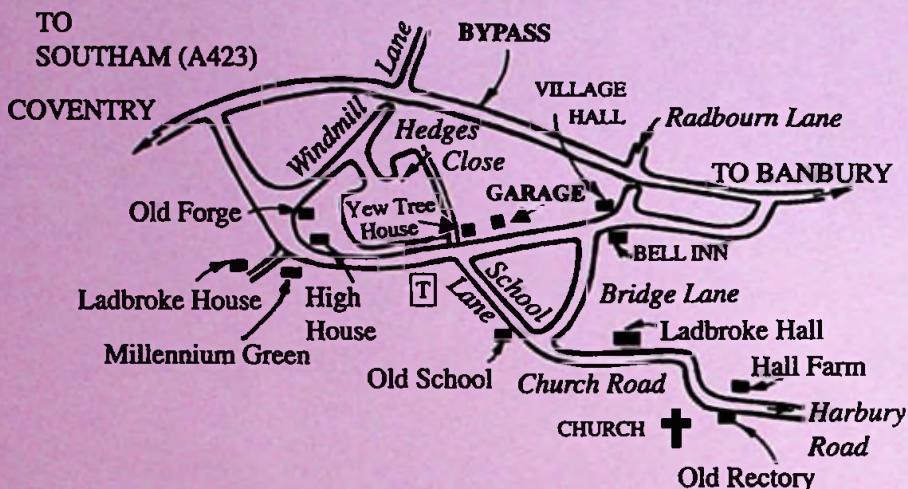




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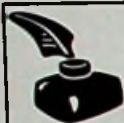
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## Editorial



**Steam train running through Harbury cutting on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, to commemorate Chiltern Railways 10 years of service. Photo – Tim Lockley**

It is concerning to read in the Parish Report that the Fire Brigade and Police had to attend a fire caused by drunken youths in the Spinney.

There is an opportunity to view proposals and comment on the plans for the future of Harbury this month. The Foundation Stage of the Local Development Framework will be on display in Harbury Library with Planning Department staff on hand on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm – 7pm.

Two summer events not to be missed are 'Toys for Boys' in Ladbrooke on the Millennium Green, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 4pm. There will be classic cars, motor cycles and much more on display. Harbury Carnival is on 9<sup>th</sup> June and we hope for a fine day to bring out the crowds.

We hope that Pam and Bill Middleton are enjoying a well-earned retirement after stepping down from Harbury Village Hall Committee.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Georgina (Ina) Andrews, Peter Sheasby, Pam Sperling, Alan Stubbs and Iris Turner.

# Harbury Diary

## JUNE

- |       |    |  |
|-------|----|--|
| Fri   | 1  | NO REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY<br>Carnival Dance in Village Hall   |
| Sat   | 2  | REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY<br>Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Association for the Blind<br>Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30am -1.30pm on Dog Car Park<br>QUIZ NITE in Village Hall  |
| Sun   | 3  | TRINITY SUNDAY<br>Sung Eucharist 9.00am<br>First Light Service 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room<br>Wheelbarrow Race 12.30pm<br>Evening Worship 6.00pm  |
| Mon   | 4  | SCHOOL STARTS<br>Village Hall Management Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall  |
| Tues  | 5  | Holy Communion 7.30pm<br>Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields   |
| Wed   | 6  | Holy Communion 2.00pm<br>Mothers' Union meeting 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room<br>Chris Cooke, 'A Visit to Kaduna'  |
| Thurs | 7  | CORPUS CHRISTI<br>Holy Communion 9.45am<br>Art Group 10.00am – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room<br>Men's Group 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room<br>– John Home "Bees Abroad"<br>Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn  |
| Fri   | 8  | RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION   |
| Sat   | 9  | CARNIVAL AT RECREATON GROUNDS<br>Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Alzheimer's Society<br>Concert in Church 7.30pm with 'Florilegium': Music by Telemann, J.S. Bach and C.P.E. Bach under the auspices of Leamington Music – Concerts in Warwickshire Churches |
| Sun   | 10 | TRINITY I<br>Holy Communion 8.00am<br>Sung Eucharist 10.30am<br>Cricket Assistant Sec's XI v Gattling Fen at home  |
| Mon   | 11 | SDC Local Development Framework Information Display<br>3.00pm – 7.00pm in Library  |



Tues	12	Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields Holy Communion 7.30pm
Thurs	14	Holy Communion 9.45am WI in Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm
Fri	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
Sat	16	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance
Sun	17	<b>TRINITY II</b> Holy Communion 8.00am Family Communion 10.30am Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after service Evensong 6.00pm Cricket 1st XI home to Marton
Tues	19	Holy Communion 7.30pm M.U. Discussion Evening 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	20	Afternoon Tea 3.00 – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	21	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	22	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat	23	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Holiday Club <b>GARDEN WALKABOUT</b> Sixth Summer Art Exhibition in Church 10.00am – 5.00pm Light Lunches 12noon to 2.00pm Teas 2.00pm - 5.30pm in Tom Hauley Room Casino Night for Nursery in Village Hall
Sun	24	<b>TRINITY III</b> Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am <b>GARDEN WALKABOUT</b> Sixth Summer Art Exhibition in Church 12noon – 5.00pm Teas 2.00pm - 5.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Tues	26	Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian AGM 8.10pm at 14 Manor Orchard
Wed	27	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30pm - 4.30pm at 19 Farm St
Thurs	28	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall <i>(Parishioners may attend the meeting and speak. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 614646)</i>
Sat	30	<b>ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &amp; EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM</b> Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cricket Club Theatre Group Table Top Sale in Village Hall

**JULY**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TRINITY IV</b> Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Evening Worship 6.00pm
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3</b>	Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields Holy Communion 7.30pm
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4</b>	Mothers Union AGM & Garden Meeting 2.30pm at Tarradale, Butt Lane: NB no 2.00pm service in Church
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>5</b>	Holy Communion 9.45am Men's Group AGM 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>RECYCLING &amp; GREEN WASTE COLLECTION</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7</b>	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of STEPS
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TRINITY V</b> Holy Communion 8am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Cricket 1st XI home to Wellesbourne



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## **From the Registers**

### ***Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury***

May 20 Sofia Joanna Edwards  
Scarlett Elizabeth Parker

### ***Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury***

May 5 Samuel John Butler to Corinna Field  
May 12 Duncan Edward Nealon to Lucy Marie Thompson  
May 19 Paul Ewart Nealon to Louise Jane Jones  
May 26 Thomas Mark Greenway to Karena Elizabeth Applegarth Ellis

### ***Funerals at Oakley Wood***

May 17 Iris Turner  
May 25 Pamela (Pam) Sperling (86) (Followed by a Memorial Service at  
All Saints' Harbury)

### ***Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke***

May 15 Alan Stubbs (86)

### ***Funerals at All Saints' Harbury***

May 2 Georgina (Ina) Andrews (91)  
May 25 Peter Sheasby (75)



## From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

"Have you the time?" was the pertinent question behind the presentation at our May Family Service. The history of the clock, Galileo's discovery of the importance of the pendulum (a demonstration involved our microphones) and a most ingenious power point presentation, unique to Harbury, all led up to a crucial lesson. Alan and Betty reminded us that we all have more time than we imagine, that we should make more time for God and that even the briefest time spent with Him is the most significant period of our day.

Those of you who have seen recent pew sheets will know that Evening Worship and Choral Evensong are now being lay led and are likely to continue to be so during the interregnum. If you would like to read or to lead the prayers for these services, Tony and Fliss would be glad to hear from you.

After the meeting of the PCC with the Bishop's representatives on May 13<sup>th</sup>, we know that we shall have a priest resident in Harbury with a 70% responsibility for the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke, leaving 30% responsibility for work across the Deanery. At the moment, the nature of the Deanery work is undecided.

Tony is home and pleased to be so!

We all rejoice with Father Roy and Pam at the good news of Roy's health. May God continue to bless them and their family.



## First Light

Alison Abbott

## The Untouchables

Even today the Indian caste system regards some people as beyond the reach of civilised society – outcasts. And most of us have at some time felt the same about ourselves – nobody wants us or cares about us. But Jesus taught us that every one of us is touchable by His love – that's why He lived, died and lives again.

To hear more you are invited to First Light on 1<sup>st</sup> July. This short, informal service for the whole family starts at 10.30am, in the Tom Hauley room, with coffee served from 10am.

And on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we investigate the mystery of the Holy Spirit.





## Funday Club

Ruth Walton

Funday Club is a lively, friendly group for children which meet on Sundays during term time in the Tom Hauley Room at 10.30am (except on the first and third Sundays of the month when "First Light" and the Family Service are held). We learn about God using well known Bible stories, games and music and craft activities. If you'd like to find out more, please call 613415.



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our afternoon meeting we were interested to hear about 'Bees Abroad'. The speaker was Mary Home, who with her husband John, the beekeeper at Deppers Bridge, travelled to Malawi and Kenya. The charity teaches beekeeping skills to village people, enabling them to set up hives and provide a useful food for their families as well as pollination for their crops. A week's college course costs £80 and each student will then teach ten others. They learn an easy and cheap way to build Western-style hives – the traditional method was to hang a hive in a tree and collect the honey with bare hands, resulting in many stings and often falls. The skill was lost when trees were cut down and not replanted by big businesses and the population dispersed. Simple protective suits are made from food aid sacks. The Home's also visited an orphanage near Lake Victoria where again the honey is a useful food supplement and money earner. We felt this was an excellent example of a small charity making a very real difference in the lives of really poor people.

On a different tack altogether, at our evening meeting we were intrigued by the title 'Tibetan Buddhism through Banknotes'. Peter Heigl had been posted to Katmandu in Nepal, where he met many Tibetan people moving away from the Communist regime in Tibet. The paper currency had been abolished by the communists in 1965, but some has survived. Peter showed us examples of it, and explained the symbols of Buddhism which they portrayed. We recognised the Yin Yan symbol of balance between material and spiritual life, and the endless knot which is quite similar to Celtic art. There was also a parasol, a conch shell, a vase of plenty, a lotus flower, fishes and

snowlions, and Peter explained their meanings. These beautiful designs were hand printed by monks with wood blocks, using up to six colours, and we were made aware of how Buddhism enters into every area of life.

The other event was the Deanery Festival Service on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Father Roy officiated as the Diocesan Chaplin, and we were delighted to welcome five new members: from Harbury, Mary Haynes, Chris Jones, Chris Rutherford and Marion Dickerson plus one from Southam.

A reminder of the coffee morning and lunch on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

June 6<sup>th</sup> - at 8.00pm - Topic to be arranged

July 4<sup>th</sup> - at 2.30pm - AGM and garden meeting at Tarradale,  
Butt Lane by kind invitation of Barbara  
Thistlethwaite.



## **Toddler's Service**

**Barbara Thistlethwaite**

The May meeting was well attended with fourteen "toddlers" and thirteen "grown ups".

Mrs Hare told the story of the Good Samaritan and explained how we should be helpful to people in need. A traveller had been attacked and hurt by some robbers but his plight had been ignored by two men who were passing. The third man, the Good Samaritan, came by and stopped to help and bandaged his wounds, helped him up onto his donkey and took him to an inn. The Good Samaritan then paid for the injured traveller to stay at the inn until he was better.

We then bandaged up some toys and did some sticking. Mrs Hare said to the children that even though we are only small we should always try our hardest to be kind and help other people as much as possible.

Mr Catt then played for us as we sang two songs, after which we had our drink and played until it was time to go home.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm in the Church. All toddlers and babies are welcome to join us.



## **'Pipped by Cumbria' (2)**

In last month's article reference was made to the GPO's Film Unit—this should have been the Crown Film Unit and not Brown.

**Editors**

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## JUNE

Sat	3	Family Communion 10.30am
Tues	5	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	9	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	10	<b>Holy Communion (sung) 9.00am</b>
Tues	12	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Fri	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sun	17	<b>Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer 9.00am</b>
Tues	19	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	20	Parish Council 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sat	23	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	24	<b>Holy Communion (sung) 9.00am</b>
Tues	26	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	28	Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sat	30	Safari Supper

## JULY

Sun	1	<b>Family Communion 10.30am</b>
Tues	3	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	8	<b>Holy Communion 9.00am</b>

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

June 10	Sally Ann Batty
June 17	Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman
June 24	Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman
July 1	Christine Baker
July 8	Jan Loman







## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

A busy month for Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

At the last meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April, Susan Moore gave her interesting report on the Spring Council Meeting, when the morning speaker Cecil Thomas discussed the problems that Dairy Farming now faces due to the drop in government funding. Many farmers are now going out of business because it is no longer viable.

In the afternoon Mr Paul Whittaker, a very entertaining speaker, explained that although profoundly deaf he had studied music at Oxford and has a Degree in Music. He now runs the charity 'Music for Deaf'.

Our Speaker for the evening Mr David Waite gave a talk on his visit to China, giving the members an insight of the history regarding the Cultural Revolution. He told us of his many adventures on his travels in South West China where he saw the real China and how they live.

The winners of the raffle were Hazel Sharples, Barbara Eltar and Sue Batstone.

Eleven members attended an excellent group meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at Harbury Village Hall. The speaker was Paul Kybert not only a fantastic magician but also a comedian. He had the hall in uproar with his disappearing £20 note, ring and watch belonging to 3 members. The tables were groaning with all the homemade cakes, sandwiches and pies. Following the food, each table was given various competitions that everyone took part in, from 'guess the Church photos', to making a garment out of a newspaper and pins and several other competitions. Well done to Harbury W.I. and the Group Committee, a lot of hard work but a very successful and enjoyable evening.

Four of us have just returned from the Dancing Day organised by the Federation in Hatton Village Hall. What a wonderful day!! I can't wait now until next year. We learnt to Salsa, line dance, and many others. What an excellent and amusing teacher. Everyone managed to dance really well between all the laughter and talking. It was a real tonic, thank you to the Warwickshire Federation.

The next meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May is the Resolution followed by Karousels Concert. The Committee are providing Cheese and Wine.

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## Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

The meeting began with the election of the Chairman. Derek Batty was duly elected unanimously as he had 90+ votes in the election. Ladbroke people must be very satisfied with his leadership. Incidentally over 60% of villagers voted – only 20%+ of Southam voters turned out. (The 60% doesn't include the postal vote).

The new councillors, Kim Bendzak and Peter Goldson were welcomed; Tim Sedan and Jim Clews were thanked for their work as councillors. They haven't been let off that lightly though, Tim will still oversee tree conservation and Jim has volunteered to promote Smartwater in the village. Talking of Smartwater, P.C Joy was very keen to advertise this scheme as a way of protecting our belongings.

After the AGM the council got down to the business of the evening. Hopefully the Parish website will soon be up and running. The road between Old Barn Farm drive and the Lodge House will have to join the queue in the next five year plan for its repairs. It was pointed out that there are several bad pot-holes on the sharp bend as in other parts of that section of road. It was hoped that a meeting with Gez Romano – who is the person overseeing road repairs in our area could be brought forward.

Dog fouling in the Millennium Green is still causing problems – a cautionary letter has been sent to one dog owner.

Permission has been granted for the felling of five dead poplar trees, belonging to Ladbroke House, which borders the Millennium Green.

A new speed limit sign is to be replaced at the Southam entrance to the village.

The Parish Plan is ready for the approval of the Councils of the District, Warwick and Parish.

The Policeman's report highlighted PACT – Partnership and Community Together, volunteers from every area meet at Southam College quarterly to discuss all the main communal problems in their area. It is essential that the outlying areas are represented – if only representatives from Southam go it would appear that all crimes are drug related!

**The Village Hall** – The new Chairman is Mark Teverson. The Millennium Draw is now run by Janet Goldson. There was concern that the village as a whole, plus the council were not being kept informed of the Village Hall Development plans.

**The Millennium Green** – A lottery grant of £10,000 has been applied for, for new playground equipment.

There is a 'Boys For Toys Event' to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**The railway bridge at Deppers Bridge** – a report is awaited. Possible temporary weight restrictions.

**The fence at the village end of Windmill Lane** was discussed at great length. The owners are prepared to remove the fence. The Council cannot take responsibility for Safety and Highway matters related. The visibility onto the Bypass at this point is very restricted – due to the curvature of the Bypass and overgrowing brambles. The speed of the traffic just there is very dangerous.

**Windmill Lane** – the other side of the Bypass. 'Fly' tipping on a regular basis is occurring on tarmac just into the lane. Please be vigilant when dog walking and take car registration numbers of any suspicious activity.

**Light Pollution** – (again a lengthy discussion). Mainly from The Bell carpark. The talk was really about light being shaded downwards and also about many security lights which are very glaring.

**The District Councillor's Report** – The Conservatives now have over 30 seats on the District Council. Chris Williams was at pains to point out, some people will be very pleased with this result - a more balanced council is much healthier. Not all councillors will have special "jobs" and there will be fewer tendencies to go to meetings.

There is to be planning training for Parish Councillors. The Parish council tax in Ladbroke has gone up 2.2%, mainly because of unoccupied houses.

The meeting was closed at 10.30pm and I did notice on the way home that The Bell Inn carpark lighting was very subdued.

Next meeting: June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

## **Smartwater**

**Jim Clews**

As part of the Stratford District Crime & Prevention Partnership (CDRP) Jim Clews has been appointed as the Smartwater Coordinator for the village of Ladbroke.

Villagers will receive a Smartwater news flyer through their letter boxes in the first week of June. ***This is not junk mail***, so do not throw it away. Please read the details and then if you would like to receive supplies please contact me after the 10th June. All details, including contact number, are on the flyer. Let's show the criminals that we are a smart village.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Ladbroke** **Janice Berry**

At the last meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council a discussion took place on the problem of security lights, especially those that cast a wide arc which illuminates neighbouring properties as well as their own.

With the approach of longer summer evenings, this could be as good a time as any for all property owners to inspect their security lighting and find out whether they are causing a nuisance to their neighbours.

In most cases security lights do not cause a problem but if incorrectly adjusted they can cause considerable annoyance. There is nothing worse than not being able to sleep because next door's halogen lights are shining through your bedroom windows. The police have told neighbourhood watch that there is evidence that having security lights on in the early hours of the morning is an invitation to burglars, it should be remembered that if we can't see in the dark neither can the burglar!

The need to protect our property has to be balanced against our neighbours right to a good night's sleep.

## **Toys for Boys in Ladbroke** **Kip Warr**

Classic cars, motorcycles, sports cars, trucks and tractors will be on show in Ladbroke on 7th July from 11am to 4pm. It should be a good day out for all the family – not just the boys – as there will also be a hog roast, real ales and teas alongside the exhibits on the Millennium Green. And there will be model boats and aircraft and radio-controlled cars and ... oh, you'll just have to come and find out the rest. £2 admission - under-12s free - free parking and a raffle with a big star prize: £100 voucher for a driving experience at Silverstone. It could be you driving that Ferrari or rally car round the track!

## **In Memory of Alan Stubbs** **Betty Winkfield**

Alan died on the 8<sup>th</sup> May – just a few days short of a year since his beloved wife Nancy died. Although he was comfortable at Bromson Hill Nursing Home, the last year has been a lonely one for him. He did enjoy being Father Christmas last year and he had endeared himself to all the staff at the nursing home.

Alan has always been a quiet gentleman, but he has worked hard and conscientiously in all he has undertaken. Wherever he has lived throughout his married life he has been the church treasurer; St Philip's Rugby, St Mark's Bilton and All Saints Ladbroke. When Alan retired in 1979 he had been Rugby's Deputy Borough Treasurer for 30 years.



Nancy and Alan moved to Ladbroke in 1983 – just after Anna was born – to be near their family. They will both be remembered for their invaluable work for All Saints' Church, Ladbroke and Alan's work raising funds for the restoration of the church steeple. Even getting a donation from the late Queen Mother – the amount was never disclosed.

We remember Kate, Michael, Anna, Charlotte, Lucy and William at this sad time and offer them our love and support.



## Harbury Parish Council—May 2007

Linda Ridgley

*Official minutes can be viewed in the Library on the Parish Council website [www.harbury-parish.co.uk](http://www.harbury-parish.co.uk) or obtained from the Parish Clerk*

I well remember the Council meetings of thirty years ago when at this time of year attendance was always depleted by haymaking! Despite this we were there for the duration. By 10.20pm there was no incentive to wind up the meeting (pubs then shut at 10.30pm).

Although some things don't change, like discussions on bollards and the one-way system, meetings have certainly speeded up under new Chairman Tim Lockley and the stuffiness has gone.

We rattled through the Elections, allocation of sub-committee places and representatives on other bodies. A quick whiz round reports from those organisations revealed Southam College has failed to persuade government to allow it extra pupil places. Unless Deppers request an election the Parish Council will choose between those who volunteer to serve.

A temporary solution to the railway bridge controversy will see a trial weight restriction of 7½ tons imposed for eighteen months but it will have to be policed by the community. No-one was sure where the buses would go.

**Planning** - Stratford granted tree works at Pool Yard, 16 and 35 Farm Street and 1 Farm Close, and a rear extension, pergola, and internal reconstructions at the Crown Inn.

The Parish Council made no comments on Extensions to 4 Mill Street and 1 Deppers Bridge, relocation of a timber garage at Laurel Cottage, Hall Lane or renovation of Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge and barn conversions.

Chairman Tim Lockley represented Harbury at the Inquiry into Follett's claim that distribution use at the quarries could continue.

A display of the Issues and Options for the Local Development Framework (a new version of the Local Plan) will be in Harbury Library on 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June. Staff will be available on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 3.00 – 7.00pm to answer questions.

**Properties** - Cllr Janet Thornley will have plans drawn up for the BMX track, an access path and treework and hold public consultations before plans are submitted.

The aerial runway will be put back when the grass is established. The kick wall is to be cleaned and treated with anti-graffiti material. The play surface will be refurbished once sensible quotes are obtained.

The Cemetery path is finished but the glass still has to be replaced in the Chapel. Cllrs will inspect wobbly gravestones and make them safe. The Clerk had been unable to contact relatives for three of the families who own graves.

New Fido bins will go outside the Surgery and by the Three Arch Bridge. No-one rescued the Dog Fouling Sign dumped outside the Library last month.

**Nuisance Youths** - Cllr Hancock inspected the hedge between the Playing Fields and Allotments and accepted there were gaps. Two were historic and were used by allotment holders as a short cut. A dead tree falling had caused the other. Cllrs did not believe the gaps caused the nuisance youth problem as there is already a right of way along the track - a designated footpath. They will investigate how to prevent vehicles using the track and seek advice on replanting the hedge, but the Police must deal with unruly and drunken behaviour.

Drunken youths set fire to trees in the Spinney. Police and the Fire Brigade had to attend the incident. Trees were chopped down and a "terrible mess" made. This area belongs to Mrs Price, an absentee landlord. The Parish Council congratulated her for authorising work on the small building at the Church Street/Terrace junction.

**Grants** - Prompted by SDC the Parish applied for and received a Lottery Grant to set up a website. Stratford has failed to "come up with what was promised" and was given an ultimatum. Cllr Mancell has contingency plans for the award if they delay as he doesn't want to return the money!

Cllrs were invited to the Scout Hut opening on 14<sup>th</sup> July and were thanked by GASS for their donation. The new Guide troupe was awarded £300 for set-up equipment and the Pre-school, despite its previous failure to acknowledge a PC grant was given £147 to pay for transport to Compton Verney.

**Highways** - Cllr Thornley has completed the regular lighting survey. The damaged light in Farley Avenue will be paid for by insurers. Sodium lamps installed in error will be replaced with more appropriate lights. District Cllr Patrick asked the Clerk to apply again to South Warwickshire Housing Association for a security light at Drinkwater Close. County Councillor Bob Stevens is chasing Mervyn Hancox over the possible plans to make Church Street One Way.

**Déjà vu Spring 1977** – "Bollards", said Cllr Wright to Cllr Ellis. "I suggest we ask WCC to put bollards on the verge". Another exciting instalment in the saga of Harbury's One-Way System! I left it cliff-hanging last month on whether the Midland Red Bus could get round or not – and now the news you've all been waiting for – it can't, - at least not without carving up the verge at Church Terrace/Hall Lane.

Round One to Cllr Wright, but – the new milk tanker, serving Bull Ring Farm, is also mounting the verge. It can't turn left from the Three-Arch Bridge Road into Hall Lane without a lot of manoeuvring and it can't go straight on because that's one-way, THE OTHER WAY! Add to this Cllr Hancock's protest that she thrice encountered vehicles proceeding the wrong way up Hall Lane from the Club and the pot bubbles merrily! See next month's exciting episode.

Next meeting: June 28th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



## Harbury Annual Parish Meeting

Linda Ridgley

Unusually this year's Annual Parish Meeting was packed out, having been moved from the Village Hall to the West Tom Hauley Room it was in a much smaller space!

Our policeman Nigel Hill gave his seventh report. Sgt Mandy Crust stressed the size of the area they covered and their three priorities: dealing with drugs, speeding and nuisance youths. She warned that the police had a new speed gun and in ten hours issued 22 fixed penalty notices and 24 cautions in Southam. District Councillor Patrick hoped the new Community Safety Officer would be taking on some of the M40 Services problems.

County Councillor Bob Stevens outlined the Regional Spatial Strategy's options for growth of housing and employment in our area, and the struggle against cuts at Warwick Hospital. Maintenance of



roads and speed reduction were problems to be tackled. He had been at meetings with residents of Deppers Bridge to resolve their concerns over how the Railway Bridge was made safe. He also mentioned the on-going Masterplanning for the Quarries. He assured Keith Thompson Chesterton Windmill would be repaired and now an extra officer had been appointed environmental traffic calming would proceed.

District Councillor Patrick hoped that Stratford District's next Comprehensive Performance Assessment would be better than their last results. He tries to support the Parish view on planning matters but although he is now allowed to speak he cannot vote on items from his patch! He too attended the Master planning and although no unwelcome development had as yet taken place on the site, Folletts were still issuing application as the Plan proceeded.

District Councillor Peter Barton introduced himself.

Retiring Chairman Kevin Biddle praised the Clerk for "dragging me through meetings". He was pleased that Middle Road had been resurfaced. There was concern that the Quarries were being used as a swimming pool by youths from a wide area and the Parish had warned Follets and their Insurers of the danger. He too mentioned Follet's efforts to "grind SDC down" with new planning applications and he expanded on the disagreement over what should be done with the Railway Bridge. He thanked Dutch Van Spall who has retired from the Council for his ten years commitment.

Cllr Jenny Patrick presented the Planning Report explaining that she had attended planning training at SDC and asked that the Planners gave feedback on why decisions were made. The Parish had been working closely with Charles Barlow, Warwickshire Rural Community Council's Housing Enabler over the provision of affordable housing for local people following the results of the Parish Plan and Housing Needs Surveys.

Cllr Sharon Hancock revealed that maintenance of village amenities was a large charge on the parish and the Treasurer confirmed it cost an extra £10,000 a year since Stratford had stopped paying double rating relief.

Cllr Tim Lockley our new Parish Chairman complained that there had been little progress on village improvements but the bus shelter had been installed. He wanted to see a speed indicator, carriageway narrowing at Temple End and gateways at the village entrances.

Parish plans to turn Church Street one way going west had still had no response from the County.

Cllr Tony Mancell thanked the Clerk for all her work and pointed out that the deficit in the accounts occurred because the Bus Shelter was paid for this year. He reminded parishioners that the website contained all the Councils records and reports.

Retiring Village Hall Chair Peggy Middleton sent a report and new Chair Geoff Thorpe explained the consultation process they had gone through of the planed improvements to the Hall. They had put a bid in to the Lottery Community Buildings Fund but would have to raise a considerable sum from elsewhere. Fees for the drawing up of the plans had cost £20,000. If the bid was unsuccessful there would be more modest changes.

Cllr Hancock reported that the recent visit of residents from our twin French village had been a great success and that Harbury would visit Samois sur Seine next year for the 10th Anniversary of the venture.



## Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

We will once again be outside Harbury Post Office from 10am to 12noon, on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. If you have something you want to talk to us or your Parish Councillors about, please come along.

It's also worth pointing out that consultation has already started on the equivalent of the next Local Plan. Called the '**Local Development Framework**', it will guide planning decisions right up to 2026. So it will have importance for communities like ours.

The foundation stage is the **Core Strategy**, for which a consultation document has gone out, with displays in all libraries. **Harbury's display will be from Thursday 7th to Monday 11th June, with Planning Department staff on hand on the Monday from 3pm to 7pm.**

I'm sure it will be well worth the effort to visit the display.

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## **Local Elections - Peter Barton**

**A big 'thank you' from Councillor Peter Barton, your new member serving Bishops Itchington, Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Chesterton on Stratford District Council.**

I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to all residents who voted for me on Election Day, enabling me to become a Member of Stratford District Council, by a large majority. Whether or not you personally supported me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, I will always put the needs of my constituents first, regardless of political interests.

This was a by-election following the resignation of Councillor Eric Dally, who has left our District to live in Wales. Therefore, I will have to stand again next year on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008. However, if I am successful again next time, I would obtain a four year term of office, which would give me additional time to achieve a great deal more.

The 'key' issues I encountered on the doorstep while out canvassing every night since Easter, were – the Labour Government, the Iraq war and on local issues – the proposed Deppers Bridge traffic Lights, the future of Bishop's Bowl Lakes and Social Housing.

Thanks to a great deal of hard work by our Conservative County Councillor Bob Stevens, the County are now recommending a temporary 18 month - 7.5 ton weight limit restriction at Deppers Bridge. During the 18 months the scheme will be very closely monitored with wide public consultation, as to the future retention of the weight limit or other alternative plans.

In the meantime, I will work hard to represent your interests in South Warwickshire. Because I now work from home in the centre of Harbury, my Councillor's Surgery will be at my house. Please write, email or telephone and I will gladly come to meet you on site, where ever you have a problem or issue that require my personal attention as your representative.

I am moving to a new home in the centre of Harbury this May, please make a note of my new address. The telephone numbers, facsimile and mobile plus email all remain the same.

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**Peter Barton**





**Councillor Peter Barton at the Deppers Bridge road junction, where the Warwickshire County Council is now recommending a temporary 18 month – 7.5 ton weight limit restriction.**

## **Liberal Democrat Feedback**

As you may be aware I stood as the Liberal Democrat candidate for Harbury and Bishops Itchington in the recent local election, but was not successful in getting elected.

Peter Barton polled 921 votes, and I polled 702 votes. I was pleased with the result as I entered the election late, and as the Conservatives said, they had a head start on me.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported me, but more importantly all the people who voted for me. I am sorry that I will not be able to return your support by representing you at Stratford District Council, but this was a by-election, and there is an election in 2008 at which I will stand again. I know that with your continued support I can win, and I will work with Andrew Patrick to represent your views at Stratford.

So once again thanks to all of you, and watch this space!

**Chris Moir**

## **Co-Option of Parish Councillor – Deppers Bridge Ward**

**Nicola Thompson**

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor? The Parish Council deals with a wide range of local issues including planning, parking issues, the maintenance of the playing fields and much more.

Becoming a Councillor can be a fulfilling and interesting way to "give back" to the local community and get more involved in village affairs. Harbury Parish Council is currently looking to "co-opt" a Councillor following the resignation of Dutch Van Spall after 10 years of service. The new Councillor would have primary responsibility for Deppers Bridge ward and, although it is not necessary to live in Deppers Bridge itself, should be prepared to represent the residents of Deppers Bridge.

To qualify to stand for co-option the main conditions are that you must:

- Be aged at least 18 or over.
- Be resident in Deppers Bridge or Harbury
- Live within three miles of the Parish of Harbury.

If you would like to be considered or would like to find out more please contact the Clerk to the Council, Nicola Thompson on 614646, or e-mail [clerk@harbury-parish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@harbury-parish.co.uk). All applications to be with Nicola by 15<sup>th</sup> June.



## Harbury Society

**Linda Ridgley**

Our Guided Pub Walk from the Admiral Nelson, Braunston was a great success. Not only did Ed Wilson and John Smith reconnoitre the route and pick a good pub for lunch but they also conjured up a break in the dreadful weather and not a drop of rain fell on us!

The area between the two redundant railways and the present canal are open access land and should you visit the area, you can explore the remains of the Oxford Canal by the Hall; the Railway embankment to the north, the Churchyard and the deserted village sites. Bizarrely the area is littered with tanks, armoured cars and even an Ack-ack gun. It is a remote and special part of the Shire.



For our Carnival Stall on 9<sup>th</sup> June we will have a game and a display for you to try out.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room, Charles Barlow from WRCC will give a presentation on our Social Housing Needs and the potential Bush Heath Lane site. On 19<sup>th</sup> November, same time and place Mr Alan Winterburn will tell us more about "Little Known Warwickshire".

The Masterplan meetings on Follet Properties' plans to develop the Quarries site proceeds slowly. They have presented Housing, Leisure, and Transport Papers - none of which we consider to be satisfactory. Watch this space!



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

The well supported Annual Group Meeting hosted by Harbury's WI was a great success. Federation Chairman, Marie Coleman and committee were welcome guests. There was a happy atmosphere with Paul Kybert, a magician, and fun games to participate in. Refreshments were super too and many thanks to the helpers for their effort.

The May meeting was to discuss and vote for the resolution that will be taken to the AGM at the Albert Hall in June. Wine and refreshments made the evening and were great.

Then off we went again with a coffee morning at the home of Pam Parton recently, which was well supported. The raffle and bring and buy did well, and the sun shone too. What would the WI do without all its wonderful helpers for all occasions?

The WI members Garden Party on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.00pm is at the home of Ann Mayer in Vicarage Lane. There will be a raffle and bring and buy and please bring a chair.

A reminder for the cakes and preserves on Carnival Day. Please get them to members or to the stand around 12 noon please.

Good grief its time to order diaries and calendars for next year!

June's Speaker: Patricia Dent – Cinema.





## Harbury Theatre Group

Ruth Walton

A review of our recent performances appears elsewhere but I can't miss this opportunity to say that my Mum and I thoroughly enjoyed them and the supper! If you missed them you can catch Rob Stringer's thought-provoking "Armageddon and Fishcakes" at this year's Edinburgh Festival in August where members of Harbury Theatre Group will be performing for the first time.

Meanwhile, if you are in need of more space in your house, want to be able to park your car in the garage for a change, or simply want to raise some funds for yourself or an organisation, club or society, then help is at hand. Harbury Theatre Group is holding a Table Top Sale in Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 30th June 10am -12noon. Tables are £6 each. To reserve yours, please call 613415.



## Folk Club

Doug and Janny

The theme for Harbury Folk Club number 270 was "Books". This was selected to support the charity for the evening, a project by a few UK universities "to recycle surplus educational resources from UK secondary schools to Tanzania".

The first set of artists had been booked; Janny & Maureen with Peter & Margaret, Pete Mason, Martin, Stuart, Rik, Ian & Sue, Ted & Sue. Their selections included songs by Ralph McTell, Les Barker, Jez Lowe, plus self penned contributions. The subjects covered topics like; days in the week, old bones, Shakespeare, coal, drinking and senior moments. The Booker Prize of the first half went to Ted for the number of times he managed to mention the theme with *Old Johnny Booker*.

We had wanted to fit all the artists in the first two halves, but this was just impossible without foregoing beer and comfort breaks. We did manage to showcase; Danansooz, Peter McD, Liz & Margaret, Debbie, Ron, Summer, and Keith. They included songs by Dougie MacLean, Gordon Lightfoot, and more self penned contributions. The Orange Prize of the second half was awarded for the premiere of those duelling fiddlers Liz & Margaret playing *The False Trail Waltz*.

As always we saved the best for the third half. Des was in stunning vocal form as always. Pete Stanton played that Jake Thackeray and Mike Putnam hit *Brother Gorilla*. Janny & Maureen embarrassed a couple of members of Hereburgh with some old poems about them. The Whitbread Prize of the third half was awarded to Danansooz for their wonderful rendition of *Song for Ireland*. Sorry Dan there is not a Carling or Budweiser book award.

Another fine evening in the Shakespeare, and don't miss the next club on the 7<sup>th</sup> June when Des will be the host with the theme *As You Like It*. The raffle raised £43 which has been donated to Kathy Freeman's fund raising for the distribution of the books in Tanzania that have been collected from schools in the Liverpool area.



## Harbury Twinning Association

Sharon Hancock

On Saturday May 5th, members of the Twinning Association waited to greet their guests from Samois-sur-Seine in the luxury of Coventry Airport's arrivals lounge - actually a draughty piece of concrete! The decision to fly from Paris Orly meant we had more time available and the journey was much less tiring. Soon we were all gathered in the Rugby Club for a welcome lunch, and judging by the volume of noise, old friendships were quickly renewed. The rest of the day was free for hosts to choose how to entertain their guests. Compton Verney, Upton House and Charlecote were popular choices.

On Sunday, two coaches took us to the Black Country Museum, one driven by Ian who became such a friend of twinning when he drove us to France last year. Rain threatened but held off, and everyone enjoyed roaming the old streets and sampling the wares in the shops. A few dared the large helter-skelter, some getting bruised in the process. There was much hilarity in the schoolroom where we sampled a Victorian child's day. Many braved the coalmine and we all enjoyed a trip on the canal where some intrepid souls gained a certificate for legging the boat through a tunnel.

There was a choice of activities on Monday. Southam Bowling Club kindly hosted a tournament and laid on lunch. Peter Rollason led a group canoeing on the Leam. A large group enjoyed a walk from Ratley led by John Hancock. After a drizzly start, the weather cleared and the views were spectacular. The walk took in the battlefield of



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Edgehill and an explanatory leaflet in French (thanks to David Winter) was provided. A pub lunch at The Castle Inn at Edgehill was excellent.

A wonderful weekend was rounded off with a multi-cultural evening in the Village Hall. The decorations, undertaken by committee members not hosting, were fantastic. We had an Indian meal and entertainment by the Steel Pan Academy



which included several Harbury youngsters. They were brilliant and even had us dancing a can-can. All too soon, the evening was at an end and it was an early start to get our friends to the airport on



Tuesday. The only downside of the weekend was the sudden serious illness of a young French boy who was staying with our Chairman, Moira Lamont. He was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at Warwick Hospital and was unable to go

home with the rest of the group. His father stayed with him, and thankfully he improved enough to return home at the end of the week. The family are very grateful for all the support they received, especially from Moira, and for the excellent care at the hospital.

We are now looking forward to visiting Samois next year. Twinning is enormous fun and speaking French is not necessary. We have members who speak French very well, very badly, or not at all. Between visits we have a full programme of activities with a French slant. If you are interested, come and see us at the Carnival where we will have our traditional baguette stall and will be delighted to give you more information.



At the end of April Harbury Juniors took part in the annual Kineton Tournament, representing the club in teams across all the age groups.

The U8's, despite being down in numbers, played well in their first tournament and ended up in a penalty shoot out for the Supplementary cup. Jake Clifton was superb in goal and although the penalties didn't go in their favour they all took home a medal and a smile on their face!

The U9's won the Supplementary cup in their age group.

The U10's won all the matches in their group beating Napton 2-0, Kineton 1-0, and Fenny Compton 1-0 who had only lost one match all season. Jack and Jacob each scored 2 goals. The team played flowing football with good passing and interplay from all players, in particular Jack Groves whose distribution of the ball set up some excellent attacking moves. The evenly fought semi final against Tysoe resulted in a 0-0 draw with Harbury losing in an eventful penalty shoot out. The team should be proud of their performance both in this tournament and throughout the season. I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team and look forward to seeing all the players in September.

**Malcolm Tanner**

Harbury U11's progressed through the group stages with wins against Azad Hill, (1-0, goal scorer Adam Miles) and Kineton (3-0, Adam Miles, George Hendry, Angus Murray) and reached the semi final. The team played well and were unlucky to lose 2-1 to the eventual winners, Alveston. Harbury goal scored by George Hendry. The U11's showed great team spirit and can be proud of their performances which marked the end of a fantastic season in which they won the league unbeaten.

**Neil Murray**

The U14's won the cup in their age group to complete the cup and league double! A successful end to the season for coaches Alistair Catteral and Justin King who retire from HJFC this year. Many thanks to them for their commitment over the years.

The club also held its own tournament day where all the age groups came together. It was a great day for players and families, even the (willing!) parents got to play matches.



Many thanks to all who helped organise and run the event. Along with the Presentation Evening it was a fitting end to a great season.

Special thanks to Mike and Bobbie Jones for all their hard work and commitment to the club this year.

We start the next season with training at the Harbury playing fields on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 9am.

## **Chairman's message**

**Mike Jones**

We have now almost reached the end of a successful season with a well attended Presentation Evening on 12<sup>th</sup> May, with guest ex-Premiership player David Busst who is now a Community Development Officer for Coventry City.

In addition we ran a very successful intra-club Tournament last Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) that was enjoyed by all in the sunshine.

Following Championships at three age groups in the Three Counties league we followed this with more cup success at the Kineton tournament, albeit some matches finishing in the dark!

We will start next season with teams in consecutive age groups from U8 to U13 and we are looking to preserve our U15 team that has lost players due to changes in schools and the loss of its two coaches.

We have three coaches going on an FA training course in the summer and every age group will start next season with at least one qualified coach to develop them. We have recently been lucky enough to secure Steve Burnell's services to lead the coaching of our U7's. Steve is already a qualified coach and has recently moved back to Harbury - and he's very welcome at the club.

We have enough girls in the younger age groups to make a team and we are looking for friendly matches to play against other girls only teams at U9 level.

The club effectively runs to Charter standard as described by the FA with a constitution, child welfare, insurance, properly trained coaches and CRB checks but as the Three Counties is a non-FA affiliated league we are prevented from having this accreditation.

I'd like to thank all of the coaches, committee members, parents, helpers and players for their enthusiasm and commitment to the club. I hope that all those connected with the club have enjoyed their season and come back ready and refreshed for the next.

We have had to say goodbye to the following coaches; Justin King and Alastair Cattrell from the U14 and David Hoey from the U8. We thank them for their contribution over the past few seasons. In addition we have also said a final goodbye to Keith Edwards and his U17 team. Keith and his lads from Warwick Gates arrived as a Harbury team some four seasons ago and have represented their adopted club in a manner befitting everything you could wish for. We wish him, his wife Jackie and all of the players the very best for the future.

As ever we are always looking for people to be involved with the club and I would welcome any inquiries for the Secretary's role in particular.

Finally, the best of luck to our U10 and U11 teams who are taking part in the Southam and Tysoe tournaments this coming weekend.



# **Harbury RFC**

## **Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby**

**Mark Easton**

Sunday 29th April was the last Sunday of the Rugby season for our Mini and Juniors, it was a games and presentation morning.

We started with assault course races, followed with kicking target practice and rugby rounders. Before lunch the coaches had a game of two handed tag rugby against the Under 15's, to make it a bit fairer the Under 15's had to wear Wellington boots!!! The coaches won 12 - 5 with tries from Under 15's Coach Barry Dutton and under 10's Coach Chris Howell. A few of the coaches will be approached for Vets rugby next year, watch out!!!!

The more serious business of the Presentations.

All the Mini players received medals and in each age group presentations for Player of the Season, Clubman of the Year and Most Improved Player.

Age	Player of the Season	Clubman Award	Most Improved
Under 7's	Jamie Head	Beth Mancell	Jim Owen
Under 8's	Joe Hunt	Nicholas Williams	Matt Latey
Under 9's	Sam Tutt	Ben & Neil Taylor	Ben Steele
Under 10's	Finn Toner	Russell Brookes	Robert Rollason
Under 11's	Bradley Sheasby	Ben Darlison	Keiran Evans



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

May has been a very busy month both on and off the court. I am pleased to say that the shale surround of the tennis/netball club has been replaced with tarmac so fear of a broken ankle can no longer be used as an excuse for not chasing that difficult lob!

In the Banbury Summer League Division 1 the "A" Team are having a mixed season to date. They nearly caused a surprise against Byfield "A", last year's champions losing by the narrowest of margins 4-5 and missing out on a bonus point awarded to the team winning the most games by 1. The team was Gill Thorpe, Angie Dean, Louise Street, Andrew Rendell, Geoff Prince and Colin Mercer. The next game was against Byfield's second string and saw the team (Angie, Geoff, Andrew, Kate Young, Caroline Morland and Ed Wilson) stroll to a 9-0 win) However, it was down to earth with a bump when Banbury "A" were the visitors and went home with a 9-0 win! The team that night was Gill, Angie, Andrew, Geoff, Eira Owen (making her "A" team debut) and Jon Scothern.

In Division 4 the "B" team lost away at Middleton Cheney "B" by a 3-6 margin. They got off to a bad start losing the first 3 rubbers. Colin Mercer and Keith Thompson lost 3-8, Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer 5-6 on a tie break, and Jane Durman and debutant Chris Cousins by 5-6. The team improved considerably to win 3 of the next 6 rubbers but it was too late! The next match was away at Hook Norton and this time Harbury got a rare win on the artificial grass! The home team ladies were dominant and too strong for Caroline and Sue who were joined by Tracey Haggan, winning all the Ladies doubles. However, Colin, Bill Hathaway, and Jonathan Smith were on good form and won all the men's doubles. Harbury won all 3 mixed doubles to secure a win, but didn't do quite enough to win the bonus point!

The men's doubles team continued its winning ways in Division 4 of the Prudden Road Surfacing League with a very good 3-1 win at Claverdon "C". Andrew Rendell and Geoff Prince won both their rubbers. Jon Scothern and Bill Hathaway almost made it a whitewash but lost their second rubber on a 3<sup>rd</sup> set tiebreak. A similar score was achieved in the next match at Moreton "B" with Colin Mercer and Jonathan Smith joining Jon and Bill, but it took nearly 4 hours! Jon and Colin had a marathon rubber losing the first set 3-6, but coming back to take the next 2 sets on tie breaks. Bill and Jonathan were



comfortable winners in their first match but lost in 3 sets in their second and the first can of beer was eventually opened at 10.20pm!

The Junior programme is now in full swing. It has had a few interruptions for rain although it was a glorious day when the photos of the Mini Reds (Under 8's) were taken. Once again we've been invited by Warwickshire LTA to send a group of 12 juniors to the DFS Classic at Edgbaston. This is one of the main pre-Wimbledon tournaments for



Ladies and the children will have a session on the LTA's play zone as well as meeting some of the players and watching world class tennis.

Two of the teams in the South Warwickshire Junior Doubles League have been in action. In the Boys Under 14's Jack Sampson and Liam Crossling's first fixture against Alcester was rained off but they played their first competitive match a week later against Coventry based Beechcroft. This was a difficult start and the boys lost 1-6, 2-6, but will no doubt have learnt a great deal from the experience.



Bethany Conway and Becky Casement have been very busy and have already played 3 of their 4 fixtures in the Under 14's. Their first match was at Warwick Boat Club "B" and although they were beaten 3-6, 3-6 they played really well and both enjoyed the match. They are pictured in relaxed mode after the game. They then played 2 games in 2 days. First up were the strong team from Rugby, one of the leading Warwickshire clubs. The girls lost the 1<sup>st</sup> set 6-3 but took the 2nd set to tie break which they unfortunately lost. They then played against Warwick Boat Club D team and took them to 3 sets, when our girls

emerged the victors! They lost the 1<sup>st</sup> set 6-1 but kept their nerve and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> set 7-5. The final set saw all the girls tiring but Bethany and Becky won 6-2. I should point out that although they play for the Under 14's Becky is only 10 and Bethany just 13 so they have done exceptionally well to adapt to match play — it is our first ever girls team in the league so the senior ladies had better look out!



## Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Firstly I must correct some key errors in my last report I said that Will Russell hit a well made 57 not 7, as this would be rubbish, which Will certainly isn't. Secondly some poor bloke from Bishops Itchington has received over 15 phone calls for me due to the fact my phone number was put in incorrectly, it is 612382, (do apologise to anyone this has inconvenienced, namely 'that bloke from Bishops'). I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Parkinson Jones estate agents for printing our fixture cards, it is very much appreciated. Unfortunately if you have one of our fixture cards, my number has come out wrong again, but my brother does live in the same house for some reason, so if you want me, ring him.

Already this season we have had our fair share of highs and lows, with our record so far this season being two wins, two losses and a rained off match. We've already had hundreds scored by some of our batsmen, spectacular catches taken; in every game we have scored over two hundred runs and my dad hasn't given me out LBW yet, quite an achievement for him.

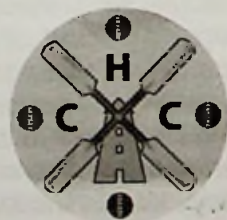
In the first game this month we took on Willoughby. We felt good in winning the toss, something that doesn't happen that often to us, and we decided to take the new ball and field. Now, with the outfield in the state it was this was not easy for us with balls bouncing all over the place, plenty of us got clocked in the face and in nasty places (need I say more!), but I like to think we did well in restricting them to 290 for 2, our only breakthroughs coming from Phil Mugleston who had a great if not dubious catch taken on the boundary by Greg Neale, I'm pretty sure he was inside the boundary markers, that bloke was on 70 odd anyway. Matt Boneham also took his 4<sup>th</sup> wicket of the season, other than that, we were a pretty bruised side at tea. In going out to bat, Will Russell who could not walk due to taking a bad hit to the calf whilst fielding was replaced at the top of the order, leaving the two Mugleston brothers to start the innings. They started well making their opening stand of 134, until Stuart fell for 34, leaving Phil on 77. He continued adding to his score but as others fell at the opposite end pushing for the big total the task was becoming impossible. However Phil was able to carry on and make his maiden hundred, "how cool is this!" I thought to myself and then got caught on the boundary next ball! We finished with a respectable total of 200 for 9, and went to the pub for a much needed pint.

The week after, we took on local rivals Long Itchington, this was particularly important for me, as I would be playing against one of my schoolteachers. Having remembered the pain of the week before, Ed won the toss again and this time we decided to bat. The innings started well with Will hitting the first four balls of the innings to the boundary for four. Needless to say the opening bowler was not particularly pleased with this, and by the time Will got out for a brisk 91, all of the bowlers had a bit of a headache. The innings continued in this fashion with each of the top four scoring good runs. Ed Russell particularly battled hard to hit his first 50 of the season. We ended on the innings on 247 for 3 and felt a lot better going for tea. We started the bowling well with Jaime Newport picking up his first two wickets of the season; Matt also continued his form with the ball picking up 3 wickets. Enter debutant Jez Hunt. He was padded up ready to bat for virtually the whole innings but didn't get his chance to bat; this gave him the opportunity to turn his arm over for the first time in 6 years, but it wasn't bad at all taking 3 wickets which were well deserved. Tom McKenzie also took his first wicket for the club, which was well deserved and has shown how much he has improved since starting at the beginning of the season.

Some great fielding was also shown on the day with Will taking a brilliant diving catch, which reminded me of Ronaldo. My dad also proved he could still move and took two tough catches, this in turn left him injured for the next match. In bowling them out for 178, I had the satisfaction of telling my teacher "better luck next time!" With the next scheduled game being called off due to the much-needed rain, the week after we travelled to Rugby. For the match we had some key players missing, there would be no Greg or Ed to open the bowling, therefore we bowled first. To cut a long story short, very depressing, lot of running and diving around, they scored 233 for 2. The batting wasn't particularly inspiring either with Phil being the only major run scorer with 44, and we ended up well short. Personally I blame the tennis players at the far end of the pitch who were very distracting when you have to concentrate on your own game.

We are still holding our heads high for the rest of the season though, and are particularly looking forward to our new shirts coming through. Last month I promised you could see the new design and here we are:

Cheers to Becky Casement for her design that formed the basis of the logo, which I'm sure you'll





agree, is a good representation of Harbury and cricket. In next month's issue I hope to put in some photos of the team and of some big shots played by our batsmen (yes it does happen), I should probably mention that this year's sixes league is being won by me at the minute. On a final note I feel I should say that this report is now becoming more commonly known as the "Phil Mugleston column" in the club, can't think why! As ever we are always looking for new players if anyone wants a nice game on a Sunday, the numbers you need are Ed Russell 612684 and Phil Mugleston 612382. Please don't hesitate to give me a ring if you got the wrong number last month, I promise I will be on the end of this number. The pitch is also for hire if you would just like to have a game between your friends. Richard Carr continues to provide top class wickets, which are very much appreciated. So don't hesitate to contact us if you fancy a game.



**Windmills**

Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

We have been absolutely thrilled this month to hear that following a formal inspection, we have been short listed for the Warwickshire Childcare Awards. Tina and Marie will be attending a presentation dinner to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at which the winner will be announced; in the meantime we are keeping everything crossed.



Continuing this half term's topic of journeys and transport, the children have made boats, from yogurt pots which they launched in the water tray and discussed floating and sinking. At circle time the children extended this activity by informing us of the different types of boat, in particular lifeboats and why we have lighthouses. The children have also made 3D models of gliders

and tested their flying skills on the school field, as well as hot air balloons, complete with baskets which they collaged with different coloured foam tiles.

This activity helped to develop the children's imagination as well as promoting some beautifully expressive comments: "I would like my hot air balloon to take me to France" - Morgan F. "I would like to go to a hotter place than France, like Africa to see Kangaroos, crocodiles and

tigers with Mummy, Daddy and Eleanor" - Joshua B. "A hot air balloon goes really slowly, I would like it to take me to America. It is good there - it has 2 toilets" - Jacob.

The children took our role-play travel agents one step further by lining up the chairs and creating a train, then going to buy train tickets from the office. The children have also created a giant magic carpet weaving lots of different materials through garden mesh. We concluded our topic with a visit



from a real live pilot who explained to the children how the aeroplane stays in the air by carrying out two experiments with them. They then took turns to try on his headphones.

Our peripatetic artist, Chris, visited Windmills to talk about journeys far away places especially very hot and cold countries. The children looked at the globe and she showed them the Arctic and Antarctic, discussing what animals live there and how they would travel there. They then painted pictures using hot and cold colours. We took our children on the infant playground to join in with the Schools May Day celebrations, and our older children in to the school hall to watch the Y1 assembly about time and changes.

**Training** - Marie and Tina attended a full day course 'supporting children with Autism in a pre school setting' which was held at Manor Hall in Leamington Spa.

**Thank you** - Thank you to Gill Guilford for visiting Windmills and leading a music session following our theme of 'Transport'. Thank you also to everyone who helped to make our May coffee morning so successful. The children all enthusiastically joined in with the singing, while proudly showing off the flower bracelets they had made for the occasion. Thank you to Kyla for donating a box of art and craft supplies and to Jared's mum Michelle and Grandma Hazel for donating a selection of toys.

### **Dates:**

Windmills Open Morning - Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007, 10am -11.30 am.

Individual and Group Photographs at Windmills - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 1pm

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Casino Night - Harbury Village Hall 8.00 pm till midnight. Tickets are priced at £12.50 to include initial gaming chips,

canapés and a buffet supper, and are available from Windmills, or Emma Watson on 01926 612254.

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](mailto:info@windmills-nursery.co.uk), call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Japanese Children's Day** - May was a very busy month with lots of new and different activities. Japanese Children's Day fell on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the children dressed up in Japanese clothes and made lovely carp streamers. Saffie's daddy sent some fantastic paper hats made from Japanese newspapers in for the children to try on. He had also written some labels in Japanese which were put alongside the English versions in various locations around the room.



**Summer Flowers** - With summer just around the corner, the children enjoyed making their own miniature garden when they planted petunias, Busy Lizzies and verbena in a large tray. We are looking forward to seeing some lovely flowers in the next few weeks as the children learn to care for the plants. Following on from this, the children have produced wonderful observational paintings of cut flowers, which now adorn our summer garden canopied area.

**Summer Outing** - The annual summer outing took place at Hatton Country World, where the children had a wonderful time seeing the animals, cheering on "Red Ram" in the sheep racing and going on a tractor ride through mud and water and past a variety of scarecrows. Hattie was particularly taken with the guinea pigs, while Amber-Qway "liked looking at the cows when we did get stuck in the water splash on the tractor." It was wonderful to watch the children display such confidence as they fed the animals, some doing this for the first time.

**Old MacDonald** - After the visit to Hatton, the role play area was first turned into Old MacDonald's farm, complete with a home-made scarecrow wearing a kilt. We did lots of work with tartan, including dressing up, painting and colouring. Makaton signs were learned for



the different animals when singing "Old MacDonald had a Farm", with the children demonstrating their expertise as they showed the signs for cow, pig, dog, cat and sheep. The story sack "The Scarecrow Who Didn't Scare" borrowed from the resource library, helped to round off the topic.



**Farm Shop** – Poppy and Jessica went with Claire to buy potatoes, carrots and parsnips in the village. These were then bought and sold over and over again in the role play area which had become a farm shop. The children enjoyed making shopping lists and taking baskets of produce to the till. Every so often, the shop had to be closed so that it could be re-stocked before other shoppers and shop keepers took on their roles.

**Green is for grass** – Differing shades of green paint in the builders' tray attracted lots of interest and comments such as Harry's "Its like green custard", and scrapers were used to make very effective grassy mono-prints.

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



## Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

**Auction of Promises** – Many thanks to the PTA for their wonderful organisation of the recent Auction of Promises. To say that the event was a roaring success would be the understatement of the year. Led by two of the most entertaining auctioneers I have ever met, a grand total of just under £4000 (yes, four thousand!!) was raised. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped in any way, and many thanks in particular to all who donated or bought lots.

**Meetings for Parents** – We have arranged two important meetings for parents next half term – please put the dates in your diaries and try and come along to them.

The first meeting is to review the aims of the school and to explore the idea of developing a "Mission Statement" for the school. The aims of the school, despite a massive programme of Government initiatives, have not been reviewed since I came to the school. The Governors have therefore decided that the time is right for such a review to take

place, and wish to make it as inclusive as possible – consultation therefore, also be taking place with the staff, pupils and among Governors themselves, before a reviewed set of aims established. The parents' meeting, which will be led jointly by myself and Mike McBride, our Chair of Governors, will be on Monday, June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Second, I have invited an adviser from the Local Authority to talk to parents about "e-safety" – making sure that your children are safe when using the internet at home. As I am sure you are aware, the growing use of home computers has brought with it a growing problem of child safety on the internet. The aim of this meeting is for parents to become more aware of the potential problems that internet use at home could bring and to receive advice as to the steps that can be taken at home to minimise risk. This meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm. Again, all welcome.

**Congratulations** – It gives me great pleasure to inform parents that Mrs. Payne and her husband are expecting their second child in November. Mrs. Payne will be taking maternity leave from 25th June. On behalf of all at the school I offer the couple our warmest congratulations. I am also delighted to inform you that Mrs Harris has agreed to continue Mrs Payne's teaching commitments until the end of the Summer Term. Our very best wishes also to Mrs Johnson, who began her maternity leave last week. We wish her all the very best for the forthcoming months. I shall be writing to the parents with children in the Reception class about the arrangements that we will be putting into place to cover Mrs Johnson's maternity leave.

**And Finally** ..... – Many of you will know that Fr Roy was diagnosed last year with a serious illness. I am delighted to inform you that the news from his latest hospital appointment indicates that he is well on the road to recovery. We wish him well.



**1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts**

**Nick Taw**

Have you seen, heard or read any of the coverage of Scouts Centenary Year? It has been full of action for Harbury Scouts so far. We had sessions on bike repair and making alarms, we put teams into the District swimming Gala, and we invented indoor games for Burns Night and had a really interesting trip to Dutch Van Snel recording studio in Ladbroke. The highlight of the term was a week trip to Ilam Hall Youth Hostel in the Peak District.

This term we built up to the five District Centenary Camp at Charlecote by learning how to put up tents, pack rucksacks and cook on open fires. The camp was the first time Harbury cubs and scouts have camped together for a long time so we took all available canvas. There was a great range of activities: climbing walls and abseiling, raft building, kayaking, air rifle shooting, circus skills, a craft tent, laser quest, Velcro assault course, archery and our own, improvised sliding rink. The food was great, the weather stayed fine; just don't ask about the traffic queues on Friday evening!



Helper Richard Bloxham teaches firelighting

Coming up: Day at Warwick Castle, Harbury Carnival, bike rides and orienteering.



## Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

We all enjoyed a wonderful talk at our last meeting of the season on 1<sup>st</sup> May, David Edmonds topic was Getting Ready for Chelsea. David was a lecturer at Pershore College for many years and is now a freelance designer.

He introduced his talk by reminding us that the first Chelsea Flower Show was in 1913 and mainly for seed companies to advertise their range of plants etc. It was not a bit like it is today with the huge Show Gardens. It has evolved slowly to its present format, when it is not unusual for over £200,000 to be spent on a show garden.

David has exhibited many times with the students from Pershore College and has won a handful of Gold Medals. He showed us his models that he made for his financial backers prior to acceptance from the RHS. Once accepted and finance in position the hard work begins. Sourcing the materials for the gardens can be very time consuming and for the garden which showed an old mine he went to a slate quarry in Wales and handpicked 40 tons of slate. This, his first show garden in 1991 was financed by Dr Hessayon, the prolific author of dozens of gardening books. Once a gold medal had been won



Dr Hessayon was no longer interested and after a year when no sponsorship was forthcoming Express Newspapers sponsored the college.

Work starts on the show gardens 3 weeks before Chelsea is open to the public. Work is carried out in all sorts of weathers and only 2 students at a time stay at youth hostels. The others are bussed daily from Pershore to Chelsea. Before large cranes and diggers became the norm they used very small diggers which could be a very protracted exercise. The materials have to be brought to Chelsea together with the plants. The plants are all grown at the college. In some years over 5000 plants are grown. The Lockkeepers Cottage won a Gold Medal and best in show in 1993. This involved a trip to Dartmoor to look for 30 tons of red sandstone, the weather closed in and they were stranded for two days. Building the walls is quite a complicated procedure; usually the centre of any structure is breeze blocks and the covering of bricks or other materials is then added to this. The students make many of the slabs and bricks at the college throughout the year. Slides showed how the gardens progressed from day one to an immaculate garden.

All plants are left in pots and these have to be hidden so that you cannot see them. One of the tricks used was to glue ivy on walls. Another was to put green dye in a water feature to hide the tops of the plant pots. Attention to detail is vital as the four judges who visit the Gardens on the Monday of Chelsea week to assess the Gardens look for anything that is less than perfect. Imagine the thrill of arriving on the Tuesday morning to receive a gold medal.

Once the show has finished and plants sold on the last day of the show, they then have three days to dismantle everything. They bring back the materials which are distributed throughout the college and slate was very prevalent in many gardens in Pershore in 1991. The site has to be as it was before work started, not a brick or stone must be left.

David is a very modest man and he should be very proud of his achievements. His slides were excellent and I'm sure we will now be able to appreciate all the effort and hard work when we see Chelsea on the BBC.

The first of the evening trips took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May when we visited Sulgrave Manor not far from Banbury. It was a very enjoyable evening; the weather behaved itself after a soggy morning, always a bonus. Our two guides were very informative and Jenny who took the group I was

in around the Manor was so enthusiastic and knowledgeable. So much to appreciate, if you have never been there I can thoroughly recommend a visit. After our tour of the Manor we looked around the gardens. A lovely parterre and some very good plantings of herbs and herbaceous borders with stunning views over the surrounding countryside. As we were going through the orchard a cuckoo started to sing right on cue!

Just a reminder about the other evening trip on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Spetchley Park. Please be at the Village Hall by 5.30pm so that we can lift share if possible. Then for the day trip on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Wilton House and Heale Gardens, please be at Village Hall before 8.30am when the coach will be leaving.

All arrangements are now in place for the Walkabout weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, some new gardens this year so it promises to be another busy weekend.

Thank you to everyone who will be helping either programme selling or with refreshments or making cakes. Lets hope for another successful weekend with lots of visitors.



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Returning to Warwickshire on Thursday 26th April after nearly six weeks away, we were mesmerised by the spring colours, especially the shades of green exhibited by our native trees as their leaves unfolded. Late summer in Southern Australia, whilst having an array of different species to feast the eye couldn't hold a candle up to our fresh vegetation. We had been impressed by the River Red Gums in the dry creek beds of the Flinders Ranges. In the Art Gallery of South Australia in Adelaide, we had seen the impressive paintings by Hans Heysen who emigrated from Germany. They capture the hot, dry, rural aspect of life in those parts in the early 20th century and we have an illustrated book if anyone would like to have a look.

Next day, I visited the Spoilbank Nature Reserve to prepare for a guided walk. Early Purple Orchids, always uncommon there, were not in evidence. I found some just inside Ufton Woods mixed with Bluebells which were just past their best. At the Spoilbank, Cowslips and Wild Strawberry were in their prime and leaves of Common Twayblade and Common Spotted orchids were easy to find. The weather was warm and sunny as it had been throughout April I am told.



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I made a late appearance at David Brown's Open Studies class on Lepidoptera which is running for ten weeks over the summer. After viewing some photographs taken during last year's classes, we went out onto the Welcombe Hills to search for butterflies. While cycling over, I had seen a Holly Blue. If it's a blue butterfly in April, it's odds on it's a Holly Blue (*Celastrina argiolus*). The group found Peacock, Small White, Brimstone, Speckled Wood, Orange Tip, Small Tortoiseshell and Large White.

The Orange Tip (*Anthocharis cardamines*) is a beautiful little insect. Only the males have the typical orange-tipped forewings, the females are white. After mating, she lays eggs singly on the underside of a Lady's Smock (*Cardamine protensis*) flower bud. This crucifer (member of the cabbage family) is the chief food plant for the caterpillar. Its other name, Cuckoo Flower, is presumably because it first blooms with the arrival of the Cuckoo. Other flowers given the epithet 'Cuckoo' include Wood Anemone, Red Campion Greater Stitchwort, Bluebell and Early Purple Orchid.

This year, the Cuckoo seems to be rarer than ever and I've only heard it once. I was cycling back into the village on a very wet Sunday (13th May) when I heard its call from fields close to the quarry between Harbury and Bishops Itchington. I asked Alan Barr later that day if both male and female sang 'cuckoo' and he confirmed that they did. On that day we had close to an inch (25mm) of rain which gardeners appreciated after the long dry spell. So much rain fell on Dartmoor that the annual Ten Tors Walk was abandoned as the rivers were dangerously high.

A Grey Wagtail foraging about the overflow channel on the Grand Union canal at Radford bottom lock was an unusual sighting. They are commonly found hopping from rock to rock on upland streams. The overflow, mimicking a waterfall and rich with invertebrates, provided a perfect hunting ground. Despite its name, the Grey Wagtail is quite colourful and together with its head bobbing progress when on the ground, is quite distinctive.

Down at Kingston, on the lake in front of the house, a pair of Great Crested Grebe have nested and produced 6 chicks. Michael Thwaites reported that he had seen the chicks riding on their mother's back. I've promised myself another visit, this time with field glasses.

Further afield, we saw plenty of bird life on the Kennett and Avon Canal on our annual weekend cruise with friends. The canal cuts through the Oolitic limestone southern Cotswold Hills by following the

River Avon as it crosses from Wiltshire into North East Somerset. The twisting, heavily wooded, deeply incised valley was a delight. Female Coots chugged about followed by lines of fluffy chicks. One female was sitting on a clutch of eggs in a rather exposed position. An old moored boat near the Dundas Aqueduct had a single rubber tyre acting as a fender. The birds had made their nest in the rim of the tyre, hidden from the towpath, but exposed to passing boats. One morning, on the hills above, I found a large group of Early Purple Orchids.

High summer, with its heavier shades of green and dazzling array of flowers, is nearly upon us. Visit Ufton Fields to find the rare Man Orchid. To see this you will have to cross a fence via a stile at the north-eastern corner of the Reserve. Several small fences have been erected to protect the plants from rabbits. I've already seen the leaves of the Greater Butterfly Orchid there and look forward to the spectacular creamy white flowers.

Enjoy the season.



## **Village Hall Update - June 2007**

**Chris Finch**

May has been a busy month for the use of the Village Hall with the Polling Station requirements, the Annual parish meeting, Quizzes, the Theatre Group Drama Night and the usual badminton nights and monthly meetings, as well as private functions. Before each event, a member of the committee checks that all the facilities are in good working order and again after a booking, the premises are re-checked to ensure that everything is in place for the next hirer. This may seem a trivial exercise, but it all helps to ensure that the Hall is kept in prime condition. A comments sheet is provided to each hirer, so that on-going feedback is recorded about the state of the premises and its usefulness as a community building.

The Steering Group members are continuing to research funding opportunities and are preparing documents that will aid any future application. It is necessary to have an 'up-to-date' business plan and to set out a marketing policy, as well as a clear Health and Safety policy. All of these requirements would be familiar to anyone running a business and the volunteer members of the committee are wrestling with all the 'essentials', which combine to prove to outside agencies that the Village Hall is efficiently run on behalf of the community.



There will be no news about the "Big Lottery Application" until the end of August/beginning of September but currently only 10% percent of applications are successful. At some point another Open Consultation Day will be held to which everyone will be invited. In the meantime, the committee hopes to hear from anyone who can offer professional advice and assistance in a voluntary capacity, which would inform the decisions relating to the development proposals, especially someone with building or quantity surveying knowledge and possibly architectural experience. If there is anyone who would be willing to provide expertise relating to the modifications proposed to improve the Hall, please contact Geoff on 613801.

The regular Village Hall update is designed to inform the community about the management of the premises and any helpful comments or advice will be gratefully received.



## General Section

### Spirit of Harbury Award 2007

Last month, the Spirit of Harbury Shield was presented for the fifth time to a member of Harbury's community who has been nominated to receive the award in recognition of a valuable contribution to village life. Previously, the shield has been awarded by members of John Hunt's family to Janet Thornley, Danny Killian, Brian Ingram and Joyce Windsor, who as notable members of the village for many years have all been worthy winners for their voluntary efforts, which the award seeks to recognise. This year's recipient is no less worthy of the recognition and it is refreshing to find a younger member of the community being singled out for the honour. All too often, it would appear that many villages throughout the UK have a dearth of community activity, as the people willing to assist in the organisation and promotion of clubs and societies are those who have more 'free time' on their hands, as they move towards retirement and have fulfilled all their early commitment to the family. Harbury has always been recognised as a vibrant community and much of its spirit is generated by the commitment of people of all ages to work together for the 'common good', which results in so many social activities and events throughout the year.

Lana Long (formerly Marsh) was presented with the shield at a recent coffee morning and professed her surprise at being recognised for the

award following in such 'illustrious footsteps'. It is only on talking to her in order to prepare a profile of her involvement with different groups within the village that it is possible to appreciate her enthusiasm for the various projects to which she has contributed and the energy with which she has pursued those endeavours.

Lana was born and brought up as a 'Harbury girl' and attended both the local Primary and Secondary schools. She confesses that she loved growing up in the village and always wanted to return here when she had her own family, as she is a passionate believer in the value of community life. She identifies that it is vital that the village should be attractive to young people, so that it will continue to thrive and offer a social heart within which there is 'something for everyone' to enjoy – be it children's clubs, uniformed groups, dance groups, drama productions, quizzes, sports and a range of social events including charity nights and tribute events.

Lana left Southam College after the Sixth Form and as she was 'desperate to own her own car', she took a variety of jobs, including working in insurance, for a solicitor and Vauxhall Motors before she eventually met and married Mark in 1990. They moved to Southam for 18 months, as they could not afford a property in Harbury and they lived in a caravan for 6 months as they waited for the right house in the village to become available.

Eventually they were fortunate to secure the property where they now live on which Lana has 'designs', which are gradually coming to fruition. Mark is currently a design engineer for Land Rover at Solihull and he previously worked for the company at Gaydon after completing his apprenticeship with Rover and attending Coventry College.

Lana and Mark have three children, Beren (1996), Alisha (1998) and Indianna (2000) and apart from the time when Lana acted as Clerk to the Parish Council, most of her spare time has been spent in a voluntary capacity centred around her support for the various groups through which her children have progressed.



As one nomination for the award mentioned, Lana has always been the first to volunteer whenever a request for help has been sought. Her first contribution was to the Toddler Group when she initially joined the parent rota assisting with activities and then became the treasurer for approximately 3 years. During this time, she organised trips for the group, sourced toys for the Xmas parties and started the fund-raising activities by including the Group on the coffee morning schedule on Saturday mornings. She also created an annual 'paper quiz', which was sold in aid of the funds for which a hamper was offered as a prize. When she read an article in the H&L News from Carnival Organiser, John Broomfield, asking for support for Carnival Day, she encouraged the Toddlers to enter a walking tableau and also ran a Treasure Hunt stall on the field.

When her son Beren joined both Harbury Pre-School (located behind the library on High Street) and the Nursery School (now Windmills) in 1999, she joined the Pre-School committee to assist with its organisation of events. At the time, Alisha had joined Toddler Group, so Lana helped both groups with fund-raising activities.

In 2003 (with Indianna at Toddler Group, Alisha at Harbury Pre-School and Beren at Harbury Primary School) Lana helped to raise over £15,000 for the outdoor play area for the Pre-School and Toddler Group as a result of sponsorship from building societies, general fundraising activities and donations from grant-giving bodies and personal pledges. This effort resulted in a huge outdoor storage shed, 'wet-pour' safety surfacing, new fencing and gates. A family fun day was organised during the summer holidays, where children and parents came and painted colourful murals on the walls and fences in a 'seaside and underwater theme.'

Later on in the same year, over £4,000 was raised from various fund-raising activities and grant giving bodies to totally refurbish the interior of the Wight School room where Toddler Group and Pre-School run their activities. The refurbishment included a complete redecoration of the interior, new stable door, anti-slip flooring and flotex carpeting, which allowed a range of children's activities to be offered.

Again in the same year Lana successfully applied for a £6,000 grant from the Nationwide Building Society which enabled the Pre-School to cover staff training and expenses and a variety of special needs toys and equipment, this grant made a real difference to the development of the Pre-School. Lana continued to assist Toddler Group until approximately 2003, and Pre-School until 2005, at which point, all three children were at Harbury School.



From 2000, she became involved with the P.T.A., so that at one time, she was active with all three levels of 'schooling', as by this time Indianna had started at Toddler Group. As might be expected from her previous contributions, Lana became the Vice-Chair of the P.T.A. in 2006 and continued to give the benefit of her expertise for organising events and fund-raising.

In 2001, Lana began organising annual Tribute Nights in aid of the group/s that her children were attending at that period of time; the first one was a Beatles Night in aid of Harbury Pre-School which attracted sponsorship from Barclays Bank and rose over £2,000. Since then, there has been a Tribute Night every year (ABBA, 70's etc); in total they have raised over £12,000 for village groups. This year there are two Tribute Nights!! The next Tribute Night is an 80's night on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

In 2006, Lana, on behalf of G.A.S.S., successfully applied for a £5,000 grant from 'Awards for All' and this allowed the provision of new canoes, sports equipment, notice boards for the Scout Hut and a marquee for all the youngsters currently enrolled in the uniformed groups.

Her most recent success has been in helping G.A.S.S. to raise £57,000, which was desperately needed to replace the leaking roof on the Scout Hut and bring the kitchen facilities up to standard, so that the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies will be able to cook for themselves and learn skills which have not been possible previously. Lana secured the finance by sending applications to Warwickshire County Council (£30,000), Stratford District Council (£13,000), the Local Network Fund (£7,000) and South Warwickshire Housing Association (£2,000). G.A.S.S. has also been awarded a generous £5,000 contribution from the Parish Council. In addition to sourcing grant funding, she has also helped G.A.S.S. run their annual fund-raising activities which means that that the group can contribute over £3,000 towards the roof repairs.

Unbelievably, the total sum that Lana has helped to raise from grant awards, coffee mornings, sponsored events, car boot sales, and all the other *"too many to remember fund-raising events"* that village groups have benefited from over the years is in excess of £100,000....., but, as Lana was quick to point out, *"this was only achievable as a 'team effort' - the treasurers, chairpersons and long-standing committee members of Harbury's voluntary community groups are the unsung heroes of our village."*

As one might perceive from the reasons why Lana was nominated to receive the Spirit of Harbury Shield this year, the adage that 'if you want something doing, ask a busy person' is entirely applicable. Throughout her time back in Harbury, Lana has committed herself to working 'tirelessly on behalf of the youngsters of the village' and is to be commended for acting so selflessly at a time when the demands of a young family can often take precedence to the exclusion of everything else.

Lana now works as a part-time Grants Officer for the Stratford District Council (after she attended a meeting at the Council Offices on behalf of the Pre-School to find out about funding possibilities in the area.) She found the challenge offered by the position was something into which she could channel her interest and energy and it is a role she thoroughly enjoys.

In her 'spare time', Lana enjoys gardening, D.I.Y, interior design, music, films, jogging and 'messaging about on the computer.' The latter skill was also used to great effect when she made hundreds of colourful Quiz Books, which were printed by Ken Barney to help Pre-School funds.

Husband Mark enjoys off-road mountain biking in Wales and the Cotswolds and coaching U11's Rugby on a Sunday morning at HRFC, and the whole family love the latest addition to the family, Gypsy, a 5 month old puppy, as well as their hens, which provide a regular supply of eggs. Most of Harbury's Primary School children also appreciate the antics of the family's cockerel, which crows to greet them as they enter the school by Back Lane each morning.

Lana's parents, Tom and Flo Marsh live in Constance Drive and Lana is full of praise for their help with the family; their support on Tribute Nights and for their assistance in 'many ways'.

In recommending Lana to receive the shield in memory of John Hunt (a former Chairman of the Parish Council), one nomination commented, 'Lana is an inspiration to her peers, restores faith in the young for the old and provides so much for the very young'. She is a superb role model for her age group and is to be commended for all her efforts and on being presented with the Spirit of Harbury Award for 2007.

**Chris Finch**

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## Harbury Carnival - June 9th, 2007

### King and Queen

This year's Carnival Queen is Taisia who is eleven years old. Her favourite subject at school is history and her hobbies include rugby, athletics, scouts and bell ringing.



Our King is Daniel and he is ten. His favourite subject is also history and his hobbies include rugby, cricket and climbing hay bales on granddad's farm. They both attend Harbury School and are both very much looking forward to the carnival, particularly riding in the procession in an old car.

**Wheelbarrow Race** - The Wheelbarrow Race on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June will commence from the Shakespeare. Please assemble at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. Again, can I please ask you to make sure you complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian on 612265.

**Pub Games** - For the other events taking place during Carnival week will those taking part please assemble at the appropriate pub for a 7.30pm start. The order of events is:

- |                           |   |                               |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>    | - | Aunt Sally at the Shakespeare |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>   | - | Horseshoes at the Gamecock    |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> | - | Skittles at the Old New Inn   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | - | Quiz at the Dog               |

**Carnival Day** - The carnival day programme will be as follows:

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|---------|--|
| 12.30pm | Procession assembles in Sutcliffe Drive                                  |
| 12.45pm | Judging of procession entries commences                                  |
| 1.30pm  | Procession led by the Warwick Girls Marching Band leaves Sutcliffe Drive |
| 2.15pm  | Fancy Dress Competition  |
| 2.30pm  | Punch & Judy   |
| 2.45pm  | Horse Shoeing Demonstration  |
| 3.30pm  | Dog Show   |
| 4.00pm  | Raffle Draw  |
| 5.00pm  | Fete Closes  |

Please note that the dog show this year will be in the popular format featuring your own dogs (and you).



Will those entering the Carnival procession please assemble in Sutcliffe Drive at the appropriate location for the class you are in (there will be signs on the pavement). The classes are:

Decorated Float – Trade  
 Decorated Float – Private  
 Decorated Float – Children  
 Decorated bicycle, pram or car  
 Horse drawn, mounted or led  
 Walking Tableau – Adults  
 Walking Tableau – Children (2 to 8 people)  
 Walking Tableau – Children (more than 8 people)  
 Walking Tableau – Family  
 Walking Adult  
 Walking Child

Judging will take place at 12.45pm.

The Steel Pan Academy, who is running the teas, would be grateful for your support in the cake department. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.

There is still time to book a stall but please contact Mike McBride on 612421 as soon as possible.

**John Broomfield**

## **Harbury Goes the Extra Mile to Help People Living with Cancer**

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Macmillan footpath collection this year. I am delighted to report that I have sent a cheque for the total of £575.86, the best yet, to our Macmillan Cancer Support Regional Office. This brings the total collected over the last 5 years to almost £3,000.00.

Thank you all for your generosity. A special thanks also to those who willingly gave their time monitoring the line of coins along the footpath in the centre of the village on Friday and Saturday.



**Nora Ellis & Bertha Kettle during the collection of coins**

**Ann Mayer Harbury**

## Holiday Club 2007

An early notice that Harbury Church are again arranging a holiday club for children age 5 – 11, during the mornings of August 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, with enrolment on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with the running of it, please contact Alison Abbott on 612939, but anyway, make a note of the dates for your children's social diary.

**Alison Abbott**

## Calling all Young Mothers

Every woman who has been there knows that caring for babies and small children is not always a bundle of laughs. You do it all according to the book, but the baby hasn't read the same chapter! And you may be very, very tired.

Some members of Harbury Mothers Union are ready and willing to give you a helping hand, in effect be a substitute mother to you.

If you would like to know more about our M.U.M.S project, have a word with Gillian on 614809 or Barbara on 613555.

If you are reading this and know someone else, maybe new to the village and away from her family, with small children or a baby, please show her this article.

**Gillian Hare**



## Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom Dancing was a great success for 6 weeks in May/June. Annie was a wonderful teacher with gentle persuasion and good humour. We managed to get our Waltz, Tango, Quickstep and Social Foxtrot mastered in the basics. The group were so enthusiastic that they have asked if we can do another class in the autumn.

This is likely to be in September after the schools are back. Look out for an announcement in the Harbury News. Annie can only do Tuesday evenings, so if you are planning your autumn now, keep these days free if you want to improve your Ballroom techniques.

**Jenny Patrick**

## Steel Pan Academy Barcelona Tour July 2007

In two months we are off to Barcelona, you are making this possible by supporting us in our fund raising. Thanks to all of your support we have raised a massive £601.69 to date. This is how we have done it:

Monthly car wash - £210.35	Other car washing - £126.00
Dog walking - £52.80	Caravan wash - £5.00
Lawn mowing - £13.50	Yard sweeping - £15.00
Cake sales - £57.50	Disco - £111.54
Donations - £10.00	

**Matthew Van Kesteren**

In April, the Time Bandits organized a junior disco at the Village Hall, to raise money for the rapidly approaching tour to Barcelona. The girls proved keener than the boys to dance (although the boys did lots of running around). This changed, however, when we added some competition to the event to award a prize to the best dancer – at this stage virtually all the boys took to the dance floor! Needless to say, it proved impossible to pick an overall winner. All in all, the children seemed to enjoy it, we had a great time running it (being DJ was definitely the best job!) and it raised a fantastic £112 profit towards the trip. Many thanks to all those who came!

**Jack Sampson**

### **Monday May 7th**

As part of the Time Bandits, (a group of children trying to raise funds to go on a trip to Barcelona playing steel pans), we were asked to play for the Harbury Twinning Association and it was a great evening. We played several tunes such as the Can Can, Love Is in the Air and many more. It was enjoyable seeing the French and English having a great time joining in. Sam and I loved getting involved dancing to the Can with them. Such an enjoyable evening and looking forward to the next fund raiser.

**Alex Vincent**

Our second gig in this busy month was at a Confirmation party near Dunchurch. The sun was not shining but, luckily, there was enough room indoors for us to perform in comfort. A group of us played a varied programme of songs, the guests were impressed and enjoyed our playing, and we raised over £100. As usual we had a great time performing, but also we enjoyed the family's hospitality at the barbecue and in the open-air swimming pool.

**Naomi Bradford**

We are also hoping to raise funds on the Harbury Garden Walkabout. Come to The Old Bakery, Chapel Street to find Ice-Creams and Activities for Children. Pay for a go on the trampoline and try out our Wildlife Quiz. ALL funds raised in the Garden will go to the Barcelona Funds. There will also be steel pans playing there on the Sunday.

**Ben Tawney**



Please come and support our stall at the Carnival on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding a 'beat the goalie' competition and are really looking forward to the challenge of facing some of Harbury's keenest goal scorers. We know you're out there, so come along and try out your skills. All ages welcome.

**Jonathon Guy**

Also we would like to announce we will be running the Carnival Teas in the Village Hall. There will also be Steel Pans playing in there during the Carnival between 2pm to 4:30pm with the Barcelona youth group performing last. We will be providing lots of delicious cakes and hot and cold drinks as well.

**Sam Cheesman**

If you would like to support us at the Carnival as well we would gladly accept any offers of help or contributions of cakes on the day. There will be someone there from 10am onwards. If you want to volunteer or need some more information of how you can help on the day then please ring 01926 612037.

**Kerry Dorning**

We (the Time Bandits) will be hosting our next car-wash on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please note this is the second week of June not the first, due to the fact that we are gigging the week before, at Kenilworth show (you are welcome to come and listen to us play!!) The car wash is on the day after the carnival so why not let the time bandits clean your car while you put your feet up!!!

**Ellie White**

Do you want more free time? Then call the TIME BANDITS! We will walk dogs, mow or rake lawns, do your shopping or wash and valet your car! Call us on either 612037 or 613362.

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

At the time of writing, the seats on the coaches have nearly all been taken up with maybe one or two left. If you have had a last minute change of mind, please call Margaret Taylor on 612903. We can't promise there will be a seat available, as we have had a very good response, but you never know.

The coaches will leave the Village Hall at 08:30 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June come rain or shine. We hope that you all enjoy yourselves.

**Mike McBride**

## **Harbury Theatre Group - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Streuth and Trapped**

Harbury Theatre Group portray the theatrical society of Little Piddle in the Marsh who are performing an evening of murder mystery. With telephones and doorbells ringing off cue, Streuth is a more disastrous play than our own elite theatre group could ever stage. There were strong performances throughout, particularly Geoff Allen as the butler. The mystery is never resolved, as the hapless thespians get caught in an endless loop of misplaced cues.

The second performance follows the classic format of the family gathered to hear a relative's will read out by the family solicitor. Keith Hayes is particularly well cast as Major Thompson, whose close family members are murdered one by one by someone clearly intent on getting hold of the bequest for himself. A highlight is the very protracted and flamboyant deaths of the family members (played by Janet Thornley, Trish Donnelly and Sue Dormer). These plays are well directed by Jenny Hodge and hilariously acted by the entire cast. Malcolm Bloxham's (intentionally) collapsing scenery should also be mentioned.

### **Armageddon and Fishcakes**

Three very different modern day characters meet by arrangement in a park. It soon emerges that these characters are in fact the three horsemen of the Apocalypse, in modern guise. Meanwhile, in the parallel world of a newspaper office, the editor (Jenny Patrick) is excited by a story of an accidentally fired missile, which will lead to .....what? Apocalypse?

The Horsemen seem to have lost the plot. Wendy/War (Trish Donnelly) and Percy/Pestilence (Ian Donnelly) are beginning to question whether they are capable of deciding who, if anyone in the world is worthy of redemption. Fenella/Famine (Alison Hodge) has had enough of the world and has instigated its imminent demise. It is finally the arrival of a tramp and his simple appreciation of life which transforms their outlook on the world and, in the process, save it. Rob Stringer, who has written the play, has light-heartedly and unexpectedly toyed with the horsemen's characters. For example, War, far from being strong and threatening, could not be more weak-willed, if well meaning. The visually imposing Death (Andrew Patrick) the fourth horseman, is effectively portrayed as a character that is threatening and yet evokes our sympathy.

Apart from some minor first night glitches, the performances by all the main characters are confident with a script which is complex and

thought provoking. The first night performances delivered the points strongly, perhaps sometimes at the expense of pace. In summary, this is a stimulating play which you leave, asking questions about your own life and view of the world.

It is thus perfect for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where it will be performed from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August at the Touchwood Theatre (venue 11). If you are going to be in Edinburgh, the Theatre Group would love to see you. This is the first time Harbury Theatre Group has taken a play to such a prestigious venue. The Director, John Stringer, the cast and the production team, led by Bob Hodge, deserve every success.

Alan Guy

## **6<sup>th</sup> Summer Art Exhibition & Sale - All Saints' Church**

A reminder that our annual exhibition and sale of original artwork in aid of the church is to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June - light lunches and teas available on Saturday, teas will be available on Sunday. We need help to set up the displays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm onwards and stewarding during the exhibition - see list in church or ring me. Late entries from artists who wish to exhibit can be accepted up until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Bill Davies 614104

## **Harbury Youth Drop-In**

The Drop-In sessions start again on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. It is open for teenagers of secondary school age and Year 6 children. Admission is 50p. We are looking for more adults to help. If you can offer some time please contact either Lesley Jones on 613207 or Sue Lawrence on 614937. Thanks.

Lesley and Sue

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Elsie Mable Key (Ceney), mother of Tony Ceney died on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. Elsie was well known in Harbury, and had lived there most of her life, She left Harbury in March 1968 after marrying my father.

She died in Heathcote Rehabilitation Hospital after a stroke that she had in November. Elsie was well loved by all that knew and remember her. She will be sadly missed by all her family and all who remember her.

**Roger Key**

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### Dear Editors

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the many who sent me and my family letters and cards of condolences on the passing away of my dear wife Georgina (or Ina as most knew her). Also to the doctors and nurses at Harbury Surgery whose attention and care in the past few years was second to none and to her Cardiac consultant Dr Clarke in Warwick Hospital.

For those who attended her thanksgiving service which was just a wonderful occasion and showed the love and care which comes from the community of Harbury. And to Father Roy – what can I say but a special "Thank you".

So many in Harbury have offered their support and help and I am truly appreciative of this and it makes me happy and proud that with other members of my family my wife and I decided (despite Scottish roots) to come and live out our days in Harbury nearly 28 years ago and even if I say so myself "what a superb choice".

**Denis A.H Andrews**

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### Dear Editors

Through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the people of Harbury and Ladbroke for all their prayers, love and support over the past 18 months.

On my visit to the QE Hospital yesterday (16<sup>th</sup> May) I was given the good news that my liver cancer now measures 3cms and is probably dead! I now begin the series of regular check-ups – the next in December. You will never know how much strength I have gained from you all, and have felt surrounded by prayer. Thank you is inadequate, but all I can say.

We miss you but you are constantly in our prayers.

Yours as always

**Father Roy**



**Dear Editors**

A BIG "Thank You" to everyone who helped at the Children's Easter Disco... and to all of those parents who brought their children along for a dance and to see the Easter Bunny. £142 was raised for Choice Donations.

**Dayle Adams**

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**Dear Editors**

Through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, I would like to say many thanks to everyone that donated so generously to my recent collection for the RNLI and that I realised £147.

Again many thanks.

**Mary Coley**

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**Dear Editors**

We would like to say a very BIG thank you to everyone who sang, listened, sponsored or helped in any way for the Sponsored Hymn Sing held at Harbury Church on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we managed to raise the amazing sum of £1041 for CLIC Sargent, the charity which supports children who are suffering from cancer or leukaemia.

Thanks again to everyone.

**Mavis Young & Betty Barr**

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**Dear Editors**

PTA Auction of Promises - 18th May 2007

Thank you to everyone who gave promises, came along on the evening, bought raffle tickets, bought promises and helped to make the evening such a fantastic success. We made a fantastic £3700 .... thank you all.

**PTA committee**

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**Dear Editors**

Well done to Karen Rankin who participated in the Cancer Research Run for Life at Stratford Race Course on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and finished within 40 minutes and has raised a fantastic £133 for the charity.

**Sue Birch**

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**Dear Editors**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection for Christian Aid. The total this year was £1303.82, an increase of £50 on last year.

**Michael Hare**

**Dear Editors**

*For the past few weeks Harbury residents appear to be under the impression that my husband and myself have moved from Leycester Close to Drinkwater Close. This is just a polite notice to put the record straight that Pam & Geoff Cleaver are still living in Leycester Close, (we are usually seen around the village centre as myself in a wheelchair with Geoff pushing it). Only this is causing us some distress with the remarks.*

*Thanking you.*

**Pam & Geoff Cleaver**

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**Dear Editors**

*Linda Ridgley wishes to see the verges natural/wild. Anyone looking at the verges running along the spinney on Hall Lane will see what a mess "wild" can be. Look at the mess that the spinney has been allowed to get into.*

*Allowing the church yard to go natural/wild through the summer is only good to hide the bottles and glasses thrown in by the revellers walking up into the village of an evening.*

*Flowers in spring are a wonderful break from a long winter.*

*Yours,*

**Anthony Estick**

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**Dear Editors**

*How glorious Bush Heath Lane looks at this time of year with its swathes of Cow Parsley and boughs of May Blossom; the epitome of an unspoiled country lane. It is daily enjoyed by dozens of villagers for recreation and exercise; walkers, runners, horseriders, dogwalkers and cyclyists can be encountered at all hours of the day enjoying this valuable village amenity.*

*However, I wonder how many people are yet aware that this idyllic state of affairs is under threat'. South Warwickshire Rural Housing Association have plans to build up to 50 dwellings on prime agricultural land beyond the current built boundary of the village in Bush Heath Lane. They have been working on this proposal for some considerable time and plan to hold a public consultation in the Autumn prior to submitting a planning application.*

*Those of us who value our countryside and sprawl of development need now to take action by lobbying our District Councillors and the Parish Council to make our wish to see it protected from the opinions clear well in advance of the Public Consultation.*

*Yours faithfully*

**Patrick Tanner**



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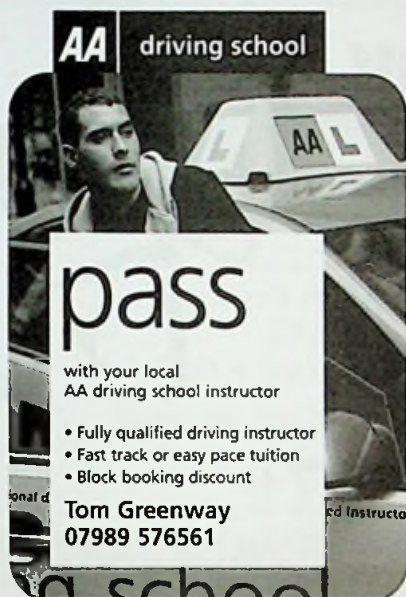
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