaching pensionable age.

The magazine is mainly funded through subscriptions and its advertisers and it is not thought appropriate for these two sources of income to subsidise a significant number of free copies. We have increased the annual subscription this month by 50p to cover rising production costs.

For those who feel unable to subscribe, can we remind you that copies of the magazine are placed in the village library and are available at Mugleston's Country Fayre for those who wish to purchase the magazine on a monthly basis.

John Holden - Chairman

Time Out – Ufton

The autumn programme started with Vibrant Abstract Painting Day on 15th September. This was a great success with many visitors to Ufton walking out with a contemporary framed painting, even those who have never painted before.

Next events are:

**A Cushy Number - Thursday 12th October 10.00am - 12.30pm
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Baubles, Thursday 9th November, 10am – 12.30pm and 1pm – 3.30pm

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Gillian Ingham



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Well, Ron and I had quite a weekend!

We would like to thank everybody who helped us celebrate the event, for all the cards, the best wishes and congratulations we received on our recent Golden Wedding.

Ron and Muriel Grey

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all my friends for their wonderful good wishes for my recovery and especially those who gave Don lifts to Worcester. I'm now in Heathcote Rehab Hospital and hopefully starting to improve.

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Jeanne Beaumont

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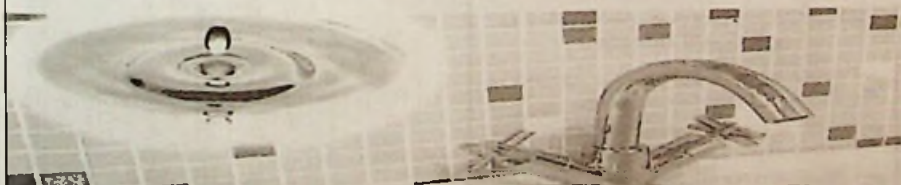
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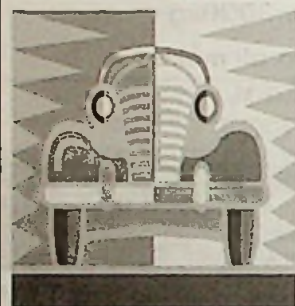
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