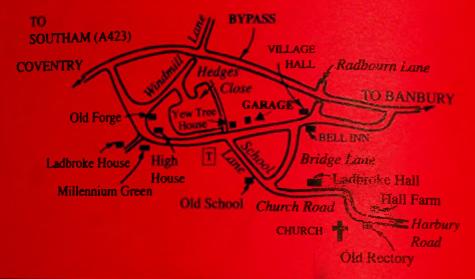
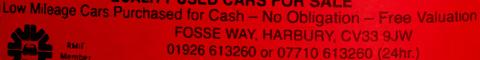


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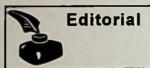
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Congratulations to Alison Baldwin and Alan Knowles who have been co-opted as Harbury Parish Councillors. We thank them for coming forward. There will be elections for all the Parish Councillors in May 2008.

The first Harbury film show – Moving Pictures – was a showing of "Dreamgirls". It was very well supported and we look forward to the next showing on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, which is something for the younger viewers, "Bridge to Terabithia".

The Myton Support Group has, over the year, raised more than £3500 for the Hospice. Their final event for the year on December 15<sup>th</sup> is a concert of advent and Christmas music to be held in the church.

Ladbroke are holding a Christmas Party on 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Village Hall, 8.00pm till late.

We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. Consult the diary for changes in refuse collections over the holiday period.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Audrey Lawson.

# **Harbury Diary**

#### DECEMBER

Sat	1	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary
Sun	2	Christmas Fayre 2.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	2	ADVENT
		Sung Eucharist 9.00am
		First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
		Evening Worship 6.00pm
Tues	4	Youth Drop-in in Village Hall 7.00 - 8.30pm
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Wed	5	Holy Communion 2.00pm
		Mothers Union 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
		Toddler Group Christmas Party in Village Hall
		"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm

Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 4.00pm
		Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
		Folk Club at Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
Fri	7	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat	8	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St James
out	•	Ministry
		Senior Citizens Christmas Party in Village Hall
Sun	9	ADVENT II
Jun	3	Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Mon	10	School Carol Service 7.00pm in Church
Tues	11	Toddler Service 2.00pm in Church
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Thurs	40	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Thurs	13	Holy Communion 9.45am
0	10	W.17.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Sat	15	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
		Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Youth Project
		Moving Pictures 'Bridge to Terabithia' 4.30pm in Village Hall
		ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
		5.30PM
		Warwickshire Singers Concert 7.30pm in Church
Sun	16	ADVENT III
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Evensong 6.00pm
Tues	18	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		N.B NO Mothers' Union meeting today
Wed	19	"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
Thurs	20	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	21	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat	22	Free Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Sun	23	ADVENT IV
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Mon	24	CHRISTMAS EVE
		Dressing of the Crib 2.30pm
		Carol Service 6.30pm
		Midnight Mass 11.15pm
Tues	25	CHRISTMAS DAY
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28	NO REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY HOLY INNOCENTS
-	Holy Communion 10.30am
29	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Inner Wheel
	New Year Dance in Village Hall
30	FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
	Holy Communion 8.00am
	Sung Eucharist 10.30am
31	NEW YEARS EVE
	REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY
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#### JANUARY 2008

Tues	1	NEW YEARS DAY
		Holy Communion 7.30am
Wed	2	Mothers' Union New Year Party 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	3	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Fri	4	NO RECYCLING
Sat	5	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Church
Sun	6	EPIPHANY
		Sung Eucharist 9.00am
		First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
		Evening Worship 6.00pm
Mon	7	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

#### From the Registers

#### Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

October 20 Lindsay Cameron Gough to Kyla-Jayne Taylor

### Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

October 20 Reuben James Taylor

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

November 21 Audrey Lawson (73)

#### From the Churchwardens

**Tony & Fliss** 

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The Remembrance Sunday Service was, as usual, very well attended by all age groups. In a moving sermon. we were reminded of the extreme vouth of so many of those who gave up their lives and are still giving up their lives in the service of their country, and so to the relevance of this day to the youth of the country as well as to those who have

The Family Communion Service presentation, led by John Stringer, took as its theme "Jesus sets us

past wars.

memories of the pity and horror of

free". Helped by the children and young people, especially Millie, John reminded us of the crippling effects of sin and joy of Jesus' gift of release from our self-made chains. Thank you for a powerful message.

STOP PRESS: a date for your diary: Saturday, 15th December at 7.30pm in All Saints' Harbury.

A concert of Advent and Christmas music and readings given by the Warwickshire Singers, conducted by Paul Sudlow. Proceeds to Myton Hospice. Wine and mince pies in the interval!

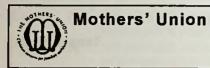
Please come along and join us for what we're sure, from past experience, will be a very enjoyable evening.



Alison Abbott

As New Year makes us think about making resolutions, at First Light we shall be looking at priorities in our lives. This short informal service for all the family will be on Sunday 6th January at 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December First Light will be about the gift of Christmas.



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**Gillian Hare** 

We have had two encouraging talks this month. In the afternoon, Mrs Sheila Leach gave "A Happy Talk". Using the letters of the word 'happy', she listed all the things that gave us pleasure – and what a lot there are. The evening speaker was Mrs Cynthia Griffin; at one time her mother was the licensee at The Great Western. Her story was not so happy – several unhappy experiences and health problems resulted in long term depression. But faith and prayer have brought her through – she described it as 'a phone call to God'.

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Communion 2.00pm. Meeting at 2.30pm will be advent readings and songs.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3.00pm, New Year Party.

Lorna will be pleased to receive next year's subscription of £13.50. Cheques should be payable to The Mothers' Union.

### Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

The Old Testament story of David and Goliath was the theme of our service in November. Mrs Gill Guilford kindly led the presentation and all the children and adults were involved in play-acting the story, some of us being on the side of the Israelites and some on the side of the Philistines.

A tall boy offered to be Goliath and he was given a silver coloured helmet, a pretend sword and shield, and stood on a stool to make him look even taller! One brave little boy offered to be the shepherd boy David, and a very brave David he was! Like soldiers, we marched



round the church singing 'One More Stop along the Way I Go', and did the action song 'My God is big so Strong and So Mighty'. We made 'giant' men from plasticine, had our refreshments and a playtime before it was time to go home.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in the church. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult, are very welcome to join us.

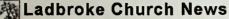
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#### DECEMBER

Sun	2	ADVENT
		Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments
Mon	3	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	4	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
		Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	8	Christmas Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	9	ADVENTI
		Holy Communion 9.00am
Mon	10	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	11	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
		Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	16	ADVENT III
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- Tues 1 NEW YEARS DAY
- Sun 6 EPIPHANY

Christingle Service 10.30am with Family Communion





The build up to Christmas has begun, as I write the 'Church personnel' are madly preparing for our Christmas Fayre – what have we forgotten? – who is doing what? And all the while praying for reasonable weather and a good crowd – let you know in 2008!

The church Christmas cards with all the times of services over Christmas will soon be with you.

Don't forget on Christmas Eve the Crib Service is at 3.00pm. Our Christmas Morning Service is at 9.00am. Reverend David Tilly will be taking the Crib Service, he is great fun for the children.

The Christingle Service is on January 5<sup>th</sup> when the Light of Christ will be shining from the oranges. This is at 10.30am with the Family Communion and refreshments.

A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all.



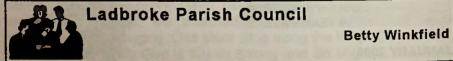
#### Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Christine Baker

Ros Belcher, Federation Advisor attended our Annual Meeting, where procedures seem to flow quite smoothly. Lesley Jeffries was unanimously re-elected President. Sue Halsall resigned and Kay Constable joined the Committee. All other Committee members remained the same.

Following the Annual Meeting, Ann Perkins from Southam did three wonderful flower arrangements with a Christmas Theme assuring us all that we could easily do the same at our own tables at Christmas!

Jan provided cheese and wine for us to enjoy and the raffle was won by Joyce, Carol, Jan and Collette.



Public Participation – An accident at the turning from Deppers Bridge when a vehicle was forced to avoid an oncoming bus coming towards Ladbroke was reported. Much concern was expressed about large vehicles using that route to avoid using Deppers Bridge. There were several reports of near misses.

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Police Report – P.C Anita Reading reported a 'shake-up' of policing in the Southam area. There is to be a five-shift system for the police and two extra policemen/women.

There have been reports of quad bike thefts in the area and a caravan stolen from a drive in Harbury. P.C Reading was asked about speed checks on the by-pass. She thought that the main concern was monitoring 'black spot' areas. She would pass our concerns on.

The Ladbroke Website – The chairman attended a website demonstration in Stratford. Kip Warr has offered to host the website and has been looking into our options. The Council were keen to say that the website would be a Ladbroke community facility, not just for the Parish Council. We have a £5000 grant which will pay for setting the site up and maintaining it for five years.

Ragwort - on the by-pass verges has been sprayed.

The Tree Planting Scheme – is really ongoing. Other schemes are continually being put forward.

Flooding – The councillors met with Dave Tyley and many areas were inspected. Drains on Banbury Road are silted up as is the brook beyond the Macklin Bridge in Farm Yard field. People affected by the flooding are to be kept in touch with what the District and County Councils are doing. The village needs an emergency contingency plan for flood and other likely emergencies.

Neighbourhood Watch – our new co-ordinator is David Halsall of Hedges Close. Thanks were expressed to Janice Berry for her conscientious work for the neighbourhood watch for several years now. It was emphasised that we must keep vigilant and report anything we suspect is illegal or criminal.

The Village Hall - the report on their AGM in the next issue.

**Millennium Green** – The trustees are applying for a grant to the District Council to update the equipment in the children's play area.

The council's newsletter will be produced at 'newsworthy times' – they were encouraged by the email address response.

**District Councillors Report** – All change in our refuse collection and recycling. August 2008, black sacks will disappear and we shall have wheelie bins, green composting bins, which will include food waste. Bins for recyclable waste in one bin which will also include cardboard. A bin also for rubbish. The collections will alternate weekly – some one week then some another. There is to be two new handling plants. We were assured it will work!

The precept was discussed; the council will meet to discuss this at another time. The street lighting cost has risen by £6 for each light.

The Parish Plan – this cannot be finalised until we have put forward a Housing Survey. The main concern is low-cost housing, what is needed in Ladbroke? It is not for people from other areas, it must be needed by the Ladbroke community i.e. first time buyers.

The meeting closed at 11.00pm.

Next meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm.



#### Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Berry

### 19/11/07 Bogus Council Callers

#### Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service are warning residents to be on their guard against unexpected telephone calls from someone falsely claiming to be from Warwickshire County Council.

Trading Standards Officers have received several complaints from residents who have received such calls. In some cases the caller, after claiming to be phoning from 'Warwickshire County Council' or 'Warwick Council' for research purposes, has asked the resident how old they are and whether they live alone.

Some residents have reported being phoned four or five times. When challenged, or asked which department or service they represent the caller then hangs up.

Trading Standards Officers believe the phone calls may be marketing related but advise householders to be cautious and to follow their advice.

Advice on dealing with unexpected callers:

Don't provide any personal or financial information to callers you don't know and trust.

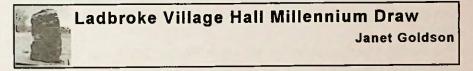
Challenge caller's claims – ask for their name and their company name and if you wish to speak to them, phone them back via a publicly listed telephone number.

If you don't wish to speak to them, put the phone down.

To reduce the number of unwanted telephone sales calls you receive register with the Telephone Preference Service on 0845 070 0707.

If the caller is persistent, seek advice from your phone provider (e.g. BT).

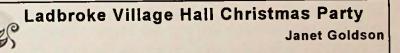
If you are receiving abusive, threatening or obscene calls, malicious or otherwise distressing to you, then report them to the police.



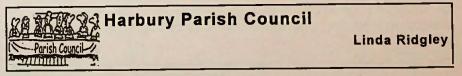
The results of the draw for September 2007 were:

- £70 Ken Whiteley
- £25 Colin & Kay Constable
- £25 Marie Kennedy
- £10 Sheena Healey
- £10 Elaine Taylor
- £10 TK & ED Surgey
- £10 John Lowman
- £10 Pam Collins





The Village Hall Committee invites you to our Christmas Party on Friday 21st December. Food, drinks, music and dancing – 8pm 'til late. Tickets £8 from members of the committee or phone 817733.



Official minutes can be viewed in the Library on the Parish Council website www.harbury-parish.co.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk

Councillors spent a quarter of an hour agonising over who to co-opt to fill the vacant places. Eventually Alan Knowles and Alison Baldwin were selected and the remaining candidates were urged to put themselves forward in May when the electorate would decide who sits on the Council. David Martin from Deppers Bridge was present to express dissatisfaction at County's responses to the consequences of the HGV ban on the Railway Bridge. He thought the bus problem could be solved by the County buying a smaller bus for the 64 route, but it was pointed out that Stagecoach runs the service. It was agreed that the signage should be improved and Ron Grey announced that the County was trying to get an exemption for the buses so that they could use the bridge.

The Parish Council wants to set up a Parish Office and asked the Village Hall how much they would charge for this facility. Having taken professional advice the Hall wants £2,000. Tony Mancell thought that because the Charity ran the Hall for the benefit of the community it should give the Parish Council a discount rate.

County and District Councillors reported that parking in the High Street was causing the residents problems. Pot holes and storm drains needed attention – the County claims to have jetted them. They advised anyone who wanted to report an incident to ring 999 as one lady had waited over an hour to contact the police and get an incident number.

Cllr Bob Stevens explained the pilot for Locality Committees where PCs would have an advisory role. The Quarries Masterplan has been recommended for adoption by SDC. WCC will determine the Ufton Tip application and comments and objections were encouraged.

**PLANNING** - Stratford granted extensions at 4 Fox Close, 24 Farm Street and West End Cottage on Mill Street and Treework on the Yew at the Stone House in Mill Street.

Follets were granted at appeal the right to commence development before the ghost island was constructed, but the development cannot be occupied until the island is completed. The appeal on the watersports building and the twenty one fishing lodges is still to be heard.

The Parish made no recommendation on the porch at 1 High St, the demolition and rebuilding of the stable block behind 8 Chapel St, and the erection of an agricultural building at Stapenhall Farm. They were concerned that the plans for 6 Dickens Road would not provide adequate parking.

The Chairman refused to utter the B-word but the Clerk obliged. She has got quotes for Bollards and the Cllrs agreed to fund the purchase and installation of these devices to prevent cars being driven on to the Playing Fields.

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Michael Jeromy is a Master Filter with the National Institute of Carpet Filters with 30 years expension The Properties Committee will advise on the issue of whether CCTV is needed or wanted at the Fields and if it would solve the nuisance youths and incontinent dogs.

There was discussion about lamps not being bright enough and whether the County's maintenance quote (up 45%) was reasonable. The Clerk will get alternative quotations.

There will be no planting of "spring bulbs" this year – the Council has left it too late. They committed themselves to having it done next year. The Clerk did inform them that native species were available.

Tony Mancell is investigating the development of a Parish website. He was appalled that SDC want to charge Harbury £631 for a contested election and an additional sum of £555 for Deppers Bridge.

The Council having checked they were empowered to do so will donate £75 to the Firefighters Fund for the families of those killed at Atherstone on Stour. They make a similar donation annually to the British Legion.

They agreed a sum of up to £200 towards the Christmas lights in the village centre.



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#### **Councillor's Corner**

**Andrew Patrick** 

My apologies for not putting advance notice of this Councillors' Corner into Harbury News. Nonetheless, we were well represented and as usual you gave us lots to think about.

Here's what you said, and what is going to be done about it.

1. There's concern that **Birse** have failed to make good the pavement at the field entrance in Hall Lane, after the work they did maintaining the railway embankment – despite repeated requests and reminders from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will try again to get Birse to finish the work they're responsible for.

Also in **Hall Lane**, there's still concern about the overshadowed street lighting.

The light nearest to the Club has recently been cleaned, and is brighter as a result.

The Parish Council will investigate the possibility of cutting back the tree growth round one of the other lights.

3. It's agreed that the recent three new dog bins could have been better placed.

The ones in Vicarage Lane and Bullring Farm Road have been moved to better positions, and so will the one by the Surgery.

4. **Parking** in the High Street can be very difficult for the people who live there.

We're going to talk to the Co-op and the Chemists, to see if a solution can be found.

- 5. Still on the subject of the Co-op, one resident complained to them about the untidiness of the pavement. And the Co-op have responded by tidying it up. Thank you, Heart of England! Which proves it can pay to make your voice heard. Sometimes people do listen!
- 6. We had complaints about the storm drains, and about **potholes** in Farm Street at the junction with Sutcliffe Drive.

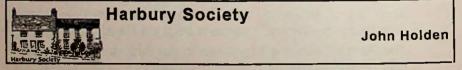
These will go on to the Clerk's list, for the attention of Gez Romano at WCC Highways.

7. And on the matter of reporting an incident to the Police, one resident commented on how long it took to report a recent incident and get a Crime Number. Our advice always is:-

If you're reporting an incident, don't use the local number but always dial 999.

Until our next Councillors' Corner, if there's anything you want to talk to us about, please use the contact details below.

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Alan Winterburn was the speaker at our last meeting and he gave us on a talk on little known Warwickshire, providing many facts and interesting anecdotes on places in the county. A few of them which I was able to note down during a fast running slide show were.

The Tipperary Inn near to Balsall Common so named because about 100 years ago the song – 'A long way to Tipperary' was written there.

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The Simple Simon pub on the Emscote Road in Warwick got its name due to the Fleur de Lys pie factory being along the road and of course Simple Simon met a pie man! The Black Dog in Southam takes its name from Piers Gaveston a local member of the gentry who was given the nickname 'The Black Dog of Arden' by Edward I.

Continuing the royal connection, Kings Lane in Snitterfield so named because Charles II passed down this lane on his escape from London. He then went on to stay at a house in Long Marston. As the king was in disguise he was put to work in the kitchens. As he had never cooked a meal in his life he did not know what to do. The cook assumed he was just being lazy and went on to hit him with a rolling pin and sent him out of the kitchens. History does not record whether the cook ever knew who she had set about.

Henry Tandy was the most decorated soldier to serve in the First World War, obtaining all of his medals for action in the last six weeks of the war. Before the war he worked at the Regent Hotel in Learnington and until recently there was a display there about him, he gives his name to Henry Tandy Court in Milverton. The former Manor House Hotel in Learnington was where the first lawn tennis club in the country was founded in 1872, several years before Wimbledon.

The Masonic Rooms in Warwick still displays a good example of the effects of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Window Tax. This tax was levied on properties with more than 7 windows so many owners bricked up windows to escape the tax, this gave rise to the saying – daylight robbery.

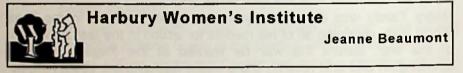
All of the conspirators involved in the Gunpowder plot with the exception of Guy Fawkes who was a Yorkshire man came from within 30 miles of Warwick. The houses at Ashby S<sup>t</sup>Ledger where the plot was hatched and at Coughton Court where the conspirator's families waited for news of the plot are well worth a visit.

Berkswell has a surviving set of stocks on display with five holes for the limbs – what filled the fifth hole one can only imagine! Coleshill still has a Pillary a more gruesome form of punishment, the felon being secured by their neck and arms. Man traps and spring guns were methods used in the past to deter poachers. The spring gun was triggered by a trip wire and gives rise to the expression – shot oneself in the foot.

In Oxhill churchyard there is a grave to a negro slave who died in 1705, it was unusual to find slaves in this country particularly away from the large cities or ports. Binton church has a display in memory of Captain Scott, the connection being that his wife's sister was married to the vicar there. The Scott's were great friends of J M Barrie and they named their son after Peter Pan. Peter Scott went on to found the wildfowl centre at Slimbridge.

At Charlecote, William Shakespeare was no friend of Thomas Lucy the local magistrate following his poaching escapades. The coat of arms for the Lucy Family is three fish and in the Merry Wives of Windsor, Shakespeare based Mr Justice Shallow on Thomas Lucy even giving him a shield with the emblem of three fish.

Our next event will be a Burns night supper in January, more details next month.



It was our AGM and Pam Parton has retired from being President. She has worked very hard during her term of office also introducing new members. She has had a good committee although not full strength. However the new committee are full strength and will support our new President, Ann Mayer. It has been a full year of activity and hope 2008 will be as eventful. Anne Beaty from Federation officiated at the voting.

Our thanks to Lin Hayes and her team for organising the recent Sausage and Mash Lunch in the Tom Hauley room, which was a great success.

Ann Mayer got her certificate for taking a First Aid course at Federation House, so we will be in safe hands should we need attention (heaven forbid).

Pam and helpers packed thirty Christmas Child boxes which were sent on their way recently.

The Carol Service is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at Napton Church and lifts have been organised.

Please note the pantomime date has been altered to 2<sup>nd</sup> January with travel by coach. Times will be given at the next meeting.

Mary Thompson gave a first class report on the Autumn Council Meeting at the Spa Centre. She said Ann Widdecombe as the speaker was good and amusing too. Janet, Chris and Marion's New Member Pack that came second will be useful for showing to new members.

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We have had contact with Guernsey W.I for many years and four members accepted the Guernsey Federation's invitation to visit them in September. They joined W.I's from other parts of the country to a marvellous five days of reception and tour of the lovely island. They told us of the super hotel, beautiful gardens, visit to the castle and Victor Hugo's strange house, Tapestry and the war museum to name but a few of their experiences. Guernsey had a hard time during the Second World War with harassing stories told. Food was so scarce and there was cruelty. The German soldiers were starving too and terrified of being sent to the Russian Front. Meeting the Guernsey members was great especially after corresponding for years and their welcome was fantastic. There were photos and information on show which made one feel that their experiences should have taken up a whole meeting.

Members must remember their bran tub present valued at £3 for the next meeting.

December speaker: John Clewes - R.S.P.B

Seasons greetings to all readers.



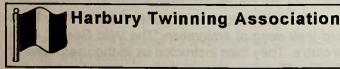
lan Hartland

The theme of the folk club for November was "Songs of Travel and Migration", and a full room of audience and performers stuck enthusiastically to the theme all night.

The Harvesters started the night off with "The Southern Cross", a song about transportation to Australia. Next up were Summer and her daughter Jenny who sang the plaintive "Green Fields of Canada" and then exhorted us to raise the dead of wintertime. Pete and Liz were next to the floor and their song of emigration "The Wild Geese" is an old favourite of the club's. They then instructed us in the useful skill of "Messing About On The River", a song that deserves more folk club outings. Dan and Susie, Danasooz, took us further afield to the Banks of the Nile and then brought us back to England and a miners' song. Peter Mac, looking much recovered, sang "Albion Heart" and then a favourite Dougie MacLean song about a group of Scottish emigrants journeying first to Newfoundland and thence to Waipoo in New Zealand. The first half was brought to a close by the rarely seen Double Up, singing a lovely song by John Warner from Australia: "Anderson's Coast". After a brief refuelling interval at the bar, the second half kicked off with a quick instrumental from Sue on her banjo, "Cumberland Gap". Rick sang about when a man's in love and then sang a song about chasing the buffalo. He must be fitter than we thought! A welcome appearance from Dave Fry brought us "The City of New Orleans" and "Sail Away", which had us all singing. Janny and Maureen were on great form too, and sang about a Big Green Credit Machine, and were then joined by Sue and Ian on the Carter Family's "I'll Fly Away". Stuart sang about the reason and followed that with a song "The Wild Geese Are Flying", which suggested a fowl theme, was starting to develop. Peter Mason followed with a Ralph McTell song, "The Setting" and added "Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears", a song about Ellis Island in New York. Will and Dan finished the half in rousing style on harmonica and guitar, playing some nifty tunes and demonstrating virtuosity beyond their years.

The third half was by necessity a short one as the night was moving on apace. Des berated those who sell bad beer to sailors and then sang the classic song "The Band Played Waltzing Matilda". Ron never disappoints with his choice of material and he had us "Bound Down to Newfoundland" before coming a little closer to home with "The Cruise of The Calabah". The night was brought to a resounding end by Keith Donnelly with a couple of nicely crafted self-penned songs interspersed with some hilarious anecdotes.

The now obligatory folk club raffle raised £32.00 for Myton Hospice, and the next club with be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December when Doug and Janny will host with the theme of "Winter Festivals and Feasts." As ever, admission is free to a show that anywhere else audiences would pay good money to see.



Moira Lamont

On November 16<sup>th</sup> we held our AGM followed by a Beaujolais evening. The Association has had a very good year with a wide variety of social events, which have been well supported by its members.

In May we were hosts to our French families and the weekend was voted the best yet, by the French friends. The committee remains the same for the next year and they would welcome new members to the Association. The AGM was followed by a very enjoyable Beaujolais evening with bread and cheese and a very French quiz, devised by John Stringer.

Our next events are:

1) Christmas Party — Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Please let Sally Stringer know if you are coming and the type of food you are bringing.

2) Fete des Rois — Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>. This evening will be held at Moira and Peter Rollasons.

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#### Harbury Junior's Football

Training has commenced with the Under 7's once again this season and sessions are being undertaken by CRB Certified and FA Qualified Coaches between 0900 hrs - 1000hrs every Saturday morning at Harbury School. Anyone who is interested in attending and helping please do not hesitate to contact the coaching and management staff (Contact details below.)

This age group is perhaps the most important to Harbury Juniors as it is the life blood of the Football Club. The aim this season is to continue to build the confidence of the children so that they are comfortable on the ball and start to play as a team so that we can potentially undertake some friendly matches against other clubs later on in the season.

Currently, we have a group of individuals who are rapidly developing into very good players and it is evident already that certain players are fulfilling certain roles and dominating play on the football pitch.

While the children at this age group do not play competitive football, a weekly trophy is given to the child who we believe have behaved well and showed signs of improvement and progression. Leoni Reid, Tim Baldwin, Finn Brown, Rosie Hill, Alex Green and Harry Woodhead have all won the trophy so far this season.

Leoni is becoming a very skilful player and is extremely quick where as Tim is not only quick, but also skilful and can kick with both feet. Furthermore, he is a very, very competitive and ferocious defender. Harry Wood and Riley Birch are budding centre forwards both have a fierce rocket shots. We have also seen massive development in Adam over the last season. Adam is an attentive and determined player who gets stuck in at every opportunity. He tries very hard, always competes and is a real team player. He is a joy to coach and is turning into a good player.

Alex Green is a naturally gifted footballer who is an obvious midfield general. He is competitive, strong and aggressive and has potential (along with several other children) to play at a very high standard of football.

Rosie Hill is a solid defender again who will tackle anything along with her partners in crime Peter, Chloe and Gwyneth who are all developing into good players. Dominic 'The Cat' Priest is a very gifted goalkeeper who is athletic and afraid of no one. He thinks nothing of throwing himself in the way of one of Harry's rocket shots or at the feet of any advancing attacker. Finn Brown also is a solid and consistent player who is a very skilful and tenacious.

We believe that this is a great opportunity and experience to join a club at such a young age and after only a few months we can see huge potential for a number of the children in the team.

Thank you once again for the continued support of the children and coaching staff. Should you wish your child to attend or want to assist please do not hesitate to contact Steve Burnell or Mike Jones

#### Steve Burnell

#### U11's v Alveston

Harbury finally defeated their nemesis having never beaten Alveston in previous matches. However, with Alveston taking an early 2-1 lead they seemed to be continuing their winning run: but once Harbury scored an equaliser, their confidence increased with an ever improving game of passing and running into space to gain control of the match and earn a well deserved 5-3 victory.

William Apted was man of the match with a hat trick, Jacob Tanner scored a well taken goal and made another for Michael Moss who had an inspired game in defence along with Ted Easton whose confidence continues to grow. William Rea had an excellent game in goal making some fine saves. This team is progressing well as a unit and should have a successful season.

#### **Malcolm Tanner**

#### U12's/13's

#### Harbury 3 - 1 Azad Hill

Harbury faced tough opposition and had to be at their strongest in a very evenly fought match. Harbury took the lead with a header form Ryan Jones that will be one of the goals of the season. Harbury

scored a good second goal through Luke Wheeler just before half time. Azad Hill got one back in the second half and it remained 2-1 till near the final whistle. As Azad Hill pushed for the equaliser Harbury got a break away goal from Mark Swann in stoppage time to seal the victory.

#### Harbury 10 - 0 Alveston

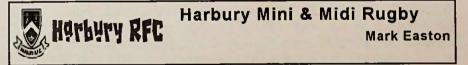
Harbury gave their best performance of the season so far and were impressive in all areas. The defence were strong and the midfield, notably Mark Swann and Ryan Jones, were determined to win the ball. Taylor Swydrik and George Hendry were both in fine form up front scoring 4 goals each. Harbury were just 2-0 up at half-time but in the second half were on form and proved to be too strong for Alveston. Luke Wheeler and Mark Swann, picked up the other two goals.

#### Neil Murray/Andy Dickson

#### News

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December is the last training session before Christmas so we will make it a bit of a Christmas do with mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and, of course, a raffle! Footballers will be given raffle tickets to take home with a newsletter so please sell as many as you can and return all money and stubs to your coach. Any donations of prizes and mince pies/cakes for Sat 15<sup>th</sup> will be gratefully received! Please see Lynda Murray/Bobbie Sharpe. Also this will be a chance to collect lost property before it goes to a charity shop!

The club wishes everyone a very happy Christmas!



Harbury Three Way Fixture Against Rugby St. Andrews and Claverdon November 4<sup>th</sup> 2007

#### Under 7's

Unfortunately lost their first game of the season. 25–10 to Rugby St. Andrews their tries scored by Tim Baldwin and Katie Lewis.

In the second game they came back strongly against Claverdon winning 25-20 with try scorers being Chloe, Caelock, Dominic, Tim Baldwin and Hughie Cave.

#### Under 8's

Continued their 100% record this season, narrowly beating Rugby St. Andrews and Claverdon.

Against Rugby St. Adam Jackson and Jamie Head defended well and Jamie also scored 2 tries, Jim Owen and Tiernan Welland also scored twice, Ryan and Beth Mancell were the other scorers and Harbury won 40–35.

Second game against Claverdon, Jim Owen scored 4 good tries with two more for Tiernan Welland and 1 for Jamie Head as Harbury won 35-30.

#### Under 9's

Lost their first encounter with Rugby St. Andrews 25-15. Harbury try scorers were Saul x2 and Joe Hunt.

Second game Harbury were dominant and won 25-5 thanks to tries from James and Nicholas scoring twice and a further one from Joe Hunt.

#### Under 10's

Made an excellent start Sam Tutt scored in the first minute, Harry White soon added the next. Harbury's tackling was awesome and did well to keep Rugby St. Andrews out.

Second half Alex Marston and Ben Giles set up Henry Steele for Harbury's third try and ran out winners 15-0.

In the second match St. Andrews were the better side before Harbury eventually rallied, Henry Mancell setting up Henry Steele for a try, Harbury lost 15 - 5.

#### Under 11's

Harbury were dominant with a good team display earning them a 40-7 victory over Rugby St. Andrews. William Winchester put in a fine performance as full back scoring the first try and kicking 5 out of 6 conversions, Harbury forwards won scrums against the head and Finn Toner ripped ball in the rucks to set up Man of the Match Bradley King for 3 of his 4 tries, other Harbury try scorer was hooker Aaron Ward who powered over in the corner, all the Harbury lads put in big tackles a much improved team performance. Well done to Michael Moss and Russell Brooks for agreeing to play for the opposition.

#### Under 12's

Were well beaten by Rugby St. Andrews 35-5 Harbury's consolation try was scored by Ellie Justice.

Second game against Claverdon was a superb defensive display by Harbury earned them a 7-7 draw. Claverdon were held up on the Harbury line on a number of occasions. Harbury's try scorer was promising new boy Jamie Noon.



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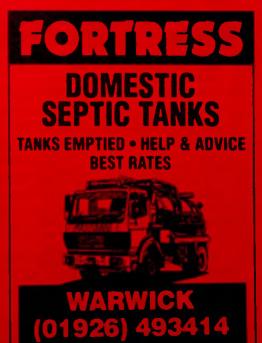
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#### Fixture Harbury v Daventry – 18th November 2007

In the bitterly cold and wet conditions ball handling was difficult for all the players as Harbury hosted Daventry.

#### Under 7's

Only played one game losing 25–20. Katie and Tim Baldwin tagged well, Dominic scored 2 tries, Peter and Finn Brown one each.

#### Under 8's

Lost their first fixture 20-15. The try scorers were Jamie Head, Sam Clifton and Ryan.

In the second encounter Jim and Tiernan tagged well as Harbury drew 20 each. Try scorers were Tiernan Welland, Chloe, Jim Owen and Jamie Head.

#### Under 9's

Were beaten 35–15 in their first game but came back in the second to win 20-15 with Sam Britton getting the winning try.

#### Under 10's

Totally out played Daventry in their first game winning 35-5. Henry Steele was excellent scoring 4 tries. Ben Taylor and Sam Tutt were the other scorers.

In the second game Harbury lost narrowly 15-10 with Ben Steele getting both Harbury scores.

#### Under 11's

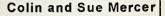
Managed an emphatic victory 35-12. Playing uphill in the first half Harbury led narrowly 14-12 two tries scored by Bradley King and Finn Toner both converted by William Winchester. Pick of the tries was Russell Brooks who ran through the whole Daventry defence to score. Sam Cave was excellent in the forwards and Man of the Match Callum Panton ran straight and tackled well in the backs. William Winchester scored two late tries for Harbury and converted every try. George White and Robert Rollason put in good performance in the pack.

#### Under 12's

Had a great game running out winners 47-29. Kieran Evans scoring 4 of Harbury's 7 tries with Ralph Henry getting 2 and James Barker-Wall scoring the other and converting 6 of the 7 tries.



#### Harbury Tennis Club



The Club has a new men's singles champion! Geoff Prince, winner for the last 3 years and very promising 15 year old Jonathan Guy had qualified through the round robin phase and met in the best of 3 sets final. Jonathan has played several matches for the Club's senior teams and was on top form taking the title in two fiercely contested sets.

In the Banbury League the "A" team won their only match in November handsomely, with Gill Thorpe, Angie Dean, Geoff Prince and Andrew Rendell thrashing Middleton Cheney 8-0. Gill and Angie blew their opponents off court without dropping a game and the other 3 rubbers were also very comfortable.



The "B" team comprising Cindy Sabin, Sue Mercer, Jonathan Guy and Colin Mercer suffered a 2-6 home defeat against a strong Tysoe "A" team but made the visitors work hard for their win. Jonathan was the most successful of the home players halving both his matches, first with Colin then with Cindy. Unfortunately Harbury were second best in the other matches! However, their fortunes turned on the artificial grass at Hook Norton and they chalked up the first win of the season. Colin and Sue were joined by Caroline Morland and Steve Stark. In the men's doubles Harbury looked to be heading for an easy win at 5-2 up in the second set after winning the first but had a scare as the home side fought back to force a tie break. Steve and Colin managed to regain control to take the set. Sue and Caroline halved their match which left Harbury needing 2 of the remaining 4 mixed double sets to win the match. All 4 were closely contested with 2 going to tiebreaks. Caroline and Steve were narrowly beaten but Sue and Colin won both sets to secure the win

In the floodlit league match against Buckingham Caroline and Cindy with Keith Thompson and Bill Hathaway fought out an excellent 4-4

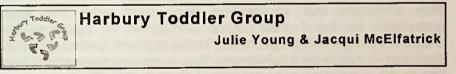
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draw at home. All 4 rubbers were drawn but it looked bleak when the visitors took the first set in both mixed doubles, but Harbury proved their resilience by winning the next 2!

In the Stratford league the men's doubles also drew their only match of the month at Claverdon on one of the many sunny late autumn Sundays!

In the Juniors the Orange Girls team (8 and 9 year olds) are having a tremendous season in the Warwickshire League, particularly in the doubles. Elle Scothern played with Dulcie Bushill and had excellent wins against Alcester and Studley followed by another success against Shipston. For this match Dulcie played with Alisha Long clinching their win in the doubles.

The Club welcomes players of all standards, for more details contact me on 613284.



Well, with October barely finished our little toddler friends have hardly had chance to draw breath this month - so much to see, do and experience. Trick or Treating and Halloween, Bonfire Night, photographs and now, with Christmas on its way, the preparations have already started and we are excited, excited, excited...

This month the children enjoyed decorating 'scary' Halloween biscuits before sitting down to eat them with their friends at snack time-quite definitely their favourite part of the day!

Bonfire Night was spent in a flurry of excitement with the children given the chance to develop their artistic skills using tissue paper, crayons and glitter to produce some truly fabulous firework pictures,

The week after we were lucky enough to have a visit from 'Judy Hartland' who took some lovely photographs of our children. What Grandparent could resist!



Most recently our Toddlers had a wonderful time decorating pottery plates, mugs, decorations and even their own hands! Here are a few photographs to show the concentration applied by the children and their mum's - very important business creating that perfect Christmas gift!

The mild Autumn weather has seen the children having lots of outdoor

fun - the climbing frames and ride on toys are always popular but the chance to kick about in the leaves has added a little extra excitementand given the children chance to get a little more fresh air.

Is it any wonder one of our younger members needed a quick 40 winks before home-time!



#### **Thanks**

With Christmas fast approaching much hard work has been undertaken by the Toddler Group Committee in organizing our Christmas Party-the highlight of our Toddlers Social Calendar! Many thanks to all that make this happen - from organizing present and food lists to the purchasing and wrapping of 'Santa' gifts. The list goes on but special thanks must go to Santa Claus himself and also to the residents of Frances Road for kindly loaning us their Christmas lightsthey really did help to create a very special grotto for Santa last year.

A big thank you also to Dan and Julie Killian (Victorian St Fayre Committee) who awarded us 1<sup>st</sup> prize for Best Dressed Stall. How proud were we! Also to all the people who supported us on the night and helped fund our toddler activities.

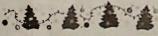
#### **Dates for Diary**

Toddler Christmas Party - Weds 5th Dec 11.30am-2.30pm Village Hall

Toddler Social - Shakespeare - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm onwards.

Toddlers Coffee Morning - Tom Hauley Room Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

Please remember that Toddler Group sessions are held every Monday morning 10 - 11.30am and Weds afternoon1.30 - 3pm. With exciting activities and the opportunity to play alongside friends for the toddlers it gives you the chance to meet other parents and carers and enjoy a well earned cuppal Please feel free to come and join us - you really will be most welcome.



# Harbury Pre-School

#### Staff & Committee

After the half-term break, the children bounded back to Pre-School with lots of energy and enthusiasm. In the first week, we went on our Autumn Walk, which led us to The Pound, where the children searched for conkers and had a great time playing in the fallen leaves – Laura-Lydia: "I was being a butterfly in the leaves". From there, we went into the Spinney, collecting all



sorts of natural materials along the way. All the children then made bark rubbings on the tree trunks and were fascinated by Lesley's listening spheres through which some could hear the wind, others a train and Katie could hear the "rustly trees". We are very grateful to Hilary Scott, Helen Cooper, Kate Wilson and Cathy Gibb who accompanied us along with mums Lisa and Julie.



On their return to Pre-School, the children enjoyed making collages from the materials they had collected and produced some beautiful leaf rubbings.

A woodland area was made in one corner of Pre-School and this was equipped with logs, leaves, an assortment of soft toy woodland animals and autumnal books.

Autumn pictures briefly gave way to bonfire night, when the children talked

about what they had seen and experienced on bonfire night - Amber-Qway: "I liked the fireworks but I cried at the end because all the banging and crashing makes me cry". They produced some fabulous firework pictures on black paper with paint splatters, glue and glitter – Harry: "My firework picture is exploding and the stars are twinkly. Some people are watching". The autumn theme returned with the story of Hodge the Hedgehog and the children had a wonderful time making clay models of Hodge, as well as assorted woodland creepy crawlies, rockets, and even boats!

#### ICT came to the fore when the children practised using the washing machine and iron in our "wash day" role play area, while the outdoor play area housed the telephone box. This, linked with the walkie-talkies and mobile phones all helped to connect to the fire engine which was always on call.

Finally, we talked about healthy eating, particularly fruit and vegetables. The children demonstrated their knowledge of a



wide variety of healthy products and then put this into practice by making their own "pizzas". Halved muffins were loaded with their choice of tomato, sweetcorn, assorted sweet peppers, mushrooms



The Fire Engine out on an emergency

and cheese and then baked in the oven for a tasty snack.

Fundraising - The Craft Fayre held on 10<sup>th</sup> November enabled us to raise £169 as Pre-School and Windmills prepared and served food all day. Many thanks to all our mums for their contributions and help. The Virgin Vie evening held on 16<sup>th</sup> November was also a lot of fun and another £147 was raised for Pre-School.

Date for the diary - Pre-School are hosting a Children's Christmas Disco on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Hall from

3-5pm. Tickets priced £4 are available from Lisa on 614744 and include food, party games and a surprise visitor! All pre-school aged children and their siblings are welcome.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386.





#### Nursery School Staff & Committee

This half term we have discussed bonfire celebrations and Diwali and are now starting our preparations for Christmas. Here's a selection of photos showing the children enjoying a variety of activities.



Investigating and exploring how a typewriter works. "Which one shall I press"? - Leyton "E for Eleanor, its just there" -Eleanor.

Our new light box has proved to be a valuable asset providing another tool to improve the children's ICT skills and at the same time extend all areas of the children's learning. The



photo shows Erin creating her own pattern with the translucent



shapes.

The children enjoyed helping us unpack and assemble our storage units.

Gethan exploring clay rolling it into a snake and then making it into a spiral. "It's very long" -Gethan





Gianluca using a fork making marks in the clay to decorate his Diwali tea light holder.

The children enjoyed weeding and planting winter pansies to brighten up our pushchair park.



At the toddlers service the children acted out the story of David and Goliath. Joshua played the part of David and Tana equipped with shield and sword played the Giant Goliath.

**Thanks** - The craft fair was a great success. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us at this event, whether it was to supply food and cakes, bottles for the tombola, sparing an hour or two of your time or buying raffle tickets, especially those on our fundraising committee who spent a lot of their own time organising this event.

A big thank you to Amy Darlison for her kind donation of a dolls pram complete with dolls and clothes.

#### Dates for your Diary

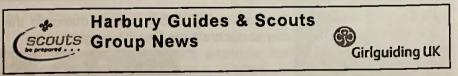
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 - visit by Jo Lockley of Sound Beginnings to run a music and movement session.

Windmills Nursery Christmas Concert will be held this year on Friday morning 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 10.30 am, in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church) followed by coffee and mince pies. During the morning we will be drawing a raffle to win a fantastic Christmas hamper. Everyone welcome.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Joshua Wheatley's grandma is visiting Windmills to talk to the children about Christmas in the olden days.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 - Windmills Christmas Party during the morning session and over lunch time, when it is hoped that there may be a visit from someone with a white beard wearing a red suit!

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, log onto our web site at www.windmillsnursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



SCOUTING CENTENARY YEAR.....a roundup of what we did in this landmark year

Back in the spring I wrote an article outlining our plans to celebrate this key year in scouting history, and at that time you would be forgiven for not being aware that our organisation had reached this great age.

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Now, as the year draws to a close, I hope that, with all the local, national and international events that have taken place most people will have noticed that scouting is alive and kicking 100 years on.

We have certainly had a lot of fun and managed to do nearly all the activities that we planned which, given the weather this summer and the fact that all our events were outside, is nothing short of miraculous – a not inappropriate word as we were blessed with good weather for all of them.



A few words on what we did as we have previously reported on individual events in back copies. The first occasion we attended was the district Centenary Camp at Charlecote Park in early May. It was a great turnout of our troop (see picture), and in total there were over 2,000 scouts on the site who immensely enjoyed the wide variety of activities laid on. The event culminated with a huge camp fire at which we were entertained in the traditional manner i.e. fun stunts. Amazing what people will do even in front of an audience of thousands – you have to be there to understand!

Following on from this we took part in the village Carnival, again bathed in wonderful sunshine (they'll never believe us in the future!), where thanks to everyone's hard work we won the best decorated float and children walking tableau sections.

A special thank you to Derek Trice for providing us with himself + tractor/trailer, without which we'd not been able to take part and John Ridgley for the float design.

A few weeks later we joined thousands of other scouts from all over Warwickshire for a day at Warwick Castle. Apart from a cloud burst at the end the sun shone and everyone had fun doing a mixture of scout activities (including renewing our scout promise) and looking at the castle's attractions, particularly the trebuchet and birds of prey demonstrations.

The event that we had to postpone was an open day at the scout hut to mark both the refurbishment of the premises and the centenary. This we are hoping will take place when the scout hut work is finished, probably early in 2008. Certainly we will not be missing the opportunity to relaunch our wonderful facility that is the scout hut and what will then be 101 years of scouting! Watch this space.

So it's been a great year, especially as the centenary events have been add-ins to all the usual activities that make up the scouting calendar, and, with the revival of Guides this summer, we now have over 100 children involved in the group. But none of this would be possible were it not for the hard work and commitment of the leaders, helpers and the GASS committee, all of whom we owe a debt of gratitude for the time that they give to the group. As can be seen from other articles and notices about the village, we are looking for replacement committee members and leaders; specifically a chairperson and treasurer, a beaver leader and an assistant cub leader. So if you think you could help please contact myself (contacts below), or anyone involved with the group you may know. Like so many organisations we depend on volunteers, without them we don't happen!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in whatever way, we hope that we've made the Scouting Centenary Year a memorable one, and best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and New Year from us all.

Jim Ward Group Scout Leader Tel: 612401 Mob:07795221305 E-mail:jamesward@wardio.gotadsl.co.uk



## 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Beaver Group

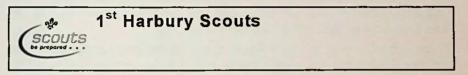
Jane Thomas, Bud Jackson, Debbie Gee

# Wanted! Leader for 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Beavers

Harbury Beavers meet for fun and adventure every Thursday evening at the Scout Hut, and we will soon need a new leader.

If you can help with this rewarding activity and are interested in joining the Scouting Movement, please contact:

Jane Thomas (07786 568616) or Bud Jackson (01926 613434) Debbie Gee (01926 614766).



As Nick Tawney wrote last month, many of the Harbury scout troop attended the Broadwater camp at the start of October. This is Sam Cheeseman's account of the event:

'The theme for this camp was 'The Fun of the Fair'. There were many activities such as crate stacking, a rifle range, sumo suit wrestling, climbing and abseiling and restrained trampolining (which mean no flips, no seat drops, and no nothing -just bounce!). There was also a coconut shy with a prize of three year-old coconuts.

The food was great as usual, and Harbury Scouts managed to achieve a record in crate-stacking of twenty-one crates.

We all had a fantastic time and would recommend it to anyone!'

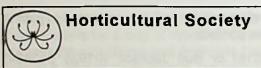
On November 18<sup>th</sup> five Harbury scouts represented Learnington District on the Bear Trek - as described below by Alex Tawney:

'On Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November five members of Harbury scouts (Freya and Taisia Shuttleworth, Matty Van Kesteren, Jack Sampson and I) represented Learnington district in the annual Bear Trek. The Bear Trek is a series of activities with a hike in between each one. These activities were meant to test our skills, attitude and teamwork. They included operating the arm of a JCB, rowing a boat, first aid, lighting a stove and car maintenance checks.

Matty and I thought we were good rowers on the way out to the island but we took the long, scenic route back to prove that we need more practice. We all had a great day even though it was pouring with rain. We would like to thank Neil Shuttleworth for taking us there and we hope he enjoyed it as much as we did.'

Another busy term has included a full programme of fire-lighting, knottying, making bird boxes and car maintenance. More details to follow next month.

Finally, congratulations to all the new scouts who have recently joined the troop.



**Judy Morrall** 

We had another packed room for our last speaker in November. Keith Orchard-Robinson did not disappoint, he gave a marvellous talk on 'The Derbyshire Custom of Well Dressing'.

There are now over seventy Peak land villages and small towns that produce well dressings each year between May and September. The custom dates back to 1349 after the great plague when the inhabitants at Tissington isolated themselves and relied on the fresh water from their five wells. After their survival they dressed wells to say thanks and each year this ceremony takes place on Ascension Day. A design is decided on and this is replicated into a pattern which is then placed over the frame on which it is to be built. The pattern is pricked onto the surface of a clay mixture which has a depth of one inch and is inset into the frame and held on by rows and rows of roofing nails. Once the pattern is imprinted onto the surface the work of pressing the various petals leaves and other natural materials can begin. It is worth mentioning that some of the frames measure 14 feet high and have side frames of some 4 feet each across.

It takes one week to finish and usually 25 to 30 people are involved. However due to the delicacy of the task only about 2 or 3 people are involved at any time. One of the designs showed a stained glass window and the skill and dedication of bringing this to life was amazing. The outlines are done first, one consisted of yellow maize and the finished effect was very dramatic. A lot of hydrangea petals are used and many wild flowers petals such as bluebells and buttercups. Other decorations used were coffee beans, catkins and peanuts.

Some were very colourful including a children's design which featured exotic birds. Some of the skies in the frames were so delicate they had to be seen to be believed. On the day before the dressings are shown everyone works from 9.00am in the morning until the early hours of the next day. Then the frames have to be erected and it takes ten men to lift these into position.

Keith showed many slides of past well dressings - some religious, garden scenes, country scenes and one village always has a cathedral feature. Some villages have up to nine wells and wherever you go each is very individual. Keith designed one a few years ago so he is very hands on. I have never visited to see this special sight but intend

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# THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE REIKI HEALING REFLEXOLOGY

Today's stresses and strains can deplete the immune system and disturb the delicate balance of the body and lead to illness.

Regular holistic treatments can help to correct this imbalance.

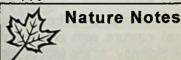
JUNE EAVES ITEC MAR Experienced qualified therapist HARBURY (01926) 612006 to remedy that. I have details of the phone numbers of various information centres who will be able to verify dates and venues for next year. I will be more than happy to let anyone interested have this information.

Everyone very much enjoyed Keith's talk and slides we were all transported to a lovely part of Derbyshire.

Most members stayed for the AGM afterwards. I tried to make it as brief as possible and I would like to thank everyone who did stay. I gave a resume of all our activities of the last year and thanked all concerned. We enjoyed all of the activities and look forward to more of the same next year. Certainly our speakers this season have been exceptional, I shall be hard pressed when preparing 2008/9 speakers to maintain this standard.

As you are aware Muriel resigned from the committee and I was not exactly overwhelmed with volunteers! Eventually Laura Oliver came forward. I was subsequently contacted by Kathleen Ellis who offered her services together with Margaret Commons which was greatly appreciated. We hope to serve the society well. The rest of the Committee remains the same with myself as Chairperson, Daphne Secretary, Jean Treasurer, Janice Show Secretary and wonderful support from Dorothy and Barbara. As ever my thanks to you all. Do all come along to the December meeting, no speaker but we will be having a Quiz with horticultural theme. You will be amazed by what you do know, believe me! There are prizes to be won and the draw for the bursary plus a splendid seasonal raffle then best of all, the festive buffet. A quick reminder that the January meeting is not the first Tuesday as this is 1<sup>st</sup> but it will be on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Our speaker will be Fiona Hopes who will be talking about 'Working as a Garden Designer'. She will be bringing along drawings, books and leaflets and has lots of slides, it promises to be most interesting so do come along and brighten up a winter evening.

I look forward to seeing everyone and my very Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year.



John Hancock

As I write on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we seem to be leaving a spell of settled high pressure and entering a time of weather change. Sleet and even snow is forecast for higher ground and the eastern counties over the next few days. With morning frost and bright clear skies this week, it has been wonderful to be out in our area. Just to observe the frost patterns on a pane of glass, spiders' webs glistening with dew in the sunshine and the variety of berries in the hedgerows-dog rose hips, bryony, hawthorn and woody nightshade to name but a few.

Cycling on my favourite local ride as evening came on yesterday, I had a wonderful view of the changing western skyline as the flaming red sunset filled the way ahead. Inspiration for a Turner here I thought, he certainly did not exaggerate in his art what natural phenomena can produce. Somewhere to the right of the red horizon, above black Itchington Holt (I was coming along the Salt Way) was a hilly grey backdrop. Some of the hills were even volcano shaped, others round domes. For a moment, the Welsh border had marched across the 'Middle Lands'; such was the power of the cloud shapes to confuse the viewer.

Just south of Holmes House on the same ride, rooks seemed to be repairing their nests in a group of Ash trees now stripped of their leaves. At least some were sitting on the loose collection of twigs which serve for their nests; staking out a claim perhaps for the New Year ahead. For more on Corvids [the rook and crow family], see Mark Cocker's excellent book 'Crow Country' published this year by Jonathan Cape. For an encyclopaedic account of Britain's bird folklore, I would suggest 'Birds Britannia' which took Mark Cocker and Richard Mabey eight years of painstaking research to produce.[published by Chatto and Windus].

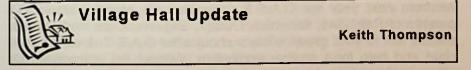
I could hardly believe what I saw as I walked back into the village on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> November. Close to the turning into Ufton Fields from Bascote Rd was an ash tree. I'd been examining the pattern made when leaves are shed on a variety of deciduous tree twigs. All the leaves had fallen from this tree and the black buds shielding new growth for 2008 stood out starkly. All that is except for a few which were beginning to open and show the pink of the flowers. As it happens, I've seen spring like occurrences in the same little area before so perhaps there's some form of under soil heating.

Take the footpath which runs up the tradesman's entrance to Ladbroke Hall. It continues across a small pasture with prominent ridge and furrow before rising to Milking Hill Spinney. At the foot of the hill is a board displaying the route of a permissive footpath. These paths don't appear on ordnance survey maps but have been established by landowners, often with cooperation from the County Council, to allow the public better access to the countryside. The path is about a mile long and leads the walker along field boundaries past copses of mixed woodland and a pool large enough to have its own island. The highlight is a view south from the broad ridge towards the Dassett Hills. The first 200metres was over that particularly sticky clay for which this region is noted. Then the wide, wet, grassy margin of the arable field proved an excellent boot cleaning device (for more on permissive footpaths try www.warwickshire.gov.uk/countryside).

Peter and Mary Cook told me about the Green Woodpecker (picus viridis) which has regularly been seen on their lawn probing for insects. Look for the bird's distinctive droppings; they resemble cigarette ash and contain the remains of hundreds of ants. Harbury Spoilbank Nature Reserve is a good place to find these.

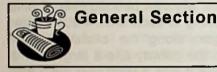
Rex Humphreys reported a dearth of Song Thrushes this year and that Chaffinches and Greenfinches were also in short supply though he had seen good numbers of Bullfinches. My own bird sighting of note has occurred in the dark, which is setting in soon after 4.00pm now. When cycling home from Learnington along the bridleway from Whitnash to the Fosseway parallel to the railway line a large, silent, white bird flew across my path. I'm sure it was a Barn Owl but it was only a glimpse. I had a more certain view of this bird on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> November. I was within half a mile of the village, over the fields, when a pair flew out of an old barn and headed in the direction of the quarries no doubt to start foraging. It's good to see this bird holding its own despite the loss of habitat and the hazards on the roads which it must face.

Isolated oak trees, even at a distance, stand out now as they are almost the only deciduous trees to retain their leaves well into December. Sunshine brings out the beauty of their amber foliage. Seasonal greetings to you all. Please continue to let me know about your discoveries and sightings in the natural world.



The first Rural Cinema event on November 10th was very successful. About 50+ people watched and we hope enjoyed 'Dream Girls'. Our thanks to Lana Long and her team of helpers for their initiative and hard work in setting up and running the event. The next showing is on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Details are included elsewhere in this edition of Harbury News. Please support the Rural Cinema if you can. The New Year Dance with the Likely Lads is to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup>. Advance ticket sales are very encouraging with many having already been ordered. If you have already ordered tickets Chris Finch will contact you after December 10<sup>th</sup> to arrange payment and collection. To order tickets if you haven't already done so, please ring 612305 or 613801. Make sure you speak to someone so that your order is recorded, rather than leave answer phone messages. Dress for the dance will be formal, notably Dinner Suits / Evening wear or Lounge Suits. It promises to be another excellent evening, please come!

The Village Hall continues to suffer from vandalism. The window in the men's toilet has been broken again, for the third time this year. Please help us by encouraging children to play on the playing field and not damage the buildings which are so important to our community.



# G.A.S.S

G.A.S.S (Guide and Scout Support) would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped at the bonfire. It was a fantastic night with a massive fire, a brilliant firework display and delicious hot dogs - well done everybody!!!

### COULD THIS BE THE LAST POST??!!

The G.A.S.S Christmas post will start on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and finish on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The postbox will be in Muglestons where, for a donation, you can post your Christmas cards and have them delivered.

As from next year the G.A.S.S committee are standing down, so parents of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, please talk to your group leaders about what G.A.S.S does for your child and help form another committee. Without the committee the groups will, in time, be unable to continue. It's good fun and not a massive commitment as the fund raising events we do are already well established and supported by the village, so please help!!!!



Lesley van Kesteren, on behalf GASS committee

# **Harbury Cemetery**

The Parish Council as part of their statutory responsibilities has carried out extensive risk assessments of the equipment and activities for which we are responsible. During the Cemetery assessment a number of commemorative stones were identified as potentially hazardous and we are therefore endeavouring to make contact with relatives of the following deceased people so that the area can be made safe. If you can assist in this process please contact the Clerk on 614646 or via email at clerk@harbury-parish.co.uk. All discussions will be in confidence.

George Bustin, Robert Stenhouse, Thomas Taylor, Edith Wrighton, Susannah Berridge, Gwen Miles, William Gardner, Derek Perry, George Stephenson, Charles Taylor, Kathleen Thacker, Elizabeth Taylor, Alice Cardell, Emily Bramble, Harriet Mills, George Wall, Charles Thornberry, Elizabeth Baker, Francis Thornberry, Frank Wrighton, Hilda Sanford, Mr Nicholls, Norman Wilkins, Hilda Shalor, James Davies, Christopher Perry, Edith Mann

#### Harbury Parish Council

### Your Christmas present problems solved!

You may remember that the Folk Club Choir gave a carol concert in the Tom Hauley Room in December 2004. The concert was a sell-out and we were able to make substantial donations to the Learnington Christian Mission and Harbury Church. The concert was recorded and around 300 copies of the CD have been sold during the past two Christmas seasons, with the proceeds going to the same charities.

We still have a stock of CDs left so, if you've missed our 'sales team' in previous years, and you can buy them on the Church stall at the Christmas Fayre on December  $1^{st}$  in the Village Hall. You can also obtain them by phoning Margaret McDonald (613730), Ann Moore (612427) or, in Deppers Bridge, Lynne Cooke (612580). The price is £7 for one, £12 for two and £15 for three.

Because we have now covered our production costs, every penny of the price you pay goes to the charities so please buy CDs for yourself, your friends and relations. Solve your Christmas present problems with a musical taste of Christmas in Harbury!



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# **To All You Budding Christmas Chefs**

#### **Royal Christmas Fare – The Mince-Meat**

As made at Windsor Castle every year, the ingredients being mixed one month before wanted is as follows:

240lbs of raisins 400lbs of currants 200lbs of lump sugar 3lbs of cinnamon 3lbs of nutmea 3lbs of cloves 3lbs of allspice 2lbs of ainaer 300lbs of beef 350lbs of suet 24 bushels of apples (1 bushel = 64lbs) 240 lemons 30lbs of cedret 72 bottles of brandy 3lbs of mace 60lbs of lemon peel 60lbs of orange peel



This recipe was taken from: 'Soyers Shilling Cookery for the People 195 thousand Edition 1859'. Alexis Soyer was a celebrity chef working in England from the 1830's until his death in the 1850's. He set up a revolutionary soup kitchen in the 1840's during the Irish potato famine and transformed army catering in the Crimea. The army stove he invented was still in use in the Falklands in the 1980's.

I have found meat being used in mincemeat recipes right up to the 1930's. Does anyone know what "cedret" is? Enjoy!

### **Tony Estick, Crown Cottage**

(Editors note: Cedret or cedrat (from French) is a variety of lemon)

## 🖌 Ballroom Dancing

Our autumn classes were a great success with 20 people taking part. We revised what we did in the summer and added a few more twirls. The next term will start in February to allow us to recover from Christmas and the New Year festivities. We will continue in the Village Hall on a Wednesday at 8.30. Read the January Harbury News for more details.

**Jenny Patrick** 

# Harbury Victorian Street Fayre 2007

On Friday,  $7^{th}$  December 2007, we will be presenting a cheque for £1,000, being the proceeds of the raffle and donations, to representatives of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance at 9.00pm at The Gamecock. Everyone is welcome to join us for the presentation and, once again, we would like to thank all those people who contributed to the Fayre for helping us to raise this amount for a very worthwhile cause.

Dan and Julie Killian

## Smartwater

Smart Water is a hi-tech anti theft system. Basically it is a colourless paint which contains microscopically small chips and glows under UV light. The chips have a code unique to that bottle which is registered to your address. You apply a small amount to valuable items. If the item is stolen and recovered by the police they can quickly identify that the item is stolen and where from. This allows you to get your valuables back and helps the police.

Smart Water is available through the neighbourhood watch scheme at a price well below the normal commercial price. If we get good take up we can have signs around the village "advertising" that the area is protected by smart water which acts as a deterrent to burglary. Many of you have received letters through your door about Smart Water over the last year, but the take up has not been good. If you put the letter to one side and forgot about it, or want to know more, please give me a ring. I have supplies of Smart Water which I am sending back to the police in the New Year. So basically this is your last chance to buy it for £15.

Also can I also remind you to reduce the risk of theft by taking a few basic precautions: -

\*Don't leave things on show, including wrapped Christmas presents. \*Draw the curtains, put things in the boot of the car, not on the back seat.

\*If you are throwing the packaging to an expensive item away take it to the tip or break it down and put it in black bin liners. Don't just put it out with the rubbish.

\*If you are going away, put some lights on timers to come on as it gets dark, ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your house and park their car on your drive, take any papers in etc. so that the house doesn't look empty.

Finally have a Happy Christmas

Alison Abbott 612939

# Maying Pictores

This month's film (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December) will be 'Bridge To Terabithia' a family (PG rated) film from the makers of The Chronicles Of Narnia.

Advance tickets from Muggleston's:  $\pounds 2.00$  each,  $\pounds 7.50$  per family or, on the door prices of  $\pounds 2.50$  each,  $\pounds 8.00$  per family (a family ticket admits two adults and up to three children under the age of 12.)

Doors open at 4.30pm and the film starts at 5.00pm. Refreshments (including popcorn!!) will be available before the film and during the interval.

Many thanks to all who have offered to help with the running and organisation of Harbury's Moving Pictures.....if anyone else out there can offer a hand, even if it's only staying behind at the end of the film to help stack the chairs, please ring 01926 613311.

Please note that parents/carers must remain with, and are responsible for, their children at all times, thank you.

Want to find out more about this months film??...go to: www.bbc.co.uk/films/2007/04/30/ bridge to terabithia 2007 review.shtml

# Christmas Bank Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Arrangements

The following dates have been supplied by Stratford District Council for collecting refuse and recycling material over the Christmas holiday period:

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> December – collection will take place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> December – collection will take place Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> January – collection will take place Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January.



Harbury Parish Council

## **Operation Christmas Child**



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal. This resulted in 64 boxes packed by Mothers' Union members and friends, as well as over 30 by Women's Institute members.

Gillian Hare

## **WRVS Harbury Emergency Services Team**

The hot water pump pots, purchased after the coffee morning, were used to make hot drinks for the police, from all over the country, and some of the firefighters and other personnel, who attended the warehouse fire in Atherstone on Stour. If you watched the news you may have noticed a blue inflatable tent in the background - this was where the "feeding" took place, thanks to the Harbury Team and other volunteers.

#### **Rosemary Harley**

## **Blood Donor Session**

Can we beat last time's magnificent yield of 106 units? I am sure I am not the only person in the village who has a close family member relying on blood transfusions to return to health at the moment. The next session is perfectly timed for a quiet break after Christmas. It will be in the Village Hall on Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note session times 10am – 12noon and 1.30pm – 4.00pm; plenty of time before another evening of festivities!

Gillian Hare 614809

## **Press Release**

#### From Southam and District Lions Club

'Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!!' The sound of Santa's Sleigh is still very distant but he definitely is coming....

Southam Lions will again be visiting the town and surrounding villages in the days leading up to Christmas and once again all the money so generously donated will be given to local Children's Charities. Every child, no matter the age, when talking to Santa will get a chocolate bar! Last year a young man of 70 years came out to see Santa!!

Below is the list of dates when you can expect to see Santa!

The fun begins with the 'switch on' of the Southam Christmas Lights on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5.00pm onwards (actual switch on 6.00pm)

19th December Harbury - evening

20th December Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge, and Ufton - evening

Children can email Father Christmas if they wish on:

fatherchristmas@southamlions.org.uk

Happy Christmas Everyone from Southam Lions Club and thanks for the wonderful support you have given us in 2007.

Peter Guy

## An Evacuee's Story

Seventy-two year old local resident, John. T. Wright, who has lived in Harbury for thirty-two years, has recently completed the moving story of his early years. John, formerly a teacher at Kineton High School, has been working on his book for the past eight years, and in it he recounts his experiences as a four-year-old wartime evacuee in Nursery schools in the Pickering area and later of his time in a village near York. His 462 page book - An Evacuee's Story: A North Yorkshire Family in Wartime - is currently available for sale or downloading on www.lulu.com and will be available at good booksellers and on www. amazon.com from January 2008 or from 9, Manor Orchard, Harbury (Tel. 01926 612791)

The book was recently reviewed by the respected historian and author, Clive Scoular, MSSc, who wrote the following:

'John Wright's poignantly written and graphically described story of the pleasure and pain he endured as an evacuee in a small, picturesque Yorkshire village during World War Two deserves the full attention not only of his 1930s contemporaries but also of the of the younger generation whose parents and grandparents lived through those years of strict rationing and unremitting deprivation. He was, like so many of his young friends and relatives, required to leave the love and care of his parents in Middlesbrough at a very young age to escape the attention of the Luftwaffe and to be evacuated into the hands of a



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crowded and unloving home in Haxby, a quaint village north of the great city of York. The book eloquently describes his voyage of childhood discovery in the beautiful countryside coupled with the cruel attentions of a foster mother whose motivation was not to lavish love and support to her unfortunate foster children, but to hurt and belittle them. It is a bittersweet story of innocent interludes and mean realities for an evacuee child set amidst the horrors and melancholy of that devastating conflict.'

# Harbury Mad

You remember the warm-hearted response that the people of Harbury made in the year 2000 to the idea of giving financial support to a couple of overseas projects where our help really would "Make a Difference"?

Thanks to the generosity of residents, we raised over £5000 which we split between a Water Aid project – providing drinking water and sanitation for a village in Nepal – and a women's clinic in Pakistan.

Seven years on, we have received a very handsome certificate from Water Aid in recognition of our efforts! The certificate has been framed, and hangs in the Village Hall just inside the entrance. Please have a look next time you're there.

And as regards the women's clinic in Pakistan, Marian has just obtained this updated progress report:-

The Women's Clinic in Ziarat received half the 'MAD money' and there will be a short report from Dr Sarak Jalal, Medical Director of the Christian Hospital which provides the service, in the next edition of the magazine.

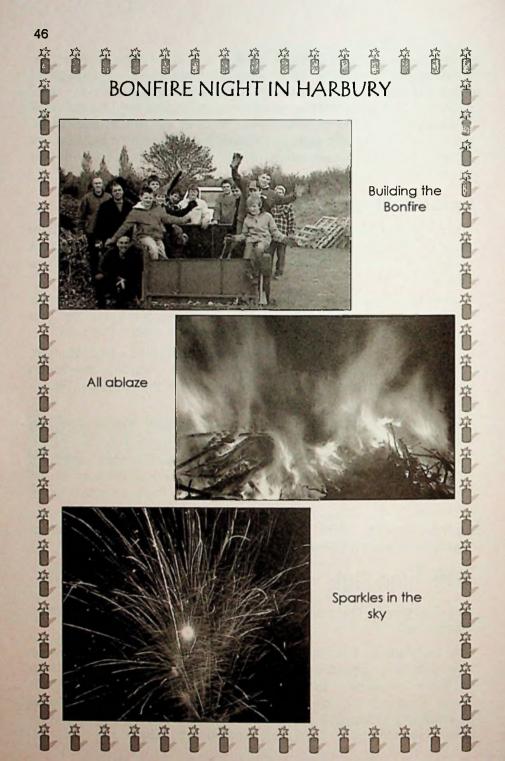
Andrew Patrick, John Stringer, Marian Millington on behalf of 'Harbury Making a Difference for the Millennium'

# Take Time Out - Ufton

Karin Kirk

### Rag Rugging - Thursday 24 January 10.00am – 1.00pm – Ufton Village Hall

Cilla Cameron of The Rug Studios, Nottingham is coming to show us how to do this age old craft. We will learn two techniques and use a variety of materials to make a circular sample piece to take home. Please bring small pieces of fabrics if you like but costs include all materials. Cost £12 plus £1 for materials. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Telephone Karin Kirk (812883).





# LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### **Dear Editors**

I would like to express my thanks to the neighbours and friends who sent cards and messages of sympathy on the recent loss of Audrey, a dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother.

A special "thank you" to father Roy for the lovely service he gave.

Audrey will be greatly missed by all the family.

Ralph Lawson and family

#### **Dear Editors**

Through our magazine I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported Bob and me during my recent stay in hospital. We were so grateful for all the help from so many friends and neighbours, and for the lovely flowers and cards I received, thank you all once again.

Yours sincerely

#### Bob and Midge Keen

#### **Dear Editors**

The coffee morning on November  $2^{nd}$  for Myton Hospice raised £250 and the sale of Christmas cards a further £208. We appreciated the gifts of cakes, raffle prizes and everyone's support, helping to make it a very successful morning.

**Plant Sales** – the total amount raised this year from the sales of plants etc was £3,314. We say a big "Thank you" to Lou, Cheryl, Nigel and Steve for the growing and transporting of plants, shrubs, climbers each week to Harbury. We also thank Chris and Leon for allowing us to use the car park at The Dog Inn.

"Merry Christmas" from Myton Support Group

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#### **Dear Editors**

I would like to send my love, Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all my friends in Harbury.

Esme Churchill



#### **Dear Editors**

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Through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, we would like to wish all our friends in Harbury a Very Happy Christmas and a 'Guid' New Year.

After much thought, we decided this year that instead of sending cards to our local friends we would donate the money we would have used to some of those who were more in need. We are therefore going to buy a Community Tap from Christian Aid, which will provide the pump, pipes and tap stand to bring clean, fresh water to an entire village in need. (We will still give a donation to GASS!)

So our very good wishes to all for the festive season and 2008.

Moira and Peter Rollason, Catriona, Ali and Robert

#### **Dear Editors**

We would like to wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke good health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

We are not sending local Christmas cards this year but have made a donation to the Alzheimer's Society.

#### Sue and Alan Lord

#### **Dear Editors**

We would like to wish all our friends in Harbury a very merry Christmas and New Year.

We shall be making a donation to charity rather than sending out cards.

Maureen and Patrick Johnson

#### **Dear Editors**

Michael and Gillian Hare send Christmas greetings to their friends in Harbury. As usual, we shall send a

donation to Learnington Christian Mission instead of sending Christmas cards.

Michael and Gillian Hare

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

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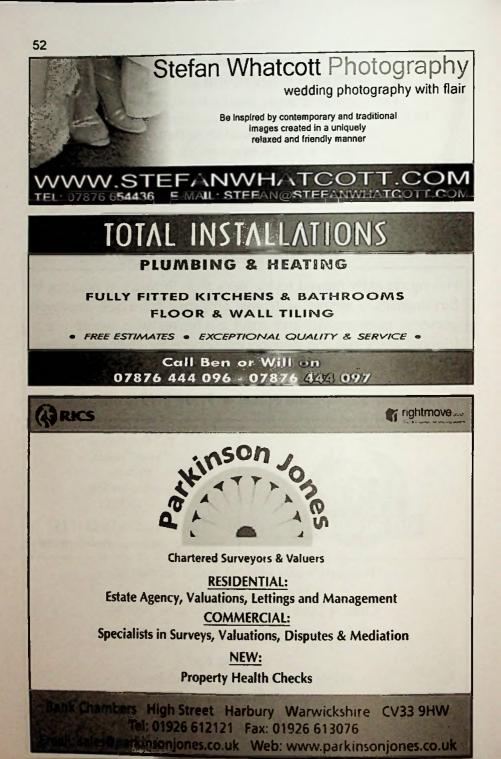
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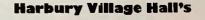
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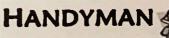
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