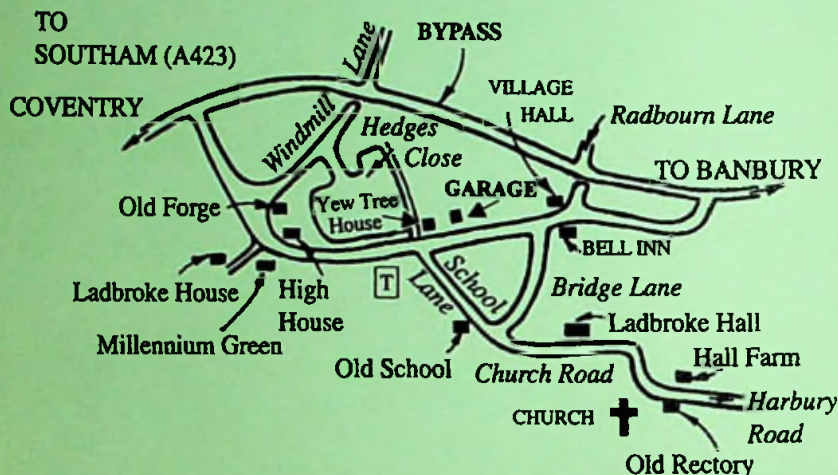


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Editorial



Children enjoying the recent snowfall

Both villages are looking forward to welcoming the new Priest in charge, Reverend Craig Grocock, and his family at his installation and licensing.

In Ladbroke, Francis Badman will shortly be celebrating his 90th birthday. He was a former councillor who has worked hard for the village.

Harbury Village Club, which is part of the village history, is a valuable facility for us all. However, to continue functioning they are appealing for new members for the management committee.

With the spring has come an increase in house burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles. We urge all villagers to be vigilant. Local churches have also suffered a spate of thefts. If anyone sees anything suspicious around the churches, please contact the police.

The next Theatre Group production – 'Swan Song' and 'Last Panto in Harbury' – will be performed on 15th, 16th and 17th May. Future productions are assured!

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Florence Durber and John Lawson.

Harbury Diary

MAY

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|-------|----|--|
| Sat | 3 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Womens' Institute
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park
Moving Pictures in Village Hall – 'Enchanted' - Doors open
3.30pm film starts at 4.00pm |
| Sun | 4 | EASTER VII
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Evening Worship 6.00pm |
| Mon | 5 | MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues | 6 | Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Weds | 7 | Holy Communion 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Ann Ainscow – Warwick Hospital Chaplaincy
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm |
| Thurs | 8 | Holy Communion 9.45am
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Fri | 9 | NO REFUSE OR RECYCLING TODAY
Macmillan Miles Challenge |
| Sat | 10 | REFUSE AND RECYCLING TODAY
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of STEPS
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park
Football Presentation in Village Hall |
| Sun | 11 | PENTECOST
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
LICENSING & INSTALLATION of Revd CRAIG GROOCOCK
as Priest in Charge of Harbury & Ladbroke 3.00pm in Harbury Church |
| Tues | 13 | Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
Holy Communion 7.30pm
P.C.C. Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Wed | 14 | Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10pm |
| Thurs | 15 | Holy Communion 9.45am
ADVERTISEMENT TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
5.30PM
Theatre Group Evening of entertainment in Village Hall two One
Act Plays – Swansong & Last Panto in Harbury
Parish Council 7.30pm in TOM HAULEY ROOM |
| Fri | 16 | Theatre Group Evening of entertainment in Village Hall two One
Act Plays – Swansong & Last Panto in Harbury |

- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Pre-School
Theatre Group Evening of entertainment in Village Hall two One
Act Plays – Swansong & Last Panto in Harbury
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park
- Sun 18 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 20 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Margo Grant – Social Policy
Senior Citizens Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Weds 21 Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm
- Thurs 22 **CORPUS CHRISTI**
Holy Communion 9.45am
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST,
HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.30pm in Village Hall, Guest
Speaker - Rob Weeks from Stratford DC on new Refuse
Collection Regime
- Fri 23 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park
- Sun 25 **TRINITY I**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 26 **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
- Weds 28 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30pm to 4.30pm at 19 Farm
Street
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10pm
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 30 **NO REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY**
- Sat 31 **REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY**
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Guides
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park
- JUNE**
- Sun 1 **TRINITY II**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Evening Worship 6.00pm

- Tues 3 W.I Afternoon Tea 2.00pm – 4.00pm for ex and prospective members
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 4 M.U. Quiet Morning 10.00am to 1.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
(Discussion)
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8.00pm
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10pm
- Thurs 5 Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10-4pm
Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 6 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Riding for the Disabled
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park
CARNIVAL DANCE IN VILLAGE HALL

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

April 3 Florence Durber (98)

April 10 John Lawson (83)



Photo - Frank Bunting - 'Easter Snow'



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

The time of Father Craig's licensing and installation as priest in the charge of the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke is fast approaching: 3pm on 11th May – Pentecost Sunday – a wonderful day on which to begin a new ministry. Everyone is welcome to the service. Please come and support him and his family on this joyful occasion.

April's Family Service presentation reminded us that though the eggs have been eaten and the daffodils are fading, we are still in the season of Easter, the season of hope: we are God's Easter people if only we will let this transforming power into our lives.

Congratulations to Jessica Kitchener who, at this service, was given a poster to mark 75 attendances at Funday Club. Well done you Jessica!

These are the last notes of the interregnum: Deo Gratias! We would like to thank all priests who have served us so faithfully, especially Father Martin, who fondly thought he had to come to Harbury to retire, and Father Stephen who together have played a huge part in enabling us to sustain the usual pattern of services.

We also thank all members of the laity who have given us moral and practical support during the past fifteen months.

We ask you to join with us in giving thanks for the ministry of the past and in praying for the future ministry of Father Craig and for Su, Jess, and Elliot as we welcome them to Harbury and Ladbroke.

Father Craig Grocock

We warmly welcome The Reverend Craig Grocock at Priest in charge of the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke.

Father Craig has served as curate at St Nicholas; Kenilworth and so he, and his family, Su, Jess and Elliot, have been in Kenilworth for three years, but are now relishing the prospect of village life. Su works for the charity BIBLELANDS (a name that is probably familiar since it publishes our carol sheets) and ran this



year's London Marathon in its support. Jess attends Kings High School, Warwick and Elliot, who has just celebrated his 11th birthday, currently goes to Barford Church of England Primary School but will move to Warwick school in September.

Father Craig, who has also recently celebrated a birthday (his 43rd!) was originally from north Shropshire. He became involved in the church as a teenager, initially going to church youth clubs "purely for the fun of it." Although he began his working life as a printer, from the age of 18 he felt increasingly that God was calling him to leadership, and at 22 he went to theological college in London to train with the Church Army. Before coming to Kenilworth, he was a youth work adviser in Warwick and in this capacity got to know Father Roy Brown and visited Harbury. He was appointed to the diocese in 2000, having been awarded a Diploma in theology at Queens College, Birmingham.

Perhaps the best way of introducing him is to quote these telling words of his own:

"The best thing about being a priest for me is meeting different people in different contexts, and being available for people in the most difficult and joyful times of their lives, and being there when they need me."

Father Craig, Su, Jess and Elliot, we hope that you'll be very happy with us.

We welcome you! We welcome you!



First Light

Alison Abbott

First light is an informal service that happens on the first Sunday of each month in the Tom Hauley room at 10.30am.

About 35 people of all ages come along for between 30 and 45 minutes of music, poetry, drama and prayer. We aim to be very "family friendly", use many of our senses and cover a range of subjects.

In April we demonstrated how our prayers transformed Jesus' crown of thorns into a glorious display of red and gold, (see picture).



On May 4th we will focus on shepherds and how we, like sheep need to listen to the voice of Jesus, our good shepherd.

Then on June 1st we will think about the joy of finding something we thought was lost for ever.

Do give it a try – come early and enjoy a cup of coffee, you are sure to find a friendly face.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our two April meetings were interesting; Tony Stubbs took us "Down Memory Lane". Inspired by questions from his grandchildren, for school projects, he trawled his memory for scenes from his childhood in Walsall, including steam-powered baker lorries, and life on the Home front during World War 2. His collection of memorabilia including I.D. card, ration book and clothing coupons and his fathers call up papers to the Royal Engineers. These sparked many reminiscences in the audience.

In the evening we heard a talk by Marie Calvert, who is a tutor in Christian listening. She led us to think of the sadness of not being listened to and described real listening (not giving advice) as the beginning of love, and the big best form of hospitality.

We are supporting the work of Y.M.C.A in Rugby, as a first refuge for homeless teenagers. We are collecting items to put together toilet bags for them, essentials and the occasional treat, which they can keep when they move into the care system. Something to show that they are cared about at a low point in their lives.

Thursday May 15th – 2.30pm – Southam Deenery festival

Tuesday June 3rd – 7.30pm – Diocesan Festival at St. Nicholas, Kenilworth

Wednesday June 4th – 2.30pm on afternoon meeting follows a quiet morning in the Tom Hauley room from 10 – 1pm. Theme: Reflections on spirituality – all welcome

Saturday July 2nd – Lunch in Tom Hauley Room

Next afternoon meeting Wednesday May 7th - Ann Ainscow on Warwickshire Hospital Chaplaincy.

Next evening meeting Tuesday May 20th - Margo Grant : MU Social Policy Unit



Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

This meeting was attended by eleven children and sixteen adults. Mr Catt played the music for us to sing our first song. Mrs Peacock then told us a story about "friendship" and what it means. The story was about four friends who had a friend who was lame and could not walk and had to be carried everywhere on a stretcher. They had heard that Jesus was preaching at a house not far away so they decided to carry the man on the stretcher to ask for Jesus's help.

There were so many people at the house the only way the four friends could get their friend in was by climbing onto the roof and making a hole through which they lowered the man on the stretcher until he was laying by the feet of Jesus.

Jesus spoke to the man and said "get up and walk your sins are forgiven". The man got up from his stretcher and was cured.

We have to remember that had it not been for the four friends carrying their lame friend he would not have been able to meet Jesus and would not have been cured.

So we must all be friends to as many people as possible and help people as much as we can.

We then sang our second song and said a prayer. After that we drew pictures of the lame man being lowered through the roof of the house to meet Jesus

Drinks and biscuits came next after which it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers Meeting is on Tuesday 13th May at 2.00pm in Church. All babies and young children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

Ladbroke News & Diary

MAY

Thurs	1	Ascension Day Holy Communion 7.00pm in Church
Sat	3	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	4	EASTER VII Family Communion 10.30am
Mon	5	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tues	6	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Sun 11 PENTECOST

Holy Communion 9.00am

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Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Thurs 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM**Sat 17** New plans for Village Hall on display 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Village Hall

Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall

Sun 18 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in Church

Tues 20 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall

Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Weds 21 Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall**Thurs 22** CORPUS CHRISTIARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST,
HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 24 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall**Sun 25 TRINITY I**

Holy Communion 9.00am

Mon 26 BANK HOLIDAY**Tues 27** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall

Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Sat 31 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall**JUNE****Sun 1 TRINITY II**

Family Communion 10.30am

Tues 3 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall

Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Sat 7 Ladbroke Village Fete**Ladbroke Flower Rota****Jane Rutherford**

May 4th Kate Todman
 May 11th Jane Rutherford (Whitsun)
 May 18th Jane Rutherford
 May 25th Margaret Whitehouse
 June 1st Carol Clarke
 June 8th Valerie Copley
 June 15th Valerie Copley



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Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Christine Baker

We enjoyed a fun evening with a very entertaining speaker. Denise Renfrew explained and instructed us on Extend Classes which basically are exercise and movement to music, most of which can be done from a chair. Much hilarity followed!

Dates to Remember:

Strawberry Fayre in Ladbroke Village Hall on 26th June at 8pm. Time again to meet up with friends over a cup of tea and some wonderful strawberries. There will be the usual stalls and the tombola!
ALL WELCOME.



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The results of the draw for March were:

- £80 Carol Lane
- £25 Geoff Timms
- £25 John & Jenny Barrett
- £10 Linda Spence
- £10 M Theaker
- £10 P Edgar
- £10 Beverley Bradley
- £10 Catherine Spence



Ladbroke Annual Village Meeting

Betty Winkfield

I don't know many AVM's that have been so well attended; a full Village Hall with much to say and grumble about.

It started routinely enough, with the Chairman's report and last year's minutes signed.

The District Councillor gave his report next as there wasn't a police presence at the time and no Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

We were told that crime in Warwickshire is down 12% and that Southam Police Station was fully staffed. One interesting item; the murder on the M40 last year cost SDC £4 million, apparently it was to do with international crime gangs.

We were told that the travellers who camp on the council owned ground at the entrance to the village are not a problem to the police. If we try to put obstructions on the site – or dig a ditch and a vehicle is damaged, the Highways authority will be held responsible. There was 'heated discussion' about this, but we seem powerless to do anything about the situation, (the travellers in question have moved on). Some villagers were not concerned about the travellers.

We are now Smartwater registered; I think Jim Clews was getting customers at the meeting.

The Parish Council will be sending out another questionnaire about the Housing Survey. There were some objections to more questionnaires, with some saying that they were not really necessary.

The Website is about to be on-line. Some historic pictures/photographs would be very welcome please.

PC Rob Joy then joined the meeting – poor man! He was at great pains to point out that daytime robberies were often done by people wearing Hi viz clothing – looking like workmen – please be aware and vigilant. It was at this point he was in trouble, mainly because the police had been contacted about:

A) three people seen walking on private farm land at 8.00am one morning – answer, “there is no crime in that sir.”

B) A very rowdy party in the village with young drunken people causing a nuisance with their cars at 3.00/4.00am in the morning. The police were contacted and said that they would come but didn't. The youngsters drove away in the morning, still under the influence of alcohol and suspected drugs. Several people had rung the police and found the person they were speaking to most unhelpful. PC Joy in the end suggested taking the complaints to the Chief Constable. He has complained about the responses given to the public when they ring in, usually being answered by a civilian, not a police person. The police at night are very 'stretched' with a large area to cover.

Flooding – David Tyler is the officer concerned with the work being carried out in the village, clearing the brook and de-silting drains. He was thanked for all the work being undertaken. It is vital that all riparian owners of land adjacent to the brook maintain a clearway for the water. New ways of diverting water away from properties are under discussion and grants are available.

The District and County offices are now in the Southam library – to pay council tax etc.

Recycling – all change on August 1st, I am sure there will be plenty of information on this topic soon. It will all be eased in gently. We then had reports from the representatives from the different organisations in the village.

Church – Our new Priest-in-charge is to be licensed on May 11th at 3pm in Harbury Church, the Reverend Craig Grocock. His first service will be at 9.00am on 18th May.

Alibone Trust – this has made donations to the church and the Millennium Green.

Millennium Green has had several successful fundraising events in the year. They have received a £10,000 grant for new play equipment, which is in the process of being erected. The trustees are looking for volunteers for maintenance work on site.

The Village Fete is on 7th June on Millennium Green. No reports from the WI or Village Hall Committee.

The Whist Drives – held approximately every fortnight on a Saturday at 7.45pm. There were 28 in the past year (April '07 to April '08) and £789 was raised for the Village Hall.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Fete

Note for your diary - Ladbroke will be holding its Village Fete on Saturday 7th June on the Millennium Green. A fun day out for all the family.

Attractions include a children's obstacle course, face painting, plant sales, White Elephant, Tombola, Beat the Goalie, skittles, races, refreshments and much much more.

The Bell pub is organising a Duck Race in the brook and the afternoon will end with the Tug of War - so get your team organised now.

There will also be a Children's Pet Show - the various classes will be advised, together with further details of the day, on posters and handbills nearer the time.

Janet Goldson

Ladbroke Village Hall

Open Viewing of proposed new plans for Ladbroke Village Hall to be displayed on Saturday 17th May – 2pm to 4pm at the Village Hall. Comments sheets will be available and Trustees will be on hand to assist with any queries.

Please take time to come along and give your input.

Christine Baker, Secretary – LVHT

Francis Badman

This is certainly the season for celebrations. Following the celebration of his Diamond Wedding Anniversary last September, Francis Badman one time Chairman of the Parish Council and long time member of the Church Council will be 90 years old/young on May 8th. A very Happy Birthday Francis from all your fellow parishioners of Ladbroke.

Betty Winkfield



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

Planning - Almost nothing on this front, only an extension planned at 10 Constance Drive and confirmation that the BMX track can go ahead. But, there was great concern at Cllr Patrick's report that Folletts were demanding Bishops Itchington residents remove any accesses they had created onto the Quarries land.

Procedure - It was a relief to Cllrs to adopt the new Code of Practice which will allow them to speak on matters in which they have an interest (school, Tennis Club, Village Hall etc) but not vote. Previously they were excluded from discussions even though they might have the best information!

Public Participation - Colin Mercer for the Tennis Club explained that the fencing round the Courts had been damaged and asked for help with funding the erection of strengthened weldmesh. Council and the Club both contribute to a Sinking Fund on a $\frac{1}{3} : \frac{2}{3}$ basis towards the eventual resurfacing and after a long debate it was agreed to use this pot to pay for the replacement fencing. The Fund would then be topped up in following years. Cllr Thornley praised the Club's work with young people.

Pact - Janet Thornley attended the Southam Police and Communities Together meeting where representatives from the parishes complained about their common problems with vandalism, nuisance youths and pavement parking.

Locality Fora County Councillor Stevens explained the pilot scheme in Stratford District that would see three joint Area Committees set up to distribute funding with local force to advise them.

Speed Reduction - He announced that the B4451 & 4452 would have their speed limits reduced to 50mph and that the County Council was reassessing the accident record of the whole of the Fosse Way in Warwickshire with a view to making safety improvements.

Footpaths - Parish Councillors brought to his attention a complaint from a resident whose dog was attacked by farm dogs as he walked on the field footpaths. Parish Councillors had themselves experienced similar difficulties.

Risk Assessment - Councillors are worried that they have been unable to make contact with relatives responsible for some of the gravestones in the Cemetery grounds which are considered dangerous. They are looking at the options to make those at 45° safer by laying them flat or re-positioning them.

Deppers Bridge - Cllr Ron Grey was delighted when police stopped a very large HGV defying the weight ban on the Railway Bridge.

Lighting - Councillors agreed that as bulbs expire they will be replaced with more energy efficient mini fluorescent tubes.

Vandalism - The lighting bollards on the path leading to Percival Drive have been damaged and need to be repaired. The metal bollard has mysteriously disappeared and the path is strewn with horse muck – so no gardeners on that estate then.

Glass is being broken and scattered around the Playing Fields. The Skatepark and the Basketball area are badly affected despite the Parish employing a contractor to clear it up.

The bench in the Memorial Garden opposite the Gamecock has been removed after being twice vandalised. The Parish Council will ask the Horticultural Society's advice on maintenance of the planting there and is considering replacing the bench with a concrete or metal seat.

Moles - These "velvet vandals" are causing just as much concern and the Council is in search of an effective "Mole Man" to eradicate the problem.

Knotweed - Japanese Knotweed has again appeared in Bull Ring Lane and the County will be asked to spray it.

Noticeboard - It was agreed that the Village Hall noticeboard should stay in its new position.

Have your say! The Annual Parish Meeting (not to be confused with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th May in the Tom Hauley Room) is the opportunity for parishioners to hear the Council explain what it has achieved.

District and County Councillors will also be present to answer questions and the Guest Speaker is Rob Weeks from Stratford District Council who will explain how the new Refuse and Recycling scheme will work.

The Annual Parish Meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on 22nd May.

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

Due to the retirement of a councillor at the election, Harbury Parish Council currently has a vacancy which may be filled by co-option. This involves the Council in considering any candidates who apply and then voting on which candidate they feel would be most suitable. If you would like to be considered, please read the guidelines below or call the Parish Clerk, Nicola Thompson (614646) or the Chairman Tim Lockley (614532) for an informal chat.

Candidates for the Parish Council must either live within the village or within 3 miles of it or own a business or property within the village. Some further criteria do apply – for an exhaustive list of the criteria please contact the Parish Clerk. Current councillors are a mixture of working and retired people, some of whom have lived in the village for more than 40 years, others for far less, and who have business, public sector, and entrepreneurial backgrounds.

If you would like to be considered for co-option please write a letter (no more than one page) to the Parish Clerk, 36 Percival Drive, Harbury. The letter should contain information about your connection with the Parish (how long you have lived/worked here), your involvement with village organisations (of any type), and any relevant experience. The letter should also contain a statement as to why you wish to become a Parish Councillor: what would you like to achieve? What should be priorities for the council? What new directions should the council be going in?

Deadline for Applications: Friday 9th May

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to come along and meet and/or question representatives from the Parish, District and County Councils. This year's speaker will be Robert Weeks from Stratford District Council who will be giving a short presentation and answering questions on a current "hot topic" – refuse collection and recycling. Refreshments available. All welcome.

Parish Website

Visitors to the Parish website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk can now access planning applications for Harbury and Deppers Bridge both current and from the past 6 months directly from the site. If your village voluntary group/organization would like to have its own page on the site please contact Nicola Thompson on 614646, or e-mail clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk for more details.

In the past 3 months the Parish Council has:



Harbury Parish Council Quarterly Report

Tim Lockley

1. Approved a budget that increases the parish precept by only 2.5%.
2. Created a new website that acts as a gateway to other village organisations and provides a live planning feed from SDC.
3. Worked with WCC to get several footpaths top-dressed.
4. Held meetings with the Village Hall management committee about improving the boundary between the Village Hall and the playing fields.

5. Continued to investigate the possibility of a parish office being established in the Village Hall.
6. Met with WCC lighting officers about the new bulbs for streetlights.
7. Continued the consultation process about the proposed Bush Heath Lane development.



Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

On a bitterly cold Saturday morning – the day before the beautiful snowfall! – six councillors convened outside Harbury Post Office. We had Bob Stevens from the County, Peter Barton and myself for the District, and Tim Lockley, Sharon Hancock and Janet Thornley representing the Parish.

1. **Post Office closures**

The news is much as before – i.e. we shan't know until 24th June if our village Post Offices are on the "Safe" list or the "At Risk" list. After that, there will be a 6-week public consultation period – so if it's bad news, that's when we will have to get campaigning!

2. **Recycling new arrangements**

A resident raised the question of the composting of dense food matter (e.g. meat bones) when the second recycling phase is introduced. When more is known about the proposed process, Stratford will explain it to us. But it probably won't be introduced until later.

3. **Lighting in Church Street**

Two residents pointed out that pedestrians find Chapel Street difficult in the dark because of steps leading out on to the pavement. We think it's unlikely that the Parish Council will request an additional street light. **But** it might be worth getting together as a group of neighbours to ask the Dog Inn if they could reinstate their outside light.

4. **Chapel Street bench area**

The Parish Council have this in hand.

5. **Motor bikes on the field & outside the PO**

If residents are aware of inappropriate use of motor bikes and knows who it is, please contact the Parish Clerk, or one of us, or the Police.

6. **Kerbstone outside Mr Trice's farm in Mill Street. Pavement outside Leicester Close.**

These and other urgent matters were on the agenda when Gez Romano (WCC Highways maintenance) met the Parish Clerk on site on 15th April. We are told they will be dealt with soon!

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Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

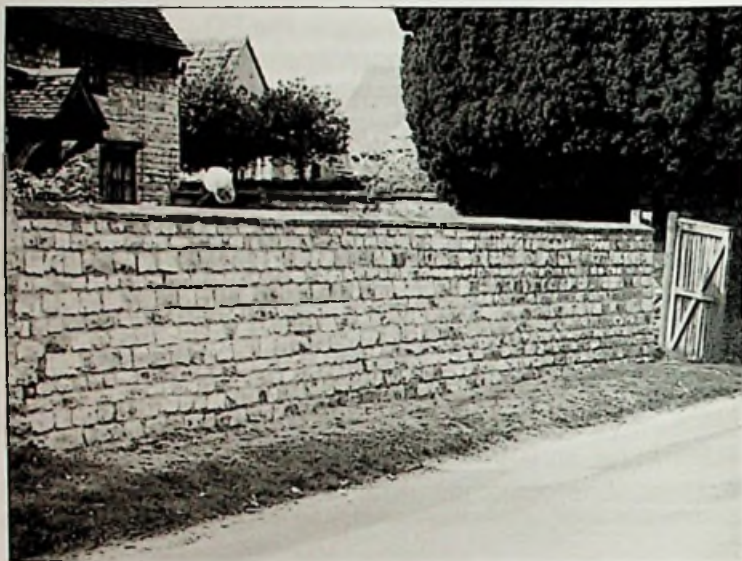
We will have completed our Pub Walk by the time you read this – so, sorry but you missed it.

Our next event is in conjunction with the Parish Council where Rob Weeks from Stratford District Council will be the guest speaker at their Annual Parish Meeting. He is to explain how the new Refuse and Recycling Collection will function. Do come along to hear and question him, and your Parish, District and County Councillors about the things that concern you. 22nd May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

We have a fund raising Coffee Morning on 24th May 10am – 12noon with cake stall, bric-a-brac and raffle when the Spirit of Harbury will be awarded. Do join us. We will also have a copy of the Quarries Masterplan on show.

For the Carnival on 14th June we will have a game for children and adults, displays and books and old photographs for sale. We will be pleased to see you there.

On 13th July 10.30am, our Chairman is organising a guided walk round ancient Coventry including St Mary's Hall. Members will be sent details soon.



Maintaining the village character, the rebuilt wall at Pan's Garden in Farm Street



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

A full meeting in April with two more new members makes us now 59 strong.

We hope to see familiar faces at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd May at the Tom Hauley Room. A reminder to members to collect shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The walk was to Chesterton Windmill through Chesterton and back through the Thwaites estate on a lovely day.

Pat Smith gave an excellent report of the Spring Council Meeting at the Spa Centre.

Fay Mansell, Chairman of the National Federation spoke of the many meetings to which she had been invited, to put members' views on a variety of issues, including a meeting with Harriet Harman on trafficking and violence to women. Prince Charles chaired a discussion called Opportunity Now. The meaning of Britishness, the 90th anniversary of women's suffrage and the Government's plan on climate change with Gordon Brown and Hilary Benn. Fay closed by saying as individuals we are special but as a national organisation we are invincible.

The representative of Taylors Tea spoke of the 20 years association with W.I. and the 2.5 million teabags which go into their products at institutes. Through our support for their Trees for Life Campaign, 210,000 trees have been planted. They are sourcing organic ingredients for their biscuits and cakes from Hill Top Farm in the Fosse being a producer for them of Organic wheat. There was a hilarious poetry recital by Rhona Powell who raises money for a hospice, with 12 poems in different voices.

Delighted to see the Needlecase designed by Marion and Brian has been awarded 2nd prize against very stiff competition.

The final guest speaker was Professor Lord Robert Winston, well known for his work on infertility that resulted in IVF treatment and was very interesting. A tribute to Marie Colman in the style of Gilbert and Sullivan ended the day. Jan Wade will be the next Federation Chairman.

Our speaker was Emlyn Evans – Polar Race 2007. Emlyn said the crazy idea to go for a walk to the North pole came about in a pub. There were 15 in all, two of them girls, all with different jobs. They each had to raise money to go and were able to raise much money for charities by doing so. They spent 18 months getting fit in the UK including assault courses, gun training and with 80 kilos of equipment strapped on them. Arctic skills in Norway on skis, learning about frostbite and doing watches. They also learnt a lot about each other and spent the journey, two hours trekking, two hours rest and so on. The clothing for insulation was most important to master, plus nutrition and drinks. Ice conditions and visibility absolutely clear to shoot bears or to frighten them away by waving. As Emlyn said they were not like Sir Ralph Fiennes but on their own.

Emlyn dressed in his gear and brought all the things required for the journey. It took 15 days, 3 hours and 32 minutes and he wants to go on a different journey in the future. There were spectacular shots, even a poser reading a book on a privy surrounded by a snow wall.

May Speaker: Resolutions

Harbury Women's Institute Ann Mayer (President)

This year we celebrate our 90th Anniversary

As part of our Special Year's events we wish to invite all past members and anyone interested in joining W.I. to Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 3rd June 2.30pm – 4pm in the Tom Hauley Room. If you require transport please phone (01926) 612708.



Harbury Theatre Group

Ruth Walton

Avoid all those repeats on the telly and join us at Harbury Village Hall on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May for an evening of live entertainment comprising two one-act plays and, on Saturday evening only, a supper.

"Swan Song", by Vanessa Brooks

"Last Panto In Harbury?" by David Tristram

Bar opens 7.15pm, with Curtain Up at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £5 for Thursday and Friday performances (Concessions £3.50). For the Saturday performance all tickets cost £8.50 to include supper, (please buy your tickets in advance).

You can purchase tickets either by phoning 613214 or from Country Fayre Greengrocers, Chapel Street.



Folk Club

Steve and Maureen Darby

The theme for the evening was "Elements" – the rain kept away and the temperature rose as the evening went on so we had to open the back doors to allow the elements in to cool us all down.

Maureen and Janny opened the evening with a Beth Nielsen Chapman number called "The Flame". Janny held her composure and was able to complete the song without getting all emotional as the words are very moving. Ron reminded us it was an appropriate number to sing with all the hoo-ha around the impending arrival of the Olympic Flame.

Summer gave us two songs about what women got up to when their sailor husbands were at sea – she would not condone their behaviour, but someone wondered if Jim was ever a sailor as Summer sang them both so well. The first song mentioned how the wife had other men on board (read into that what you will) with the wind and rain helping their return and the second song had the women twiddling their twiddler!!

Ron turned on his magic lantern and in the style of Gilbert and Sullivan gave us a rendition of the Chemical Element Table to the tune of Modern Major General. This was followed by a reminder that it was

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St George's day in 3 weeks time and so we honoured him with a tale of the Knights of the Round Table and all joined in the chorus of "George is for England".

Peter Bones described his song as a "delicate confusion" and sang Les Barker's "The Element of Administerium" – we all associated the songs intent with our local Council!! Liz and Peter then sang the Ralph McTell song "Weather the Storm". Des proudly displayed his new T-shirt that had a representation of Air and Water on the front and Fire and Molten Earth on the back. Des sang the tale of the Alabama Keel which was made in Birkenhead and sank in '64 and to commemorate Anzac day we then heard the sad and very moving "Waltzing Matilda" anthem. Des also made mention of his son's 22nd birthday which lead to a discussion on birthdays later in the evening.

Sue and Ted closed the first half with "Crazy Man Michael" with Ted playing some superb harmonica and then Ted took us back to our youth and the days of radio by singing the Gas Man song, a song about the woes of poor workmanship, the division of labour and the cycle of everyday life!!

Before the second half got underway, we had to celebrate Jim's 55th birthday and we had a debate about the number of people born 9 months after the traditional 2 week factory shut down. We discovered that April and May are the most popular months for giving birth and we learnt that Sue Hartland's parents seemed to have made the most of the "Birmingham Fortnight" as she and her brothers were all born around the same time (different years of course).

The second half began with Janny and Maureen singing a Threlfall Sisters song "The Banks of Allen Water" and then we had the surprise of the evening when Mike Jerome and Debbie made their debut. Mike is a pupil of Ian Hartland for playing the guitar and he carpeted us all with his confident playing as he supported Debbie who sang "Fields of Gold" – they must return!! Stuart had to apologise in advance for the bad language in his song about being rained off and contented for £4 a day and he followed this with "Across the Valley and Over the Hills".

Peter McDonald apologised for his cold before singing his poem that was turned into a song about "AFEW", Air, Fire, Earth and Water and followed this with Paul Metzger's "Farewell to the Gold" which is set in New Zealand. Peter Mason then performed the "Chemical Workers song" and then gave us an English Cowboy song who took 23 shots to bring 5 men down. Sue and Ian Hartland closed the second half with "Soldiers of Fortune" and "Still Waters", a song about what happened to old canals.

We had a short third half with Maureen and Janny singing " 'Twas on One April morning", Peter Bones told us the sad tale of how 3 score boys and 10 were lost from Grimsby Town, Sue and Ian gave a great rendition of "To the Ends of the Earth" to which we were all able to join in with the chorus and as is tradition with our turn in hosting the Folk Club, we asked Des to close the evening with something we could all join in with. He didn't let us down as he told us of how going out in the elements can kill you from exposure.

The raffle raised £45 which was donated in support Ian Hartland's run in the London Marathon to the British Heart Foundation. (Sue Hartland didn't win the raffle again)

Next month Folk Club is on Thursday 1st May, hosted by Peter Bones when the theme will be "May I have the Pleasure".



Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mark Easton

Harbury v Stratford – 9th March 2008

Under 7's

Stratford had a strong team but Harbury, including new boy William Banfield, tagged gallantly and drew 25 each. Tim Baldwin one for Finn Brown, Kate Lewis and Peter Gee. Top tagger was Dominic Priest.

Second Match saw Harbury put in their best performance of the season winning 45-20. Man of the Match Dominic Priest was an impressive tagger and scored 1 try, while Peter Gee scored another 4 tries. Tim Baldwin touched down twice and Caellach Welland and Murray Gibson also scored.

Under 8's

Despite defending well Harbury narrowly lost their 1st game 20-15 with tries for Jim Owen, Tiarnan Welland and Beth Mancell. Against a different Stratford team Harbury drew 30 each with 3 tries for Jamie Head, 2 for Jim Owen and 1 for Tiarnan Welland In their 3rd game Harbury drew 15 each with 2 more tries for Jim Owen and Tiarnan Welland.

Under 9's

First match we won 15 to 10 in a well balanced game. Stratford had very fast backs and was strong in ruck and maul often pushing the

Harbury team, some distance and often stealing the ball. In spite of this Harbury, with true determination, refused to give up. Try scorers for Harbury were Bay Toner, Joe Hunt and Aiden.

2nd Match resulted in a 15-10 loss Bay Toner was fighting hard all the time in his Fly Half position and his determination got him a try. Our second try was scored by Sam Britton, from about the half way line, in a terrific jinking run.

3rd Match, Harbury came out with vim and vigour, determined not to lose on home turf.

Some crunching tackles by Bay, Jack and Matt Laity had the visitors reeling. Jacks strength, tackling and determination, got him man of the match. Bay Toner scored two tries, Joe Hunt one, Matt Laity one and Lewis Connors one, with a superb run down the wing, breaking tackles on the way.

Under 10's

Harbury lost heavily 55-0 in their first encounter despite good tackling from George McGowan and Morgan Hickman.

2nd Game was 35-0 to Stratford with some good play from Joseph Killick, Ben Giles, James Darlison, Caoilainn Wielland and Henry Steele.

In a third much closer game Harbury lost 25-30 with tries from Morgan Hickman, George McGowan, Ben Taylor and two for Neil Taylor.

Under 11's

Played very well to lose two close matches to a large Stratford Squad.

The first game Stratford went two tries up thanks to some powerful running from their backs. Playing downhill in the second half Harbury came back well with Aaron Ward touching down after an excellent run following a ruck on the half way line. William Winchester added the conversion. Late on Man of the Match Aaron Ward had a further try disallowed. Final score Stratford 14-7 Harbury.

Second game Stratford were superb in the first half scoring five tries to Harbury's one try by William Winchester. Harbury came to life in the second half with Man of the Match William Winchester adding another try followed by scores from Finn Toner and Bradley King, William then added 3 conversions, an excellent come back but not quite enough.

Final Score 26 Harbury - 31 Stratford.

Under 12's

A determined performance saw the U12s fight back after two defeats to win the third of a series of three games played against Stratford.

All the team showed a commitment to tackle and contest for every ball going. Elliot Tawney was the man of the match for his explosive runs, combined with resolute defence.

Mini & Midi - Harbury v Kenilworth - 30th March 2008

Under 9's

An impressive result against a strong Kenilworth team with two wins out of three games.

Under 10's

Due to a lack of numbers possibly due to Easter the U10's turned up with just one team this week.

1st game Harbury started strongly matching Kenilworth try for try but unfortunately faded a little in the second half to end up losing 30-10 with tries from Conner Gladwin and George McGowan.

2nd Game proved one too many for the team having given there all in the first encounter there was very little left in the tank. Losing 40-0. However the whole team where a credit to the club, putting in a big effort until the very end.

Under 11's

With key players missing Harbury lost convincingly to a well coached Kenilworth side. Harbury put in some good tackles particularly Man of the Match Russell Brooks, Harbury were strong in most of the mauls but Kenilworth were stronger in the scrum and eventually won 33-0.

Minis & Midis on Tour at Gloucester 12th & 13th April 2008

Harbury 8's, 9's, 10's & 11's were on tour this weekend, we arrived at Kingsholm, home of Gloucester RFC at 9.30 a.m., after a tour of the stadium we had a training session with some of the players, all 107 children and parents enjoyed watching Gloucester beat Saracens 39-15 and meeting some of the players afterwards. Lesley Vainikolo, Chris Patterson, Ryan Lamb, Mike Tindall, & James Simpson-Daniel were all very approachable and did not mind having a photo call with the lads. After an overnight stay in Gloucester we drove to Warley RFC for a fixture.



Harbury v Warley – April 13th 200 **Under 9's**

Warley were game but had to split their players between the under 9's and under 10's. Harbury were the stronger side on both games with a great front row of Luke Winchester, Josh and James Butlin (JB), Luke, lead some good drives but got pushed into touch, by a great mauling Warley side.

Josh was first on the ball, in much of the loose play, picking up and driving forward. With good support Matt Laity, ran in the first two tries. The first on the blind side of the scrum, cutting inside two players, for his first touch down. Matt's second was again from the scrum, though this time going open. Theo Waklin, ran in a third try, in the second half, with a scorching run, from the wing after, flowing passes along the line. Tackling was good and balls were contested hard. Warley, fought well in the mauls and came off better in most, but couldn't find the finish. 15 nil.

A second game, with Jamie Butlin, Luke Davies and Aiden Keavy, up front saw another good game. The game was sporting and flowing. Lewis Cannon ran in two terrific tries, along the line, with speed and determination, his strength and resolve, breaking tackles. Warley, ran in a try of their own, with a superb run of jink and broken tackle Joe Hunt also ran in two tries, the second, being disallowed. To Warley's credit, they never gave up! 15-5.

Under 11's

We struggled in the first half against big forwards and were 10 – 5 down at half time Harbury's try came from Bradley King bursting through from Full back to score. In the second half we brought on Ben and Neil Taylor as props and they made a huge difference as Harbury

began to dominate the scrums and mauls, Ben Taylor powered through the Warley forwards to score the equalising try and Man of the Match for his ripping in the Mauls Finn Toner scored twice after two scything runs. Final score Warley 10 – Harbury 20.

Harbury Juniors
FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Junior's Football

Malcolm Tanner

Harbury U11's v Cropedy

Having started off at a fast pace against league leaders Cropedy and took a well deserved lead with a spectacular goal from Toby Puigserver who was having a great influence on the game with his passing and distribution of the ball.

However Cropedy's pressure paid off scoring three goals to take command of the game. Harbury continued to battle and were rewarded with a goal from William Apted after skilful play from Jacob Tanner with a cross from the corner. With Harbury continuing to push forward in search of the equaliser, Cropedy scored a fourth goal to win the match 4-2. Man of the match was Toby Puigserver who was influential in attack and defence and made some defence splitting passes.

Match of the Day!

If the BBC had known of this match, they would surely have featured this exciting eight goal thriller!

Tysoe got off to flying start with 3 goals in the first 10 minutes to leave Harbury mesmerised and with a mountain to climb to get back into the match. With the introduction of James Eales, it kick started the team and they soon scored a goal through Toby Puigserver. The team were now playing with renewed vigour and with goals from James Eales and Jacob Tanner the game was level after Harbury had dominated the middle session.

The last twenty minutes were tense but Harbury managed to take the lead with a skilful goal from Jacob Tanner. Whilst Tysoe through players forward, it looked as though Harbury would hang on to the lead, but two minutes from time, Tysoe snatched the equaliser to level at the score at 4-4 in one of the most entertaining games seen at Harbury.

Man of the Match was James Eales whose energy and drive brought Harbury back into the match and almost achieved an unlikely victory.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The weather was not kind to us last month. We expect showers in April but when combined with strong, cold winds playing conditions are uncomfortable to say the least. To cap it all we had to cancel our traditional start of the new season Cheque Book Tournament on 6th April when we woke up to 2/3 inches of snow! However 2 gentlemen members of mature years actually brushed the courts clear and played!! They think the rest of us are wimps!

This wasn't the only event that was affected by the weather. On 19th April we held an Open Day for adults of all abilities. This was well publicised in the village, by email and the local press, but on the day we only had one adult. It was a cold and drizzly afternoon, so we hope that was the reason people were put off.

Some of the members spent time away from the courts and tried their hands at an alternative sport, ten pin bowling. An enjoyable evening was spent at the Ten Pin Alley in Leamington at which Tracy Haggan and Bill Hathaway were the leading lady and man.



They provided ample evidence of misspent youths by winning comfortably! The group is pictured after the bowling en route to a local curry house!

The remaining winter league matches were completed with the Men's doubles team clinching promotion to Division 3 with wins against Claverdon B and FISSC B. A 3-1 win against FISSC meant Harbury had to win at least 3 of the 8 points available in the final match against Claverdon. They got 6 in another 3-1 win to secure the second promotion spot behind runaway champions Alcester. The final winter league match was followed 3 days later by the first summer league match in Division 3 of the PRS league - no rest for the wicked! Jon Scothern, Bill Hathaway, Mark Pavey and Geoff Prince travelled to Snitterfield and, in a rain affected match, managed a very creditable 2-2 draw.

I am pleased to report that the Club has been awarded a £500 "Timebank" grant by Stratford District Council. This will be used to support the junior programme, by subsidising the costs for 3 of our teenagers taking the Level 1 Coaching Assistants Course, coach fees for "taster sessions" and also meeting the cost of hosting a tournament with some of the smaller clubs in the area. This will be aimed at children with little or no experience of match play and hopefully will whet their appetites before coming up against the bigger clubs with more experience.

Juniors

The junior programme for the summer term has been up and running for a few weeks now with 12 and a half hours of coaching throughout the week. On 14th April children from Reception and Year 1 classes walked up from Harbury School to the courts for a "taster" session. This was led by Coach Mark Boden, the head coach of the Shipston Partnership, with our own coaches, Linda Casement and Sue Panton. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and as a result we have 16 new members who are taking up another hour with two coaches. Thank you to Mr Daly, the class teachers and helpers who allowed this to take place.



Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Well, what can I say, snow, rain, and frosts in the morning, it must be time for the cricket season! It's been a while since my last report, but rest assured that we at the cricket have been busy in preparing for what should be an exciting new season. Firstly I would like to go right back to the last year and mention the Victorian street fair. Do you remember those plonkers wandering around wearing what looked like Santa beards? Well that was us dressed as W.G. Grace (a very famous old cricketer, not to be confused with my dad). You may have noticed our stall where we sold cakes made by our own tea ladies, had a few quizzes to test your knowledge on our team members, and even set up some apple bobbing. Needless to say, this event was a massive success for the club and we were able to raise plenty of funds to put towards the coming season, so thank you everyone that visited our stall on the day and I hope you enjoyed the cakes and games that we had to offer.

Next I would like to move into the present, well a few weeks ago, when we managed our Club dinner just before the new season (by one day). We all met for a meal and the presentation of awards for last season, which were as follows; Phil Mugleston gained young player of the year for the second time and believe me, he was chuffed to bits. However the smile on his face was quickly wiped off, when due to an engraving error he also managed to win duck of the year, which he thought he'd got away with avoiding last year, no such luck! I believe the name that was supposed to go on the trophy was Matt Boneham who also got it last year, but don't tell him. The last award was that of player of the year for which there were many contenders with several players having excellent seasons with bat and ball last year. However the decision had to be made by our captain Ed Russell who chose Stuart Mugleston. Stuart had a very good season, making quality runs with the bat and taking key wickets with the ball. He is always looking to improve and aims to have an even bigger impact this season, well so he tells me anyway.

One more special award was still to come however. This was presented to a man who has had a huge influence at the club for what seems like forever. A fantastic wicketkeeper and Groundsman it is of course Richard Carr, known to most as the Major. At the end of last season Major decided it was time to hang up his boots and give up playing for the first team after what must be a hundred years of excellent service. Although I have only played along side him for 5 years, I still believe he is up there with the best wicket keepers I've seen, including Alec Stewart. He could whip off the bails quick as a flash to gain a stumping that often the umpire at square leg would miss, and would always be there to pass on his infinite wisdom of the game to every player on the pitch. "Hurry up so we can get down the pub", would be his regular words of encouragement to the bowlers on a Sunday evening. On his award it read, "Wicketkeeper and inspiration", which sums him up nicely, as it has been a privilege for each of us at the club to have played alongside him. So thanks very much Major for your service to the club over the years and I hope you will be continuing for a few more as our brilliant Groundsman, Cheers.

Now as I said before, we did just manage the dinner before the new season which started on the next day with a home fixture to Stockton. Our spirits were high and although some of us had sore heads from the night before (my brother definitely did) we were well up for beating some local rivals. But, of course it did rain on our parade and the first match of the season was called off.

HARBURY IN THE SNOW

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Linda Ridgley & Frank Bunting

Oh well, as the new season hasn't quite begun I might as well give you last years batting and bowling averages for the club, which do make good reading for most players, showing we did have successful season, in particular Paul Mugleston who showed his experience with a batting average of 1.5, good stuff!

Harbury Cricket Club Averages 2007

Batting	Innings	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	50's	100's	Average
Will Russell	13	2	458	100	3	1	41.64
Ed Russell	13	2	433	62	5		39.36
Phil Mugleston	11		341	106	1	1	31.00
Stuart Mugleston	13		387		1		29.77
Graham Newport	8		207	61	2		25.88
Jez Hunt	2	1	24				24.00
Greg Neale	12	3	181	51	1		20.11
John Wilkinson	9	1	108	30			13.50
Richard Carr	9	1	74	34			9.25
Richard Lowe	2	1	7				7.00
Tom McKenzie	6	2	27				6.75
Jamie Newport	5	2	20				6.67
George Bloxham	2		9				4.50
Matt Boneham	9	1	23				2.88
Paul Mugleston	5	1	6				1.50

Batting	Balls	Overs	M'dns	Runs	Economy	Strike Rate	Wkts	Average
Ed Russell	490	81.67	12	297	3.64	20.42	24	12.38
Jez Hunt	78	13	0	61	4.69	19.50	4	15.25
Jamie Newport	300	50	2	216	4.32	30.00	10	21.60
Greg Neale	624	104	11	373	3.59	36.71	17	21.94
Stuart Mugleston	328	54.67	3	249	4.55	29.82	11	22.64
Graham Newport	18	3	0	27	9.00	18.00	1	27.00
George Bloxham	102	17	1	109	6.41	25.50	4	27.25
Phil Mugleston	340	56.67	2	320	5.65	34.00	10	32.00
Matt Boneham	266	44.33	0	359	8.10	26.60	10	35.90
Richard Lowe	114	19	0	108	5.68	38.00	3	36.00
Tom McKenzie	190	31.67	0	280	8.84	27.14	7	40.00
Paul Mugleston	108	18	0	122	6.78	108.00	1	122.00

Well putting those behind us now we are all looking forward to the new season, which leaves me to say if anyone fancies just the odd game on the weekend then you are welcome to dig your whites out and join us. With the loss of the major we are in need of a full time wicketkeeper, otherwise I'll have to do it, so please don't hesitate to give either Ed Russell 01926 612684 or Stuart Mugleston 01926 612382 a ring.



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

This half term we have been finding out about water: how we use it to keep ourselves clean how we need it to drink and water our plants as well as what fun we can have in water. The children have painted waves using their fingers and brushes, then added boats and fish. We have listened to the story of Noah's ark and talked about how many animals make a pair, then moved around the room like animals to lots of different music. A highlight this month was when Megan Russell and her dad brought to school two three week old lambs to show to some of the school children. The lambs were running around on the grass outside our classroom and once the school children had returned inside, our children then went out to meet them, and to learn about how they were fed with a bottle and feel their hearts beating.



Paige, and Charlotte stroking lamb

Other activities have included :



Mia printing her picture

- * Learning to use our new printer to print off their computer drawings of boats.
- * colour matching and making raindrop and umbrella collages, after watching the raindrops run down our windows.
- * Creating a wonderful display showing the different ways we use water - Gethan brought in pictures of his kitchen garden and told us "I water my strawberries and tomatoes with my watering can to make them grow" "I

have got sweet peas in the hanging baskets"

Making good use of our new water tray, bathing the dolls, adding bubbles, and coloured ice, initiating some wonderful vocabulary - "Water turns to ice when it goes in the freezer and if you put it in the kettle it gets hot" -Joshua W



Eleanor, Ruby and Amber in water tray

* Playing with the magnetic fishing game George noticed the magnets on the fishing rods would not stick together "there is an invisible power pushing the magnets apart. It is because a negative and a positive go together and two negatives push apart".



George with magnets

* Taking the children into school to watch the Reception Class assembly.

* Walking to church to make our usual visit to the toddler service.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who generously sponsored the children at our sponsored bike ride, push, run and walk around the school infant playground enabling us to raise over £500.00 which has allowed us to purchase the new water tray, printer, and a selection of playmats for our small world toys.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Wine Tasting and Indulgence evening an enjoyable event, we raised almost £120.00. Special thanks to Emma Masefield for cooking the Glebe Farm sausages, and to all those parents/grandparents for making and supplying the very tasty and professional looking desserts.

Thank you to Jared Russells' family for the kind donation of two more ride on toys, which have already been put to good use. A belated thank you to Geoff - Amber's dad - for tidying up our outdoor area enabling us to run our successful outdoor classroom sessions, and to Amber's Aunty for the huge supply of reward stickers. Thank you to Eleanor's mum for supplying an enormous quantity of powder paint and large sheets of paper. Thank you to Katie's mum Natasha for the donation of an electronic typewriter, to enhance our graphics area, some of the children have already managed to type their own names.

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

Congratulations - Firstly, we are delighted to announce that Lesley van Kesteren, Claire Coady and Angie Clifton have all been awarded their NVQ3 qualifications in Childcare and Education. This is the realisation of many months of hard work and study at home, at Pre-School and at college. Congratulations to them all!

The New Term - The children returned to Pre-School after Easter full of enthusiasm and chocolate. The theme for the first half of the summer term is "Homes" and this is being linked to a variety of traditional tales.

Jack and the Beanstalk - We began by talking about Jack and the Beanstalk, with the role play area becoming the giant's home using adult sized clothes and large furniture and kitchen utensils. The children made a fantastic giant's treasure chest into which they put an assortment of treasure, using collage, recyclable and shiny materials. The story was told in numerous ways, with the "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum" getting louder each time and Harry's tuneful chicken was a very popular addition to the props for the story. In addition, a huge paper beanstalk acquired lots of new leaves as the children stuck them on as rewards for displaying any of our golden rules for good behaviour.

The Gingerbread Man - Next the role play area was used as a kitchen for baking an assortment of cakes, most especially gingerbread. The children all had time to mix and bake their own gingerbread man to take home and the story was told using one of our story boards.

The Three Little Pigs - Finally the role play area became a home for the three pigs, with three of everything and a large cauldron for the big bad wolf to fall into. Collages of the





houses were made using straw and twigs and the large plastic bricks were used outside to build the brick house, with wet sand in the builder's tray to enable more building inside. As always, the story was told in a variety of ways, with the children joining in ever more willingly and loudly with "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!"

Farm Visit - We are very grateful to Louise Trice for allowing us to visit the farm to see where the cows live, and to her sister Sue for showing us around. The children were thrilled to be able to feed the young calves with "calf cake" and they were able to see a new born calf with its mother. After climbing on big bales of straw and learning about what cows have to eat, we returned to Pre-School and the children had a great time making pictures and collages of their experiences.



Thanks also to our wonderful volunteers, John and Maureen Handle and Hilary Scott who helped with this visit.

School Visit - Sixteen of our children enjoyed a visit to Harbury School to see the Reception Class assembly. They were treated to a wonderful rendition of 'The Enormous Turnip' story, fitting in very well with our traditional tales theme! Our thanks to Mr Daly and Miss Maher for inviting us and to all the mums who helped accompany us there and back.

Open Morning - We had a very successful open morning which included the opening of our new storage facility. A full write up will appear in next month's issue.

Dates for the Diary - Quiz night: 10th May in the school hall, £16 per team of 4, light refreshments, bar, tickets from Lisa on 614744 and Alison on 614334.

Coffee morning: 17th May, 10am - 12noon in the Tom Hauley rooms. Your support at these events will be greatly appreciated!

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

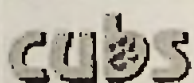
To the Girls Football Team, who won the Southam Area competition last week, and will be representing Southam in the South Warwickshire finals on 21st May. Not only did they go through the competition unbeaten, they did not even concede a goal! Well done girls. In their competition, the boys finished 4th out of nine teams.

To Robert Rollason and Callum Panton, who represented Southam in the Stratford Area Swimming Gala last Saturday. Both boys swam well, each finishing 2nd in their races. Well done boys.

To Jessica Champion, the county schools table tennis champion, who represented Warwickshire in the national finals in Doncaster last week. I am told that Jessica played exceptionally well, but just failed to make the final stages of the competition. Well done Jessica.

School Travel Plan

I have recently completed a School Travel Plan (which will be placed on the website in the near future for information) which has two major aspects – to facilitate children being allowed to ride to school if parents so desire by erecting purpose built bike sheds, and by establishing a “walking bus” so that children can walk to school together, under the supervision of parents. As an experiment, I would like to gauge the interest from parents about accompanying a “walking bus”, congregating in the cut-through between South Parade and Percival Drive for a 8.45am start, then walking along South Parade, past the Village Hall playing fields (where children who are brought by car could join the bus), before crossing Park Lane opposite the school. If you are interested in helping to organise the “walking bus”, please let me know **in writing** in the next few days – I would hope that we would be able to get a rota of willing parents together to share the load.



1st Harbury Cubs

Tracey McGowan

Cross Country: On Sunday 16th March the annual district cross country running race was held at Newbold Cornyn in Leamington. Four Harbury Cubs took part and were determined to do their best.

They really did do their best – George McGowan came first and Owen Gee second – here they are with their medals. James and Daniel Robinson took part for the first time and did very well.



Other news: It was quiz night on 9th April at Cubbington Methodist Church and 1st Harbury entered 3 teams into this and 1 of the teams made it through to the county final on 13th April – well done boys!! Sunday 20th April saw the cubs meeting at Jephson Gardens for St George's Day celebrations which was enjoyed by them all as they saw a sword fight involving St George and the Black Knight and of course a dragon!!



The highlight of the year will be the summer camp in June when the cubs are off to Blackwell Court near Bromsgrove for a weekend of fun and activity!

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



1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Green

Although another short half term, from the end of February until March, the activities were tightly organised around a great programme.

Lottie from the Eagles patrol reports as follows:

"The half term of activities started with an evening of campfire sketches. We could choose a joke, sketch or song theme or any combination of these and around any subject. We planned and then acted them out by patrol, in front of a tough panel of leader judges. Although all the sketches were hilarious, the judges decided that the Hawks' topical 'Newsflash' sketch was the winner.

Across the next three meetings in February and March, the scouts took it in turns to go to Stratford Leisure Centre, where the diving club gave each one of us an hour-long scuba diving lesson. We learned how to put on diving equipment, how to breathe using the apparatus, and how to swim underwater. The lesson finished with



many of us completing whole lengths of the pool underwater! It was great fun, and all the scouts loved it. We would definitely go again.

Whilst a third of the troop was scuba diving each week, the rest of the troop had some other great activities to do. In our February 28th meeting we learned more about leap years – and carried out multiple activities involving leaping horizontally and vertically, which we all enjoyed.

Another week we brought in household items and made our own meteorology equipment – to measure rain fall, wind direction and wind speed.

All in all it was a great half term and we all really enjoyed ourselves."

1st Harbury scouts were also the winners of the Leamington district scouts swimming trophy. Congratulations to the team!



April 19th saw a big event for all of the uniformed groups on the village – the grand opening of the refurbished scout hut. Thanks to the hard work of many people, the hut and grounds looked great. Visitors were able to look around our new facilities for themselves, and there were demonstrations by some of

the groups that use the hut during the week. Some of the scouts even offered to help with the Appalachian dancing!

The day was a great success.

Thanks to everyone involved for their support, and to GASS and all those over the years who have helped to provide us with such a fantastic facility.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

We had another 4 new members join at the last meeting in April; this brings the total membership to over 80 for this year. How brilliant and what a nice way to meet other fellow garden lovers. It is so nice to see a packed house and that is what we had yet again.

We were entertained by a very funny speaker but at the same time marvelled at triumph over adversity. It began as a meeting between Rob and Diane in Majorca and ended with a second marriage for them both and we followed their dream, of owning their own nursery. They moved to Moseley in Birmingham, Rob still working for Seven Trent as a landscape architect and Diane growing herbaceous perennials on an allotment. She gradually expanded to owning 5 allotments in total and selling plants wherever she could. They also opened their garden under the NGS and 575 people turned up at their first opening; we saw slides of queues all along the street. Indeed over a period of 5 years of opening their garden they received over 5000 visitors.

They then had the chance of moving the plants to a plot at Shrewley near Warwick and stayed there for 3 years. However the owner of the land had financial problems and they had to move over 2000 plants to a new location in the space of 2 weeks. After frantic searches they bought Meadow Farm in Feckenham in 1999, which the previous owners had used as a B & B. There were 3 acres with the house and thus began the very daunting task of turning 2 acres into a nursery.

Initially they hired machines and labour to assist with the mammoth task but this was a total disaster and they did all of the conversion themselves. No mean feat when you consider that a drainage trench for the water main had to be dug then paths laid and raised beds to be constructed. These raised beds, of which there are 12 each, measure 50 feet by 16 feet and once constructed were then laid with hardcore and then infilled with gravel and grit and finally Mipex was fitted on the top. Diane proved to be a Trojan; there didn't seem to be anything that she couldn't turn her hand to. Rob estimated that they received over 850 tons of material all of which had to be barrowed to site. All of this

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time from the beginning of the year the rain didn't seem to stop and the site resembled a quagmire. The soil being clay didn't help either.

In addition to the beds for the plants Rob also designed nursery beds to raise seedlings. Rabbit proof fences were erected and planted with native hedges which quickly matured. Wild flowers were planted and paths finally laid. A polytunnel was erected but help was needed as it was a windy day when this was built. Amazingly the nursery was completed in 6 months.

They then set about turning the remaining 1 acre into a garden. The initial idea was to have island beds. However the area had previously been used as a dump so it all had to be excavated and again this was no small undertaking. They now have a most beautiful garden with a huge area for alpinists of which they are both fond, rills a pond, scree bed and magnificent double borders. Rob decided on these after a visit to Arley in Cheshire. (You may remember we saw these on one of our Day Trips.) He also built a lych gate, terraces and other wooden features. It just shows what can be achieved with hard work, dedication and wanting to fulfil a dream. This they certainly did and we also had the opportunity to buy a range of their plants. A superb evening which everyone enjoyed.

The next meeting on 6th May is the last one this season and the speaker John Porter will be talking about The Rain Forests and Forest Gardens. I'm sure this will be another very interesting talk and a wonderful way to end our talks. Plans are well under way for the Walkabout and we have some more new gardens for you again this year. I am still two helpers short with lunches, teas etc at Tom Hauley room, ten members have kindly offered to help so I will again bring the clipboard to the May meeting. Many of you have agreed to bring cakes there is still time to put your name on the list! Just a mention - that when delivering your cakes to Tom Hauley room could you label them and advise if any contain nuts, thank you.

A reminder that there is a Plant Sale in the Pump Room Gardens on Sunday 4th May from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Rob and Diane Cole will be there amongst many others. Further afield there are plant fairs at Renishaw Hall in Derbyshire on Sunday 11th May and at Chatsworth House on Sunday 7th September. Also new for 2008 The Trentham Estate near Stoke-on-Trent continues with its regeneration programme. It looks to be a most exciting project with much to see. It is part of a £100 million programme and is open daily.

If you remember our talk last year about well dressing it will soon be time for these to be taking place. For up to date information you can contact the Tourist Information Centre in Chesterfield on 01246 345777/8.

I still have a few spare copies of the NGS gardens 2008 in Warwickshire which I will bring along to the May meeting. You really can find something to see almost anywhere, just need the time.

Look forward to seeing everyone on 6th May. PS don't forget to pay for your trips.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

This is almost certainly the busiest month of the year but also perhaps the most beautiful in the garden. So do try to spend some time enjoying the fresh new growth, the wonderful blossom and all the different scents!

In between admiring your lovely garden there are jobs to be done.

These could include: Keeping on weeding, Mowing, Watering newly planted out plants, Pruning: e.g. Spring flowering Clematis, Evergreen shrubs such as Viburnum, Choisya and Osmanthus. Planting out Tomatoes, Courgettes and Runner Beans and Earthing up Potatoes.

Looking good now:

Allium christophii	Exochorda macrantha 'The Bride'
Wisteria	Iris
Geranium 'Bill Wallis'	Flowering Cherry
Dicentra spectabilis ("Bleeding Heart")	Pieris
Carex elata Aurea ("Bowles Golden Sedge")	Ceanothus
Doronicum 'Harper Crew'	Anthemis cupaniana
	Aquilegias

Just a few of the many lovely plants to have and admire at this time of year.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

It's been a varied month in terms of weather with several warm days forcing the pace of spring, mixed with cold winds, ice and snow. In the warmer interludes, I've seen butterflies on the wing; a butter yellow male Brimstone on March 27th and again today (April 23rd). On 31st March, the U3A Naturalists Group met at Snitterfield Bushes Nature Reserve (Grid ref. 200603. OS sheet 151 Stratford-upon-Avon). Primroses abounded but wood anemones were scarce. We found the leaves of Early Purple Orchid and tasted the leaves of Scurvy Grass. Perhaps you've noticed a silvery, low-growing flower along stretches of main road. This is Danish Scurvy Grass (*Cochlearia danica*). As its name suggests, it's fleshy, kidney-shaped leaves are rich in Vitamin C and used to be gathered and made into a bitter infusion to ward off scurvy. Naturally at home on salt marshes, dunes and sea cliffs, it finds an excellent substitute environment on the salty margins of our main roads and is reckoned to be spreading at 15 miles per year, after probably being introduced on ballast from the sea shore.

Later on Monday March 31st, I and several friends had an exceptionally clear view of a barn owl. We had just turned off the Fosse to come up Middle Road, as dusk approached, when the owl seemed to rise from the ditch and flew alongside us, just a few feet away. A truly wonderful occurrence, which we didn't want to end.

Early in April, I and a friend enjoyed 4 days in North Wales beginning in Welshpool and finishing in Shrewsbury. Our first night was spent at the intriguingly named "Aleppo Merchant Inn", Carno. Talking to the landlord, we found that the inn had been named in the 17th century when an enterprising man from Llangollen had carved out a living trading in cotton goods from the Levant. Making his way home from London after selling his thriving import business, he had stopped at Carno, fallen for a local farmer's daughter and settled down to run the inn in this tiny place.

The next day we reached the coast at Towyn and looked across to the hills on the Lleyn peninsula with Bardsey Island a dark outline at its western extremity. The disused railway line along the south side of the Mawdach estuary is now a bike route and made an excellent traffic-free option to Dolgellau. This is an important saltmarsh, wetland area which is home to a good proportion of the world population of Shelduck. We read that the young, too immature to fly to summer

feeding grounds in Germany, stay in this area of western Wales looked after by a relatively few older females in crèches until joined by the main flock the following autumn.

Trees like Hazel, Horse Chestnut and a few remaining Elm were beginning to open their buds. Oak leaves were showing but, even by the end of April, many oak buds are still firmly closed. The disease which is decimating our horse chestnut is *Phytophthora* (Bleeding Canker). Let's hope that it is not as efficient as Dutch elm disease in wiping out a species.

Recently, Sharon and I walked another section of the SW Peninsula Coast Path, this time from Bude to Newquay. Cold, easterly winds at first kept us moving. Later, warmer, sunny conditions brought out the colour of the sea. Banks of wild flowers such as Thrift (*Armeria maritima*), otherwise known as Sea-Pink, Sea Campion with its white petals and distinctive bladder (*Silene uniflora*) and Spring Squill (*Scilla verna*) were a joy to behold, alongside the more well know Primrose, Violet, Stitchwort and Bluebell. A Speckled Wood butterfly somehow managed to cling to a strip of gorse in a very windy spot while a pair of Peacock butterflies had an easier time in a sunny hollow. I glimpsed a male Orange Tip yesterday in our daughter's garden in Bath. Only the males have the distinctive tips to their wings.

Now we need to hear the cuckoo to believe summer is on the way.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

If the saying, 'don't judge a book by its cover' was applied to buildings, how would the Village Hall be viewed? The external appearance of the Hall, surrounded by its lawns and trees creates a very favourable impression for a building which is 40+ years old.



Admittedly some of the paint-work on doors and windows could do with 'touching up', but as the photo taken in the recent snow shows, the building has stood the 'test of time' and has an attractive appearance. As for the interior, many hirers comment very favourably on the attractive main hall with its arching beams and polished wood floor. However, if anyone started to examine some of the rooms more closely, it would be apparent that there is creeping mould in the Ladies' toilets, peeling paint in the Men's toilets and showers and patches of damp on several areas of the back walls facing the Playing Field. All these minor refurbishments could be improved by a few hours of help from willing volunteers and it is possible that the shower area will see some attention in the coming months. Any effort to attend to these necessary 'facelifts' to the Hall takes time, as well as money, and all the revenue accumulated during a year goes towards this type of renovation, as well as covering the costs of the bills. Whatever the outcome of future plans to modernise the Hall, these problem areas need to be addressed on a regular basis before they become an eyesore and any offers of help would be appreciated.

At the recent AGM, the latest plans from the architects were revealed to the committee and members of the public in attendance. It has, however, been necessary for the Chairman and a committee member to return to discuss improvements to the appearance of the proposed exterior. The committee is mindful of the fact that any alterations must be seen to create a favourable impression to those in the immediate vicinity, as well as to the village community in general. Chairman, Geoff Thorpe presented his annual report to those present at the meeting and some of his comments and observations will be discussed with the Parish Council at their next meeting. This will include updated information about the Trusteeship of the Hall and the necessity for viable funding to ensure sustainable maintenance of the premises for future generations. The original trustees made sterling efforts to build the Hall and the current committee members reaffirmed their determination to preserve the premises in a good state through their efforts, as former members have done in the intervening years. Fortunately, two more 'good men and true' joined the willing band of committee volunteers - John Crossling, from Deppers Bridge - CAMRA rep. and Doug Freeman from Harbury, a member of the Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris.

Treasurer, David Johnson, provided updated information about the number of bookings during the previous year and commented on the Two families who recently hired the Hall for a children's party have

been given the accolade of the best 'tidier-uppers' during the entire year, so congratulations to the Conway and Rea families. The efforts of all hirers are always appreciated and the committee recorded its thanks to all the regulars who support the Village Hall without whom the premises would be an 'empty shell' with nothing to say about the current use of the rooms for future villagers to 'read'. If anyone wishes to volunteer to assist with any Village Hall project, please ring 613801 or turn up to the next Parish Council meeting to hear how you can help. Many thanks.



General Section

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

The invitations for the trip to Weston-Super-Mare on the 18th June have been issued. If you are new to the village, think you may be eligible, and want to go on the trip, please contact Margaret Taylor on 612903.

Have you ever thought of supporting our senior citizens by becoming a committee member? Well, we are looking for some new people to join us. What will you have to do? We meet seven or eight times a year for about an hour to discuss fundraising, the annual outing, the summer lunch and the Christmas Party. Apart from the meetings, you will also be expected to give some hands-on help at the events along with the other committee members and volunteers. Your total effort will be three to four days a year – not a lot of time to put aside for something that makes a difference and is really appreciated by the people who benefit from the activities.

If you want further information or are interested in joining us, please contact Tony Ceney on 612581 or Mike McBride on 612421. Thank you.

Mike McBride,

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

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Nick Tawney, (01926) 614062



Reminder ! Reminder !

Ballroom Class at the Village Hall will be a short 4 week course running up to the Carnival Dance which is on June 7th in the Village Hall. Classes will be for those who have been before or who have some experience.

May 14th, 21st, 28th and June 4th

8.30pm – 10.00 pm. Village Hall. – £10.00 per person

Jenny Patrick 614359

Harbury Hopes to go the Extra Mile to Help People Living with Cancer

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Harbury Junior Badminton Club

Volunteers needed to prevent closure!



The Junior Badminton Club is held at the village hall every Friday during term time, primarily for 11-18 year olds. There are currently 2 sessions, 6.15 – 7.15pm and 7.15 – 8.15pm and for the past 10 years Heather Hughes has been present at both to encourage and coach the youngsters who attend. However, as from the end of this summer term, Heather feels it's time to hang up her racquet and take a well earned rest!

Alison Hodge is also present at the sessions in her role as secretary to the club. She too wishes to hand over the administration at the end of term. The young people who attend the club are very grateful to both Alison and Heather for their time and commitment to the club but are naturally upset at the imminent closure. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP!**

If you are willing and able to help in any way, but most especially in the running of the club and the coaching of these enthusiastic youngsters, please contact Alison Hodge on 612029 who will be delighted to provide all the information!

**Harbury Junior Badminton
Club**

The Challenge Bike Ride

By the time you read this I will hopefully have covered a good few miles in my quest to cycle around 600km across Thailand and Cambodia - all in an effort to raise money to support the upkeep and development of Myton Hospice

Along with another twenty four 'brave souls' we leave Birmingham on the 30th April and return home on the 11th May.

As I write this it's with a mixture of excitement and apprehension. Excitement in visiting and experiencing a part of the world where I've never been before, so many new things - the geography, the culture, the habitat, the climate, the food – a fantastic learning experience. Apprehension with the thought of seven days in the saddle and everything that comes with it!

Hopefully, however, my preparations and the collective momentum of the group will see us all through safe and sound.

The fundraising has gone really well and I've comfortably hit my target of £3,000 - I'm hoping to increase this further and maximise the donation to the hospice.

I've been overwhelmed by the generosity exhibited by so many people - friends, colleagues and various companies and organisations. For all those companies who sponsored me at least £50 I have had a cycling shirt printed with their logos. The shirt was kindly donated by Mike's Bikes in Kenilworth and printing undertaken by Acorn. Those companies that have been exceptionally supportive are a mixture of local and national businesses - The Door Store, Amusement Park Spares, Wallace Hanson, Laser Tools, Repair Tech, ICM, Homesellers, Gusto Research, Guhring, HPI, Quaestor, TNS, Harris Interactive, Legal & General.

A special mention for Harbury Primary School. As result of their Lenten charity activities they have collected and donated £400 to the Myton cause. Many, many thanks to the children, parents and teachers for their support.

Should any readers wish to further boost my Myton fund they can do so via the justgiving link

<http://www.justgiving.com/jjfarrellbikechallenge>

I will let you know how I got on upon my return. Many thanks for your help and support.

Jim Farrell – jj.farrell@btinternet.com – 01926 612396

Scout Hut Opening Saturday 19th April

The newly refurbished Scout Hut was opened officially on the 19th April. Despite unseasonably cold temperatures the rain held off and a good time was had by all those attending, as the photos show. The event was enhanced by appearances by the Harbury Steel Panners, the Appalachian Dancers and the Morris Dancers and there was also a cooking demonstration and hot dogs for sale. The project to provide a watertight home for scouting groups in the village is now complete and the future of scouting – which includes Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs and Brownies as well as the Scouts themselves – is now safe for a few more years. The Hut is available to hire for outside groups and also boasts a newly fitted kitchen. The Hut is also now heated by means of

mains gas for the first time so should be much more cosy! A presentation of framed photographs was made to the main funding providers at the event; significant funding was received from a number of organisations which helped to boost the fundraising efforts of the GASS Committee.



Photos of Scout Hut opening supplied by Gael Conway

Those who have contributed to the project are too numerous to mention and quite a number of people have made significant contributions but perhaps a special mention should go to Alan Guy, Chairman of the GASS committee for "masterminding" much of the project. Many other parents and leaders of the groups helped with the project and without their help and support the work on the Hut could not have been completed.

Harbury Guides & Scouts Support

Harbury Carnival June 14th, 2008

King and Queen

This year's Carnival King is William and he wrote the following piece about himself:

"My hobbies are football and Rugby. I play for Harbury in both of these sports. I also play guitar and steel pans at school. I go to Scouts every Thursday and enjoy it there. I like art. My favourite author is Anthony Horowitz. My favourite book by him is The Switch."



Our Carnival Queen is Heather and she wrote:

"My hobbies are cross-country and swimming. I play the piano and steel pans. I go to Guides every Monday at the Scout hut. My favourite authors are J.K. Rowling and Karen McCombie. The book I am reading at the moment is The Diary of Anne Frank, borrowed from Harbury Library."

Congratulations to them both.

Wheelbarrow Race and Pub Games

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 8th June at 12.30pm and will be hosted by the Old New Inn. We will again be running separate events that will not require the consumption of alcohol (at least not during the race!) and we will be presenting a trophy to the winning ladies team and to the fastest team with a combined age over 80. Can I please ask you to help us out by registering your participation prior to the day? Entry forms are available in the pubs and from Dan Killian. Please call him on 612265.

This will be followed by the usual pub games competition during the week. Please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends (again, this is not just an inter pub competition). Entry forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian. If you want more information you can call either Dan on 612265 or me on 614258.

The timetable is:

Monday June 9th – Aunt Sally at The Gamecock

Tuesday June 10th – Skittles at The Shakespeare

Wednesday June 11th - The Crown (activity yet to be decided)

Thursday June 12th - Quiz at The Dog

All events start at 7-30pm.

Carnival Dance

Saturday June 7th at the Village Hall with dancing to The Likely Lads. Tickets are now available at £20 and they are selling quickly so, since the number of tickets that we can sell is limited, please contact me on 614258 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Other Business

The people providing the teas etc on carnival afternoon would welcome the usual donation of cakes to the village hall in the morning.

Will all those holding trophies from last year please return them to me at 6 Pirie Close before carnival day?

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

John Broomfield

Turn on the Tap - Challenge 2008

In many parts of the developing world, clean water out of a tap is an unimaginable luxury. Even enough for drinking has to be carried long distances; washing themselves and their belongings may not be possible at all. Samaritan's Purse, the charity better known for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, works to bring clean safe water to desperate communities, preventing many deaths from water borne diseases.

To raise money for this we are challenged to walk four miles – the average distance over which women and children carry water. And pay £2.

We shall do this on Saturday May 10th. We will meet in the car park behind the library at 9.30am. If the ground is dry, we shall walk across the fields of Ufton and back. Please note these are several stiles on this path.

I have registration forms which it would be helpful to fill in advance, and sponsor forms for anyone who feels they could raise more for this worthwhile cause. Please contact me on 614809.

Gillian Hare

Neighbourhood Watch

Increase in thefts form cars

There has been an increase in thefts from unattended motor vehicles, the main target being Sat Nav systems. It is suggested that owners of cars remove all items of value on display that a potential thief could target. Keep in mind the suction cup marks left by many Sat Nav systems on your windscreen, which is a good indicator that the Sat Nav may be in your glove box.

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Sometime between Monday 24th March and Tuesday 15th April unknown offenders have attempted to set fire to St Ediths Church in Monks Kirby using a candle. No forced entry was made to the church.

Fortunately only minor damage was caused as the candle burnt itself out. The attempted arson was reported to officers at midday on 18th April.

A similar incident occurred at around 5.30pm on Easter Monday, 24th March, at St John the Baptists Church in Brinklow where a lit candle was discovered and extinguished. The candle had caused minor damage to a shelf.

If you notice any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity around your local church please contact your local police and report your concerns immediately.

Alison Abbott

Folk in the Marathon – The Aftermath

Having trained for four cold, dark months, the day finally arrived. The coach deposited me and my fellow Marathoners at the Blue start (Shooter's Hill Road) at 7:00am, some two and three-quarter hours before the start. As the area began to fill with runners, the sunny start to the day turned to intermittent cloud. As several thousand of us were called to the start, the sun disappeared and a cold wind blew. Twenty-six miles to go, and the weather was already turning against us. Once on our way, me and my 35,000 new chums settled into a steady rhythm, refuelling at each water station and acknowledging the cheers of the enthusiastic crowds along the route. Rain showers damped us, hail showers stung us, but we pressed on to the finish, with cheers ringing in our ears all along the Embankment and on into Bird Cage Walk. Then just the final sprint to the finish in the Mall and it was all over. Collect medal, goody bag, dry clothes delivered efficiently from the start area, and walk off to reunite with wife and friends.

What an experience, arguably the most fun anyone can have with their clothes on! OK, so it hurt a little at the end, but my time of 4 hours 36 minutes (not 4hrs 46mins, as printed wrongly in the *Leamington Courier*!) was reckoned to be good for a first-timer and all I wanted to do next day was register for next year's London Marathon and try and improve my time.

Many thanks are due to all of the people of Harbury who sponsored me as a result of my last article. I will raise over £1,200 for The British Heart Foundation to help them continue their excellent work.

Ian Hartland - 612734

Harbury Village Club

As Chairman of Harbury Village Club I would like to say how disappointed I and the rest of the committee have been over the turnouts for the Club's Annual General Meetings over the last few years. We now have over three hundred members and whilst we appreciate that not everybody, especially the elderly can make it, it does seem that most members are not interested in what goes into making it possible for the club to keep running. The only time we have had more than eleven people at the meeting (including the committee) was when we had an extraordinary meeting; perhaps we should have another, as that seems to be the only way people will attend.

It seems that it is taken for granted that the committee will just carry on turning up every year, without anyone putting in the time or effort to join us on the committee or even to find out if the committee members wish to continue. The club is extremely lucky that, at the moment, this is the case. However, can members please bear in mind, no committee, no club. That is not being alarmist, but factual; a club does not run itself. Harbury Club is lucky that it has a dedicated staff behind the bar and also a dedicated finance committee, as well as the normal committee. People state that they wish the club would do this or that; however, when the entertainment committee have put things on there has been a very poor showing. The details of all entertainments have been on the club notice board, including us asking for ideas for the Carnival Float or other things and nobody comes back to us. We need the members backing and we need the younger generation to also think of how they could get more involved with the committee. The British Legion Club in Bishops Itchington has closed, we do not want this to happen to us for want of a couple more committee members. We need at least three more members who are prepared to give up an hour or two every other Tuesday night so that we would always have a full quorum for a meeting; which through ill health or holidays is not always possible with the eight we have now. Take out the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer this only leaves five, with just one person ill or away we cannot hold the meeting, so please think about becoming a committee member. Thank you.

Kate Bennett, Harbury Club Chairman

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is 11th – 17th May. In addition to the usual envelope collection there will be a Quiz on Friday 16th May at 8.00 pm in the Tom Hauley Room. See posters or ring Mary Catt (612864) for more details.

7th Summer Art Exhibition and Sale

Continuing the tremendous success of the first six shows when the response of artists and the public far exceeded expectations, Harbury will stage its seventh summer exhibition of paintings, pastels, drawings and photographs in All Saints Church on Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd June.

Features which have proved exceedingly popular will be repeated. There will be a display in their own special corner of paintings and drawings by village children. Demonstrations of technique will take place over the weekend by Nick Baldwin, tutor of the Harbury Art Group.

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

Artists who have not already done so and wish to exhibit have until 6th June to submit an entry form, which can be obtained from me, (Bill Davies: Tel/Fax: 614104; mobile: 07979514517).

Bill Davies



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Jim Steele

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Roses and Castles - Monday 30th June 10.15am Braunston, near Daventry

Our summer outing takes us to Braunston to look at several aspects of the world of canals. We will visit Terence Edgar's studio to see his 'Roses and Castles' canal art where we will also have a dabble. After which we will visit the Marina to meet owner Tim Coughlan for a guided tour followed by an informal light lunch at the Mill House. Please park at the Mill House restaurant on the A45 at 10.15am. The cost is £3 for a ticket to go into a draw to win a piece of canal art. Lunch is extra.

To book any event please ring, Karin Kirk on 01926 812883.



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

It is with regret that news has been received of the death of Mrs Edna Lines. She and her husband Fred lived in Harbury, running a grocery shop in Chapel Street. On their retirement they moved to a cottage in Binswood End eventually moving to live near to the eldest of their 4 daughters, in Ledbury.

It was there that Edna died peacefully in her sleep on the 14th April 2008. She would have become 100 years of age in July. Sadly the party and a visit from her daughter Hilary in New Zealand had been cancelled.

Old friends in Harbury will be sad to hear the news, but Mrs Lines was always very positive about any eventuality, and most certainly her great faith will have sustained her to the end.

From Grace Gallagher

Dear Editors

Thanks to everyone who supported and sponsored me on the London Marathon. Despite an ankle injury, I managed to improve my 2006 time to four hours and seventeen minutes. Generous sponsors - many of them in Harbury - have helped me raise a surprising amount in sponsorship for the Alzheimer's Society, and money is still coming in. You can still sponsor me on www.justgiving.com/jamesstringer.

And I have already registered my interest for 2009....

James Stringer

Dear Editors

Have you got a few hours to spare on a Wednesday night? Do you want to lose weight? And have a laugh? If yes then come along to Sarah's slimming world group (6:30 pm village club). I joined and have lost 2 stone (halfway to my target!!!) the only thing I have gained are some new friends, so thanks Sarah for bringing Slimming World to Harbury, some of us consider it as our "highlight of the week" and it's down to your encouragement and warm friendship that I have been able to achieve both. Thanks again and keep up the good work.

Kind regards

Carol Jones

Dear Editors

This years Spirit of Harbury will be presented at the Harbury Society coffee morning on May 24th in the Tom Hauley Room

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Andrew Hunt

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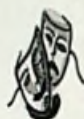
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