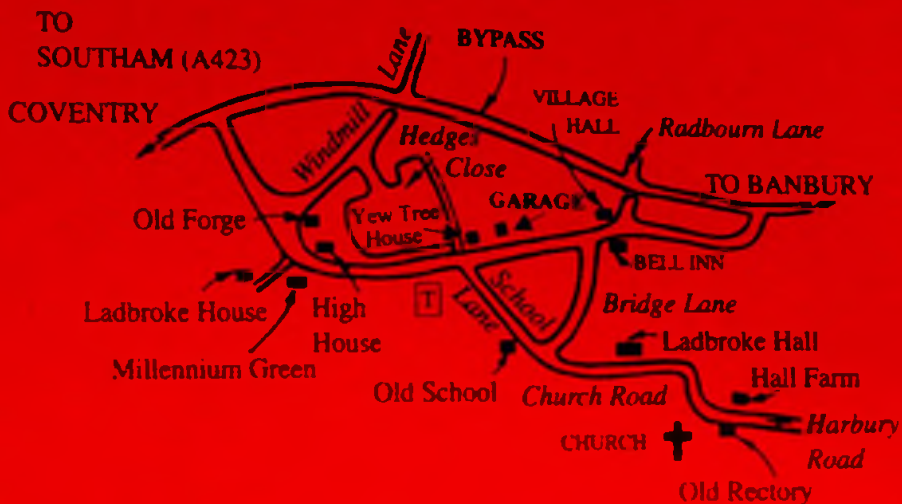




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Editorial

There are many opportunities for local shopping, and our local stores are offering a varied selection of Christmas goodies. We should take every opportunity to use all of our local facilities.

Congratulations to local boy Jordan King who finished second in the Silver Cup for Go-karting in the Italian competition.

The village pantomime "Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood" is playing to packed houses as we go to press. Production and performances are of a very high standard. Congratulations!



We wish all of our readers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Please note the early deadline for articles, which is Monday 22nd December. We apologise for the misinformation in the November magazine about the green wheelie bin collection.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Pauline Barnes, Vivien Neill and Brenda Wood.



Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

- Tues 2 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Wed 3 Holy Communion 2.00pm
 Mother's Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
 "Christmas Memories"
 Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall
 Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Art Group 10- 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Ken Haugh's
 "Panama Canal"
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
 Sat 6 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary
 CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2.00pm in Village Hall
 Sun 7 **ADVENT II**
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am
 First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Service of Benediction 6.00pm
 Mon 8 Brownies, Rainbows and Guides Christmas Party in Village Hall
 Drop in Van 6.30 to 7.30pm on Recreation Grounds Car Park
 Tues 9 Toddler Service 2.00pm in Church
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Wed 10 M.U.M.S. Cuppa' n Chat 9.15 to 10.15 am in Tom Hauley Room
 Toddler Group Christmas Party in Village Hall
 Thurs 11 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Fri 12 Folk Concert in Village Hall
 Sat 13 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke WI
 Senior Citizens Christmas Party in Village Hall
 Sun 14 **ADVENT III**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Mon 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
 5.30PM
 Drop in Van 6.30 to 7.30pm on Recreation Grounds Car Park
 Tues 16 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 NB No Mothers' Union Meeting today
 Senior Citizens Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
 Weds 17 Tea 3.00 to 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Fri 19 SCHOOL ENDS

- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Free Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
MOVING PICTURES IN VILLAGE HALL – "Miracle on 34th Street". Doors open 4.45pm, Film starts 5.30pm.
- Sun 21 **ADVENT IV**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am with Christingle
Evensong 6.00pm
- Mon 22 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY
& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Drop in Van 6.30 to 7.30pm on Recreation Ground Car Park
- Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Dressing of the Crib 2.00pm in Church
Village Carol Service 6.30pm
Midnight Mass 11.15pm
- Thurs 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Sung Communion 9.00am
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Bell Ringers
- Sun 28 **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
HOLY INNOCENTS
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm
NEW YEAR DANCE IN VILLAGE HALL

JANUARY

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion 9.45am
Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St James Ministry
- Sun 4 **SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Quiet Contemplative Service in the Celtic Tradition 6.00pm
- Mon 5 Teacher Training Day at School
- Tues 6 **SCHOOL STARTS**
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Weds 7 Mothers' Union New Year Party 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 8 WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room



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	THUR 8	FRI 9	SAT 10	Grey & Blue Lid Bins
	14	15	16	Grey Bin
	21	22	23	Grey & Blue Lid Bins

There will be no collection of refuse or recycling on Thurs and Fri 25 & 26 December 08 and Thursday 1st January 2009.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING CAN BE RECYCLED APART FROM THE FOIL VARIETY.

Green Waste service is suspended over the winter months from Nov 2008 until April 2009.



**All Saints
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From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

'Watching and waiting'

So, here we are once again in Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Advent is jammed packed with all the stuff we all have to do in being ready and preparing for Christmas; the problem of course is that we can be worn out well before Christmas even gets here! It's good to see, however, that the whole of society, not just the church, has adopted Advent big time – many children have Advent calendars, our magazines contain 'countdowns to Christmas' giving us lists of the jobs we need to do so that our Christmas celebrations will be stress free and joyful. Mind you, we do seem to be preparing for Christmas earlier each year which irritates me a bit. I would simply hate being a shop assistant somewhere in Leamington and having to hear 'oh I wish it could be Christmas every day' by Wizard blaring out at the end of July!

So yes, we all know what preparing for Christmas is about – or do we? A particularly powerful image of Advent for me is of 'watching and waiting'. Advent traditionally has been a season of the year where we take a step back and reflect on what God's coming to us in the baby of Bethlehem really means. Sure, the Advent season is about all of us preparing for the great Christian festival of Christmas - buying and wrapping the presents, decorating the house, sorting out the food, even arranging the family visits! But Advent is more than this. It invites all of us to take some time out to think about Jesus' coming, not just as an event in history, but his coming to each of us every day of the week in whatever lives we lead.

So, take some time out this Advent to stop, think and reflect – don't rush Christmas in, it'll arrive in good time as ever. Savour the season of Advent, slow down a bit, watch and wait and then be truly prepared to celebrate the greatest event the world has ever known with real joy.

God bless

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

November 16 Sandra Cunningham
Harvey Williams

November 22 Helen Cuthbertson

November 23 Laurie Fisher

Burial of Ashes at All Saints' Harbury

October 29 Brenda Wood

October 30 Pauline Barnes

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

November 7 Vivien Neill (94 years)



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

November is the month of remembrance. It was good to welcome so many to the All Souls' Service when we remembered the loved ones



whom we have lost, and, a week later, to see such a large congregation of all ages who came to mark Remembrance Sunday and to remember with thanksgiving all who gave their lives, are giving their lives and are risking their lives for us.

The presentation at the November Family Communion Service delivered a very important message: we see the outside but God sees the heart. With the help of stories of a one eyed pony, a three legged rabbit, the stripling David conquering the gigantic Goliath, not to mention the living presence of a duck with half a beak, we learned how important it is to see beyond superficial disability and unattractiveness and to love as God loves us. Thank you to David, Jill, Rosemary and Lizzie and to all who helped them.

Now we look ahead to Advent. We hope to see you at our services during this time of waiting and we wish you all a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.



Laura Lydia receives her attendance award from Father Craig



At our afternoon meeting we welcomed Viv Hunt, who talked about her unusual craft of working with stained glass. With photographs of some wonderful windows in cathedrals in Europe, she helped us to realise the impact these must have had on ordinary people. As the light shines through them, they become a manifestation of God's presence in humdrum lives, and a visual aid to the Bible Stories which could not then be read in the common tongue. Although sadly in England most of the medieval glass was destroyed at the reformation and later the Civil War, there are still outstanding examples and the tradition has continued. Basic techniques have not changed much, although for lighter decorative articles the Tiffany process of using copper strip rather than lead is favoured. Viv showed us some charming examples of her work.

The evening meeting heard Rev. Rosie Ward talk about C.P.A.S. Church Pastoral Aid Society, and her special involvement in encouraging and empowering women in leadership roles. In scripture, and throughout history, women have played a significant part in supporting Christ's work, including the M.U. founder, Mary Sumner. Now they need the encouragement to carry that into ministry in larger churches and senior posts in the church.

Thanks to everyone for their overseas boxes, which raised £294.89.

When you read this, we shall have joined in the Advent Service at the Cathedral, enjoyed our afternoon meeting and hopefully had a well stocked stall at the Christmas Fayre.

There is no evening meeting in December.

Dates:

Wednesday January 7th at 3pm - Afternoon tea party. Please bring a wrapped gift value no more than £1

Tuesday January 20th at 8pm - Faith Supper. Please bring food to share, wine if wished and a friend.

The committee wish all our members a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a New Year by Jesus' Love.



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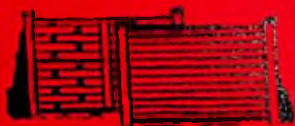
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First Light

Alison Abbott

Imagine the typical manger scene. Mary, tired, but radiant, baby Jesus sleeping peacefully, shepherds gazing on adoringly, wise men offering their gifts, even a donkey and a few cows, but where is Joseph?

At First Light on December 7th we will be thinking about this man in the shadows, what role did he have in the Christmas story?

On January 4th we are going all smelly as we think about fragrance! So come along for a multi sensory experience.

First Light happens on the first Sunday of each month in the Tom Hauley Room behind the church. We aim to offer an opportunity for people of all ages (children are especially welcome) to meet and worship together. Coffee is served at 10.00am and we get underway at 10.30am.



Toddlers Service

Lorna Bedford



For our November service, Mr. Jeff Bedford talked to us about the importance of water in our daily lives. We found many stories about water in the toddler's bible including Noah and the Ark, Moses crossing the Red Sea, Jesus being baptised in the River Jordan, and Jesus calming the stormy sea.

Accompanied by Mr. Michael Hare on the accordion, we sang two action songs "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, and "Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout".

We then said a prayer thanking God for the rain.

For our Activity we made a picture on coloured card showing rain clouds, rain drops and an umbrella.

Our next Toddler Service is on the 9th December in the children's corner of the church. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

DECEMBER

- Mon 1 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 7 **ADVENT II**
Family Communion 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Mon 8 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 11 W.I Christmas Party 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 13 Christmas Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 14 **ADVENT III**
Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
- Mon 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM**
Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 21 **ADVENT IV**
Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in Church
- Mon 22 **ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**
- Wed 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Crib Service 3.00pm in Church
- Thurs 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Holy Communion 10.30am in Church
- Sun 28 **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS – HOLY INNOCENTS**
Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Carol Service 6.00pm

JANUARY

- Sun 4 **SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Mon 5 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

Very soon now your Church Christmas card will be dropping through your letterbox. Please check it for the times of services.

The Crib service on Christmas Eve is at 3.00pm

On Christmas Morning Holy Communion is at 10.30am.

The Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday December 28th at 6.00pm.

But please check with your Christmas Card, I seem to have developed a habit of putting the wrong times down.

May we at All Saints Church, Ladbroke wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Matters arising from October's minutes

Gully clearing - The Council were concerned that gullies in Windmill Lane had not been cleared. They rather hope it is on the next schedule of work. Apparently some villages have plan layouts of gullies which makes them easier to identify. David Tilley, who was very involved with the flooding problems two years ago, is working with all the highways and drainage managements in all the surrounding areas.

The welcome pack - We have been awarded a grant to cover the cost of producing these packs; available to all newcomers to the village.

Dog waste bins - A new bin is urgently required at the south end of the village. The problem is where to site this. It was thought placing it on the bridge railings was not a good idea as that was where it was taken from a couple of years ago. The councillors would welcome any ideas for a new site.

Precept for 2009/2010. This was discussed at some length, it was agreed that a small increase was necessary. This will be confirmed at the January meeting. The precept is paid by all occupiers of properties in Ladbroke. It is worked out at a 'D' grade property average.

Planning - The on-going saga of "Blue Boats" at Barn Farm was discussed at length, especially as a barge was seen by several people being transported through the village. Overhanging hedges onto footpaths were still a problem. The one at the School House has been trimmed back but not enough. There were several other hedges that needed cutting back too.

Parish plan - Following the meeting with the planning team and councillors, agreement on the draft plan seems close to being finalised. It is hoped that all will be ready for the Stratford District council meeting next April.

Village Hall - Following the planning application for a new Village Hall, a bat survey had to be undertaken. It was concluded that it was unlikely that bats inhabited the Village Hall.

Millennium Green - The second phase of new play equipment will be installed commencing 24th November.

Web-Site - Following last month's concern about losing the grant money if not used by the end of December, the Chairman came up with ideas for the use of the money. Training for use of Photography was put forward. In fact, if any volunteer in the village has any good ideas training can be provided. (what about gardens and gardening) – Me!!

Warwickshire County Council - Every Council is worried about the recession and making the books balance. There are pay rises of 2.5% in the pipeline. They are not going to affect public services but it looks like 1% increase in Council Tax, £5 for each household. New schools are to be built and old ones pulled down – the Rugby area, I think. Southam College is the star of the area – exam result wise. Everyone was sad to hear that the Headmaster is retiring.

Although Stratford Council didn't invest in Iceland, the Council will still be losing £1/2m in loss of interest earning. The charging for car parking in Southam is still an issue. Stratford town feel they are subsidising us!

Cemax development in Long Itchington is still being discussed. They are talking about turning waste into fuel. It will be on various agendas for a few years yet.

Next meeting - Wednesday January 21st at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee

Back by popular demand – Christmas Party will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall on 19th December 2008 commencing at 8.00pm.

Tickets available from Committee - £10 to include Disco, Supper and glass of mulled wine.....and

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Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draws for September and October were:

September	October
£80 Mary Coley	K Tancock
£50 Marion Grainger	John & Heather Wright
£25 John & Jenny Barrett	Christine Payne
£10 Richard Walker	Derek & Collette Batty
£10 Pat Kennedy	Marie Kennedy
£10 Wild Indians	Mike Todman
£10 Geoff Lane	Margaret Bosworth



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

The Councillors whizzed through most of the business and then stalled on money and trees!

It all started with petitioning groups seeking funds from the Council. The Youth Drop in were looking for around £200+ to help pay for the Diocesan Youth Van to visit once a week until Easter to provide somewhere for teenagers to meet and have coffee.

Nathaniel Cleaver for Harbury Albion Football Club was after any support the Parish could give to help the struggling team and the Tennis Club wanted money for coaching youngsters. Others not present had also asked for grants: the Butterfly Group; the Rugby Club; the Twinners and the Christmas Lighting.

Unfortunately having invited applications for grants the Parish Council found itself, towards the end of the financial year, somewhat strapped for cash. It was interesting to see them work logically through the applications using the criteria they had set themselves and trying to be as fair as possible.

The Butterfly group was deemed to be outside the Parish and therefore ineligible. The Tennis Group and the Rugby Club had benefitted from previous grants and were also refused.

The Council wants to help young people in particular and therefore agreed £220 for the Youth Van and £150 for Harbury Albion (they charge them £200 a year to use the pitch!) They gave the Clerk the authority to pay up to £200 to repair the Christmas Tree lights.

Councillors had been livid to receive notification of the County's planning application to fell fir trees at the Wight School. The land and buildings belong to the Church and the Councillors thought the Christmas Tree was threatened. Fortunately, the trees in question are the smaller ones alongside the driveway.

They agreed to engage Colin Sheasby to trim the Cemetery Copper Beech so that its branches are not damaged by vehicles. He has also advised on the rejuvenation of the Allotments hedge.

Planning

As well as the application to fell Leylandii at the Library, there was an application from the Crown granted by SDC to reduce the top of a Sycamore and to fell three Monterey Cypress and a Laburnum. Also to prune a conifer at Temple Cottage and the Parish Council had no objections to plans to fell a birch and reduce a holly and a fir tree at The Lymes, Church Street.

Stratford District Council approved plans for a porch at 8 Pineham Avenue, a toilet for the Co-op; brass lanterns and menu cases at the Crown and a new glasshouse south of Sharmer Farm, Fosse Way.

The Parish Council had no comments to make on applications for a boundary fence at Wissett Lodge, Church Street; or the new timber-framed house at 11 The Beeches.

They received formal notification as landowners of the Tennis Club's intention to apply for permission for more floodlighting. Councillors were made aware of Tesco's plans for a supermarket on the outskirts of Southam.

Crime

A local motorist has been warned by the police about their driving and money has been stolen from the Co-op store. Otherwise it has been a quiet month.

Safety

The Council is in a bind. It has two separate companies giving safety inspections at the Playing Fields, one of which has said the Aerial Runway must be decommissioned on safety grounds. They have also suggested that the small slide and rocking horse have a very limited life left. The other company has not!

Councillors are already monitoring the condition of memorials in the burial grounds and seeking to contact relatives so that those deemed dangerous can be made safe permanently.

Environment

Construction vehicles were blamed by the Councillors for carving up the grass at the Pound. The solution – more BOLLARDS!

The WI's request that the Council have regard to the Sustainable Communities Act was greeted with a commitment to consider it when it was available for consultation.

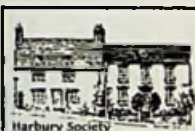
District Cllr Patrick reported that having traversed Mill Street with a wheelchair user he had a different perspective on the problem of poor footpath maintenance. The Council is asking for improvements. They are also reporting, again, the flooding at the Park Lane/Bush Heath Lane corner and the failure of remedial work to solve the flooding problem in South Parade outside the Village Hall.

Disgust

The Council is angry that Stratford District has not applied 50% small business relief to their rates on the Parish Office.

Praise

The Councillor expressed their delight at the Memorial Garden make-over and for the Village Hall's showing of Mamma Mia!



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

What a wonderful life Graham Robson has made for himself with his own private nature reserves and the time he has taken to study the wildlife within them, and how interesting to share it with him!

A retired farmer, he has lived in Marton for most of his life. In a corner of a field which he bought, he has created a pond of a third of an acre near the disused railway line. As a bonus he has the River Itchen to the west.

Graham showed us video pictures of Dragonflies and Demoiselles, explaining their lifecycle. We saw raw nature as two moorhens tried, unsuccessfully, to defend their nest against a thieving stoat. We saw almost the full range of butterflies and the Caterpillar of the Elephant Hawk Moth which has a proboscis very like an elephant's.

Graham's three separate bird feeding stations attract an enormous range of British birds. In his bird boxes Graham has had a pair of Kestrels but their clutch was attacked by a squirrel. The Blue Tits had more luck and raised three of their six original chicks. The Great Tits did even better and then we came to the Barn Owls!

The Barn Owls box was set up with a camera in it and has been running for four years. There was a tender picture of the Male feeding his mate as she was incubating eight eggs. Eggs are incubated as they are laid and there can be fourteen days between the first to hatch and the last. These chicks were well fed mainly with short tailed field voles. It takes ten weeks before the youngsters fly. They have very acute hearing and fly without a sound. They can live up to ten years but only one in ten of those hatched is believed to be alive in a year's time.

Their population fluctuates with that of their main prey – the short tailed field vole. The youngsters will have to disperse to find sufficient food and young Owls in particular are very vulnerable. Graham found one youngster drowned in a water butt.

Our Next Events:

EPIPHANY AT THE DOG! Annual Dinner, Quizzes and Handicraft Evening on Sat 10th Jan '09

27TH January Celia Barrett will exhibit her archive material.

23rd February John Crossling talks about local Breweries.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Such a lot of classes and activities on offer from WFWI and one need not be bored if one had the time.

We are asked to support our Post Office facilities. Also, if everyone in the UK unplugged their mobile phone chargers while not in use it could save enough energy to provide electricity for 66,000 homes a year, amazing. This is the time of the year for the annual quiz, which is on **Birds**, Peggie has copies.

Nora Ellis was our representative at the autumn Council Meeting and gave an excellent report. A guest, Judy Powell is chairmen of Warwick District Council and welcomed all to the Spa Centre. Judy said she occasionally attends Whitnash WI as a visitor but she can't do Pole Dancing, (there has been a demonstration at one meeting).

Keith Wedgebury from BBC Coventry and Warwick live Radio attended and we were featured on his programme on October 20th with recordings of part of the meeting and interviews with some members. Carol Wheatley spoke of the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme. Screening began with a pilot scheme in this area and by 2010 it should be nationwide for men and women between 60 and 69. Anybody can phone for the kit beyond 69 though (0800 707 6060).

Poetry books are now available from Federation and all sonnets in the book were written for the competition by members including out Chris Rutherford. The special Grand Draw for Myton Hospice Sensory Garden made £16,000 and the total to date raised is £21,000.

Chairman Jan Wade introduced George Alagiah who was the afternoon speaker saying he had won many awards including a BAFTA award in 2000 for his reporting from Kosova. He joined BBC in 1989 and has written two books, Passage to Africa and Home from Home and is patron of the Fair Trade Foundation. George said he was more nervous speaking to 800 women than reading the news. He was born in Sri Lanka, moved with his parents to Ghana, then to England. He spoke of his childhood in the lovely tropical Islands and then at a red brick boarding School in Portsmouth, certainly a great change. He gave us much food for thought in his speech. He said racial discrimination began for him in Sri Lanka when he was only 6 years old. Certainly no one thought then he would become a BBC newscaster. His experiences were mixed but he became a graduate of Durham University. He spoke of immigration and the work immigrants do now compared with where they were in 1961. An example, a former refugee who is Archbishop of York. His talk enthralled the audience and they joined in with questions and discussion.

As November was the annual meeting we were delighted that Ann Mayer is to continue as our president. She is joined by her excellent committee and hope that 2009 is as successful as 2008. We were pleased to welcome Christine Sheen to officiate.

A big thanks to all who supported our coffee morning and to those who helped. Always a pleasant morning. On the trip to Waddesdon Manor on Friday 5th December leaving the Village Hall at 9.30am, members are asked to bring their National Trust membership cards. We leave the Village Hall at 6.30pm for the Pantomime on the 7th January. A request to put your names down for the New Year Party.

Seasons Greetings to all!

December's Speaker: Martin Lawson – Life Is Local

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Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

November sees the start of a new year for the Twinning Association, the AGM having been held in the Tom Hauley Room on the 7th. The meeting was well attended with approximately 40 members present.

Moira Lamont delivered the Chairman's Report, recording another successful year for the Association with our visit to France in the spring, and the numerous activities over the period.

Our treasurer Tom Smith then presented a very healthy financial report and balance sheet which had been duly audited.

Then followed the election of officers; Moira Lamont stood down as chairman as she had completed her three year period in office, Colin Humphreys was then elected. All the remaining committee members, including Sally Stringer, secretary, and Tom Smith, treasurer, were re-elected and two new committee members join us, Tony Thomas as vice chairman and Mavis Taylor.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Tom Smith delivered a moving and amusing tribute to our French friend Gilbert Martin who passed away recently, and we all drank a toast to his memory from a magnum of champagne that Gilbert had previously given to Tom and Joan.

That concluded the AGM and we all went into the other half of the Tom Hauley room where we enjoyed a very nice selection of bread and cheese and deserts and naturally good French wine.



Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mark Easton

26th October 2008 Harbury v Earlsdon

Under 8's

Harbury 30 v 15 Earlsdon

In the first game Cellach Welland scored 3 tries with Katie Lewis, Murray Gibson and Peter Gee scoring the others. Peter Gee and Dominic Priest tagged well.

Harbury 20 v 5 Earlsdon

Dominic Priest was top tagger and scored a try. Others scorers were Hughie Cave, Danny Luke and Murray Gibson.

Harbury 30 v 25 Earlsdon

In a close game Harbury again ran out winners top tagger was Murray Gibson. Tim Baldwin ran in 2 tries, Murray Gibson, Peter Gee, Ceallach Welland and Dominic Priest scored one each.

Under 9's**Harbury 15 v 0 Earlsdon****Harbury 25 v 15 Earlsdon**

Harbury had their first two victories of the season winning both games Mario and Sam Clifton were amongst the scorers.

Under 10's**Harbury 5 v 10 Earlsdon**

Harbury rallied but were sloppy in the tackle, with wings and centres allowing the Coventry lads time and space to run the ball. The Front Row fought hard and often pushed the Earlsdon boys off their own ball, but the lack of commitment in the backs, soon gave another try to the visitors.

Just before full time, Matt Laity took advantage of a huge push, from the Forwards to take the ball from the scrum and going low, pierced the defence of Earlsdon, to pull a try back.

Connor played well for Earlsdon. So much so that, he was applauded by his new team, who were grateful for his support.

Harbury 5 v 25 Earlsdon

The second game was similar to the first, only more so!

Earlsdon had their blood up and were in no mood to compromise.

5 tries they ran in against a floundering Harbury, who eventually replied with a wonderful run by Lewis. Covering the whole length of the pitch and most of the width.

Luke was a one man army, supported by Jack and Bay

In both matches the forwards of both teams were awesome, Jack, Luke, JB, Connor and Bay, for Harbury, can hold their heads high.

Under 11's**Harbury 5 v 45 Earlsdon**

With many players away, the team struggled with the physical style of Earlsdon. Sam Tutt scored Harbury's consolation try and put in some big tackles. Morgan Hickman and Sam Casement put in big efforts in defence.

Under 12's

Harbury 33 v 0 Earlsdon

Another good performance from the team. Full back William Winchester started the game in great form running on to a good pass from Scrum half Ted Easton to score his first try of the season. Before half time he had scored two more tries and converted all three. Rory Pickin put in a some great tackles. Earlsdon had Harbury on the back foot for much of the second half. Good tackling from Bradley King and Robert Rollason helped to stop Earlsdon scoring. Callum Panton gained ground going forward as did William Rea before Aaron Ward burst through the Earlsdon defence to score. Late on Finn and Aaron combined to win the ball in a maul for Aaron to score his ninth try of the season which William Winchester converted.

16th November 2008 Alcester v Harbury

Under 9's

Alcester 20 v Harbury 30

Three tries for Mario Palmer, two for Jim Owen and one for Tiernan Welland

Claverdon 45 v Harbury 0

In their second game against Claverdon with some Under 10's in their team Harbury were heavily defeated.

Under 10's

Alcester 20 v Harbury 5

Good recovery from Harbury after Alcester scored 4 unanswered tries in the first half, Harbury fly half Joe Hunt scored the villagers try.

Alcester 0 v Harbury 5

In a tight game Harbury's winning try was scored by Nicholas Williams, who ran the length of the field to score.

Under 11's

Alcester 15 v Harbury 30

Two tries each for Ben and Neil Taylor as Harbury dominated against Alcester.

Claverdon 22 v Harbury 15

Last minute try from Claverdon's scrum half won them the game.

Under 12's

Alcester 21 v Harbury 22

In a close, forward dominated game, there was no score until halfway through the first half, from a tap penalty. Robert Rollason burst through Alcester's defence to touch down. Finn Toner added another score for Harbury before half time which Bradley King converted. Captain Aaron Ward broke off from a maul, running in a score in the corner. From an Alcester clearance kick under pressure Aaron caught the ball and charged through to score again. After changes by both sides Alcester started to dominate the rucks and mauls and scored three unanswered tries which were all converted.

In the first half forwards Tom Howard and Robert Rollason and backs Max Brown, George Brookes and William Rea all put in good performances. Three wins out of three for the Under 12's. Well done to all.

23rd November 2008 - Claverdon and Barker Butts

Under 8's

Harbury 40 v Barker Butts 30

Harbury 35 v Barker Butts 25

Under 9's

Harbury 0 v Barker Butts 15

Good tackling from the Harbury lads could not prevent a large Barker Butts squad from scoring 3 tries.

Harbury 15 v Claverdon 40

Despite players off sick, Harbury put in a big effort against a combined under 9's and 10's Claverdon side. Two tries for the ever improving Kiernan Welland and a marvellous length of the field try for Mario Palmer.

Under 11's

Harbury 7 v Claverdon 7

In a closely contested game Claverdon scored first and were 7-0 up at Half-Time. Following a maul Neil Taylor used his power to drive over the line and touch down. Sam Tutt added the conversion. Claverdon's lads tackled well and there were no further scores Alex Marston put in some excellent tackles.

Harbury 17 v Barker Butts 14

In another closely fought contest Henry Steele scored a try in this first game back after injury. Powerful play gave Ben and Neil Taylor a try each one of which was converted by Henry Mancell.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

We recently had our AGM but there was no coup d'etat, so yours truly is still Chairman! I'm delighted to say that on the night we had 2 volunteers, Peter Walshe and Karen Bristow, to join the rest of the "old" re-elected committee – Mary Thompson (Secretary) Paul Crowton (Treasurer), Geoff Prince, Jon Scothern, Sue Mercer Junior co-ordinator), and Andrew Rendell, and since then Jon Guy has joined us. That is particularly pleasing, not just to see a teenager taking an active part in the Club's organisation, but also to ensure that as a club we take account of everyone's views. I look forward to some lively committee meetings.

It's been a busy few weeks in terms of improving the facilities. We've replaced two sides of the tennis courts' perimeter fence and also installed a new gate for easy access from the clubhouse to the netball court. That makes moving equipment during junior coaching sessions much easier and will also help the netball "girls" when they move the netball posts from the store. We hope to install floodlights on the Netball Court and a planning application has now been submitted. The perimeter fence has been funded through the Clubs/Parish Council sinking fund, an excellent arrangement to maintain village facilities that are so well used, particularly by youngsters. The other improvements are being met from Club funds.

The men's singles tournament has at last been played! This was a repeat of last year's final between Jon Guy and Geoff Prince. The outcome was also a repeat with Jon retaining his title with a 7-5, 6-2 win.

League matches have been disrupted by bad weather but several matches have been completed. In the Banbury league only one match has been played and that resulted in a 3-5 defeat at home against Tysoe "B". Sue Panton and Sara Peters lost both sets but teenagers Jon Guy and Adam Crossling won both theirs leaving it all square going into the mixed doubles which were very close matches. Jon and Sue won the first set but lost the second 5-7 leaving Sara and Adam needing one set to secure a draw. They lost the first set and were just edged out in a second set tiebreak to give the visitors a win.

The men's doubles have also only managed one match, against Wythall. Singles finalists Jon Guy and Geoff Prince joined forces, with Jon Scothern and Mark Pavey forming the second pair. Both pairs won one rubber each to earn Harbury a draw.

The floodlit team has been more fortunate and played 4 matches. The first was away against Deddington 3. Rosemary ("I'll play if I'm needed") Harley and Karin Kirk were in good form winning both sets. Keith Thompson and Colin Mercer shared the spoils in their match just giving Harbury the edge at half time. Karin and Keith lost both sets and it looked bleak for Rosemary and Colin at 1-5 down in the first set but they staged a fine recovery to win it on a tiebreak and then went on to win the second set to give Harbury a 5-3 win. This was followed by an entertaining 4-4 draw at home against Hook Norton. Sue Panton and Sara teamed up again and halved their match after winning the first set and then losing the second on a tiebreak. Keith Thompson and Jon Guy also halved their match so it was everything to play for in the mixed doubles. Sue and Jon put Harbury in the driving seat but the visitors clinched a draw winning both sets against Sara and Keith, but again only after a second set tiebreak! In the next match, at home against Kings Sutton, the visitors always had the upper hand and recorded a 5-3 win. Eira Owen and Karin Kirk lost both sets while Keith Thompson and Adam Crossling halved their rubber. Things looked brighter when Eira and Adam won both sets in the first mixed doubles, but the visitors were too strong for Keith and Karin.

We returned to winning ways with a 6-2 win in the home fixture against Deddington 4. Keith and Colin got off to a good start with a 6-4, 6-2 win. In the ladies doubles Karin and Sue Mercer, playing her first match for 9 months following an achilles injury, shared the spoils. This left Harbury needing 2 sets in the mixed doubles to complete the double. Karin and Keith duly obliged with a 6-4, 7-5 win while Sue and Colin halved theirs after a marathon match with both sets being settled by tiebreaks.

Juniors

On Saturday 25th October we hosted our second inter club tournament for children and once again it was a great success. This one was for children in the first 5 years of secondary school from Harbury, Napton, Long Itchington, Snitterfield and Tysoe tennis clubs. The 19 participants were divided into 3 age groups (yellow, blue and white), everyone playing 5 doubles matches of 5 games with a different partner every time.

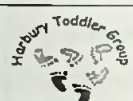
In the yellow group Harbury did very well with Becky Casement being the winner, and William Browne and Gareth Towler sharing joint second place with James Henson from Snitterfield. Alice Edwards from Long Itchington took 3rd place.

Georgia Coker from Napton was the blue group winner, Alex Thorne from Long Itchington second, with Harbury's Lauren Brough and Jamie Hoyte sharing 3rd place.

The white group winner was another Harbury player - Lewis Jay, with Tomas Cooper from Tysoe 2nd and Jacob Coker from Napton 3rd.

In spite of the grey skies and cold wind, everyone had a good time. A big thank you to Harbury club members and parents, and Alan Edwards (a Long Itchington parent) who all helped with the umpiring and serving refreshments.

By the time you read this, the Junior coaching should have finished for this term with the exception of the youngest Mini Red group which finishes in the Village Hall on 9th December. We hope to have next term's timetable planned before Christmas, so don't forget to check your emails!

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Harbury Toddler Group</h2> <p style="text-align: right;">Julie Young & Hilary Riemer</p>
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Well, what a lovely time we've had in this last month! Making (and eating!) creepy biscuits for Halloween, having our photographs taken by Judy Hartland Photography as well as creating wonderful gifts for all our special people at Christmas time courtesy of Dragon Ceramics.

Lots of effort goes into these festive masterpieces as can be seen from the expressions on our little toddlers' faces below!



We've also enjoyed dressing up and playing with old favourites such as the Doll's house and garage. So much so, in fact, that we have decided to spend the £100 generously donated from the Carnival fund on replacements as the Doll's



House is now so well loved it has become positively tatty! A big 'Thank You' on behalf of Toddler Group for enabling us to do this.

Dates:

Toddlers Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 10th December from 11.30am-2pm. There will be a bouncy castle, fancy dress competition, card-making, as well as the all important opportunity to meet Father Christmas in his Grotto!

Christmas Social will be held on Tuesday 16th December at The Dog Inn from 8pm. Big Thank You should also be given to Chris at The Dog Inn for his generous provision of pizzas and snacks during our recent Committee Meeting-much appreciated-Thank you very much!

And finally

Sessions are held every Monday morning 10-11.30am and Weds afternoon 1.30-3pm. With exciting activities and the opportunity for the toddlers to play alongside friends, it gives you the chance to meet other parents and carers and enjoy a well earned cuppa! Please feel free to come and join us-you really will be most welcome.

**Windmills**

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

This half term we have been looking at the theme of colours and patterns, as well as the many celebrations that happen at this time of year. Colourful games have provided an ideal way to help children develop skills in counting, recognising and comparing numbers.



Activities have included:

- * A red day when all the children came into nursery dressed in red - thank you for the donations received from parents, which we have passed on to Children in Need.
- * Learning about Diwali, and Bonfire celebrations then creating a colourful display of lights.
- * Making firework patterns in rice and desiccated coconut with added glitter
- * Creating our own fireworks poem with Mrs Cook from all the wonderful children's comments:

"In my garden at Arthur's house

On the school field, we saw fireworks.
 All the pretty colours, pink and green,
 Red and blue. We heard bangs,
 Cracks and crackles, splatter splatter,
 Rockets whizzed up into the sky,
 We saw circles and stars,
 My friend had her head torch on
 Daddy had the ear plugs ready
 We had fun!"

Written by Carys, Keira, Eleanor, Rebecca, Gethan and Harry

- * Cutting and Sticking a group collage of Elmer
- * Making a big stripy jelly using both cubed jelly and jelly crystals, to explore the properties of both and how they both change state when they are added to boiling water.

Woodland Outdoor School



This month Amanda our woodland school leader has led two further woodland classroom sessions, which have proved very popular with our children. During the first session, the children made a group collage using leaves, twigs and other natural materials. They also enjoyed using wax crayons to produce some beautiful rubbings of the many different textures in the woodland environment. Each child took home a book mark that they had made from a variety of leaves of different shapes and colours. During the second outdoor session Amanda discussed hibernation with the children who then proceeded to have great fun pretending to be hedgehogs covering each other with leaves. They also made homes for our very own toy hedgehog

from leaves and twigs. We were extremely fortunate to see a real hedgehog walking through our woodland looking for somewhere to sleep. The children followed up this session indoors by making handprint hedgehogs to take home.

The children enjoyed their usual trip to the Toddler's Service when they learned about how important water is to us.

Windmills has again this year had Christmas cards printed from the children's own artwork. These are now available in the nursery priced at £5.50 per pack of 8 cards.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th December 2008 Windmills Nursery School concert to be held in the Tom Hauley Room at 10.30 am. Please join us for a coffee and mince pies afterwards. There will also be a raffle for a fantastic Christmas hamper. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday, 17th December, our final Woodland Classroom session of this year.

Thursday, 18th December Windmills Christmas party during the morning session, when Santa is kindly taking time out of his busy schedule to call in and see the children.

Please note Windmills closes for Christmas at 11.45 am on Friday 19th December, 2008 and re-opens on Tuesday 6th January at 9.05 am. (Monday, 5th January is a teacher training day).

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.

Windmills Nursery School Fundraising Committee

As the new Chairperson of Windmills Nursery School Fundraising Committee, I would like to say a huge thank you to the various friends of Windmills who kindly supported our recent Craft Fair.

After brief and persuasive discussions with the generous landlords of our village pubs and proprietors of local businesses, the wealth of gifts already donated by friends and family for the bottle tombola and main raffle draw was complemented by numerous bottles of wine and even a bottle of Champagne.

So, in no particular order, a big thank you to: The Dog Inn; The Crown; The Old New Inn; The Shakespeare; The Gamecock; The Post Office & Supermarket; The Chemist; Mugglestons Country Fayre; Midland Metal Recycling; and Harbury Landscaping.

I'm sure all of the children (large and small) who had a go on the famous 'Lolly Board' would also like to thank Visage a' Visage and Harbury Landscaping for supplying the prizes – they went down a treat with everyone!

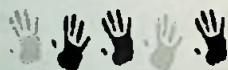
A special thank you must be reserved for all of the parents of Windmills children (present and past) who prepared food, served drinks, collected money and gave up their time on a Saturday – with particular thanks to Fiona Cadwallader, whose organising skills, contacts and hard work on the day really helped make sure the Fair was a success.

In total we managed to raise just over £500 towards our annual fundraising target of £3000 – which is a great start to our year. However, there is still a long way to go and we would really like to beat our target, so...

...our next fundraising meeting will be held at The Dog Inn on Tuesday the 2nd of December at 8pm. Pizza and chips all round.

We would love to welcome new members with bright ideas to join our 'dynamic and dedicated' fundraising team – the more the merrier.

We look forward to seeing you. Tracey Pettipher - 01926 614923



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

November was a busy month at Pre-School as we had lots to talk about. We began by looking at the celebration of the Diwali festival of light and the children had a lovely time modelling Diwa lamps (small clay pots holding candles) and making Rangoli patterns, first in powder and then in paint. We sang a song and



read books about Diwali, including the story of Rama and Sita, made delicious Indian sweets and had naan bread at snack time.

In the role play area the dressing up rail had lots of Indian style clothing, such as saris, bangles and boys' costumes.



Guy Fawkes Night: After the village bonfire party, we talked about the children's experiences and how they felt about the fireworks. They made some wonderful firework pictures and swept up leaves in the outdoor play area to make their own "bonfires".



Autumn Nature Walk: The children donned wellington boots and warm coats as we set forth with our collecting buckets for the autumn walk. Lots of leaves, conkers, twigs and other items were collected along the way and the children made some lovely bark rubbings on the trees in the spinney. The children also enjoyed using listening spheres, which heightened their awareness of the sounds around them. We are very grateful to Julie and Claire who accompanied us on the walk. On our return, we read the story of the "Leaf Man", which inspired some wonderful artwork using the items collected along the way. The children's comments about their autumn walk made up this poem:



"I can hear the wind,
Being in the woods.
Picking up the things I found,
Collecting.
Climbing the trees,
Playing in the leaves.
I can hear some trees in the wind,
Being in the woods."

Woodland Area: Continuing the autumnal theme, the book area was turned into a woodland scene with a leafy canopy, topical books and soft toys, leaf and bark rubbings and observational drawings of leaves adorning the walls. The children enjoyed hearing the story of Hodge the Hedgehog and searching for small world woodland animals in a tray of bark.

Christmas: Amid great excitement, we are now beginning preparations ready for our Nativity Songtime at the stables in Mill Lane, and for a visit from Father Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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



Girlguiding UK
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1st Harbury Guides

Sarah Bull

Next Monday (1st Dec) the Girl Guides are holding a bring and buy sale at the scout hut (behind the library) from 7p.m until 8.30 p.m.

There will be beautiful handmade cards, gifts and decorations for sale, a raffle, and tea, coffee and cakes will be available to buy on the evening.

Any contributions of cakes, bric'a'brac and raffle prizes will be very much appreciated.

Hope to see you there !!!

Thank you for your support

Sarah, Julie, Katherine and the guides x x





BONFIRE & FIREWORKS 2008



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Robert from Hawks patrol has written the report on our activities for the first eight weeks of the autumn term. He describes the events as follows:

'Since term began we've done lots of different activities in Scouts.

We began back in September planning routes up to the Beacon at Burton Dassett using OS maps. The following week we tried, not always successfully, to follow our routes. Our group started off brilliantly, stomping confidently across the fields, but as it grew dark and a combine harvester was in our way working by lights, we decided to retrace our steps and cheat by taking a car to our rendezvous. (One group had an 'interesting' experience with a bull!!)

My favourite activity was when the 'bat lady' came in and talked to us about bats in Britain. She brought with her a bat skeleton and 2 pipistrelle bats in a cage. They were tiny, a little bigger than my thumb, black and fluffy. We went outside with bat detectors (which are black boxes with dials on which pick up sound at different frequencies) and walked around the Village. The first bat we heard was just outside the Scout Hut. We also found loads in the tree outside the Dog pub and in Trice's Farm. I was surprised how many bats there were in Harbury.

Other Autumn activities have included conkers and hockey stick games, an International evening when patrols took the part of different nationalities, ours was Egypt, and a square lashing challenge but another activity I particularly enjoyed was when we did dramas to outline the Scout Laws and how we ought to carry them out.'

As Robert says, the international evening was a particular success – the patrol leaders had to select a country and then organize their patrol to wear appropriate costume. They also had to bring food from that country and develop a themed game for the troop to play. Well done, PLs! You organized a very interesting and successful evening.

Our events continue, but we are finishing earlier due to the darker nights.

We look forward to spring when we can spend more time further a field!



Remember - Articles deadline for the January edition is
Monday 22nd December at 5.30pm



It was lovely to see some new members at our first meeting in October alongside existing ones and some who returned to us again. The speaker was a great success; I knew he would be a really nice person as when I booked him way back on February 14th he was just going to take his wife out for a Valentine's Day meal. I hope to ask him to return for 2009/10.

Just a quick mention about the talk given by Chris Beardshaw in October. He spoke for 2 hours without a script and was most entertaining and I'm sure we all learned something. I waited to speak to him afterwards and get his autograph on his latest book. He was happy to do this and we had a most enjoyable chat. He found time for everyone who waited, a true gentleman. If you get the chance to see him do go, you will not be disappointed.

Daphne Everet who spoke to us at the November meeting did not disappoint either. She talked about moving to a garden between Worcester and Hereford adjoining Brockhampton, a super National Trust property. It is named The Bannut after the walnut tree which dominated the garden at that time. It was a very modest bungalow but it had 3 acres which she and her husband Maurice have lovingly created since 1984 into a stunning garden with distinct areas. I'm sure she won't mind me saying that both she and her husband are not exactly youthful, but what they have achieved over the years is truly remarkable.

It had a cider mill and barn and views towards The Malvern Hills which had some bearing on their decision to move. Daphne used to run a huge heather nursery (she is vice chairman of the Heather Society) and it took 6 weeks to move all the plants; the heather nursery is now a very small part of the garden. They created separate areas starting with The Cider Mill garden with the huge stone wheel as a centrepiece. Then they started with Island beds but these have been extended and hold a fantastic selection of heathers and other perennials.

The huge conifer hedge was removed with enough wood to keep them going for almost a year. This made the border much bigger and it has a range of plants for both winter and summer interest. A meadow was planted with cowslips and other native wild flowers.

Other areas are a Lion Garden with shade loving plants, a huge handmade pergola with climbers, a Knot Garden planted with heathers, Yellow and White garden with plants to match, Secret Garden with sculptural features, a Laburnum and Clematis Walk, Long Walk with huge herbaceous borders and so much more.

They have been given some quirky sculptures as presents by family members including a huge wooden hare who is fondly called "Hercule Poirot." There is a very fine bench given to them in 2000 and appropriately inscribed. They are constantly updating the garden and plant sales. They had a tea room built which just about opened in time for visitors despite a car swerving from the road into a nearby wall.

The bungalow has been developed too over the years and is now a dormer type house with newly extended paths and lots of pots outside full of colour. They show no signs of slowing down even though they celebrated their Golden Wedding a couple of years ago and their stamina is to be admired. Another garden well worth a visit next year.

After Daphne left we held the AGM. The committee remains the same, namely myself as Chairperson, Daphne as Secretary, Jean as Treasurer, Janice as Show Secretary and much valued support from Dorothy, Barbara, Kath, Margaret and Laura. Not forgetting Judith and David who look after the Raffle so well. As I explained both Daphne and Jean will be resigning from the committee with effect from next October and I pleaded for volunteers. To date no one has expressed an interest but please do so. We could not continue without replacements. Thanks to everyone who stayed and for your continued support.

We do not have a speaker for the meeting on 2nd December and will be having a Beetle Game with a flowerpot theme. We had this about 2 years ago and everyone seemed to enjoy it. There are prizes to be won too. Then there will be the Festive Buffet with a bumper Raffle and draw for The Bursary. Do come along and join in the fun.

The meeting in January will be on 6th and Tony Hamlin will talk about Wildlife in the Garden, he has asked for a sales table so we shall see what he will be bringing along, sounds intriguing.

I look forward to seeing everyone in December and January and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

You will be glad to know you have been 'let off school' this month but we shall return to the subject of plant names next year!

I thought perhaps as a change you might like to try your hand at a gardening quiz as part of the Christmas festivities – so here goes!

You will find the answers on page 53 of the magazine.

1. A perennial is a plant that lives
 - a) from year to year without replanting
 - b) for only one year
 - c) only for two years?
2. When should you prune Forsythia?
 - a) in the winter
 - b) immediately after flowering?
3. A weed is:
 - a) any plant in the wrong place
 - b) an absolute nuisance
 - c) only found in other people's gardens?
4. Hardwood cuttings are taken in:
 - a) summer?
 - b) winter?
5. Which is the correct spelling?
 - a) Fushcia
 - b) Fuchsia
 - c) Fucshia
 - d) Fewsha
6. Sweet Pea is the common name for
 - a) Lathyrus
 - b) Lavatera
 - c) Laurus



7. The common name for *Digitalis* is:

- a) Lords and Ladies
- b) Foxgloves
- c) Corn Cockle

8. All gardeners should have:

- a) a typhoid injection
- b) a tetanus injection
- c) a measles injection

9. Daffodil foliage should be cut down:

- a) Immediately after flowering
- b) at least 6 weeks after flowering

10. Which is the odd one out?

- a) Clematis
- b) Honeysuckle
- c) Sage
- d) Wisteria

11. *Clematis jackmanii* should be pruned

- a) after flowering
- b) late winter
- c) mid summer

12. Californian lilac is the common name for

- a) *Syringa*
- b) *Spirea*
- c) *Ceanothus*

13. How many Latin names did you find in the questions above?

14. How many English or Common names are there?

Scoring:

14 correct answers – you are doing well – join the Gardeners Question Time panel on Radio 4!

9 - 13 correct answers – you are obviously a gardener

5 – 9 correct answers – you are on the way!

Less than 5 – time to join the Stockton Garden Club to brush up a bit!





Nature Notes

John Hancock

Patagonia sounds utterly remote. The name roughly translates as big feet in Spanish, perhaps because the original inhabitants were tall people. The area, some 250,000 square miles (larger than France) is divided by the Andean mountain chain. On the western, Chilean side, the coastline is indented by fiords and sheltered from the Pacific by many islands. On the eastern, Argentinian side, the rain shadow effect of the mountains is stark. Away from the glaciers the land is semi-arid and stretches interminably towards the South Atlantic.

The mountains reach heights of over 3000metres (10,000ft); rather modest when compared to the 6000metre (20,000ft) peaks further north in South America. However, due to the latitude (50degrees south), glaciers flow from the ice cap and approach sea level. Sharon and I were privileged to visit this land in November with spring unfurling and so many new species of plants and animals to see that this article can do no more than scratch the surface. If it whets your appetite for more, read 'In Patagonia' by Bruce Chatwin (Vintage/Penguin) or 'Torres del Paine (Fauna, Flora and Mountains) by Gladys Garay and Oscar Guineo. I have copies of both books for loan.

We reached Chilean Patagonia via Santiago where the Jacaranda trees were in bloom. Their blue enhanced the wide Parisian style boulevards of the city centre. The flight south criss-crossed the cordillera with its many snow capped volcanoes. Our furthest south was Puerto Arenas on the north shore of the Straits of Magellan. Now it was into fleece jackets and woolly hats. Before driving north to Puerto Natales, on the fringe of the Torres del Paine National Park, we visited a penguin colony. This was towards evening when the Magellan penguins were coming ashore and walking inland to their burrows where their mates were incubating eggs or tending chicks. Disturbance of the birds was minimised by keeping to wooden walkways. North of Puerto Natales which was the last place to buy stores, we came to the cave of the Milodon. Here, in the 19th century, were found the fur and bones of a large (3metre/9ft tall) sloth. At first it was thought the animals might still be roaming the area and excited newspaper articles prompted a search. None were found and dating has since shown these large herbivores, preyed on by sabre-toothed tiger, puma and early man became extinct 10,000 years ago. The Natural History Museum in London has a display.

On our journey we saw Rhea (akin to a small Ostrich) and herds of Guanaco (a cousin of the Llama). Once hunted, these animals are now protected and happily grazed at the sides of the dirt roads. Overhead, Condors circled. These South American vultures with a wing span of up to 3 metres/10ft are beautiful in flight. The forested lower slopes of the mountains are unlike anything in the northern hemisphere. Several species of small-leaved Beech predominate, with both a deciduous (*Northofagus Antarctica*) and evergreen (*Northofagus betuloides*) species. These can reach heights of 15-20 metres /44-66ft but are often stunted by the prevailing westerlies, which can blow at gale force for days on end. We were treated to such a day on our first serious walk up to the snout of Glacier Grey when the wind, roaring through a gap, nearly blew us flat. Luckily, as we turned back for the hut, after viewing the expanse of ice and icebergs of vivid blue, the rain began, but with the wind behind us progress was easier. After that test we had superb weather. The memory is of 'Notro' (*Embothrium coccineum*) shrubs with their distinctive flame-red flowers spreading up the flanks of the mountains. These are members of the Protea family, one of which is the emblem of South Africa. This can be explained by the fact that the southern continents of Australia, Africa, India, South America and Antarctica were once joined in the super continent of Gondwanaland. This had broken up by some 60 million years ago. They share many species though in the case of Antarctica only the fossil record remains.

The beautiful perfume of the yellow flowered *Berberis buxifolia* was irresistible. Its local name is Calafate and gives its name to a small town on the Argentinean side of the mountains. Wild currant (*Ribes magellanicum*) was in flower and numerous other berry bearing plants like Murtilla (*Empetrum rubrum*) meant a rich harvest to come.

Our travelling companions in Patagonia were varied but all shared our love of the mountain scenery. We learnt a lot from our guides though our Spanish did not improve. After treks up to the granite spires of the Paine massif, we crossed into Argentina and the Parque Nacional Los Glaciares. Here, the peak of Fitzroy (3405 metres) is prominent and the many glaciers such as Perito Moreno and Upsala flow down into immense lakes (Lago Argentino is 110k/80 miles long). Walking through the alpine scenery, we found many unusual flowering plants including a creamy Anemone, (*Anemone multifida*), a yellow Violet (*Viola magellanica*) and an orchid (*Chloraea alpina*)

Now, back in cool grey England, our holiday in Patagonia will live in the memory. Spring in the south will soon be followed by spring in the north.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Sometimes the Village Hall committee feel that progress is being made and at other times, there is a sense that hopes for the improvement of the premises have 'gone into reverse' and suffered setbacks.



Certainly, considerable progress has been made in the fund-raising department to cover the costs of maintaining the Hall on a regular basis, but this has been mainly due to the revenue received from the Likely Lads dances and 'Moving Pictures'. The latter initiative is run with rampant enthusiasm, by Lana Long and her husband, backed up

by 'Team Marsh' – Lana's Mum and Dad and members of the Village Hall committee. Lana is always on hand to check that everything is in running order, including the raffle; the drinks bar from Cana Imports; the teas and coffees with cakes and biscuits and not forgetting the chips for the matinee performances. The net profit ranges between £103.00 and £332.00 on average, but the receipts for October surpassed all expectations when a capacity audience of 170 people packed into the Village Hall for the showing of **Mamma Mia**. The majority of the audience opted to have a fish and chip supper, supplied by the Bishop's Itchington Fryer and all customers pronounced themselves extremely satisfied with the quality and presentation of the fish and chips. At the end of the evening there were many comments about the 'most entertaining night in Harbury for years'; 'my best night out for as long as I can remember' and 'what a wonderful night, with people of all ages enjoying themselves'.



Since the audience ranged from 19 months to 90+ years young, it certainly was one of Harbury's vintage nights. Another fish and chip supper is planned to accompany the showing of **Miracle on 34th Street** on December 20th.

Everyone involved with the Village Hall was very upbeat about the entertainment, which can be provided in our local 'community centre', but then almost immediately, there were concerns about the plans for modernising the Hall. The trees which were planted by Frances Dashwood Farley, alongside the Constance Road hedge were given a Preservation Order, which necessitated the plans being re-drawn to ensure that the trees would not be damaged. Fortunately, the architects have responded to the challenge and Plan D is now in operation (Plans A, B & C having been previously modified by the committee in consultation with many supporters of the venture).

The next main events in the Hall will be the Christmas Fayre and the New Year's Dance. Tickets for the dance have all been sold and there is now a waiting list for anyone who still hopes to attend – ring 612305 to find out the latest information. The tickets will be distributed in mid December – after each person who has reserved tickets is rung with the details about their collection and given a reminder about making / finding a mask!!

Recently the Hall has played host to a community based Health programme (see Life Line Screening, elsewhere in the magazine) and also to other fundraising events, including the Myton Hospice Group's Casino Night. It is a very well used building, but it is the hope of the committee that the modernisation plans will bring it into the 21st Century and result in even greater use to the benefit of all in the village.



General Section

Memorial Garden, Chapel Street

The Parish Council, with the help of some grant funding from WCC has recently cleared out and replanted the Memorial Garden in Chapel Street, repaired the small low wall and replaced the bench and litter bin.



The garden is now looking much tidier and the photograph shows the first resident "sampling" the new bench. If any residents have memories of how the garden was first planted, we would be interested to hear them – please send to clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk.

The Harbury Choir School - a Singing Success!

Harbury Choir School is coming to the end of its first term. We could never have imagined all our hard work and planning would be so successful so early on.

This term the youngsters have all made incredible improvements and had fun doing so! They have learned a wide range of songs, as well as doing different fun musical activities. Playing the 'Boomwhackers' (tuned percussion tubes) and learning Solfege with hand signs, have been highlights of the term.

Five of the youngsters have been working extra hard, as they have been chosen to be tested for their first Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Voice for Life Award. These youngsters will be formally tested, and have to demonstrate that they have learned different technical aspects of singing and music theory. We expect them to perform well and to be awarded with their light blue ribbons and medals as a result.

On the 21st December, everyone will get an opportunity to see the Choir School in action; as we take part in the Choral Evensong at All Saints Church at 6pm. The young choristers will present medieval-feel candlelit pieces, as well as leading the congregation in some Advent Carols.



David Iles and Helen Garvin, Harbury Choir School,
www.harburychoirschool.org

'Beer & Carols'

All Saints' Harbury and The Crown Inn invite you to come along and drink your favourite tipple of choice, whilst singing along to your favourite Christmas Carols.

Crown Inn, Harbury, December 18th at 7.30pm (for about an hour)
 Contact Revd Craig, 612377 for more information.

Getting Rid Of Polio

In the next three years the Rotary Polio Eradication Programme will be complete. At this time there are just four countries left where the threat of Polio has not been removed by the Rotary Polio Plus campaign.

I want every child in the world to be free of this disease.

Will you help me?

In the past I have raised money by Running, Walking, Swimming, and Cycling. These are things I have no natural talent in so I thought: "What natural talent do I have?" and the only answer of which I was able to think was TALKING!

So I am going to attempt to talk (read, sing???) for eight hours non-stop (more or less! I need toilet breaks etc. – I'm an old man you know!) I will do this in public so any foolhardy mortal who likes to come and listen – ask questions – snore? will be welcome.

The venue (s) and times have yet to be fixed. The date is March 19th 2009. More news and Sponsor Sheets at a later date. I hope to exceed One Thousand Pounds

Peter Jackson (864234)

Youth Drop In

The Youth Drop In has changed to a new time of Monday 6:30-7:30. We will not be serving drinks on the field any more, as we have the use of the Diocesan youth van which was an old library van that has been fitted with seats and a counter from which to serve drinks and snacks. The van will provide a safe, warm and friendly place for the young ones to meet and chat. The van is normally housed in a barn at Grandborough near Rugby which means we have to fetch it every Monday. We have a few willing volunteers to drive the van but could do with a few more. If you are able to act as a driver or take a driver to Grandborough please contact Lesley Jones (613207) or Sue Lawrence (614937), thank you.

Lesley Jones

NSPCC

Quiz Evening

There will be a Quiz evening on 7th December at the Social Club 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Price is £14 for table of four. There will be sandwiches and snacks.

To book a table ring Pauline 612179 or Margaret 612345.

NSPCC committee

Gardeners - We Need Your Help

Harbury Preschool have a new garden area comprising two raised beds and a border. We are in the process of preparing the containers and bed for our first season. The success of our Garden Project relies on the generosity of others. At present we require compost/manure, water retention granules (or similar) and anything else you think you may have to help us start up. We are planning to have some year round plants for colour, smell and texture, also annuals the children can help bring on and care for - and enjoy the produce from! We would also love to be able to have entries suitable for the Harbury Horticultural Show. Thus, as well as donations, we would be appreciative of any advice and suggestions.

Warwickshire County Council are providing us with two compost containers. We are also exploring the possibility of setting up water butts. If you, or anyone you know, would be able to provide us with water butt(s) and/or the expertise to set them up - we would be delighted to hear from you.

Obviously we have to avoid any potentially dangerous plants in our garden, but we would also like to avoid using any chemicals. Any advice or donations as per natural ways to control pests would be appreciated.

If you are able to help us, or would like any further information, please contact me on 01926 612562.

Claire Panek

Tai Chi - progress into action

The response to my piece in last month's Harbury News about starting a Tai Chi class was typical for this village - better than I could possibly have imagined. Perhaps I should start revising my estimations of the village after all this time! Such enthusiastic support has to be acknowledged and responded to, so I have committed to booking the Village Hall for Friday evenings from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm starting on 9th January. If all those who expressed an interest come, we will have a great crowd and much fitness, health and joy all round. The fee will be £5 per session paid on the night and you will only be charged for sessions that you attend.

Whether you have expressed an interest or not up till now, you will be welcome and I look forward to starting the class. Please just turn up on 9th January or call me if you want to know more on 01926 612277, email: bob@churchterrace8.freemove.co.uk

Bob Sherman

Congratulations



The family and friends of Ryan Overton would like to congratulate him on his outstanding graduation parade at RAF Halton, this was a very proud day. We would also like to wish him all the best for the future in the RAF as aircraft maintenance mechanic at RAF Cosford and many happy returns for his 18th birthday on December 5th, I'm sure it will be a birthday to remember.

From all his proud family

Relief for the Post Office

Recent information from the Government has guaranteed that all the remaining Post Offices will continue to offer the vital card services (benefit and pensions), as Post Office Limited has had its contract extended until 2015. It's a great relief for our village postmaster and for all those who rely on the local P.O. and all the ancillary benefits that come with PayPoint. It's not only possible to pay many utility bills 'over the counter', but also to obtain cash by using any of the following standard bank cards for all the following banks:

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The Foodmart has recently branched out and brought in extra food lines including Gales Home-made pies, as well as chicken and sirloin steaks – so again there's no need to source those special dinner requirements from the big supermarkets – use your local shop.

It's also possible to find a range of Christmas goods, including cards, crackers and gift bags, as well as gift items such as gloves, hats and scarves. There will also be special Christmas drinks offers available throughout December and the shop will be open on Boxing Day from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

The last date for 2nd Class post is Dec. 18th, whilst for 1st Class post it's December 20th. Remember to post before the deadlines, to be sure of getting your Christmas cards to friends and relatives in time for the festive season. To ensure that parcels arrive in time, ask 'Guv' for details, as there is a Royal Mail leaflet detailing all the postal dates.

G. Sheasby

Life Line Screening

The Village Hall was recently involved in a community based Health Programme, which offered cardio-vascular screening to over 50 people who had opted to get 'checked out' for the risk of strokes, heart disease and aneurysms (enlargement in the main artery). The service could have coped with almost twice the number of 'patients', who wished to pay for a 'painless, non-invasive ultrasound scan' of 4 main regions of the body – abdomen, arms, neck and legs, which would indicate certain 'at-risk' factors. The medical personnel who turned up to carry out the screening were very complimentary about the facilities in Harbury's hall and indicated that they may return for a second visit sometime next year. If you didn't hear about the service in time this year, watch out for news in H&L News next time. Finally, a pair of glasses left behind after the day's session can be claimed by ringing 612305.

Chris Finch



G.A.S.S. (Guide & Scout Support) – Christmas Post

This year, the G.A.S.S Christmas post will start on **Monday 1st December** and finish on **Wednesday 17th December**. You'll find the postbox in Muglestones where, for a donation, you can post your Christmas cards and have them delivered within Harbury.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make the bonfire night such a success – collecting bonfire material, chopping onions, organising the fireworks, manning the gates, washing up and other jobs too numerous to mention. Particular thanks to Mary and Paul at Muglestones for selling the tickets and collecting the forms for the bonfire material. Well done everybody!!!

Ruth Walton, On behalf of G.A.S.S.

Thank You

To everyone who gave blood at last month's session. A total of 105 people attended; of these 9 were new donations – a special thanks to them. A total of 95 units were collected. The next session in Harbury will be on Thursday March 19th, 2009.

Gillian Hare

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal. 76 boxes were completed by Mothers Union members, friends and the Knitwits, as well as those made up by W.I. and school. They are now on their way to the Ukraine, where no doubt all those warm woollies will be really appreciated.

Mothers Union

Neighbourhood Watch

Bogus callers – don't let them in.

The problem of Bogus callers is one that always seems to be with us. They impersonate utility (water, electricity and gas) staff to try to get into your house, to steal things. The important thing to remember is don't let them in. They seem to target people living alone but anyone could be a victim.

A few simple steps can protect you.

To remind you

1. If they knock at your door do not open it.

Fit a chain and use it. Speak to the caller through the gap. If you do not have a chain talk through the letterbox if you are concerned.

2. Ask for identity.

All genuine utility employees will carry identity. Ask them to pass it through the gap, through the letter box or hold it up to the window.

3. Phone the company concerned.

If you are not satisfied that the caller is genuine then phone the company concerned. Use the telephone number from a bill or from the phone book, not from anything that they give you.

4. Do not be panicked into letting someone in.

If they use phrases like, "we need to turn the water off to stop a flood at a neighbours." be very suspicious. Genuine staff will not panic you like this.

5. Call the police.

If you are still in doubt about the identity of the caller on your doorstep. Contact the police giving as many details as you can.

In addition Severn Trent Water operates a Password protection scheme for people living on their own, or those who would like greater security. If you would like more details please contact me.

You may find the following numbers helpful to verify callers:—

Severn Trent	0800 783 4444
British Gas	0800 393 499
Powergen	0800 363 363
B.T.	0800 800 829

Alison Abbott

Coffee and Chat

There is still time to drop in to the Tom Hauley Room at 9.15am on a Wednesday morning, for 'how to relax with other young parents'. This session finishes on December 10th; watch out for new dates in January.

Mothers Union

Free Chipping Service for Christmas Trees

On Saturday, the 10th January 2009, residents will have the opportunity to get their Christmas trees "chipped" at the Village Hall Car Park. The service is being provided by local arboriculturist Colin Sheasby and customers have the option of taking their bagged chippings away with them for use in the garden – alternatively they can be left on site for disposal. This service will be available on one Saturday only between 10.00am and 12.00noon. This is a FREE service to residents, paid for by the Parish Council.

Harbury Parish Council

Elizabeth Mary Julia Pirie

Born Harbury - July 8th 1918

She was, by all accounts, a truly remarkable woman, who warranted a half page obituary in the Daily Telegraph following her death recently, aged 90 years. She was the only daughter of Allen Grant Pirie and Elizabeth Mary Pirie and lived in the village for the first five years of her life. Her father was an advocate from Aberdeen and when he died from wounds received in France whilst he was serving with the Royal Warwickshire regiment, her mother decided to return to Calcutta where she had been born and brought up, taking her daughter with her.

Elizabeth was educated at the Loreto Convent, Shillong, Assam, but on the outbreak of war in 1939, she returned to Britain determined to join the war effort. She joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), the women's section of the British Army and became a driver of staff cars and ambulances in Shrewsbury before volunteering for work in France and Germany after D-Day. She was among the first Allied soldiers to enter Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and she would later speak movingly about the effect this experience had on her. After serving on the Rhine, she left the Army and went to work as secretary and personal assistant to the Duchess of Atholl, who as chairman of the British League for European Freedom was an ardent campaigner against Soviet control of Eastern Europe. It was during this time that Elizabeth joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), which had provided female agents for the Special Operations Executive working with the French Resistance. She then worked for the International Maritime organisation, before being approached by M15 and asked to infiltrate the Communist Party of Great Britain by working as a typist. She worked for F4, the section within M15 which monitored the

Communist Party's activities and its links to the Trades Union movement. Selected members of the party were told to keep their membership secret, so that they could be used by the KGB for operations in Britain.

'Julia', as she became known to her colleagues, spent two decades as an M15 agent at the heart of the Communist Party, most of it as personal assistant to the party's general secretary. Julia would pass over her regular reports and photocopied documents to her M15 handlers during cricket matches at the Oval, a procedure which left her with a life-long love of the game. She resigned from her party post in the 1970's and then went on to collect information on the Provisional IRA during several missions in Europe.

By now with her background in espionage and her ability to masquerade as a harmless, elderly spinster intent on sightseeing, she managed to provide vital information about the movement of Libyan gold used to support the Provisionals campaign in Northern Ireland. On one occasion in Barcelona, she rented a flat immediately below one occupied by members of the Catalan terrorist group, Terra Lliure, which was used as a 'safe house' by the IRA. The reverberation and echoes coming from her monitoring equipment was difficult to control and resulted in a visit from the Barcelona police, but she managed to convince them that she was simply an innocent English spinster on a sight-seeing holiday and so continued her operation until her M15 handlers decided to pull her out for her own safety.

After retiring from active operations in the 1990's, she lectured to groups of M15 trainees and the police before indulging her love of travel, visiting Africa, Australia the Caribbean, Europe, the USA and of course – Russia. She apparently kept in touch with relatives of all ages and remained extremely generous with her time and commitment to those she regarded as her close family. Whether any relatives remain in the vicinity is not known, but it's possible there could be some connection with Dr. Pirie, who was a well respected Harbury doctor for many years? Whatever information is unearthed as a result of this article, it is recorded that Julia never lost her keen interest in cricket and she was an avid and skilled bridge player. Despite the intense pressure of working 'under cover' for much of her life, this unassuming, typically English lady always retained a quiet sense of humour and a warm laugh.

Harbury salutes her, as someone whose formative years began here.

Chris Finch



Southam Lions

- O2 It's Your Community" Support Southam



A Southam Lions questionnaire to the young people of the town identified a need for a cinema. Southam's population could not support a commercial cinema but the County Council had a project called "Rural Cinema" where special equipment and new films could be

hired for a day for about £50. Southam Lions decided to apply for an award through "O2 It's Your Community" Scheme to support the hiring of this equipment for a year. The application was successful and the photo shows the presentation of a cheque for £600 to Lions president Danny Barker.

This award will allow the Lions to fund/organise a film once a month for 12 months. This will improve access to arts/entertainment for Southam & the surrounding villages.

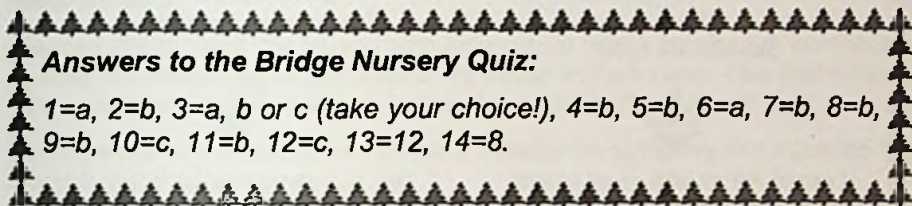
Peter Guy

Southam Lions Presentation to Alan Peachey - St John Ambulance Brigade - Southam



"At the Lions' meeting on November 19th, President Danny Barker presented a cheque to Alan Peachey for £1,000 in respect of funds raised in Southam by Southam Lions at the annual 'Hog Roast' on October 13th. This money will go towards other fundraising taking place to equip the mobile unit of SJAB with a stretcher trolley. The target figure is approx £6,500. Alan Peachey insisted on attending the

presentation even though he had been discharged from hospital that afternoon. In thanking the club for the cheque, he spoke of the special relationship between St John Ambulance and Southam Lions and hoped that it would continue for many more years."



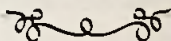
Answers to the Bridge Nursery Quiz:

1=a, 2=b, 3=a, b or c (take your choice!), 4=b, 5=b, 6=a, 7=b, 8=b,
9=b, 10=c, 11=b, 12=c, 13=12, 14=8.

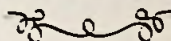


Lost and Found Notices

FOUND in Church Street on 1st Nov. Amber/Blue glass dangle ear ring. Ring 612141.



A pale green Cotton Traders anorak was left in the Tom Hauley Room some months ago. If anyone can claim this we should be very grateful. Please contact Liz Bunting 2 Dovehouse Lane or ring 612450.



Scooters Found: *There are 2 children's scooters that have been in the tennis clubhouse for many weeks now. They must have been found somewhere on the playing fields and have not been claimed by any of our Junior players. If they are not claimed before Christmas they will be given to or sold for charity. Ring 613284.*

JANUARY EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to 31, Binswood End

by 15th December

Articles to Harbury Pharmacy

by Monday 22nd December

Seasons greetings to all friends in Harbury and Ladbroke. This year we are donating chickens and cockerels to help families in Africa.

Sue & Alan Lord



I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. I will be giving a donation to Church Funds.
Mavis Young

I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

*Denis Andrews
The Bungalow, Hall Lane*



Wishing all our friends in the village a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2009. Instead of sending cards we are making a donation to Mytan Hospice.
John & Joan Broomfield

Merry Christmas

We would like to wish our many friends in Harbury a very happy Christmas and New Year. In place of sending cards this year, we have made a contribution to the Warwickshire & Northants Air Ambulance.

Andrew & Jenny Patrick

Through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, we would like to wish all friends in Harbury a Very Merry Christmas and All Good Wishes for 2009. We think it would be good to make a donation to Marie Curie Nurses instead of sending cards locally.

Mary & John McLaughlin

Alan, Ruth, Harriet and Jonathan would like to wish their friends and neighbours in Harbury a very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of joy. We will be making a donation to GASS and to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Ruth and Alan Guy



Gillian and Michael Horv send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to their friends in Harbury. As usual, in lieu of cards, they will send a donation to Leamington Christian Mission for their work with the lonely and desperately.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our friends in Harbury.

Especially those in the W.I., Harbury Society, Horticultural Society, Twinning Association, The Church and Bellringers in Harbury and Ladbroke.
Neville & Nora Ellis





LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the person who kindly dealt with a black sack containing pieces of coloured paper left outside my house in Park Lane. This had broken open and the paper was strewn across the road into Bush Heath lane.

I don't know why this was left. It was a Sunday so obviously not intended for recycling collection that day.

Thank you again to the person who took the trouble to take the bag away and sweep up the mess.

Yours sincerely

Pam Hatchett

Dear Editors,

We thank everyone who made cakes, gave raffle prizes and donations for the coffee morning held on the 1st November. We sent a cheque to the Multiple Sclerosis Society for £413.50. Thank you all for supporting us. It was nice to welcome members from the local branch, who usually try to join us. We also appreciate all the help on the day.

Brenda Turner and Doreen Bloxham

Dear Editors

NSPCC would like to thank all those who helped and attended the Ladies Luncheon. We raised a fantastic £318.

Dear Editors

The coffee morning for Myton Hospice on the 14th November raised the grand total of £382.50, a wonderful result plus £150.00 from the sale of Christmas cards. We very much appreciate all the raffle prizes, cakes, donations and bric-a-brac given too. Thank you everyone for your support that day.

PLANT SALES

Our thanks to go to Lou, Cheryl, Nigel and Steve for growing and transporting all the lovely hanging baskets, plants and shrubs to Harbury, also to Chris and Leon for allowing us to hold the sales in "The Dog" car park. The total amount from the sale was £2345.60.

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Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Caroline Hill	613780
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Sally Stringer	613214
Village Hall	Kate Johnson	613087
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (614104)

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings 10:00am -12:00 noon (612877)

Mondays 7:00 - 9:00pm; (612627)

Friday (Juniors) 6:30 - 8:15pm (612029)

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.40 - 6.40pm (613434)

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm (613207); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 Noon (612864)

BRIDGE CLUB: Thursday in Village Club at 7.00pm (612714)

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538)

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES Farley Room Wednesday 4.00 - 8.00pm (01789 290733)

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm (612978)

CHURCH MEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612753)

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00noon (613214)

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm (614730)

DROP-IN TEA FOR THE BEREAVED: 19, Farm Street, last Wednesday in the month (except in December) 2.30 to 4.30pm (612585)

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm – 8.45pm

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 7:00pm (07939 679533)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm (613730)

HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534)

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB: Chairman: Mike Jones Tel: 614040

Years 8 & 9

Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Year 7

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 612617

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Year 6

Coach: Tony Chamberlain Tel: 07854 358287

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 4 & 5

Coach: Judith Woodfield Tel: 01926 312021

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Year 3

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 01926 612366

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 1 & 2

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 01926 614304

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury School

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm – 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm (613386)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP Last Monday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612150)

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00 – 11:30am &

Wednesday 1:30 – 3:00pm (614858)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 – 10:00pm (612819)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)

8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Scout Hut, Saturdays,

10:00am – 12:00noon (612734)

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 – 5:00pm and 5:30 – 7:00pm;

Thursdays 10:00am – 1:00pm; 2:00 – 5:00pm & 5:30 – 7:00pm;

NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm; (613163)

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Tom Hauley Room, 3rd Saturday in the month 7.30am

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8.00pm (612427)

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: Meeting on 2nd Wednesday in the month at the Shakespeare 8:00pm (612792)

RAINBOWS : Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.30pm, Unit Leader Bobbi Sharpe 614040

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm (614062)

SLIMMING WORLD: Village Club, Wednesdays 6.30pm, Sarah Bull 07989 901 973

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THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of Village Hall 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm (612877)

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (614188)

WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL: In the grounds of Harbury Primary School,
Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.30pm (07906 519148)

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