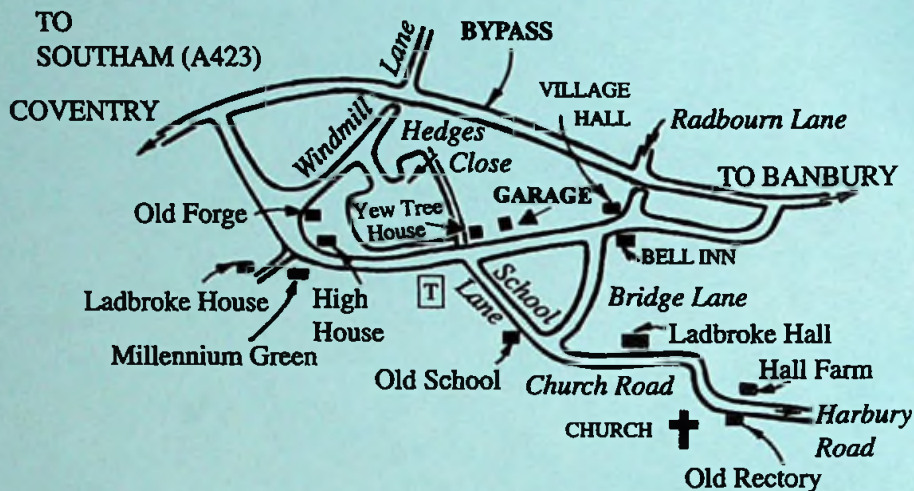


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Editorial

Congratulations are in order to ourselves. The Harbury and Ladbroke News was awarded first prize in the Village Ventures – Communication Newsletters section. The award ceremony was recently held at Hampton Lucy and some committee members were on hand with a display of the magazine. The award was presented by Martin Dunne JP. Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire.

Congratulations also to Danny Killian on arranging a most successful Victorian Street Fayre last month. Sadly, unless some other villagers come forward to organise this in future there will be no further similar events.

In a similar vein, the Harbury Parish Council has had two councillors resign recently and nominees are required.



John Holden with the Village Ventures Award

On 10th November Moving Pictures will be coming to Harbury Village Hall. The film 'Dreamgirls' is being shown, the first of regular film showings to be held in the village. As with so many things, it will be a case of 'use it or lose it.'

Christmas is fast approaching and both Harbury and Ladbroke will be holding their Christmas Fairs in the next few weeks. We hope both these events will be well supported.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

- Sat 3 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
VILLAGE BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS ON RECREATION GROUNDS
- Sun 4 **IV BEFORE ADVENT**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Evensong 6.00pm
- Mon 5 Village Hall Committee 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 6 Youth Drop-in in Village Hall 7.00 - 8.30pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 7 Holy Communion 2.00pm
Mothers Union in Tom Hauley Room 2.30pm
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 9 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Legion
Craft Fayre in Village Hall.
Moving Pictures – Dreamgirls in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sun 11 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Remembrance Service 10.15am
Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 11.00am
- Mon 12 Parochial Church Council 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 13 Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
Youth Drop-in in Village Hall 7.00 - 8.30pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
ADVERTISEMENT TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 17 **STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL**
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
- Sun 18 **SECOND BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm

Mon	19	Harbury Society talk Alan Winterburn on Little Known Warwickshire 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Tues	20	Youth Drop-in in Village Hall 7.00 - 8.30pm Holy Communion 8.00pm Mothers Union 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Wed	21	Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00 - 4.00pm "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
Thurs	22	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Harbury Theatre Group presents "Murder Deferred" in Village Hall (Bar opens 7.30pm) Parish Council 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room Parishioners may attend the meeting and speak: Please contact the Parish Clerk on 614646
Fri	23	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION Harbury Theatre Group presents "Murder Deferred" in Village Hall (Bar opens 7.30pm) Cocktail Party in Tom Hauley Room 5.00 - 8.00pm
Sat	24	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs Harbury Theatre Group presents "Murder Deferred"
Sun	25	CHRIST THE KING Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	27	Youth Drop-in in Village Hall 7.00 - 8.30pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Meeting 8.00pm
Wed	28	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
Thurs	29	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	30	ST ANDREWS DAY

DECEMBER

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

Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 4.00pm Folk Club at Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Fri	7	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat	8	Senior Citizens Christmas Party in Village Hall



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

Thank you so much to everyone who made this year's Harvest Supper such a happy evening. We're sorry that we were over-subscribed and had to put some people on the waiting list for tickets. Book early next year!



We were especially pleased to welcome as our speaker, Nigel Chapman, who has done so much for generations of our school children. His talk, a medley of reminiscences and favourite pieces, kept us all hugely entertained.

"Is there anybody there?" All of us who have phoned big organisations, longing to speak to a real person and having instead to press a series of buttons, can probably identify with that question. The presentation of October's Family Communion Service asked: "What if God installed voicemail?" We concluded that God is always there to answer our prayers and ever more ready to listen to us than we are to talk to Him.

An update on the appointment of Harbury and Ladbroke's new priest. The priest's profile and the parish profiles have been completed, the advertisement is currently in the Church Times and the interview date has been set for December. Please keep the deliberations that will go on during the next few weeks in your thoughts and prayers.



First Light

Alison Abbott

"Christmas is coming" – okay don't groan, you know it's true. For a different take on the meaning of Christmas, come to First Light on Sunday 2nd December at 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room.

This short informal act of worship is for all the family, following coffee at 10am.

November 4th – "Light up the World".



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our afternoon meeting Jeanne Clarke told us about her recent visit to the Gambia. This was a family holiday to celebrate her daughter's birthday.

She found a country which is successfully building its tourist industry, where there seemed to be little illness or violence and where the 10% Christian population lived peacefully with their Moslem neighbours. She made contact with local Mothers Union members and their Bishop – luckily all English speaking!

The evening meeting heard about another trip abroad, from Beryl Checkley, who had been to Russia. She took a river cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg, saw many famous buildings and brought back some charming souvenirs.

The overseas boxes raised £259, please ask Liz Bunting if you would like one. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The shoebox appeal is imminent – see separate notice or ask Gillian

The Christmas Fayre will be on 1st December, please collect toiletries.

November 7th – 2.30pm after 2.00pm communion
– Sheila Leach, "A Happy Talk".

November 20th – 8.00pm after 7.30pm communion
– Cynthia Griffin, "A Phone Call to God".



Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

We started by singing "Who put the colours in the rainbow" with Mr Catt playing for us. Mrs Kitchener then said "Close your eyes. What can you see?" "Nothing, only darkness we said".

That was what it was like before God created the world, she said. Mrs Kitchener then told us about creation, how God made the day and the night by putting the sun in the sky to make the daytime and the moon and stars to create the night sky.

Next came the sea and the land. She asked us how many fish and animals we could think of from the smallest to the biggest. We thought of lots from ants to elephants and from shrimps to whales. We were then asked what God created next and of course he created us, his people. It was the people's job to take care of the wonderful world he had created. We finished with Mr Catt playing "All things bright and beautiful"

We then made our own worlds putting in as many animals and people as we wanted. We had our drinks and played with the toys before going home.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th November at 2.00pm in the Church. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

NOVEMBER

Sun	4	IV BEFORE ADVENT
Mon	5	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	6	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	11	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Remembrance Day Service with Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Mon	12	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	13	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Thurs	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sat	17	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	18	SECOND BEFORE ADVENT Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am in Church
Mon	19	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	20	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	22	Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sat	24	Christmas Fayre in 2.00pm in Village Hall in aid of Myton Hospice and Church Fabric Fund
Sun	25	CHRIST THE KING Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Mon	26	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	27	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall Ladbroke Village Hall AGM 8.30pm in Village Hall

DECEMBER

Sat	1	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	2	ADVENT Family Communion 10.30am
Mon	3	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	4	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	9	Holy Communion 9.00am in Church

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

November 11 th	Susan Moore
November 18 th	Susan Moore
November 25 th	Hazel Sharples
No Flowers in Advent	

**Ladbroke Church News**

Betty Winkfield

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was really well attended. It was a great pleasure to see so many in church with their gifts of produce. This, as usual, was taken to Castel Froma.

The celebration of the harvest was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who came to the Harvest Supper on Friday 12th October, much hard work, much good food and excellent entertainment made for a very jolly evening.

The next event is our Christmas Fayre. Please make a note on the calendar. **Saturday 24th November** in the Village Hall at 2.00pm. Monies raised will be divided between the Church Fabric Fund and Myton Hospice. As usual we request raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac to sell on the stalls.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

Our first meeting (27th September) after the summer break was an informal Games & Chat evening. This was very enjoyable as the games buffs were able to have fun competing, also those who like quiz questions were well catered for, whilst other members had a great evening catching up with everyone. The Raffle prizes were won by Carol Lane, Catherine Spence and Pat Kennedy.

Twelve members attended the Autumn Council Meeting on 18th October in Leamington Spa, which I understand was a complete sell out and an excellent day out.

The Guest Speaker, Ann Widdecombe MP, gave an amusing and very informative talk about her life as an MP. Jan Lowman won a Raffle Prize. Pam Collins won the beautiful floral arrangement that adorned the stage, which she very kindly donated to Ladbroke All Saints Church.

Dates for your Diaries – 22nd November - Graham Sutherland

"Haunting we will go"

28th November - Xmas lunch at Tutbury Castle. The coach will meet at Ladbroke Hall at 10.15 then Wood Street Car Park at 10.30.

6th December - Social Evening with a difference at Ladbroke Village Hall.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Public Participation – Concern was expressed about an occupied caravan in a field behind Ladbroke Farm and off the Ladbroke bypass. This has been reported to Stratford District Council.

Matters Arising – Regarding the Parish website, councillors are to attend a design meeting in Stratford.

Sandbags – Sandbags can be obtained free from Stratford District Council for storage in the village, and bins can also be provided for sand storage. These are for use in times of flooding.

Trees – The provision of the free trees hasn't had a very enthusiastic response except on Ladbroke Hill Farm. These are to be applied for.

Neighbourhood Watch – Volunteer co-ordinators are needed in various areas around the village eg Ladbroke Hall

Parish plan – A housing survey is to accompany the plan when it goes to the District Council. Affordable housing would be allowed in Ladbroke only if there is a need. Councillors would discuss this at a separate meeting.

Village Hall – A date for an AGM is to be announced soon. Members of the Village Hall Committee are each to have separate special duties with regard to the Hall.

Millennium Green – Race Night on 29th September raised £700.

The Parish newsletter – stimulated lots of interest, many email addresses have been received.

County Councillors Report

Bishops Bowl's masterplan is going forward – it looks good. The fire at Ufton landfill site – The area of the fire still cannot be used until the cause of the blaze has been established. Plans are being made for a recycling centre at Ufton.

"Tom-Toms" have been redesigned so that heavy lorries will not be directed down country lanes or side roads.

Ladbroke Road (Folly Lane) concern was expressed about heavy traffic using this lane, especially when Bishops Bowl has been developed, also now there are weight restrictions through Deppers Bridge. There apparently should be new roads for heavy vehicles in

the masterplan. The bridleways through Harbury and Ufton will be maintained. Concerns about disrupting these have been noted.

Meeting closed at 21.08, the next meeting is November 21st at 7.45pm.

A Summary of the Flood Meetings

Betty Winkfield

The Conclusions –

The culvert capacity on the west side of Banbury Road has only half the water capacity it needs. The swale work (ditches) carried out on the by-pass to divert flood water are too shallow and should be longer.

The direction of the flow of water off the by-pass should be reviewed.

The ditches in Radbourne Lane need clearing urgently.

The brook to the east (past Sarah's Cottage) is heavily overgrown. Where tree roots are a problem, these and the trees can be removed.

Much of the work to alleviate the flooding of Bridge Cottage and Attwood Cottage can be carried out by the property owners (work will be done quicker than waiting for the authorities!) This was more or less suggested by the Flood Defence Officer.

To alter the capacity of the culvert under the Banbury Road Bridge would cost something like £20,000 per household in the village. Remedies need to be found urgently.



Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust AGM

Carol Lane

Those present in the Village Hall heard Kip Warr, Chairman, give the report from the previous year. Apart from the general meetings, the Trustees had come together one Saturday morning as a work party to cut back overgrown vegetation - and if you look on the web site www.warkcom.net/ladbrokegreen you will see Paul, our esteemed Treasurer, wielding an old fashioned scythe.

Thanks were given to Malcolm Norgate, who arranged the felling of the poplar trees against the Southern boundary and the removal of the fallen branches.

Two years ago Carole Loftus invited us to close our eyes and imagine the rustling of grasses, the smell of wild flowers and the wafting of butterflies on the wildflower meadow (at the time the meadow was more like a weed patch). Thanks to a year of intensive work we are much closer to Carole's vision; better (and more work) is yet to come.

Our major fund raising efforts, the Quiz (thanks to Peter and Janet Goldson), the Toys for the Boys event and the Race Night, had raised enough to pay for the routine annual maintenance and insurance of the Green. The Treasurer reported that net income was down from the previous year, and we are constantly looking for new activities.

A major consideration during recent AGMs has been the proposal to install more play equipment on the Green. During the past year we have finally achieved a necessary change to our trust deed through the Charity Commissioners – the first Millennium Green Trust to do so – and obtained planning permission from Stratford. Our major application for a grant from Lottery funds was refused, so we are looking at doing the development in two phases. The first phase is the addition of a toddlers' swing and other changes in the children's play area. The second is a swing for older children and a fitness trail.

The good news of the past week is that the Alibone Trust has generously given us a grant of £2,500 for the purchase and installation of toddlers' swings. We are now in the happy position of being able to place the order for the first phase. Fund raising continues and Derek Batty hopes to raise some money from a new Lottery fund administered by Stratford District Council.

We now have all the Trust's paperwork together in one place; it would be very helpful to form them into an archive with an index for reference and we should be very glad to hear of any volunteer who would be interested in doing this.

There is a vacancy on the committee to temporarily replace Andy Pittaway who will be away for at least a year. Any person who would like to find out more about either of the above opportunities should contact me, Carol Lane, on 814715 or any of the other Trustees: Allan Ballard, Derek Batty, Carole Loftus, Sue Lord, Paul Taylor or Kip Warr.



Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Berry

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Finally, the wind of change is blowing through Ladbroke and I feel that now is as good as time as any for me to relinquish the position of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

I have held the fort for some eight years and I feel that it is now time for someone else to carry it on. Throughout this time I have tried to run the scheme simply and economically without the need for meetings and talking shops.

My grateful thanks are extended to all villagers who have taken phone messages, distributed lists, and reported unusual happenings, as without this input the village would not have been as safe as it is.

We now need someone to volunteer, could it be you? Should you be interested, in the first instance please contact Janice Berry on 817114.



Ladbroke Harvest Supper 2007

Hazel Sharples

Once again the Village Hall was filled to legal capacity. Comments afterwards proved that it had been a very happy gathering of villagers and friends. Special thanks go to the volunteer providers and cooks of the food and the ever appreciated washers up. Entertainment – organised by Kate and her willing helpers – was a very amusing end to a successful evening.

Profits from the event are to be shared between Ladbroke Church and the Warwickshire Air Ambulance Fund.

Thank you everyone for supporting the event.



Ladbroke Race Night

Carol Lane

The pounding of hooves, the roar of the crowd, and the triumph of the winners – it was all excitement on September 29th when the Races were held again in Ladbroke Village Hall. The occasion was made all the more animated by Ryan Bendzak and friends celebrating his birthday.

The Trustees of the Green are grateful to our sponsors: Allan Ballard (www.toolbay.biz), Dave Burnham (Burnham Landscapes), Colin Constable, Cedarlea Dental Care, Greenleaf Farm Shop, Terry Grey, John and Sue Moore and Southam Carpets. We are also grateful for all the support we get for this event: for the purchase of horses, the bets on the night and the generosity of those bidding in the auction of horses in the last two races. The winning owners on the night were Pete Edgar, Max Roberson, Tim Allington, Graham and Pauline Long, Martin and Deborah Neal, Oscar Malby, Paul Taylor and the winning owner in the last race (I had lost it by then and didn't make a note of it!)

The money raised will be used to pay for the maintenance, insurance and miscellaneous expenses on Ladbroke Millennium Green.



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

Maybe it was because the meeting only took one and a quarter hours, that dog fouling and bollards seem to dominate. There was good news as well as bad. Harbury got a Gold Award in the Best Kept Village Competition.

There continues to be damage done to the play facilities and the chain barring entry from the car park to the Playing Field is repeatedly vandalised. The Parish Councillors spent some time debating the merits of installing CCTV to help identify these culprits and also those who allow their dogs to foul the fields. It was reported that the junior football pitch has to be cleared of ordure before the children can safely play a match. CCTV would be several thousand pounds with additional on-going costs whereas bollards have a one off cost of about £700 but they of course don't identify the "dog foulers".

Then there was the problem of the new Dog Waste bins. Cllr Hancock expressed disbelief that three new bins could create so much protest. However the Councillors have decided to move the bins and to change the Mill Street one for a green coloured bin, and place it, appropriately, near the Sewage Pumping Station.

Planning

The BMX project now has proper plans drawn up and local residents will be invited to see them before they are submitted for Planning Permission.

Stratford District Council granted permission for a change of use for land next to the Ranch House on Chesterton Road; a conversion at Stapenhall Farm; Conservatories at 19 South Parade and 19 the Beeches, an extension at Meadow Bank Hall Lane, reconstruction of chimneys at Harbury House and tree works at Lorne Cottage and at the Crown with a new kitchen for the pub too.

The Parish Council had no comment to make on entrance signs at the Quarries, a conservatory at Westfields, Hall Lane or an extension at West End Cottage, Mill Street. They made comments on the Quarries Masterplan, supporting calls for a bridleway linked to the village and footpaths to the Ufton Nature Reserve. They made strong objections to plans to demolish the recently extended Harbury Croft and replace it with an even bigger mansion.

Several Councillors had attended the Biffa exhibition on plans to extend the Ufton Tip and create Materials Recycling and Composting Facilities. They were pleased that new traffic guidelines would take the vehicles away from Butt Lane.

It seems that Deppers Bridge resistance to the County's preferred option of traffic lights on the Railway Bridge has served up some unexpected consequences. In particular there were complaints that the 64 bus that serves the hamlet now turns off at Ladbroke Road and villagers have to walk from there. The school children will have to walk to the Great Western to catch their bus and the refuse lorry has to turn round to avoid going over the bridge. Cllrs were concerned about the hardship caused to individuals. Still this is a trial with the installation of lights the default if the community decides it doesn't like the experiment.

Chairman, Tim Lockley reported no progress on Traffic Calming and laid the blame on the County Council.

With the resignation of Kevin Biddle to add to that of Karena Ellis the Council is now short of two members. Unless there are enough nominations for an election the Parish will decide to co-opt to fill the places.

Next Meeting 27th November 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Nicola Thompson, Clerk, Harbury Parish Council

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor? The Council deal with a very wide range of local issues and getting involved can be a satisfying way to give back to your local community. Harbury Parish Council currently has a vacancy for one co-opted member (Harbury Ward) who will serve on the Council, in the first instance until elections in May 2008. Harbury currently has a diverse mix of local residents who serve as councillors and anyone resident in the village or with a strong local connection can apply.

If you would be interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Nicola Thompson on telephone 01926-614646 or e-mail clerk@harbury-parish.co.uk.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We had an excellent talk on Housing Needs from Charles Barlow last month and at the end of October Jon Randle explained Warwickshire's Jurassic Past.

We have a full programme of events for the Winter season.

On 19th November Alan Winterburn talks on Little Known Warwickshire. (All talks are in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm).

- 1st December - Try our Christmas Fayre Photo Quiz in the Village Hall.
- 25th Jan 2008 - Members and guests celebrate Burns Night at the Dog Inn
- 25th Feb - Bob Bearman to talk about Local Market Towns.
- 10th March - AGM - David Julian booked to talk on Energy Efficiency.

Once the weather improves we hope to hold another of Ed's pub walks.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

The W.I Harvest Supper at the Village hall was a success. The food was super and the pleasant company obviously enjoyed the evening. We had some fun activity, which went down well. The committee and helpers worked very hard and must be thanked for their effort.

The coffee morning was well supported and again thanks to all who came and helped.

The Victorian Street Fayre went well and our stall was more or less sold out. The atmosphere was very friendly and the helpers did a good job.

A reminder to members about shoeboxes and small items to fill them. They must be brought to the next meeting at the latest, as the time to hand in boxes is very near.

The Autumn Council meeting was enjoyable with Ann Widdecombe M.P being the main speaker. Congratulations to Janice, Marion and Chris coming joint second in the competition for designing the New Members Park.

We are hoping to go to the Ballet at the Spa Centre on 29th November and the Pantomime on 3rd January.

The Carol celebration at St Mary's Church, Warwick is on 1st December being organised by Federation House. The group carol service is at Napton this year on Monday 10th December at 7.30pm.

The light hearted talk, "Drainpipe Trousers to Rock 'n' Roll" by Graham Sutherland (who is a retired policeman) was mainly reminiscing about the 1950's onwards mentioning about National Service, Battersea Fun Fair and Festival of Britain. Then memories of scrubbing the front step, demolition of slums to new estates, checking football pools, coal deliveries, post offices and the price of shopping.

We were shown the adverts of the day, which brought some smiles to us all, like Butlins, Bronco toilet rolls, Tide and Rinso and when zips were introduced on men's trousers (a pretty dangerous time) not forgetting The Eagle Comic. Televisions came in, Teddy Boys in drainpipe trousers and brothel creepers. Oh, it was an exciting time!

November meeting: AGM with cheese and wine.



Murder Deferred - November 22-24th - Harbury Village Hall



If you like thrillers, murder mysteries and whodunnits, Harbury Theatre Group has a real treat in store for you in the shape of 'Murder Deferred' by Stuart Ready. This play offers a great opportunity to switch off the television set and witness live action thrills at a local venue, along with a licensed bar.

'Murder Deferred' is a fast-paced thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat right up until the closing lines of the play. Violent murder, robbery, blackmail, alcohol and money are all vital ingredients in this original and unusual story.

The play centres on Leila Markham, who has a good life as the licensee of a Dorset inn, until the arrival of dangerous Ruth Cousins. Then secrets of Leila's past catch up with her. Faced with a blackmail plot she becomes involved in the more serious business of murder.

The play is set in the 1970's before the advent of political correctness, and the dialogue reflects this. There is some adult language content which makes this production unsuitable for children.

'Murder Deferred' runs from Thursday 22nd November to Saturday 24th November at Harbury Village Hall. Tickets are £5 and £3-50 for senior citizens, and are available from 'Country Fayre' in Chapel Street, or by calling 612029 or on the door. The bar opens at 7.30pm and the curtain rises at 8.00pm. Thanks very much.



Folk Club

Ted & Sue Crum

The theme for October was "Working the Land", and our singers produced a cornucopia of farming-based items and the usual crop of imaginative interpretations on the theme

Those expecting to see Pete and Liz Bones were appalled to find Ted and Sue Crum had been parachuted in at short notice to cover family illness, but were indulgent enough to allow us to officiate.

Ted began the evening with "The Farmers Toast" on voice and melodeon, ably assisted at random intervals by the restaurant coffee maker.

Pete Mason then transported us on wings of song to Canada with an account of the hardships of Canuck farming, followed by a Steve Knightley song on the theme Man of the land becomes Man of war.

Debbie sang the old Yiddish number Donna Donna, and the club's harmony chorus turbo began to kick in. Deb's subsequent poem earned her The Gasp of Collective Disbelief Award when she asserted that the sculpture she spoke of was originally a rock which had to be worked after being dug out of the land!

Janny and Maureen then gave us "Searching for Lambs" with what they described as a frog chorus caused by both having colds (or flu as we men like to call it). Sounded fine to us and their follow-up "Sorry the day I was married" was as always precise and charming.

Summer expressed surprise at not being insulted as she was announced, and was duly obliged by yours truly. Just back from her native Canada, she sang "Copsholme Fair" using her dulcimer for accompaniment, and then swapped to guitar for "Autumn brings the Shearing".

The Band of Folk finished the first half with Pete McDonald's tune "The Windmill" and "Speed the Plough". What a great delight to see the man himself back in circulation, albeit only on light duties for the time being.

Round two started with Sue Crum's version of "The Shearing's Not For You" which further encouraged the Harbury Chorus Engine to put its communal foot down to great effect.

Stuart Headley gave us "The Praties grow Small" highlighting the Irish potato famine of the 1840s, followed by "Sunny" highlighting his senior moment in forgetting what the hell he'd planned to do second!

Des Patalong showed us a little bit of Kent with "Hopping", and followed up with "John Barleycorn" He remarked (and we agreed) that the club was in fine voice, and he certainly gave us all chance to shake the dead flies off the rafters.

Pete Grassby produced a tour-de-force with his accapella interpretation of Harry Chapin's song "Mail-order Annie", a song of love from a lonely Prairies farmer to his new bride. He then sang about a threshing machine and played "Bonnets of Blue" on melodeon.

Ron Shuttleworth sang a Kipling piece called The Land, then blatantly and unashamedly confessed to ignoring the theme and the precepts of good grammar for his second which was called "I wish I was a poet"

Ian and Sue Hartland brought the second spasm to an appropriate end with "Dance at the Harvest Moon", followed by Sue's impressive debut on banjo frailing to "Cripple Creek"

The third half began with your scribe singing "Weyhill Fair", following which Brian Rogers burst upon us with "Empty Echoes in the Stall" and "Farmer's Boy" from the singing of Fred Jordan.

Pete Mason kindly returned to deliver a beautifully measured version of the Australian song "Now I'm Easy" which delighted our by now insatiable desire for choruses.

Pete Grassby played a haunting and delicate schottische called "The Nut Tree", and Ian and Sue played "Dancing with Nancy" which as I recall involved Ian step-dancing whilst playing fiddle: highly original and somewhat dangerous for the right ear of anybody standing on his left.

The evening was brought to a rousing crescendo by Des opening the throttles and giving us "Glorious Ale". The Harbury Chorus Engine hit the afterburners and we finished hoarse but happy.

Thanks to a combination of gentle persuasion from Sue Crum and threats of physical violence by Pete Grassby and your correspondent, the raffle raised a magnificent £62 which as we speak is stuck in a post-box somewhere on its way to the Motor Neurone Association.

On a personal note it was a pleasure and a privilege to be asked to run the night for the first time, and Sue and I enjoyed it immensely.



Harbury Twinning Association

Sharon Hancock

The Twinning Association AGM is in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday November 16th at 7.30pm. Annual subscriptions will be due - still £10 per family. It is not intended for it to be a long meeting as we will follow it with a social event enlivened by Beaujolais Nouveau and a selection of French cheese with a variety of breads. Cost is £5 a head and members are very welcome to bring guests as long as our secretary, Sally Stringer, knows how many are coming. Call her on 613214.



Future plans include a Christmas Party in the Tom Hauley Room on December 14th, Fete des Rois at the home of Peter and Moira Rollason on January 6th and a quiz sometime in February.

Harbury Juniors
FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Junior's Football

Match Reports

U12/13's

Alveston 0 - 5 Harbury

Harbury started the new season with an excellent away win at Alveston. It was a great all round team performance notably Ashley Dickson in goal, Angus Murray in defence, Ryan Jones on his debut in

midfield, and George Hendry up front. All five goals were scored by main striker Taylor Swydrick who took his chances in great style and was Man of the Match.

Napton 3 - 10 Harbury

Another great team performance, notably Oliver Thurogood in goal, Corey Cadwallader in defence, and Mark Swann and Ryan Jones in midfield. Once again Taylor Swydrick was outstanding scoring 6 goals, Mark Swann scoring 3 and Ryan Jones scoring his first for the team. Harbury now have two good victories under their belt and look forward to their first home match against Azad Hill.

U11's

I would like to welcome Tom Baker, Joe McIntosh and James Eales and I hope they enjoy their football with Harbury.

Harbury 8 - 1 Napton

Harbury opened the new season with a 8-1 victory with goals from William Apted (4) Jacob Tanner(2) Michael Moss(1) and James Eales (1) against a Napton side which has improved considerably since last season.

Despite several new faces in the squad, Harbury gelled well with all players producing fluent passing football. With William Apted and Jacob Tanner combining well upfront, they were well supported by Thomas Conway and Michael Moss in midfield.

Also there were fine debut performances from James Eales, Joe McIntosh and Tom Baker and outstanding skill shown by Patrick Jenkins and Toby Puigserver in a team which should do well in the coming season.

Harbury 3 - 5 Cropredy

Harbury narrowly lost in a thrilling encounter with Cropredy.

Tom Baker had an excellent game in goal with superb defensive performances from Thomas Conway and James Eales.

Harbury responded to an early Cropredy goal to take a 2-1 lead with goals from William Apted and Jacob Tanner. Cropredy then scored another 2 goals but Jacob Tanner levelled the score with a well taken goal to level the score at 3-3.

Harbury battled well and seemed to have the advantage only for Cropredy to score two late goals finally losing 5-3.

However the whole team played well and provided an entertaining game for the spectators.



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Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club's 28th AGM was held in October and saw some changes to the committee. Tim Lockley stood down after several years but we were delighted to welcome volunteers Eira Owen and Chris Cousins onto the committee and not a twisted arm in sight! There were some lively discussions about a number of subjects including what we should consider in terms of improving facilities. One suggestion strongly supported was for improvements to the perimeter fencing, particularly the netball court and the playing field side of the tennis courts which unfortunately gets a battering from footballs. Other suggestions ranged from floodlights on the netball court; a portaloo; gravel around the perimeter fence to prevent weeds; new net arrangement on the netball court; windbreaks. Lots for the new committee to talk about! On the subject of facilities, the courts have had their annual clean. They look much better and it's also made a big difference with "slip resistance"!

Turning to playing matters, the Club's 4 League Teams have all started their winter fixtures, most of them played in much nicer weather than the summer matches! The Men's doubles have been the busiest with 4 matches played already in Division 5 of the Stratford league. They started off with excellent 4-0 home wins against Stratford "E" and Alcester "A" but were pegged back in a 0-4 defeat away at Alcester "B" and "travel sickness" continued with a 1-3 defeat at Studley "B"! In the Studley match 2 of the 4 rubbers went to 3 sets and could have gone either way. Jon Scothern and Bill Hathaway were edged out in their first rubber but made amends in their second, clinching a win through a second set tiebreak. Colin Mercer and Adam Crossling struggled in their first match but recovered well in the second. After losing the first set and being 5-3 down in the second they recovered to win it 7-5 but couldn't keep the momentum going in the final set, losing it 3-6.

In the Banbury league the "A" team started in Division 2 having been relegated last season. They started with a walkover when Hook Norton were unable to field a team. The season eventually got underway against Charlbury "A". Kate Young and Angie Dean were in fine form and completed a swift 6-0, 6-0 win in the Ladies doubles. Mark Pavey and Colin Mercer fought hard but lost 4-6, 3-6, leaving the match all square at the halfway stage. However, Harbury won both mixed doubles convincingly to record their first win of the season.

The "B" team is playing in Division 3 and started with a home match against Deddington. Keith Thompson and Colin Mercer got off to a winning start but this match was also evenly balanced as the visiting ladies were too strong for Sue Mercer and debutant Cindy Sabin. Cindy and Keith then halved their mixed doubles but unfortunately Colin and Sue were brushed aside and the visitors were 5-3 winners. The second match at Byfield was even closer ending in a 4-4 draw, with the games score being 39 each! For this match Colin and Sue were joined by Caroline Morland and Steve Stark. Harbury's successes were Colin and Steve in the men's doubles and Caroline and Steve in the mixed.

The floodlit team is playing in Division 3 this winter after winning Division 4 last season and started with a tough away match against Kings Sutton 2. The hosts proved too strong for Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Jonathan Smith and Colin Mercer. Harbury's only success came when Caroline and Colin halved their mixed doubles. The same 4 fared much better in the next match, at home against Deddington 3, and ran out 5-3 winners.

As reported last month Linda has been busy organising 4 Mini teams (Red mixed, Orange Girls, Orange Boys and Green Boys) to play in the Warwickshire LTA leagues. These are based on the LTA's new "Competition Framework". A number of matches have now been played. The Red team (8 years and under) has a "squad" of Sam Clifton, Morgan Hall, Oliver Mansell and Adam Jackson. In the first match the team competed very well against a strong Kenilworth team and special mention to Morgan who won his singles match. In the second match against Claverdon all boys won one of their matches which bode well for the future.

In the Orange group (8 and 9 year olds) Alice Bright and Ellie Scothern played Warwick Tennis Club who could not field 2 girls and played a talented boy instead! Ellie won one of her singles matches and the two combined well to win the doubles which was really pleasing.

This is all new experience for our Juniors (and parents!) and the feedback from all is that they are enjoying the experience which at this age is what it's all about. Linda has been to the matches and very pleased at how well everyone has played against stiff opposition. She feels that playing in matches helps the children to understand the game and she has already seen improvements in coaching sessions after matches.

The Club welcomes players of all standards, for more details contact me on 01926 613284.



Harbury Junior & Ladies Netball Club

Paula & Beccy

It may have been a while since we last wrote something in the Harbury and Ladbroke News, but yes we are still playing every Saturday afternoon (Ladies) Sunday morning (Juniors) and training every Thursday evening between September and April.

Some of you may not know that we have been running two Junior teams for 3 years now and enter them in the Coventry Junior Netball league. We currently have an U16 and U13 squad and are now opening the gates to current year 6's (we have at least 25 members already). We train on a Thursday night at Bishops Itchington Playing Field under flood lights, so if you know anyone who would like to join us it will cost them £1.00 per session. Please contact either Paula Gladden 01926 612398 or Beccy Mcdaid 01926 613163.

At the beginning of September we entered an U14 tournament hosted by Stockton Ladies, playing 2 teams twice and came out victors winning all 4 games.



Top left to right: Molly Gladden, Eleanor Clarke, Shannon King, Lauren Brough, Sophie White, Dale Ingram, Maggie Mcdaid. Front left to right: Rhiannon King, Mhairi Gibb.

Harbury A team were promoted to the Coventry and District Premier Division last season after winning their division which they have been in for some years now.



Top left to right: Lucy Thomson, Jane Pittom, Paula Gladden, Leah Wallington

Bottom left to right: Zoe Petrie, Jenny Harwood, Laura Stewart, Janette Eslick

We played our first match expecting it to be a tough game as we went away to Ambleside in Nuneaton. We were told by other teams to expect a rough game and by the 4th Quarter we were losing by 9 goals. However, with seconds to go we scored the last goal of the game taking the score to 34 goals to 33 to Harbury. We had won our first game in the Premier. Our newly qualified Premier Umpire Beccy Mcdaid – known to some of you as 'Garden Girl' - couldn't stop smiling for a week.

Our bubble soon burst, however, with a night game against Greyfriars in Coventry. We lost 40 – 33 with nothing to be ashamed of, however as the eldest person on the team I am feeling the strain a bit more than I used to, particularly against better teams... maybe I should retire soon!


The B team are currently in Division 3, losing their first tie against Ambleside but winning their second game 42- 36 with only 6 players against Coventry Sports. A good start to the season, but with injury

and holidays the club needs more players, so come on girls/ladies get them old trainers out of the wardrobe and get netballing.

The club has a very good social side, entering a tour team at Pontins in Brean Sands every year. This is a weekend tournament, so a good chance to leave the kids and hubbies behind to fend for themselves.

The junior teams are currently being sponsored by DRS Commercial Services Ltd enabling the club to supply them all with team Hoodies, so a big thank you to them.

More next month.

 Harbury RFC	Harbury Mini & Midi Festival Mark Easton
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Harbury RFC held their Annual Mini & Midi Rugby Festival on Sunday October 7th 2007.

Teams taking part were Harbury, Keresley, Leamington, Kenilworth and Barker Butts.

The Under 8's saw Harbury win the shield, with some determined straight running, and committed tackling and solid support work.

The first game saw 25-15 win over Leamington, followed by a 40-25 victory over Kenilworth who narrowly beat Keresley 30-25. Leamington edged out Keresley 30-25 before losing 35-30 to Kenilworth. Harbury rounded off their day with a fine 40-15 victory over Keresley.

The squad included Beth Mancell, Jim Owen, Josh Steele, Adam Jackson, Jamie Head, Sam Britton, James Bath, Ryan Caruana and Tiernin Welland. This is the first win for Harbury in any age group for 5 years at the Festival. Well Done Everyone!!!!

Under 9's Leamington won the shield beating Harbury 10-0, Kenilworth 45-0 and Keresley 20-0. Keresley beat Kenilworth 10-0.

Harbury finished second drawing 0-0 with Keresley but beating Kenilworth 25-0 with good tries from Bay Toner, Nicholas, Saul and Matt with some good support play and tackling from Luke Winchester, James and Daniel Robinson and Joe Hunt.

Under 10's Leamington ran out winners beating Kenilworth 20-15 and drawing with Harbury 10-1-. In the final they again beat Kenilworth 25-15 with some fast running from their wingers. Harbury lost 25-0 to

Kenilworth with 3 tries scored by Tana Umagas nephew – Jacob. Harbury did very well to draw with the winners Leamington. Try scorers were Harry White and James Darlison who also tackled brilliantly all afternoon. Good support play was provided by Ben and Neil Taylor, Connor Gladwin and Alex Marston.

Under 11's Kenilworth won despite drawing 7-7 with Leamington they scored more points against Harbury 36-0. The villagers were no match for Leamington either, losing 34-7, with Harbury's consolation try scored by Finn Toner. Man of the festival was Ted Easton who was totally fearless and tackled everything that moved. William Winchester put in a good performance playing his first match as full back.

Under 12's Barker Butts won beating Leamington 14-7, Harbury 49-0 and Leamington again in the final 21-14. Harbury got a consolation try from Ben Lavell against Leamington, but still losing heavily 42-5. Harbury have a small inexperienced squad but everyone gave their best against 2 strong sides.



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

This month Windmills Nursery School has decided to change the format of our article. We feel that Photographs say so much more than any words can. Here's our selection for this month.



The children enjoyed making porridge and eating it out of different sized bowls pretending to be the three bears.

We have made the most of the fantastic autumn weather and taken lots of seasonal photographs showing the children enjoying themselves.





The children enjoyed making handprints on sheets to look like leaves for our display



Thanks to our close links with the school we are able to take our children to the office to collect post and operate the photocopier and laminating machine developing their ICT skills



Following a visit from our artist Chris, the children painted large pictures of autumn seeds, nuts and berries.



One of the ways we develop children's early writing skills is by using our sand tray for mark making.

At the Toddlers' service this month the children listened to the story of how God created the earth. Elizabeth told us on the first day he created night and day to which Joshua asked "what day was that?"

Dates for your Diary

Sat 10th November 2007 - Craft Fair in the Village Hall when Windmills Nursery School together with Harbury Pre-School provide tasty hot lunches and refreshments throughout the day, and Windmills will also be running a bottle tombola at this event.

A photographer will be visiting Windmills on Monday 19th November, 2007 at 12.30pm to take individual photographs.

Chris our resident artist will be visiting Windmills again on Thursday 22nd November, 2007 during the morning to make clay tea-light holders with the children.

Our Christmas Concert will be held this year on Friday morning 7th December 2007 in the Tom Hauley room (behind the church) followed by coffee & mince pies. More details nearer the time.

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. If you would like to register a place for your child or require any information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk, log onto our web site at windmillsnursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Mrs Edwards - Mrs. Edwards has informed the Governors that she has decided to retire from teaching at the end of this term. She has been a wonderful servant to the school and to the children of Harbury and the surrounding area, having taught here for 19 years, and she will be very sorely missed. No doubt there will be opportunities to more properly recognise her contribution later in the term.

As soon as there is news about Mrs. Edwards' replacement, I shall let you know.

School Sport - The school sports teams have been active over the past couple of weeks. Pride of place must go to the girls' cross country team, who followed up their victory in the first Central Warwickshire Schools' League race with an even more emphatic win in the second race, held at Newbold Comyn last Saturday. Abi Hunt also repeated her victory in the individual event, and she was magnificently backed up by Jessica Campion (13th), Ellie Barrett (17th), Heather Clifton (23rd), Annabel Easton (28th) and Megan Savage (61st) out of a field of 97 runners.

Not to be outdone, the boys' cross country team also performed magnificently, finishing 6th in their race (out of 21 teams), which means that they are 4th overall in the league. Out of a field of 131 runners,

Declan O'Sullivan was our first placed runner, finishing in an excellent 12th place, and he was superbly backed up by Jack Groves (16th), Jacob Tanner (43rd), Thomas Conway (57th), Dylan Keyte (84th) and Robert Rollason (112th).

The football team has also started its programme, drawing 1-1 with Bishops Itchington in the Small Schools' league, before losing 0-4 in a cup match against Park Hill School, one of the strongest teams in the area. In fact, the team played excellently in the cup match, holding Park Hill to only 0-1 well into the second half, before Park Hill's strength finally paid off and we conceded three late goals.

Well done to everyone who has played a part in the school teams.

PTA Christmas Pudding Sale - May I remind parents that Christmas Puddings are on sale at the school, priced £5.00. As I only ate my pudding from last Christmas last week-end, I am in an excellent position to highly recommend them!!!!

Parking In Wagstaffe Close - I have received a complaint from a resident in Wagstaffe Close about parents obstructing drives in Wagstaffe Close when dropping off/collecting their children. I am very proud that we have very good relationships with our neighbours, and I would urge parents to be sensitive to their needs when parking.

May I also remind parents that the landlord of the Shakespeare kindly allows us to use his car park before and after school for dropping off/picking up children. This is a very valuable asset for the school, as it means that no parents need park in Back Lane, and I thank him for it. However, we do not have permission to use the Shakespeare for evening events. I would be grateful, therefore, if all parents could ensure that the Shakespeare car park is left clear for customers whenever the school has an evening event, such as parents evenings.

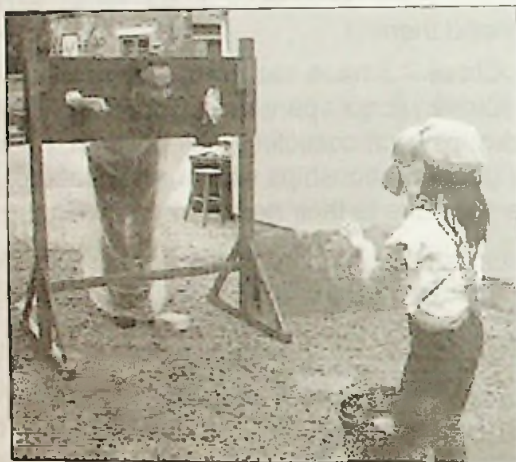
May I remind parents that the school car park is for staff and official visitors only – parents are not allowed to drive onto the premises except in an emergency.

Kitchen Vacancies - There was no response to the advertisement in the last newsletter regarding vacancies in the kitchen. The Cook has asked me to repeat the advert, stressing that although two posts are advertised, they could be combined:

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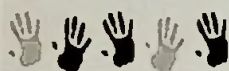
A kitchen helper for 1 hour per day (mainly serving and washing up).

If you are interested in either or both jobs, please contact the school as soon as possible.



VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE





Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

The term has been moving on at a great pace towards the half term break. We were very pleased to welcome Hana and Charlotte to Pre School during October and they have settled in very well.

The Bears theme continued throughout the month, linked to all the areas of learning, while the children used their imagination and ingenuity to bring to life through their own ideas the various stories that formed the basis for the theme. The Goldilocks story was reproduced in lots of different ways, using the puppet theatre as well as dressing up and role play, drawing, painting and making furry collages and the children enjoyed looking at a wide variety of books about bears.

The children loved making teddy biscuits to take home and snack time porridge drizzled with honey (as preferred by the three bears!) was very popular. Porridge oats were used in several different ways, mixed with play dough to give a different texture, dry oats replacing sand in the sand tray and water added to see what happened to them. "It made them squelchy" – Amber-Qway. "The oats made the water all whitey" – James. They particularly enjoyed getting their hands into the sticky wet porridge. "It was all gooey" – Stephanie.

During the last week of the half term, the role play area was turned into a Teddy Bear Shop, where the children could buy and sell teddy bears, different sized bowls, spoons and clothing. The children's ICT skills were evident as they became very adept at using the till and paying for their purchases, before replacing them on the shelves for their friends to have a turn.

Physical development was included using the Teddy PEGS



(Physical Education Games Scheme), whereby the children can gain Teddy badges at differing levels for hopping, jumping, skipping, running, catching, throwing and balancing.

Hattie B, Laura-Lydia,
Amber-Qway,
Jessica & Hana

All the children are involved in this scheme and they have a great time earning their badges while getting lots of exercise in the fresh air.

In addition to the teddy bears theme, the children have been doing lots of painting and collages using bright yellow and gold resources, while the builders' tray was a source of great delight when the children were encouraged to use their hands to mix different shades of blue paint. They used their fingers to make different patterns in the paint and large sheets of paper were used to make symmetry prints of their achievements.



Katie looking at her print

Training – Lisa and Gael recently attended the Early Years Foundation Stage cluster meeting at Kineton to learn more about the forthcoming changes within the early years' curriculum.

Thanks - As always, we are very grateful for all the lovely things we are given, and this time our thanks go to Megan Wilson for donating some of her lovely books to Pre School.

Finally ... We will be holding an **Open Morning** on Saturday 24th November, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Wight School. Join us to find out more about our friendly, caring pre-school for children aged between 2 years 9 months - 4 years as we are currently booking places for September 2008. Children's activities and refreshments provided!

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



Harbury Toddler Group

I don't think you've heard from us for a few months, however, at our recent AGM, Julie and I, following one or two glasses of Pinot Grigio, thought we could be budding journalists and offered to continue the Toddler Group updates.

There was a good attendance at this years' AGM. The Group's activities and finances were discussed, as were any changes in the committee, followed by a generous helping of cheese and wine! All in all a fun evening.

We set up a Village Quiz stall for the Victorian Street Fayre decorated by lanterns which the children had prepared in a 'sticking' activity at Toddler group.

The winners of our quiz were as follows:-

1st Prize - score 19.5/20 - Gill Holden

Joint 2nd Prize - score 19/20 - Sarah Jane Wilkins & Albany Vincent

Thank you to everyone who joined in.

Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday, 5th December. We will run a raffle to raise money for the Group, so if anyone has any items to donate they will be gratefully received. More details to follow.

Thanks to everyone who comes along to Toddler Group each week. The Monday sessions (10-11.30am) are always lively. The Wednesday session is busier than ever but a bit more laid back (1.30-3pm). They both offer an opportunity for us to catch up with other parents/ guardians and a chance for the children to play in different surroundings.

In the session there is a craft activity, lots of playing with toys and dressing up, followed by a drink and a biscuit (or two) and sometimes concluding with a singalong. There are quite a few babies in the group also, so please feel free to bring the tiny ones too.

If either of these times fit in with your day then please join us. The sessions are held in The Wight School, (behind the library), High Street.



Harbury Guides & Scouts Group News



Harbury Cubs

Tracey & John McGowan

Annual Sports Day: On Sunday 23rd September 1st Harbury Cubs joined other Cubs Packs from the district at Edmondscote Track in Leamington for their annual sports day. This involved taking part in various activities including shuttle runs, long jump, skipping races and a 1,000m run. The 6 cubs from Harbury (George, Sam, Ben, Saul, Owen and Will) tried their best at every event they took part in and

were thrilled at the end to learn they had gained the most points overall and had won the trophy - here they are:

Badges: At present, the Cubs are all working towards their Health and Safety badges. Next for them all to take part in is their "Caring" challenge.

The cubs have a Halloween party planned and then the build up to Christmas to look forward to – should be great fun!!

Should anyone want any further information regarding Cubs, please feel free to contact Ted or June on 614730. Cubs meet on Wednesday evenings 6.45 pm to 8.15 pm at the scout hut.



Harbury Scouts

Nick Tawney, Scout Leader

Scouting's Centenary year continues to be a real belter. By all accounts the World Jamboree, held in Essex this summer, was a storming success. Numbers are up in the Leamington District and here in Harbury we have reached nearly thirty scouts.

Our aim is 'Everyday Adventure' and meetings last half term started with patrols having to complete a local walk in and outside the village. The following week we headed to the Burton Dassett hills to do some grass sledging and, later, night navigation with compasses. The scouts really enjoyed whittling with knives and hazel staves and they learned how to put up our new lightweight tents. A games evening at the Village Hall was followed by two meetings where problem solving, initiative and teamwork was tested.

Half the troop went to the Broadwater county scout camp near Coventry in October where they took part in climbing, abseiling, go-karting, crate stacking, sumo wrestling, air rifle shooting and tending the evening camp fire.

A week later scouts had a stall at the Victorian Street Fayre. We recycled used toys, offered passers-by the chance to hurl sponges at victims in the stocks or to have a go at splatting the rat! Like all the other outdoor events we have taken part in around the county this year the weather was kind to us.



Abseiling



Crate stacking

S u m o
wrestling

Shooting



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

The Tom Hauley Room was almost bursting for our first meeting of the new season. It was lovely to see everyone including many new members.

What a way to start too! Barry Locke gave a talk about the gardens of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust to start with. The Trust is a registered charity and is dependant on revenue from visitors. Therefore all of the five gardens need to be in pristine condition, colourful and have the "wow" factor. This they certainly did have, in fact, Hall's Croft has won Strafford in Bloom many times and has been awarded a certificate of merit from The Heart of England.

It was not difficult to see how these awards had been won; the dedication of the small team of gardeners was obvious. The bedding plants are all grown at their own nurseries, Hill nurseries in Welcombe Road, which is open to the public.

The knot garden at Nash's House has 4000 plants surrounded by yew hedges. The colour combinations were a visual delight and the plants

are changed annually. Anne Hathaway's Cottage suffered from the flooding this year and the gardens were 3 feet deep in water for about four days. Once the waters had subsided all of the plants had to be hosed down but most of them survived. There are 23 acres here including a 16th Century vegetable garden. The orchard too has many old trees. There are two more gardens at Mary Arden's Cottage and obviously at Shakespeare's Birthplace. These too are beautifully planted so there is much to see.

If you are interested in visiting the Nurseries or the Gardens and would like more information, the telephone contact number is 01789 201826. There is also a website www.shakespeare.org.uk. I must admit that I didn't know about the Nurseries and I suspect that not too many of us did, so why not pay it a visit?

Barry then went on to talk about the preparation and eventual showing of the gardens at Gardeners World in 2005. The budget for all of it was £40,000 and growing 3000 plus plants was started at the nurseries in 2004. In order to replicate the flower meadow, seeds were sown in individual trays which were put together later. All of the plants remained in pots at the Show Garden but none of the pots were visible. A miniature thatched cottage was also built. The finished garden looked sensational and it did win a Gold medal and best in show. They had 14 days in which to construct the garden on site and in fact finished well within the allotted time. The garden had many famous visitors including Prince Charles who commented on the stocks in front of the cottage. He said that these were Granny's favourite plants! What a fantastic achievement at their very first attempt. I remember seeing the garden at Gardeners World and it was stunning.

Barry then finished off with a wonderful PowerPoint presentation which showed plants and music moving across the screen and was amazing.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and it did cheer us all up. I do hope that we get at least two more members on the Committee but I will write about the AGM in my next article. All of the committee work very hard to ensure that the society continues to expand and to provide our members with good speakers, trips, the Show, the Walkabout and discounts at various nurseries.

Do come along on the first Tuesday of each month until May next year. At the December meeting there will be a Quiz followed by a festive buffet with prizes to be won. Something for everyone I'm sure you agree. Look forward to seeing everyone.



As I write (Sunday 21st October), the weather is dominated by high pressure with a south easterly airflow. There is little or no wind and clear skies at night mean frosty mornings. With the sun low in the sky at this time of year, it can be several hours before the temperature rises sufficiently to burn off the mist and dispose of frost. Yesterday, the frost hollow of the Salt Way, as it runs through Knightcote Bottoms, was particularly cool as I cycled along it at 9.00am. The narrow strip of tarmac is bordered on its northern side by a wide, unimproved verge, rich in grass and flower species, with a well maintained ditch and hedge.

Prior to the 18th century Enclosure Acts, the field patterns would have been largely those of medieval times. The track, as its name suggests, started as a route transporting salt from Droitwich (Roman Salinae) towards the eastern counties. Packhorses would have been used. Their use, rather than wheeled vehicles, might seem strange, but the roads were uneven, full of potholes, and often just mire. Until the coming of turnpikes, wheeled transport was slow, laborious and subject to frequent breakdown. The Enclosure Acts brought order to the scene but also cut down the area of free (common) grazing. Most roads were standardised at a width of 40 feet between boundaries which were formed of quick growing thorn in this area of the Midlands. The actual road surface was much narrower and formed of crushed stone in the days before tarmac.

The wide verges, ditches and hedges of roads like Bush Heath Lane are a relict of the ordering of the landscape. Now, we view it as quintessentially English but it's really less than 300 years old. In the Salt Way hedgerow, trees abound. A few Elm suckers had reached 25 feet before succumbing to Dutch elm disease. Once, Warwickshire lanes were shaded by giant Elms and their loss in the 1970's has denuded the countryside. Between Grange Farm and Holmes House on the back road into Bishops Itchington, a section of trunk from one of these giants of the recent past lies forlorn in the undergrowth. I measured it's circumference at 8.5 metres (28 feet).

To some extent, the Ash has taken over the Elm's hedgerow role. In the tornado blitz that hit the Midlands on September 24th, lots of Ash trees snapped halfway up their trunks, as, at the time, they had a full complement of leaves. Many of course survived and a similar wind

now would probably only strip the leaves which are falling in droves anyway. The reds and yellows of autumn leaves which are so attractive are due to a drop in the amount of chlorophyll, the green pigment essential for photosynthesis. This dominates throughout spring and summer as the tree produces sugar and grows. The other coloured chemicals are always there and come to the fore in autumn.

It's surprising how many old names have got a connection with wood and therefore trees. Ash itself is from the Anglo-Saxon 'aesc' which means spear. Just think of some common surnames like Turner, Carpenter, Wright, Sawyer, and Cooper. Then there are places- Oakenshaw, Thornthwaite, Ashfield, Yewsley, Maplehurst. I'm sure you can think of lots more. You've guessed it- I've been to Westonbirt Arboretum. Closer to home, the complex of Ryton and Wappenbury Woods near Princethorpe is crisscrossed with paths and worth exploring.

With the quarries so much in the news, it's good to report something positive and really special. Mavis and David Taylor watched spellbound in September as an Osprey dived in front of them. It would have been on its migration route south from Scotland or Scandinavia. Harbury Quarry and its lake provided a peaceful unpolluted fishing opportunity for this iconic bird.

Look out for Harlequin Ladybirds. They have arrived from Europe and are spreading north. Originally from Asia they were introduced to North America and Europe as a biological control agent. However, they are slightly larger and more voracious than our native ladybirds. They feed on the same insects, mostly aphids (Greenfly) and coccids (scale insects) as ours but will also eat our ladybird larvae and breed faster.

Jack Watkins, (the warden at Leam Valley Nature Reserve), showed some Harlequins to children at St Paul's Primary School. In no time at all, he was rewarded with specimens the children had found. For details, see the Field Studies Council publication on ladybirds. It has excellent enlarged colour pictures (www.field-studies-council.org). Ladybirds are in the order Coleoptera (beetles) and the family coccinellidae (clad in scarlet). Of course, they are not all red with black spots.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has just published their guide to local nature reserves.-'Discover Wild Warwickshire' at £12.99. A Christmas present perhaps?



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The question which has exercised some committee members this month has been, what has made the sprung floor in the Village Hall even more springy than usual? The problem was first brought to our attention by Jean Champ's dancers who are regular users of the Hall as they were experiencing an unusual 'bounce', during their routines. The answer it seems is that the floor has become damp in recent months and this has caused the boards to be raised slightly from the pillars on which they rest. The under floor cavity and its rows of supporting pillars have been inspected and in the opinion of a master builder, there is no major problem and the boards will settle back into position once they dry out. In the meantime, all groups who use the premises for dances might find there is an extra spring in their step, until the problem rectifies itself!

Next month, Lana Long is organising the first of the 'Flicks in the Sticks' evenings on Saturday November 10th and the film which has been chosen from the Stratford District Council's collection should have a wide-ranging appeal – see notices around the village and a separate article in this magazine. It is the hope of the SDC that the opportunity to show up-to-date films in villages around the County will create a new social activity for communities. It is certainly the intention of Harbury to embrace this idea and there will be a chance to buy drinks and sweets to make it an enjoyable experience. Members of the committee went to Stratford to view the projection equipment and the screen and were impressed by the quality of the picture, the sound and by the size of the screen. All that is needed now is a good audience to make it a worthwhile venture.

As mentioned last month, the Likely Lads have been booked for the New Year's Dance on Saturday December 29th – 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Contrary to some rumours around the village, there are tickets still available and bookings are being recorded on a daily basis to ensure that it is 'first come, first served'. There will be more information about the Dance in the December issue of the magazine, but anyone wishing to reserve tickets should call either 612305 or 613801. All requests for tickets must be made directly to one of the given numbers and preferably not left on answer machines, as details of the number of tickets requested/ address/ telephone number etc are logged to ensure that tickets can be delivered once they have been

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prepared in December. The Village Hall committee can guarantee a splendid evening, which will celebrate the approach of 2008 in style!



General Section

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre – 13th October 2007

Dan was 70 in January this year and decided that as 7 was his lucky number (he was born in 1937, so is 70, it was 7 years since we last organised a Street Fayre, the year was 2007, etc.) that he would like to celebrate by 'doing' one last Street Fayre. We did appeal for help, but as none was forthcoming, we decided to plough on and formed a committee of two (Ju & Dan). Having organised all the Street Fayres (bar one) over the years, the administration side was not too difficult but the physical side was not so easy, it really was a case of the spirit being willing but the flesh being weak.

However, we hope you think we did a good job and from the feedback we have had it is heartening to know everyone enjoyed themselves. Even the weather improved so that by mid-day it was fine and fairly warm. Unfortunately, this really will be our last Street Fayre (I know we have said it before) but the years are catching up with us now and it needs an injection of younger blood to keep this event on the calendar. So, if you want to keep the Street Fayre going every other year as it used to be, let us know and we will give you as much help as we can regarding the paperwork for closing the road, advising the road users, renting the stalls, contacts for the fairground and entertainment, public liability insurance, etc.

As we said above, all the feedback has been positive and the following is a round-up of the day:-

Raffle

The raffle was run in aid of the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance - a very worthy cause and which is financed solely by public donations such as raised by the Street Fayre. We are extremely grateful to all those people and businesses who donated raffle prizes and to all those people who bought tickets. Also thanks to all those who sold tickets, especially the Friday Night Gang who gave up their time to visit pubs and clubs around the area. This is the main source of income for the chosen charity and we were very pleased to see the raffle so well supported.

The winner of the £100 First Prize was Rosanna from Harbury and a full list of winners is available if anyone would like to see it. All prizes have now been delivered or collected.

Stalls

First of all, we need to set the record straight regarding hire of stalls. No profit is made from the stallholders rental, as once we had worked out how much each stall was being charged for by the supplier we felt that to charge over this amount would deter people from taking stalls, therefore, the stalls were rented out at 'cost'. It was very difficult deciding which stall was 'the most attractive' as they all looked wonderful, especially when the lights went on. However, we decided to award the prize to the Toddler Group especially for the lovely paper lanterns the toddlers had helped to make. We hope you all made a handsome profit for your respective charities and organisations. We were pleased that Jo and her team from the Air Ambulance were able to join us and we hope their stall was well supported.

Entertainment

First of all, apologies for not having a stage and PA system. We received no offers of a lorry as we have used in previous years and decided we would not have the resources to build a stage or transport one from anywhere. PA systems cost quite a lot of money to hire and this year we started with only a small amount of money left over from the last Fayre. Other years we have catered at the Beer Festival to raise up-front finance but this is no longer a possibility. However, we think the entertainment was still first-class, the Harbury School Choir sang beautifully, the Tin Pan Academy had everyone tapping their feet and the Morris Dancers were, as usual, wonderful. The only professional entertainment was the Punch & Judy which always goes down well with the children.

Other Attractions

As usual, our very good friend Ted Pratley provided rides and sideshows. He was delighted to come to Harbury for the Street Fayre as it is one of his favourite sites, as is the Carnival in June. This was a special day for Ted as it was his 65th birthday and he should now be enjoying retirement but, although winding down gradually, he said he would always be pleased to come to Harbury as we are such a friendly lot! Perhaps the bacon sandwiches Ju always makes for him and his helpers are also an incentive. Our thanks to Ted for his very generous donation.

We were also lucky to obtain the services of Mr Hawkesworth and his Street Organ as there was an organ convention on the same day and

we had difficulty finding anyone who could come to the Fayre. We must mention Indi Long who entertained us for ages with her dancing in front of the organ - it was something special and much appreciated.

Due to Health & Safety rules and regulations, we are no longer allowed to have the Pig Roast in the Street, which is a shame. However, we are able to site it in the Gamecock garden (many thanks) and Eddie did very well. Thanks to him also for his donation.

Lights

Thank you Mike and Steve for putting up the street lights and also for taking them down again the following day and to Kath for providing the power. Also thanks to everyone who provided electricity for the stalls.

Stalls run in Aid of The Air Ambulance

Apart from the Air Ambulance promotion stall, two stalls were run in aid of the WNAA. One was the film quiz and the winner was David Bradford, and the other was the Baby/Adult Quiz which was won jointly by Nadine and Graham Allock who both, quite independently, had 6 correct answers.

Costumes

What a wonderful variety of costumes, it was very difficult to pick the winners but in the end we decided on the following:—

Best Adult's Costume: Colin Humphreys

Best Boys Costume: Jacob Hunt

Best Girl's Costume: Emily Welsh

Presentation to WNAA

With the generous donations mentioned above and other donations from private individuals, which are very much appreciated, we hope to donate £900 to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and the presentation will be made nearer to Christmas and will take place in The Gamecock. Mick Austin was rescued by the WNAA following an accident and we hope he will present a cheque to the actual team from the WNAA which rescued him.

General

Once again, thank you to everyone who supported the Fayre, it made it all worth while. It is a special atmosphere and Chapel Street becomes almost like a scene from a Charles Dickens play - thankfully everyone is very generous and not a Scrooge in sight. Please don't let the Fayre fade away - as said previously, if you would like to organise a Fayre in 2009, get in touch with us and we will give you all the help we possibly can.

Dan and Julie Killian

Harbury Heritage Project

Would you like to know more about the history of Harbury? Perhaps your ancestors were born in the village, or you would like to see how your street looked a century ago. The Harbury Heritage Project aims to mark the retirement of Nigel Chapman in 2008 by creating a community resource, using a room in the school, where you can find out more about the history of the village. We aim to enhance the already substantial local history collection held at the school with additional electronic and print resources, which would be available for use by the school children during school hours and by the general public during certain evenings.

This project will require funding in order to complete the cataloguing of the current collection; make material alterations to the room that will be used; and maintain and enhance the resources. We would like to know if this project is more than just a dream – do you think it is something that Harbury would benefit from? Would you use it? Can you help at all with the planning, financing, or management of the project? We would like to hear from you, even if it is just an expression of support, and not an offer of help! You can contact me via email: chair@harbury-parish.co.uk or by phone: 614532.

Tim Lockley

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

A big thank you to all of you who came to the Coffee morning in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association and to everyone who bought one of our famous hot-dogs at the Victorian Street Fair. We really do appreciate the support that we get for this local charity. The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 8th December 2007 in the Village Hall.

If you are new to the village and think you may be eligible to come along, or you think we may not have you on our list of invitations, please contact Margaret Taylor on 612903.

We look forward to seeing you there and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

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

The Christmas Fayre

Village Hall, Saturday 1st December 2007

Yes it's that time again, we're already well into planning the day, and our theme this year is Pantomime Characters. Father Christmas will be making his usual tour around the village before coming to his grotto to greet as many children as possible. Hereburgh Morris will be displaying their talents in front of the Village Hall.

We shall have our usual array of stalls and goodies, with lots of the old favourites, cakes, toys, tombola, toiletries, bric-a-brac (up-market!), quiz, games, books records and CD's. Plus the ever popular Tea Shop.

The proceeds of this years raffle will go to Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, so please don't forget your tickets!

Sadly there will be one exception. Restrictions on the sale of second-hand electrical goods, items of furniture, and some other household things, means that our White Elephant will no longer be making an appearance, so the stall will not be occupied.

So do come and enjoy the fun, doors open at 2.00pm!

See You at the Fayre.

Tony Stubbs

Moving Pictures

Stratford District Council's Rural Cinema project (known as 'Moving Pictures') begins touring our district this month.

The mobile cinema equipment will be screening Harbury's first film at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 10th November, (doors open at 7.30pm, film starts at 8.00pm.)

The first film for our village is the Motown-inspired musical **Dreamgirls**, (certificate 12a), tickets cost £2.50 in advance (available from Muggleston's or by phoning Lana Long on 01926 613311), or, £3.00 on the door. Snacks and refreshments, will be available before the film and during the interval.

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

An Invitation to a Cocktail Party

Pino and Caroline Iacarusio are hosting a Cocktail Party in the Tom Hauley room on Friday November 23rd from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Pino intends to offer some Italian wine and some of his exquisite canapés for the delectation of all those who attend. There will also be coffee and mince pies on offer to round off the event, which is being held to promote the signing of his book, *Honey my Autobiography* which will be on sale during the evening. As mentioned in last month's magazine, Pino and Caroline are donating some of the profits to the 'Get Ahead' charity as a way of acknowledging their appreciation of the treatment Pino had for facial cancer at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Birmingham. They have already made a good beginning to the sale of their books at the Victorian Street Fayre and several readers who purchased their copies when the book was 'hot off the press' have pronounced 'Honey' to be a good read about a fascinating life, interspersed with recipes from the those people Pino met when he worked for ambassadors and royalty during his time in London. The book will make a superb Xmas gift for those people who like to find a local flavour for presents for friends and relatives. Tickets for the event will be available from Caroline (612417), Chris (612305) and Rosemary (613402). It will be a delightfully social event, so make sure of meeting Pino and Caroline by booking your tickets (Canapés and glass of wine £4.00), using the above telephone numbers or by visiting the Tom Hauley room on the afternoon or early evening.

Chris Finch

Operation Christmas Child

The shoebox appeal, to send gifts to children who have nothing - for Christmas or at all - is now in full swing. This year the boxes from this area will be sent to Romania. There will be a coffee morning on Friday 9th November in the Tom Hauley room 10.00am – noon. There we shall be delighted to accept contributions – made up boxes, separate gifts or indeed empty boxes (not huge ones) if possible wrapped up in bright paper. Leaflets and lists of suggestions are at the back of church. Raffle prizes, cakes and bring and buy items will also be welcome to raise money for transport of the boxes. For more details ring Gillian Hare on 614809.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Cemetery

The Parish Council as part of their statutory responsibilities has carried out extensive risk assessments of the equipment and activities for which we are responsible. During the Cemetery assessment a number of commemorative stones were identified as potentially hazardous and we are therefore endeavouring to make contact with relatives of the following deceased people so that the area can be made safe. If you can assist in this process please contact the Clerk on 6146436 or via e mail at clerk@harbury-parish.co.uk. All discussions will be in confidence.

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

Harbury Parish Council

Dementia Awareness

Hello let me introduce myself; my name is Jenny Allen (Mrs) I am a member of D.A.W.N.

D.A.W.N. - DEMENTIA AWARENESS WARWICKSHIRE NETWORK, is a registered charity, (116326) born from a situation where vulnerable adults with dementia lost their homes. In 2003, the shock of people being forced to leave their homes and the pain caused to residents that knew something was wrong, but were unable to help was the catalyst and D.A.W.N. was created. At the end of 2006, D.A.W.N. achieved charitable status and we continue to campaign and lobby in the hope that in raising awareness we may influence a change of attitude towards people with dementia.

It is hoped that 2007 will herald a new direction for DAWN; as a charity we can work towards dementia being a priority issue with affordable care that really ensures a sense of love, respect and value for those who surely deserve better. DAWN has now collected valuable information and is happy to talk to anyone who feels they need help. It may be your loved one, friend or neighbour or you may just need to ask something in confidence, you may have a concern or just need reassurance, Is it dementia? Is it just a memory problem, are you

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The presentation of 'An Offchurch Story' is on Friday 7th December at 7.30pm, Saturday 8th December at 7.30pm and Sunday 9th December at 6pm In St Gregory's Church, Offchurch. Entrance is £7 by ticket or £9 at the door, includes refreshments in Village Hall Children under 16 FREE (for tickets, phone 01926 336760)

The presentation tells the story of Offchurch through the ages from pre-Saxon times to today, and should last not more than 90 minutes. It is supported by pictures beamed on the ancient walls of the Church, and a cast, made up from members of the Sunday School and others, appearing in various costumes relevant to the time being presented.

All proceeds will be shared between St Gregory's Church and the Village Hall. www.warkcom.net/offchurch

Wendy Farquharson

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People wishing to use this service contact their nearest area offices situated in Alcester, Southam, Stratford and Shipston, giving at least 3 days notice of their requirements.

The Centres also transport people to day care centres on behalf of Social Services and the South Warwickshire Combined Care NHS Trust (Mental Health), Warwickshire Association of the Blind and others.

Clarissa Roberts, Volunteer Centre Manager, told us that in the last 12 months, they had provided transport for over 25,000 passengers, provided by a team of over 200 drivers. Now there is an urgent need to recruit more volunteer drivers in Alcester, Shipston, Southam, Stratford and the surrounding villages." We are looking for people who have the time, care and patience and with a genuine interest in helping others. Some of the volunteers drive on a regular basis whilst others choose to help on an occasional basis".

If you are interested – why not call Clarissa on 01789-262886.

David Langstone, Publicity, Stratford Volunteer Centre

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Susan, Haydn and Glyn would like to thank our neighbours and friends for their overwhelming support, given not only to the family but also to Karena in the office, since Ralph's sudden death on 18th September. Your cards, flowers and messages of sympathy have been a great comfort at this very difficult time for us all. We extend our thanks to father Roy for his warm and personal service of thanksgiving, which so many were able to attend.

Finally, we would like to pass on the thanks of the children's charity STEPS for the generous donations.

Susan, Haydn and Glyn Jones

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who made a donation at the funeral of my late mother.

The sum of £522 was distributed between Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Nurses. We have had a letter from both charities.

Thank you,

John McLaughlin

Dear Editors

Eunice, Anne and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and condolences after the death of Brian on September 14th. The support from the village has been overwhelming, a special thank you to Father Roy for the lovely service, to Ray and Jan for their superb catering and to Mary for the beautiful flowers.

Many thanks to you all.

Eunice, Anne & Debbie McCracken

Dear Editors

The funeral has taken place in Weston-Super-Mare of Mrs Dorothy Lowe, formerly of Harbury. Dorrie, as she was known and her late husband Jack, moved to Harbury from Coventry in 1949 with their two sons Barry and Keith. They took over a little shop in the High Street where they started up the newsagents.

They retired from the shop in 1969 then moved to a cottage in Hall Lane. They eventually moved to Weston-Super-Mare and took the post of housekeeper and cook, and Jack as general handyman in an Abbeyfields Residential Home.

They were very happy and worked there for a number of years. Time came for them both to take life a bit easier and after they retired they moved into a flat in town. Tom, my brother and I spent endless happy holidays with them. Sadly our granddad died. Our Nan managed very well for a number of years until her eyesight started to fail and she went to live in a residential home where she was happy and well looked after.

Our Nan was 97 when she died (two weeks short of her 98th birthday). She was always busy and active up until the end. We will always remember her as a great character. We just imagined that she would be with us forever. She was cremated on 27th September and her ashes were scattered at the same place as, 'Pop', grandad on the sea front of Weston-Super-Mare.

Rachel and Tom Lowe

D.W.A.G.

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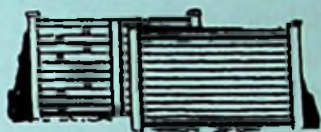
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Dear Editors

Through your magazine, I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported Margaret and me during my recent nine-week stay in hospital. We were so grateful for all the good wishes and practical help from so many people. It was a very tough time but it was made easier by the caring phone calls, cards, flowers, food parcels (many left on the doorstep) and lifts to hospital. I've never received so many cards before and I was thrilled by the welcome I received when I reappeared in the village.

Yours sincerely,

Peter McDonald

Dear Editors

Firstly, I would like to thank my niece, Karen Arnold, for allowing us into her home for the Worlds Largest Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Secondly, many thanks to Pamela and Karen for seeing to all the cups of coffee. Thirdly, to Lois Workman on coping with the cake and bottle stall, and Ruth Perkin for dealing with the raffle and finally to everyone who came and supported the event, when a sum of £303 was realised, with donations still coming in.

Again, many thanks to everyone for your support.

Mary Coley

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September in the Tom Hauley Room, The World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support, we raised the wonderful amount of £462. Also thank you to Mrs Clarke for the generous donation of the jar of 5pence pieces.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your fantastic support.

Mary and Friends

Dear Editors

Many thanks to everyone who came to Harbury's 7th Tribute Night on Saturday 29th September, the theme this year was the 80's and a total of £695.58 was raised for Cancer Research.

Plans are already in place for the 2008 Tribute Night!

Lana Long

Dear Editors

Pina and Keith would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all their good wishes, cards, flowers, chocolates and champagne sent for the birth of their son George. An extra special thank you goes to family and friends for all their help and support.

George would like to say thank you to everyone for all his beautiful gifts and he says he is looking forward to playing with all his new toys.

Many thanks again,

Pina and Keith

Dear Editors

Thank you to all who attended the WRVS Emergency Services Team Coffee Morning – the money raised (£99) will enable hot water pump jugs and a new box to be purchased – although hopefully there won't be any emergencies in the area for their use.

Rosemary Harley – on behalf of all the team members



Harbury Primary School Children singing at the Victorian Street Fayre

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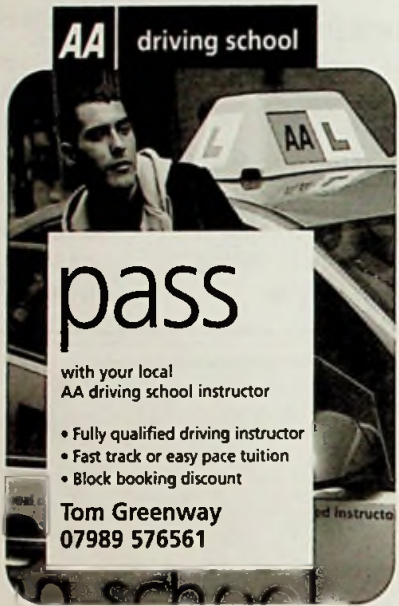
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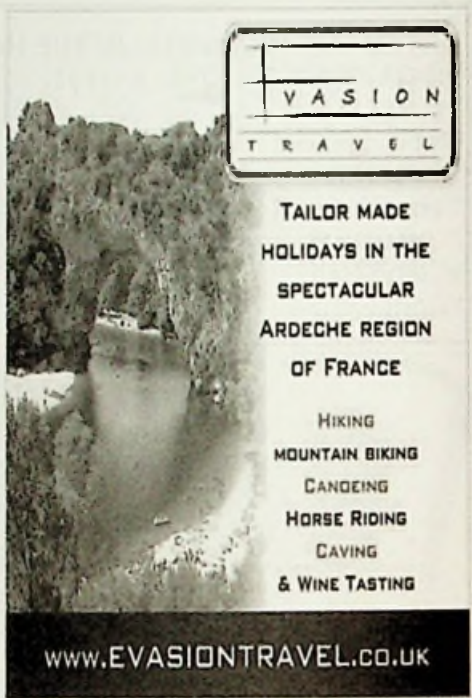
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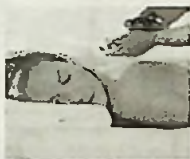
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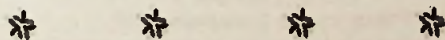


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