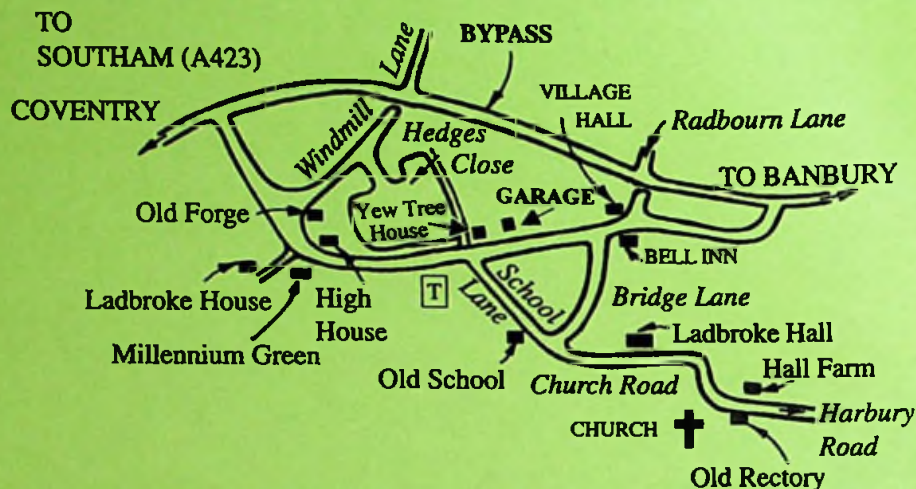


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It is nice to see that new life is beginning with the lambs prancing and scampering on the farms.

The annual Parish Meeting is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May; if you have any queries or topics to add to the meeting and voice them.

The Theatre Group is also producing three great comedies to be performed on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. One of the plays has been written by the local author, Peter Gillingham.

The annual Village Carnival will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to start thinking about your float; new entries would be welcome.

With their very notable sporting achievements in recent years, both in football and team sports, Susie Tawney succeeded in the British Masters Athletics Championships in Helsinki by winning a silver medal and a team cross country gold. Harbury Football Club has had winners in 3 age groups, U9's, U11's and U13's. The Harbury Floodlit team finished as champions in the Harbury Floodlit Competition. Congratulations to all.

It will be a very happy time to look forward to the autumn when the Harvest Festival returns in October.

# Harbury Diary

## MAY

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of CINDI
- Sun 6 **EASTER V**  
Sung Eucharist 9.00am  
First Light Service 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room  
Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Mon 7 **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 8 Holy Communion 7.30pm N.B. Toddlers Service transferred to Tues May 15<sup>th</sup>  
WI Group Meeting in Village Hall  
Youth Drop-in Drinks at Playing Fields 7.15pm
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion 9.45am  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.30pm at Village Hall**  
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 11 **NO RECYCLING OR RUBBISH COLLECTION TODAY**  
Pre-School Quiz Night in Village Hall
- Sat 12 **RECYCLING & RUBBISH COLLECTION TODAY**  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cinnamon  
Harbury Society Walk 10.30 Admiral Nelson, Braunston.  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 10.30-1.30pm  
Junior Football Presentation Evening
- Sun 13 **EASTER VI**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 15 Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Mothers' Union meeting 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room:  
Peter Heigl, 'Tibetan Buddhism through Banknotes'  
Youth Drop-in Drinks at Playing Fields  
Senior Citizens Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall  
**ADVERTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM**
- Wed 16 Tea 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 17 **ASCENSION DAY**  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
Mothers Union Deanery Festival Service 2.30pm all welcome
- Fri 18 'Auction of Promises' 7:30pm in the School Hall.  
Theatre Group – 3 Great Comedies 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in the Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Theatre Group  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 10.30-1.30pm  
Theatre Group – 3 Great Comedies 8.00pm in Village Hall

**Sun 20 EASTER VII**

Holy Communion 8.00am  
 Family Communion 10.30am  
 Evensong 6.00pm

**Tues 22** Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Julian Meeting 8.00pm

**Thurs 24** ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY  
 & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM  
 Holy Communion 9.45am

Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
 PARISH COUNCIL 7.30pm in Village Hall

**Fri 25** SCHOOL BREAKS UP – HALF TERM  
 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

**Sat 26** Coffee Morning Tom Hauley Room in aid of World Challenge for  
 Africa with Presentation of Spirit of Harbury Shield  
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 10.30-1.30pm

**Sun 27 PENTECOST**

Holy Communion 8.00am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am

**Mon 28** BANK HOLIDAY

**Tues 29** Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Youth Drop-in Drinks at Playing Fields 7.15pm

**Weds 30** Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street  
 Guided walk to Bishops Itchington (and back) 6.30pm from  
 Village Hall Car Park

**Thurs 31** Holy Communion 9.45am

**JUNE**

**Fri 1** NO REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY

**Sat 2** REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY  
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam  
 Association for the Blind  
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 10.30-1.30pm

**Sun 3 TRINITY SUNDAY**

Sung Eucharist 9.00am  
 First Light Service 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room  
 Evening Worship 6.00pm  
 Carnival Wheelbarrow Race 12.30pm

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****JUNE**

**Sat 23** Windmills Nursery School Casino Night in Village Hall  
**Sat 30** Harbury Primary School Summer Fayre





## From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

As we write, we look back on the very moving services of Holy Week and Easter Day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making them so special and to those who decorated the church so beautifully in celebration of the central festival of the Christian year.

We have since had our monthly Family Service. The Men's Group presented events on the road to Emmaus when the risen Christ met two of his disciples. The story was brought to life by Harbury's answer to Pete and Dud. Jeff Bedford and John Travis, complete with mufflers and flat caps, reminded us of how the



disciples' despair changed to joy as they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Thank you too, to everyone involved in the very successful sponsored Hymn Sing in aid of the CLIC Sargent Fund, a charity which helps children with cancer and leukaemia. Nearly £200 was raised on the night and sponsorship money is still coming in. Added to that, some sixty of us had a most enjoyable evening!

As we go further into the interregnum, we'd like to assure you that, though we are without a parish priest, individual spiritual and pastoral needs will not be neglected. We are aware that there may be some who would like to be confirmed. Diane Patterson, the Rural Dean, will begin classes in the near future. She, too, will help us with pastoral care, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

When you read this, the Rectory will be occupied. The tenancy runs from 21<sup>st</sup> April for six months. As far as a replacement for Father Roy is concerned, we have an initial meeting with the Bishop's representatives on 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is only the very beginning of the process and it seems unlikely – at the moment, at least – that we shall have a new priest before the beginning of 2008. As promised, we shall keep you informed of developments.

A date for your diary: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. The internationally acclaimed group, Florilegium will play music by Telemann, JS Bach and CPE Bach. This promises to be a splendid evening. Please look out for publicity and contact Fliss (612395) for tickets. We look forward to seeing you there.



**First Light**

**Alison Abbott**

### **May the Force go with you!**

However it felt at the time, Easter was not the end. Jesus did not leave his friends in the lurch, relying on their own strength. They would be conscious of His presence still with them; this presence we call the Holy Spirit. To tease out the mystery a bit, please come to First Light on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.30am following coffee from 10.00am. All ages are welcome at this short informal service.

And if you are reading this in time, First Light on May 6<sup>th</sup> is about God's Amazing Grace, which sets us free to be the wonderful individuals He created.



**Mothers' Union**

**Gillian Hare**

At the afternoon meeting, Diane Griffiths told us about the shoebox appeal, which many of us joined in last autumn. She had a lot of photographs of children receiving their boxes; the joy on their faces was really moving and inspired us to keep on the lookout for gifts during our summer shopping trips. She is also involved with Tools with a Mission, and we were able to give her a load of haberdashery for that. And with Teddies for Tragedies; these are treasured by children in hospital and she left a pattern for those if anyone is interested. They are sent in a fabric bag so sewing machine skills are also needed.

The evening meeting was used for open discussion – topics covered included the changing family, political freedom in Burma and science versus religion. Only lack of time limited the range of our opinions.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – 2.30pm Deanery Festival in Harbury Church. Friends are welcome to join us for this service which we share with Southam Mother's Union and when we will welcome Father Roy as our diocesan M.U Chaplain. And there will be tea and cakes afterwards!



**Dates:**

July 21<sup>st</sup> – coffee morning and lunch

August 1<sup>st</sup> – an outing to Hereford. Please speak to Anne as soon as possible for details and book a place.

Next evening meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Peter Heigl on Tibetan Buddhism through banknotes.

The next afternoon meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup> – Chris Cooke on her visit to Kaduna.



## Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

At our service in April, Mrs. Gill Guilford told us two stories, The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep, which Jesus had told to his followers. We hunted for the lost coin in the children's corner and we found a plastic sheep among the pews of the church!

We sang two songs accompanied by Mr Charles Catt on the clarinet.

To remind us of the two stories, we stuck a small paper fluffy sheep on a stick of card and also decorated a paper cut-out of a lady.

Our next toddlers' service will be on **TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY** at 2pm in the church. Please note change of date from our usual second Tuesday of the month. All toddlers and babies, accompanied by an adult, are most welcome to come and join us.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

### MAY

**Sun 6 EASTER V**

Family Communion 10.30am

**Tue 8** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall

Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

**Sat 12** Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Sun 13 EASTER VI**

Holy Communion 9.00am

**Tues 15** ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM

Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall

Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Wed	16	Parish Council 7.45pm in Village Hall
Thurs	17	Ascension Day Holy Communion 7.00pm
Sat	19	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	20	<b>EASTER VII</b> Holy Communion 9.00am
Tues	22	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	24	Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall <b>ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &amp; EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM</b>
Sat	26	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	27	<b>PENTECOST</b> Holy Communion 9.00am
Tues	29	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

**JUNE**

Sun	3	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>
Tues	5	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	9	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Ladbroke Flower Rota**

Betty Winkfield

May	6 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Barnett
May	13 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Todman
May	20 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Whitehouse
May	27 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Sowerby – Whit Sunday
June	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jo Sowerby
June	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Ann Batty

**Ladbroke Church News**

Betty Winkfield

Firstly, many thanks to all the people who supported our coffee morning, in the Tom Hauley room on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We made £138 which was a great success for us.

Secondly, please make a note – Ascension Day, Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>. A service in church at 7pm. We have to ask a clergyman to take this service for us; do make a special effort to attend that evening.



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

Our last meeting was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> when we were entertained by Mr Arculus with amusing tales about the Desert Island Discs radio programme and the history from when it started to the present day. With his vast array of tapes he entertained us with guests such as John Mills, Maurice Chevalier, Gracie Fields, George Formby to name but a few. Many of the members were able to sing along with gusto to all the old favourites.

Winners of the raffle were Pauline Brailsford and Christine Baker.

Our next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April is 'Travels in China' with David Waite. I am especially looking forward to this talk as I was fortunate to visit China myself 5 years ago.



## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw

Janet Goldson

Here are the results of the monthly draws for February and March 2007:

	February	March
£70	M & C Todman	Brian Whitehouse
£25	Kim Bendzak	Richard Walker
£25	M Theaker	Pat Kennedy
£10	Mary Coley	Cyril Spence
£10	Alan Stubbs	Beverley Bradley
£10	P Edgar	Linda Spence

The next draw will take place on 30th May at the Village Hall.



## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

Your Council is shuffling responsibilities. Kevin Biddle's resignation as Chairman means Tim Lockley is now Chair with Keith Thompson as Vice Chairman. Tim will resign as chair of the Environment Committee and has press-ganged Karena Ellis into replacing him. (Good job too -



as he wanted to suburbanise the verges at Temple End & Binswood End with spring bulbs!) Karena in turn would have to be replaced as the PC rep on the School Governors. Dutch Van Spall is also resigning as Deppers Councillor.

It was a meeting positively packed with parishioners perhaps as PACT had been publicised (the Police and Communities Together initiative). Unfortunately the Police arrived **after** the complainants from Pineham Avenue had left and Cllrs had to pass on their concerns about youths damaging hedges, causing noise very late at night and breaking glass on the fields. Pineham residents had not been given Incident Numbers and the Parish Council took this omission up with Sergeant Crust who promised that she or Pc Hill would attend the **Annual Parish Meeting on 10th May**.

**Village Hall** - A grant towards the fees incurred in presenting a bid for Lottery Funding had previously been agreed and this was ratified.

**Deppers Bridge** - representative Dutch Van Spall asked County Councillor Stevens for his view on progress on plans to make the Railway Bridge safe. A resident made clear that Deppers Bridge did not want traffic lights but a weight limit. Greenhill residents feared they would have to queue at the junction.

**Planning Matters** - Stratford granted extensions at Meadow Bank, Hall Lane, 1 Bush Heath Lane, 9 Neales Close; extension and conservatory at 4 Fox Close; conservatories at 7 the Beeches and 11a Constance Drive.

They allowed a two storey Care Home building at Sharmer Fields Farm; Wind Turbine at 10 Greenhill; change to residential use of the former Hairdressers at 2 Chapel Street and the antennae on the Telephone exchange.

At the Quarries, the Fisherman's (sic) Clubhouse was approved but applications by Folletts for 21 Lodges and a Watersports building were refused. Folletts' appeal against refusal for a Distribution Depot is pending.

A two storey extension for West End Cottage, Mill Street was refused and that for 1 Heber Drive and the replacement dwelling at Stapenhall Farm were withdrawn.

The Parish Council had no representation on the extensions to the Crown Inn but objected to the plans for a large stable block at the Ranch House because of its prominent position on the ridge, the new access at the junction with Beggars Lane and concerns that it was not intended for just family use as stated.



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**Playing Fields** - The small see-saw has been removed as it was dangerous and the Clerk asked Cllrs to consider what could replace it. There is graffiti on the Play Wall and there was no consensus on whether this should be cleaned, covered with anti-vandal paint, or if young people should be encouraged to create a piece of art-work on it. The Drop-in Group will be consulted on this.

The District has now consulted the Parish Councils' Association on a Play Strategy and promises to let Parishes comment upon it.

Someone has uprooted a Dog Fouling sign and the Clerk asked if Cllrs could rescue it before it disappeared from outside the Library. Tim Lockley thought more Dog Bins were needed but budget cuts at SDS could mean they might not be emptied. They agreed to chain off the fields to prevent 4x4's churning them into mud.

**Lighting** - New lamps have replaced the decayed ones in Wagstaffe Close but there are potentially another 20 still to be done on the estate. The Clerk asked residents to cut back vegetation that obscured lights and most have done so.

The Chair suggested weed-killer for plants which obstruct the footway but was advised that the Council should approach the householders before they did this. He also wants action on the invasion of Japanese Knotweed on Bull Ring Lane, fearing it will eventually appear through the Village Hall floor!

**Roads** - Tim complained that the Traffic Management Officer was still unavailable. This matter has dragged on for many months. There has been no response from the Divisional Engineer on the proposed One Way System but the Clerk reported that she would put forward Bull Ring Farm Road and Penelope Close for consideration for the small scheme improvements on offer. Broken paths, potholes and dangerous damage to the carriageway had been brought to the attention of the County but nothing had yet been done.

**Finance** - The First Responders thanked the Council for agreeing to underwrite the purchase of their defibrillator should it be stolen or damaged. Tony Mancell had received his colleagues' bids for computer equipment and software and has at last been contacted by SDC about the use of the grant awarded for a PC website (we already have one [www.harbury-parish.co.uk](http://www.harbury-parish.co.uk) )

Cllr Janet Thornley announced that Tony would soon "be in my bedroom" helping connect her to the internet, the PC having donated their old computer.



## Harbury Parish Council—Quarterly Report April 2007

Cllr Tim Lockley

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Made a substantial contribution toward the renovation of the Scout Hut
- Continued to liaise with the Village Hall committee about the proposed redevelopment, and contributed £5,000 toward professional costs
- Embarked on a new phase of the street-lighting replacement.
- Continued to be involved with the on-going discussions about the railway bridge at Deppers Bridge
- Continued to ask for feedback from WCC on traffic calming proposals (without success!)
- Worked to solve a drainage problem at the playing fields
- Organised repairs to the cemetery chapel
- Commented on the initial plans for housing on Bush Heath Lane



## Annual Parish Meeting

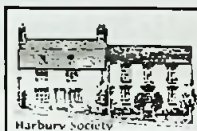
Nicola Thompson

**Annual Parish Meeting for Harbury and Deppers Bridge:**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Rooms**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is hosted by the Parish Council, but is a chance for the **whole community** to have its say on any issues which affect residents. All matters are important, so whether it's **dog fouling, parking, planning** or any other concern, please do come along and have your say. The **Annual Parish Report**, which details the activities of the Parish Council and other significant groups in the village, will be available on the night. We also have **Sgt Mandy Crust** from Southam Police Station as a guest speaker. Mandy will be speaking on the new Safer Neighbourhood Initiative and, of course, answering your questions. District and County Councillors, Andrew Patrick and Bob Stevens will also be available to listen to your concerns. Light refreshments available.

Please do come along on the night and find out what is happening within your community.



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our recent Coffee Morning raised £130 and the Committee intends to donate some of this money to a village cause. Thanks to all who contributed.

Our next event is the **Guided Pub Walk** from the Admiral Nelson, Braunston starting at **10.30am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. The Pub wanted us to minimise the number of cars we take. Ed Wilson (612345) is in charge, so let him know if you want to join the walk. I have been asked to remind members to bring stout shoes if it is wet.

We will go from Braunston to the shrunken village of Wolfhamcote where there are two deserted medieval settlements, a redundant Church, two disused railway lines and the remains of the Oxford Contour Canal, amongst other things to see.

For our **Carnival Stall on 9<sup>th</sup> June** we will have a game and a display for you to try out. In September Charles Barlow from Warwickshire Rural Community Council will give a presentation about our Social Housing Needs and the potential Bush Heath Lane site.

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.

One of our members has asked me to pass on concerns from Network Rail about trespass on the Cutting between the Three Arch Bridge and Tunnel. The handrails from the emergency steps have been vandalised. They are there to facilitate the evacuation of passengers in the event of an accident on the line. Would parents please ensure young people realise their importance.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

We thought we were having a bonus with Ed's walk plus a coffee morning mentioned. It had been put on W.I.'s April report but was nothing to do with us. However, our recent walk around Leamington was enjoyable ending with lunch.



Hilary Scott gave a super report of the Spring Council Meeting. The meeting supported the construction of a sensory garden at Myton Hospice, to celebrate the W.I.'s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The morning speaker was Cecil Thomas, a past chairman of Warwickshire's N.F.U. who outlined the main points of "The Great Milk Debate". When the government abolished the Milk Marketing Board in the late 1980's, market forces started to prevail. Farmers get less for their milk than in 1996. Dairy Farming counts for 90% of farming in this country and that should be enough without importing milk from abroad. Dairy farms are closing at the rate of 3 a day.

The afternoon speaker was Paul Whittaker, who is profoundly deaf but runs a charity, "Music for the Deaf". A very amusing and entertaining speaker, who even spoke in different accents, sung and played the piano brilliantly. He attended Wadham College in Oxford to get his degree in music, and then completed a post graduate course.

Beautiful kneelers made for a competition from flowers and leaves were displayed. Bertha Kettle and Diana Buck's entry was lovely but surprisingly not in the winning three.

The Autumn Council Meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> October and the guest speaker will be Anne Widdecombe. The Group Meeting is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Do not forget the coffee morning on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pam Parton's home, 7 Hillside. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy. Anyone is welcome. The bulb catalogue is now available.

The speaker in April was Paul Davison, a civil engineer talking on the 'History of the Canal Network' which was so interesting - (and a male audience would have enjoyed it too). He has inspected bridges in the West Midlands and has travelled all over the country to the different canals researching their system. The early canals really date back; in fact Henry VIII was interested. They were so useful in trade with boats carrying cargoes all over the country, although when other transport came along it almost stopped. We were told about the construction of the canals, bridges, locks and weirs. Mr Davison was very impressed with the warehouses, canal buildings and cottages still remaining en route.

So nice to hear that many canals are being repaired and bridges mended which will enable people to enjoy travelling along them once more.

May meeting: Resolutions.



## Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Hayes

This is a busy time for us in the Theatre Group. We have rehearsals for three plays on the go at the moment and some of us are in all three. Admittedly two of them are quite short but the strain of learning three different characters is beginning to show on some of our faces. Still we do love a challenge and I am sure all will be all right on the night!

We have to be ready in two weeks time and as I explained last month the main play will be the world premiere for "Armageddon & Fishcakes". This play that has been specially written for us by Rob Stringer. We are to perform it at the 'Edinburgh Fringe' in August, so we must make a good job of it now.

To help us, we need as much feed back from you, our audience, as possible. It is a very good play and is very amusing. I am sure you will enjoy it but do make mental notes as you watch and talk to us afterwards.

To help build the mood we have two extremely funny plays in the supporting roles. They are Michael Green plays from his "Coarse Acting" series, one is called "Streuth" and the other is called "Trapped". We have done some of his plays in the past and they usually go down well. If we get it right they will be hilarious. Do book your tickets soon, you will find all the details in our advert elsewhere in this magazine. And remember, if you come on the Saturday you get supper as well!

The Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August is a costly trip and we need to raise approximately £2000 for general expenses. This covers the cost of our venue, staging publicity etc. (not the cost of our accommodation or travel; we will of course be funding that ourselves individually, after all it is our holiday!!) Fund-raising for this has been going on all year, and still continues, which brings me to another note for your diary.

**We are holding a Table Top Sale at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 10-12 noon.** Refreshments will also be available.

So if you want to find yourself a bargain why don't you come along, or if you want to declutter your home, book yourself a table for £6 by phoning (01926) 613415; you might make yourself a profit!



## Folk Club

Ian Hartland

For the 269<sup>th</sup> Folk Club in April, the night was kept theme-free. Whilst some performers found this gave them a vast choice of material, others voiced the opinion that a theme normally helped focus the mind a little more. Either way, no theme and no obvious planning did mean that nothing could go wrong. Interestingly, some of the performers seemed to want to carry on the previous month's theme of "Wales / whales / wails". Presumably their songs had not been ready for the March club?

The Harvesters opened the night with the cliché-ridden "Tell It Like It Is", followed by "Hearts And Flowers". One singer asked to go on as soon as possible as she had a lot of words to remember. Her zither and voice did justice to "The Clear Dales Air" and she followed this with a Tom Lewis song, "The Tale of a Whale". Janny and Maureen followed with "April Morn", perfectly judged for the time of year. Peter McDonald had "Another Train" to catch, before bidding us "Farewell to the Gold", two popular and well-performed songs. Pete and Liz then told of lambs on green hills and a Cuckoo, to herald spring and perhaps net them a job with Bill Oddie? Ron brought the first half to a stirring conclusion with his song written for the Morris Ring and then the patriotic "St George". He was even more popular when he offered the audience free cassettes of his own songs, recorded in the early 1990's.

The second half opened with most of the room's seats empty as the Band Of Folk all came to the front to play together two medleys, the first in waltz time and the second a couple of Morris jig tunes. Some of Hereburgh Morris will have danced jigs at the West Coast Ale in California by the time you read this. Up next was Ric, who had also planned to sing "Farewell to the Gold", but instead contented himself with "Little Jimmy Brown" and "The Loving of the Game". Peter Mason was in a more reflective mood this month with a song about the Troubles in Northern Ireland, followed by a song about emigration. Jane was next, singing powerfully and unaccompanied "The Loveliest of Trees" and "My Bitter-Sweet Bed", a song by Chris While. It is always good to see a performer marking their Harbury debut in style and Pete Stanner created quite an impact with his confident and charming presentation. He started with a song about sausages and then followed with a Jake Thackeray classic: "The Lodger". Great stuff.



Des completed the second half with the popular shanty "Shallow Brown" and the powerful "Band Played Waltzing Matilda".

After a brief refuelling break at the bar, the third half got under way with Debbie Ellis' brother Darren making his debut. Although he apologised for not being a "folk" singer, his choice of "Leaving on a Jet Plane" and Neil Young's "Heart of Gold" were obviously ideal choices for the Harbury audience, who sang along enthusiastically. Pete Grassby, having driven from Ripponden to Harbury that very evening, arrived in time to perform (aptly, perhaps?) "Ten Thousand Miles" and then his own popular Whale Song. Finally The Harvesters closed the singing part of the evening with "The Parting of the Ways". The musicians carried on for twenty minutes or so afterwards in an informal tunes session, an opportunity that had not been available for some months previously due to the sheer number of performers.

Once again, a memorable night was had with a wide range of songs, styles and artists. The raffle raised an impressive £35.00 for Myton Hospice. The next Folk Club in on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, when Doug and Janny will be offering performers the theme of "Books".



Harbury Juniors  
FOOTBALL CLUB

## Harbury Junior's Football

### U12's

Harbury 2 - 2 Priors Marston

Priors Marston 4 - 5 Harbury

### U11's

Banbury Irish 0 - 5 Harbury

The match was very close to begin with, and then Harbury had a great middle period and gained a four goal lead. Goals scored by Adam Miles (4), George Hendry (1). Joe Davidson had his best match in his new role in defence and the team once again defended well and didn't concede a goal. The whole team was outstanding and ended the season with another great performance, remaining unbeaten throughout the season.

**Neil Murray**

## U10's

In the first of their back to back games with Tysoe, Harbury played an excellent team game with good passing between Toby, Jacob and William Apted who scored both goals in their 2-1 victory. However man of the match was Michael Moss who was making his debut in goal having an inspired game to deny Tysoes goal scoring opportunities.

In the second game Jacob's early goal proved to be the match winner in an evenly fought contest with Jack covering well in defence.

In the final match of the season Harbury romped home with a 12 - 0 victory, goals scored by Jack (2), Jacob (4), and William Apted (6), in another good team performance. Michael Moss had another excellent game in goal and was well supported in defence by Max Cheeseman who improves with every game.

Harbury U10's have had a terrific season improving as a team as well as individually. All players should be pleased with their performance.

**Malcolm Tanner**

Congratulations to all Harbury Juniors players on another great season. We are proud to have three league winners this year in the U14's, U11's and U9's. Well done to all and many thanks to parents and helpers for their support throughout the year. We look forward to our Presentation evening on Saturday 12th May and Harbury's own tournament day, Sunday 20th May.



## Harbury RFC

## Mini and Midi Rugby

**Mark Easton**

After a difficult start to the season, with the Harbury's Annual Rugby Festival being abandoned due to torrential rain, the Mini and Midi section ran well with enough players in all age groups (just!!!!)

Jenny has done a great job running the bar for us at lunch time and Joan has made a big difference in the kitchen. We expect the section to go from strength to strength next season, but any new faces will be made very welcome.

### Results:

#### 25<sup>th</sup> March Matches at Keresley

**Under 7's** - Lost 30 - 25

**Under 8's** - Won 30 - 5

**Under 10's** - Won 15 - 5 and 25 - 10

Good preparation for the Gower Peninsula Tour.



Harbury Under 9's and 10's went on Tour to the Gower Peninsula in Wales on 31st March 2007. Peter Rollason and a few others were the only ones mad enough to venture into the sea!!! Mark Gladwin kindly organised some smart tour jackets and a visit to the Millennium Stadium on the way.

Thanks to Harbury Parish Council and the Co-op who helped fund our trip. Everyone had a great time. The Hotel coped well with the children and a few late night drinks for the parents and coaches. One of the children locked his mother out of the bedroom and the bar manager and us had to break the door down to get her back in; he slept through the whole event!!!

On Sunday morning we played against Chris Howells old club Fall Bay. Their Under 9's side were unbeaten in two years so it came as no great surprise that they beat us fairly convincingly 10 tries to one. The Harbury lads didn't let their heads drop and competed to the end with Sam Tutt getting our consolation score. Neil and Ben Taylor tackled well but the opposition play was fast and accurate with very few passes dropped a really good team performance.

Our Under 10's faired slightly better and were actually winning 2 tries to one at half time. Fly half William Winchester broke through to score and Finn Toner added to his tally gripping the ball in a maul and twisting his way to the try line. In the second half the opposition bought on a fast substitute who broke through to score two individual tries. Harbury winger Edward Easton played for Fall Bay to equal the head count and he set up their 4th try. Callum Panton and Robert



Rollason tackled well and Finn Toner powered through the opposition forwards to get his 2nd try, but Fall Bay scored twice in the last five minutes to win 30 points to 15. The club laid on lunch for us and were good hosts.



### **Results – 15<sup>th</sup> April Balsall and Berkswell (Away)**

Harbury Under 7's played really well to win away on a hot Sunday morning against Balsall and Berkswell 40 points to 30. Jim Owen tagged brilliantly and scored 3 tries. Jamie Head, top scorer this year, added another 2 tries to his tally and Adam Jackson showed continued improvement with his tagging and scored one try. The other scorers were James Bath and Robin Leeper.

Our Under 8's lost narrowly to Balsall and Berkswell 20 points to 15. The lads tagged really well achieving 3 turnovers for 7 tackles and scored 3 tries through Joe Hunt, Aiden and James Robinson.

In their second game against Broad Street Harbury's passing was excellent, the game finished 35 points each with fast straight running from both teams. Joe Hunt was outstanding once again scoring 5 tries with Saul getting the other two.

Under 9's lost to Broad Street and Balsall + Berkswell in 2 very close games. In the first fixture against Broad Street, Harbury lost 10 - 0 but the boys tackled really well, they were unlucky not to score. Sam Tutt, Alex Lewis and Henry Steele all played key roles.

In their second game the 9's lost 10 - 5 with guest player Keegan Williams tackling well. Alex Marston put in some big hits and also scored Harbury's consolation try.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> April Banbury (Home)**

**Under 7's** did particularly well, drawing their first game 20 each and winning the other two matches.

Player of the day Beth Mancell scored two tries and fast winger Robin Leeper tagged well and also touched down twice.

In the second game Harbury won 25 - 15 with two more tries for Robin, two for James Bath and a length of the field try for Jim Owen. Adam Jackson and Sam Clifton were good in defence.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> game was a convincing Harbury win 30 - 15. Beth was outstanding in defence and scored one try. Robin scored another 3 and James and Jim got one each.

**Under 8's** Lost heavily to Banbury A. 45 - 15 despite some good defending from Bay Toner and Saul. Try scorers were Matt, Sam Britton and Nicholas Williams.

A much closer second game Banbury 'B' and Harbury drew 45 each with 3 tries scored by Nick, Saul (2) and one each for James, Matt, Sam and Joe Hunt.

**Under 9's** Banbury A + B teams were both outstanding and despite some good tackling out lads lost 25 - 0 and 40 - 0.

**Under 10's** Banbury A were too strong for Harbury winning 25 - 0. William Winchester just slipped out on the try line but a good effort by all.

Against Banbury B, Harbury stepped up a gear and won easily 40 - 5. Finn Toner played well and scored 3 tries, Bradley King ran in 2 good tries, William Winchester touched down twice the other points came from Simon Fisher.

**Under 11's** went down bravely 21-0 against a very strong Banbury side. Forwards and backs defended with huge determination and put in some crunching tackles demonstrating the huge progress this side has made over the season.

To round up we finish the season off with our presentation day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, with lots of fun games, assault course, BBQ etc., all the players from this season get a medal, each age group will also receive individual trophies for the Player of the Season, Clubman Award and Most Improved Player.

## Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Well here we are, the new season has officially begun. The ground is the hardest it's been for a long time thanks to relatively few spring showers, and because of this I have already ripped three new holes in my whites (much to my mum's annoyance). But we can't complain; when was the last time you heard of cricketers hoping for rain, excluding England trying to bat out a test match. No, this is the weather we are meant to play in, and it couldn't have been a better pitch on this first game of the season.

With one relatively under strength side we took the opportunity to play some newly attracted players and travelled to Harvington. Captain Ed Russell started the new season well, losing the toss and we were put into bat. However, it wasn't as bad as first suspected and we soon picked up where we left off last season. Last year's player of the season Graham Newport got us off to a solid start, hitting a quick fire 25. Fellow opener Will Russell hit a well-made 7, but after he and two other quick wickets fell, the rest of the batting line looked exposed at 130 for 4 at 20 overs. This left the gate open for star 'all rounders' Phil Mugleston and Greg Neale to make their mark on the new season, and they did so in fine style. Both played superbly well together at the crease and had a partnership of 105, to lift the innings to 239 for 5. This stand was only broken on the penultimate ball of the innings when Phil was caught on the boundary for 47. Greg made an unbeaten 51, his first fifty, and I can safely say with first hand experience, it was a brilliant knock! The bowling also went well, with most players finding the right areas. I have to congratulate debutant Tom McKenzie who bowled a solid 4 overs, and looked like he thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Matt Boneham continuing to improve took 3 wickets, as did Rich Lowe, who can often be relied on to take key wickets. We finished off well and bowled them out, winning by a good 40 runs, a very successful start to the season.

Now we come to the matter of the new emblem for the team. After several tough days of deciding we finally chose the logo that we thought represented Harbury the best. We whittled the initial 30 designs down to a final 3, which were:

Joint Second place - Mathew Kennedy and James Wilkinson, who both produced top-notch ideas, well done guys.



However they were both pipped at the post by a fantastic design from our winner - Becky Casement! We thought hers was a brilliant representation of Harbury and Cricket; and deserved to be on our shirts for the next few seasons.

The design has already been sent off to be made and put on our shirts, and I hope to show you the final result in next month's issue.

Finally I did make a promise in last month's issue to reveal the averages of last season, and so here they are. Just before you see them you should take note that Phil Mugleston was very unlucky in many of his dismissals, and the amount of ducks he got was not a fair reflection of his ability (seriously I was unlucky).

### Harbury Cricket Club

#### 2006 Averages

Played 19 Won 8

Lost 11

#### Batting

	Innings	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	50's	100's	Average
Russell Ed	15	3	524	*106	2	<u>2</u>	43.66
Newport Graham	17	1	<u>635</u>	88	5		39.68
Mugleston Stuart	16	2	452	<u>118</u>	2	1	32.28
Russell Will	10	0	266	70	3		26.66
Neale Greg	15	4	137	25			12.45
Carr Richard	12	4	79	17			9.87
Mugleston Phil	18	1	145	26			8.52
Newport Jamie	11	0	99	21			9.00
Wilkinson John	6	0	50	28			8.33
Boneham Matt	9	4	33	*14			6.60
Holmes Richard	10	1	41	9			4.55
Bloxham George	5	2	3	2			0.75

Ducks: 6 Phil Mugleston

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Economy	Strike rate	Wickets	Ave
Neale Greg	120	24	339	<u>2.28</u>	36.00	<u>20</u>	<u>16.95</u>
Mugleston Stuart	66	6	250	<u>3.79</u>	30.46	13	19.23
Mugleston Phil	85.1	2	417	4.90	<u>25.55</u>	<u>20</u>	20.85
Newport Jamie	73	8	284	3.89	43.80	10	28.40
Lowe Richard	48	4	182	3.79	41.14	<u>7</u>	26.00
Russell Ed	60.3	7	238	3.95	45.37	8	26.44
Mugleston Paul	28.1	0	211	7.51	<u>21.12</u>	8	26.37
Bloxham George	30	1	195	6.50	65.00	3	41.14
Holmes Richard	65.4	5	373	5.70	43.59	9	41.44
Boneham Matt	45	0	286	6.35	38.57	7	40.85

Stumpings: R Carr 3

Catches: R Carr 13

G Neale 10

E Russell 9

M Boneham 3

S Mugleston 3

2 W Russell, R Holmes, R Lowe

1 G Newport, P Mugleston (senior)

Unrecorded 4

Now we have all had a good laugh at the averages, we can now focus on improving them for this season, hopefully!

Our next home games this month are Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> against Stockton, and May 13<sup>th</sup> against Long Itchington. Two important local fixtures, which are sure to be closely contested, so everyone is welcome to come down and watch if they have spare time on a Sunday.

As ever, if anyone is interested in playing please contact either Ed Russell 612684, or Phil Mugleston 612282.

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## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

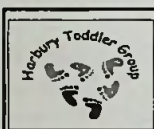
The summer season started on April Fool's day with the traditional Cheque Book Tournament – we may have to rename this one as we now offer the facility for adult members to pay their subs via the internet! Anyway, it was well organised by Caroline Morland who kept us on our toes with minimum hanging around between matches! The winners were Bill Hathaway and Caroline, well done!

The Club enjoyed a very successful winter league season. Pride of place goes to the floodlit team who finished as Champions of Division 4 in the Banbury Floodlit League. The men's' doubles late winning run enabled them to secure runners-up position (and hopefully promotion) in Division 4 of the Stratford League. In Division 4 of the Banbury League the "B" team also finished in second place just one point behind Hook Norton. Unfortunately it proved impossible to agree a date with the leaders before the league deadline to play the twice postponed match that would have been the championship decider. Rumour has it (started by me!) that Hook Norton didn't want to risk coming to Harbury!! A late run of good results saw the "A" team finish with the same points as Banbury West End but they were relegated by virtue of having won 1½ fewer rubbers!

The summer league programmes have started with the 3 teams having played their first matches. In the Banbury League the "B" team is playing in Division 4 having been relegated in 2006. They started off with a comfortable 7-2 home win against Tysoe "B". Harbury's ladies were in fine form with Tracey Haggan winning her 3 rubbers. The only ladies' loss was Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer and that was only after a long tie-break. Bill Hathaway was the most consistent man, also winning his 3 rubbers, first with Colin Mercer, then with Keith Thompson and finally with Caroline. The "A" team were promoted to Division one and travelled to Banbury West End, one of the top teams. Harbury suffered a heavy 1-8 defeat but that masks dogged performance with 3 rubbers lost on tie breaks, and 2 others by close margins. With a little more luck it could have been a win! In the Stratford League the men's' doubles got off to an excellent start with Jon Scothern, Adam Crossling, Bill Hathaway and Jonathan Smith overcoming HDA (Redditch) by 3-1.

The Junior programme is underway with 118 children taking part in coaching with the regular coaching team of Linda Casement,

Angie Dean and Pete Brinkley offering 25 hours a week to children from 5 to 15. The coaches are being ably assisted by Sue Panton, Eira Owen, Jon Scothern, Kate Scothern and youngsters Adam Crossling and Philip Mugleston. This summer the Club has 5 teams in the South Warwickshire Junior Doubles League. There are 4 boys' teams, one Under 14 and 3 Under 17, and for the first time a Girls' team in the Under 14 category. We wish them well! At the other end of the age spectrum the Mini Reds (U8) and Oranges (U9) and Greens (U10) will also be playing in leagues.



## Harbury Toddler Group

Emma Legg

**May 2007** - It's a bit of a treat attending Toddler Group at the moment. Mondays are always buzzing; it's our busier session and a great social gathering for both parents and children alike. However, if you enjoy sitting in the sun Wednesday afternoon is the session to join us. With the freakishly good weather we have been enjoying this month, we have been getting out all the outdoor play equipment and letting the children enjoy the fresh air while us grown ups grab a coffee and catch up on the weeks events.

Of course its not all play, we have the carnival coming up in June and we will be spending time during sessions creating the artwork for this years float. The children will play a huge part in decorating the float again this year, which should be fun.

We held our annual coffee morning at the end of March and were again overwhelmed by the support we received. The biggest thank you has to go to the residents of Harbury, firstly for supporting the event and for making every event held at the Tom Hauley rooms count. We were also very grateful for all the donations of prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac that we received. Local businesses contributed fantastic prizes for our raffle and Mums from Toddler Group came in with trays of delicious cakes to sell.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who gave up their Saturday morning to make the coffee morning the success it was. Everyone who made tea and coffee, washed up, sold raffle tickets, bric-a-brac and cakes. We hope to take the children on another fun filled day out this year and every penny made on the day will go towards making that happen.



If you would like to join in the fun at Toddler group we are open on Mondays 10am -11.30am and on Wednesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm. You will find us behind the Wight school/ Library; sessions cost 50p per person and includes refreshments. If you have any questions regarding Toddler group please contact Emma on 01926 814687.



**Windmills**

Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

We concluded our topic on "people who help us" with a fancy dress day and the highlight for the children was a visit from the Leamington firemen (one of whom is Harrison's daddy) with their fire engine. The children were all given stickers, balloons, and a fire safety colouring in sheet. The Fire officers were called to



a real emergency, much to the excitement of the children, and left in a hurry with lights flashing and sirens screeching. The children of Windmills also went home on the last day of term with a tooth care pack, courtesy of Oral B. Thank you to Hana's mum who is a G.P for coming in to talk to the children about the work she does and show us what she uses to help her find out what is wrong with us so she can make us better. We asked the children to tell us about people who help us: "Firemen pull out toes from the bath" – Joe. "Some doctors can be vets – they do operations on animals. Dentists check your teeth" – Oliver. "Doctors gave me yucky medicine and I spat it out, they made me better and we stayed in a hotel" – Joshua B.

It was a beautiful spring day on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March when we took the children to visit Mrs Houghton's garden to see the baby rabbits, guinea pigs, and a giant rabbit called Bonnie. "I fed the white one a carrot – I liked it the best" – Jack.

This half term we have been talking about different types of transport and journeys. Mrs Casement has been putting her Engineering degree to good use by beginning a project with the children to construct a model of an airport this month complete with train links, terminal buildings, a runway, helicopter pad and car park, not

forgetting the disabled space suggested by Lily. This is an ongoing project to run for the half term during which the children will also be constructing their own model aeroplanes. Our role-play corner has been transformed into a travel agency enabling the children to book and sell their own holidays. At circle time the children have



been telling us about journeys they have been on, as well as bringing in fantastic models of cars, and rockets they have made at home to show and tell. We took the children on a short journey around the village to the toddler service noticing and talking about what we passed on the way. Some of the children then came back and recalled the journey and drew a map of what they had seen. We took small groups of children to the gate on the school field equipped with clipboards, tally sheets, and pencils to carry out a transport survey, counting the different types of vehicles that passed.

### **Training**

Tina and Marie attended the Early Years Conference at Manor Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April entitled "Birth-Five: Managing Change, Managing Transitions". The introduction was given by Helen Moylett, Senior Foundation Stage Regional Adviser followed by 2 workshops, one about carrying out effective observations and the other about strategies to track children's progress through the foundation stage.

### **Wine Tasting Evening**

Thank you to everyone who supported Windmills Nursery had helped make this evening a success. The wine tasting was extremely popular and everyone who attended on the night seemed to enjoy themselves.

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to Serena Ford – Morgan's mum for donating a lovely table and chairs for our home corner.

### **Dates**

- 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Half – Term break
- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007 – Harbury carnival – Windmills will be entering a float
- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007 – Windmills Nursery Open Morning
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2007 – Windmills Nursery Fundraising Casino Evening in the Village Hall.

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



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**New Term** - With the Easter holidays behind them, the children returned to Pre-School full of enthusiasm for the new term. We are delighted to welcome Hattie who has already settled in with her new friends.

We have begun the term by looking at more shapes, including triangles and ovals, identifying different shapes in our environment and incorporating them into drawings, paintings and collages.

**Science** - During the first week, our scientific experiment involved the use of cornflour, both dry and after water had been added. The children enjoyed picking up the mixture as a lump in their hands and were fascinated by the way it liquefied and ran out through their fingers.



**Summer Theme** - With our summertime theme involving farms and gardens, the sand tray gave way to a tray of compost in which the children could dig with their trowels, filling pots and planting flowers. Also buried in the compost was a variety of mini-beasts that caused great delight as they were unearthed. Following on with this theme, the children planted carrot seeds in a trough and we will be watching to see if we can produce our own carrots before the end of the term.

**Mathematical Development** - We have been doing lots of work with numbers, with songs such as "Five little ducks" and "Five little speckled frogs" being sung with great gusto, especially when accompanied by the use of glove puppets and other visual aids.



**Visits** - The highlights of the month have been the two visits, the first to the Trice's farm and the second to the Kemptons' garden. The children had a marvellous time on the farm, seeing some of Louise Trice's cows, their calves and her two dogs. Louise let the children sit in one of her tractors and



they were privileged to watch the cows being let out into the fields for the first time this year. They were also able to see some of the feed and bedding, as well as helping to feed the calves with cattle cake.



On the following day, Jane Kempton welcomed the children to her beautiful garden where they saw the lovely trees, shrubs and flowers and were able to have their snack as they sat on the lawn after having explored every nook and cranny. Sebastian even saw "some multicoloured tulips!"

**Thank You** - Our grateful thanks go to the Trice's and the Kemptons for letting us enjoy their properties and to all the volunteer helpers who walked with the children on each day - Sue Peacock, John and Maureen Handle, Sue Mercer, Cathy Gibb and Ellen Ford without whom these trips couldn't take place.

Thanks also to all who attended the Virgin Vie evening in April - a fantastic £230 was raised on the night.

**Quiz Night** - Pre-school are holding a quiz night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall starting at 8pm. Teams of 4 cost £16 per team which includes a light snack. Please call Lisa on 614744 to register your team.

**Finally ....** Sadly we had to say farewell to Rhian who has moved away with her family and we send them all our best wishes for the future.

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



## Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

**NSPCC** – Congratulations and thanks to everyone who supported the sponsored events in aid of NSPCC. A representative from NSPCC was in school recently to inform the children that they had raised the magnificent amount of £1,477.25. Many thanks to everyone involved.

**Sportshall Athletics** – Congratulations to all of the children in Year 6 who represented the Southam Area in the South Warwickshire finals. Competing against the winning schools from the 8 area competitions, we finished in 7th position in a very high quality event. One of my aims over the course of the school year is to ensure that all of the children in Year 6 represent the school in at least one sporting event during their final year at primary school – not only has this now been achieved, I am pleased to say that all of the children in Year 6 have now represented the Southam area. Well done, everyone.

**Cross Country** – Talking of representative honours, 7 of our children represented Central Warwickshire in the Warwickshire Cross Country Championships held at Twycross (which I am sure is in Leicestershire, but never mind!) – the highest number of runners from any school in the area. In two extremely high class fields, Taisia Shuttleworth was 10th, Abi Hunt, having a magnificent run for a Year 5 pupil, was 18th and Bethany Campion was 48th in the girls race, while James Wilkinson was 41st, Elliot Tawney 52nd, Jack Groves 55th and Jacob Tanner 74th in the boys event.

Taisia, Abi and Bethany were all counters in the Central Area team that won the girls' team competition, while the boys team finished as runners-up in their event.

**Netball** – Well done to the children in Year 5 who represented the school in the Southam Area Netball rally a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, the netball clashed with the indoor athletics finals, which meant that our normal team was unavailable. However, the Year 5 girls stepped up to the mark excellently.

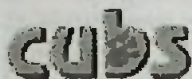
Playing against teams that had been together all year, the girls gave an excellent account of themselves – although they were beaten in each of their three matches, two of the matches were very close and could have gone either way. Many thanks, girls – we are very proud of you for stepping in at the last minute.



## Harbury Guides & Scouts Group News



Girlguiding UK



### Cubs News

Jim Ward, (612401), Ted Barrett, (614730)

Harbury Cubs continues to thrive and are busy preparing for the 5 Districts Centenary Camp that takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May at Charlecote. As those involved with the group already know, the most important event to happen recently is the change of leaders.

Since 2005 the group has been led by June Barrett, with support from her family in the forms of Ted and Mike, plus having the long standing help of Isobel Clarke, and also an ex-scout Richard Bloxham. Regretfully, due to work commitments June has had to stand down as leader, and, whilst she is still around to give occasional help, this means that the running of the pack has had to be reorganised.

June, who has many previous years experience in the district, has been a great leader and a huge asset to the group. An example to us all of commitment, enthusiasm and being prepared to go that extra mile to offer the pack activities beyond the norm, attributes that were generously recognised by cubs & parents at her last pack evening before Easter. Many thanks again to June from us all.

Fortunately for the group Ted, who assures me that there was no family pressure!, has agreed to take up the challenge and is now going to lead the pack in the future. With Mike Barrett also not as available on a regular basis, it means that there is an **urgent need for more leaders** to fill the gaps left as soon as possible, otherwise the group will not be able to function properly.

So, if you are someone who thinks they might enjoy the wide variety of experiences that working with 8-10 year olds can bring, please get in touch with Ted or myself on the numbers below as soon as possible. No particular skills are required, just a sense of fun, enthusiasm and a willingness to help offer that unique package that is scouting.

Go on.....pick up the 'phone. Could be the best thing you've ever done!





## Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

We all enjoyed the talk and slides shown by our speaker at the last meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Judy Berrow is the county organiser for Worcestershire Gardens included in the famous Yellow Book for The National Gardens Scheme. The Scheme was founded in 1927, when 600 gardens were open to the public to raise money for nurses of the Queen's Nursing Institute. In 1948 a Liverpool philanthropist William Rathbone was responsible for starting the District Nursing Service. We were shown some lovely old slides of past District Nurses on all forms of transport.

Last year over 3500 gardens were open and a staggering sum of two million pounds was raised, all of which went to various charities mainly Macmillan and Marie Curie Cancer Care nurses plus other nursing organisations. The NGS also sponsors 15 trainee gardeners for the National Trust.

Worcestershire gardens contributed £65,000.00 in 2006 which was an amazing amount when you consider that the weather wasn't always kind to visitors.

Judy has recently been involved in filming for a new series of Open Gardens, as she said it's not always easy doing your job assessing gardens etc with a TV crew following you everywhere. They spend all day filming and then at the end of it only a few minutes are actually shown on TV. Once a garden is accepted and opening dates agreed there is still a lot of work to do. Posters need to be displayed, then on the open days ticket sellers are needed plus any extra help with plant sales and refreshments. Gardens of all sizes are included from tiny back gardens to large ones. Some gardens open as early as February when the snowdrops start to make an appearance. We were shown some excellent slides of some of the Worcestershire Gardens starting with Dial Park at Chaddesley Corbett where there are over 300 different types of snowdrops to see. A glorious white garden at Birtsmorton Court near Malvern was seen plus newly planted potager. Luggers Hall in Broadway was a stunning garden with numerous roses, parterre, walled garden and many other features. We also saw some slides of Spetchley Gardens which we are visiting in June; it has been undergoing a major overhaul so there will be much to see. Astley Town House at Stourport on Severn looks to be a fascinating garden to visit it boasts a revolving classical summerhouse. There were more

slides of lovely gardens and I'm sure many of us will be visiting some of these this year. We also were shown slides of a garden not now included in the Scheme where herons had been raiding the pond. The lady of the house actually caught the heron as she was so annoyed with it! When you consider the size of a heron; it was no mean feat.

We were given copies of Worcestershire gardens booklets and I also have some copies of the Warwickshire gardens booklets which I will bring to the next meeting on 1 May. Just a quick mention about the Bursary which was won by Jill Brazil at the December meeting. She and her friend Pat spent a very pleasant day at Ryton Gardens last month learning the art of Willow Weaving. Nice to know that the Bursary has been used and enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who contacted me about the day trip and the Garden Walkabout. Only 3 spaces left on the coach which I'm confident I will be able to fill. I will know more about numbers etc for the Walkabout after our next committee meeting and will write more in my next article. Looking forward to our last meeting of the season on 1<sup>st</sup> May when David Edmonds will be giving a talk about getting ready for Chelsea. I will be making my usual pilgrimage to the Chelsea Flower Show in May so it will be nice to get some inside information.

If I don't see you at the next meeting, I look forward to seeing you on 17<sup>th</sup> May when we will be visiting Sulgrave Manor. Meet at the Village Hall to leave there at 5.45pm and we will lift share where possible. We will be having a tour of the House which as you know belonged to the ancestors of George Washington; then a look around the newly restored gardens plus refreshments. It promises to be an interesting evening. So much happening in the garden too; thank goodness for lighter nights. Happy gardening.



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

As promised in last month's article this will be from 'abroad'. Australia has the advantage, for English speakers, of being an easy place to get around when asking for directions although, in terms of terrain, it can often be harsh. Sharon has many cousins 'down under' and we are indebted to them and our friends Graham & Gay McLean from Sydney for getting us to some places off the beaten track.

Flying into Cairns it's all blue ocean stretching to the Great Barrier Reef and steep, tropical, forested mountains rising from the narrow, coastal belt to the Atherton Tableland at over 1000mts. I enjoyed a guava from a tree growing at the side of the road, while out on cousin Graham's bike and we were entranced by Kookaburras sitting on the overhead wires by a creek. This large kingfisher is not colourful like ours, having the appearance of wearing a dun coloured fur coat. It is a ferocious hunter, particularly of snakes and amphibians. With the latter in mind, the story of the Cane Toad could be a metaphor for what has happened to Australia during the last 200 years. In the 1930's, the sugar cane growers of North Queensland were menaced by a beetle which could reduce yields in a bad year by 90%. Someone came up with the idea of introducing Cane Toads. Unfortunately, this had little effect on the beetle or its grub, but ate indigenous species, and has now become a plague, with these huge toads spreading to all parts of the country except the West. Feral (introduced) species, particularly rabbits and cats, have put great pressure on the native fauna and flora; and it does not end there. Great parts of the country looked fertile and ready for arable and pastoral farming-just clear the Bush and plough it up. However, the rainfall in great swathes of the country is low and long droughts frequent. Overgrazing and deforestation have depleted the thin soil. Now, a lot of land is past repair, and farming is retreating to irrigated zones and the coastal strip. Schemes such as the Snowy Mountain Dam built in the 1950's have backfired and rising salt levels in the Murray-Darling Basin are proving hard to combat.

Enough moaning; on to the wildlife. We visited limestone caves at Chillagoe, 200K west of Cairns. A cheerful Ranger named Bob was our guide. As well as impressive stalactites, we saw Swiftlets nesting in the caves, which can find their way in and out by echo-location. We were told about, but didn't see, a snake which lives down there. It feeds on bats as they roost and uses a heat sensor to locate its prey. The rocks around Chillagoe are rich in minerals as in Carboniferous times; a line of volcanoes bordered the continental shelf. Chillagoe had a copper smelter served by a railway line from 1904-1943. Now the population is under 300.

We spent 4 days in Sydney with friends who live on the North Shore. We kayaked in some of the harbour creeks where pelicans were a common sight. I was intrigued by the mangrove's method of seed dispersal. The pod is a weighty lance about 20cms long. This plummets to earth when ripe and finds its home in the tidal mud beneath it's parent. Roots soon anchor it in and leaves sprout to extend the grove.



From Sydney, we visited another cousin in Dubbo 400kms to the west. Our highlights there were the mobs of Kangaroos moving rapidly across country. The physiology of their muscles is similar to a coiled spring. Compression releases energy for the next bound. Although we never saw an Echidna (one of only 2 monotremes in the world - the other is the Duck-Billed Platypus); we saw its shiny black sausage shaped faecal pellet. The colour reflects its diet of beetles and ants. Talking of the latter, the large green ants of the tropics are difficult to avoid. Brush against some vegetation and they will climb aboard. They cling on and deliver a nip which is quite painful.

At Canowindra, south of Dubbo is a fossil fish museum. There, in 1956, many new species of late Devonian era (360 million years ago) armoured fish were found in a state of excellent preservation when slabs of rock were levered up to widen the road.

Travelling on to South Australia, we camped and trekked in the Flinders Ranges. Here the Cambrian rock strata (600million years old) was first pushed into a crumpled dome by earth movements. Through aeons of weathering all that remains of the once lofty mountains are the resistant sides of the dome where the strata are vertical, like a set of teeth. Here we went through a gorge and traversed 100 million years from late Precambrian with primitive algal colonial fossils known as Stromatolites to Cambrian with now extinct fossil sponges known as Archaecyathans. Since being recognised as fossils, living Stromatolites have been found on the sea floor at several places round the world.

Yes, Australia, having been isolated since the break up of Gondwanaland some 100 million years ago, is a fascinating place with its unique flora and fauna.



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The A.G.M. of the Village Hall Management Committee held in April was chaired by Peggie Middleton and attended by all members of the committee apart from Gill Gurden who gave her apologies. Ann Winchester and David Johnson attended as members of the public, but by the end of the meeting David had been elected to hold the important position of Treasurer. Keith Thompson who was unable to be present at the meeting had indicated that he would be willing to serve on the committee and he was duly elected in his absence.



The meeting was a momentous occasion for the Village Hall Committee, as both Peggie and Bill, who had acted as treasurer for 19 years, announced that they wished to retire after their long service looking after the affairs of the Hall. Geoff Thorpe, Vice Chairman took over the role as Chairman and expressed well-deserved thanks to Bill and Peggie in appreciation of their tireless commitment to the maintenance of the Hall. The committee presented the couple with two stone rose planters with container roses, a

garden voucher and an arrangement of flowers prepared by Muglestones, in recognition of their unstinting efforts over the years.

In her final report, Peggie stated that there had been increased hiring of the Hall during the past year, as well as a pleasing drop in vandalism to the property. She reported that the Harbury Tapestry, made by the W.I. had been hung on one of the end walls and it was a welcome addition to the appearance of the Main Hall. She referred to the regular use of the premises by the Badminton teams, the Drop in club for young people and the use of the changing facilities, (which were well past their 'sell-by' date), by the junior and senior football teams. Bill reported that from the time he had taken over as Treasurer, there had been an increase in the cash flow, which had allowed improvements to parts of the heating and ventilation systems, whilst grants and donations had been used for the purchase of the temporary staging.

Geoff Thorpe, as Chairman of the Steering Group presented a report to the committee on the significant developments, which had resulted in the formation of a sub-group of the Management Committee during last year. A meeting involving all the principal Hall users had identified the need to upgrade various areas of the premises and this had led to proposals to modernise and extend the property. The main ideas involved preserving the main Hall, but demolishing the flat-roofed extensions, which will require significant maintenance in future years.

The main improvements had been identified as upgraded changing/shower rooms, new toilet facilities with special provision for the disabled and for baby changing, a permanent stage, as well as a specific bar area and additional flexible function rooms.

All of these proposals have been reported in the H&L News in recent months and have been translated into architect's plans. The application to the Big Lottery, which has exercised members of the Steering Group for several months, has been sent in to meet the end of April deadline. The outcome in several months time will be awaited with bated breath. In the meantime, several other sources of funding are being researched and the modernisation of the Hall will be dependent on the level of financial support made available. It will be a case of 'cut our cloth' according to the money raised, but there will be no 'quick fix', as deliberation on all grant requests takes many months to come to fruition.

The Village Hall Management Committee will act in the best interests of the community and will continue to update residents on the proposals and outcomes. The new committee is: Geoff Thorpe, (Chairman), Janet Thornley (Secretary) David Johnson (Treasurer), Wendy Hawkes (Booking Secretary) Chris Finch, Gill Gurden, Alison Hodge, Midge Keen, Jenny Patrick (P.C. representative), Linda Ridgley and Keith Thompson.



## General Section

### Bill and Peggie Middleton

After 37 years in Harbury, during which they have been involved in many village activities, Bill and Peggie have recently taken a 'step down' from their involvement with the Village Hall committee, for which Bill has been treasurer for almost 20 years, whilst Peggie has been the chairman for the last three years. It is unlikely that they will completely retire into the background, as they are taking on other roles in the community in their usual 'low key' manner. They are essentially 'private' people who have contributed to the community in an unsung capacity in many ways, as both of them have tended to 'hide their light under a bushel', so that few people will be aware of all the contributions they have made to the life of the village.





Bill and Peggie originate from Sheffield and when Bill came out of the RAF he met Peggie when they joined a church badminton group. They married in 1955 and their three children, Paul (1960), Debbie (1962) and Carolyn (1965) were all born in the city before they moved down to Harbury in 1970. Bill had applied for a job as

company secretary at Building and Plumbing Supplies in Leamington and they chose a property in Neales Close for their first home. Almost on arrival, in the village, Peggie joined the W.I. and became one of a group of volunteers who manned the coffee bar once a month at Hatton Hospital, outside Warwick. Both Bill and Peggie joined the Harbury School PTA and they assisted with the Swimming Pool development, which was a major project for the village at the start of the 70's.

Whilst the children were attending the local schools, Peggie did some 'temping' and then became the receptionist/telephonist at Leamington Town Hall, which capitalised on the skills she had developed as one of the GPO's 'Hello Girls' when she worked in the main city office in Sheffield. Both Bill and Peggie still retained the interest in badminton which had brought them together and they eventually joined a club which played regularly in the Memorial Hall at Bishops' Itchington at a time when Harbury's club was over-subscribed. Eventually Peggie decided to form a Ladies Badminton Club and in the early days there were 20 ladies who met each Monday in the company of Joe Bamford (the well-remembered Harbury artist) who persuaded Peggie that he would be an asset to the Club.

In 1983, Bill was elected on to the Parish Council and he served for a total of 16 years, acting as the Chairman for 4 years. In the year immediately following his election, Bill joined the Village Hall committee as the Parish Council representative and Peggie joined the committee shortly afterwards as the W.I. representative. They have served on the committee since that time and have worked with many stalwarts of the village, including Brian Ingram, Gill Gurden, Midge Keen, and Ethel Sollis, who have worked hard to maintain the Hall in its present condition.

As a result of their commitment, the Hall has been regularly serviced and checked and several improvements have been made to the heating, the kitchen fittings and temporary stage was purchased.

Bill and Peggie have been involved in other village activities jointly, including assisting with Meals on Wheels, attending the Harbury Society meetings and the Saturday Coffee Mornings in the Tom Hauley room. For the past 5 years, they have also opened their delightful garden in Penelope Close for the Horticultural Society's Garden Walkabout. Peggie is a member of the Harbury Friends group, which enjoys a series of outings and get-togethers during the year. She is now secretary of the W.I. and is on the WRVS team, formed two years ago, which responds to any emergency in the immediate area. Within a month of joining the team, Peggie was called on to respond to the 'siege of Harbury' when 50 policemen descended on the village to deal with a domestic argument, which had spiralled out of control. On this occasion, tea and biscuits were provided for members of the Warwickshire Constabulary when they held their debriefing session in the Village Hall, after the successful conclusion of their raid involving a resident brandishing a firearm.

Peggie has recently taken on the organisation of the Thursday Club, which provides an opportunity for a social get-together during the afternoon for Senior Citizens. The Club was formerly known as the Golden Age Club and has been run for many years by Beryl Checkley. Peggie is helped in this latest endeavour by Midge Keen and Pam Parton and over 20 Senior Citizens are currently attending the tea and biscuit socials in the Village Hall. In addition to this contribution, Peggie has been a committed member of the W.I.'s Drama section and for more years than she wishes to recall, has been part of the walking tableaux, which involve many members of the organisation in producing spectacular costumes for the annual Harbury Carnival. Each year the ladies dazzle the crowds with their impressive 'get-ups', which are all hand-made following a decision about the theme for group's contribution. According to Peggie this is a time when she is briefly disowned by Bill, since for many of their current activities, they are very supportive of each other's roles and enjoy similar challenges.

They are currently members of the Avon Valley Indoor Bowls Club, which uses one of the original RAF Sports Halls on the Land Rover site at Gaydon. Bill plays in two League teams, as well as for the Club, whilst they both play 'casual' games during the Thursday session.

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Whenever there is any time left over from their busy lives and the hectic schedule in which they have involved themselves, Bill and Peggie enjoy 'hitching up' their caravan and heading off into the wilds of Scotland or motoring to secluded sites in the S.E. and S.W. of England, as well as favourite places in Wales and the North of England. Each year they also travel to Spain to visit daughter, Debbie who lives near Alicante, as well as to Ontario, Canada, which is where Carolyn has made her home. Fortunately, son Paul lives in Warwick, otherwise life would be a permanent round of family visits to see their 4 grand-children, which would leave Bill and Peggie with hardly any time to fit in all their other varied activities.

Life is never dull for this incredibly energetic couple and over the years they have certainly devoted much of their time and energy in supporting many different groups, organisations and clubs, which make Harbury such a lively community. Villages need people like Bill and Peggie, who take an active part in village life, both as participants and organisers and their involvement in the many activities in which they have immersed themselves is nothing short of amazing!

**Chris Finch**

## **Harbury Carnival June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

### **Wheelbarrow Race and Pub Games**

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.30pm and will be hosted by the Crown, renovations permitting, or if not, the Shakespeare. We will again be running separate events that will not require the consumption of alcohol (at least not during the race!) and we will be presenting a trophy to the winning ladies team and to the fastest team with a combined age over 80.

Can I please ask you to help us out by registering your participation prior to the day. Entry forms are available in the pubs and from Dan Killian. Please call him on 612265.

This will be followed by the usual pub games competition during the week. Please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends (again, this is not just an inter pub competition). Entry forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian.

If you want more information you can call either Dan on 612265 or me on 614258.

The timetable is:

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

All events start at 7-30pm.

### **Carnival Dance**

Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Village Hall with dancing to The Likely Lads. Tickets are now available at £15 and can be obtained from me (614258) or Ann Winchester (612128). As I said last month, the number of tickets that we can sell is limited by the Village Hall rules so, first come first served.

### **Other Business**

The people providing the teas etc on Carnival afternoon would welcome the usual donation of cakes to the Village Hall in the morning.

Will all those holding trophies from last year, please return them to me at 6 Pirie Close before Carnival Day.

And finally, if you still need to organise a stall, please get in touch with Mike McBride on 612421 as soon as possible. Please do not leave this until the last minute.

John Broomfield

## **Harbury Hopes To Go The Extra Mile To Help People Living With Cancer**

I am organising another "Macmillan Miles Challenge" - raising money to Help Macmillan Cancer Relief support people living with cancer.

Last year saw almost 3,000 people being sponsored to walk, cycle, and line dance or lay a mile of coins. Nationally over £400,000 was raised in thousands of events across the UK. Harbury's contribution was £505.75

On Friday and Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> along with willing supporters we are hoping to achieve a mile of coins on the footpath in the centre of the village. It's a simple way to support Macmillan nurses in our region and we ask that you give generously.



In the UK one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime and over a million people are affected. Macmillan Cancer Relief is a UK charity which helps to provide the expert care and practical and emotional support that makes a real difference to people living with cancer.

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**Ann Mayer**

### **It's Back**

#### **Harbury Victorian Street Fayre - Saturday 13th October 2007**

We are planning to hold the 11th Street Fayre in Chapel Street on Saturday 13th October 2007 commencing at 4.30pm. This year the main beneficiary will be Warwickshire Air Ambulance, with individual stallholders raising money for their own charities or organisations. We hope to enlist the support of local residents and have asked them to raise any objections or concerns.

This event is held not only to support a National Charity but also to provide village organisations and charities with an opportunity to raise funds, many of which are unable to function without voluntary help of this kind. Although this is the 'serious' side of the day we hope that everyone will enjoy the atmosphere and entertainment and make it a 'fun day' as well.

Should anyone have any objections to our arrangements or would like to participate if not already doing so, please let me know.

**D Killian, Chairman, On behalf of the Harbury Victorian Street  
Fayre Committee**

### **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

The invitations for the trip to Poole on the 13<sup>th</sup> June have been issued. We have been asked about who is eligible for the trip. The association rules state the trip is available for free to Harbury residents - men over 65 with or without wives and women over 60.

If you are new to the village, think you may be eligible, and want to go on the trip, please contact Margaret Taylor on 612903.

**Mike McBride, On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit  
Association**

## **Guide and Scout Support**

### **Scout Hut Progress!**

The new roof has now been put in place, replacing the 1940 vintage roof sheets! The level of insulation is now right up to modern building and environmental standards. The kitchen has been re-wired and, shortly, the new gas heating system will be plumbed in and connected. This complements the very major refurbishment and new Toilet Block undertaken by SHAK in 1998 (which excluded the roof).

Finally, in early May, the kitchen will be newly fitted out, including proper ovens and hobs. This will enable the groups to work on cookery badges and other community members to learn cooking. Costs have escalated since we applied for funds so we need to raise a further £5,000 or so in order to complete the work as we have planned. The first events towards this target will be the food for the Beer Festival and a Retro Disco Night, both in September.

It will be wonderful to re-open the improved Scout Hut in the year that Scouting celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we will announce some opening day celebrations in a coming issue. We were also delighted to hear recently that a new Guide group will be starting in Harbury, after a gap of at least six years. There will then be about 150 youngsters using the Scout Hut every week, something about which the village should be very pleased.

As well as our own funds raised over more than 5 years from village events, we have benefited from grants from the following bodies: Harbury Parish Council, Stratford District Council Community Fund, County Council Youth Opportunities Fund and the Local Network Fund.

Personally speaking, it has been heart-warming to see how strongly the village has got behind us: from the Parish Council whose grant 'kicked off' the grant application phase, the village Carnival and other societies who have made donations to GASS, the Wight School Trustees who have supported us, through to the lady (who shall remain nameless) who stopped me in the street to make a small cash donation two weeks ago. Thank you all.

Please remember that GASS still needs to raise funds once the building work is over! It costs over £1,500 per year just to keep the building heated, insured and clean. So you'll still be seeing GASS events for many years to come.

Thank you all those who came to the GASS Tribute Night in March where we raised about £800, a great outcome. Thanks also to Comptons International and Laser Tools who have been regular sponsors and to Mugleston's Country Fayre for dealing with ticket sales on so many events!

Thank you all for your support.

**Alan Guy, Chair of GASS**

## **Hereburgh Morris – 20 years old!**

In April this year, Harbury's Morris team, 'Hereburgh Morris', celebrated its twentieth birthday. There have been changes over the years but we still have a number of the original members. Those of us who were at the very first practice in April 1987 did not think we would still be dancing twenty years on, nor did we realise quite how much it would influence our lives! Recently we have had some younger people join us and it is great to see the interest and enthusiasm they have brought with them.



The spirit of Hereburgh has remained constant; we enjoy the exercise, making music and have a lot of fun! We are keeping alive an English tradition but, in true folk fashion, we change, adapt and make up new dances and tunes. Over the years we have danced in many places, not only in this country but also in Ireland, The Netherlands, France and Germany.



When this goes to press, two of us will have returned from dancing at the West Coast Ale (a large gathering of Morris teams) in San Francisco, dancing with some American groups who have visited us here. We have made many friends – some far away but others nearer to home – and we all share an interest in traditional dance and music.

Also by the time you read this, we will have welcomed in the summer, in the Hereburgh traditional way, dancing at dawn beside Chesterton Windmill on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We meet at 5.00am and it's all over by 6.00am! We're back in the village for breakfast and then, for many, it's off to work!

We'll be continuing our special birthday celebrations over the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> when we will be joined by other Morris teams who dance in different styles. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be dancing in the Cotswolds, the home of many dance traditions, but will be in Harbury on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. This is the same weekend as the Garden Walkabout so we hope to add to that occasion in a traditional English way. Look out for posters to give you more information nearer the time.

Find out more about Hereburgh Morris by visiting our website <http://come.to/Hereburgh>.

Celia Neill, Squire, Hereburgh Morris

## Teenage Cancer Trust News 2007



The Sounds of the Sixties event held on the Rugby Club ground in 2006 raised £7,250 for the TCT charity. A presentation of the cheque was made at the Shakespeare Inn in February by Susan Dronfield (one of the organising committee). This year the cheque was received on behalf of the charity by Louise

Lockley, who had experienced the benefits of the facilities provided at the Birmingham Children's Hospital whilst she was undergoing treatment for cancer. Since making a full recovery, Louise has got married and now has a son Elliot who was born last year.

The TCT group of volunteers are already making the necessary preparations for this year's event, which will take place on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Already some local businesses have provided generous sponsorship in support of the event and donations of raffle prizes have been promised. The event is one of the major charity events organised in this area and creates considerable interest for 'Sixties' fans due to the live appearance of a number of well known bands. There will be further details about the bands and the sale of tickets in next month's Harbury & Ladbroke News, but at this stage, it might be important to note the date for your diary: **SATURDAY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>** at the Rugby Club ground on Middle Road.

**Joe Griffin**

## **6<sup>th</sup> Summer Art Exhibition and Sale**

Continuing the tremendous success of the first five shows when the response of artists and the public far exceeded expectations, Harbury will stage its sixth summer exhibition of paintings, pastels, drawings and photographs in All Saints Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Features which have proved exceedingly popular will be repeated. In their own special corner there will be a display of paintings and drawings by village children. Demonstrations of technique will take place over the weekend by Nick Baldwin, the tutor of the Harbury Art Group who is a former Daily Express cartoonist, and by Jeni Neale, Chairman of the Birmingham Society of Botanical Artists.

The hours of opening are from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and between noon and 5pm on Sunday. Church funds will benefit from the proceeds.

Artists who have not already done so and wish to exhibit have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to submit an entry form, which can be obtained from me (Tel/ Fax: 614104; mobile: 0797 9514517).

**Bill Davies**

## **Quiz Night**

A Fundraising quiz night is to be held at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (7.30pm arrival for 8pm start). All funds raised to benefit a local cause. The cost is £16 for a team of four. Bar & light buffet available plus prizes and raffle. For further information please Call Paula (613007) or Suzanne (612201).

**Michael Harris**

## **Steel Pan Academy Barcelona Tour July 2007**

The Time Bandits have been fundraising for two months now and thanks to everyone's support we have raised an amazing £425.15 so far!!!! As the funds increase we feel we are getting closer to Barcelona!

Recently we have been involved in two big fundraising events: a concert and our monthly car wash.

The "Viva Barcelona" concert was held at Harbury School at the end of March and was very successful. Fourteen groups from Harbury School, Southam College, the County Youth Orchestra and the Steel Pan Academy entertained a packed hall with a variety of tunes. All the groups played brilliantly and the evening was enjoyed by everyone. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us – with the raffle, refreshments and generous donations, we raised a massive £486 on the night!!!

Our car washing and valeting service is proving very popular, we were very busy last month and washed and valeted a total of 16 cars in 3 hours and raised £136.35! We will NOT be doing a monthly car wash on 6<sup>th</sup> May due to other commitments for our team members but we are very happy to come to your house to wash and/or valet your car (at weekends and in the evenings). Just give us a ring to book on either 01926 612037 or 01926 613362.

The big fundraisers are great but we have also been doing lots of little jobs that keep steadily adding to our funds, from dog walking to cake baking, yard sweeping to lawn mowing. Last month these "little jobs" added up to an extra £107! At the end of April we organized a Children's Disco as another fundraising event. In the next month we have various gigs that we will be performing at including Southam Carnival on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday Monday). Please come along and support us and let us give you a taste of what we will be doing in Barcelona.

### **TIME BANDITS!!**

Do you want more free time? Then call the TIME BANDITS! We will walk dogs, mow lawns, rake lawns and do your shopping! Plus we offer an additional car wash and valet service! Telephone us on 612037 (daytime) and 613362 (evenings).

Naomi Bradford, Jonny Guy, Ellie White, Sam Cheesman, Ben Tawney, Alex Vincent, Kerry Dorning, Matthew Van-Kesteren, Jack Sampson.



## French exchange opportunity

A family in Rouen would like to arrange an exchange visit for their 14 year old son, Hugo. We met and stayed with the family ourselves, through the twinning arrangement between Harbury and Samois. They have since moved to Rouen, a small city, situated between Le Havre and Paris.

If you know a boy of similar age who would like the opportunity to stay with a French family, and who is willing, in return, to host Hugo, please contact me for further details.

**Ruth Guy, Tel 614242**

## Project Namibia Coffee Morning 26<sup>th</sup> May

I shall be holding a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley room on 26<sup>th</sup> May to help raise additional funds for my trip to Namibia.

I am taking part in a World Challenge project (organised through my school) for three weeks in July, in Namibia, South West Africa. During my stay, I shall be helping village children by improving their school facilities and through teaching them some English. Part of my challenge is to raise the money needed to fund my stay, and so far I have raised £1,700 of the £2,500 for my trip. I have done this through a variety of fund-raising activities (including baby and pet sitting, a cake stall at last year's Carnival and through the generous support of local charitable organisations.)

Please come and support me by coming along to drink coffee and to buy cakes, jam & raffle tickets! I shall also be very grateful for support in the form of cakes to sell or donations for my raffle! I am also planning a car boot sale in June, so if you have anything suitable to donate, again, I shall be really grateful. I can arrange to collect, or, you may like to bring smaller items with you to the Coffee Morning. Thank you so much to all the people who have helped me to raise such a large amount of money already. I'm getting very excited about my trip now – just got to get through my AS exams first!

**Harriet Randall, 01926 613871**

## Blood Donors

Thank you to everyone who came to last month's session, especially the 5 new donors. This resulted in 83 units being collected. If you missed it, there are regular sessions in Leamington and Southam – details on 08457711711 or [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)

Next session in Harbury will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## Footpath Volunteers



The Harbury Parish Paths Team has been busy over the winter. We dealt with several trees blown across our public footpaths by the gales early in the year and spread eight tonnes of stone on the path that runs across Chesterton House Farm and along the top of the railway cutting. This popular path suffers particularly from the wet weather. Almost all the team were involved plus welcome volunteers from the dog walking community. Thanks to Mr Trice and his team for help in shifting the stone and to Network Rail. There's one stretch left to do in the Autumn.

You may have noticed that stone has also been spread along the path linking The Beeches to Binswood End Green. This was done by volunteers from The Beeches. For some reason the path is not listed as an official public right of way. We are looking into this.

You may have also noticed that a number of stiles towards Chesterton have been replaced by galvanised gates. Most of the new gates are on County Council land. It is the County Council's policy to replace stiles with these gates whenever the opportunity arises. They are great for the less agile and dog walkers and require no maintenance, but I know some walkers prefer the traditional timber stiles.

Next month we start our Spring clearance programme, cutting back new growth from the paths to keep them open and useable. If you want to join us or you see a particular obstruction that needs dealing with please give me a ring on 612792.

### A Guided Walk

We are again leading a guided walk as part of the Warwickshire Walking Festival. This year we will walk across the fields to Bishops

Itchington and then back through the Thwaites Estate. The route there gives panoramic views of east Warwickshire and a glimpse of the Harbury quarries. For those with a thirst we will stop for a drink at the Butchers Arms in Bishops before heading back along the edge of the Chesterton Estate to Harbury. The walk is on Wednesday 30th May. It starts at 6.30pm from the Village Hall car park and will take about two and a half hours. All are welcome. Dogs must be on a lead.

Warwickshire Walking Festival runs from 26th May to 3rd June. There are 55 guided walks during the week throughout Warwickshire. For further details telephone 01926 413419 or look on the County Council web site at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/walkingfestival>

**John Ridgley, Harbury Parish Paths Partnership**

## **Harbury Thursday Club 2007**

We had a very good turnout at our meeting on 22nd March where we had a Quiz followed by an "Easter Bonnet "competition. A total of seven bonnets were entered and the winner received a small prize. The Photo shows the seven entries and their makers.



The following meeting was on Thursday 26th April when we had a speaker whose talk was "Memories of a Cockney Kid". Why not come along sometime and see if it is for you.

**Peggie & Bill Middleton**



## Ringers on the run

Three of the regular ringers from Harbury church have swapped their bell ropes for trainers and have entered the Race for Life. This is a women only 5km run that raises money for cancer research. It is the first time



any of us have entered a race like this and although we are all looking forward to it we need your help by sponsoring us.

During our lives it is a certainty that we or someone we love will be affected by cancer. Cancer research is funding research into this disease and its treatment. Please dig deep and sponsor us on line by going to [www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/alibee1](http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/alibee1) to sponsor Alison, [www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/wellybean](http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/wellybean) to sponsor Kelly, or [www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/kat\\_1991](http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/kat_1991) to sponsor Katherine.

Alternatively there is a sponsor form on the table at the back of church. We know that there are other women from the village who are also taking part - so sponsor them too!

Thank you

**Alison and Katherine Abbott and Kelly Coleman**

## Pipped by Cumbria

Warwickshire and the Midlands clocked off as the nation sprung into British Summer Time at 1.00am on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The hour forward switchover was co-ordinated by two caesium atomic clocks housed in BT antennae at Rugby Radio Station, which has been the source for the British Time Signal since 1927 and helped keep the pips, heard on BBC Radio Services, accurate.

From next year the time change will be marshalled by a different telecommunications company called VT Communications, who will transmit from the Ministry of Defence site at Anthorn in Cumbria.

BT lost the contract to transmit the time signal, which is accurate to within one thousandth of a second of universal time. When Summer Time commenced six days later, the British Time Signal sounded pip, pip and goodbye from Rugby after 80 years when the two controlled atomic clocks stopped at midnight Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>. The new company stepped in one hour later 1.00am GMT to sound the first pips for April. Rugby Radio Station goes back to the 1920's; it was unique to this country. The originator of the station was the GPO who, incidently, built an early computer.



I thought it might be an idea to visit the famous station before it disappeared from view. I did this a short while later on Good Friday Bank Holiday. On arrival at the large BT antennae, I heard local residents say that the ten very high masts had been felled (after a 'hiccup' caused

by rabbits), by explosives at 4 o'clock one morning last year. I looked at the station name board and walked up the drive to the entrance. From there I was able to see the mast responsible for transmitting this last signal just a few days earlier. Glancing around, most of the remaining masts were small in height in comparison to the other ones dotted about. There were too many to count. What a sad end, the station gates were locked and the place deserted. This site at Hillmorton has been earmarked for a residential development of around 900 dwellings even though a local survey favours a more green solution.

How many people can remember that the GPO once had their own film unit called the Brown Film unit. The Brown logo and signature tune was trademark. During the war effort days and afterwards, they produced short films for the Ministry of Information. These films were mainly of a propaganda nature, usually screened before the feature film in cinemas, where, when wet, people queued outside with umbrellas.

**Mike Bloxham**

## 5 Good Reasons to Compost at Home



**Reduce the amount of rubbish you put out for collection and send to landfill**

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**Save money by reducing the amount of compost you have to buy for your garden**

**Help to reduce the production of methane** — when organic waste is sent to landfill, it rots without oxygen producing methane — a powerful greenhouse gas which contributes to global warming.

### **Save time and petrol on taking garden waste to the tip**

The most important tips for making good compost are:

Ensure that you get a good mix of wet (e.g. food scraps, grass clippings) and dry (e.g. paper, card, straw, leaves) materials. The dry materials will trap air spaces in the compost, which it needs to work properly.

Do not include meat, fish, dairy or cooked food scraps. These are the things that might attract unwanted visitors to the bin!

Compost bins can be purchased at subsidised prices. The Recycle Now Home Compost programme is a partnership between Warwickshire County Council and WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme).

Three designs of bin are available, starting at £8 including delivery.

For more information or to order a compost bin visit the website:  
[www.recyclenow.com/compost](http://www.recyclenow.com/compost)

Or call: 0845 077 0757

Don't forget that you also have a local composting advisor — Penny Holmes — who attends events, gives talks and works with schools to promote successful home composting. If you have an event that you would like the advisor to attend please contact:  
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# Take Time Out – Ufton

Karin Kirk

## Victorian Photographs - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 - 9.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Audrey Linkman researcher and author of historical books on this subject will show and unearth the secrets behind the photos in the family album. If you are interested in family history then bring along your own original old photos to get them dated and find out more about your ancestors. eg why didn't they smile? Cost £4.50 including refreshments.

**Ufton Fete – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2.00pm – 4.00pm** at Colbourne House, come and enjoy a fun packed family afternoon

## Sculpting with Wire - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Following last year's popular weaving with willow we have another 3D creative activity using wire to create decorative natural forms, animals and insects. Suitable for beginners you will learn how to join and shape wire. Julia Prior of the Cutting Gallery will demonstrate and run this workshop. Cost £7 includes all materials. To book, telephone Karin Kirk on 613003.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

**Dear Editors,**

*Many thanks to the Footpath Society for their work on the path which runs parallel to Mill Street behind the garage and the surgery. I mentioned to one of the members that the path had been unusable during the winter due to mud and an uneven surface, and a fortnight later I found four men barrowing loads of stone chippings over the stiles. They have done a great job in difficult conditions. Well done!*

**Janice Thraves**

**Dear Editors,**

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to my "Red Nose Day" celebrations. We raised a staggering £207 for a very worthwhile charity and had a great time in the process.*

*Thank you all.*

**Karyn Hunt**



**Dear Editors,**

*Through the Harbury Ladbroke News I would like to thank everybody who has supported me during my recent hip replacement surgery. Without this support I would not have had such a positive recovery. It was this same support that got me through my mental illness in November 2004. It is amazing how pain really takes over your life and now, that pain has gone. Now I can get on with my life and hopefully get my other hip done with the same level of success.*

*Thank you*

**Deborah Ellis**

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**Dear Editors,**

*Could I please express my thanks to the young person (Daisy?) who this morning 26th April, very kindly returned via a neighbour, my lost wallet, intact with all its contents. If the person would make contact with me, I would like to offer a small token of thanks for their honesty and integrity. It's very refreshing to discover that when so many young people are tainted with the image portrayed by a small minority, that we have here in Harbury some very good hearted and well meaning individuals that restore one's faith in the youth of today.*

*My heartfelt thanks to the individual concerned!*

**Steve Darby (01926) 613330**

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**Dear Editors,**

*Most of our friends in Harbury have known for some time that at the end of last year we sold our house in Bull Ring Farm Road, and that since then have been getting a new angle on Harbury at the other end of the Village, in Farm Street.*

*But now the time has come to move on- back to London, where Heather and I both started life. Through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, we would like to thank everyone, who, through the years have contributed to the rich life which made Harbury so special for us.*

*James especially enjoyed representing the community on Stratford District Council for 18 years, while Heather concentrated on the garden with her eye on the Flower Show.*

*We shall miss you!*

**JAMES and HEATHER TURNER**

**Dear Editors**

*Peggie and I wish to say a very big "thank you" for the lovely gifts we received from the Village Hall Committee at the AGM in April.*

*To say we were surprised is an understatement - we were speechless!*

*We have enjoyed being involved with the Village Hall all these years (over 40 between us) but feel it's time now for new blood, so we wish the new Officers and Committee the best of luck for the future and hope the Hall continues to be the hub of the village.*

*Our grateful thanks also to all the hirers and friends we have met along the way.*

**Bill & Peggie Middleton**

**Dear Editors****Southam & District Lions**

*Notice: Due to my typing error, the amount £2,803.37, shown in last month's News, that was raised between June 2005 and June 2006, should have read £12,803.37.*

*Many apologies*

**Lion Jim Steele**

**Membership Secretary**

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

**Bookings for:**

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

**JUNE EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

Adverts to 31, Binswood End      by 15th May  
Articles to Harbury Pharmacy      by Thurs 24th May

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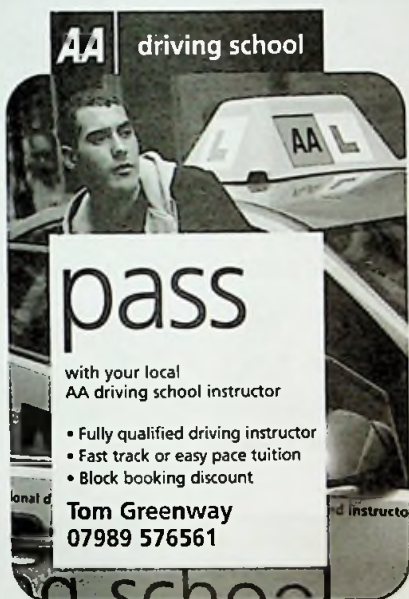
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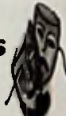

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