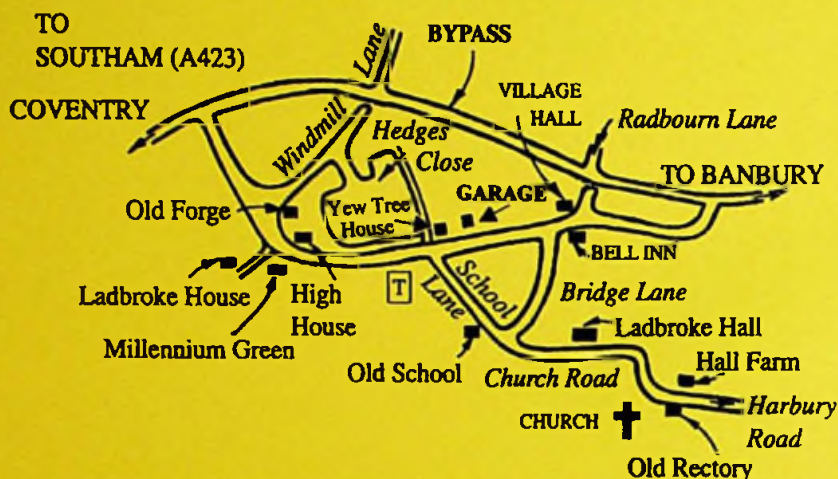




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Editorial

This month's magazine has some new opportunities for volunteering. Coventry and Warwick Universities have students seeking to undertake day-long projects in local communities. Could they help your organisation? At Lighthorne Heath there is a Children's Centre which offers parents and their preschool children living locally play and activity sessions.

This is the season for AGM's – in Ladbroke for the Millennium Green and in Harbury the Horticultural Society will be looking for a new secretary and treasurer. The Twinning Association will hold its AGM in early November.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Jacob Hornsby and Ben Ingram.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

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|-------|----|---|
| Sat | 4 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
HARVEST SUPPER 7pm for 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| Sun | 5 | TRINITY XX
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 6.00pm with laying on of hands for healing and wholeness |
| Tues | 7 | Holy Communion 7.30pm
Junior Tennis season starts 5.00pm in Village Hall
Horticultural Society meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Thurs | 9 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Bridge Club 7.00pm in Village Club
Harbury W.I 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Talk on Bowen/NST Therapy (Pat Stock) |
| Sat | 11 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of NSPCC |
| Sun | 12 | TRINITY XXI
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am |
| Mon | 13 | Harbury Society, talk by David Howe "Remembering not to Forget" 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room |

Tues	14	Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church Holy Communion 7.30pm
Weds	15	Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room ADVERTISEMENT TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Thurs	16	Holy Communion 9.45am Bridge Club 7.00pm in Village Club
Sat	18	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance Myton Hospice Casino Night 7:30- 12:00pm Harbury Village Hall
Sun	19	TRINITY XXII Holy Communion 8.00am Family Communion Service 10.30am Evensong 6.00pm
Tues	21	Holy Communion 7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room. 'Project Return' Jeff Burgess Senior Citizens Benefit Committee meeting 8.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	23	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Bridge Club 7.00pm in Village Club Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	25	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children Moving Pictures in Village Hall, Matinee – Prince Caspian Evening film MAMA MIA!
Sun	26	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	28	Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
Wed	29	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30 - 4.30pm 19 Farm Street,
Thurs	30	Holy Communion 9.45am Bridge Club 7.00pm in Village Club

NOVEMBER

Sat	1	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis CRAFT FAYRE in Village Hall
Sun	2	4 BEFORE ADVENT Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Service of Benediction 6.00pm

Tues	4	Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Weds	5	Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room 'Stained Glass' Viv Hunt
Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am Art Group in 10.00 – 4.00pm Tom Hauley Room Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room Folk Group in Shakespeare 8.30pm
Sat	8	VILLAGE BONFIRE at Recreation Grounds

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
October	1	2	3	Grey, Blue Lid and Green Bins
	8	9	10	Grey Bin
	15	16	17	Grey, Blue Lid and Green Bins
	22	23	24	Grey Bin
	29	30	31	Grey, Blue Lid and Green Bins
November	5	6	7	Grey Bin
	12	13	14	Grey and Blue Lid Bins
	19	20	21	Grey Bin
	26	27	28	Grey and Blue Lid Bins

Your Green waste service will be suspended over the winter months from November 2008 until April 2009.



**All Saints
HARBURY**

From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

This last Sunday at Harbury, we all enjoyed our Harvest Family Communion Service. The church looked and smelt wonderful with sheaves of corn on the pew ends, fruit and vegetables on the window sills and bread on the altar, it really was fantastic. The church was bursting at the seams and made very special by the children of our Church school who sang for us, led prayers and challenged us, in only the way kids can, about the importance of sharing what we have and

always being mindful of the desperate needs of so many in our world. It is good to be reminded of this every now and again, especially when you consider that something like two thirds of the world's population will go to bed tonight hungry.

But we need to be mindful too, of those in our own communities for whom this harvest time is particularly difficult. I was only last week talking with a local farmer who is struggling to get the harvest in. The rains during August have made the fields difficult to combine and when your livelihood depends so much on the land and on nature, we cannot underestimate just how stressful this must be for so many of them.

So, at harvest time, we are thankful for all we have all year round but are also thankful for those who work and farm our land. We all need them and are dependant on them. Let us support them, not only with our thoughts and prayers, but by buying locally where we can, from our farm shops and from grocers who stock locally produced fruit and vegetables. I am sure our huge supermarkets who fill their shelves with produce from all over the world will cope if we go local every now and then!

It was good to see so many of you last week. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

September 12 Jacob Hornsby

Burial of Ashes at All Saints' Harbury

September 12 Ben Ingram

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

September 28 Oliver Reimer



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

At the Sung Eucharist on September 14th, we said an official goodbye to Sarah Sherman who has been a member of the choir for 12 years and latterly joint chorister for some 2 years. Sarah chose the hymns for the service and the anthem which she and the choristers sang after Communion. She is now off to university in Aberystwyth to read for a

degree in English. We thank her for all that she has done to contribute to our worship through the years and wish her every blessing in the future. She has promised to sing again with the choir during her times in Harbury and we shall certainly welcome her back very warmly.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving, which traditionally coincides with the Family Communion Service, was held on Sunday 21st September. We thank everyone who gave greenery and produce and special thanks are due to Jo's team of flower arrangers who worked hard to make the church so beautiful. The produce this year was taken to Castel Froma. As has become traditional, our school gave the presentation. The children



brought some lovely offerings, shared poems with us, sang for us and read and prayed. They gave us a very powerful message. Out of the letters – which year 4 had made – which spell HARVEST, we were reminded that we can spell STARVE and SHARE. They wanted us to remember that while we are blessed with God's abundant gifts, so



many in the world are in need. Jesus asks us to share what we have with all who are less fortunate than we are. Thank you to all the staff and children who were involved in a very thoughtful presentation.

Service of Remembrance for Those We Love but See No Longer

Sunday 2nd November, 6.00pm All Saints' Church, Harbury

A service to remember those we love who have died and to give thanks to God for them. We will have as our speaker the Reverend Stig Graham, chaplain at Myton Hospice in Warwick.

If you would like the name of a loved one who has died read out within the act of remembrance during the service, then can you please contact either Fliss Harris on 612395 or Jill Winter on 612585.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our autumn programme is now underway, starting with a corporate communion at which Father Craig preached and Mavis played for three hymns.

In the evening, Chris Rutherford told us about A.F.I.A. – the diocesan Away From It All holiday scheme. This is now headed by Gill Guilford, so is of special interest to the Harbury branch.

It started in 1962 as Helping Hands, and in its early days offered a reciprocal arrangement for 'tired mothers' in cities to stay in a country member's home. Nowadays, holidays are usually in holiday camps where entertainment for children is included, although some guests still prefer the quietness of a caravan or campsite. Any family under emotional or financial stress can be referred by a teacher, minister or social worker for consideration, and often a break of 2 or 3 days is enough to give them a breathing space. The costs are all raised by local branches like ours, and we realised what a worthwhile cause it is.

Another worthwhile cause is the shoebox appeal – see separate notice for details and please look out for gifts to include. Please give your overseas boxes to Liz Bunting A.S.A.P.

Sue Boniface has catalogues for M.U. cards etc. We shall be running the toiletries stall at the Christmas Fair on December 6th as usual, donations will be welcome.

October 21st 8.00pm following 7.30pm communion, Jeff Burgess on Project Return. This works to reunite people who were orphaned and adopted abroad after the Vietnam war.

As always, visitors are welcome at our meetings, and this talk may be of interest to men as well as ladies.

November 4th Diocesan Council, Attleborough

November 5th 2.30pm following 2.00pm communion, Viv Hunt on Stained Glass

December 1st Diocesan Carol Service, 11.00am in the Cathedral.
Transport available.



Toddlers Service

Lorna Bedford

Mrs Marion Dickerson presented our September Toddlers Service the theme of which was Harvest. We talked about a loaf of bread, felt some wheat seeds, and looked at stems of wheat in a vase on a small harvest table. Mrs Dickerson had been shopping at the supermarket and brought to our service lots of vegetables and fruits. Each child was then asked to select and identify a vegetable from the shopping bag, and as we all sang the song 'someone's bought a (whatever the item was) to the harvest table,' the children individually placed their vegetable or fruit on the table.

We heard the story of the farmer and his wife who grew a huge turnip in their garden, which grew so big it needed lots of people and animals to help lift it from the ground. Afterwards the farmer's wife made turnip soup and invited all the helpers to come and enjoy the delicious soup.

We then sang the song 'I love the sun, it shines on me'.

Our two songs were accompanied by Mr Mike Hare on his accordion.

For our activity, Mrs Dickerson had made some coloured play-dough which the children moulded into tomatoes, cherries, carrots, peas, beans, etc.

Our next Toddler Service is on Tuesday 14th October at 2.00pm in the Children's Corner of the Church. All babies and toddlers, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome to come and join us for our very informal service.



First Light

Alison Abbott

First Light is probably the least formal act of worship that your parish church offers. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but a growing number of people seem to enjoy it and keep coming back for more!

Last month we had fun thinking of our different gifts being like the tools in a toolbox - there to be used. We had a lively drama about a construction company called David Ian Young Ltd (DIY!) that made the point wonderfully, and together built a splendid model of a church which bore more than a passing resemblance to ours..

Each month is different; it is intended to be suitable for all the family with a mix of music, drama, things to join in with and a time to be quiet and think.

The next First Light is on October 5th and then November 2nd. Coffee is served from 10.00 am for a 10.30 start. You will be very welcome so why don't you come along?

Ladbroke News & Diary

OCTOBER

Sun	5	TRINITY XX Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am in Church
Mon	6	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Fri	10	Harvest Supper 7 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sun	12	TRINITY XXI Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Mon	13	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM Parish Council meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sat	18	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	19	TRINITY XXII Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in Church
Mon	20	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
Wed	22	Millennium Green AGM 8.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	23	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sun	26	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Mon	27	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Sat	1	All Saints Day, our Patronal Festival Holy Communion 9.00am in Church A Taize Service 6.00pm in Church
Sun	2	4 BEFORE ADVENT Family Communion 10.30am in Church
Mon	3	Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

October	5 th	Harvest Altar flowers – Jenny Barrett
October	12 th	Jenny Barrett
October	19 th	Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor
October	26 th	Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor
November	2 nd	Kate Pickin
November	9 th	Remembrance Sunday - Susan Moore



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

There is now a little book on the big chest in the Nave for you to write the names of anyone you wish to be remembered in our prayers. Please write the names and the Sunday you wish the prayers to be said. You can also write the names of anyone who is sick. We are especially praying for John Davies at this time. He has just undergone Heart Bypass surgery in Coventry.

Please make a note of Saturday 1st November. It is All Saints Day, our Patronal Festival. There is a 9.00am Holy Communion Service and a Taize Service at 6.00pm.

The Taize Service is a quiet relaxing time for you to bring your worries and stresses to the Lord. Just sit, relax, sing a couple of hymns, listen to a bible reading and reflect with friends in a spiritual atmosphere and be surprised how refreshed you will feel afterwards.

Don't forget the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 9th November at 9.00am.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Public Participation

It was brought to the Council's attention that the concrete blocks at the entrance to Deppers Bridge Farm have not yet been removed as had been requested. This is a problem for the Highways Department, Gez Romano has been contacted.

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Matters Arising

The new notice board has been awarded through a Public Realm Grant and "the cheque is in the post" apparently.

Ladbroke Emergency Plan will be going on the website. The telephone kiosk has been bought for £1 from B.T.

Police Report

We are a lovely village apparently, as we have so little crime. A motorbike, which had been left unattended for a short while, was stolen in Southam. (The police would like to hear about any motor biking problems.) Speeding on the bypass was being monitored regularly. The whole length of the A423 will have a 50mph restriction on it from next April, (that is from Southam to Banbury). They are also keen that our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme should be up and running again and have been in touch with David Halsall. The advice, as always, is to "keep vigilant".

Planning Applications

The extensions to Quince Cottage have been approved by the Parish Council.

The Blue Boat building at Old barn Farm is on the agenda again, and was discussed at great length. The noise levels have been tested from various points on the outskirts of the village and only one property seems to have a serious problem with the noise from the boat building. The council's main concern is with setting a precedent for heavy industry in a conservation area.

Flooding

During the recent heavy rains apparently fourteen properties in Fenny Compton were flooded while our brook came to within 18" of flooding. The work that has been done on the brook seems to be working, enabling it to cope well with the torrential rains during the weekend 12th/13th September.

The footpaths are now being maintained by professional Council rangers.

Parish Plan

Following an aborted meeting with the Parish Council in August another meeting is to be arranged, hopefully to get the Plan out to the village.

Village Hall

The Parish Council fully supported the Village Hall Committee on getting a planning application to the District Council for a new Village Hall.

The Millennium Green

The Trustees are awaiting the arrival of new play equipment (mainly swings for the older children and an activity trail).

County Councillors Report

The fire services of Warwickshire and Worcestershire are to amalgamate, which will be more efficient and cost effective. Plans have been put forward for a huge new hotel at the Polo ground – something to do with the 2012 Olympics.

Southam College

Southam College continues to improve, they had excellent exam results, sadly the Headteacher is to retire soon.

The weight restriction over the bridge at Deppers Bridge is to be permanent.

Ufton landfill site is to build an incinerator for the burning of household waste. This will make it convert waste into useable products, fertiliser being one. The green wheelie bins which will not be emptied from November this year to April next year is a "one-off". From next year it should be an all year round collection.

District Councillor's Report

A community forum is to be set up from December for a trial period to replace the present PACT. This is held in Southam and all communities can attend. There is free swimming for the over 60's at Southam Leisure Centre.

There have been some problems with the new wheelie bin collections, but the collections of recyclable waste is up 40% to 60%. Household waste is down.

The concrete stands for the black sacks; that were delivered to households in 1974, are required by the District Council who is considering collecting them. They would like to know how many there are. If you would like the Council to take yours away the number to ring is 01926 812860. They haven't any idea what they will do with them!

The next meeting is 15th October at 7.45pm.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Millennium Green

The Annual General Meeting of Ladbroke Millennium Green will be held on Wednesday 22nd October in the Village Hall starting at 8 o'clock. All are warmly invited to come along, hear what the Trustees have been undertaking over the last year and tell us how you would like to see the Green progress. Coffee and biscuits will be served at the start of the meeting.

Carol Lane

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draws for July and August were:

July	August
£80 Sue Lord	Mike Todman
£50 Alan Lochhead	Ken Whiteley
£25 Geoff Timms	Jim & Pauline Laidler
£10 Peter Baker	Trish Teverson
£10 Avril Court	Sue Lord
£10 Marie Kennedy	Richard Walker
£10 Michael Theaker	Richard Walker

Janet Goldson



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

This was an interesting, rather protracted meeting at which some potentially controversial decisions were made by the Parish Council.

Allotments

It started with complaints from Mr Padbury arising from notification of allotment rent rises, overgrown plots and perceived inequity over the supply of water.

The Council explained that the rent would increase in twelve months time; was the direct result of the County increasing rent to the Parish Council and that allotment rents had remained stable for four years. Problems caused by plots not being properly tended should be reported to the Clerk. The Councillors would look into the distribution of taps amongst the plots.

Traffic Calming

Next was Mrs Groves who, injured in a road accident, complained that nothing had been done about speeding traffic in Temple End. In fact the Council has been involved in drawn-out negotiations with the County over Traffic Calming measures first proposed in the Parish Plan.

These measures have now been costed and after a great deal of discussion the Councillors agreed to proceed with plans for gateways at entrances to the village. They agreed bollards on the pavement in Binswood End and carriageway alterations in Temple End subject to Highways approval.

They sidelined the most controversial proposal – for a One Way System round the Church, but carriageway alterations could be contentious and the bollards would of course mean that vehicles which meet beside the parked cars in Binswood End would have no option but to back up.

There then followed a somewhat surreal exchange where new-boy Rob Darlison advocated taking and publishing photographs of "offenders" who villagers thought were speeding. He even offered to confront them on their own doorstep, but was warned both by the Community Beat Officer and the Chairman that this would prove counter-productive. The word vigilante crept in somewhere.

Quietly and reasonably the Clerk made a plea for the problems of Butt Lane to be addressed. The Speed Limit changed from 60 to 40pmh but was not adhered to by all vehicles.

Public Safety

There had been two burglaries in the parish one of which took place in the daytime whilst the householders were present. The Community Beat Officer urged everyone to make sure their premises were secure especially now the days were growing shorter.

Councillors Corner

County Cllr Bob Stevens reported progress on the merger of Warwickshire and Worcestershire Fire Services; confirmation of the lower speed limits on the B4451 & 2; the granting of permission for the

Ufton Tip proposals; publication of the Polo Ground Masterplan; confirmation of the weight limit on the Railway Bridge at Deppers; and the plans to run 140 lorries a day from the Rugby Cement Works to the Southam site.

District Cllr Beverley Mann brought up Stratford's proposals to charge for car parking in Southam. People from the surrounding villages who used the Market Town were opposed to the move and our Parish Council will object too. Stratford District has failed to explain the reasons for the charges.

District Cllr Andrew Patrick asked that any remaining problems with the refuse collection be referred to him but he was unable to give a definitive date for the cessation of the Green Bin collection. (The Parish Council plans to pay for the County's chipping service to be available to villagers, free of charge, for a day after Twelfth Night to help dispose of the Christmas Trees.)

Cllr Patrick revealed that without informing the public the District Council had reduced the time allowed for planning consultations to three weeks.

Planning

Stratford granted the change of use at the Bull Ring Business Centre; conservatories at West End Cottage, Mill Street and 34 South Parade; an extension at Fairview, Dovehouse Lane; minor amendments to a previous approval at Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge and The Old Orchard, Mill Street; tree works at 9 Pirie Close and Harbury Depot and retrospective approval for a trellis at 16 Vicarage Lane and UPVC windows at the Old New Inn. The applications for an oak framed house to replace the bungalow at 11 the Beeches and a boundary wall at Harbury House were withdrawn.

The Parish council made no representation on a glasshouse south of Sharmer Farm, Fosse Way and an extension at 15 Manor Road.

Appeals at Harbury Quarries: single story Water Sports Building allowed, 21 lodges dismissed.

Councillors then discussed progress on the Bush Heath Lane site where drainage problems had to be overcome, and when the public consultation will take place. The survey and Parish Plan showed a desire to provide homes for local people but this is proving a drawn-out process.

Lighting

The clerk will obtain a quote for a new light for Temple End of the "Windsor" type used in the Conservation Areas. It was revealed that

this type cannot be fitted with a timer to allow it to be switched off after 12 at night, which was something Cllr Baldwin was very keen to see the Council consider for energy saving reasons.

Highways

Steps will be taken to see that overhanging vegetation in Dovehouse Lane is cut back. The Drain Cover in Francis Road which Councillors claim was broken by the Verdant truck has not been replaced and there are problems there with the sewers. Councillors have been told that the sewerage system has not been "adopted" and that the residents are responsible for its upkeep. This appears to be the case on some other village estates too.

Parish Property

Cllr Hancock reported on repairs to play equipment and the fact that the insurers had asked how the Parish would ensure that the Skatepark would not be vandalised again. It appears Councillors wanted to remove the remains of the hedge which mask the area but agreed to discover whether this would satisfy the insurers before they took such drastic action.

The Tennis Club is likely to have to make a greater contribution to the Sinking Fund for court maintenance now that Her Majesty's Customs and Excise has ruled that the PC can only reclaim VAT on their portion of the Fund.

Work will start in October on the Risk Assessment of memorials in the Burial Grounds. Those found to be unsafe will be dealt with by the contractor and the Clerk will advertise for relatives of those whose graves are deemed unsafe to contact her. The Clerk reported that she had had to call in the Mole Man again.

The Council is awaiting a grant application decision before work can start to refurbish the Chapel Street Garden.

Finance

The PC has set aside £5,000 to assist the Village Hall with professional fees associated with its extension plans.

The Council also sets aside £6,000 a year to provide grants for village organisations. This month they received thanks from WRVS for a new torch and from the Horticultural Society for £400 for Display Boards.

But the good news is that there is about £5,500 left. If yours is a village organisation needing financial help then you can apply to the Clerk for assistance.



Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

Refuse Collection, Parking, and Station Road Bridge

We've had two months to get used to the new refuse collection system, which by and large is working well. But if you've been unlucky enough to have a problem which hasn't been resolved by now, please contact me and I'll do what I can to help.

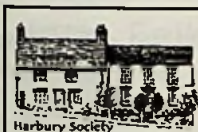
Many of you have asked 'Why can't we recycle other plastic containers apart from bottles?' Well, we are trying to get the company who receive our dry recyclables to answer that very question.

About the old concrete stands (as reported last month), please see Nicola's article elsewhere in this issue.

A resident has reported a problem with their plastic card (issued by SDC) which they used for car parking charges in Stratford. If you have this kind of card, I'm afraid the bad news is that the machines which took the card have been withdrawn from service. The slightly better news is that if you contact Parking services on 01789-260691 they'll arrange for you to return the card and will repay the outstanding amount.

Good news for supporters of the temporary weight limit at Station Road Bridge, Deppers Bridge:- The September meeting of the East Joint Committee of local District and County Councillors unanimously agreed to make the weight limit permanent, and avoid the need for traffic lights. It now goes to the County Council for approval.

And our next Councillors' Corner is on Saturday 11th October outside Harbury Post Office from 10 to 11.30. See you there!



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our Speaker for September, Roger Butler, gave a slide show full of wonderful views of canals and canal architecture from the present and photographs from the 1960's when the canals were neglected and threatened with closure.

England has an extensive canal network built 200 years ago at the height of the Industrial Revolution. These were engineered to carry goods but today they are valued for the landscape and the wildlife.

Pictures of the Coventry Canal Basin showed the Cash's "Topshops" - the factory above housing of the workers beside the canal. These like many of the warehouses in the basin have been turned into homes and offices.

Different canals had different styles for their lock cottages and we saw many illustrations of these - desirable looking properties but many still without mains services. The cottages on the Stratford Canal are unusual for having barrel roofs. The only unaltered one is now owned by the Landmark Trust which saves historic buildings and rents them out as holiday lets.

Bridges and other architectural features usually used local materials - clay dug from neighbouring fields or stone from local quarries. At Fenny Compton the old brickworks are still to be found, part hidden by vegetation. At Hawkesbury Junction a fine cast iron bridge spans the Oxford and Coventry Canals. There's another at Braunston and of course the Stratford Canal is famous for its unique "split" bridges.

Many of the photographs showed overgrown canal-sides and near derelict locks. Matching shots from this Century showed the changes made now the canals have a new lease of life for recreation.

Our Next Events

13th October 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room

David Howe returns to talk on "Remembering not to Forget"

17th November 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room

Graham Robson talks about Owls and the wildlife of Marton.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Back in the swing of things at the September meeting after the summer break. Some members were still on holiday so hope they enjoyed the bout of glorious weather recently.

By the time this goes to print our Harvest Supper will have taken place, but at the moment we are looking forward to the evening run by a competent committee.

The Flower Show was a great success and we thank those who worked and who supported us. Congratulations to those who won awards and to Janice Siddle and Dorothy Groves from W.I. They deserved them alone for all their work on the day. The children's

entries were great. Hopefully there will be more villagers participating next year. Four members spent a lovely day at the National Trust's Tyntesfield at Wroxall near Bristol and fully recommend a visit. It was so interesting to note that a lot of beautiful carved furniture, panelling and the huge billiard table was by James Plucknett whose business was in Warwick and Leamington. The grounds were lovely too.

Quite a few members are hoping to go to the autumn Council meeting at the Spa Centre in October to hear the main speaker, George Alagiah. We hope to go to Waddesdon Manor and a pantomime. We have a team entering the W.I Federation Quiz and look forward to our New Year Party, both in January.

A reminder to members to bring decorated shoe boxes to the next meeting and any fillers for them please, as they will have to be sent in November.

The speaker was Marie Rowland from the Warwickshire Trading Standards Service and was very interesting. We learnt about the vast knowledge they provide on one's rights, like buying goods, buying a service, shopping from home, doorstep selling, unfair contract terms, the paying process, guarantees and extended warranties, how to complain and how consumer direct can help. Of course one must mention weights and measures, like with petrol etc, what is put in or on packages must be correct, dirty products, use by dates, drinks and meat. Checking products are safe such as furniture, toys, fireworks and trade description on cars. In fact it is endless and the Trading Standards do a wonderful service. There are booklets one can get from Warwickshire Trading Standard Service and the telephone number is 01926 414040.

October Speaker: Bowen/NST Therapy – Pat Stock.



Folk Club

Debbie Ellis

When I arrived at the Shakespeare Inn it was just before eight o'clock and I walked into absolute bedlam. There was talent from wall to wall and it spilled out into the pub. In fact I was completely overwhelmed by the sheer amount of talent in front of me that both Des and I had to make the emergency contingency of beginning proceedings ten minutes early so that we could allow everyone to perform.

The theme this month was "Thinking outside the Box" and, to begin the first half of our 286th Folk Club, Des set to with two beautiful instrumentations of "Give it a Whirl" and a "girlie" number. Summer had spent a considerable amount of time gluing her ukulele but to no avail. Her back-up instrument came "out of a box" and she played "Sunday Driver" and then with Jim sang the song with the easiest chorus "Why I am painting the living room?". Jenny played two wonderful fiddle pieces and then Summer joined her with "Dawn Chorus" and the "Maid of Galway". Rick played a tune in which Eileen was spinning and played a "*lamentable*" Scottish bagpipe tune on his guitar. Maureen and Janny sang the "Thoughts Stay Free" and "Silly Old Fool", a tune by Artisan. Pete Mason brought along his daughter Jess to her first folk evening at Harbury and she played very well. Danansooz followed. Sooz admitted that they were "rubbish at keeping to the theme" but offered two extremely fabulous tunes to a very happy crowd. To close this half, and for their second outing, the MD's (Mike and DebZ) performed "Let it be" and "Love me Tender".

'Seven Crooning Wildlife Photographers on a Weekend Away in a Pony and Trap' (all of whom took part in the Singing Safari at Warwick Folk Festival) sang "Haere Mai", a Maori welcoming song, "Shenandoah" and "Ladum Izulu", a Zulu song. Peter McDonald was going to play his saxophone but instead settled for an "ornament" (an Appalachian dulcimer) that he last played at the folk club 22 years ago. He also played the same song as then, "Hard on Your Heels", and his double bluff of the evening was "Caledonia" by Dougie MacLean. Then the Crums and Bones' appeared as the QPAP (QP Aged Parents) with a reworded Ovaltine song. Pete Grassby began with an impersonation of an ape and whilst he delivered his songs, he posed for photographs taken by Des. Keith Donnelly was simply awesome. His performance reduced Debs to tears. Then along came the Harvesters who performed "O Mio Babbino" and then delivered a superb display of *beat box* and *Appalachian footwork*. To complete the rather packed second half came the Folk Club Choir with "Myfanwy".

The third half was opened by BoneHart who twinned Yorkshire and French influences. Ron began by telling the audience that "if you get it right first time... quit whilst you're ahead". He also sang "Messing About on the River" to the musical accompaniment of a bucket of water and small plunger. Stuart looked rather fetching wearing his hat of flowers with "Claude Monet" on it. He sang a favourite of John's even though he did not like it himself. Peter McD held the music and Stuart finished with Scaffold's "Lily the Pink". To end the evening, Tony sang two rather smashing tunes.

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During this action packed evening we managed to have a raffle and raised £61 for Amnesty International. For further information about Amnesty International, see: <http://www.amnesty.org.uk/>

On October 2nd, we meet again with the theme being "Heroes and Villains" with Peter McDonald.



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont



We hoped we had made the right decision to hold our annual petanque and BBQ afternoon on Saturday the 13th. Once again we were in luck as the rain stayed away and the sun came out to warm us all up. Colin Humphreys and Sheila Jackson won the competition and Jacob Tanner took the children's prize, in fact he beat most of the adults. Many thanks to Pam and David Clarke for hosting the event and to Robin Barnes for organising the petanque competition.



Dates for your diary.

November 7th in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm our AGM ; this will be followed by a wine and cheese evening. Members please bring friends along especially if they are interested in joining the Twinning. (Remember we would be delighted to have more young families with children.)

December 12th - The Christmas Party to be held in the Tom Hauley Room.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

In the Banbury league the team completed its summer programme with a trip to Brackley and a home match against Middleton Cheney. Harbury made a slow start in the first round of matches on Brackley's artificial grass. Jon Guy and Colin Mercer winning their rubber but Eira Owen and Caroline Morland and Karin Kirk playing with Keith Thompson lost theirs giving the home side a 2-1 advantage. Harbury turned this round in the second round winning all 3. Caroline and Colin had a comfortable 9-2 win but Eira and Karin needed a tiebreak as did Keith and Jon. Theirs was an excellent effort after being 3-5 and 0-30 down. The points were sealed with Harbury winning the remaining 3 rubbers.

The win guaranteed Harbury third place and left them with a mathematical chance of coming second and gaining promotion if they could manage a 9-0 win in the last match against second placed Middleton Cheney. For this match Eira, Karin, and Colin, were joined by Tracey Haggan, Paul Crowton and Peter Walshe. Unfortunately the team hadn't read the script properly with Eira and Colin the only winners in a 1-8 defeat!

The men's doubles team has now started its winter programme and faced a very tough opener at Leamington. Jon Scothern, Geoff Prince, Jon Guy and Adam Crossling fought hard but were outgunned in a 0-4 defeat. The Club has 2 other teams in the Banbury Floodlit League and the Banbury Winter League, with fixtures starting in October.

The Junior programme has started with over 80 children taking part in 12½ hours a week of coaching provided by Head Coach Linda Casement, Duncan Scheltens, Eira Owen, Adam Crossling and Jon Guy. The Club is also linking with other similar sized clubs in the area to provide more match play opportunities for Juniors. The first tournament is on 18 October for the "Orange" players and on 25 October for secondary school age children.

Finally, The Club has applied for the Lawn Tennis Association's "Tennis Clubmark" accreditation. This is awarded to Clubs who ensure their programmes, policies and procedures are all in line with best practice. We have submitted our folder of evidence to Warwickshire LTA for assessment. Fingers crossed!!

The Club welcomes players of all standards – please contact me for more details. Colin and Sue Mercer 613284.



Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Well, what can I say? What a dreadful summer we've had! It's been so long since my last report because we just haven't been able to play half the games in our fixture list. We did attempt to play one game in the damp weather at home but needless to say the pitch ended up as a total bog; the major was not a happy man. In fact, I think the best day of the summer came for our last game of the season last Sunday, ridiculous if you ask me. It's not all bad though, we have managed a handful of games towards the end of the season which have seen some very good performances in the team. We also managed to have an interclub match, which was brilliant fun for everyone in the club, especially my dad, who pulled some brilliant bowling out of the bag, he won't admit it but I reckon he's been practising in the garden when Stuart and I aren't there. Anyway, I will explain more later in the report.

Firstly I need to go right back nearly two months for our game against Snitterfield. You'll never believe it but it was in fact raining when we got there, and the pitch was in a right state. Never-the-less both teams were keen to play and out we went to bat after my brother continued where Ed left off and lost the toss. Now I don't know how many people will be aware of this, but batting in wet conditions is awful because you just know what the ball's going to do, and there was a lot of falling over in this match. However, we were determined to dig ourselves in (literally) and grind out a good score. Brilliant batting performances from Will Russell and particularly Greg Neal who both made fifties helped us on our way to a total of 192, which was excellent given the circumstances. We then had some tea, which came just at the right time, as more rain fell, but we still went back out confident we could claim a victory. Both of their openers started well and it took some quick thinking from Phil Mugleston with a run out to break the partnership. Now we were beginning to dominate and some brilliant bowling from Paul Mugleston really pegged them back in the middle of the innings. It did, however, go down to the last over of the match with them needing 17 to win, but Greg came on the bowl and rounded things off nicely with them falling 11 runs short. A well earned victory for us!

Our next game we actually had moderately decent weather for, meaning there was slightly less rain. We were up against Hockley Heath with whom we have had some very tight matches over the past

few years, and it's always a game we go all out to win. We went out to field first but were put on the back foot quickly with some hard hitting and although wickets fell at regular intervals, the fast outfield allowed them to reach a formidable total of 220. Even though this was quite a big total to chase down our skipper got us into the zone and we went out to bat. Ed Russell opened alongside Graham and they both got us off to a good start, Ed in particular hit a very well made 47 before being dismissed. Some good bowling through the middle stages set us back, but Will Russell who had been kept down the order went in a soon set things right for us. He hit a magnificent unbeaten 117 and the opposition just had no idea what to do, it was a pleasure to watch and another brilliant victory for us.

After a few weeks off due to the weather we had our interclub match, in which we get as many people as possible involved in the club to take part in a friendly match. This year the two teams were split up in terms of age, the youngest being called 1991, for the birthday of the youngest player and the older being 1928, and playing cricket at that age is some feat by Mike Daniels who can still produce some magic. The young-un's went out to bat first with regulars, Jaime Newport and Nicko McKenzie doing the damage from the start, both hitting half centuries before being foxed by good balls from Mike. Then I was at the crease and I'm not sure what happened, the ball was swerving in the air, and a bird flew past and I lost my concentration, some nasty tactics I suspect, but I did get bowled by my dad!!! You have no idea how much I wanted to be swallowed up by the ground, but that would have ruined major's wicket. I've never seen him bowl like that in the garden; therefore it must have been a fluke!! My dad then continued to bowl like a demon and assisted by Will we were bowled out for 220. One dismissal which was hilarious was Adam Boneham who decided not to play a shot at a perfectly straight ball and was given out LBW, it was classic! We had some quick tea and headed straight back out and us young-un's got an early breakthrough with a wonder catch by David Mugleston, yes my older brother. His cricketing ability is not much to be desired but this catch was like watching Jonty Rhodes plucking the ball from the sky, excellent!! We continued to take wickets after this but not the prize of Will who was on good form and the wicket we desperately wanted. We did get him eventually for 110, and some good bowling really restricted the 1928 as they ended up 20 runs short of the target set. This day was brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed by all those involved so if you fancy it next year, just to play for one game don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers at the bottom.

A final game I would like to mention was just this last week. After a month of not playing we managed our final game of the season against Bugbrooke, which was virtually the best day of the summer. We bowled first and did well in restricting them to 181; some good bowling from everyone on the day was really good for me to wicket keep to and annoyed me that we didn't get to do it every week!! In bat we had another good start and it looked like we were well on our way to victory at 110 for 2. However, cricket can turn on you sometimes and some poor shot selection and good bowling changed the game dramatically and we lost by 20 runs. I personally blame George Bloxham as with him at the crease playing some of the shots he had been I thought we could still win; he even hit a 4 the other day. But victory was not to happen as with a mighty swing at a ball I thought George was going to smash for 6, it all went wrong and his middle stump got mashed!! Oh well!!! And that's all folks, the season is over!! I would just finally like to thank everyone that came to and provided cakes for the club's coffee morning a couple of weeks ago, we hope you all enjoyed it; Tom certainly liked making the tea for you. From this morning we were able to raise good funds for the club for the next season. Thank you!!

Once again if anyone wants to contact us about playing next season, the number to ring is 01926 612382, and ask for Stuart or Phil.



Harbury Toddler Group

Julie Young & Hilary Reimer

September's here heralding a new start and a new term for Toddlers. It's lovely to see some new babies joining us and getting settled while some of our 'grown-ups' have set off excitedly for the bright lights of Nursery and big school!

The late summer sunshine has been a wonderful bonus and the children have enjoyed playing in the new outdoor area created by Pre-school.

The AGM held on Sept 11th was well attended by parents and gave us a chance to reflect on a successful year for Toddlers as well as make plans for future activities in the run up to Christmas.

Thanks to the hard work of all involved with Harbury Toddlers and the unfailing generosity of people in the Village we are now in a healthy financial position. This has enabled us to make a donation of £200 to

Pre-School towards the cost of the fabulous, new outdoor area as well as discuss the possibility of using some money for toys and equipment -most particularly craft materials and new dolls!

Special thanks were again given to Emma Legg and Des of Frances Road for putting together last year's Christmas Grotto and also to Jeff Maule for the loan of his vehicle on Harbury Carnival Day.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Liz Kitchener for all the hard work she put in as Chair last year and welcome Corinna Butler who will be taking her position for the forthcoming year.

Dates

Next Committee Meeting will be held at The Dog Inn on Fri 17th October at 8.00pm.

Toddlers Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 10th December.

And finally - Thanks to the support of our parents we have been able to run Toddler Group throughout the summer. Sessions are held every Monday morning 10-11.30am and Weds afternoon 1.30-3pm. With exciting activities and the opportunity for the toddlers to play alongside friends it gives you the chance to meet other parents and carers and enjoy a well earned cuppa! Please feel free to come and join us - you really will be most welcome.



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Windmills Nursery School

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The topic this half-term is 'Ourselves' and we will also be looking at autumn and harvest. The focus for staff has been settling in helping children to feel safe and secure and encouraging them to make friends. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new starters who have settled very well and are enjoying joining in with all of our activities.



The children all enjoyed a visit from Amber's mum Tracy with Freddie, Amber's baby sister. She told us all about what Freddie can and can't do and then she put Freddie on the floor to show us how she is trying to crawl. She told us that Freddie had only one tooth and Amber said she likes porridge. "Babies eat apple puree" - Charlotte R "Babies wear nappies" - Rhys "They don't listen to what their mummy's say" - Eleanor.

The children have learned how to mix colours using their hands, used size language discovering who was the tallest, and discussed emotions making happy/sad masks. Things that make me happy: "Stroking Tuppence my cat and eating ice-cream" - Charlotte J. "Going out with my mummy and daddy" - Rebecca. "When my brother lets me watch his car racing" - Kiera. Things that make me sad : "Dominic annoying me" - Charlotte J. "Dragons make me sad" - Rebecca. "When my brother hits me" - Eleanor.



We dodged the heavy showers for our usual visit to the toddler service when we talked about harvest time.

Woodlands Outdoor Classroom

We are pleased to report that we now have a member of staff currently undergoing Forest School training. This has been a long and involved process most of which took place during the summer holidays and we were thrilled that we were selected to receive this training which is funded by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. A big thank you to Dr. Amanda Randall for agreeing to receive this training on behalf of Windmills which will mean that we will become an official Forest School Nursery. Amanda will be leading our Outdoor Classroom sessions this term on Thursday 2nd October and Thursday 9th October, 2008.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 2nd October - There will be a Fundraising Group Meeting in the Dog Inn at 8.00pm, new parents especially welcome.

Wednesday 22nd October 2008 - Windmills Nursery School Annual Review Meeting in the Nursery classroom at 8.00pm. This is a chance for parents to find out more about what has been happening at Windmills during the last year, meet staff and other parents and enjoy a glass of wine. Everyone welcome.

On Saturday, 1st November 2008 Windmills Nursery School will be organising the Craft Fair in the Village Hall, further details to follow nearer the time.

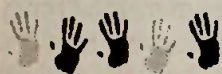
On Thursday, 6th November 2008 a Tempest photographer will be visiting Windmills from 11.00am to take individual photographs of the children, including siblings if required.

Thank you

A big thank you to Amelia Johnson's family for donating a sofa for our book corner, especially David and his brother who manhandled it down the road and into the nursery and also kindly removed the old one. A big thank you also to Emma Masefield for organising the cleaning of our outdoor area and toys for the children to use this term with help from Yvonne Weaving.

Windmills close for half term at 3.05pm on Thursday 23rd October and re-opens on Monday 3rd November at 9.05am. Please note Windmills is closed on Friday 24th October.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

A New School Year - The rather wet summer holidays flew by and have given way to a fun filled start to the new term at Pre-School with lots of new faces joining us. We are delighted to welcome them all, as well as the "old" girls and boys who have bounced back to Pre-School with great enthusiasm.

Ourselves - The theme for the half-term is "Ourselves" and we had great fun transforming the role play area into a baby clinic. The children brought in photos of themselves as babies so that we could all see the differences between then and now, and they made lovely observational drawings of themselves from their mirror images. The children's IT skills were developed as they helped to laminate photos of family members to hang on the "Family Tree".

Primary Colours – For their creative work, the children are using the primary colours and have so far produced some fantastic yellow and then blue paintings, collages and drawings. Red paint will follow shortly and we have been using all three colours in many activities, such as the lucky dip sorting bag, where items in different primary colours are sorted into boxes of the same colour, and in songs such as “What is Yellow?”

Science – Sticking to the colour scheme, a particular hit with the children was a tray of red jelly in which they experimented with spoons, bowls and, of course, their hands. The children described the texture of the jelly in their own words: Charlie: “It’s all slippery and it won’t stay on my spoon.”



Outdoor Extension – Visitors to the Wight School will have noticed the wonderful extension to our outdoor area. This was made possible by the fantastic work of our fundraising group and a generous donation from Harbury Toddler Group. We now have a lovely quiet area with large wooden planters and a pergola. In addition, the fence has been moved back to allow space for what will soon become a small digging area and sensory garden. All



this has made a huge difference to the outdoor space and we are very grateful to all those who helped to fund the project and to the Wight School Trustees who gave it their blessing.

Playmobil – Also thanks to the brilliant fund raising efforts of the committee and parents last term, we have been able to purchase a large amount of Playmobil and the children have already had a wonderful time constructing and playing with the various figures, buildings and vehicles. As a charity, we rely heavily on fundraising so please keep on supporting all our events!



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

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SHOW

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Prize onions jostle for position.



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The Judge's critical eye.



Janice Siddie announces the winners. Nigel Chapman awards the prizes.



Paddy Clarke takes the Best Vegetables Cup.



Welcome – We welcomed back all children (and, of course, parents) in September and hoped that they (and you) had a lovely summer. We particularly welcomed the children who have joined us, both in Reception and in other year groups, and hope that they have a wonderful time here at Harbury School.

New Staff - We also welcomed Miss King, who will be teaching Year 6, and Mrs Rea, who will be sharing the teaching of Year 5 with Mrs Kluth, to the staff of the school. We wish them every success in this new stage in their career.

Building Work – The new entrance area and staffroom extension are now starting to take shape, while the new adult and Special Needs toilets are functional and in use, although not yet finished off. The original plans were that the work would be completed by the start of this term – however, because of an unforeseen problem with the school's internet connection, the start of the work was delayed and the builders now inform me that they are on track to be finished by the end of September. I therefore ask for your continued co-operation for the next few weeks while the work is completed

Some basic reminders to start off the year

Parking – May I remind parents that the landlord of the Shakespeare kindly allows us to use his car park before and after school for dropping off/picking up children. This is a very valuable asset for the school, as it means that no parents need park in Back Lane, and I thank him for it. However, we do not have permission to use the Shakespeare for evening events. I would be grateful; therefore, if all parents could ensure that the Shakespeare car park is left clear for customers whenever the school has an evening event.

May I remind parents that the school car park is for staff and official visitors only – parents are not allowed to drive onto the premises except in an emergency.

School Uniform – A number of children towards the end of last term started to come to school in "variations" of school uniform – especially shoes. Could I remind parents that the school does have a uniform and all parents are asked to ensure that their children come to school in uniform whenever possible. In particular, please ensure that your child wears sensible (ie low heeled) shoes to school. Trainers should only be worn for PE and games.

Dinner Money – May I also remind parents that the price of a school meal has increased to £1.65 per day (£8.25 per week) from the beginning of this term.

And Finally - Could I remind all parents that news about the school, including copies of newsletters, can be found on our website, www.harbury.warwickshire.sch.uk



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Another month has come and gone but at least we have had some lovely autumnal days recently, so I hope you have managed to visit some of our lovely local gardens. Janice will be covering the Show in her article but I too would like to thank everyone for helping to make the Show such a success. It is an integral part of our Village activities. I do hope that all who exhibited enjoyed the challenge and all who visited appreciated all the hard work involved. It certainly has been an unusual year with some vegetables going mad and others not performing so well. I have had a glut of courgettes, beans and sweet corn and the sunflowers always give so much pleasure. I did notice that my small pear tree has blossom on it, my magnolia has flowered twice as have several clematis and the passion flower just gets better and better. So all in all, it has been a very different Spring and Summer, at least we didn't have a water shortage!

I hope to see everyone at our first meeting on 7th October when Dr John Page will be talking about The Joys of English Gardens. Subscriptions will be due, so come early if you can. As usual we will be providing tea/coffee and biscuits after the talk so do come along and enjoy our company. After our next meeting on 4th November we will hold the AGM, members stay for this, I promise it will only be short. Both Daphne, our Secretary and Jean, our Treasurer will be standing down after this year; so now is a good opportunity to think about joining the Committee. We struggled to find a replacement for our past Treasurer two years ago so please don't be shy; If you are interested speak to any of the committee.

The speaker in November is Daphne Everett who will be talking about moving to a new garden "The Bannutt" between Worcester and Hereford and the trials and tribulations starting to transform a green field to a garden opening for the Yellow Book. It promises to be most interesting and she and her husband both give talks and if you want to

find out more, then look at their website www.bannutt.co.uk. I will be asking members for a show of hands to see if a Quiz or Garden Beetle Drive is the preferred choice for the December meeting.

There is still much to see and enjoy over the next few weeks. The Arboretum at Batsford is always worth visiting and further afield there is of course Westonbirt. There are pumpkin days in October, the nearest one to us at Garden Organic at Ryton on 26th. If you haven't been to Pershore College you have missed a treat. It is an RHS college so if you are a member it is free admission. The plant centre is always well stocked and there will be a special Nursery Day there on 11th October plus there are many day courses throughout the year. I have details of some of the courses at Moreton Morrell College on 18th October entitled Autumn Pruning & Propagation. If you are interested, give me a ring. It may be too late for tickets to Chris Beardshaw at Spa Centre on 9th October but worth a phone call if you are interested.

I'm hoping that an article I sent to Cotswold Country Gardener about our Society will be included in their next issue, so we should get noticed even more.

That's about all for this month I look forward very much to seeing everyone on 7th October. Enjoy Autumn in all it's glory.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Weather-wise it has been universally agreed that this has been an awful year for gardening (and a lot more besides). How many times was it warm enough to sit outside in the evenings? A week or two at best.

In general, gardeners are of an optimistic and patient nature, so planning for the coming year makes sense and traditionally this is now the best time for planting. The soil will still be relatively warm, plants will get established over the winter and there should be less need to water next year.

Jobs for October.

1. Sweep up leaves and add in layers to your compost heap.
2. Take hard wood cuttings. Do this by inserting pencil thick cuttings of deciduous shrubs (including roses) in a trench lined with sand, tucked away in a corner of the garden.

3. Don't be too enthusiastic tidying up everywhere – leave some stems on herbaceous plants, leave an 'untidy' area where ladybirds and hedgehogs can hibernate.

4. Plant tulip bulbs

Many of the plant buying public have a strong dislike of using the Latin or 'proper' names of plants. Admittedly some names are rather long and perhaps awkward to pronounce, not helped when experts decide that a plant has been wrongly categorised and then give it a new name. Plants all belong to certain families and each family has similar characteristics. Using Latin names means that you will be universally understood throughout the whole (horticultural) world! Also many of the names have meanings which help to understand where the plant originated from, or who discovered it. More on this next time!

Rhododendron, Chrysanthemum, Delphinium, Buddleia, Eucalyptus, Camellia, Gladioli, Campanula, Cyclamen, Alstromeria are all LATIN names which trip off most peoples' tongues fairly easily. Is it because we've grown up knowing them? Perhaps we know a lot more Latin than we think!

Common plant names are often confusing; sometimes the same name is applied to a number of different plants while some plants have many common names – you take your pick and hope the listener knows what you are talking about!

STOP PRESS!!

Autumn sale at Bridge Nursery all October – Plants at half price or even £1.00.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

First, an apology; in the August issue, I said I'd seen a Smooth Snake lying along a crack in a wall in Bath. Well, Smooth Snakes only inhabit a relatively tiny part of Britain, generally the heath land of Dorset and parts of the New Forest. The reptile my grandson Harry spotted was a Slow Worm. In fact, we had seen a Slow Worm close to the same spot a year before. That time the creature shed its tail which continued to writhe in the road distracting onlookers while the creature made its escape. A rather extreme example of survival technique.

August was a washout but now (22nd September), we've had a week of settled weather and the wheat harvest has just been gathered in. I'm told that the delay caused by the weather has lowered the quality of the grain and autumn planting is behind schedule. The Swifts, Swallows and House Martins have all departed for southern climes and the leaves on some trees (notably the Maples) have taken on some autumn colours. In fact, those colours were always there but flooded out by the green pigment Chlorophyll. It is the reabsorption of this pigment from the leaf into the main body of the tree that allows us to see the other coloured chemicals notably carotenoids and anthocyanins. Leaf fall in deciduous trees is a deliberate process called abscission. It is triggered by decreasing daylight and air temperature. The leaf scar remains on the twig and is a specific identifying feature. That of the Horse Chestnut is a case in point appearing like a horseshoe and quite distinctive.

Slugs were in abundance during our wet summer. Crossing the lawn after dark it was difficult not to tread on them. Snails and slugs are both gastropods (literally stomach-footed). Snails evolved first in the seas of the Early Cambrian period. Because all land snails are descended from sea snails they need moisture to survive. This summer has therefore been perfect. Like slugs, they move on a slimy secretion and leave a trail. Turn a snail over in dry weather and you will find to start with that it is 'glued' to its base often a convenient bit of stone. The snail prevents desiccation by forming a calcium rich membrane across the opening of its shell. Slugs which only have a rudimentary shell, just a tiny plate or a few spicules of calcium carbonate close to the head, have to hide away during daytime to prevent drying out. They are scavengers, feeding on dead plants and animals. They were around long before gardens with lettuces and other succulent foodstuffs became an extra larder and I believe they will be around long after our species has ceased to exist.

Snails and molluscs are some of the animals which make up a hedgehog's bill of fare. At about 6 weeks old after feeding on its mother's milk, a baby hedgehog should be about 250gms (8oz). That is around 10 times its birth weight. It now leads an independent existence but, to survive hibernation, it has to lay down fat stores and be some 450gms (1lb) by late September or perish. Dave Waddell found a young hedgehog recently and asked me if I knew the above statistics. The library helped supply them.

The Llangollen Canal was chosen for the annual narrow boat cruise with our good friends as crew. This canal crosses the River Dee on the mighty Pontcysyllte aqueduct 120ft high. The navigation was planned

to continue north to Chester, the branch to Llangollen feeding water from the river. The line was never completed but the feeder still supplies the Shropshire Union system and a large area of South Cheshire. Natural history reference books are always much used in these excursions. We puzzled over two flowers, finally identifying them as Marsh Woundwort (*Stachys palustris*), an elegant pinkish purple flower from the Deadnettle family (*Lamiaceae*). Along with Betony (*Stachys officinalis*), it was one of the great 'all-heals' of medieval times. The second flower was a tightly clustered pinkish colour not unlike a plantain in appearance. This was Redshank (*Polygonaceae maculosa*), a small Bistort. The Common Bistorts' leaves were much prized in Pennine villages, being cooked and eaten with oatmeal and egg, locally known as Pudding Dock. This plant is a Knotweed and therefore related to the notorious and rampant Japanese Knotweed introduced to Britain in the early 19th century. Back in Japan, the young shoots are eaten as a vegetable said to be rather like asparagus. Next spring, I'll be trying some and will report back. If it catches on in the culinary world the Knotweed explosion might be curtailed.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

This Summer's smash hit musical film, **Mamma Mia**, is booked for this month's **Moving Pictures** performance on October 25th at 6.30pm. As the film is expected to draw many filmgoers of all ages, tickets are being sold in advance and will only be available on the door if the maximum capacity has not been reached. Four people have agreed to sell tickets – Geoff (613801) and Lana (613311) and they can be contacted immediately this month's H&L News is received. The Harbury Village Hall Committee has been extremely grateful to Lana and her mother who have been the powerhouses behind the Moving Pictures initiative – Lana because she operates the projector, organises the raffle and helps Mrs Marsh who makes and sells cakes, as well as providing bags of chips on some occasions. Mr Marsh also has a hand in the 'family show', as he assists with setting out and putting back all the chairs and projector equipment at the end of each performance. The idea of the Village Cinema, which was promoted by the local Council, has been a real money-spinner for Village Hall funds and the committee recognises the tremendous efforts which the Marsh family have made towards its success. It is important also to mention

CANA IMPORT, who have faithfully turned up to dispense drinks to all-comers on every occasion.

In mentioning the tidying up requirements after each hiring of the Hall, it is important to reiterate the need for each individual or group to ensure that the Hall is 'left as you would expect to find it'. One group who hired the Hall during the Summer months found that the crockery had not been washed or wiped properly and consequently some of the plates had developed mouldy patches. It is unacceptable for any group to find equipment in an unsatisfactory state and it was necessary for the committee to apologise to the hirer for the state in which the previous hirers had left the plates and dishes.

In addition to repainting the Ladies toilets, some new wooden toilet seats have been fitted, which will hopefully be more comfortable than the previous plastic ones. After each hiring, a questionnaire is given to the hirers and the committee appreciate positive feedback about improvements which should be made. It's good to report that in the next few weeks, a permanent path will allow access directly to the Children's Recreation area, as a result of work carried out by the Parish Council.

There are still several items of lost property in the Wagstaffe Room and it is hoped that villagers will be able to recognise the description of the following items and collect them on a future visit to the Hall; child's duffle coat with fur lined hood (aged 8yrs), ladies black lightweight shirt/jacket, pink plastic holdall decorated with a large question mark containing a white scarf and tennis ball and a plastic bag containing a number of child's toys, including collectable football cards and models. Since there are no names in any of the items, it is hoped that individuals will recognise their property and collect it. Recently, the caretaker found a Welcome Break employee's card amongst some litter at the front of the Hall and if Bryony King will call 613801 she will be reunited with her essential item.

The New Year's Dance with the **LIKELY LADS** continues to be a major draw for the celebration of the end of the year and tickets are selling at a great rate. Don't leave it until too late and then wonder why you couldn't join the rest of the revellers on one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year; reserve tickets now by ringing Chris on 612305. All enquirers have the date of their enquiry confirmed and tickets are issued in strictly date order. Don't miss out if you want to join the fun, ring as soon as you see this article otherwise it might be too late. Tickets will be printed and distributed in December following a telephone call to each person who has placed an order.



General Section

Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks Saturday 8th November 2008

Once again, courtesy of All Saints Church and GASS, Harbury will enjoy a bonfire and firework spectacular on the Village Hall playing fields, accompanied by hot food, on Saturday 8th November.

The bonfire will be lit at 6pm, and the fireworks let off from 6.30pm, so make sure you get to the playing fields on time!

Tickets cost £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children, and if they are bought before Wednesday 5th November, your ticket price includes food! Vegetarian sausages available.

Tickets bought after Weds 5th November will not include food. Tickets will be on sale from 4th October at Mugglestons in Chapel Street.

Do you have any unwanted wood/garden cuttings etc? If you would like the Scouts to collect it on the morning of the bonfire, please complete the slip enclosed with this magazine and take it to Mugglestons with a **generous** donation before Friday 7th November.

SEE YOU THERE!

G.A.S.S. (Guide and Scout Support Group)

Calling all Young Singers

As an exciting new venture for young singers from Harbury, Ladbroke and surrounding areas, The Harbury Choir School will be launched in October 2008.

The Harbury Choir School aims to provide a safe, rewarding and challenging environment for young singers aged 7-16. We are looking for young people in this age group with an interest in music or singing. No previous experience is necessary and there will be no formal audition – just come along and join in!

The Choir School is supported by All Saints Church Harbury, where weekly rehearsals will be held. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings 7.00 - 8.30pm during school term times. The first rehearsal will be 2nd October 2008. A small subscription fee of £7 per term for each child will be payable to cover running costs.

We are both well-qualified musicians and singers with experience in working with children. For further information, to ask questions or to request a prospectus please contact us at 10 Ivy Lane, Tel: 614 150. Alternatively, please visit the Harbury Choir School website: www.harburychoirschool.org

We look forward to this exciting new opportunity and would love to hear from anyone who wants to get involved.

Helen Garvin and David Iles

Harbury Show 2008

After a very trying summer, weather wise, there was plenty of produce on show. It was a successful day with all those who came enjoying the day. Many thanks go to all those who exhibited, helped and visited and to those organisations who gave some prize money.

The winners were:

Farley Cup for Vegetables	Kevin McMahon
Grey Cup for Section A Novice	Jonathan Peacock
Courier Cup for flowers	Pat Clarke
Rosumond Schofield Salver	Isobel Grimes
Brunton Cup for flower arranging	Margaret McDonald
All Saints Cup for fruit	John Clifford
Reg Harris Cup (best in section)	John Rowell
Daniel trophy for cooking & preserves	Janice Siddle
Rigden Cup for photographs	Tony Mancell
Horticultural Trophy for handicrafts	Marion Dickerson
Allotment Holders Trophy	Gordon Robbins
Allotment Holders Tray (Finch Cup)	Pat Clarke
Buck Trophy	Ishbel Kempton
Jean Dunn Cup	Sophie Kirk
Fred Lines Cup	Joshua Hill
Wilkins Cup (most points in show)	Pat Clarke
Barnes Trophy	Dorothy Groves
WI Trophy	Janice Siddle
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I would also like to thank Harbury Parish Council who gave some money towards new display boards, which displayed the photographs and paintings well, and were so easy to transport and erect. Looking forward to seeing more people next year, Saturday 12th September 2009.

Thank you again to all helpers, especially those from the Horticultural Society and W.I who helped to make the day run so well.

Janice Siddle

Two Months On - Nigel Chapman On Retirement

It seems at least a year ago when I was treated to my retirement "do" at the Village Hall. To see so many faces from my past and present all in one place, was uncanny and completely over-whelming. There were so many, I didn't have chance to say more than a few words (if any!) to some of them. A great night, complete with its own brew called appropriately "You Gormless Prat". Many thanks to all who made it a very special night, especially those who catered, ran the bar, set the hall up, and made a magical book full of photos and comments (not ALL of them nasty). The evening was one of several special events and assemblies, spread over a month or so.

Among the many gifts were a canvas director's chair signed by all the children in Year 6, a digital camera, a digital photo loop viewer, a digital radio, and a huge cheque (still awaiting disposal on special projects, including a special treat involving driving buses – don't ask!). I have two large boxes of cards and other greetings awaiting sorting into an album, but the spare time hasn't arrived yet. That old adage you hear from wrinklies is actually true – I don't know how I found the time to work. Even at weekends I don't sit down from getting up (albeit sometimes running towards 10 o'clock!), to going to bed. I have to make a real effort to go and do something leisurely like taking the dog for a decent walk.

Another common comment, (in the sense that you hear it often), is "I bet you miss the children." I suppose it's like any other job you've done for donkeys' years – I would miss the clatter of looms in a mill, or the roar of engines in a motor-bike factory, or the smashing of glass in a recycling lorry. It is amazingly peaceful, especially after 8am when Kath has gone to work, and my daughter and her partner have stopped clomping along the corridor. But seriously, it has always been a joy to work at the school: happy staff, an unsurpassed close working relationship with parents, and delightful children. I did a surprise visit to

the children's residential week in Shropshire in mid-September and felt, as usual, incredibly proud of them as everyone we met praised their behaviour, their manners and the way they looked after each other; a credit to themselves, their parents and the school.

Anyway, must get on! My thanks for everything, and to everyone, for their help, support and friendship over 29 years.

Refuse Collection – Do You Still Have A Concrete Bin Stand?

Following the introduction of the new refuse collection arrangements, the District and County Councils are interested in assessing how many residents still have old style concrete rubbish bin stands on their properties. Although there is no definite guarantee at present, there is a possibility that these may be collected from householders in the future on a one-off basis. If you still have one of these stands, please contact the Parish Clerk, telephone 614646 or e-mail clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk in order to have your name added to the list of outstanding bins in need of collection.

Harbury Parish Council

Ballroom Dancing...

Just another reminder that lessons start again on Wednesday 5th November for 5 weeks, 8.30pm – 10.00pm in the Village Hall. Singles or couples welcome. It's fun! Please ring me on 613680 if you are interested.

Joan Smith

Operation Christmas Child

Once again members of the M.U. are joining with many other groups and individuals to pack shoeboxes with gifts for destitute children in many other countries. These children are deprived of the most basic things which we take for granted – shelter, safety, healthcare and education. Even the brightly decorated box is more of a present than they have ever had in their lives, and they can hardly believe that a complete stranger could care enough to put together a parcel just for them.

We shall collect and assemble our boxes at a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday October 30th from 10am – 12 noon.

Guidelines are as follows:

- Medium sized box, approximately 18x30x13cm, if possible covered with bright paper (lid covered separately)
- Categories are Boy or Girl, age 2-4, 5-9, 10-14
- Suggested contents
 - Toys, balls, finger puppets, cars, hair accessories
 - Pens, pencils, notebook
 - Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, soap
 - Sweets with a long sell-by date
 - Gloves, scarf, hat
- Please do not include
 - Chocolate or foods, Medicine, clothing, fragile items, liquids, war related toys or sharp objects or home stuffed toys (These may cause problems with import regulations)

There will be a raffle and stall to contribute to the cost of £2 for transport of each box.

Thank you again in anticipation of your support. Leaflets and labels will be in church or phone Gillian Hare 01926 614809.

Gillian Hare

Lighthorne Heath & District Children's Centre

The Children's Centre at Lighthorne Heath has been operating for several months and the services it provides are open to all families in the surrounding area with children aged 0-5 years.

The Centre is based in a purpose-built building behind Lighthorne Heath School and is open **Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm**. On a regular basis, there is a **Baby Play session** on Tuesday, whilst on Friday, there are alternate sessions of **FRIDAY FUN** (starting October 3rd) or **TEA and TOAST** (starting October 10th), which continue until the last session on Friday December 19th when Friday Fun will be replaced by **FESTIVE FUN**. At all other times of the week, parents or child-minders can drop-in to meet together for a chat, whilst babies and toddlers join in various activities supervised by trained staff. On Wednesday October 8th, a session of the Very Hungry Caterpillar Story is planned from 1.30pm to 3.00pm, whilst there will be Yoga Bugs on October 22nd from 2.15pm to 2.45pm. The full timetable for Autumn has just been published and it is possible to ring and request a copy (**Tel. No. 01926 691105**), or alternatively to drop in to the Centre and collect details of all the proposed events

The first Saturday in the month sees **DAD'S TIME**, when Dads are specifically invited to come along with any under-5's to enjoy a welcome cup of tea and a chat with other fathers who want to see their child(ren) interact with other babies/toddlers. Dads are, of course, welcome to come to any other session, but it is hoped the monthly sessions, starting October 4th will encourage a group of fathers to witness their own children at play with others.

All sessions are **FREE**, although a donation towards refreshments would be appreciated on Tea and Toast Days. The Children's Centre is found at the end of Stratford Road (postcode CV33 9TW) and there is car parking in the car park outside the school fence. The access to the Centre is through the pedestrian gate into the playground and signs direct all visitors around the school to the new building, which is located on the right of Lighthorne Heath School. The Children's Centre is a new initiative to encourage parents and young children in the local area to meet together in a relaxing environment, which creates fun for the children and a break for parents. We hope to see some parents from Harbury and Ladbroke join us in the near future – we will make you very welcome.

Ailsa, Clare, Dea and team.

Harbury Cemetery, Park Lane, Harbury – Independent Assessment of Memorial Safety.

During the months of October and November 2008, Harbury Parish Council will be conducting a full assessment of the memorials at Park Lane Cemetery, Harbury as required under Health & Safety at Work Act, Occupiers Liability and the Local Authority Cemetery Order.

The Assessment will be carried out by an independent memorial inspection company.

Any memorials found to have failed the inspection and being unsafe may have remedial action carried out in one of the following two forms:

Staking

Laying flat

In both of the above cases, the Parish Council will make every effort to contact relatives of the deceased in order to discuss the future actions necessary to maintain the safety of the memorial.

The inspection will be carried out at all times with respect for mourners, graves, headstones and monuments being of prime importance. Laying down of memorials will only be considered after consultation with representatives of the Council and only as a last

resort. No headstones, vases or other types of memorials will be removed from the cemetery.

If you have any queries regarding the proposed assessment please contact:

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The Cinnamon Trust

Thank you for your support at the coffee morning on the 19th July. It enabled me to send a cheque for £110 to the Trust, who have written to me to say that some of the money will be spent on rose hip powder which, apparently has excellent results in treating joint problems, including pain, inflammation, etc.

"At least half of the dogs at both sanctuaries are given rose hip powder and it is working wonders."

I have not heard of this remedy before, but if it works, don't knock it.

Pat Hearn

Dear Friends of CINDI (Kansenshi)

Once again a big thank you to the people of Harbury for funds raised at the coffee morning held in June.

The £250 raised has been given to CINDI (Kansenshi) treasurer and is already been put to work to benefit the orphans and vulnerable children in its care. CINDI (Kansenshi) was established in the mid-1990's. A group of far-sighted women could see the terrible cost of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and recognised the need to support the families of its victims.

Today, there are around 1500 children and young people on the books. They are provided with educational, nutritional and health

support. Some belong to extended families, others have run out of family and live within the care of a child headed household. For all our children, the money that you raise leads to self-sufficiency and dignity. We are proud to report that an increasing number of our young people are able to complete a course of further education. One such is a 'Maliba' (not her real name) who graduated with a BSc last year and is now working for the Zambian Forestry Commission. Maliba is able to support her younger siblings as well as the grandmother who has given them all so much care and love over these difficult years. Another of our orphans, George, has just graduated from his seminary, we are hoping that his ordination will take place within the CINDI (Kansenshi) community.

Last year I said my farewells to Zambia and returned to the UK. CINDI (Kansenshi) has taken root in my heart and I will continue to promote its work. Along with some other CINDI (Kansenshi) friends I am in the process of setting up a trust fund in the UK, I will keep you posted on its progress. If anyone is interested in asking me o talk about CINDI (Kansenshi) or would like to get more involved with its work, please get in touch via my Mum, Gladys Hutchins.

In the mean time, many blessings for your generosity – you really do make a difference.

Sue Brice

Rotary Tree of Light

Personally I feel that this is the most worthwhile thing that we do each year but truth be told we don't do it – You do!

Without the support we receive from the people who Sponsor the lights, the Magazine Editors who publish our appeal, the shops, library and individuals who distribute the leaflets and the Southam Lights Committee who encourage and support us, we could do very little. The Rotary Club of Southam would like to thank you all for all that you do to make it possible to continue to support the Acorns Children's Hospice through the Tree of Light... We are determined to continue the work because it is so vital to provide care, comfort and help to these children and their families. The tree will again shine out this Christmas and New Year in Southam and through it the Love and Memories of those who sponsor a light. The Book of Remembrance will again be on display at Southam Library. The Library staff has been most helpful to our cause.

The use of the Tree on land owned by Goodwin and Sons, (with power supplied by Southam Carpets Ltd.) is also much appreciated. For people who wish to record the memory of a person they still love and miss at this time of year there will be leaflets with donation slips available in Southam from November onwards.

We need someone in every village to volunteer to represent us by holding a small stock of leaflets so that villagers can get one easily and we would particularly like to build up the support in those villages which do not support us at all

If anyone has a difficulty getting a leaflet or would like more information please ring 864 234 (Peter Jackson).

Peter Jackson and Mike Gaffney, the Rotary Club of Southam

Students Volunteering To Help

Through our contact with Warwick Uni Volunteers I have heard about the following and wondered if you know of anyone or group that might benefit.

"Horizon Volunteering" at Coventry University and "Warwick Volunteers" at Warwick University are in quest of one-off events to encourage the students to volunteer in the local community.

The idea of this "one off" day is to offer our services to as many different organisations as possible and also create awareness about the impact of the students' volunteering work in the local community.

We are looking for indoor and outdoor projects, which could be completed in one day (i.e. painting and decorating, gardening, or generally helping out) and could accommodate a minimum number of 10 volunteers.

Please note that our students are not experienced gardeners or painters, but are driven by the desire to make a difference.

We will provide transport and lunches for all volunteers and we may be able to assist with equipment costs.

If you would like your organisation to be involved, please email at volunteers@warwick.ac.uk by Wednesday 15th October."

Janny Freeman

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Southam Lions

"Southam Lions will again, for the umpteenth time be doing a HOG ROAST on Southam Mop Day – Monday 13th October 2008. This is one of those 'must go to' events since the taste of the hot pork with the stuffing and apple sauce is an experience that everyone should enjoy at least once a year. All day long the Lions' will be slowly turning the wheel to ensure that the hog is roasted to perfection! Come along during the day and say "Hi"! You might be allowed a turn of your own and who knows perhaps you may want to know more about Lions and maybe become a member. It's great fun and at the same time we raise monies for persons and organisations particularly in our Town and Villages who really do need some help.

Southam Lions will also be selling Raffle Tickets on the day with some great prizes all donated by local individuals and businesses. Please do buy some tickets; they are 50p each, since we want to raise as much money as possible to enable Southam St John Ambulance to be able to purchase a Trolley Stretcher. This is a great cause, and the folk who put so much effort into making sure we are all safe at events all around the area really do need this equipment. If you see a 'Lion' with some green tickets in his paw, do stop and buy one please!!

So, here's hoping for the Indian summer we have been promised and that Monday 13th October will be a really great day! Enjoy the Mop!

Take Time Out – Ufton

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

Spinning – Tuesday 7 October 10am - 12.30pm Ufton Village Hall

Lesley Watson, a local expert from Southam, will demonstrate the age old craft on her spinning wheel and show examples of her work. We will then do some spinning using the back to basics drop spindle to make up a sample. Suitable for everyone Cost £3 includes all materials.

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

Jen, Colin and Deane sincerely thank everyone for the beautiful letters, e-cards, flowers and most of all prayers, during Benjamin's illness and death. We could not have gone through it without you.

Thank you all

Jen and Colin Ingram

Dear Editors

My dear friends,

I would like to say a very special thank you to all of you for the prayers, cards, and the gifts you have sent me. It has meant a great deal to me and my family throughout the last few weeks, and has helped us to get through a very bad time. It's wonderful to be back at home and my husband Pat is doing a splendid job as head cook and bottle washer!

Soon I will be starting a course of radiation therapy and then I expect to lose all my hair, but a good excuse to buy some new winter hats.

I am still feeling very tired, but I look forward to meeting and talking with you all very soon.

Thank you again and God Bless you.

Jo, Pat, Duncan and Richard House

Dear Editors,

The door to door collection in aid of the 2008 Poppy Appeal will take place, this year, between 25th October and 8th November. At a time when so much is being asked of our Armed Forces, The Royal British Legion needs our support more than ever; the splendid work which they carry out, an example of which can be seen locally at Galanos House, is made possible by the support of the public.

The people of Ladbroke have always been particularly generous in their financial support of the Poppy Appeal and I would urge everyone to continue this fine tradition this year.

Yours faithfully

Mike Radburn

Dear Editors,

On Friday the 22nd of August at approximately 11.30 pm, a car left the car park of the Bell Inn, Ladbroke, at such speed that it crashed into our daughter's VW Golf parked outside our house. It caused so much damage that the car has been written off!

Wreckage left at the scene indicates that the car involved is a 2005-year BMW 3 Series Sport. If any of your readers has any information about this incident we would be most grateful as due to the perils of insuring a young driver we have had to fund most of the cost of a substitute car out of our own pockets and of course have a reduced no claim discount through no fault of our own.

KATE LIVERTON

Bridge House Ladbroke

Dear Editors

In response to articles regarding dog mess, as a responsible dog owner I always clean up after my dog. It only takes seconds and the offending object is disposed of either in one of the bins provided or at home.

However the same cannot be said of cat owners. I am sick tired of having to clean up cat mess in my back garden virtually everyday. These dear little pussy cats seem to regard it as their unwritten right to soil my garden on their nightly wanderings, as is my shed roof, my house roof and my car bonnet. One of them recently cost me £120 by having to replace the clear Perspex corrugated sheeting on my porch, as it (the cat) was so fat the sheeting couldn't stand its weight and it fell straight through.

A high pressure super soaker water pistol maybe one way of discouraging them as I'm sure they wouldn't appreciate a ½ litre 120bar enema.

So please dear pussy cat owners, keep your pets **INSIDE** at night.

Thank you for your forthcoming co-operation.

Nick Adams

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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)

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

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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)

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

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

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

Wednesday 1:30 - 3:00pm (614858)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

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

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

8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Scout Hut, Saturdays,

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

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

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

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

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

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

the month 8.00pm (612427)

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

Shakespeare 8:00pm (612792)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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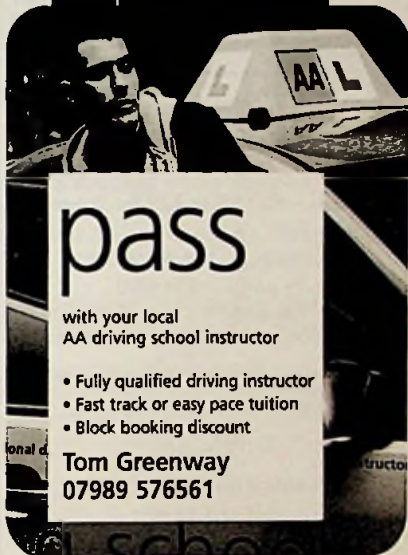
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