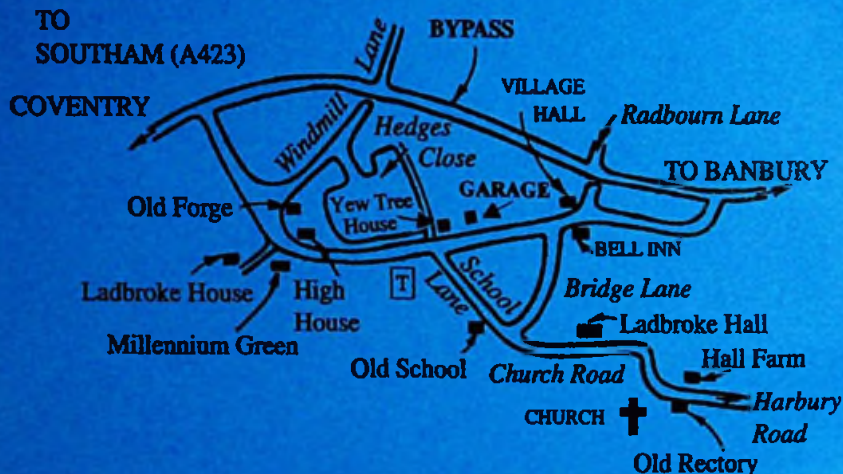


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Editorial



Traffic calming in Harbury!

The works to replace the gas main are not drawing to a close as they progress up towards the centre of the Village, but as our caption suggests, they do have one small benefit.

In Ladbroke they will benefit from a traffic calming measure – the introduction of a 50mph limit on the A423.

A number of organisations have benefited from the generosity of villagers through fundraising activities. Most notable was the PTA's sponsored walk which raised over £1900 and the Casino Night for the Myton Hospice raised £1300.

Opportunities for children continue; on the sports field the six rugger teams have had exciting matches, the junior section of the Tennis Club has been busy, and there is football every weekend. The Harbury Choir School recently acquitted themselves well when they sang in Birmingham Cathedral. The Scouts have recently been on an overnight camping trip. The forthcoming Theatre Group production – Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood – at the end of November also involves local children.

Villagers who are not sending local Christmas cards and wish to send greetings in Harbury and Ladbroke News, we are planning a feature page and if you wish to be included, please contact the Editorial office before 20th November.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Roger Morris.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

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|-------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat | 1 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis |
| Sun | 2 | 4 BEFORE ADVENT
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Service to Remember loved ones we have lost 6.00pm |
| Tues | 4 | Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 5 | Holy Communion 2.00pm
Mother's Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room – 'Stained Glass', Viv Hunt
School hosts Comenius visit, jointly with St Mary's, Studley
Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall |
| Thurs | 6 | Men's Society Meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Gordon Robbins "Electromagnetic Compatability in Cars" |
| Fri | 7 | Twinning Association AGM in Tom Hauley Room |
| Sat | 8 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Legion
Village Bonfire on Recreation Grounds |
| Sun | 9 | 3 BEFORE ADVENT
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Holy Communion 8.00am
Remembrance Service 10.15am
Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 11.00am |
| Tues | 11 | Toddler Service 2.00pm in Church
Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 12 | Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall |
| Thurs | 13 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Blood Donors in Village Hall
WI Annual Meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Fri | 14 | Myton Hospice Coffee Morning 10 – 12 in Tom Hauley Room
PTA Quiz Night with Nigel Chapman |
| Sat | 15 | Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of W.I.
Moving Pictures in Village Hall
WALL-E Doors open 3.00pm, Film starts 3.30pm
BUTCH CASSIDY & THE SUNDANCE KID Doors open 6.15pm, Film starts 6.45pm
Ufton Christmas Fayre with Santa 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Ufton Village Hall
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM |

Sun	16	2 BEFORE ADVENT Holy Communion 8.00am Family Communion Service 10.30am Evensong 6.00pm
Mon	17	Harbury Society Talk on Wildlife of Marton 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Tues	18	Holy Communion 7.30pm Mother's Union Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room 'Women's Leadership in Church' Rev. Rosie Ward, CPAS Senior Citizen's Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	19	Tea 3.00pm – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	20	LIFELINE Medical Screening all day in Village Hall Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	21	Stage up in Village Hall
Sat	22	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Youth Group
Sun	23	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	25	Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
Wed	26	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30pm – 4.30pm, 19 Farm St Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall
Thurs	27	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall Theatre Group Production "Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood" 7.30pm In Village Hall Parish Council 7.30pm in TOM HAULEY ROOM
Fri	28	Theatre Group Production "Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood" 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	29	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cancer Research UK Theatre Group Production "Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood" 2.30pm & 7.30pm In Village Hall
Sun	30	ADVENT Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am

DECEMBER

Tues	2	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	3	Holy Communion 2.00pm Mother's Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room "Christmas Memories" Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall

- Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am
Art Group 10- 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary
CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 7 **ADVENT II**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
6.00pm Quiet Contemplative Service in the Celtic Tradition

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
November	5	6	7	Grey Bin
	12	13	14	Grey, Blue Lid and Green Bins
	19	20	21	Grey Bin
	26	27	28	Grey, Blue Lid and Green Bins
December	3	4	5	Grey Bin
	10	11	12	Grey and Blue Lid Bins
	17	18	19	Grey Bin
	TBC	TBC	TBC	Grey and Blue Lid Bins

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



**All Saints
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From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

'We will remember them'

Every year at Remembrance time those famous, immortal words of Laurence Binyon always touch me very deeply;

*'They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them'.*

The image of time standing still for those lost in war is a powerful one. An image we are reminded of every year as we rightly remember and give thanks to God to those who gave their lives in war for our freedom and liberty.

And what a great loss of life it was. In the Great War alone of 1914-18 the estimated loss of some ten to thirteen million young service men and women is unimaginable.

When I was growing up during the 70's, remembering those lost in war was something irrelevant to me. The world wars were simply distant events that I studied during my history lessons at school. I guess for many young people today the feeling is the same. Remembrance time, in my opinion, was really for the elderly and those who had been personally affected and certainly not for children!

But as I grew up I began to listen to stories. I listened as granddad told me of the D-Day landings on June 6th, 1944, as he recalled his fear, the danger and the enormity of the task in which he was involved in that day. A young man then, all of twenty-two who watched in horror as he hit Sword Beach running in fear for his life as he witnessed many of his friends being mowed down by gunfire and then of feeling guilty for being alive. As I heard the stories I began to understand that Remembrance time is just as much for me and for now as it is for him.

Stories are powerful things. They enable us to get in touch with the human and the real and we must listen to them for they change our lives and perspectives for without them we can so easily become anaesthetised to the experiences of others. Without stories life (and war) has the danger of simply becoming an academic exercise where we no longer see the human face or empathise with human pain.

So, as we remember again this November and give thanks to God for the sacrifice of so many for our freedom and future, let us be open to hear the stories of people's lives and allow them to touch, change and transform us, for then we begin to see the human face amidst the suffering.

God bless.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

October 11 Stuart Watts to Helen Warner

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

October 12 Audrey Giblin

October 26 Evelyn Butler

Burial of Ashes at All Saints' Harbury

October 16 Roger Morris



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss



Harvest Supper

October began with an excellent Harvest Supper. We were very pleased to welcome as our speaker Denis Daly, Headteacher of Harbury Church of England Primary School. His love of his job was obvious, as was his concern for and his commitment to our children. What's more, he was extremely entertaining! Thank you to him and to everyone who worked hard to make the evening so enjoyable.

The presentation at the October Family Communion Service was given by Lesley and a trio of talented young actors. Through a modern take on Jesus' story of the king who invited guests to his feast, only to have those invitations refused, they reminded us that Jesus, in His love for us, invites us all to Him. We should not refuse but eagerly accept His invitation. Thank you to all who were involved in the preparation and it was lovely to see such a large congregation and to welcome so many families.

We are glad, too, to welcome the Bishop – Elect of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth, as he prepares for his enthroning as our Bishop in Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, 1st November. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks and months following.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

This month we have heard of two different projects which bring rays of hope from very sad situations. At our afternoon meeting Su Grocock told us about 'Biblelands' who work in Gaza and the West Bank in Israel, Egypt and the Lebanon. Using the parable of the Good Samaritan, Su pointed out that everyone makes mistakes, there are faults on both sides, but that does not mean we can turn our backs on those who suffer as a result. Gaza is the most overcrowded place on earth, with 80% existing below the poverty line. There are power cuts, limited water, malnourished children and divided families. In Egypt there are some very rich people, but 60% live in poverty, disabled people are neglected, and there is ignorance of basic health and hygiene. In Lebanon there is increasing poverty caused by rising food and fuel prices.

Water suppliers are a particular concern as the Jordan water is taken for irrigation so boreholes which have been used for centuries are drying up.

We associate Bible Lands with the Christmas Carol Sheet, and the Bethlehem Hospital for blind babies, but its work spreads now to all these areas. They work still with health care, also education, rehabilitation and timing.

We Congratulate Su for her completion of the London Marathon to raise funds for this work; aren't we privileged to have her in our rectory?

The evening meeting was equally inspiring when Jeff Burgess spoke about Project Return.

Project Return has its roots back in the 1960's when Project Vietnam orphans (PVO) was formed to try to help children orphaned and abandoned during the Vietnam war. Up until 1975 some of these children were brought to England for adoption by Christian families.

In 1975 over 100 children were brought over in the Daily Mail air lift on the eve of the communist takeover of South Vietnam. In the late 1990's a group of these children, made a return trip to Vietnam to visit the orphanages from which they had been rescued, and attempted to trace their families. None of the children were successful but some were reunited with the nuns who had cared for them.

From this visit came a desire to provide help for the Roman Catholic nuns who are still allowed by the communist government to work amongst the minority ethnic groups and so Project Return was born.

Initially, Project Return operated as part of CORD, but it is now a registered charity in its own right. Project Return helps the nuns to find several projects including providing funds for the education of children as well as specialist education for handicapped children, deaf, blind, etc, also vocational workshops and vocational training schemes providing tools and start up capital to allow those who have completed these schemes to start up in business. The project also helps to fund clinics and kindergartens, as well as providing livestock, pig's rabbit's poultry fish, etc, for poor families.

We are as usual, running the toiletries stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 6th; contributions will be welcome.

The Advent Carol Service will be in the Cathedral at 11.00am on Monday December 1st, transport will be available.

Wednesday November 5th. 2.30pm - Stained Glass

Tuesday November 18th 8pm – CPAS

Wednesday December 3rd 2.30pm Your Christmas

Please bring and talk about something which reminds you of Christmas, past or present.

As always, our meetings are open to welcome anyone who would like to come.



Toddlers Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

We started our service by singing "Thank you Lord for this fine day" with Mr Hare accompanying us.

Mrs Travis then asked us if any of us had been poorly lately. Some of us had had coughs but had not been too bad. She asked if anyone had had any "spots" but no one had. She then told us the story of the Lepers who had been very poorly and had to go and see their Doctor. We all pretended to have spots and went to see our Doctor (Mr Hare). He said that we had to go and live outside of our village. So we had to go on a long journey (all around the church). We had bells to ring to let other people know that we were coming so that they could keep out of our way and not catch our spots.

We then met a very kind man who laid his hands on us and healed us all. We rushed back to our village so happy to be healthy again.

Mrs Travis asked us if we had thanked the man because that man had been Jesus but only one of us had said "thank you". Mrs Travis said to us that whenever anyone does something kind for us we should always say "thank you". We were then asked to think about all the wonderful things Jesus does for us.

We then sang "if I was a butterfly".

We had lots of fun making "sticky" pictures, had our drinks and played until it was time to go home.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th November at 2.00pm in the Church. All babies and toddlers, accompanied by an adult, are welcome.

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Mon	3	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	8	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	9	3 BEFORE ADVENT Remembrance Day Service 9.00am with Holy Communion
Mon	10	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Sun	16	2 BEFORE ADVENT Holy Communion BCP 9.00am in Church
Mon	17	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sat	22	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	23	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Mon	24	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	27	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sun	30	ADVENT Holy Communion 9.00am Said Service, followed by refreshments

DECEMBER

Mon	1	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	13	Christmas Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

November 9th Remembrance Sunday – Susan Moore

November 16th Susan Moore

November 23rd Christine Payne

No flowers in advent





Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

Please make a note in your diaries of the Advent Carol Service at 3.30pm on Sunday 30th November. The choir are rehearsing every Tuesday evening for this special service. Refreshments will follow the service.

The date for the Christmas Carol Service is still to be decided.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Public Participation

Concern was expressed about the surface of what is left of Radbourne Lane in the village – next to the Village Hall. This surface is very uneven and worn away. There is also some subsidence on the main road near the layby.

Irenie Bennett is co-ordinating the issue of the concrete stands for the black rubbish bags. Please get in touch with Irenie if you wish to stand removed.

Police report: P.C Joy told us of an incident in Priors Marston. A neighbour took a photograph of a car thief taking his neighbour's car when he heard its alarm. A successful arrest was made.

P.C Joy wants us to be aware of opportunist thieves on winter mornings when we open up our cars, switch on the demister to defrost the car and warm it up; then pop back in to the house; an open invitation to steal the car.

A camera van is the most successful way of catching speeding motorbikes. It is very difficult to record their registration numbers – especially with a laser camera. Motorbikes also can decelerate much quicker than a car – when the driver sees the police van.

Matters arising: The extension to the existing notice board is "in hand", quotes are to be obtained for a new notice board, this is to be discussed at the next meeting – the public grant for a new notice board has been approved.

Road gullies – Not all the gullies have been cleared. The council are concerned about this and the Highways Agency are to be contacted again. The Gullies were supposed to have been “jetted through” in January 08.

There are also some outstanding items of work regarding flooding and the brook – they need to be examined. There is still some blocking of the drain under the road when the water reaches a certain height.

The emergency plan has been completed and ready to go on the website.

The flood relief grant has been allocated to Ladbroke – The council are awaiting the cheque. The Public Community Grant has been applied for – the council will be notified in due cause whether it has been approved.

Planning – the extension to Quince Cottage has been granted, together with the felling of an ash tree. A meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Committee has been arranged.

Millennium Green – The committee is getting the suppliers of the new play area equipment to design the layout so that it will minimise intrusion on the new trail.

The Website – An extension of the website grant has been given for a further three months. If the council is not to lose the remainder of unused money they will have to come up with an investment plan to cover the remaining grant.

County Councils Report – A list of available grants has been sent to all parish clerks.

FORUMS e.g. P.A.C.T. are designed to get all communities together as a whole.

The 50MPH speed limit on the A423 has been approved; this comes into force next April. The police are monitoring this road more carefully since there have been two fatalities recently.

Cemex in Long Itchington – There is great concern about extra lorry traffic on the roads if this development comes to Long Itchington. Discussions are still at an early stage, work doesn't begin until 2015.

Talks are going on with Coventry Council about building a waste disposal incinerator. It would be very expensive. New signs will be erected at the bridge in Deppers now that the weight restrictions are permanent.

Wood Street car park – The parish clerk will be writing to the District Council about any car park changes. People living in Ladbroke who wish to use their free bus pass, will first have to pay to park their cars which defeats the point of the exercise.

Dog Fouling – this has become a problem once again. The bin in the Millennium Green is not always used even if fouling has taken place on the green itself. A replacement bin has been requested for the south end of the village.

Next meeting November 19th 7.45pm in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Millennium Green AGM

22nd October 2008

After years of consideration, consultation, planning and fund raising, the big event of last year was the installation of the new cradle swings and see-saw in the extended children's play area. The Alibone Trust, Stratford District Council and Ladbroke Parish Council were thanked for their contribution towards the funding. The chairman, Kip Warr informed the meeting that the order for the swings for older children and a trail circuit is about to be placed and should be installed within the next 3 months. The paving slabs in the play area are also to be replaced in the near future.

The wildflower area is continuing to mature and the warm, wet summer provided for many species of plants; although it did make the timing of the cutting, which needs to be done at specific times, difficult. The top of this area is still troublesome where the ground was disturbed with the installation of the original play equipment but we are advised that with our continual weeding it will gradually settle down.

We are lucky that the Green is well respected by its users and only one small case of vandalism – the scrawling of felt tip on the new see-saw – and some dog fouling, spoils our perfect record.

Please continue to watch our web site – ladbroke-pc.gov.uk – for the latest developments.

Carol Lane

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch (LNW)

As you are probably already aware, our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been in operation for quite a number of years. I took over as co-ordinator in 2007 and with the assistance of Peter Goldson and Derek Haden have been reorganising it.

The aim of Neighbourhood Watch is to encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in local crime and community issues. This usually begins with people sharing crime prevention advice and activities and keeping an eye on each other's property, improving home security and building two-way communication with the police.

Ladbroke's website www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk has more information about our scheme which includes a link to the police website www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk. The police website includes weekly crime reports and I have arranged that copies can be viewed at Southam library.

For those without a computer and would like to receive copies of crime reports I am in the process of completing a list of people in the village who would be willing to print and deliver within their neighbourhoods.

For further information including offers to print and deliver reports please contact me on 811838 or through the Ladbroke website.

David Halsall

Ladbroke Harvest Supper

A new member of the helpers described the evening as 'Organised chaos' but another one said that 'it is more fun that way!' Whatever the organisers felt, none of the guests complained.



Thank you to everyone for coming. There was a full house again and, judging by the chatter, laughter and mostly compliments later, it was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to the helpers past and present, who so willingly make the food every year and get the Hall ready. Thank you also to Kate who

provides the entertainment – this year it was a 'BBC look into Life in Ladbroke' as seen by Craig the vicar, Kate the organist, Margie a bell ringer and Sue a WI member – only the tapes were mixed up – with amusing results.

We are anxiously awaiting new developments to the Hall which should make life easier for the organisers.

This year I have decided to retire from the Committee after twenty years, but leave it in very capable hands. Over the years we have raised money for various projects and, of course, our church.



Remember to get your tickets early next year to avoid disappointment as it was a 'sell out' again this year.

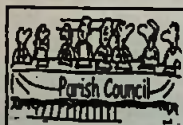
Hazel Sharples

Deppers Bridge Residents Group

On the 21st October the County Council unanimously agreed that Deppers Railway Bridge's temporary 7.5 ton weight limit be made permanent.

Residents Traffic Surveys revealed a 92% decrease in H.G.Vs crossing the bridge. A big thank you to all those who have supported our long standing campaign against traffic lights. In addition there will be a welcome revision on speed limits and zones.

Dave Malin



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

October's was a fairly speedy meeting with a fair amount of procedural work and as the Chairman Tim Lockley commented at one point - "bureaucracy".

They had to formally adopt a new model scheme on freedom of information, all the time watched over by the County Secretary of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC). They agreed with some reluctance to pay an extra £15 per annum for their Southam Area Committee to employ a Secretary for their Area Meetings.

Cllr Jenny Patrick reported that the Speaker at the Area meeting, on the new "Youth Support System", was pressed on what funding was available to the villages, but his answers did not satisfied Councillors.

Cllr Janet Thornley would attend the WALC Training Seminar on new Planning legislation.

Councillors Corner

WCCllr Bob Stevens was pleased with the permanent Railway Bridge Weight Limit and hoped signage would be better. PCllr Ron Grey said the bus service could still not cross the bridge but this was being addressed.

Bob asked the District Cllrs to join him at the Area Committee in supporting Harbury's bid for £18,000 for the Village Improvement Scheme.

His comments about the leak of WCC plans to cut the Library's funding for books and the possibility of our Library being closed provoked strong reaction from the Parish Councillors who asked that they should be fully consulted.

District Cllr Patrick reported Stratford Planning Department was fully aware that Harbury was unhappy with the reduced time to comment on planning applications.

He believed most problems with the refuse collection had been ironed out but was awaiting details of how people could dispose of their concrete bin-bag stands.

He thought the District would be able to warn the Parish when street sweeping was planned so that residents could move their vehicles.

Planning

Stratford granted a single storey rear extension and garage at 15 Manor Road and refused permission for a boundary wall for Harbury House.

The Parish made no representation about:- extensions at 8 Pineham Avenue and Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge; the addition of a porch at the proposed replacement for Harbury Croft on Chesterton Road or the removal of conifers and a laburnum at Temple Cottage, Temple End. They supported Village Hall Extension plans but registered their interest as owners of the land.

The County Council sent news of their approval of the Ufton Tip application for a material recycling facility and in-vessel composting.

Housing

Delays with the plans for the Bush Heath Lane development have put back the public consultation which will not now take place until the New Year.

Cllr Keith Thompson reported on the Rural Housing Event at Ettington where he was surprised to discover Harbury's Affordable Housing Scheme was the most ambitious in the District. Rural Housing Enabler, Charles Barlow explained sites in eleven villages had been identified and five schemes completed.

Amenities

Cllr Thornley was struggling to get even two quotes for the work on the BMX track, but she had identified possible grant aid towards the access path to the track. The Skatepark has now been repaired and the insurance renewed.

Moles have again disturbed the ground in the Children's Play Area, making the surface uneven. Money will be set aside next year to rectify the problem.

Work is complete on the Village Hall fence and has started on the Tennis Courts' fence. Cllr Thornley was the one to mention Bollards this month. She thought the Council had agreed to place them on the path between the Village Hall and the Children's Play Area to stop motor cycling youths riding onto the recreation ground, but Cllrs did not recall this.

In the Cemetery over sixty gravestones deemed unsafe have been staked and others laid flat. Cllr Thompson was impressed with the contractors and their thorough paperwork. The Parish is still trying to contact the owners of the graves which need remedial work.

Cllr Hancock reported a resident of Chapel Street had asked for the Memorial Garden replacement bench to be sited elsewhere because it attracted noisy youths. But the bench has arrived and the Cllrs thought positioning it elsewhere would only move the problem. They will try to ensure the site is policed and that alcohol is not supplied to underage children.

Cllr Darlison had been to see for himself the water supply to the Allotments and recommended more taps be installed. It was at least 50 metres in a straight line from the last tap to the furthest plot. He suggested plot holders secure a quotation from the contractor who installed the supply and pass it to the Parish Council for approval.

Lighting

The lights in the Playing Fields Car Park were not working. An additional light for Temple End Conservation Area, which should be of the Winsor type, was quoted at £2,700 to install, almost twice the previous price. The Clerk was investigating cheaper alternatives and researching the introduction of solar-powered lamps.

Recycling

The Parish Council had hoped to employ the official Wood-chipping service in the New Year for residents to recycle their Christmas Trees, but it is only available on Mondays and needs Cllrs to monitor it and residents to remove their own chippings. The Council decided to see if using a local contractor would be better.

Speeding

Cllr Darlison still wants to name and shame motorists who speed. There had been another death from a road traffic accident on Rabbit Hill.

Footways

DCllr Patrick relayed a complaint about the uneven, sloping footway along Mill Street. He said the path outside the Co-op was collapsing. Cllr Hancock agreed Mill Street was very poor and suggested subsidence at the Co-op was due to thoughtless motorists who drew up on the pavement to use the cash machine.

Cllr Patrick would walk along these paths to investigate and CCllr Stevens would pass on the standard specification for footways.

Money

The District Cllrs will try to see whether the PC should receive Small Business Rate Relief on the Parish Office.

Cllr Mancell wanted money moved from some elements of the budget to others to cover overspends and short-falls and his colleagues agreed this.

Maintenance of the Playing Fields had been higher than budgeted but new equipment spending had been less. All the street lighting money had been spent this year and improvements would wait for next year's precept. Last year's Election budget of £1,000 was not used so will "pass on to the Burial Grounds" – as Iory Davies used to say.

There were several requests for funding. However, two of them were received less than a week before the meeting and were deferred until November to allow Councillors time to examine them fully.

The Junior Football Team's application for over a thousand pounds for goalposts, balls etc was sympathetically considered, especially as they had spent £600 purchasing a dry white-lining machine to mark out the pitches - as Cllr Mancell pointed out – a task that could be considered the Council's responsibility. They were awarded £450 for Goalposts.

GASS asked for money to soundproof their Scout Hut. Cllrs thought other Hut users could contribute. They agreed to give GASS £600 and suggested Wagstaffe Trust and Horticultural Society might also look favourably on an application for assistance.

They awarded the Rugby Festival £210 for printing and agreed to pay £75 to the British Legion for the Parish Council's wreath for Remembrance Day.

Finally

Cllr Mancell was pleased to be able to reassure residents that the Council **had no exposure to collapsed Icelandic Banks**. The Parish Council keeps its money in a High Interest Account with HSBC and Cllrs agreed to continue this practice.

Harbury Parish Council

Quarterly Report October 2008 Cllr Tim Lockley

In the past 3 months the Parish Council has:

- made grants to various village organisations
- helped to secure a permanent weight limit on the Station bridge in Deppers Bridge
- obtained a grant to restore the Memorial Garden in Chapel St.
- worked with WCC traffic engineers to submit a traffic calming plan to the area committee for funding
- worked with the Village Hall management committee to repair and improve the boundary between the Village Hall and the playing fields
- made repairs to the playing fields car-park
- planted 500 native species daffodils around the village.
- taken action to make safe any dangerous gravestones in the cemetery
- met with WCC lighting officers about possible additional streetlights.

N.B. Please note that requests for grants should be submitted to the clerk a week before a Parish Council meeting.

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Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

It was cold and bright. Once again, you brought a varied collection of issues.

The question came up again of **disposal of the old concrete refuse stands**. If you have an old stand which you'd like taken away and you've not yet told the Parish Clerk, please ask Nicola Thompson (614646) to add you to her list.

One lady has been very unlucky in her request for **assisted refuse collection**, but finally we're glad to report that the Verdant crew have stopped ignoring her, and are now being very helpful.

A gentleman asked if he could have **smaller wheelie bins**, and we advised him to contact Stratford, who will add him to their list. (We understand that requests to exchange "normal" bins for smaller ones will be answered some time in 2009.)

A query about **street sweeping** has got us once again asking Stratford if they could please send a copy of the street-cleaning schedule for this part of the District.

Questions which have been passed on to County Highways for (we hope) urgent attention were:-

- When were the drains last sucked out?
- Could the pothole at the junction of Sutcliffe Drive / Farm Street please be mended – and could "No Parking" markings be painted on the road opposite the junction?
- In 'Sutcliffe Pastures', when will the white lines be repainted (missing since resurfacing) ?
- And one "Well Done" for the Highways team: The kerb in Mill Street outside Mr Trice's farm has been repaired. Thank you!

Concerns were raised about the memorial garden in Chapel Street. Apparently, things have been much more peaceful there since the bench was taken away for repair! We've passed these comments on to the Parish Council.

Another one for the PC – the fine tree in the cemetery that overlooks Chapel Street. It was trimmed back two years ago, but one resident fears it needs more attention, so the Properties Working Party will look into it.

And the lady who asked for bike racks outside the Post Office and the Co-op, has had her request passed on to the PC. (It's been discussed before, so there may be reasons why it can't be done.)

Aston Martins have been observed again, driving at high speed through and around Chesterton. If any resident has concerns, please contact us (or contact Aston Martin direct - we have found them to be very cooperative).

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Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

David Howe's talk "Remembering not to Forget" was very reassuring and very, very funny! He assured us that forgetting was usually not a memory fault, just a difficulty of recall and that we often got the problem out of perspective. He talked about slow learners just being "fast forgetters" and the improvements over the years in advice on exam techniques and revision which helped school-children do better in exams.

Previous generations learned what worked by trial and error. Some people remember by listening to facts on a tape; some by reading out loud. He discovered that if he re-wrote notes and précisised them it helped his recall. He always writes down things he needs to remember and is amazed that others don't do that.

There are other aids. Mnemonics like "I" before "E"; "Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain" and "Dash In A Real Rush, Hurry Or Else Accidents" can help.

In Medieval times few people had access to books and so memory was valued – they had to know things for they could not look them up. Now we are happy for an "expert" to tell us where to find the information we need.

The mind takes in information whether you want it to or not, but with age there is more information to sift through, so just like a computer - things slow down when there is more stored in them.

In fact your memory may well be working better than the rest of you! Maybe you should learn to forget so that there is more room to remember!

Thanking Mr Howe for his wonderful entertainment, Alan Lord remarked that we had never had singing AND laughter at a meeting before, and everyone agreed with him that David Howe must make a return visit.

Our Next Event

17th November - 7.30pm for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. All are welcome.

Graham Robson talks about Owls and the wildlife of Marton.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

The W.I Harvest Supper, organised by Dorothy Travers and her hard working committee was excellent. They provided a super meal and with good company, what more did we want. Well, there were amusing poems written and read by Pam Miller and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Dorothy and her team of helpers.

At the October meeting, Dorothy Travers brought the 90th Anniversary kneeler that she worked and designed with some help from Bertha. It will be presented to Father Craig at the December meeting.

A report on the AGM in Liverpool was sent by our representative from Bishops Tachbrook. Resolution one – Inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill was passed. Resolution two – Ban on Bottom Trawling was not passed, pity. Sainsburys (who sponsored the AGM) and Woodland Trust gave a free oak sapling to everyone who attended. It will be interesting to learn where they have been planted.

The packing of Christmas Child boxes will take place at the home of Ann Mayer on Monday afternoon, 10th November. Please get any fillers to her, plus decorated shoe boxes.

The WI coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room is on Saturday 15th November, with raffles, cake and white elephant stalls. See you there.

The trip to Waddesdon Manor on Friday 5th December will leave the Village Hall at 9.30am.

A reminder to members to put their names on the list for the Panto at the Talisman to see Sleeping Beauty on 7th January.

The speaker, Patt Stock, came to speak and demonstrate on the Bowen Technique. It was pioneered by Thomas Bowen who was born in Geelong, Australia. After working in miscellaneous labouring jobs as a young man, he developed a great interest in massage and body work and spent time observing football trainers and others involved in sports. By the time he was in his early 40's he had established a full practice in remedial therapy using the technique he had developed. When he was interviewed by a parliamentary committee looking into complementary medicine in 1978 he stated he had treated 280 patients per week with the help of an assistant, an incredible 13,000 patients a year, 88% of whom only required two or three treatments.

Patt had been a radiographer but after neck problems and operations decided to take up Bowen Technique. She described the treatment, which, consists of thumbs and fingers on the body to make rolling type moves, which aim to disturb the muscles, soft tissue and energy within the body to realign itself. Patt demonstrated her technique on Monica, a member, and made an impression on us. There were quite a few asking for her card afterwards. Monica is fine she says!

November – Annual Meeting.



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

The AGM will take place at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room on Nov 7th followed by a wine and cheese evening. Membership fee £10.00 per family and £5.00 for a single person and can be paid at the AGM. The wine and cheese evening costs £5.00 per person. Other dates for your diary:

December 12th – Christmas party to be held in the Tom Hauley room.

January 6th – Fete des Rois



Harbury Theatre Group

Ruth Walton

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS...Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood

Book by Colin Wakefield - Music & Lyrics by Kate Edgar - By Kind Permission of Josef Weinberger Ltd.

Action, comedy and even a touch of romance are all wrapped up in our latest production, "Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood". Whilst Robin dashes around with his merry men, ("Hooray!"), the babes are lost in the depths of the forest with their little woodland friends, and that wicked sheriff, ("Boo! Hiss!") is busy plotting against them all. Can Robin save the day? Will the Babes find their way out of the forest? Or will the sheriff triumph? There's only one way to find out! Come to Harbury Village Hall on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th or Saturday 29th November, where performances start at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm). Or there's a matinee on Saturday 29th November, starting at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.00pm). Tickets cost £6, or £4 for concessions, available from Muglestons or by calling 07876 682 630.



Folk Club

Peter McDonald

At the 287th session of the Folk Club on October 2nd, the theme was 'Heroes and Villains' and our performers used their imagination well to feature several of each in music and song.

I started with "Captain Swing", a working man's hero (and farmer's villain) from the Agricultural Revolution, and I was followed by mother-and-daughter, Summer and Jenny, cleverly duetting on fiddles with the song "Sorry the day I was married" (guess the villain). Next up was the smooth tones of Stuart and the excellent song "Sam Hall" about an infamous thief and chimney sweep (but more of a rogue than a villain) who has hanged in 1707 at Tyburn. An occasional visitor from Warwick Folk Club, Sue Harris, introduced us to Richard Stilgoe's sad (but amusing) heroine in "Joyce the librarian" while Pete & Liz revived their delicious song about "Aunt Clara" with her enviable life-style.

In the second half, Des exposed that dastardly villain, the "Man who waters the workers' beer" and Peter Mason sang Pete Coe's song about "Joseph Baker", a long-distance runner from Cheshire. Ron turned to the world of Victorian melodrama for his villain, the vile fiend who caused Betty to protest "No, no, a thousand times, no!" in the show of the same name, but Rik's characters in "The Three Rogues" were rather more harmless. The Harvesters guaranteed themselves a good fit for the theme but writing a new song, "Hero or Villain". That's the way to do it.

That left Keith Donnelly to take over the stage for a shorter-than-usual third half – with a typically zany mixture of jokes, stories and the odd song, including “Bonzo, the dog-faced boy”. Keith clearly enjoys his visits to our Club and the feeling is mutual.

The raffle raised £37 for Cancer Research UK. The next session of Harbury Folk Club on November 6th will be run by Sue and the theme is ‘Dreams and Fantasies’.

<http://welcome.to/harburyfolkclub>



Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mark Easton

5th October 2008 - Harbury Rugby Festival

On a wet and windy October morning we held our Annual Mini & Midi Festival.

The Under 8's started well beating Daventry 30 – 25. Unfortunately they then lost 30 – 10 to Banbury and 25 – 5 to Leamington. Their final game was a victory over Kenilworth 45 – 25. Banbury were the overall winners of this age group.

Under 9's Harbury lost every game but the lads all put in a big effort and learnt from their defeats. Banbury again won this age group.

Under 10's had enough players to put out two teams. Falcons and Hawks but lost out on try difference to Leamington despite beating them in their fixture. Well done to Nicholas, Matt, Joe, Luke and Bay all putting in some great tackles.

Harbury under 11s got their festival off to an excellent start with a 19-0 win over Daventry. Harry White scored the first try, which was followed by tries from Ben Taylor and Neil Taylor both of which were converted by Henry Steele. The second match against Kenilworth was hard fought with Harbury suffering a 7-0 defeat. Next came a 5-5 draw against Leamington. Neil Taylor scored his second try of the festival and Harbury were unlucky to concede an equalising try in the last play of the match. In the final match Harbury lost 14-0 to the under 11 victors, Banbury. The score did not reflect the effort put in by the Harbury boys who conceded less points against Banbury than any other side. Once again our under 11s can be proud of the way they conducted themselves, their commitment to the game and their team spirit. All five teams in the under 11s showed excellent

ball handling skills, in spite of the dreadful weather conditions, and good understanding of the new rules in their first matches of the season.

Under 12's started the tournament very brightly with good rucking and mauling the forwards were dominant against Daventry. Aaron Ward scored 4 tries on his birthday with his powerful running. Finn Toner ripped superbly in the mauls and tackled consistently, he also scored a good try with a forward dominated performance which saw Harbury win 35 – 5, William Winchester kicked four out of five conversions. In the second game the Under 12's lost to Kenilworth 28 – 14 with the Kenilworth back bursting through to score 3 of their 4 tries. Sam Cave and Joe Webster played well in the second row. Sam was rewarded for his valiant efforts with a try. Aaron Ward scored the other his fifth of the tournament. William converted both tries.

In their final game against Under 12's winners Leamington, Harbury were well beaten 28-0 but they did have a try disallowed. Winger Robert Rollason put in one try saving tackle but the Leamington backs were fast and scored two tries from set moves. Five Harbury players saved their best till last playing for Daventry they helped them beat Kenilworth 21-7. Sam Cave scoring his second try of the tournament. Well done all Harbury Under 12's an excellent performance.

Lastly many thanks to all those who helped make the Festival another success, despite the weather.

October 19th – Rugby St. Andrews v Harbury

Under 7's

Started their season well, winning both their matches with Luke Curtlin scoring 5 tries.

Under 8's

Rugby St. Andrews 5 v Harbury 40

Rugby St. Andrews 15 v Harbury 35

Alex Green and Dominic Priest scored nine tries between them as Harbury were the stronger team winning both matches. Tim Baldwin scored twice, Peter Gee, Ceallach Welland, Finn Brown and Katie Lewis also scored.

Under 9's

Lost their first match two tries to one but drew their second match 20 points each with Jim Owen scoring a great try at the end.

Under 10's

Rugby St. Andrews 35 v Harbury 0

Rugby St. Andrews totally dominated the first encounter.

Rugby St. Andrews 5 v Harbury 15

Jack Dennis scored all 3 tries for Harbury with good support in ruck and maul from Josh Savage and Luke Winchester.

Rugby St. Andrews 5 v Harbury 15

Matt Laity scored first Harbury the St. Andrews winger immediately replied, Joe Hunt then touched down for Harbury after gathering a loose ball. Finally Jack Dennis ripped the ball free in a maul and ran in the final try.

Under 11's**Rugby St. Andrews 14 v Harbury 75**

Harbury put in a monster performance to beating Rugby St. Andrews. As we've come to expect from this squad they played excellently as a team and as a unit are growing stronger with every game. Tries were scored by old hands Ben Taylor, Neil Taylor, Alex Marston, Morgan Hickman, George McGowan, Harry White and Sam Tutt with first tries for Ethan Barr and new boy Adam Grey. Conversions were made by Henry Mancell, Harry White and Sam Tutt.

Under 12's**Rugby St. Andrews 5 v Harbury 40**

Harbury's forwards rucked and mauled well setting up the first try for second row Bradley King. From the restart hooker Aaron Ward caught the ball and broke through to add another score. Outside centre George Brookes used his pace to add the next and second row Joe Webster powered over to score his first try for the Villagers. William Winchester converted all four kicks to lead 28 – 0 at half time.

In a tighter second half St. Andrews scored first, before Bradley King broke off from a maul to score his second try. Aaron Ward stole the ball in another maul to score his seventh try this season.



Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

Harbury have enjoyed a good opening start to the season and after five rounds of league rugby are currently in second place in Midlands 5 West (South) with four wins. This followed an excellent starter when they won the ALAN PADBURY TOURNAMENT on the 30th August.

This involved five 20 minute matches against Long Buckby, Shipston, Southam, Warwickian and a Paddy Select XV each of which they won. This was the third win in a row of this local event organised in the memory of Alan Padbury who sadly died of cancer over two years ago.

This season Harbury's Colts have successfully integrated into the Clubs three senior sides. We are always on the look out for new players and any interested player between the age of 17 and 50 is welcome at the club. Training nights begin at 7.00pm every Tuesday and Thursday. If you need more information then please contact me on 01926 424053 or 07855566325, e-mail: jerrybirkbeck@btinternet.com

Harbury's Juniors and Minis enter their 29th season and the first Sunday in October saw a rare break in the recent great weather as it rained cats and dogs over night. In spite of this Harbury's Junior and Mini Committee pulled the stops out and provided a highly successful day on the 18th Festival.

We are always looking for new players at all levels from under 7 - under 13 and under 17. For further details contact Junior and Mini Chairman Barry Dutton on 01926 814878.

If you would like to become a member of the Rugby Club please come down and watch on any Saturday and become a Vice President. For further details please contact Ian Holroyd on 01926 614443 or 07831602131 or e-mail: ian@look-whos-talking.co.uk



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club's 3 teams have all started their winter league fixtures. The first match in the Banbury league was at Middleton Cheney on a scorching Sunday afternoon, better than anything we had in the summer! Steve Stark and Colin Mercer in the men's doubles lost both sets as did Linda Casement and Karin Kirk in the ladies' putting the home team in a very strong position. However, there was a great improvement in the second round of matches with Linda and Colin having a comfortable win. Karin and Steve were involved in a marathon with both sets being settled on tie breaks. Unfortunately the home pair won both to give them an overall 6-2 win. This was followed by an excellent 5-3 win at home against Charlbury in a much changed team. Steve partnered Jon Scothern and proved too strong

for their opponents while Caroline Morland and Sara Peters halved a very close ladies doubles match. In the mixed doubles the visitors won the first rubber against Sara and Jon but Caroline and Steve dominated the visitors to wrap up the win for Harbury.

In the floodlit league the first match was away against Deddington 3 and was a very close match. Eira Owen and Karin Kirk lost the opening match but Colin playing with Keith Thompson won theirs so it was all square going into the mixed doubles. Keith and Karin lost, but Eira and Colin won two very close sets to secure a final 4-4 draw. This was followed by a crushing 0-8 home defeat against a very experienced Hook Norton team. For this match Karin was joined by daughter Sophie Kirk, Peter Walshe and Adam Crossling.

The men's doubles also played out a 2-2 draw in their away match at Littleton. Jon Scothern and Mark Pavey were winners in a very competitive match. Geoff Prince and Colin Mercer were well beaten in the second match but improved considerably in reverse rubbers and won in straights sets. Jon and Mark fought hard but couldn't do enough to get a win. In the next fixture at Pershore the team got its first win of the season by 3-1. Jon and Mark won one and lost one of their rubbers but Andrew Rendell playing with Jon Guy were a formidable pair with two wins.

The Club hosted its first inter Club tournament for Minis and it proved a great success. It was an "Orange" Tournament involving players from Harbury, Byfield, Banbury Town, and West Haddon. It was open to any players who play at this level irrespective of their age using orange balls which



bounce less. 27 children were involved (8 from Harbury), starting with 4 league boxes so each child had at least 5 matches. The Top 2 from each league went into a knock-out. Harbury players (and great rivals!) Matthieu Savin and Matthew Rose reached the final with Matthieu winning. Players in third and fourth places in the leagues played in a plate tournament with Toby Morley (Byfield) beating Harbury's Alice Bright in a very close final. It was great to see so many people buzzing around the Tennis Club on a lovely autumn day perfect for playing

tennis. Many thanks to Linda for organizing the event and many thanks to all who helped including Jon Guy, Lauren Brough, Eleanor Clarke, Bethany Conway, Sam, Becky and Mark Casement.



Harbury Toddler Group

Julie Young & Hilary Riemer

A bright dry October has seen our toddlers and their mums outside a lot during sessions making the most of the sunshine and enjoying playing on the sit on toys and in the ever popular sandpit.

Thanks to a massive clear out of the toy shed we have been able to access all sorts of toys and crafts we forgot we had! A special thanks to all those who gave up their afternoon to help during the summer holidays.

With autumn upon us and Halloween approaching, the children have been creating some lovely leaf collages and some spooky spiders. There will also be the chance for the children to dress up in their Halloween costumes and create some creepy biscuits on Monday, November 3rd.

Doll Appeal

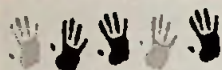
During our shed clear out it became apparent we have very few dolls for the children to play with. If anyone has some unwanted dolls at home that they would like to donate to Toddler Group they would be greatly appreciated.

Dates

- Julie Hartland Photography will be attending the session on Monday, November 10th.
- Dragon Ceramics will once again be coming to Toddlers on Monday, November 24th in time for the children to create some festive pottery masterpieces.
- The Christmas Party will be held at the village hall on Wednesday, December 10th from 11.30am to 2pm. More details will be given out during sessions.

And finally

If you haven't been to Toddler Group yet please come and give us a try. Sessions are held every Monday morning 10-11.30am and Wednesday afternoon 1.30-3pm. With exciting activities and the opportunity to play alongside friends for the toddlers it gives you the chance to meet other parents and carers and enjoy a well earned cuppa! Please feel free to come and join us-you really will be most welcome.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

New Starter: Firstly, we are very pleased to welcome Hattie, who joined us during October. She has settled in well with her new friends and we hope that she will enjoy a happy year with us.



Healthy Eating: At the beginning of the month, we talked about healthy eating and the children looked at and described a variety of fruits from around the world. They used different fruits and vegetables to make beautiful prints in primary colours and made their own cucumber and tomato sandwiches to eat at snack time. We then incorporated the sandwich theme into our role play area, which became a sandwich café. The children wrote menus and took turns to be customers or waiting staff. Salt dough bread was made at the creative table and then used to make the sandwiches in the café and there were also assorted cakes, fruit and healthy drinks to be "purchased". The till and telephones were in great demand, demonstrating the increased IT skills amongst the children.



Different Textures: To make a change from sand or water, cellulose paste was put into the water tray. The children were very interested in how the dry granules changed completely in texture when water was added. Maddison thought it felt "all slimy, like a slippy snake". Later on, water was brought back into play and the children practised their pouring skills.

Makaton Signs: Lesley recently attended a course entitled 'Having Fun with Signs' and brought back some wonderful ideas to Pre-School. In order to help the children to understand that it is possible to communicate without words, they have been learning some new sign language, such as "sharing" and "friends" and are now beginning to use many signs within their everyday nursery rhymes and songs.

Staff Training : Gael and Lisa visited the Inspirational Learning Space in Nuneaton with our Advisory Teacher and again many ideas were brought back with them. The theme was "Look, Listen and Note" and will enable us to continue to progress within the new Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Outdoor Play: The children have enjoyed plenty of time outdoors,



using the ride on vehicles to help their physical development and co-ordination as they pedal and steer at the same time. Jessica is particularly expert and looks as though she might make a rally driver one day! They have also used our primary coloured plastic bricks to build some great structures and, towards the end of the month, the large wooden blocks were used for all sorts of building work, including Nick's "Knight's Castle".

AGM: The AGM was well attended and our chair, Jacqui Quinney, was able to report an excellent year for Harbury Pre-School. The parents and staff expressed their grateful thanks to outgoing Pre-School Committee members Jane Kempton, Julie Jennings, Melanie Parker, Angela Thompson and Lisa French, and to Alison Grundy, Fund Raising Group member, for their hard work and commitment. Finally, Jacqui welcomed all those who had volunteered to join the committee for the new Pre-School year.

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


Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Continuing with the theme of Ourselves, the children have been exploring their senses. Tasting a variety of multi-cultural foods, at snack time every day proved very popular and we produced a chart showing their likes and dislikes. These included noodles, rice, prawn crackers, naan bread, as well as mango, dates, and kiwi fruit, "I have big noodles with mummy with meat and peppers" - Sofia

Small groups of children went on a nature walk around the school grounds equipped with their clipboards and pencils to record all the things they could hear, ranging from a dog barking and an aeroplane, to the wind blowing the leaves. Some of the children extended the activity themselves by adding a fire engine and a train to the list of sounds they were listening for.



To explore their sense of touch the children took turns putting their hands in to a drawstring bag of different textured objects to try and describe to the others what the object felt like. As well as developing their language skills this activity also developed their personal, social and emotional skills by encouraging turn taking and sharing. The children really enjoyed this game so we followed this up with an activity which involved making their own personal feely book containing different textures to take home. This

prompted some fantastic vocabulary including spikey, bumpy, scratchy, crunchy, rough and sharp.

We have been discussing 'special things' with the children and why they mean a lot to them. Some of the children brought in a special box that they had decorated at home and filled with their treasures, which they had the opportunity to show to the other children at circle time. Keira's box contained her ballet shoes which she wore and proudly showed us some ballet steps. Rhys' box contained a teddy called Bluey that his brother had bought him when he was a baby.

Windmills strongly believe that children benefit from learning outside the classroom and this month we have had two woodland outdoor classroom sessions in the glorious autumn sunshine. These have

been led by Dr. Amanda Randall, who has now almost completed her forest school training. Our next outdoor classroom session will be held on Wednesday 5th November, 2008

Tina and Marie continually strive to improve their provision to Windmills children and are constantly looking for new ways to improve the learning environment. They recently attended a training course run by Warwickshire Arts in Education, entitled Extending language through provocation and artefacts, which looked at ways to bring stories to life and encourage creative development. Five members of Windmills staff also attended the PLA conference held in Rugby on Saturday 11th October, which included workshops on storytelling and exploring treasure baskets.

On Wednesday, 22nd October, Windmills held their annual review meeting in the nursery classroom. This was very well attended, thank you to those parents who gave up their time to learn about what we have been doing at Windmills during the last year, and enjoy a glass of wine.

The children enjoyed their usual trip to the toddler service when they learned about how important it is to say thank you.

We have been putting the money raised from the recent fundraising events to good use. We have recently purchased some new craft supplies ready for Christmas, some puppets, and some new outdoor toys including a croquet set which are always popular with the children.



Dates for your Diary

On Saturday, 1st November 2008 Windmills Nursery School will be organising the Craft Fair in the Village Hall and serving delicious home made lunches and afternoon teas, from 10.00 am until 4.30 pm.

On Thursday, 6th November 2008 a Tempest photographer will be visiting Windmills from 11.00 am to take individual photographs of the children including siblings if required.

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



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

School Sport – The girls have done it again!! In what must go down as one of the best performances ever by any sports team from Harbury School, the girls Cross Country team placed four runners in the first eight finishers, to win the second Central Warwickshire Cross Country league race – a staggering performance in a really high quality event. The girls' counters were Francesca (2nd), Kate (4th), Phoebe (6th) and Hannah (8th) and these were superbly backed up by Isla (28th), Emily (31st), Kira (53rd), Phoebe (65th), Laura (70th) and Nicola (76th out of 92 finishers). A magnificent performance – well done, girls.

The boys race followed, and although not reaching the heights of the girls, all of the boys ran well, with the team finishing 9th out of the 18 teams. Well done to George (an outstanding 6th), Sam (41st), Henry (46th), Harry (80th), Josh (93rd) and Sam (99th) out of 127 runners.

The Football team has also been in action this half term. The team lost its first league match 0-2 to a very strong St Mary's team, before winning their second game, against St Patrick's, 3-1. On Friday, we hosted the preliminary round of the Central Warwickshire 7-a-side tournament, finishing joint 3rd out of five teams. The team is starting to play some very good football and can look to the rest of the season with confidence.

On 5th November, as winners of the Leamington RFC Schools' tag rugby tournament held last summer, the school has been invited to take part in a floodlight competition at Leamington Rugby Club, Kenilworth Rd, starting at 6.30. This is always an excellent occasion, as the tag rugby precedes one of the best fireworks displays in the area, so why not come along, support the school team and enjoy the fireworks.

Parking – I have heard that one or two parents are parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school near the Park Lane exit. Could I ask all parents to refrain from parking there, as it is undoubtedly a safety hazard for all of the children who use that exit.

The New Entrance Area – The new main entrance is now in full operation and is the only route in to school for visitors, including parents. May I remind you that all visitors should report to Reception before entering the school. I hope that parents like the new extensions

– initial feedback from Parents' Evening last night was certainly positive. The period of construction has been much longer than expected, and I thank everyone for their patience during the work, especially the admin staff, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Wilson, who have been working in very difficult circumstances since June.

Meeting For Parents With Children In Reception – There will be a meeting for parents with children in the Reception class on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30, at which the school will outline the ways in which children are taught to read, and how parents can help in the process. Please note that this meeting is for parents only, so please make arrangements for the children to be looked after on this occasion.

Meeting For Parents With Children In Year 6 – There will be a meeting for parents with children in the Year 6 on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm, at which the children in Year 6 will present an assembly about their trip to the Long Mynd. All are welcome.

PTA Sponsored Walk – Many thanks to those parents who have returned the sponsor money from the recent Sponsored Walks. The total currently stands at £1936, an excellent effort by everyone – well done. Anyone with sponsor money still outstanding is asked to send it in to school tomorrow morning. Thanks.



1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Green

After our long summer break, Scouts started back up again in September.

A highlight of our first month was an overnight camping trip, as Ben from Kestrels patrol describes:

'Eighteen scouts set off from Radway at 10.00am on Saturday 27th September for our weekend hike. Fortunately the weather was fine, but we found our backpacks containing our clothes, sleeping bags and mats rather heavy. However, we all took up the challenge and commenced our hike. We walked up Edge Hill and through Ratley, then stopped in Hornton to eat our packed lunch in the park. We then walked with our backpacks the last miles to Horley. We arrived there three hours later, around teatime.

We put up our tents, which took about half an hour, then sat around eating curry and rice or spaghetti bolognaise. After our meal, which



was very welcome after our arduous hike and activity putting up tents, we collected firewood and tinder for the bonfire and soon warmed up.

We ran into the woods and played wide games for an hour, which I enjoyed very much but found exhausting, and then retired to our tents sleeping three to each. There was a little rain during the night and we all awoke early (around 6.30.am) and ate cereals. We then collected more firewood and lit another fire. We cooked scrambled eggs, bacon and beans, which were delicious!

We then walked to a nearby park and played on an obstacle course, a rope swing and an aerial ropewalk.

Next we packed some lunch for our journey home and arrived back in Harbury at around 2.30pm on Sunday, 28th September.

I enjoyed this adventure very much and we were very lucky with the weather staying fine. I found carrying the backpack a burden as this was bit heavy for me. When I arrived home I felt I was becoming airborne after the removal of my backpack!

The scouts all did really well, carrying such heavy packs over the total six miles distance. This was great preparation for future wild camping activities – we just need to add in a few more hills now!



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Although the year is fast coming to an end, there are plenty of jobs to do in November. There can be many good weather days in winter which are ideal for getting out, enjoying the fresh air and having some exercise. You may be lucky enough to have a robin or two 'helping' you while you work. My diary for '06 and '07 shows that a considerable

amount was done during this month including:

1. Sweeping up leaves and adding to one compost heap
2. Turning another compost heap
3. Using compost as a mulch round plants
4. Pruning roses: climbing and shrub types
5. Cutting back some of the herbaceous plants
6. Removing old or weak plants and putting in new ones
7. Planting bare root trees and hedging
8. Sowing broad beans
9. Planting garlic and onions
10. And you thought gardening was a summer pastime??

The naming of plants (Part 2)

Rosa moyesii 'Geranium'

Cotoneaster dammeri 'Major'

Prunus laurocerasus 'Otto Luyken'

Potentilla fruticosa 'Elizabeth'

These four plants will hopefully show how and why plants have such seemingly long and complicated names. The first word Rosa/ Cotoneaster/ Prunus/ Potentilla is the "**genus**"; that is a group of plants having a wide range of broadly similar characteristics. The second part moyesii/ dammeri/ laurocerasus/ fruticosa indicates this is a "**species**". Species are often found naturally in the wild and can be less showy than the "**cultivars**" – see below. The species name is often shortened to the single first letter followed by a full stop e.g. Rosa m. 'Geranium'

The final part of the name is the "**cultivar**" and is specific to that plant only. Cultivars have been specially selected or raised as being superior in some way – hardiness, colour, length of flowering and so on – to the species.

What is perhaps strange is that all the four above (and many others!) all belong to the same Family with the family name Rosaceae. You and I may not see many similarities between say a Rose and a Laurel (*Rosa* and *Prunus laurocerasus*) but clever botanists and taxonomists have the ability to do so with microscopes and (now) with DNA.

Note the way the name is written; the **genus** always starts with a capital letter, the **species** with lower case and the **cultivar** starts with a capital letter and is within single inverted commas.

The plant name can be likened to an invoice:

We can define it thus:

It came from The Sooper Dooper Plant Co	---	The Family
From the Accounts Dept	---	The Genus
The Account 'Bridge Nursery'	---	The Species
The Invoice number	---	The Cultivar

Thus with three parts only to a name, every single one of over 70,000 different plants listed by the RHS can be uniquely identified. Pretty clever huh?



Nature Notes

John Hancock



Autumn in Mackley Way

Caterpillars have been on the move in October presumably looking for sites to pupate and over winter. Down in Bath, the grandchildren were intrigued and so was I, when we found a very large brown caterpillar on their lawn. It waved its front portion around in a slightly menacing fashion and was 2.5 inches (6.25 cms) long. David Brown (author of the Larger Moths of Warwickshire published by Atropos) had no doubt, from my description, that it was the larva of the Elephant hawk moth (*Deilephila elpenor*). Its food plants include Rosebay Willowherb and Himalayan Balsam which supports the notion that some parts of any garden should be kept in a semi wild state.

On 2nd October, Sally Stringer called me over to see another exotic caterpillar. This was brightly coloured with green and white bands. It was extremely hairy and had a fierce looking group of red hairs sticking up near its tail. The photograph I took failed to register on the camera but luckily, about a week later, I found another specimen crawling across the surgery car park. The picture I sent to David Brown was unequivocally identified as the larva of the Pale Tussock Moth (*Calliteara pudibunda*). It feeds on many deciduous trees and shrubs including apple, oak, birch and alder. The moth is a rather insignificant brown colour.

On the 4th October, I woke to our first frost of the autumn. The U3A Naturalists' Group met at Snitterfield Bushes nature Reserve (GR SP.200603. OS map 151). This area was an airfield during World War 2 and the concrete runways and disintegrating bomb stores are still visible beneath the canopy of trees (predominately oak, ash, silver birch and field maple) and the sometimes dense understorey. We were led on a fungi foray by John Sells. After our wet summer, there was plenty of water in the ditches and pools. Moss covered large areas and was particularly luxuriant on fallen trees. Fungi, with such names as Smooth Inkcap, Blushing Bracket, Drooping Funnel and Snapping Bonnet were shown to John for identification and discussion. We questioned the ecological niche filled by the hundreds of fungi species in Warwickshire alone. They each have a particular habitat and break down organic matter (often dead) to enable chemicals to re-enter the food chain. We were intrigued by the aptly named King Alfred's cake, a firm black fungus often with a central dimple which grew directly from a dead branch and had no stem. We found St John's Wort still in flower. This was the perforate variety which was proved by holding a leaf up to the light and seeing the tiny translucent dots. The perforations are glands which yield an aromatic smell to the foliage. We also found the seed head of broad leaved helleborine, (*Epipactis helleborine*), an orchid whose flowers in summer are a rather insignificant size and greenish yellow in colour, making it hard to find.

Trees are the landscape feature at the moment. While staying with Brian and Theo Wilne at a cottage near Fowey, Sharon and I were bowled over by the autumn colours. Beech in particular stood out. On the coastal footpath, we found violet, primrose, foxglove and strawberry having a second flowering phase.

Before returning home, we headed further west and visited the Lost Gardens of Helligan. Here, in the early 1990's, the decision was made to bring back to life the overgrown parkland estate of the Tremayne family and recreate from the ruins the magnificent walled northern enclaves, the fruit and vegetable garden and the flower garden to name but two. We've -promised ourselves another longer visit as there was so much to see.

Closer to home, I must just mention Coventry's London Road cemetery. Designed by Joseph Paxton and opened in 1847, it is a marvellous arboretum. The area was laid out over the hills and hollows of the sandstone quarries which had supplied stone to build the ancient city. As a result it is pleasantly rolling. Avenues of 'Candelabra'

Weeping Silver Limes are a major feature formed by the technique of grafting and providing in Paxton's words 'A flame of memory'. I was particularly struck by a Bhutan pine. This species has 12" long cones and instead of needles in pairs has them in groups of five producing a brush like effect. Cedars of various types, Wellingtonias and many other specimen trees are given space to thrive.

Now the local agricultural scene is of ploughed fields, many seeded and a few beginning to sprout with autumn sown wheat. The shorter daylight hours bring their own delights; dew on spider webs, berries of hawthorn, privet and dog rose. Next month's notes should have a rather different setting.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The 'Moving Pictures' box office had to put up the 'SOLD OUT' signs for the evening showing at the end of October. Not surprisingly, the film was the incredibly popular, Mamma Mia, which has been playing to packed audiences in cinemas throughout the U.K. The showing almost failed at the last hurdle, when it was suggested that the film makers were not prepared to release the film for use outside the cinema circuit and the organisers had to ring round to all those who had booked tickets to say the event was 'off', only to find out shortly afterwards that it could be reinstated, as the 'rights' had been sorted out. It was a case of 'all's well that ends well' and the film played to a packed audience of 180 people. The afternoon showing of Prince Caspian earlier in the afternoon also drew a sizeable crowd – probably because it was the start of the half term holiday and children of all ages turned up to see the sequel to Narnia.

In earlier magazines, villagers have been encouraged to reserve their tickets for the Likely Lads Dance on December 30th and only a very few spaces are still available. If you feel you want be part of the main village celebration anticipating the New Year, then ring Chris on 612305 to secure one of the remaining tickets. A previous H&L magazine also mentioned that there would be a 'hidden surprise' for this year's dance and a suggestion was made that it should be a 'masked ball'. The dress is still black tie / cocktail dresses, but it was thought that the addition of an attractive mask might provide a bit more interest. It could be a good idea to start raiding the children's/grand-children's play boxes for party masks and then to add braid / glitter /

sequins /feathers to make a New Year's mask, which will add to the evening's entertainment. There could even be a prize for the best home-made mask in the Blue Peter style – of "here's one I made earlier". It's all meant to add to the fun, so good hunting for trimmings and we'll see you all in Harbury (not Venetian!) style at the end of December.



General Section

Harbury Casino Night in Aid of Myton Hospice

Harbury Support Group would like to say a huge thank you to Darren and Mel at the Shakespeare Inn, Alan of Leamington Spa Cleaning Services and Simon and Sandie of SM Plant Hire Ltd for sponsoring the Casino Tables at the Casino Night on Saturday 18th October. Without their generous support the evening would not have been as successful as it was.



We managed to raise a very respectable £1305.00 for Myton Hospice.



A big thank you to everyone involved in the organizing and running of the evening especially to Jon and Karen Rankin for doing such a great job, almost single handedly, preparing the buffet.

And to the dedicated members of the team (you know who you are) that stayed until the bitter end and helped

with the cleaning - we couldn't have done it without you!

A final thank you to everyone that attended the evening for helping to create such a great atmosphere and for being so willing to hand over money every time we asked for it!!

Look forward to seeing you at the next one!

Fiona Cadwallader

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Thank you to all of those people who came to the Summer Lunch and the Coffee morning in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association. We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and we would like to say thank you to those people who helped and those who attended. The monies raised will contribute to funding the activities that we arrange for the senior citizens of Harbury. Talking of which, the next event will be the Christmas Party on Saturday 13th December 2008 in the Village Hall.

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

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

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

All Saints' Harbury Christmas Fayre

It's that time of year again! The Christmas Fayre will open at 2.00pm on Saturday 6th December in the Village Hall. We have a wide variety of stalls which we hope you'll find inviting and a café where you can refresh yourselves and take the weight off your feet.

Father Christmas will be there, of course, and we hope to be entertained by the Hereburgh Morris if they are free on the day. Raffle tickets will be on sale for those who haven't already bought them and all the proceeds will go to Myton Hospice.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sue Peacock

Speeding Traffic through Harbury

Following a near miss at All Saints' Harbury church in April where wedding guests had to "whip" up a little girl from the edge of a pavement when a car drove up to the crowd and awaiting horse drawn carriage and proceeded to rev-up and speed past, some concerned Harbury residents started to note registrations and vehicles seen regularly speeding, and when handed over to the police in Southam were told that these vehicle owners would be followed up and warned.

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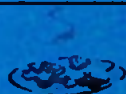
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This is happening in a village where our pavements are so vulnerably narrow and not 'railed' off to the roads, making it very dangerous for example to parents/ carers with children on the school run when having to walk two-a-breadth, and buses passing sometimes within centimetres not even inches, heavily overlapping the pavement, surprisingly there has not been anymore serious accidents.

Why can't we have an 'advisory' limit of 20MPH through the village, if we can't rail off our pavements, some part of the country have these in blue and are often on the run-up and around schools and are very effective.

Lisa Irons on behalf of anxious Binswood End residents and parents

Choristers Represent Harbury at Birmingham Cathedral

On 27th September, seven young choristers were privileged to be involved in the Royal School of Church Music Festival Service at Birmingham Cathedral. Two months of extra rehearsals with David and Helen, from The Harbury Choir School, were needed to learn the very challenging music required.

They joined over 100 other choristers from top regional Church choirs, for a morning rehearsal prior to the Festival Service itself. The youngsters were not daunted by the number of people nor the large four part choral sound being produced; and even found themselves sitting on the front row for both the rehearsal and the main event!



The youngsters were an absolute credit to us and made a very good impression on the event organisers and other choir leaders present. Their behaviour was impeccable and they demonstrated that they had not just learnt the music, but learnt the skills to prove themselves professional young performers as well.

We are looking forward to continuing this success in the future. The Harbury Choir School term started on 2nd October and we have had a good intake of talented new members. What the young singers have achieved already give us every reason to be excited for further success. We will start back after half term on 6th November, when we will be working towards something different for Christmas. We welcome new members at any time – feel free to contact us for further information.

Helen Garvin and David Iles - www.harburychoirschool.org

M.U.M.S

Cuppa' n Chat

Are you newly at home with a small child, or awaiting a baby or missing your child who has started school? Would you like an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation? The Mother's Union ladies who offer help at home are now giving you this opportunity, in the Tom Hauley Room (behind church) for an hour on Wednesday mornings starting 9.15am, come in for a cup of coffee, an adult chat, toys for the children, meet your friends and make new ones. This will be for a 5 week trial, on Wednesday November 12th – December 10th.

See you there.

Gillian Hare 614809

Tai Chi

Some Harbury residents will have become familiar with the sight of me practising curious exercises in the Wight School car park. These are Chinese health arts, usually known collectively in the West as Tai Chi. After 9 years of training and 7 years of grading exams I have finally qualified as a teacher in the Nei Chia Association. I am now in a position to start a class here in Harbury and would really like to do so, if there is enough interest locally. My intention would be to start after Christmas.

Tai Chi boosts the immune system and helps with concentration, balance, flexibility, and general health. People who practice regularly feel much more energetic and tend to do everything better. How else

did the Chinese gain so many Olympic medals? Of course some people may not want to feel that good, so I will endeavour to understand their preference to opt out.

I would like to see if there is sufficient interest in this opportunity before going any further. If you would like to join in and benefit please call me on 612277 or email me at bob@churchterrace8.freemove.co.uk.

Bob Sherman

Myton Hospice Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday November 14th, in the Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

There will be a raffle, cakes, bring and buy, we will also be selling the hospice Christmas cards.

Everyone is invited, please come and support us.

Harbury Support Group

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The next session in Harbury is on Thursday November 13th, 1.30pm – 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, Donors can start at age 17; top age for donations is 60 but established donors continue to age 70. Last time we achieved 100 volunteers and collected 92 units – can we beat it?

If you can't manage the date or want to make an appointment to save time, visit blood.co.uk, call on 01926 614809.

Thank you on behalf of those whose life you could help to save.

Gillian Hare

Rejoice Ye Tenants of the Earth!

Christmas Carol Workshop and Evening Concert on Sunday, 14 December 2008 at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Itchington. Workshop 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Bring and Share Tea. Evening Concert at 6.30pm

Sing and play your heritage and learn some of the carols performed by the old church bands of the west galleries as described in Thomas Hardy's novel "Under the Greenwood Tree".

Singers and also players of most woodwind and stringed instruments are warmly invited to join members of Immanuel's Ground, Warwick's very own West Gallery Quire, in a workshop which will be followed by an evening performance at 6.30pm. Friends and families will be welcome to come and listen to the fruits of our labours!

Tickets for the workshop are £3.00 to include a copy of the music for you to take away. Please bring a plate of food to share at teatime. We will perform the carols we have learned at a concert in the church that evening, with further contributions from Immanuel's Ground.

These carols are vibrant and exciting and are a great joy to sing and play. They truly are the music of the people. In the words of John Wesley, "Sing lustily and with good courage"!

Tickets for the Workshop (includes Evening Concert) £3.00. Tickets for Evening Concert £4.50 (adult), £4.00 (OAP), £2.00 (child). Available from Barbara Pink on 01926 612402.

Barbara Pink

Stories in the Local Press

Most villagers will have read stories about possible library closures in Harbury and else where.

What library service are we entitled to expect?

The Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 requires the first tier English local authorities (in Warwickshire the County Council) to provide "comprehensive and efficient public library services." The Secretary of state for Culture Media and Sport has a duty under the same Act to superintend the delivery of library services and to promote the improvement of public libraries.

The terms 'comprehensive and efficient' are not defined within the Act. However library authorities are required to provide, free of charge, "access for people who live, work or study in their area to borrow or refer to books, printed material and pictures in line with their requirements."

Will we face a 'Use it or loose it' situation?

"There are a number of indicators to measure library usage- including the number of books issued; visits to libraries and online usage." In Harbury we are fortunate the library has been upgraded in the last 5 years and we have had a series of very helpful librarians.

Marian Millington

This is a sensitive topic at present; the information in italics came from WCC Communications Division, to which I was referred after a low key enquiry in our library.

The Big Switch on in Southam

On Monday 1st December the town will yet again be shining bright, the big switch on of the town's Christmas Lights starts at 5pm. After last year's successful lighting ceremony, the crowds can again gather in front of the Olde Mint to hear festive carols by our guest choir, The Windmill Singers and watch for Santa's arrival to switch on the lights at 6pm. There will also be a mini funfair for the kids and stalls to browse round.

If you would like more information about the Christmas Lights Association (or even volunteer to help us) please contact Val Steele (813577) or Carolyn Akeister (815085) we would like to hear from you.

Carolyn Akeister

Southam & District Lions Club

'Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!!' The sound of Santa's Sleigh is still very distant but he definitely is coming.... Children – if you listen very carefully on the night Santa is visiting where you live, you will hear Santa's Bell and that's the time to tell Mummy and Daddy to get your coat on and be ready to visit him on his sleigh. I think he will have chocolate to hand out and you can tell him what you would like him to bring you on Christmas Morning.

Southam Lions will again be visiting the town and surrounding villages in the days leading up to Christmas and once again all the money so generously donated will be given to local Children's Charities. Every child, no matter the age, when talking to Santa will get a chocolate bar! Last year a young man of 70 years came out to see Santa!!

Last year through your generosity at Christmas time we raised £4,000 for Children's Charities. Please give generously again when we knock on your door.

Below is the list of dates when you can expect to see Santa!

The fun begins with the 'switch on' of the Southam Christmas Lights on Monday December 1st from 5.00pm onwards (actual switch on 6.00pm)

Friday 19th December - Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge and Ufton -
Evening

Saturday 20th December - Harbury – Late Afternoon

Children can email Father Christmas if they wish on:

fatherchristmas@southamlions.org.uk

Happy Christmas Everyone from Southam Lions Club and thanks for the wonderful support you have given us in 2008.

37th Annual Senior Citizens Party

Last Saturday Southam Lions held their annual Senior Citizens Party at Southam College. Ever since Southam Lions was formed back in 1971 there has always been an annual party for the old folk – who would have thought this would still happen so many years later? Well it did and it has! On Saturday the Senior Citizens, and there were 160 of them, came from all around Southam and District and had a really fantastic time. They were entertained by The Concordians (the name gives away what they do) and Paul Gunton – The Minstrel and judging by the happiness on the faces all around the room they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Tea was prepared by the Lions' wives and the Lions are truly grateful to the many local organisations who provided so much of the food and particularly to St John Ambulance personnel who once again were on hand to help in every way they could. Lion Tony Lorimer (photographer extraordinaire) said " It was really great seeing so many of our Senior Citizens really enjoying themselves singing along with the Paul Gunton and clapping and foot-tapping to the accordion players. Many of them came up to me at the finish and said how much they had enjoyed themselves. This is what makes it all worth while and why I enjoy so much being part of the Lions set up in Southam".

When asked whether they would want another party in a year's time, the thunderous noise suggested that they most definitely did!

Peter Guy

Offchurch Christmas Fayre

The Offchurch Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 6th December 2008 at 2.30 – 5.30pm in Offchurch Village Hall.

Admission is £1.00 and includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie (children under 12 FREE). Additional refreshments will be available.

We will also have; Santa's Grotto, Handmade Greetings cards, Seasonal Plants & wreaths, Tombola, Handmade Chocolates, 'Water to Wine', 'Childrens' Corner' – fun and games, Fair-trade Stall, Phoenix Trading – cards, gift wrap etc, Grand Raffle, Homemade Cakes, Jams and Biscuits

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Wendy Farquharson

Take Time Out – Ufton

Karin Kirk

A Leisure Time Project for the Community of Ufton and surrounding area.

Baubles and Beads - Thursday 27 November 10am - 12.30pm
Ufton Village Hall

At our Christmas event this year Sue Fowler will show us how to make baubles, using beads, to hang on the tree. Refreshments including sherry and mince pies will be served during the morning. Cost £3 plus £5 materials.

To book any event please ring Karin Kirk 01926 812883.



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Our thanks to everyone who supported our Air Ambulance Coffee morning on Saturday October 18th.

You made it such a success that we have been able to send a cheque for £321 from the proceeds.

We very much appreciated the many donations of cash, raffle prizes, cakes and gifts and the many helping hands on the day.

Once again, thank you all.

Air Ambulance Support Group

Dear Editors

The mayhem and disruption caused by the renewing of the gas main in part of Mill Street continues. Work started on Wednesday 17th September and some of the work is now complete.

Residents were unable to park their cars on their drives and struggled to get to their front doors! There must have been an easier way of sorting this out? Or could it have completed a lot sooner? Thank goodness it has been relatively dry so that we have not taken even more mud into our homes. Who's next?

Bill Timson



Dear Editors

I am writing in connection with the whereabouts of our black and white male cat, Inca.

Over the summer he has been absent from home (in Church Terrace) for days at a time, often 5 or 6 days without returning. When he does return he is always very affectionate and demands attention, but after a quick meal and some fuss he is off again. Very occasionally he will stay in for ½ hour or so and even sit on our lap – if we happen to be sitting down!

On two or three occasions I have found him in the Vicarage Lane vicinity where I know he spends much of his time as he is regularly seen by some residents, but he also goes down Hall Lane and adjacent vicinity but his preferred "patch" at present seems to be Vicarage Lane.

For the past couple of years, he has spent most of his time around home, so we would love to know if he is making a second home with somebody else. We are particularly keen to locate him before fireworks time in November.

He is completely black, long and slender with very short fur, and is micro-chipped. If anyone thinks they know where he might be we would love to hear from you.

Bob and Chris Sherman (612277)

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone who came to my 70th birthday celebrations, and helped to make it a truly remarkable night to remember.

Thanks also: To all my friends and relations for the lovely cards & gifts,

To my wife Sheila for organising the whole evening

To Ray & Jan Playdon for the wonderful food,

& To The Likely Lads for providing the dance music.

I will treasure the wonderful memories of that evening for many years.

Many thanks once again,

Gerry Parker

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank everyone who supported The Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 26th. We raised a fantastic £450.

Thank you for the donations of the raffle prizes and cakes.

Mary & friends

Dear Editors

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the great supporters (both in the village and those that came from afar) of the STEPS coffee morning held at the Tom Hauley Room for the fantastic fund raising of £205 on Saturday, 27th September 2008.

Both STEPS, Carmen and myself are very grateful for all the support everyone gives in so many ways.

Thank you very much.

Regards

Karena, Carmen, Clarice & Claudia

Dear Editors,

To all in Harbury who sent Geoff's birthday cards for his 70th birthday on 19th October. By Monday 13th October we'd taken 67 birthday cards with us ready for opening on his actual birthday as we'd spent it down Hayling Island, Hampshire but by his day ended up with 78 cards. My target to get 70 cards for him was reached plus more. We get back to Harbury on 24th October and may be the odd one will still be waiting for him.

So thank you to everyone in and around Harbury that joined in the quest.

Thank you again, you made his day.

Pam and Geoff Cleaver

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:
LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

Bookings for:

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

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Adverts to 31, Binswood End **by 15th November**
Articles to Harbury Pharmacy **by Thurs 27th November**

Regular Diary Dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm - 8.45pm

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

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

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

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

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HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

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

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

8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Scout Hut, Saturdays,

10:00am - 12:00noon (612734)

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

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

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

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

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

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: Meeting on 2nd Wednesday in the month at the

Shakespeare 8:00pm (612792)

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

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

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

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

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

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

WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL: In the grounds of Harbury Primary School,

Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.30pm (07906 519148)

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

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

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3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion Service
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
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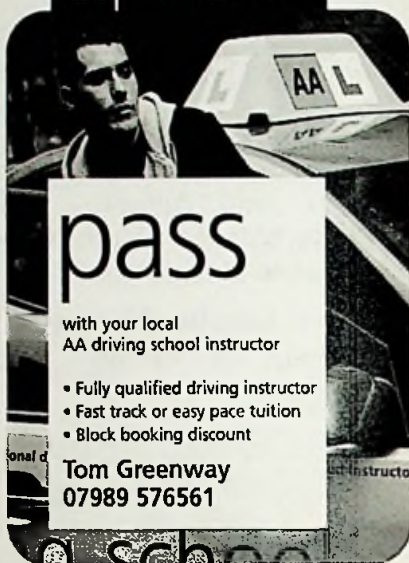
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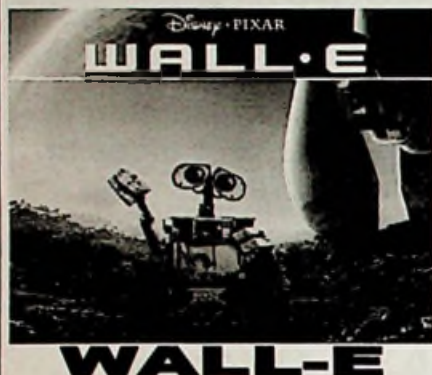
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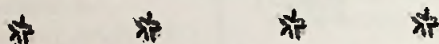
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