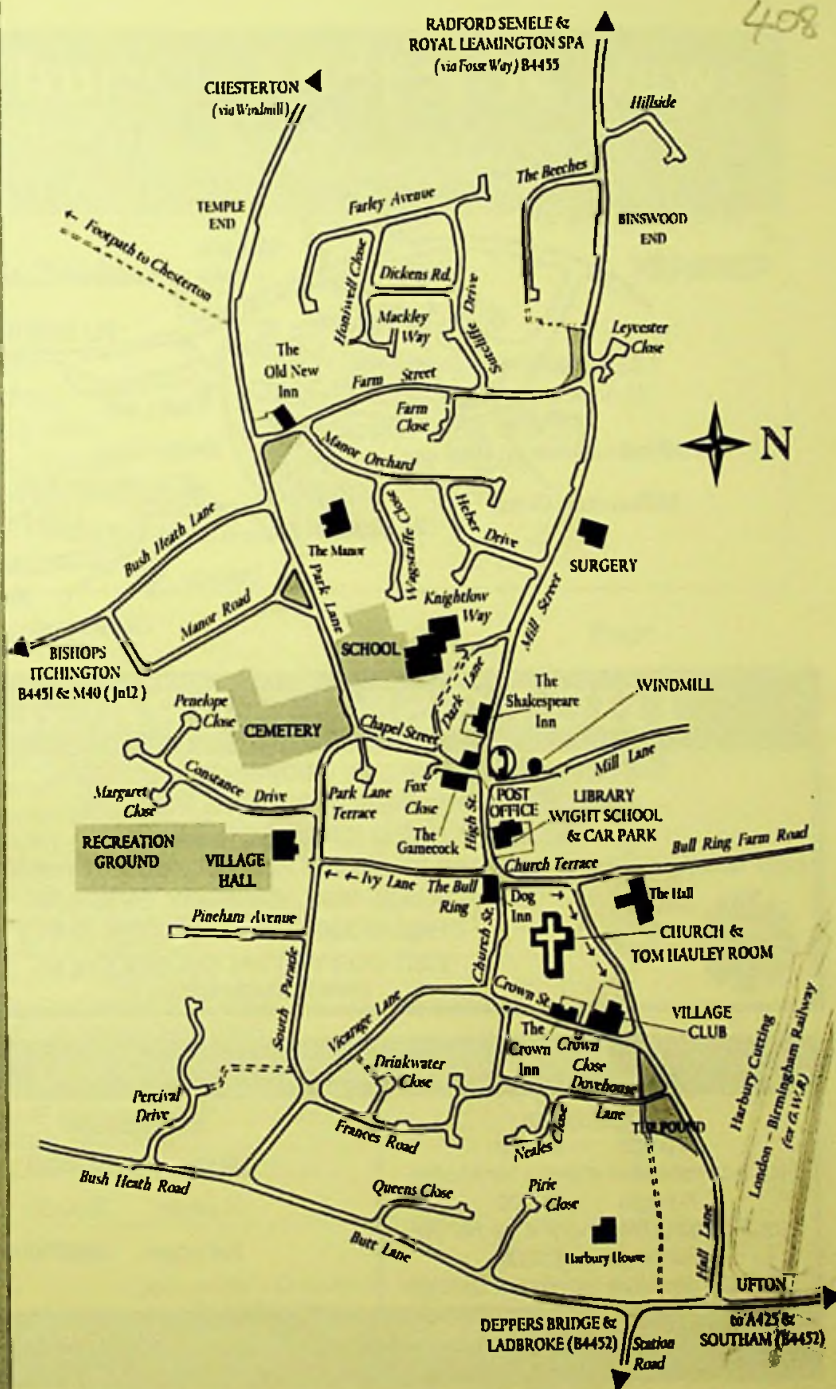
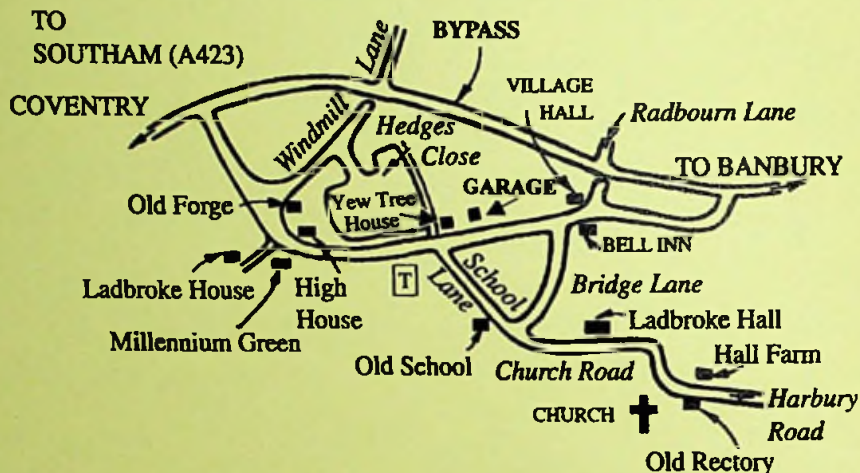


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Editorial

Congratulations to Harbury WI on achieving their 90th Anniversary. We look forward to their centenary in 2018.

Perhaps not quite so old is the scout hut, which is now completing its refurbishment. As can be seen in the photograph in the Rainbow's article the kitchen looks to be well equipped.

Congratulations also to Natalie Bemrose on recently collecting the Warwickshire Female Sportsperson of the Year Award. We look forward to hearing of further successes.

The future of the local Post Office is uncertain, pending the outcome of the forthcoming regional review. We need to be prepared to fight for their survival.

The Editors would like to give advance notice of the Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM which will be held on Monday 7th April at 8pm in the Shakespeare Inn.

Finally we express our sympathy to the families of Paula Moss and Roland Newbery.

Harbury Diary

MARCH

Sat	1	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of PCC
Sun	2	MOTHERING SUNDAY LENT IV Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Church Evening Service 6.00pm
Mon	3	PCC Meeting 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Tues	4	Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room Youth Drop-In 7.00 – 8.30pm in Village Hall
Wed	5	Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers Union meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room: Lent talk by Diane Patterson Ballroom Dancing 8.30 – 10.00 in Village Hall

Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am Art Group 10.00am – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
Fri	7	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION Short Act of Worship 12 noon in Church, followed by Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room Women's World Day of Prayer 2.00pm in Church
Sat	8	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of NSPCC Moving Pictures at Village Hall: 3.30pm 'Stardust' 7.00pm 'Elizabeth The Golden Age'
Sun	9	LENT V Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Twinning Association Quiz 7.30pm in Village Club
Mon	10	Harbury Society AGM and talk on Energy Efficiency 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Tues	11	Holy Communion 9.45am Toddler Service 2.00pm in Church WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room Youth Drop-In 7.00 – 8.30pm in Village Hall
Wed	12	Ballroom Dancing 8.30 – 10.00 in Village Hall
Thurs	13	Holy Communion 9.45am Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club
Fri	14	Short Act of Worship 12 noon in Church, followed by Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Sat	15	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Fairtrade Celia Neil's Morris Club 10.00am – 5.00pm in Village Hall ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sun	16	PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion 8.00am Procession from School to Church 10.15am For Family Communion Service at 10.30am Evensong 6.00pm
Mon	17	Holy Communion 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
Tues	18	Holy Communion 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room Youth Drop-In 7.00 – 8.30pm in Village Hall

- Wed 19 Tea 3.00pm – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
 Ballroom Dancing 8.30 – 10.00 in Village Hall
- Thurs 20 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Blood Donors 11.45am – 8.30pm in Village Hall
 Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club
 Sung Eucharist 8.00pm followed by the 'Watch' at the Altar of
 Repose until Midnight
- Fri 21 **GOOD FRIDAY**
 Children's Service 10.30am
 Devotional Hour 2.00pm -3.00pm
- Sat 22 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Breakthrough
 Breast Cancer
 The Blessing of the Paschal Candle & Service of Renewal
 8.00pm
- Sun 23 **EASTER SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 25 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
- Wed 26 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30pm – 4.30pm at 19 Farm
 Street
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club
**ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST,
 HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 29 **REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY**
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke WI
- Sun 30 **EASTER II**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am

APRIL

- Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 2 Holy Communion 2.00pm
 Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Art Group 10.00am – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare

Fri	4	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat	5	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Heart Foundation Councillors Corner 10.00am – 11.30am outside the Post Office
Sun	6	EASTER III Holy Communion 8.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Short Act of Worship at 6.00pm in Church followed by the Church AGM in Tom Hauley Room

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Sat	10	HJFC presentation evening is from 6.30pm at Harbury Village Hall.
Sat	18	HJFC Harbury Tournament will be held from 10.00am

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

February 10 Molly Kathleen Shuttleworth

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

February 1 Roland Dennis Newbery (86)

Funerals at Oakley Wood

February 5 Paula Moss (42)



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

On February 2nd, some 33 children and almost as many helpers attended what has become the annual All Saints' party. Thank you to all who came, to the families who supported the event and to all who helped. It was a happy occasion.

Congratulations to William and Elizabeth whose presentations are recorded in this month's photographs. William has attended Funday Club 100 times and Elizabeth 150 times. Very well done both of you and what an example you are to us all!



Elizabeth and William receive their presentations for 150 and 100 attendances at All Saints Sunday Club.

The presentation at the February Family Communion Service depended heavily upon another William, a small boy who never did anything by halves. Deciding for rather questionable reasons of his own, to become a saint overnight, he involved his friends in this perilous project. They learned that sainthood is not an easy option: we concluded that a more realistic course this Lent is to take small steps, day by day, towards leading a better life.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our afternoon meeting evoked many happy memories when members talked about hats they had brought. They ranged from the glamorous wedding and race-going outfits, through the sunhat eaten by a goat, to the tiny baby head coverings.

In the evening our speaker, Helen Robertson, took the brave step of unpacking her handbag for us. She showed how every bit of clutter could be a reminder of God's blessings to us, and how we can respond by the way we use our time and our abilities for Him.

Thank you to everyone involved in our coffee morning in January. From this £126 will be sent to the Make a Mother's Day project, to fund a community worker and a literacy scheme for grandmothers. In many African countries grannies have been left to care for children orphaned by HIV Aids.

- March 5th - Afternoon meeting 2.30pm. A Lent talk by Rev Diane Patterson
- March 7th - Women's World Day of Prayer service 2.00pm in Harbury Church
- March 18th - Evening meeting 8.00pm. A discussion about the Lent calendar 'Time for Relationships'.



First Light

Alison Abbott

If there is more to Easter than chicks and chocolates, there are also some difficult questions.

How could the Son of God be killed so cruelly? What did He want us to learn from His life and death?

First Light on April 6th will look at the paradox of a King who lived to serve – and encourages us to do the same.

This short informal service is open to anyone and everyone; it happens in the Tom Hauley Room at 10.30am or come early for coffee.



Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mrs Travis told us the story of Jonah and the Whale. God asked Jonah to go on a long journey to where all the people were fighting and being very naughty. Jonah did not want to do this so he decided to get on a boat and go as far away in the opposite direction as he possibly could. Whilst he was on the boat there was a big storm (at this part of the story the Toddlers had fun making the noises of the wind, the thunder and the lightning).

The sailors became very frightened and Jonah told them that it was his fault because he had not done what God had asked him to do and it would be best for them if they threw him overboard. The sailors did not want to do that at first but the storm became even worse and eventually they did throw him overboard.

Jonah was very lucky because just as they threw him into the sea a big whale swallowed him and a little while later the whale opened its

mouth and spat Jonah out right onto the shore. As luck would have it the whale had delivered him to where God had wanted Jonah to go in the first place. The people were still fighting and being naughty but when Jonah talked to them and told them that it was much better to be friends rather than enemies they stopped fighting and became friends. God was pleased with them all.

Mr Catt played for us and we helped by playing other instruments. We then each had a whale to colour and take home.

Our next meeting of Toddlers is on Tuesday 11th March at 2.00pm in Church.

All babies and toddlers are welcome to join us accompanied by an adult.

Ladbroke News & Diary

MARCH

Sun	2	MOTHERING SUNDAY LENT IV Family Communion 10.30am
Mon	3	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	4	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	5	Lent Lunch 12.30pm at Old Rectory
Sun	9	LENT V Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Mon	10	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	11	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	12	Lent Lunch 12.30pm at Walworth Farm
Sat	15	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sun	16	PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in Church
Mon	17	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Tues	18	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
Thurs	20	MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion 7.00pm

Fri	21	GOOD FRIDAY Children's Service 10.30am Holy Hour 12 – 1.00pm Good Friday Service 7.00pm with readings, Hymns, Anthem
Sun	23	EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion 9.00am
Thurs	27	Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sun	30	EASTER II Holy Communion 9.00am Said Service
Mon	31	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall

APRIL

Tues	1	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
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**Ladbroke Church News****Betty Winkfield**

Lenten tide is almost over and Easter is upon us. Palm Sunday begins Holy week on March 16th with a 9.00am Holy Communion service and the distribution of Palm Crosses, celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There will be services in Harbury Church every evening that week. See your little church Easter cards for details of ALL the Easter services in Harbury and Ladbroke.

Our services over Easter are:

Thurs	20 th	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7.00pm
Fri	21 st	Good Friday Children's Service at 10.30am Holy Hour 12 – 1.00pm, Readings and Prayers Service of Hymns, Readings and Anthems with the Augmented Choir at 7.00pm
Sun	23 rd	Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 9.00am

A Personal Plea from Betty Winkfield

To the people who attend the graves in Ladbroke churchyard. Please, please do not put wreaths in the green wheelie bin. The wire in them is not bio-degradable and I have to get them out of the bin. The biggest problem is that if we put rubbish in the green bin more than once the bin will be confiscated. The notice on the side of the bin was removed by someone for some reason only they know.



Ladbrooke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Christine Baker

2008 started with a Cookery Product and Cookery Demonstration from Pampered Chef. The village hall was filled to capacity and the apricot & chicken rings that were cooked were enjoyed by everyone. It was a very jolly and noisy evening. The raffle was won by Pat Kennedy and two of our guest visitors.

Next meeting on February 28th is a demonstration on Acupuncture. Please come along as a visitor if this is of interest to you – meeting commences at 8pm.



Ladbrooke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

There were several items from the public participation, namely

1. Please can we have dates for the next meeting on the noticeboard – (Just remember it is always the third Wednesday of the month)
2. Concern was expressed about the travellers camping on the turning into the village from the Southam end. This gave rise to much discussion eg. Legality, ownership of the land, "Tipping" when they left etc. The police are aware of their presence. The end of the debate was that many of Ladbrooke residents were concerned about the many vehicles and caravans on the site.
3. The council were made aware of the disappearance of roadside notices from the bypass. Apparently they have been removed – stolen along the A423 to Banbury – scrap metal!
4. Jim Clews is trying to push the Smartwater scheme again. He is up to 13 participants at the moment; he needs another 7 to proclaim we are a Smartwater area.

Police Report – Andy Skye CPO. The speed cameras were operating on the A423 on 19th February. The police were aware of the road signs being stolen. Speeding on the bypass was discussed, with connection to the death of a motorcyclist at Chapel Ascott. He was apparently going at 100mph and didn't negotiate the bend adequately.

Footpath – from Windmill Lane to Millennium Green. People have to walk on the road and concern was expressed that it was 'an accident waiting to happen'.

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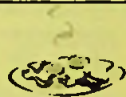
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REMEMBER: £10.00 discount for new patients with NHS Chiropractor Discharge Letter

Planning – A lake development at Starbold Farm was granted retrospectively. Concern expressed about all the retrospective applications, it seems to be happening too often.

Flooding – Clearance work along the brook has been done. The drainage work along the road was a big issue, depending how much blockage there is.

Haunching of Harbury road surface has finished – the Parish Council is to press for further work to be done around the bend opposite the church, hopefully 2009.

Parish Plan – We are getting there slowly. Because it has taken so long other considerations have to be taken into account eg. flooding. The Parish Council are to meet with Charles Baylis, the Housing Survey officer to discuss the housing needs in Ladbroke.

The Millennium Green – Has received its grant from the County Council so they can start spending on new equipment.

County Councillors Report – Ufton Tip – I got it wrong last month – the application for a processing plant is due to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Stratford District Report

Apparently 2000 houses were flooded in the Stratford area last year. The Red Cross made available £250 grant to each flooded property but very few were taken up, so there is still money in hand. This will now be put towards buying equipment to help clear the affected areas from flooding.

The Council Budget – although the income from government and other sources is effectively reduced, the schemes now within a five year plan will continue, the shortfall will be felt in 2012.

The police are struggling financially, mainly because of money spent on setting up the united District Forces last year which never happened.

The notice board – A small extension will be made to the existing one for council business only.

The Website – should be up and running by the end of March. Contracts for making up the site have been agreed, Kip Warr will be Web master.

The Parish Clerk vacancy is not yet filled. Several interested enquiries have been made.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th March at 7.45pm.



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The results of the draw for December 2007 were:

£80 Avril Court
 £25 Sheena Healey
 £25 Beverley Bradley
 £10 P Edgar
 £10 Jill Norgate
 £10 M Theaker
 £10 Brian Whitehouse
 £10 Andy Bendzak



Smart Water

Jim Clews

Reminder to the residents of Ladbroke.

Only 13 households have taken up the opportunity to purchase Smart Water at the special Neighbourhood Watch 57.5% discount, over the recommended retail price, £15 (RRP £35.29)

We need at least 20 households to take up the offer to qualify for free village signs to be erected at the entrances of the village.

This is our final chance as stocks will be returned to Warwickshire Police at the end of March 2008. Your contact coordinator is Jim Clews on telephone number (01926) 812696.



District Councillor - Peter Barton

Representing Harbury, Bishops Itchington, Deppers Bridge & Chesterton

Over the winter months, a number of important local issues have occurred, one of which could have a detrimental impact on the quality of life in Bishops Itchington, Harbury and Ufton.

The Biffa landfill site proposals – Ever since the first public exhibition was held last October in Ufton Village Hall, regarding the proposed planning application to the Warwickshire County Council, considerable concern and anxiety has been expressed by countless residents. Parish Councils and local organisations have equally reacted vigorously against the proposed expansion of the Biffa landfill site together, with the construction of a Reception Processing Building.

The wide range of issues includes – the visual impact of the development, bringing the landfill site very close to the highway, the potential noise and odour arising from the development etc. However, the overwhelming concern particularly arises from the residents of Bishops Itchington. Those living on or near by one of the proposed access routes in Gaydon Road and Station Road, will suffer from the substantial increase in HGV lorry movements through the centre of the village.

It is anticipated that there could be 169 HGV lorry movements to and from the site, via Junction 12 of the M40 motorway, every day of the week. Additionally residents have expressed their concern over the additional traffic noise and vibration. The B4451 is already a busy road. As one angry resident summed up the mood at a public meeting – ‘the Plough Lane mini roundabout will become like Piccadilly Circus’!

Following the public meeting a Bishops Itchington Action Group was established, who together with the Parish Council and numerous residents, wrote and objected to the planning application, before the consultation period closed at the end of January. The Warwickshire County Council will now consider the proposals this March/ April.

Weekly collection of food waste and more recycling – Stratford District Council will be introducing their proposals for the collection of household waste, when the new cleansing contract with Verdant, commences this August. Many residents have indicated their wish for recycling to include cardboard and plastic bottles, but the need for retaining a weekly collection of food waste. The plans are now at an advanced stage and will be phased in gradually across Stratford District from August, with completion no later than April next year.

The existing plastic sacks will be withdrawn and replaced by three wheelie bins. A grey one for household waste. The blue one for recycling the existing materials of paper, tins and glass bottles – but now, together with plastic bottles and cardboard. The green garden bin will remain as today, but will also be used to collect waste food.

Food waste will therefore continue to be collected every week, one week in the green garden bin for recycling and the following week along with the residual household waste in the grey bin. Special flexible arrangements will be provided for people living in flats, or other types of property where space does not allow for bin storage.

So why the need for change? New Government legislation requires a substantial reduction in household waste being buried in landfill sites. Additionally there is the public's desire to undertake more recycling, including cardboard and plastics etc. The new scheme will also cost less to operate, with an annual saving of £400,000, amounting to £2 million over the next five years. Also, residents will be helping to provide the opportunity, to make Stratford District Council one of the leading recycling districts in the country.

The Harbury Cement Works Masterplan – following two long years of preparation and public consultation, the Masterplan has now been finally adopted by Stratford District Council.

Now adopted, the Masterplan becomes a very important statement, gaining the status of a Supplementary Planning Document, which will add significant weight to any future development plans and decisions. The author of the plan, Mr Ernest Amoako, should be congratulated for his tireless work, which will benefit the inhabitants of Harbury and Bishops Itchington in particular.

The 400-acre site should now be used for recreation and leisure at the Bishops Bowl Lakes, to the west side of the B4451. On the eastern side of the main road, provided the railhead is brought back into use for servicing the site, there could be some future industrial development creating local employment, subject to compliance with the Harbury Cement Works Masterplan.

Speed limits and Police issues – At a meeting of Bishops Itchington Parish Council a report was received from a recent PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting. This outlined police matters and their main concerns – nuisance youths, alcohol and drugs and speeding cars racing in and out of local villages. Southam police have now been issued with their own Laser Gun, which they use around the entrances/exits of local villages. However, the majority of offenders caught are local residents!

The Warwickshire County Council have issued a document on their speed limit review for the Stratford District area. Following all of the recent very serious accidents, on the Fosse Way, I was pleased to

read that the Fosse Way speed limits were being reviewed as a whole. This will commence with the section from Harbury Lane down to Halford, to enable a casualty reduction scheme to be implemented.

Please do not hesitate to write or telephone me at my home, especially if there is an issue causing you concern. My address and contact details are below.

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Parish Council Elections

Harbury Parish Council

Would you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council meets monthly (except August and December) and deals with a wide range of issues that affect the local community, including planning, footpaths, speed bumps, streetlights, the children's play area, the skateboard park and much, much more.

Harbury has ten seats available, all of which are full at the present time. However, the whole Council will stand for re-election on 1st May 2008, to coincide with District Elections.

If you would be interested in helping your local community and having a greater say in the way the village is run, becoming a Parish Councillor could be for you. Alternatively, do you know someone with the necessary "life skills" who would be interested?

Further details and nomination forms can be obtained from Nicola Thompson, the Parish Clerk on 614646.



Councillor's Corner & Post Day of Action

Andrew Patrick

We had a very successful Post Office Day of Action on Saturday 16th February, getting more signatures for our Petition to keep open the Post Offices of Bishops Itchington and Harbury. A big thank you to Lorraine Letchford, David and Vera Cashmore, Phyl Moir and Ian McLean (all of Bishops Itchington) for all their help.

The story filled the top half of page 11 in the Leamington Courier on 22nd February, with a great picture and an excellent write-up. It focussed on the variety of reasons people have for using their Post Office, and on the number of people in both villages who will be prepared to mount a serious campaign if it turns out to be necessary.

So what happens next? The next big date is **Tuesday 24th June**. That's when Post Office Ltd will publish their plans for Birmingham, Coventry and Warwickshire. The public consultation period will run for 6 weeks after that.

It might be good news on 24th June, but it might not.

And we want to be ready! So,

We're getting a list of people who – if necessary - would be prepared after 24th June to take the Petition to everyone in their street who hasn't already signed. We have over 160 signatures already. If the worst happens, we'll need at least 10 times that many!

Can you help?

If you can, please contact Celia Neill (612819).

And please note that the next **Councillors' Corner** will be on Saturday 5th April outside the Post Office, from 10:00 to 11:30am.

County, District and Parish will all be represented. Hope to see you there!



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

What a wonderful 90th Anniversary Dinner we had on February 7th. The Tom Hauley Room looked lovely with the tables beautifully set and decorated with flowers etc. Ray, Jan and staff did us proud with the meal and service. The cake, decorated by Pino was super.

Jan Wade from Federation was our guest. Peggie read a letter of congratulations from the Queen. Pam Parton in Canada sent her best wishes and announced the birth of her grandson, Jude, there. Peggie made a display of information and photos showing our WI over the years. Thanks to Celia Barrett and Mr J Wyatt for old photographs.

We are one of the oldest WI's in Warwickshire. We would be very interested to see any old WI photos that villagers might have, please. These will be made into an historical record.

Doreen Bloxham gave a resume, being the longest serving member. We had the excellent Carousel Singers from Southam to entertain us and we joined in with gusto (well some of us did). Thanks so much to the committee and members for their hard work in making the evening so enjoyable.

There is an invitation for former members to an Afternoon Tea at the Tom Hauley Room on Tuesday 3rd June from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. We will be pleased to see you.

At the Spring Council Meeting on 19th March we wish Marion and Janice good luck in the Needlecase Competition.

It is Fair Trade fortnight from 25th February – 9th March.

The Group Meeting is at Napton Village Hall on 19th May.

We were very lucky to have Dr John Hancock to talk on the General Practice since 1969. After training to be a doctor at Leeds, where he met Sharon, they went to Northampton Hospital looking out for a GP position. Dr Wilne came to Harbury in 1966 and invited John to join him in 1969 at the Surgery in Farm Street. The number of staff was small then but the practice was efficient. They had the garden hut in Bishops Itchington as a surgery and at Lighthorne on Fridays where medicine for patients could be collected at the Post Office. We were told of some amusing visits that John made years ago. A lady at the Southam branch surgery saw to the letters.

Dr Pirie set up practice in Harbury in the early 19th century concentrating on TB. There was a clinic at Deppers Bridge comprising of huts for fresh air. He attended George V in Scotland and at Windsor. Then came Dr Sutcliffe and the villagers remembered Dr Jacko's black and white medicines.

Now today there is a large practice in Mill Street with five doctors and a large staff. We are very lucky in Harbury.

There were difficult times before the National Health Service and at present treatment can be given without finding ready money. Ups and downs have arisen but the situations will be sorted out. Thanks to John. Keep up the good work. Continue biking and reporting and may we even see you in your Scouts uniform again in the Carnival.

March Meeting – Members evening.



Folk Club

Peter McDonald

At the 279th Folk Club on February 7th, I tried to generate a mood of optimism with the theme of 'Health and Happiness'. The theme inspired a surprisingly large range of topics, not all of them relevant! We got off to a promising start with the room virtually full by 8:15pm and the singers list nearly at full capacity at that time.

I got the first half under way with an exhortation to the "Hard Cheese of Old England" then Summer took us back to the happy days of "Woodstock" while wearing her "Fine Felt Hat". Stuart was in a philosophical mood with "Wishes for Fishes" while Janny and Maureen were emulating the Everly Brothers with "Bye, Bye, Love". Rik presented a song by that well-known folk singer, Barbra Streisand, "Clear sailing from now on", and the Harvesters concluded the first half with the most appropriate "Keep on the sunny side of life", featuring Sue's dazzling footwork. It struck me that the first half had been more like a variety show than a folk club!

The second half had an unpleasant start when Sue, Janny, Maureen and Celia abused me with Les Barker's offensive song "Don't play me your concertina". The squeeze-box players got their own back when the Band of Folk squeezed on to the 'stage'. We played some jolly tunes on a variety of squeezing, scraping and plucking instruments, including "Harper's Frolic" and "Bonny Kate" which sound happy enough to me. Martin was up next with an unusual song about a slogan competition, Keith (in a sombre mood) sang a contemporary shanty that he wrote for his dad and Pete and Liz invited us to "Come by the hills".

The third half featured yet more performers who had been patiently waiting most of the evening. Ted and Sue sang about "The Fortune Teller", Debbie read two of her own, very personal, poems and young Neal Pointon returned, after his remarkable debut last month, to play some more fiddle tunes. Des got us all singing along on "While we are together", Peter Mason treated us to a poignant Eric Bogle song, "Rosie", and Ron finished the evening for us, as only he can, with "I'm glad I'm a gladiator". Smiles all round. The raffle raised £47 and the proceeds were split between the Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research UK. The next session of Harbury Folk Club on March 6th will be run by Sue and the theme is 'Pub Names'. What a great idea!

<http://welcome.to/harburyfolkclub>



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

At this time of year there is a steady flow of e-mails from across the channel. Samois is finalising the itinerary for our visit on May 2nd and they do need to know what events you want to attend sooner rather than later.

This year we have decided to have our annual Carnival stall with the addition of a spinner for children. We will be looking for a team of helpers nearer the time. I hope you have all managed to enter a team for our Quiz on the 9th March at the Village Club. The Quiz starts at 7.30pm and it costs £14 for a team of four. To enter a team please ring Margaret McDonald on 613730, Carol Bastin on 612003 or Ann Vincent on 614456.



Harbury Junior's Football

U11's

Harbury V Alveston

A minutes silence was held in memory of Michael Moss's mother, Paula, who passed away the previous week at the age of 42.

Harbury started brightly and were soon 2-0 up with goals from William Apted with good passing from Jacob Tanner. Whilst Alveston scored a goal, Harbury seemed to be in control of the game with James Eales scoring a third to make the score 3-1. However Alveston used the windy conditions to their advantage and scored 3 goals from long range shots.

With several injuries, the reshuffled Harbury team were unable to score a further goal, finally losing 4-3. On a positive note, there were some fine defensive displays from Max Cheesman and Joe Mackenzie.

Harbury V Tysoe

After disappointing results in the last matches, Harbury bounced back with a 3-1 over the league's only unbeaten team Tysoe. Despite having a weakened squad, Harbury gelled well as a team and put into practice the passing and movement worked on in training which produced two goals scored by Jacob Tanner.

James Eales had a great match on his debut in goal, Thomas Conway continues to impress in his role as sweeper and all players defended well and supported the attack, particularly Aarron Hobson who nearly produced a spectacular goal with an overhead kick.

Whilst Tysoe scored a late goal to make an anxious last period, a fine individual goal from William Apted won the match in the team's best performance of the season.

Whilst there were many contenders for Man of the Match, Jacob won with an energetic performance in attack and defence, tackling well and scoring two goals.

Malcolm Tanner

U12/13's

Azad Hill 5-4 Harbury

Harbury faced a tough away match for their first of the New Year. Harbury started brightly scoring two early goals by Taylor Swydrik and Gus Murray. Luke Wheeler and Ash Dickson scored to take Harbury into a 4-2 lead at half time. Azad Hill fought their way back to level and pipped it with an injury time winner.

Harbury 0-1 Napton

Harbury played some great football and controlled the game. Ash Dickson was strong at the back and Gus Murray and Mark Swan ran the midfield, but despite a number of good chances Harbury were unable to score and Napton stole the match with a Breakaway goal.

Harbury 3-4 Azad Hill

Harbury started brightly and Taylor Swydrik scored early on. Harbury had chances to go further ahead but conceded again just before half-time to go 1-2 down. In the second half Mark Swan scored to level things then Taylor scored again. We looked like we were heading for a draw but Azad nicked a fourth goal and held on for victory.

Neil Murray and Andy Dickson



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**Harbury Three Way Fixture against Daventry and Bugbrooke –
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Bugbrooke 35 – Harbury 20

Good tagging from Tim Baldwin and Chloe Kempton who also scored 2 tries. Katie Lewis and Peter Gee were the other Harbury scorers.

Daventry 20 – Harbury 30

Ceallach Welland scored 3 tries and 1 for Katie Lewis, Chloe Kempton and Peter Gee which welded Harbury to a victory over Daventry. Top Tagger was Chloe Kempton

Under 10's

Daventry 15 – Harbury 15

Excellent game between two evenly matched teams with tries from Neil Taylor and Ben Taylor rampaging up the middle of the pitch and a fine mazy run by Harry White.

Harbury 10 – Bugbrooke 5

With a hard fought match, Harbury's hard hitting tackles made all the difference. Try scorers were Morgan Hickman and Connor Gladwin.

Under 11's

Bugbrooke 12 – Harbury 14

In a very close contest the difference between the two sides was the consistent kicking of full back William Winchester. The two Harbury try scorers were Finn Toner and Aaron Ward.

Daventry 19 – Harbury 28

A good team victory who were a little lack lustre in some of their tackling but played well going forward. Robert Rollason drove low through the opposition forwards to score Harbury's first try. Callum Panton scored two good individual tries and William Winchester ran well to score and also added the four conversions. Russell Brooks and Simon Fisher both put in some good tackles

The team have now won 5 of their last 6 matches.

Harbury Three Way Fixture against Rugby St. Andrews and Keresley – 3rd February 2008

Under 7's

Rugby St. Andrews 5 – Harbury 50

Had their best result of the season beating Rugby St. Andrews 50 – 5. Tim Baldwin scored four tries with 2 for Alex Green and one each for Cealloch Welland, Finn Brown, Hughie Cave and Murray Gibson.

Keresley 25 – Harbury 30

Against Keresley Harbury were 25 – 5 down early in the end half but still managed to win 30-25, a great comeback!!!

Alex Green was top tagger and also scored 1 try. Chloe Kempton touched down twice and one try each for Cealloch Welland, Hughie Cave and Tim Baldwin, Well Done Everybody.

Under 8's

Played 3 games against Rugby St. Andrews, winning them all!!!

In the first encounter super quick Jim Owen scored twice as did Beth Mancell, the 5th try came from Tiarnan Welland, as Harbury won 25-15.

In the second game Jim Owen dominated scoring 4 of Harbury's 5 tries as they won 25-10. Other scorer was Adam Jackson.

In the final game Man of the Match Jim Owen scored 3 more tries, with 2 for Tiarnan and one for Sam Clifton, Final score 30-15.

Under 9's

Started slowly against Rugby St. Andrews and were 20 – 0 down at half time. A much improved second half saw Harbury score twice through Bay Toner and Josh Savage as they lost 20-10

Keresley 15 – Harbury 5

A much improved performance with Lewis Connor scoring the last of Harbury's 2 tries flowing with ruck and maul from one end of the pitch to the other with a final 20m dash to the line, a Great try!

Other scorers were Josh Savage and Luke Winchester who is now running at the opposition with real conviction and breaking through tackles. Man of the Match Bay Toner.

Under 10's

Rugby St. Andrews 20 – Harbury 5

A hard fought game against a much improved St. Andrews side. Alex Marston was Harbury's only scorer. Aiden Sturley and Sam Casement both played good games.

Harbury 20 – St. Andrews 0

A very different game with Harbury props Neil and Ben Taylor dominating the game with their powerful aggressive running up the middle of the pitch. Neil Taylor scored 3 tries and one try from the rapidly improving George McGowan.

Under 11's

Rugby St. Andrews 7 – Harbury 12

Despite key personnel missing and a biting wind a good result

continued with a win away at Rugby St. Andrews. The forwards dominated the rucks and mauls particularly Robert Rollason and Sam Cave, hooker Aaron Ward powered over and Bradley King ran well to score in the corner, William Winchester adding one conversion. Rugby St. Andrews hit back in the second half but Harbury held on for a 12 – 7 victory.

Keresley 7 – Harbury 7

A forward dominated game against Keresley, Harbury mauled and tackled bravely but went down to a try from Keresley's very fast outside centre. However somehow they prevented Keresley from going further ahead and the pack drove and mauled up to the opponents line where Ben Taylor crashed over in the dying seconds of the match. Bradley King converted to finish the match all square 7 points each.

Harbury Fixture Against Rugby Lions – 17th February 2008

With Harbury's pitches half frozen matches started late or were cancelled.

Under 7's

Rugby Lions 5 – Harbury 20

Harbury won their first match with top tagger being Dominic Priest. Alex Green also tackled well and scored 2 tries. Other scorers were Chloe Kempton and Tim Baldwin.

Rugby Lions 25 – Harbury 20

In the second encounter lost with Dominic Priest again the top tagger and scoring one try. Other scorers were Chloe Kempton and two for Peter Gee.

Under 9's

Rugby Lions 10 – Harbury 5

Lost their first match with Bay Toner touching down for Harbury with their only try.

Rugby Lions 0 – Harbury 15

In the second game Harbury ran out winners with some good tackling from Matt Laity and Jack at Scrum Half. Tries scored by Aiden, Bay Toner and J. Butler. Lujke Davies had his best ever game for Harbury.

Under 10's

Rugby Lions 5 – Harbury 15

Ran out winners with Aidan Sturley scoring in his first game for Harbury. Sam Tutt and Connor Gladwin got the other Harbury tries.

Harbury 5 – Rugby Lions 5

Second game finished a draw with Harbury players scoring for both sides!!!! Sam Casement for the villagers and Ben Giles for Rugby Lions.

Under 12's

Rugby Lions 68 – Harbury 5

An unfortunate defeat but everyone played really well with a consolation try from Ellie Justice.



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Woodland Outdoor Classroom

Windmills nursery school feels extremely privileged to be selected as one of only four settings in the county to have the help of a Forest Schools Advisor, who is assisting them with creating a new outdoor learning environment, which is to be called our 'Woodland School'. The philosophy behind the outdoor learning environment is to provide young children with an education that includes an appreciation of the natural world and a respect for nature conservation in later life. We believe that children of all ages can benefit from the learning opportunities present in a woodland outdoor environment. It will particularly suit those children who are kinaesthetic learners (learn by doing) and those less confident in the indoor classroom. The first session started with an explanation of the rules and then the children equipped with wellies and warm clothes ventured into the woodland to find base camp consisting of a circle of tree stump seats. Emma then reminded the children of the rules and the children then were free to explore, climb and investigate their new surroundings. The children enjoyed a hot drink and snacks outside, played the listening game and then sang a goodbye song before returning indoors.

The feedback has been extremely positive from both parents and children :

"We made camp fires by finding sticks and Erin made a stick house for the squirrels, we were told not to pick flowers and to carry sticks behind us" - Joshua W

"Emma shouts 1,2,3 where are you ?" and we all walk back to base camp - Madeline

"We climbed trees and had our drinks and snacks outside, I like hot Ribena" - George

Other activities at Windmills have included:

- * Exploring and investigating different sorts of bridges following the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children then made a 3D model to help them retell the story complete with the 3 billygoats and ugly troll!
- * Making Valentines day cards by printing hearts with potatoes
- * Making pancakes, estimating how many pancakes they would make from the mixture. We then took the children outside onto the school playground with their frying pans for a pancake race.
- * We ended the half term with a party to celebrate Chinese New Year. Both children and staff dressed in Chinese outfits and cooked and tasted Chinese food, designed Chinese fans, attempted some Chinese writing and made fantastic Chinese dragons which have made a wonderfully colourful display in the nursery classroom. A few of the children also brought in Chinese artefacts to show and tell.



Woodland School



Hana & Madeline—Pancake Races



Chinese New Year - group in front of dragon display

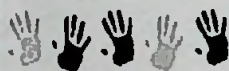
Windmills children also enjoyed a walk in the spring sunshine to make their usual visit to the toddler service.

Thank you

Thank you to Mr. Chapman and Harbury Primary School for allowing us to use the woodland area adjacent to the nursery classroom to create our 'Woodland School'. A big thank you to Andrew Moore (Mrs. Kennedy's nephew) for sourcing and delivering the logs for the 'Woodland School'.

Please note Windmills Nursery School closes for the Easter Break on Wednesday 19th March 2008 at 3.05pm and re-opens on Thursday, 3rd April, 2008 at 9.05am

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

February at Pre-School was based around pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the Chinese New Year, "Kind Hands" and preparing for Mothering Sunday. We were also delighted to welcome Keira who joined us after half term and is already settling in very well with her new friends.

Pancakes – The children's mathematical, scientific and creative skills came into play as they weighed out the ingredients for the pancake batter and saw what happened as they mixed them together. They then very much enjoyed spreading on jam and eating the pancakes at snack time.



Chinese New Year – Hot on the heels of Shrove Tuesday came the Chinese New Year celebrations. Our role play area was turned into a Chinese kitchen, with suitable woks, chopsticks and toy foodstuffs. Dry noodles were spread in the builders' tray and then hot water added so that the children could investigate the different textures. Bebe commented that – 'The noodles are hard and crunchy' and that after the water was added they became 'soft and squidgy'. For snack time, the children



enjoyed chopping a variety of vegetables which were then stir fried with more noodles and served up in bowls with chopsticks for cutlery. James, who at first said he was unable to use chopsticks, did remarkably well!



At circle time, the story of the animals' race across the river was told and the children demonstrated their imagination as together they invented some fantastic dragon stories at small group time. To round off the Chinese theme, the children produced wonderful observational paintings of our Chinese dragon, and wrote their own names in Chinese, as well as making their own dragon and performing the dragon dance.

Kind Hands – The children have been talking about their hands and how they can use them to perform acts of kindness. Harry – 'We use our kind hands to hug people when they're sad.' Eleanor – 'I hold Jasmine's hand when we cross the road.' One of these kind deeds has been to paint each other's hands to make hand print cards for Mothering Sunday.



Mothering Sunday – At the beginning of the month, the children planted bulbs in individual pots and we are delighted that each one is showing signs of healthy growth after being carefully tended. The children will be taking theirs home as lovely Mothers' Day gifts, together with their hand made cards and a personal message.

Mathematical Development – Throughout the month, we have been looking at Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, using songs such as Five Little Ducks and Five Speckled Frogs, small world play, books, the role play area and water play to show how numbers and calculations come into everything we do.

Staff Development – As always, the Pre-School staff have been continuing their professional development and have attended courses on Behaviour Management, Developmental Movement and Food Hygiene. Lisa and Gael also visited the Inspirational Learning Space in Nuneaton with our Advisory Teacher and have brought back many new and exciting ideas to implement at Pre-School.

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



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Congratulations - To the children who competed in the South Warwickshire Sportshall Athletics Championships. The school finished 6th Out of 9 teams in an extremely high standard competition which brought together all the winners of nine area competitions. This was our best ever performance in this competition, so well done everyone.

Mr Chapman - Mr Chapman has now formally informed the Governing Body of the school of his intention to retire at the end of this school year. No doubt there will be time in the future to pay tribute to the brilliant contribution that Mr Chapman has made, not only to this school, but to Harbury as a whole. Governors are currently reviewing the management roles within the school in the light of Mr Chapman's retirement, and further details of his replacement will be circulated at a later date.

Lent — As you know, we usually focus our charity work during the season of Lent. This fits in with the ethos during Lent of encouraging pupils to commit to either trying to make themselves "better children"

during Lent (eg by keeping their bedrooms tidy, by going to bed at the first time of asking, etc) or to make some sort of sacrifice during Lent (eg by giving up something that they like - sweets, biscuits, etc). The School Council have suggested that we truncate the activities into a fairly focused period towards the end of this term, and so we have come up with the following timetable:

Thursday 6th March (World Book Day) — Characterisation Day, when the children come to school dressed as a character from a book, film or TV show. We will have a special assembly at 9.15 (to which parents are invited) so that the children can display their costumes. However, we do not want parents to go out and hire costumes for this day — please try and help your child to make a costume from items already around the house. The children will be charged £1 each to enter the parade. Should you wish your child to change in to school uniform after the assembly, they may do so — please let your child's teacher know. However, all children will need their normal shoes for break and lunchtimes.

Tuesday 11th March. 2.15pm — Children's Market — The older children will organise a market in the hall for the rest of the school — toys, books, refreshments, games, etc. Donations of items which could be included in the sale would be more than welcome - but please don't send anything in yet - I shall ask some of the children to write with more details nearer the time.

Friday 14th March — Odd Socks Day — The children will be allowed to wear "odd socks" for the day at a cost of 50p each. I thought that they already were wearing odd socks, but never mind ...!

Sunday 16th March — Sport Relief Mile — I have received details of the Sport Relief Miles being held at various sites around the country. The nearest "big" event is taking place in Coventry City Centre - it would be great if we could get a large number of children from this school at that event — I'm sure that everyone (children and parents) could get around one mile. If you would like to take part, please let me know next week, and I shall forward the information — I think that there are likely to be a number of races in Coventry, so if we send in a block entry from the school, we should all get in the same race, but if you want to enter individually, you can do so through the Sport Relief website, where you can also find further details of the events. Please note, however, that it will be the responsibility of parents, not the school, to transport and supervise the children for this event.

Tuesday 18th March — Non-uniform Day — The children can come to school on the last day of term wearing "civvies" for a fee of £1.

In addition to these whole school events, any monies raised from the Comenius sales will go towards our Lenten collection. The money raised during Lent will go to a number of charities, one of which will be the "Buy a Mile for Myton" bike ride being undertaken by a local resident and parent, past pupils at the school. The full list of charities to be supported will be discussed by the Council when the final figures raised are known.

Comenius



Harbury Primary School was delighted to welcome visitors from Germany and Finland last week. Staff from three schools spent two days seeing how children are taught in this country. Harbury School belongs to the Comenius Project, an organisation under the auspices of the British Council which exists to encourage and fund international understanding and cultural exchange. The guests spent time in each of the classes, teaching songs and dances from their own countries, and then helped the children to present them to the rest of the school in a special assembly. They also were taken on a tour of the village, visited Warwick Castle and sampled the delights of English cuisine and culture at The Shakespeare and at a Ceilidh in the Village Hall.



The project runs for three years, and is entitled "Together Into Health – Work, School and Play." The focus this term is on growing our own fruit and vegetables, to encourage healthy eating. This links to the school's status as an Eco-Schools Green Flag winner. We will exchange details of our project with the children in Kauhajoki in Finland, Stendal in Germany and locally with St Mary's RC School in Studley.

Nigel Chapman, Deputy Headteacher, Comenius and Eco Schools Co-ordinator



1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Green

Dark nights and wintry weather have not prevented a full half term of activities for 1st Harbury Scouts! The troop is now up to capacity at 30 scouts and we have had an excellent programme to start 2008.

Peter from Eagles patrol explains the half-term's activities as follows:

'Last half term, 1st Harbury Scouts had 5 meetings. In week one we had a scavenger hunt. This is where each patrol had to scavenge from around the village, things that started with every letter of the alphabet. There was some very creative work in obtaining objects for the more unusual letters, and one patrol managed to find at home a DVD film for almost every letter of the alphabet!

On week two the Patrol Leaders took control of the evening. We had a good game of football outside and a made a cool assault course that resulted in half the scouts covered in flour! But don't worry, first we made them do apple-bobbing to make the flour stick!

In week three, we all invaded Southam Police Station to learn more about the police and what they do. We would like to thank Sergeant Crust for letting us have a tour of the station and PCSO Anita Reading for being our tour guide. We all had great fun and would all love to come again (not as a criminal).

Our fourth meeting involved writing campfire sketches that took the mickey out of celebrities or were just generally funny, artistic or musical.

In the final week of half term, we had a Chinese New Year week. We would like to thank Peter Rollason who gave up his time to come to teach us about Chinese cooking. Unfortunately, not all the troop were

able to be in the lucky groups that did the cooking, although everyone was able to taste the results – including parents. There were also other things to do: we made dragons out of rubbish and made traditional red pockets that Chinese people put money into for children to spend.'

Highlight of the half term holiday for many scouts was the trip to Derbyshire, which will be reported next month.



1st Harbury Rainbows

Bobbie Sharpe



Liza (frying pan in hand) with Jodie and Gwyneth

With the Scout Hut refurbishment almost complete, the 1st Harbury Rainbows has, in particular, been enjoying the opportunity to do some cooking in the new modern kitchen we now have. For the first time this Shrove Tuesday, we were able to make and cook our own pancakes for the girls to eat. Many thanks to Liza for showing the girls how to make the batter and then cook over 40 pancakes for our current group of 18 Rainbows to demolish, which they did very quickly!!!



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Yet again a packed room for our February talk. Michael Ecob our speaker, who spoke to us about Rutland, one of England's secret counties, was a most interesting man. He was born above a Ruddles pub in Rutland and spent the first 30 years of his life in the county. His job as a Fisons adviser meant that he moved about the country. For the last 15 years he has worked as a gardener. A very modest man with a passion for photography and fishing.

Rutland is mainly dominated by Rutland Water which stretches for three and a half acres. Since it was flooded to form the reservoir the surrounding areas have naturalised to reveal woods which contain ancient oak trees, bluebells and cowslips in spring and so much wildlife. Also red kites have been successfully introduced. One part of the water is dominated by a chapel which has been preserved and juts into the water. At the edge of the water near to Edith Weston, there is an interpretation centre which includes a butterfly House. The castle at Oakham is really a Norman Manor House and has a collection of horseshoes, many of these have been donated by royalty.

The area which consists mainly of clay and limestone also has iron ore which was used to build Sydney Harbour Bridge. Gardening is obviously quite a challenge but the residents have adapted to these conditions. There are so many gardens secreted away including village gardens in Edith Weston, Market Overton and Holywell. One not to be missed is at Clipsham which features huge topiary yews which as well as having features clipped on top of the yews have mottos on the sides too.

Another garden worth a visit is The Prebendal Manor House. The gardens have been split into rooms, plus a shrubbery, kitchen garden and ancient wildfowl on the ponds. The planting there is inspired, as are the borders at Holywell Hall. Perhaps the most famous gardens are at Barnsdale which were created from fields by the late and much missed Geoff Hamilton. When you consider that the fields were very heavy clay and limestone it is a tribute to the great man that anything at all grew let alone thrived. He really was the forerunner in organic gardening. Do go there if you haven't visited before. Michael's slides were delightful and his enthusiasm and knowledge made for a most enjoyable evening. The motto of Rutland is 'Much in Little' and that is certainly true of a county about the same size as the Isle of Wight.

The Walkabout this year will be on 21st and 22nd June, it may seem a little early to mention but the committee will shortly be starting to organise things. If you would like to open your garden and would like more information please contact either Daphne or myself or any committee member. We were fortunate to have new gardens included in the programme last year and it would be nice to include new ones this year. Please think about it, we do have some really clever gardeners in our village and it is nice to be able to share knowledge and receive compliments.

Such a busy schedule, at present I am in the process of booking speakers for 2008/9 and one speaker I contacted said that he has bookings for 2009 through to 2011! Anyway I am pressing on and have secured 4 so far. I have also organised trips for the summer. As explained at the last meeting, it is getting more and more difficult to organise evening trips. The weather in May can be unpredictable, plus price of fuel makes even the nearest venue a costly experience when taking your car. I have therefore arranged for two day trips this year.

The first one is to RHS gardens at Wisley on Wednesday 25th June leaving Village Hall at 9.00am and spending the day there. Much to see including the newly opened glasshouse. Plenty of choices for food or take a picnic. The cost is just £10. The second trip is on Wednesday 16th July to Ashwood Nurseries at Kingswinford where we will be given a tour of the owner's private garden which looks at its best in the summer months. Plus a chance to look around the shop and plant sales and have lunch here. Then on to Arley Arboretum and Gardens near Bewdley. It is one of the oldest Arboretums in the country and contains rare trees which have interest throughout the year and a restored Italian garden plus many other shrubs and plants. There are plants for sale including ones which have been propagated in the glasshouses, such as unusual grasses, Penstemons and Euphorbias. Tea here if wanted. Leave Village Hall at 9.00am and the cost is £12. I'm sure you will agree that both trips offer very good value. There are a few spaces left on both trips and as last year these will be available to non members. If you are interested please contact me on 613103. Payment to be made please by the last meeting in May.

At the March meeting on we will be welcoming back Duncan Coombs who will be talking about going plant hunting with his students from Pershore College to Yunnan in South Western China. The April meeting is on 1st when Rob Cole will be speaking about how he and his wife Diane moved to Feckenham in 1999 to start a nursery and show garden, now called Meadow Farm Garden & Nursery and the trials and tribulations involved.



While Harbury has had the merest hint of snow this winter, Sharon and I have enjoyed ourselves wandering over snowfields in three separate locations. In last month's article I told you of the first occasion on January 12th down in the Cotswolds. On January 31st we drove north to spend a few days walking with friends in the limestone country bordering Wensleydale in North Yorkshire. We based ourselves in Leyburn, a small market town where the narrow dale formed by the River Ure begins to widen and sheep pastures look east to the arable land and the Vale of York.

Although February 1st started fine, clouds moved in and about noon it began to snow. We had walked out of Leyburn along the Shawl, a limestone scarp whose flat summit provided an excellent path and vantage point. Local folklore has it that Mary Queen of Scots used the same line when making another failed escape; this time from the formidable Bolton Castle, home of Lord Scrope.

We heard the evocative call of Curlew and then disturbed a flock feeding in the wet pasture. Waders' bills come in all shapes and sizes, but the Curlew's is both curved and very long enabling it to probe for earthworms and larvae in rough upland grassland and for lugworms in coastal mudflats. Apparently, the tip of a bird's beak is a mass of sensory nerve endings and this, coupled with superb vision, makes locating prey items easier than it might seem.

We had lunch in a near ruined barn as a blizzard got into full swing. It was about this time that, 15 miles to the north, the A66 blocked and some motorists were to spend an uncomfortable night in their vehicles awaiting rescue. Discretion intervened and we made our way downhill to a road and eventually to the small village of Wensley where the welcome at the 'Three Horseshoes' reminded me why I like Yorkshire so much. The following day we tried something more ambitious. There had been a hard frost overnight and some of the ice formations on the trees were spectacular. On the watershed between Wensleydale and Swaledale we saw Black grouse. Later in the day, the snow began to melt. Ice on the bushes had shattered like glass and lay on the ground. We watched rabbits scampering up and down a snow slope just like children. Were they playing or looking for food? Our friends suggested they were mating.

We enjoyed still more snow and blue skies when we visited friends who have recently moved to Lenk in the Bernese Oberland. They live in the valley of the River Simmen which gives its name to the Simmental breed of cattle renowned for their milk which goes to explain the success of Swiss dairy products particularly cheese and chocolate.

Under the majestic wall of the Wildstrubel rising to 3,000 metres (10,000ft), at the head of the valley, we had a day on cross-country skis using prepared trails. We knew that downhill skiing on the crusty, frozen surface, with our level of skill, would be risking a broken limb and left the piste to the locals including lots of children as it was half-term.

On a winter walking trail above the valley at 1500metres (5000ft), we found signs of spring. Peeping through some bare earth were the yellow heads of Colt's Foot. This *Compositae* flowers before its distinctive hoof shaped leaves begin to show. Consulting a book later, I found its Latin name is *Tussilago farfara*. Its leaves have been used as an antitussive or cough suppressant and I've pledged to try the remedy. The blue flowers and characteristic leaves of the alpine, *Hepatica nobilis* were emerging from the grass of a glade as we descended towards Lenk; glad of our walking poles when negotiating icy patches.

Writing on the 19th February, the weather is ruled by high pressure. Today it stands at 30.5" with sunny days and cold frosty nights. Signs of spring are not hard to find with Snowdrops abundant and Daffodils opening their flowers. Taking Hambridge Road out of Bishops Itchington recently, I stopped at Holmes House to search for early wild flowers. There were plenty of young nettles and cow parsley on the verge with the succulent broad leaves of wild Arum common in the hedgerows. The shelter thus provided gives protection from frost but some sort of anti-freeze must circulate in those juicy leaves to keep them looking so fresh. I caught a glimpse of blue and there close to the railway bridge was a Violet in bloom. Nearby, in a damp spot, was a cluster of Lesser Celandine.

A pollarded Crack Willow drew my attention. From its crown at about head height, several other species were growing. A small Yew tree and a Rose briar were conspicuous, probably begun from seeds deposited by a bird in one of the Willow's many fissures. Larger Yew trees may be adorned at this time of year with sticky red fruit much beloved by Starlings and Thrushes. Yews, like Holly, are either male or female. Look carefully at the youngest leaf growth to see the yellow

male flowers. They are easily missed. In a light breeze, you may see the 'smoke' they give off. This is really a cloud of pollen moving away from the tree to seek another with female flowers. Lay the leaves with accompanying male flowers on a piece of black paper indoors and the pollen grains soon become evident.

The flowers around the Stobo memorial, close to the South door of the church, are at their best just now. Snowdrops, Aconites. Crocus, Daffodils and an early Dwarf Iris ring the bird bath. If the cold weather continues, the flowers will last till Easter which this year is very early.

John Small told me of a Red Admiral he had seen early in February, tempted out of hibernation during a warm phase. I saw a Bumble Bee recently, cruising over the verge in Mill Street looking for early flowers to visit. Spring is about to unleash itself upon us; perhaps first we will have a snowfall at last.



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

The Committee continue to progress slowly but steadily towards modernisation of the Village Hall, we hope to be able to make the details available for further discussion and apply for planning permission in the near future.

The new Parish Council website is in the hands of the designer and the Village Hall will have its own section within the site. A long overdue move to the 21st century which will enable people to access the details of the Hall far more easily.

Petty vandalism is a continuing problem, the fence to the rear of the building having been further damaged and a heavy post thrown onto the roof, fortunately no lasting damage was done. The roof had just been repaired and fifty two tiles previously damaged by vandals had been replaced. We do currently have a water tight roof and the strategic positioning of buckets to catch rain water is no longer a constant challenge.

The Moving Picture scheme is proving very popular and our thanks are due to Lana Long and her many helpers for their hard work in making it such a success and also to Cana Imports for their generous help lubricating the audience! The recent showings of Atonement and Ratatouille were very well attended. Children's matinees in particular have been well received and the use of the Farley Room, for private birthday parties, whilst attending a film is a new development.



Bend It Like Beckham – Harbury's Talented Footballer

Natalie Bemrose has lived in Harbury for eight years and attended Harbury C of E School. Natalie, now 13, transferred to Round Oak two years ago and the school recognized her exceptional football ability and arranged trials for her with the West Midlands Special Olympics squad. She was selected for the team in 2005 and regularly plays at Aston Villa and various venues in England and Scotland.

Recently she was accepted by the David Beckham Football Academy in London and she regularly attends training sessions to improve her footballing skills.

Last November, Natalie was recognized as the Warwickshire Female Sports Person of the Year and was presented with her award at the Ricoh Arena. She also received a crystal bowl (see picture) at Aston Villa for the Junior Girls Ladies Squad.



In addition to the above, Natalie has been awarded several trophies for her football prowess in several categories as Best Team Player, West Midlands Player of the Tournament and Outstanding Player in the Division. Her team also achieved a Gold Award.

Natalie is a reserved, modest girl who has remarkable abilities and skills. Her family is very proud of her and supports her ambition to achieve a professional career in football.

Who knows, she may go on to greater achievement and participate in the 2012 Olympics.

Janet Thornley

Traditional Concert in Harbury Village Hall

On February 12th Harbury hosted our third "Nu-Routes" folk concert in the Village Hall. Nu-Routes was founded by the Arts Council England to tour folk, roots and acoustic music at small-scale venues featuring new and up and coming artists. As in previous years the concert was a sell-out.

The evening was started by a very exciting, talented and much in demand young band The QPs. The band members are: Harbury's own Dan & Susie Bones, from Leamington Will Pound and Matt & Joe Crum, and from Coventry Lolly McIntosh. They played a great set, which was appreciated not only by the audience, but received warm praise from the main artists for the night: Eleanor McEvoy, Tim Edey, Brendan Power and Lucy Randall.

Eleanor is a wonderful singer, songwriter and musician, and she had the audience spell bound with her performance. Tim is one of the finest young guitar and melodeon players you are ever likely to hear. Brendan had been described as probably the best harmonica player in the world, and I don't think anybody in the audience would disagree. Lucy is a fine percussionist who more than held her own with the other three. You could tell by the atmosphere in the Village Hall how much the performances by both sets of artists were appreciated. It was a privilege for us to host such fantastic artists in Harbury. The high spot of the evening though for me occurred when most of the audience had left, and two impromptu jamming sessions started: Tim and Matt on melodeons, Brendan and Will on harmonicas.

We raised £274.28 from the bar and a collection at the end of the concert, and this has been donated to the Alzheimer's Society as part of my charity cycle ride from Vietnam to Cambodia. I would like to thank all those who helped on the night with the bar and clearing up, and the Village Hall committee for being so accommodating with helping us stage this event.

Doug Freeman

Harbury Cubs

Harbury Cubs have places available for boys or girls aged 8 – 10 years. We meet at Harbury Scout Hut behind the Library on Wednesday evenings 6.45pm – 8.15pm.

If you have a child who would like to join please phone Ted Barrett on 01926 614730 or email tjmbarrett@btinternet.com

Isobel Clarke

Harbury Carnival - June 14th, 2008

Well, same message as usual for this time of the year - please think about how you can participate and help us continue the great carnival tradition. Get together with your local organisation, pub, street or friends and see what ideas you can come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession. The more participants we have the more fun it is for everybody and I promise that you will enjoy the experience. Here is the list of categories:

Trade Float

Independent Float

Children's' Float

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead

Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons

Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons

Walking Tableau Family

Walking Tableau Adults

Walking Adult

Walking Child

In case you missed last month's piece, by popular demand, we will again be having a Carnival Dance. It will be on Saturday, June 7th at the Village Hall, with music provided by the "Likely Lads". Please contact me on 614258 if you would like to reserve tickets.

We are still looking for someone to run the teas in the village hall and any organisations interested should please contact me – first come, first served!

If you would like to book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 and, if you have any questions about the carnival, please feel free to call me on 614258. I will be happy to provide whatever help I can.

John Broomfield, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Slimsational

Have you noticed it too? There's a change in the good folks of Harbury. Everywhere you go in the village there's a new found self-confidence about the people you meet; there is a bounce in their stride and a healthy glow about them.

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So, now that their secret is out, you too can enjoy the benefits of a slimmer, healthier lifestyle.

Give Sarah Bull a call on 07989 901 973 to find out more – or come along to one of the group evenings on Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Village Club on Crown Street.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sarah Bull

Fair Trade

The Fair Trade movement has grown by leaps and bounds, and has brought security and independence to small producers all over the developing world. We are fortunate in Harbury that the Co-op sells many products – including wine and chocolate – and we use them in the Tom Hauley Room.

At the coffee morning on Saturday 15th March there will be a stall selling other products, as well as the usual one after Family Service on 16th. Profits made will be given to C.O.R.D – a Leamington based charity providing Christian Outreach, Relief and Development in struggling areas all over the world.

Gillian Hare

Spirit of Harbury

Please make your nomination for this year's award to the person who has made a significant contribution to village life by either calling 01926 612931 or mailing to all@thehunts.eu.com

Many Thanks

Andrew Hunt

Take Time Out - Ufton

Karin Kirk

A leisure time project for the community of Ufton and surrounding area.

Take Time Out started in February 2001 and has held 66 events so far! The idea is to come along, have fun, learn a little and meet up and make new friends. Each event is suitable for beginners as well as for more experienced people. Should you want to try out something new please speak up. To find out about more events - get on the mailing list, look in the local press, see posters or ring me on 812883. It is entirely voluntary, self sufficient and earns no profits. Last year due to high attendance Take Time Out was able to donate £100 to Ufton Village Hall Funds to help with their running costs.

Glass Painting - Thursday 13 March 10am - 12.30pm, Ufton Village Hall

By popular request Andrea Kennedy of the Chilvers Coton Craft Centre in Nuneaton is coming to Ufton to show us how to use glass paints on a variety of surfaces. Andrea specialises in fairytale figures and Celtic work and will bring with her a variety of examples of her work. Cost approx £6 to include materials.

Sculpting with Paverpol - Thursday 10 April - 10am - 1pm - Ufton Village Hall

Following a request by several of our group we have invited Lorraine Burkin the Paverpol UK demonstrator from Somerset to let us have a go at this new craft. We will make a sculpture suitable for indoors or the garden from fabric and paverpol using a wire armature. Please bring a hairdryer and an old cloth to protect tables. This event is very suitable for absolute beginners. Cost £6.50 plus £9 for materials.

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Dear Editors



Congratulations to Helen Clarke on gaining a Batchelor of Arts with Honours 2:2 Degree in Jewellery and Silversmithing at Birmingham University of Central England. Dad would have been so proud of you.

Love from Mum and the gang

The letter below was sent to Warwickshire County Council / Environment / Economy Directorate and the Thistlethwaites hope that other residents may wish to write regarding the same matter.

Dear Sirs

Extension of Facilities-Ufton Landfill Site

We are aware that the management of Ufton Landfill Site have applied for planning consent to further develop the facilities at this location. We attended the exhibition at Harbury village Hall and, in principal, have no objections to the development.

However we have serious concerns over the additional number of HGV movements in the area that this would bring to our already busy roads. This is of particular concern as a number of roads used in the present routing of HGV's are minor roads, including Butt Lane/Bush Heath Road, Harbury, where traffic regularly exceeds the 40mph speed limit and arrives at the very dangerous junction with Station Road much too quickly.

This junction has very poor visibility for vehicles crossing the flow of traffic and has seen a number of serious accidents over the years. It is no longer safe for pedestrians to walk on Bush Heath Road because of the constant flow and speed of traffic going to and from the Landfill site and considerable damage is being caused to the road surface.

It is essential from an environmental and human safety point of view to keep these HGV's away from our country lanes and restrict them to the main routes.

Yours sincerely

David and Barbara Thistlethwaite

Dear Editors

I would like to thank my family and friends for the lovely gifts, cards and flowers I received on my 90th birthday.

Gladys Gurden

Dear Editors

We would like to take this opportunity to thank The Dog for giving us such a splendid 3-course meal on Valentines Day. The service was excellent and the food was superb and it was very good value for money. We highly recommend a visit to The Dog.

Christine and Pete

Dear Editors

I would like to endorse the comments made in the previous Parish Magazine reference irresponsible people allowing their dogs to foul the pavements in Harbury. We often walk into the village after dark and as many areas have no lighting we find it necessary to walk on the road rather than the pavement for fear of treading in 'something'. These people also allow their animals to leave mess on the perfectly manicured frontages of private properties; such people are in the same league as the louts who litter our lovely lanes. It is clearly a minority of dog owners behaving badly, it being obvious the same dog has made the deposits in some cases.

Unfortunately, having a moan about these issues in the Magazine will not resolve them; reading about themselves will not shame people who have no conscience about committing the offence in the first place. They are shameless.

What can we do?

Bronda Hawkins

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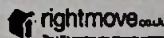
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