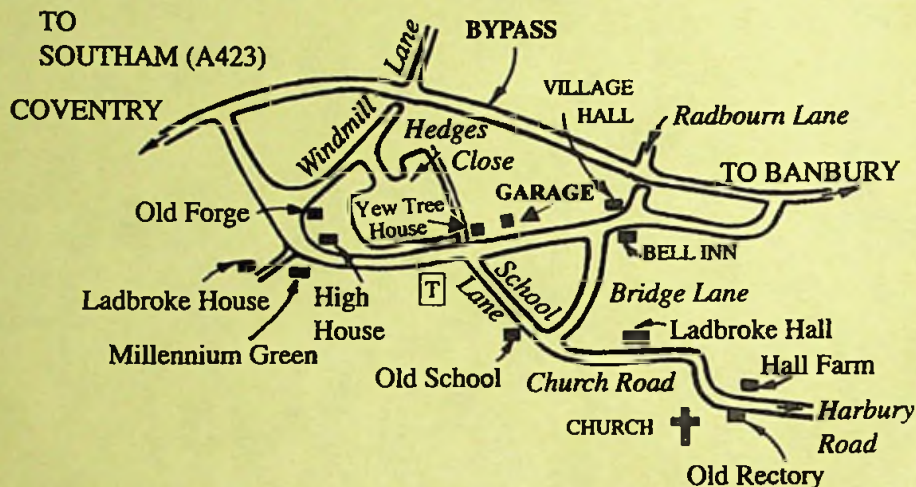


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Editorial

Good news for the New Year – a Priest has been appointed to both parishes. Craig Grocock is currently Curate at St. Nicholas, Kenilworth and is expected to take up the position after Easter.

After a break for Christmas and New Year the village societies are announcing their spring programmes. Two additional activities began in 2007 in Harbury, the Bridge Club and 'Moving Pictures'. The Bridge Club meets on Thursday at 7.00pm in the Village Club and on Saturday 12th January, there is an afternoon family film with a second film showing in the evening – see advertisement for details.

In Ladbroke, 'Pirates of Penzance' are inviting villagers to come aboard on January 19th for a singalong production.

Many villagers will remember Canon Rowe, who was Priest in charge for both villages; his requiem was held in Harbury and his internment in Ladbroke.

Harbury Diary

JANUARY

- | | | |
|-------|----|--|
| Sat | 5 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Church |
| Sun | 6 | EPIPHANY
Sung Eucharist 9.00am. First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room, Evening Worship 6.00pm
Harbury Twinning Association 12 th night Fetes des Rois celebrations 8.00pm |
| Mon | 7 | REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY
Toddler Group re-opens |
| Tues | 8 | Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
Youth Drop in 7.00-8-30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Horticultural Society Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Thurs | 10 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Bridge Club 7.00pm Village Club, Hall Lane |
| Fri | 11 | NO REFUSE OR RECYCLING COLLECTION TODAY |

- Sat 12 **REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION TODAY**
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
 Moving Pictures showing 'Transformers' doors open at 3.00pm,
 film starts at 3.30pm in Village Hall
 Moving Pictures showing 'Atonement' doors open at 7.00pm,
 film starts at 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 13 **EPIPHANY II** Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist
 10.30am
- Mon 14 Parochial Church Council Meeting
- Tues 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM**
 Youth Drop in 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers Union Faith Supper 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion 7.45am
 Harbury Bridge Club 7.00pm Village Club, Hall Lane
- Sat 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Brownies
- Sun 20 **EPIPHANY III** Holy Communion 8.00am, Family Communion
 10.30am, Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 22 Youth Drop in 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion 7.30pm, Julian Meeting 8pm
- Thurs 24 **ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY**
& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club Christmas Lunch in Tom Hauley Room
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 25 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION TODAY**
 Harbury Society Burns Night at the Dog.
- Sat 26 Primary School Ceilidh in Village Hall
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers Union
 The Central Warwickshire Schools' Relay Championships
 hosted by Harbury Primary School starts 10.30am to held on the
 Playing Fields
 Harriet Randall's Trip to Namibia slideshow 3.00pm in Tom
 Hauley Room
- Sun 27 **EPIPHANY IV** Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung Eucharist
 10.30am
- Tues 29 Youth Drop in 7.00-8.30pm at Village Hall
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 30 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St
- Thurs 31 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Harbury Bridge Club 7.00pm Village Club, Hall Lane

**Please Note: Bookings for the Village Hall are to be made with
 Kate Johnson Tel: 613087**

FEBRUARY

- Fri 1** Grange Players present 'Cinderella' 7.30pm at the Grange,
Southam contact Karena 614462
- Sat 2** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddlers
Grange Players present 'Cinderella' 2.30pm at the Grange,
Southam contact Karena 614462
Music & Dancing to 'Jazz Fiction' in Village Hall
- Sun 3** **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT** Sung Eucharist 9am,
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Evening Worship 6.00pm
Grange Players present 'Cinderella' 2.30pm at the Grange,
Southam contact Karena 614462
- Tues 5** **SHROVE TUESDAY**
Youth Drop in 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 6** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Holy Communion 2.00pm,
Mothers' Union 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room

From the Registers*Funerals at All Saints' Harbury*

December 3rd Canon Antony Rowe (81)

**From the Churchwardens****Tony & Fliss**

The Christmas Fayre was again a resounding success and we thank everyone who worked hard to make it so.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Canon Antony Rowe, but we felt immensely privileged that it was his wish that his funeral be held here, followed by committal at All Saints' Ladbroke. His Requiem Mass, celebrated by his son, Stephen, was inspiring and moving, a true celebration of the life of a devoted and much loved Priest. The Church was full; members of his family were supported by many of his former parishioners and a great number of friends. We extend our sympathy to Jean and the family. A tribute to Tony appears elsewhere in this magazine.

We are very grateful to everyone who contributed, behind and before the scenes, to making this Christmas a wonderful celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. The Church looked beautiful, the services were well attended, the helpers too many to name, but we do thank you all.



Christmas in a sense began with the Christingle, organised by Sally, Ruth and Mavis. With the help of a large number of children and a multiplicity of hats representing different nations, we were reminded that we are all children of God, all children of the world He created.

Finally we are delighted to tell you that a new Priest has been appointed to Harbury and Ladbroke. His name is Craig Groocock. He is currently Curate at St. Nicholas, Kenilworth and is married with two children. We look forward to welcoming him and his family after Easter.

We wish you all a happy, blessed and healthy New Year.



First Light

Alison Abbott

Maybe it's not the top of your list just now, but do you ever wonder 'WHY PANCAKES?' For an answer, please come to First Light on Sunday February 3rd. This short informal service, for all the family, takes place in the Tom Hauely Room, behind the Church at 10.30am, following coffee from 10.00am; everyone is welcome.

And the topic on January 6th is 'Priorities.'



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

In December we only had an afternoon meeting and this took the form of a mix of readings and music. Taking the candles of the Advent ring as the theme, we considered how the coming of God's son was prepared for by His people of faith, by the prophets of old, by John the Baptist and by Mary, His mother. And we prayed that we too will be ready when He comes again, with our hearts and minds free of the commercialism and busy-ness that tries to overwhelm us, to receive His promise of hope.

January is party month. On January 2nd we meet at 3.00pm (no service first) for tea and entertainment. Please bring a small gift, value less than £1.00.

On January 15th at 8.00pm there will be a faith supper. Please bring a plate of food to share. If you have not received an invitation from Anne, will you let her know if you can come and if you are bringing a friend?

Saturday January 26th – we are running the coffee morning. Please, if at all possible, offer help, cakes, bric-a-brac or raffle prizes. This event enables us to make a significant contribution to the work of Mothers' Union in a wider sphere.

We wish all our members a happy and healthy New Year.



Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mrs Hare told us a story about a very special donkey that belonged to Joseph who was a carpenter in Nazareth.

The donkey worked very hard carrying wood and lots of other things for Joseph.

We then sang the song "Little Donkey" accompanied by Mr Hare on his accordion.

Joseph received a letter that told him that he and Mary had to go on a long journey to a place called Bethlehem. Mary was having a baby so Joseph decided that she would ride there on the donkey. The donkey

was very proud of this and thought that it was much better than carrying wood. It was a very long journey and by the time they got to Bethlehem they were all very tired and hungry.

They tried lots of places to stay but because there were so many people there were no rooms available. Finally one innkeeper said that they could sleep in his stable.

The donkey knew that this would be fine because it would be warm and snug with all of his other animal friends. That night there were lots of stars in the sky but there was one very bright star shining to tell the world that something wonderful was going to happen - and it did! Mary's baby was born and they called him Jesus.

We then made some stars and Mrs Hare had a big star so that we could follow her on a journey around the church whilst we sang "Going To Bethlehem".

After this we had our drinks and played for a while until it was time to go home.

We then followed the star again out to the lychgate with the children still singing to the music being played by Mr Hare.

The next Toddlers is on Tuesday 8th January at 2.00pm 2008 in church. All toddlers and babies accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us.



A Tribute to Canon Antony Rowe

Beryl Checkley & John Moore

Canon Rowe, who died on November 27th, was Rector of Harbury and Ladbroke from 1983 to 1992, when he and his wife Jean retired to live in Mickleton.



During his time with us the number of people attending church increased, and his was the vision that brought the Tom Hauley extension to the church into being. He opened the Tom Hauley Rooms in December 1989 and, as he foresaw, it has become a valuable church and parish venue.

Canon Rowe was very much a family man, devoted to his wife Jean and to their children Anne, Stephen and Nicholas. When their children married, Mark, Christine and Sally were welcomed into the family, and

later he delighted in the arrival of his grandchildren Rachel, Hannah, Lucy, Thomas and Sebastian.

Canon Rowe was a priest par excellence, always caring and concerned about his parishioners, whether they came to church or not. He served his Master and his parishes to the utmost of his considerable ability.

We, his churchwardens, probably appreciated him more than most. We saw his lovely sense of humour, his innate kindness and gentleness. Although he abhorred evil and wrongdoing he was capable of following his Master's example of hating the sin but continuing to love the sinner.

In obedience to his wishes his funeral took the form of a Requiem Mass held at Harbury church followed by interment in Ladbroke churchyard. The ceremonies were conducted by his son Stephen, Archdeacon of Fraser in Canada. The readings, readers and hymns were all chosen by Canon Rowe himself and it was a moving and uplifting service.

We valued him highly and will not forget his service to our parishes.

"And all the trumpets sounded on the other side"

Ladbroke News & Diary

JANUARY

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| Sun | 6 | Epiphany Sunday 10.30am Christingle Service
with Family Communion followed by refreshments |
| Sat | 12 | Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall |
| Sun | 13 | Holy Communion Sung - 9.00am in Church |
| Mon | 14 | Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall |
| Tue | 15 | Aerobics 6.00pm; Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM |
| Wed | 16 | Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall |
| Sat | 19 | 'Pirates of Penzance' 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| Sun | 20 | Holy Communion 9.00am - Book of Common Prayer |
| Mon | 21 | Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall |
| Tue | 22 | Aerobics 6.00pm; Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall |
| Thur | 24 | Womens' Institute Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall
'Pampered Chef' demonstration |

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Sun 27 Holy Communion Sung - 9.00am in Church
Mon 28 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tue 29 Aerobics 6.00pm; Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Sun 3 Family Communion 10.30am
Mon 4 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tue 5 Aerobics 6.00pm; Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

January 16th, 13th & 20th Jane Rutherford
 January 27th Hazel Sharples
 February 3rd Hazel Sharples



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

We have had the most wonderful Christmas in our church at Ladbroke. With the Carol service still to come; our Crib service and Christmas morning service was as well attended as I have ever known. It was so heart warming to see everyone.

January – Epiphany – falls rather flat. We have our Christingle service with our Family Communion on January 6th when our Kings/Wise men from the East arrive at the Crib.

We must also remember that we have a Coffee Morning for the Church Funds in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday January 12th – 10.00am. Please come and support us. The usual raffle prizes and cakes will be gratefully received.

I apologise for all the times of the services in December: I got it wrong – it did make you look twice though didn't it?

A Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year to everyone.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Christine Baker

Members had a 'ghostly experience' with speaker Graham Sutherland taking us 'A Haunting We Will Go'. Most members spent the next hour holding their breaths waiting for the next spooky story. Following the talk, several members shared their own ghost experiences. Not a night to walk home in the dark!

Raffle was won by Hazel, Sue Rayner and Christine.

Dates for your Diary :

'Pampered Chef' – Tracie Schilling will be giving a cookery/cooking product Demonstration on Thursday 24th January 2008. This will be an open evening so ALL WILL BE WELCOME. Starts at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall.



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw

Janet Goldson

The results of the draw for October and November were:

October	November
£80 G Middleton	P Edgar
£25 Kim Bendzak	Alan Lochhead
£25 Mary Coley	Kim Bendzak
£10 Moira Brierley	TK & D Surgey
£10 J & P Laidler	Jonathan Ford
£10 Wild Indians	C & K Constable
£10 R Walker	Geoff Timms
£10 Lois Workman	K Tancock

Due to the increasing number of participants, the number of prizes has increased to 8 prizes a month with the first prize rising from £70 to £80. If you are not already in the draw but wish to join in, please phone 817733.

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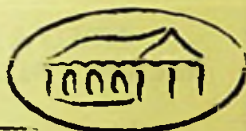
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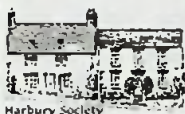


'Pirates of Penzance' comes to Ladbroke

Margaret Bosworth

Following last year's successful production of G&S 'Pirates of Penzance,' Ladbroke Village Hall Committee invite you to come aboard "HMS Pinafore" on January 19th at 7.30pm. Come and sing along, music scores will be provided. Tickets are £7.50 and include the loan of the music and a buffet supper, there will be a bar available.

Tickets can be obtained from Bill and Margaret Bosworth on 01926 817312. Numbers are limited so book your berth early!



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our Photo Quiz at the Christmas Fayre featured Harbury Doorsteps and was won by Julie & Clare with 68 points out of a possible 76; close behind were Paul Winchester with 64 points and Charlotte Peacock with 60. Well done everyone who took part. It was a particularly testing exercise this year.

The next Society event is the Burns night on 25th January at the Dog Inn and the next talk takes place on 25th February 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room when Bob Bearman will speak about local market towns. The AGM is on 10th March followed by a talk on Home Energy Efficiency.



Subscriptions to the Society are due on 1st January and are £5 each or £8 for a family. Everyone is welcome to join; please contact the Treasurer, John Holden or Linda Ridgley on 612792.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

A pleasant Christmas meeting with mulled wine, mince pies and pressies. Thanks to members for their help.

The Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Warwick and the W.I. Group Carol Service at Napton Church put us into the Christmas spirit as well.

Next year's outlook looks good with all the different events.

The speaker was John Clewes talking on R.S.P.B. with slides. The work of the R.S.P.B. the largest organisation in Europe, really does help to keep the birds alive. Their headquarters are at Sandy, Bedfordshire. They have nature reserves etc. and also a farm in Cambridge. An important part of their conservation work is related to birds, protecting species both at home and abroad. Their aim is to also conserve natural environments for a range of wildlife and maintain nature's beautiful spaces.

The start of the Plume and Feather Club in 1889 was the start to try and stop the plumage trade. 10 tons of feathers went through, the port of London every week. The trade was stopped in 1921. Then the small birdlife in different countries that were captured, shot and sold for delicacy. R.S.P.B. have persuaded 40 countries so far to stop (if possible).



This is just an outline of their work but one must agree that they do excellent work. Several at the meeting joined to become R.S.B.P. members.

January Speakers: 'Our Life in Teaching' – Mary Thompson and
Lin Hayes

A Happy New Year to all.



Folk Club

Doug & Janny Freeman

The theme for Harbury Folk Club number 277 was "Winter Festivals and Feasts", and we were truly treated to a feast of music, song and food. The selections from the performers ranged from traditional carols and songs, celebrations of winter, and as always individual interpretations of the theme.

In the first half there were fine contributions from; Janny and Maureen, Stuart, Peter McD, Ron, Mick, and Pete Bones. They weaved their way through the theme with: Dutch St Nicholas celebration, first Christmas away from home, making choices in the world, singing to the morning, apprentice's Christmas party, Fiddlers' Ball, Salvation Army, Les Barker's Santa story. The final act of the first half saw the audience severely depleted as the Harbury Folk Club Choir took to the "stage", and gave us rousing renditions of the Boar's Head and Pentonville.

During the first break, there was the compulsory purchase of optional raffle tickets for the selected charity: Steph and Geoff's Leamington Christian Mission. Sue Crum had made mince pies and these went down a treat, whilst Janny added to the charity collection by selling some Dutch seasonal treats which she had baked.

The second half kept up the fine standard with contributions from: Ted and Sue, Pete Mason, Pete Grassby, Summer and Jim, Barbara, and Ian and Sue. They mastered the theme with: Holly and Ivy, story about a naughty boy, office party, winter howling in, ploughing, time, spirit of solstice, hunting the Wren, musical medley of Christmas carols, winter drawers on, to drive the cold winter away. Summer had baked a wonderful "sun" shortbread, which was readily consumed by the audience, and got the prize for the prop of the evening which was a rustic bird cage on a decorative branch complete with a Wren in the cage. The second half was bought to a close by that seasonal offering: The BBQ Hornpipe from the Band of Folk.

Debbie was in fine form as she opened the third half with Gabriel's Message. We then asked Mick, a welcome newcomer to the club, and Ted and Sue to give us one more song each. The formal part of the evening then came to a close, but it was followed by a great session of Christmas tunes by musicians on melodeons, concertinas, guitars, whistles, bones, and probably some other instruments I failed to

notice. The evening raised £70 for the Leamington Christian Mission. Next month Debbie and Des host the evening on Thursday January 3rd, and their theme is *Names*.



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

On Friday 14th December we held our very popular Christmas Party. It was wonderful to see so many of our members really enjoying themselves, full of the Christmas sprit – thank you Beaujolais!

The entertainment was hilarious thanks to Andrew and Peter and the tables looked so pretty with beautiful decorations done by Carol and Margaret.

I hope to see you all again on January 6th at Peter and Moira Rollison's for our 12th night Fetes des Rois celebrations, 8.00pm onwards.

Once the New Year starts, your committee will be working hard to organise our visit to Samois. The dates are May 2nd to 5th and we will be travelling by coach. We will also be setting a date for the Twinning Quiz.

Bonne Annee!

Harbury Juniors
FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Junior's Football

U11's v Alveston

Whilst Harbury started brightly, Alveston dominated the match for much of the first half but with Thomas Conway outstanding in defence and William Rea having a sound game in goal, the match remained scoreless at the interval. However, with James Eales and Michael Moss battling well in midfield, Harbury gained more possession and after several close chances, William Apted made the breakthrough to score both goals in the 2-0 victory to win the match.

Whilst Harbury were not at their fluent best the team showed great character and commitment and fully deserve to be top of the league.

Malcolm Tanner

Coffee Morning A very big thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning in Harbury Rugby Club before Xmas. It was a great success and we raised in the region of £250. Many thanks to Bobbie, Angie, Helen and Rhian for all their hard work. Also to everyone who donated raffle prizes and Caroline Swydryk for all the fantastic cakes and mince pies. It was a good for parents/players to have the chance to socialise and for us to try out the facilities. We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Lynda Murray



Harbury Toddler Group

Jacqui McElfatrick & Julie Young

It's been another fun packed month at Toddler Group, especially so with all the excitement in the run up to Christmas.



The Christmas party was a great success. Harbury Village Hall was overrun by countless fairies and princesses, elves, mini Santas, two walking Christmas trees, a little snowman and even a baby reindeer!



Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great occasion for our little Toddlers – the list is endless, but again thanks to the residents of Frances Road who managed to create a wonderful grotto for Santa, and of course a special thanks to Santa Claus (although my little 2 year old was slightly confused by the plastic iron she received when she had just asked him for something completely different – she'll never trust him again!!).

A big thanks also to all the parents who helped out before and on the day, brought food – some fabulous Christmas fairy cakes - and those who donated to our Christmas raffle.



The next event was the parents Christmas drinks,

initially starting as a Harbury pub crawl, but due to the very wet weather and the lovely warm fire at the Shakespeare we got stuck! One or two bottles were shared – a good night for us to catch up without little people tugging at our clothes – before we 'toddled' home.

Our little one's were very busy in the toddler group sessions too. They made lovely Christmas cards – snowmen covered in cotton wool and Christmas trees plastered in glitter. At the last toddler group of the year, we got ourselves ready for the new one by making 2008 calendars, again with stacks of sparkle (those on tidy up duty are looking forward to the glitter being packed away until the next festive season!)

Diary dates

Toddlers Coffee Morning – Tom Hauley Room Sat 2nd February

Sessions start back on the 7th January.

Toddler group is held every Monday morning 10-11.30am and Wednesday afternoon 1.30-3.00pm. It is great fun and gives the little one's a chance to do exciting, creative activities and play alongside their little friends. Parents and carers get the chance (sometimes, babies & toddlers permitting!) to chat to others and enjoy one or two biscuits and a cup of tea.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Nativity Songtime – As one might expect, December was heralded by the Pre-School children with great enthusiasm. During the first week, despite the continuing rain, we kept hoping that it would be dry enough to hold our Nativity Songtime at the Jacksons' stable yard and, miraculously, it was! The children walked down Mill Lane, donned their outfits and played their parts to perfection. Many thanks to Bud and Tony Jackson for allowing us to use their stable yard to create such a special atmosphere for the children and parents.

Decorations – Back at the Wight School, the children enjoyed making lovely decorations for the Christmas tree as well as painting pasta tubes and threading them onto string to adorn Santa's Grotto in the book area. Fairy lights and decorated CD's completed the festive appearance.

Cards and gifts – Fantastic observational drawings of the tree made wonderful Christmas cards for the children to take home and gift wrapping of empty cartons was very popular, especially as the pile under the tree grew bigger.

Christmas Hats – Saffie's daddy, Masa, was welcomed to Pre-School to demonstrate again his expertise in paper technology as he helped the children to make their Christmas hats.





Father Christmas – took time out from his busy schedule to pay a visit to Pre-School and was delighted to be greeted by some specially rehearsed songs. After each of the children had been given a gift from his sack, they all had the chance to have a chat with him and then sang "We wish you a merry Christmas" to send him on his way.

However, before he left, Ishbel had a suggestion for Father Christmas – "You can come and deliver the presents to all the boys and girls and then go home to have a nice long sleep"!

Farewell – We were sad to say farewell to Amber Qway, but we send her and her family our very best wishes as they enjoy a warm Christmas in Australia.

Party – At the end of the term, the children and their siblings had a marvellous time at the Christmas party organised by the Pre-School committee. Games, party food and another visit from Father Christmas rounded off another busy and exciting term.

Thanks – We are very grateful to the Tawney family for the lovely books donated to Pre-School. As always, thanks also to all the volunteers who have given their time and expertise during the term.

Finally – Gael, Lisa, Lesley, Bud, Claire and Angie would like to thank the parents and children for all their lovely cards and gifts and to wish everyone a very happy year in 2008.

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



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Windmills

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Festive activities at Windmills have included decorating stars, making calendars by weaving a variety of collage materials, cooking chocolate truffles which were taken home in individually decorated trinket boxes, producing hand print Christmas cards, rehearsing Christmas songs and creating the backdrop for our nativity Christmas concert. We also had visits from Jo Lockley of Sound Beginnings who ran a music workshop with the children and Pricilla - Joshua Wheatley's grandma who came and talked to the children about Christmas in the olden days.



She brought in a stocking just like the one she would have received when she was a little girl and invited the children to choose an item - these included a lump of coal, an old penny, sugar mouse, Satsuma and walnuts. The children then enjoyed playing 'oranges and lemons' - a game played in the olden days.

Windmills Christmas Nativity Concert which we performed in the Tom Hauley Room followed by a further performance in the school hall for the infants.

Glitter everywhere! - Gethan and Gianluca



Visit from Santa - "Father Christmas you can come and have some mince pies at my house when you come down my chimney" - Leyton

Mia measuring the ribbon to weave her calendar.

Madeline opening Windmills advent calendar.



Tana presenting his friends with a present before he leaves Windmills to return to Australia



At the December toddler service Windmills' children entertained everyone with two songs from their concert accompanied by Michael Hare on his accordion.

Thanks - Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated toys and equipment for the children which is very much appreciated by both the children and staff.

A big thank you to all those who helped to make our Christmas concert such a success. We were thrilled to see so many parents, friends and relatives who came to support the children.

Save for your Diary - Tuesday 22nd January 2008 visit from our artist. Friday 8th February 2008 Chinese New Year fancy dress party during the morning session.

We would like to wish everyone a happy new year and remind parents that Windmills Nursery reopens after the Christmas break on Tuesday 2nd January 2008.

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



Boy's Singing – Congratulations to all of the boys who took part in the concert at Warwick School in December. Playing to a full house, the boys sang three of the songs that they had been learning over the course of the term, ending with a rousing rendition of "Every week we live for Saturday afternoon", a football song which went down especially well with the audience. Many thanks to all the boys who turned up and represented the school so well – we were very proud of them.

Carol Service – Congratulations, too, to the children who took part in the Carol Service at Church. A number of parents have commented on how, during the Service, the children built up a wonderful atmosphere which really got to the basics of what Christmas is about – celebrating the birth of Jesus. This was especially nice to hear as that was probably the main aim of the evening, so well done to everyone who took part. My thanks, too, to all of the staff who put so much work into making the Service so special.

The next Cross Country race is being hosted by us on **Saturday 26th January** at the Village Hall Playing Fields. It is an opportunity for everyone to get involved, as the event has three sections:

- ♦ The Central Warwickshire Schools' Relay Championships, with the girls race at 10.30 and the boys race immediately after at about 11.00.
- ♦ A children's charity fun run, for pupils at Harbury School only, at 11.30. This will be held over one lap of the Playing Fields, and is open to children across the school. The entry fee will be £1 per child, with all proceeds going to a charity to be decided by the School Council.
- ♦ An adults charity fun run relay, with teams of 3 each running one lap of the playing fields, at 11.45. This is open to anyone, although all teams must have at least one runner with a direct link to the school. Parents are encouraged to try and get their own teams up, preferably including runners from outside the school community, so that we can have an increase in the number of teams running. Anyone not in a team, but who would like to run anyway, should just turn up and we will form additional teams on the day.

The entry fee for this event will be £3 per team, with all proceeds again going to a charity chosen by the School Council. You have plenty of notice, so get training!

PTA – Many thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of the Children's Discos in December – I understand that a wonderful time was had by all – well done.

I have also been asked to inform parents that the final total for the Sponsored Walk is £1,801.36 – many thanks to everyone who took part in the walk for such a magnificent effort. Well done.

Describe your bedroom

Edward was given 15 minutes to come up with a description of his bedroom. We thought this was brilliant..... Nigel Chapman

My bedroom is not like any normal bedroom - it has mysterious things, here's an example, the beady eyes of a bear.

Where I keep my books something lurks, there's a wild wall that will gobble you up! There is a battle, army against army - bang, bang! The toys transform into vehicles and crash each other. Some animals come and hug me at night.

I love it in my bedroom, it's my magical place where I have lots of fun, losing myself in my dreams when I go to sleep.

My creepy lava lamp in the shape of a rocket may launch into space and take me on an adventure at any second and that's my bedroom!!

By Edward Easton (age 10 years)



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Despite the best efforts of several members of the committee, we heard that our application for Big Lottery funding had been unsuccessful and would not be going through to the next round of deliberations. Whilst there is some disappointment at the news, it was not unexpected. We always suspected that Harbury would not fit into the criteria of deprivation and basic community needs which attract funds from the national programme of support. We were contacted on more than one occasion to be congratulated on submitting a very

impressive application, but when the 'chips were down', we were left out of the next round of the game! However, far from being disheartened, we are putting a positive spin on the news by realising that at least we don't have to wait another twelve months to hear if we might be successful in the final round – another twelve months hence! We will now concentrate our efforts on other sources of funding and phase in any development of the Hall over several years, so that it is never completely 'closed for business'.

Most of our hirers recognise that Harbury's Village Hall has much to recommend it and although some areas look a bit 'tired around the edges', it serves the majority of functions exceptionally well. The Blood Transfusion Service which used the premises the day after Boxing Day were delighted to come to a Hall with an impressive amount of space and also to find that the heating created comfortable conditions for blood letting. It wouldn't be a good idea to have volunteer donors shivering before having an 'armful of blood' removed!

The end of the month will see the second New Year's Dance organised by the Village Hall committee. Some of the tickets for the Likely Lads event were booked as early as October following the first mention of the dance in the Harbury News. The black tie event is again a complete sell-out and the committee hope that it will remain a fixture on Harbury's social calendar for some years.

The Village Hall committee of volunteers are continually working to ensure that the premises are clean and well maintained and are grateful for the efforts of all the groups who hire the Hall who do 'their bit' to leave the rooms as they found them. We are fortunate to have the services of a good cleaner now whose role is to polish the main Hall floor/ attend to the toilets/clean all the floors in the other rooms and ensure that the shower facilities are kept in a hygienic condition etc. One of the committee members visits the Hall every day to check that all other needs are serviced – electrical maintenance/windows and doors in good condition and most importantly – no pools of water from the known leak from the rear roof above the Youth room.

We even look after other people's belongings and at present, there are one or two items of lost property retained in the Hall – a child's anorak, a plastic holdall and a carrier bag containing school equipment found outside on the pavement. If you can identify these as your child's possessions, please go into the Hall when it is open and collect them from the hooks in the Wagstaffe room. We wish all our hirers a Happy New Year and we look forward to your continued support in 2008.



Our third full house in a row for our December meeting. Everyone joined in the festive spirit and we had a quiz. I did ask Janice for one with a Horticultural theme which is what we had. The questions started off quite well, most of us getting the first half dozen, then they got more difficult and we had to really work our grey cells. However, we all enjoyed it and big thank you to Janice for once again asking the questions.

The first prize winners were new members Gordon Robbins and his partner and the runners up were Tony Brunton, a founder member of the Society and his partner. Very well done to them and to everyone for taking part.

The Bursary was won by Celia Barrett and we had 14 raffle prizes with a festive theme. This was the last raffle that Alan and Betty sold the tickets for and again my thanks to them. We then enjoyed a wonderful buffet, we really do have some excellent cooks in our midst. Thank you to everyone for bringing the really delicious food.

If some of you saw Joe Swift on Gardeners World enjoying the Winter foliage, etc at Anglesey Abbey you may have recognised parts of it from a trip we made there a few years ago. It isn't too far to go and well worth visiting in Winter, as are the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge. Also a bit nearer home the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham always good to visit at any time of the year. Then of course the arboretum at Batsford has great Winter interest. Do go and savour what nature has to offer you will not be disappointed, also you can get ideas for your own gardens to brighten up these Winter months.

Don't forget that the January meeting is on the second Tuesday, being 8th January, hope this doesn't clash with any other village activities. Fiona Hopes will be talking to us about her experiences working as a garden designer. It promises to be most interesting and she is going to bring along lots of her drawings and designs, books and leaflets plus lots of slides. Hopefully we can apply some of what she shows us to our own gardens.

Then the February meeting is on 5th and I managed to secure a visit from Michael Ecob, another speaker with a very busy schedule. He will be showing us that Rutland, England's secret county has much more

to offer than Barnsdale Gardens. Another talk to look forward to. How will we fit in all these new places to visit in 2008?

I look forward to seeing everyone in January and a very Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

As I write, Friday 21st December, we have had a high pressure weather system with us for two weeks. Some days have been bright and frosty and some cold, damp and overcast with visibility severely restricted by mist. Today, the shortest in terms of daylight hours, marks a watershed in the year and by the time the magazine is delivered, we will be noticing, particularly on bright sunny days, how the afternoon stretches towards 5pm.

Yesterday afternoon, I decided to bale out from the Christmas rush and bustle. My original idea was to cycle on minor roads to Daventry and look at a new wood which is being planted alongside the A45 on the north west side of the town. Some of our friends kindly bought Sharon and I some young trees, already planted in the wood, as a Ruby Wedding present, and I was going to have a look. The mist was gathering and I decided to leave Kentle Wood for another day. Instead, I took a walk over the fields towards Ufton through Ufton Fields Nature Reserve and back through Bascote Woods. Visibility was never more than a quarter of a mile and dropped dramatically as darkness descended long before I re-entered the village up Bull Ring Farm Road at 5.30pm. Walking the field paths in winter conditions has been made a lot safer now slippery wooden stiles have been replaced with kissing gates at many boundaries. This is thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Footpath Group.

Crossing an arable field close to the Reserve, I had my head down looking at the bits of stone lying on the partly frozen surface and spied a curved, grey, piece of rock which turned out to be part of an ammonite. This fossil which was a free swimming relative of the modern nautilus is now extinct but thrived in the shallow Jurassic seas which covered much of Warwickshire some 150 million years ago. By rough calculation, continuing the curve of the rock to produce a circle, the specimen I found had a diameter of 15cms (6"). A little further on, a scattering of feathers told a story. Probably a fox had crept up on a

small goose the night before. Nearby a small pond was frozen. I pulled my hat on tighter and pressed on to Ashorne Hide at Dragonfly Pond which provided a welcome seat. Parts of this larger pool were not frozen but I saw no water birds - had they all gone to Jephson Gardens for the handouts of bread? A light breeze disturbed the foliage surrounding groups of Reed Mace. Examining an Elder bush in a sheltered spot, I found the purple leaf buds were quite well advanced, whereas on a bush in an open colder spot, I found none.

On to Bascote Woods where cold drops fell from the trees like a brief shower as what wind there was stirred the upper branches. I followed a thin path along the top of a bank which must have been laboriously constructed as a boundary years ago. This led from the new smallholding of Lower Fox Farm into the heart of the wood and brought me onto the main east-west ride. Now progress further northwards off the path and down the steep wooded bank, in gathering gloom, was slow. A flock of rooks came by looking for their roost (safety in numbers). On the map, the contours gather just here and I measured the drop as 25 metres; rather like the fall out of Harbury to the Rugby Club. Indeed, it's really a continuation of our ridge bending away to the north east.

Clearing leaf litter, I found the new growth I was looking for; probably Dog's Mercury though I could not be sure. A Wood Pigeon's nest, just a flattish mesh of twigs was easy to see against the lighter sky. To progress more quickly, I skirted part of the wood via a pasture. A fallen Ash had been logged up. The Ivy which had clothed it had been logged in turn, clinging to its host. Deer had taken advantage of this bounty and fed on the Ivy bark leaving the Ash untouched. Oak, Ash and Hazel, together with some Holly, Hawthorn and Cherry at the margins just about complete the woodland cover. No Beech or Silver Birch as far as I could see.

And so the year is petering out. We are promised some wind and rain this weekend which will be novel. I misquoted Rex Humphreys last month. He had seen Chaffinches, it was Goldfinches that had been missing. Now they are back. Maurice Bristow dropped me a note to say that the family had heard a Tawny Owl hoot from the direction of Dark Lane. It seemed to be having a vocal duel with a cockerel crowing away in Chapel Street.

I'll close by wishing you all a Happy New Year with lots of interest in the natural world for you to enjoy.



General Section

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre 2007

As mentioned in last month's magazine, on Friday, 7th December 2007, a cheque for £1000 was presented to Jo Payne, the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance representative, by

Mick Austin who was rescued by the air ambulance following an accident. We had hoped the team who rescued Mick would be able to join us but duty called! Following a short speech of introduction by Dan, Jo briefly outlined the work of the air ambulance and made the point that the WNAA is based locally and can be in our area



within minutes whereas the County Air Ambulance is based in Birmingham, a point to remember if you wish to make a donation, although both air ambulances provide a vital service for which many of us have cause to be grateful.

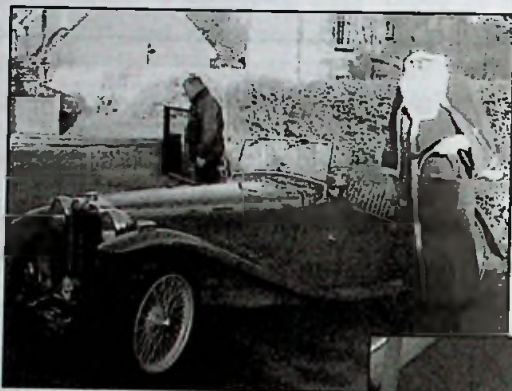
After Jo's interesting and informative speech, Gwen Austin (Mick's wife) thanked Jo and all those connected with the Air Ambulance for looking after Mick so well which possibly saved his life.



Many thanks to Margaret for letting us make the presentation at the Gamecock and also for the delicious buffet provided to round off the evening.

Dan and Julie Killian

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2007



Carol Singing by Hereburgh Morris and the Folk Club

On the evening of Thursday, December 20th, 21 singers and musicians from Harbury Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris went carol singing around the pubs of Harbury, starting at the Old New Inn and finishing at the Crown.

As usual, we enjoyed ourselves and, although some of the pubs were rather quiet, we managed to collect £112 for Myton Hospice. We would like to thank the landlords, bar staff and their customers for their generosity and good humour.

Peter McDonald

Slimming World Comes to Harbury!!

Did Santa leave a few extra pounds in your stockings this year? Believe me, you're not alone! Luckily you don't have to go it alone to get back on track as a brand new Slimming world club is opening in Harbury to help you get to where you want to be!!

At Slimming World there is no such thing as D.I.E.T. (Dare I Eat That?) With our food optimising plan, no food or drink is forbidden so the variety is endless and believe me there is plenty to eat! (My personal favourite is syn free chips, eggs and beans!)

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To join this fantastic new group and discover a slimmer, healthier, fitter you, come along to the Village Club in Hall Lane, Harbury at 6.30pm on Wednesday January 9th, or telephone Sarah on 07989 901973 for further details.

Sarah Bull

Harriet Randall's Namibia Trip - Slideshow- Saturday 26 January, Tom Hauley Room 3.00pm

A number of people have asked me to show some of my pictures from my World Challenge trip to Namibia in July 2007, which so many people kindly supported. I will be giving a short presentation in the Tom Hauley Room, on Saturday 26 January at 3.00pm.

Everyone is welcome - tea and biscuits will be provided.

Hope to see you there!

Harriet Randall

Nu-Routes Concert Tuesday 12th February in Harbury Village Hall

Following the success of last year's sellout concert, there will be another fantastic traditional music concert in Harbury Village Hall on Tuesday 12th February. This year's concert will present Eleanor McEvoy with the Tim Edey Band featuring Brendan Power and Lucy Randall.

Extracts from the "Nu-Routes" UK tour publicity: The project is led by leading Irish songwriter and singer, Eleanor McEvoy. Eleanor, a seasoned session musician and orchestral fiddle player from an early age, first shot to prominence when her song "A Woman's Heart" which became the theme and title track to the largest selling Irish album "A Woman's Heart". Her version of the song, sung with Mary Black, became an immediate hit and the song is now a recognised Irish standard with countless cover versions.

Joining her is a stunning band led by the virtuoso guitar and melodeon playing of Tim Edey who has played in the finest of Celtic bands including - Lunasa, Mike McGoldrick band, Session A9. At 27, he is regarded by many as one of the finest melodeon/accordion and guitar players of his generation. Along with Tim will be Brendan Power, a stunning harmonica player who has recorded with Sting, Van Morrison, Paul Young and Shirley Bassey, classical guitarist John Williams, flautist James Galway and Irish singer Mary Black amongst many. In addition, Lucy Randall a first rate percussionist who toured with Seth Lakeman in 2006 will be with the group.

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Doug Freeman

Credit Card Scam

This is not a new scam but it is very clever one and several people in the Leamington area have been victims. The caller does not ask for credit card number they already have it, in fact they provide you with all the information except the one thing they want.

The scam works like this:

Person calling says, "This is (name) and I am calling from the security department of VISA (or MasterCard). Your card has been flagged because of an unusual purchase pattern and I am calling to verify. "Then they will ask you about a purchase. When you confirm that you never made the purchase the caller continues, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This will be sent to (gives your address) is that correct?"

Then the caller says, "I will starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions you should call the 0800 number on the back of your card and ask for security. You will need to refer to this number. "The caller then gives you a six digit number.

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works the caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say, "No," the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master Card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the

information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

Smart Water

Now is your last chance to buy a bottle at the discounted price of £15 if you have not done so. I will be returning all stock in January so hurry and mark all those valuable Christmas presents. Ring me (612939) if you want to know more.

Alison Abbott

Ballroom Dancing Class...2008



A Happy New Year to everyone. This is to announce that the Ballroom Dancing Class will re-start on **February 20th** at 8.30 in the Village Hall. This will be a short session of 5 weeks as Easter is early this year. We will be looking at some Latin American and Jive as well as revisiting Waltz, Tango, Social

Foxtrot and Quickstep. New members are always welcome. The cost will be £20 payable at the start for the full 5 weeks.

Jenny Patrick 614359

Biking Adventure



I was recently reflecting on the passing of another year and it got me thinking – what do I do to make 2008 truly memorable?

Coincidentally I saw a headline in the local press – “Join us on our biking adventure” – an article looking for volunteers to join a sponsored bike ride across South-East Asia to raise funds for Myton Hospice.

The opportunity to do something really challenging and at the same time raise money for a really worthy cause – one which I feel we can all relate to. Perfect, a truly memorable adventure. So I signed up and that's my challenge for 2008 – to get myself fit, physically and mentally, to ride around 450 miles over seven days and to raise £3,000 for Myton Hospice.

The adventure will take me to Bangkok at the end of April and, as part of a group, I will cycle across the North Eastern region and National parks of Thailand entering Cambodia through the Northern Border before returning home on the 11th May.

So now the hard work begins. I need to get pedalling and acclimatise myself to life in the saddle – and I need to start fundraising. This is where the people of Harbury can help and support me.

I will be undertaking a number of fund raising events, the first of which is an evening of Music and Dancing on Saturday 2nd February in Harbury Village Hall. Music will be provided by "Jazz Fiction" a very talented seven piece ensemble. So come along and enjoy yourselves and help 'The Challenge' at the same time.

Over the next few months there is every chance you will see me in training in and around the village. If you do, please stop me and offer me something – ideally sponsorship or raffle prizes - at the very least words of encouragement. MANY THANKS.

I will keep you informed of developments.

Jim Farrell, Ivy Lane. Tel : 612396. Email : jj.farrell@btinternet.com.

Jim Farrell

Take Time Out

A leisure time project for the community of Ufton and surrounding areas

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

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

Woolly Workshop – Friday 29th February 10.00am – 12.30pm
Ufton Village Hall

Gill Alexander of The Woolly Workshop in Towcester is bringing her 'shop' for us to delve into including 'sock' kits and many exclusive yarns from the US. We will knit a felted mini bag using novel and beautiful yarns and learn how to make handles. Each kit includes pattern, yarns, needles and decorations and cost £11.50.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Karin Kirk (812883)

VILLAGE SCENES

The Village Pond at the Junction of Bush Heath Lane / Park Lane
taken 18th December 1952



Binswood End Smithy and Garage taken 1950's



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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to thank everyone for cards, letters, and flowers following the death of my mother, Hilda Morris. Although she had never lived here, she had been visiting regularly for 38 years and viewed it as a second home. There were many Harbury friends at her funeral and we are grateful to Father Roy for an uplifting service at Oakley Wood. We are giving donations in her memory to the James Hiron Home in Leamington where she had lived for the last 4 years and where she received wonderful care.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Hancock

Dear Editors

I would like to express a very sincere thank you to all those people in Ladbroke who gave so generously to the 2007 British Legion Poppy Appeal: the total raised, including donations collected at the Bell Inn was £213.78, which once again put Ladbroke at the top of the list. Well Done!

Yours faithfully

Mike Radburn
Yew Tree Cottage
Ladbroke

Dear Editors,

May I through the pages of your magazine thank everyone who have supported the Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

I have been co-ordinator of the scheme for a number of years and felt it was about time I resigned and let someone else take over and much to my delight David Halsall of Hedges Close has agreed to be my replacement. I

would like to wish David well in his new role as well as thanking all those people who have helped by reporting incidents or taking phone calls, thereby ensuring the village is a safe place to live.

Thank you and Happy New Year.

Janice Berry

Dear Editors

Rev. Canon Roy & Pam were able to join us for festive drinks and nibbles together with friends and villagers of Ladbroke at Chapel Ascote Farm on Sunday 2nd December 2007. The fund raising event raised a total of £550. for Ladbroke Church. Many thanks to everyone who came for their generous support and also to those who helped provide food and raffle prizes.

Jenny Barrett

Dear Editors

On behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind I would like to thank Sheila Jackson and her friends for their hard work at the Coffee Morning.

We raised £247.00 all of which will be spent on stimulating toys for the dogs in training.

Mae Watson

Dear Editors

Once again the Cake Stall at the Christmas Fayre was very well supplied, many thanks from Jeanne, Margaret and Muriel, to all who baked and gave them - and pies etc... thanks also to the folk who bought them!

"The Ugly Sisters"



Dear Editors

The affection and thoughtfulness for our Senior Citizens was again evident this year. The Village Hall was festively decorated for the occasion and the tables laid for a hundred or more appreciative guests.



The meal was thoroughly enjoyed. And once again provided and served by committee members.

The party was followed by a grand raffle, entertainment and community singing and lastly many nostalgic reminiscences completed a very happy occasion. Very many thanks to the committee and its band of willing helpers.

Ralph Swadling

Dear Editors

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Harbury & District

Yet again, another staggering total. The most ever £2,634.08.

Our grateful thanks to the ever generous contributors from Ufton, Deppers Bridge, Chesterton and Harbury. Never forgetting that stalwart band of collectors with their continuing loyal support. The appeal was boosted yet again with a donation from the Parish Council and a separate Deppers Bridge donation.

The 2007 annual coffee morning again proved popular and well supported with over £200.00 raised. Sincere thanks to those who gave raffle

prizes and to those dedicated ladies for cooking and giving tasty mince pies, tarts and cakes etc.

The Church service saw a full congregation and more people waiting at the cenotaph. There we were fortunate to have the services of a newly acquired trumpeter - thank you Tony and indeed all who participated.

The Committee

Dear Editors

I would just like to say a big thank you to all the committee and their great helpers for the super Senior Citizens dinner recently. Their hard work and planning to make the evening such a success was much appreciated.

May I point out to people that one does not have to be on the bread line to participate. I can honestly say I really did not see an old dear there at all either.

Good luck to you all.

Jeanne Beaumont

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:
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Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Lesley van Kesteren	613411
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Sally Stringer	613214
Village Hall	Kate Johnson	613087
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

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Regular Diary Dates

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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 6:15 - 7:30pm (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)

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

Under 17s

Coach: Keith Edwards Tel: 421414

Training: Tuesday. 7.30pm Myton School

Under 14s

Coach: Alastair Cattrell Tel: 335366

Training: Thursday 7.30pm, Harbury Rugby Club

Years 6 & 7 (U11 & U12)

Coach (U11): Neil Murray Tel: 612524

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Coach (U12): Andy Dickson Tel: 612192

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 4 & 5 (U9 & U10)

Coach (U10 – Year 5): Malcolm Tanner Tel: 612617

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Coach (U9 – Year 4): Tony Chamberlain Tel: 614816

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 2 & 3 (U8)

Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

Training: Thursday 6.15pm, Harbury Rugby Club

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)

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Thursdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

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COACHING - For individual or small group coaching, please contact Linda Casement (614734) or Angie Dean (614513).

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: Primary School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am - 3.15pm; Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm (614564)

YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgery (817904)

YOUTH DROP IN: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00pm in Village Hall (613207)

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1st Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evening Worship
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	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
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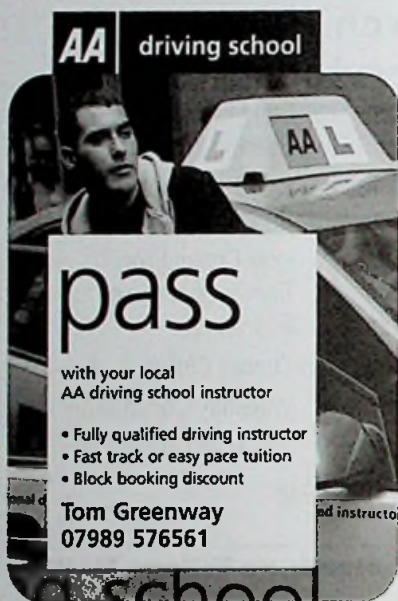


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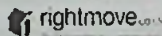
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