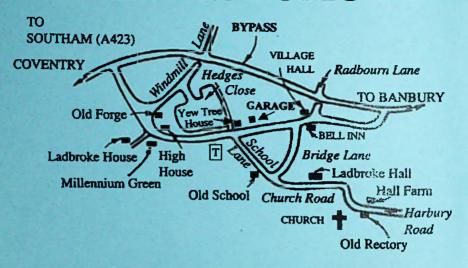


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#### **Editorial**

Congratulations to Ladbroke's village Website which came second in the communications section of the Warwickshire Village of the Year competition. Also to Dayle Adams (Flip-In Hair in the Bull Ring Business Centre) who as a Warwickshire Business Woman was recently invited to meet the Prime Minister in recognition of her contribution to the "British Economy and British Exports". The winners of this year's "Spirit of Harbury Award" Peggie and Bill Middleton should also be congratulated.



Both Ladbroke and Harbury have fundraisers going from Lands End to John O'Groats. Nick Steenstra set out to walk the route on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. Steve Harrold from Harbury will set out on the 11<sup>th</sup> September to cycle with three friends. Then Jim Farrell from Harbury along with Dave Hudson from Deppers Bridge are undertaking a 25 mile fundraising walk in Holland raising money for the Army Benevolent Fund in early September.

Katrina Taylor our local Police Community support Officer and member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team has written an article to explain their role and how to report suspicious activity or incidents. The Harbury and Ladbroke News typist for the last four years Kate Wilson, is leaving and will be missed. The Editors would like to thank her for all her help with the production of the magazine.

Lastly we extend our sympathies to the family of Olive Rolph.

# Harbury Diary

#### **AUGUST**

Sat 1

1 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of CINDI

Sun 2 TRINITY VIII

Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands for Healing &
Wholeness 6pm
Cricket 1st XI home to Snitterfield

Tues	4	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Weds	5	No Mothers' Union Meeting
Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am
		No Men's Group Meeting
		Harbury Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10am – 4pm
		Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm
Fri	7	Tai Chi 7 - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	8	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cinnamon Trust
		Senior Citizens Summer Lunch in Village Hall
_		Cricket home to Studley
Sun	9	TRINITY IX
		Holy Communion 8.00am
T	4.4	Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	11	No Toddlers Service today
Thurs	40	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Thurs	13	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	14 15	Tai Chi 7 - 8.30pm in Village Hall Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am
Sat	15	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice
		ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
		5.30PM
Sun	16	TRINITY X
Oun		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Family Communion Service 10.30am
		Evensong 6.00pm
		Cricket 1st XI home to Henley in Arden
Tues	18	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		No MU meeting this evening
Weds	19	Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	20	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	21	Tai Chi 7 - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	22	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Urban
		Fund
Sun	23	TRINITY XI
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Cricket 1st XI home to Whitemore Reans
Tues	25	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Julian Meeting AGM 8.15pm, 14 Manor Orchard
Weds	26	No Drop in Tea for the Bereaved today
Thurs	27	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &
		EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
		Holy Communion 9.45am
		NO THURDAY CLUB THIS MONTH
Fri	28	Tai Chi 7 - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	29	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Inner Wheel

#### Sun 30 TRINITY XII

Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Weds 2 Holy Communion 2.00pm

Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room

Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
No Men's Group Meeting
Harbury Art Group in Torn Hauley Room 10am – 4pm
Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm

Fri 4 Beer Festival in Village Hall

Sat 5 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church Galanos House Fete 2.00pm. Contact Galanos House on 01926 812185. Everyone welcome

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Sun 6 TRINITY XIII
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Quiet Contemplative Service in the Celtic Tradition 6.00pm

Tues 8 SCHOOL STARTS

	Re	fuse Collec	tion Rota	
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
August	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	5	6	7	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	12	13	14	Grey Bin
	19	20	21	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	26	27	28	Grey Bin
September	2	3	4	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	9	10	11	Grey Bin
	16	17	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	23	24	25	Grey Bin

#### From the Rector



#### **Father Craig Groocock**

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

#### 'Hi Craig, I would like my little boy baptised . . .'

It's fantastic when I answer the 'phone at home and hear those words. It had been wonderful to see so many young families bringing their children to baptism this year. Baptism (or Christening) is a very special moment where a person, young or old, begins their journey of faith with God and becomes a member of the church, not just locally, but across the world.

During the baptism service questions are asked that have been asked of people coming for baptism for hundreds of years; do you turn to Christ? Do you turn away from your sins? Do you renounce evil? The person being baptised (or the parents and Godparents on behalf of the very young) answer 'Yes', we go with these things, we opt into the Christian way of life. Baptism then signifies new life, a new life through and in Jesus and that is why we use water which symbolises washing and being made clean.

Rites of passage are still very important in our society. We all like to mark birthdays as they come around each year, marriage ceremonies, religious or civil, continue to be desired by couples who want to publicly declare their commitment to each other. Funerals are so important for people as a way of saying goodbye to those they love but see no longer. Baptism too provides a rite of passage as we make an outward and visible sign of a deeper spiritual reality.

At All Saints we are delighted to hear from you if you would like your child baptised. If you are an adult, and have not been baptised and would like to be, then we would be delighted to hear from you too. You might of course, especially if your child is newly born, simply want to thank God for the wonderful gift of a son or daughter. We offer a service of Thanksgiving too which may in due course lead on to Baptism at a later date.

There are more details about the baptism process on our website www.allsaintsharbury.org

Please do go and have a look and maybe, it'll be you I receive the next 'phone call from!

God bless

#### From the Registers

## Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

June 30 Olive Mary Rolph (89 years)

## Burial of Ashes at All Saints' Harbury

July 4 Robin Barnes

## Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

July 12 Chloe Warner July 26 Jack Thornicroft



#### From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, we welcomed Year 6, their families, friends and teachers to All Saints' for their Leavers' Service. They had chosen the music and delivered the readings and prayers, all of which we enjoyed.

At the centre of the service this year was a very simple celebration of Holy Communion. Father Craig told us that he was scared on his first day at school because he didn't want to leave his Mum. He also reminded us that Jesus is the friend who will never leave us: He will help us not to be frightened. We ask God's blessing on each and every one of Year 6 and wish them well as they move on to their new schools.

This month's family Communion presentation was given by Lesley who extended the theme of the sea, recently the focus of worship in First Light. Lesley reminded us that, like Jesus, who frequently withdrew to quiet places, we, too, in the midst of our busy lives, need to seek "quiet pools" where we can experience the "deep love" of God and be alone with Him. The presentation was enhanced, as always, by the children whom Lesley drew in; also by the music and by the banners which were especially made and which are still on display in church. Thank you to everyone involved.

#### THE REVEREND PHILIP BULLOCK

Philip - known affectionately by his parishioners as "Father Phil" - was ordained to the priesthood by John, Bishop of Warwick on the evening





of 4<sup>th</sup> July in Coventry Cathedral. He presided at his first Mass at St Margaret's on the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Those of us who went from Harbury to support him were privileged to be at two very moving celebrations. These two services marked the beginning of a new stage in his journey.

Philip is currently in charge of the parish as his Training Incumbent, Lydia, takes a well-deserved sabbatical. He has two more years of his curacy to serve in Coventry and we ask you to keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he moves forward in his ministry.



#### Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

July 1<sup>st</sup> was our AGM and tea party. Sue thanked Ann and Lorna who have retired from the committee after many years of wonderful service, and welcomed Vanda and Jennifer who join the committee. She reported on a happy and busy year for the branch, with a variety of interesting speakers, social and discussion meetings, participation in deanery and diocesan events and fund raising for the wider work of Mothers' Union.

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning on July 4<sup>th</sup>, which raised £113 for MU funds and the lunch on July 18<sup>th</sup> raised £164 for church funds

Several members went to a Quiet Day at Offa House, led by Fleur Dorrell who is the head of the Faith and Policy unit at Mary Sumner House. This was much appreciated by all who attended.

A reminder of the collection of unwanted postcards, which can raise money for a project in Sudan. If convenient, leave them in church in an envelope labelled Gillian Hare, or give to any committee member.

The last event before the summer break was a skittles evening at the Victory Club in Napton. Twenty seven members and friends enjoyed a happy time together. Congratulations to the highest scorers: Mary

Snow and Pete Ball, and a big thank you to Mike Jones for his excellent organisation of the game.

No meeting in August; we wish all members a relaxing and hopefully sunny break.

We meet again on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. As usual, we start our year with a service at 2.00pm with hymns and an address by Rev. Craig.



# **Toddlers Service**

**Barbara Thistlethwaite** 

This was our last Toddlers before the summer holidays. We had to have our "picnic" indoors as the weather was not kind to us and it rained.

Mrs Travis told us the story of the "five loaves and two fishes". How the little boy who had come to listen to Jesus telling people how to be kind and help one another and also to share things with each other.

Suddenly one of Jesus' friends realised that everyone was getting hungry and there did not seem to be any food about.

Mrs Travis told us that there would not be a fish and chip shop or a McDonalds anywhere around all those years ago. The little boys mother had packed him some lunch so he took up his basket to Jesus and said that he would like to share his lunch but because there were so many people that it was probably not a good idea.

Jesus said that his lunch would do just fine. Jesus then broke up the bread and fishes and said to his friends, "take the basket and go and feed the people". This they did and there was plenty for everyone and there were lots of crumbs still left over.

Mrs Travis had brought five loaves and two "pretend" fishes for us to share. We broke up the loaves and shared them between us and after everyone had eaten there were still lots of crumbs left.

Mrs Katharine Giblin played twice for us and the second time we all helped her and had lots of fun with the instruments. Then it was time for our prayer and we said "thank you" to everyone who helps us and most of all we must remember to share with each other.

We then had our picnic before it was time to go back to school.

The helpers would like to wish those children who are going up to big school in September, lots of happiness in their new classes. We will miss you all. A big thank you from the helpers to the children for the lovely big card and the chocolates they presented us with.

There will not be a Toddlers meeting in August but we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in Church.

All babies and young children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to join us.

Have a great holiday.

# Ladbroke News & Diary

#### **AUGUST**

- Sun 2 TRINITY VIII Family Communion 10.30am in Church followed by refreshments
- Sun 9 TRINITY IX
  Holy Communion 9.00am sung in Church
- Sat 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
  Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 16 TRINITY X
  Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in Church
- Sat 22 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 23 TRINITY XI
  Holy Communion 9.00am sung in Church
- Thurs 27 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sun 30 TRINITY XII

  Holy Communion 9.00am said service in Church

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church Galanos House Fete 2.00pm. Contact Galanos House on 01926 812185. Everyone welcome
  Boules for all at 2.00pm on Millennium Green
  Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 6 TRINITY XIII
  Family Communion 10.30am in Church followed by refreshments

#### Ladbroke Flower Rota

August 9th Sue Lord

August 16th Jane Steenstra

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Beryl Ross

August 30th Christine Payne

September 6th Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor

September 13th Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor

#### Jane Rutherford





#### Ladbroke Parish Council

**Betty Winkfield** 

Apologies were received from Councillors Goldson and Berry, Warwickshire and District Councillors. The Police were also absent.

We started the meeting with some good news. Councillor Clews announced that Ladbroke had come equal second with Willoughby in the communication section of the Best Kept Village Competition. Previously in the Public Participation "slot", Peter Baker had congratulated the Council on the Ladbroke Website. Many thanks were expressed to Kip Warr – the webmaster –who had set up the website in the first place – very professionally. We won £75 in the competition.

Matters Arising – The electricity will not be disconnected from the Public Telephone Kiosk. We will continue to pay the £14 annually for the electricity rather than the £300+ to disconnect it.

Discussion took place regarding the change of road name. The two sides of Windmill Lane are a problem especially for delivery vehicles that may well have to turn around in a confined space. The local history society is to be contacted.

Concern was expressed about the continued residential use of a caravan parked in a field off the by-pass. The clerk is to write to the District Council.

**Planning Applications** — Boat building at Old Barn Farm has permission to continue — with conditions. Planning is still pending on the new Village Hall. Construction of an agricultural building at Archers Rest has been rejected.

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Tesco's planning amendments is pending, there is to be a further meeting; date is not arranged. Sainsbury's is also in discussions about developments.

Highways and Drainage - Our inspector, Patch Bryne, has had several more areas added to his "brief". He is busy familiarising himself with these.

Parish Plan -- A new update on the Village Hall is to be included in the plan. It will be written by the Village Hall Committee.

**Millennium Green** – The Village Fete in June was a great success, it made £850 for the Green and various other organisations made profits on their stalls. September 26<sup>th</sup> is Race Night in the Village Hall on behalf of the Millennium Green.

The Village Hall is putting on a Pantomime on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Any budding thespians about?

A written report from our District Councillor – The area now has six MEP's, we did have seven. The Government has not yet given any indications about council budgets. It will be leisure activities that are bound to be cut.

Next meeting - September 16th at 7.45pm



#### Ladbroke General Section

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for June were:

- £80 Richard Walker
- £50 Sue Lord
- £25 Peter Baker
- £10 Jonathan Ford
- £10 Mary Coley
- £10 John & Heather Wright
- £10 Geoff & Georgina Middleton
- £10 Keith Tancock

#### **Boules for All on Ladbroke Millennium Green**

#### Saturday 5th September

Please come and join in an afternoon of boules. No experience or equipment is needed and all ages can take part. Ladbroke Rules will apply - in other words you don't need to know the rules (or French) in advance. In fact it's probably better if you don't.

We shall be playing in teams of about three people, so get together with members of your family, pub, club, institute, church, business, allotment, school or team and come along at 2.00pm.

The event is for the benefit of the Millennium Green; there will be a small entry charge and refreshments will be on sale. For more information ring 815004.

Kip Warr

#### The Historic Churches

The Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride is still being held on the second Saturday in September.

It was such a flop last year I was not going to organise it for Ladbroke again. On reflection however, as so many people now have bicycles I thought I really ought to ask around – just once more. As good causes go, maybe it isn't at the top of everyone's list, but our beautiful old churches around the country are struggling – with many being sold off for dwellings or left to rot. It really is worth trying to keep them going.

Our own church receives half of whatever money is raised, so please cyclists why not "have a go". The idea is, as always, to cycle to as many churches as you can on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September between 10am to 6pm and of course to get yourselves sponsored. Forms are now available.

**Betty Winkfield** 

#### **SEPTEMBER EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

Adverts to 31 Binswood End by 15th August Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by 27th August



#### ুবু 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

#### **Empty Homes**

Carol Roberts from Stratford District Council gave advice on bringing empty properties back into use. She identified 13 in Harbury, five in the village, two empty for five years.

Concentrating on the old Post Office in Church Street she explaining there was an Assistance Grant for creating affordable homes if the owner agreed to them being rented out for three years. Ultimately the Council had powers to enforce a sale, use a Compulsory Purchase Order and an Empty Dwelling Management Order.

#### **Planning**

Stratford granted engineering operations at the Quarries but refused permission to demolish Eastfields Farm, Deppers Bridge and replace it with a detached house and garage.

The Parish Council made no representation on the conservatory at Western Villa, Deppers Bridge or the trackway from Mill Street for Chesterton House Farm. However they did comment on plans to prune the Sycamore at Sycamore House, Butt Lane requesting more details of what was intended.

The Consultation event on the Bush Heath Lane homes had attracted a large number of people and the Clerk had put a short article about it in the Library. Councillors queried the need for another Housing Needs Survey but had been assured that one would be undertaken before a Second Phase was developed. There were questions about the energy efficiency of the homes, a footway along Bush Heath Lane and school places. The Chairman said the School was still giving places to families from out side the village.

#### **Councillors' Corner**

Andrew Patrick (Stratford DC) said Joint Area Committees which had dispensed grants had been dissolved. County Councillor Bob Stevens said they were not cost-effective and were replaced by the Locality Fora. There was still no answer from the Portfolio Holder on why SDC had no qualified Conservation Architect but the Council had found a suitable home in Harbury for a disabled resident.

Cllr Stevens explained a further re-organisation of the Highways division and reminded the Council to put in its requests for road repairs now.

#### **Grants**

Colin Humphreys, for the Twinning Association asked the Council for assistance with the costs of the recent Twinning visit, but was not able to identify a particular item they could fund. The Council does not fund retrospectively but could give a grant for future activities for the benefit of young people and agreed a sum of £500.

The Heritage Group asked for a further £500 towards the cost of a computer system. Subject to the previous grant to the School being put towards this it was agreed in principle.

#### Carnival

The Chief Constable suggested villages should pay for the policing of their Carnivals. Harbury's Carnival had no trouble this year but afterwards some people had driven over the Playing Fields and there were complaints about the noise from the young people partying. There was damage to the football pitches, broken glass on the fields and two paving slabs were broken at the Tennis Courts.

Chairman Tim Lockley said it was the third year this had happened. Jenny Patrick wanted the Council to set out what they saw as the Carnival Committee's responsibilities. Cllr Hancock explained the Committee does clean up after the Carnival but damage is done by young people using the fields afterwards. Rob Darlison confirmed this adding that Harbury's is "the best Carnival for miles!"

#### **Playing Fields**

Cllr Thornley met David Morgan from SAVA who would put in a bid for funding the BMX track and the Village Hall Changing Rooms. The Aerial Runway was to be repaired. The new table had been defaced. The Chain barrier to stop cars driving onto Deppers Bridge Playing Field would be reinstated.

#### Cemetery

New guidance meant less extreme measures might be sufficient to make memorials safe. Those staked at present would have to be re-tested at a cost of £200 and possibly flattened. The Councillors were not in favour of moving them to the side of the Chapel.

#### **Environment**

The Working Party had discussed climate change and emissions and decided to publicise what residents could recycle. They particularly wanted to reduce the number of plastic bags used and would put details on their website.

They would purchase more daffodil bulbs and ask the Scouts to plant them.

The Chairman suggested that the Council could start a Book Exchange scheme based at the Library and would talk to the Trustees about the idea.

#### **Traffic Management**

The Councillors rejected the idea of wooden gates at Binswood End, Temple End and Butt Lane and chose new village signs incorporating 30 mph signs. There would be two black metal bollards in Binswood End and a traffic island at Temple End with chevrons and reflective signs. They were working with WCC to find suitable sites for bicycle racks.

Residents were able to see the plans at the 18<sup>th</sup> July Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room 10-12 noon.

#### Harbury Parish Council - Quarterly Report

Over the past three months, the Parish Council has: -

- Assisted in organising the Bush Heath Lane proposed development consultation. The consultation was well attended and a report on its findings can be downloaded from www.harbury-pc.gov.uk or requested from the Parish Clerk on 614646.
- Finalised proposed plans for traffic calming measures in the village. These were on display at the Tom Hauley Coffee morning held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July – again with generally a very positive response.
- Organised the repair of the aerial runway at the park in time for the summer holidays.
- Continued to monitor and discuss the next stages in the Cemetery risk assessment.
- One councillor has attended the M40 service station in order to observe policing there.

## **Harbury Society**

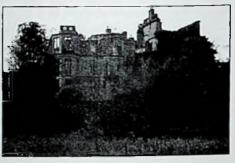


Linda Ridgley

John Smith led a visit to Guy's Cliffe House. The party saw the Chapel, and were given a very comprehensive history of the site from Saxon times onwards.

St Dubritius, established an Oratory at Guy's Cliffe in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Next, came famous Guy, who to prove himself worthy of Felice the Earl of Warwick's beautiful daughter, fought in tournaments, killed the dun cow of Dunsmore Heath, slayed a dragon, fought Turks and brigands and after he married Felice went on Crusade, returning to act as King Athelstan's champion against the Danes. He lived incognito as a hermit in the woods at Guys Cliffe dying aged seventy. Felice committed suicide by hurling herself off the cliff by the Chapel and they were buried together at the hermitage.

Henry VIII confiscated the lands of Guy's Cliffe Hermitage but the Chapel was not damaged. The Greetheeds who built the original Guy's Cliffe mansion, restored and reconstructed the Chapel interior between 1819 and 1824. The Percys had it from 1891 until 1939, when it housed wartime refugee children. After the war, plans to



develop it as a hotel were abandoned and it was sold for housing, but failed to obtain planning permission. It was sold for reclamation and Mr Aldwyn Porter bought the partially gutted house and remaining estate in 1955.

The Chapel was leased to the Masons in 1974 and used as a Masonic Temple. Granada Television leased the house in 1992 to film a Sherlock Holmes film involving a "controlled fire", which got out of hand, so that now there is only a shell. The Masons have cared for it since and functions and guided tours help with the upkeep of the remaining buildings and grounds.

NEXT EVENTS Both in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Members' Hobbies Event

13<sup>th</sup> Oct Chesterton Windmill Pete Bones on its repair.



#### **Harbury Women's Institute**

Jeanne Beaumont

The meeting in July was different. Pam Parton stepped in for Ann to take the chair, but she also gave us a wonderful talk on her tour "Round the World"! With a friend they started at Singapore, having a drink at the Raffles Hotel, of course! From there we were whisked away to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, USA and Canada where Pam stayed with her son and family. The familiar and unfamiliar places rolled off her tongue with marvellous experiences too, like swimming with the dolphins. She even met a Neville Appleby in Australia who used to live in Harbury. Members were very impressed with her talk and the pictures shown. Her albums of the tour were also on show. Well done Pam and we recommend you to other societies. Must ask Jo and Chris to organise a trip!

We would like to congratulate Peggie Middleton and husband Bill for being awarded the 'Spirit of Harbury Award'. They have helped and worked on committees in the village since 1970 and thoroughly deserve the award.

The outing to the Derby Porcelain factory and shop on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August will leave the Village Hall at 9am. Some members enjoyed the skittles evening with Bishops Tachbrook WI with Mick Cooper coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the killer play. A reminder to members to remember to put their names on the WI Harvest Supper list.

Must mention the Horticultural Flower Show on 12<sup>th</sup> September, although I will say more about it next month. This show is for everyone and is an enjoyable day. One does not have to be top of the list. Just one bloom from the garden and an item from the culinary or photography section will do. This is a fun day. The Show schedules are available at Mugglestons.

Next meeting:

Thursday 10th September - 7.45pm in Tom Hauley

Room

Speaker: Rosemary Proser - To Cornwall and Back



Folk Club

**Ted Crum** 

First the bad news: the Shakespeare had shut up shop and we were homeless waifs and strays wandering in the wilderness. Then the good news: the Dog had re-opened and had offered us a new home in their super restaurant with great acoustics and no coffee machine or wine chiller burping and buzzing in the background. Deep joy, and on a hot steamy July evening we gathered, grabbed a drink, and settled down to a belting evening's entertainment.

First up was Sue Crum who gave us her take on the Little Drummer Boy. Rik followed with two songs including Brother Gorilla. Summer and Jenny sang the Brisk Butcher, tagging Cuckoo's nest on the end, then gave us Shut the Door (Keep out the Devil) in harmony with no accompaniment. Sue Hartland unleashed her banjo on Shoals of Herring before she and Ian recalled Joan Baez's Lily of the West. Deb sang Cole Porter's Miss Otis Regrets, followed by her own poem Bastard, which she described as therapeutic: ooer! Stuart produced his own updated version of Gypsy Davey, renamed Trainer Davey, and then coerced Pete McDonald on stage to accompany him in The Wild Rover. Keith produced one of his legendary off-the-wall performances by relating (to suitable accompaniment) a series of song -based jokes and one-liners: indescribable except to say that it was wonderful to watch! Ted, Phil and Jem (The Somerville Three) finished off the first half with Rout of the Blues followed by The Poacher's Fate, and we all retired to the bar for cooling draughts.

The second half began with your scribe recalling Paddy Robert's Ballad of Bethnal Green. Mr Shuttleworth then gave us a highwayman/maiden ditty and his delightful French Revolution song. Pete and Liz sang Daddy Fox with many harmonies from the assembled masses, then Liz sang of the Scottish village ladies who shamelessly tricked the Brits and locked them in the church. Pete Grassby sang When a man's in Love and The Quaker Song, followed by Pete Mason who sang a Stan Rogers song and a wondrous piece he called the Osmosis Song which exposed the dangers of prepackaged food. Des gave us chance to sing The Alabama, and then related the tale of Gomez the Chihuahua, a dog with ideas well above his station. Pete McDonald sang Struck it Right this Time, then sang Paul Metsers' song about the great Nic Jones, Play it all Again. To complete our first evening back in the Dog, Ian and Sue sang One Hit Wonder and Thistle and the Rose.

The raffle raised £50 which went to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Next month there will be no theme.



#### **Harbury Twinning Association**

Colin Humphreys

June was the month of the Village Carnival, and as usual we had our stall offering good cheese or pate baguettes and a measure of wine to wash it down.

The weather was superb and the whole day a great success, and to crown it all we won the week's Pub Games competition, for the first time after about ten years of trying.

At the time of writing its well into July and we have just passed Bastille Day, the 14<sup>th</sup>, which we celebrated with a 'safari supper', which consisted of all of us starting the evening together at one house for drinks and then going off in groups of about seven to various homes for a main meal then on to another house for cheese, and yet again another one where we all met up for sweets and coffee; great fun and lovely food.



#### **Harbury Tennis Club**

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club ran its mixed doubles singles and tournaments on 11th July with a lunch time BBQ between the two. The omens didn't look good with a heavy during drizzle first the two rounds but





eased off and the men's singles were completed in hot sunshine! In the mixed doubles, Mary Thompson and Marcus Sharpe emerged as winners winning all 5 rounds. Marcus then stocked up on hot dogs and burgers for the afternoon and remained unbeaten to take the singles title! In the Banbury league The Club consolidated second place in Division 4 after a convincing 8-1 home win against Hook Norton "D". The team comprising Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Sue Mercer, Jon Guy, David Lauder and Colin Mercer were in fine form. There were several changes for the next match with Steve Stark, Keith Thompson and Sara Peters joining Sue, Caroline and David in the usual close encounter with Kings Sutton, their nearest rivals. They were all close rubbers but the visitors eased home 5-4. Despite the defeat Harbury remain in second place with 3 matches to play.

The Men's doubles team lost 3 matches on the trot to put them in a perilous league position. It started with a 0-4 defeat at Stratford (Jon Scothern, Geoff Prince, Adam Crossling and Colin Mercer) although 2 of the rubbers went to 3rd set tie breaks. The next match was at home against Snitterfield, fellow relegation candidates with Jon, Geoff and Adam being joined by Steve Stark. Jon and Geoff had the only success of the evening by virtue of a 3rd set tie break but the visitors secured 3 vital points with an overall 3-1 win. The penultimate match of the season against Tanworth also ended in a 1-3 defeat, this time Steve Stark and Kevin Moffatt getting the only rubber. This left Harbury going into the last week of the season with an identical record to Snitterfield and only out of the relegation places by virtue of a better "head to head" against them! Fortunately Snitterfield played and lost on the Monday taking the pressure off Harbury as they went into the final match against already relegated HAD. Marcus Sharpe joined Jon, Geoff, and Adam for the trip to Redditch and secured a 3-1 win to maintain Division 2 status.

#### **Juniors**

The first week of the Juniors' Summer Holiday Tennis has been very successful with 33 children (Club members and non-members) between 5 and 14 years old thoroughly enjoying themselves under the leadership of coach Sue Panton and assistants Adam Crossling and Marcus Sharpe. Several children who had only booked in for a "taster" session or two were so impressed they signed up for the rest of the week! Some of the children have come from as far away as Stretton-on-Dunsmoor where the 2 Sues (Panton and Mercer) had run taster sessions for all the classes in the local Knightlow Primary School towards the end of term. By the time you read this week 2 of the programme will probably be over but there are still places for all age groups in weeks 3 and 4, 17th -21st August and 24th - 28th August.



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Sue Mercer and Head Coach Linda Casement have already started to plan the Autumn programme and will be notifying members of their groups by the end of August.



Nursery School Staff & Committee

#### Forest School

This month we have held two Forest School sessions in our woodland. During the first session the children became minibeasts and moved around the woodland like minibeasts. They also created a woodland curtain from the natural resources. During the second session the children demonstrated excellent problem-solving and personal, social and emotional skills when they worked as a team to create an intricate water feature with the bamboo drain pipes. The children also enjoyed spotting and identifying the different types of leaves that grow in our Forest School.



Other activities the children have enjoyed this month have included:

 Creating a beautiful jungle display complete with colourful flowers and some huge jungle animals.

 Exploring symmetry and experimenting with colour to create beautiful butterflies to add to the jungle display.

- Enthusiastically taking part in our Sports Day on the school field.
- Demonstrating their physical skills by joining in a football coaching session with Steve Burnell.
- A visit from Miss Maher to meet the children, and then later in the week making a return visit to see their new class room.
- Enjoying picnics outside at lunchtime on the school field





- A Visit to the toddler service at church.
- Enjoying a visit from Zoolab with its 'Rainforest Roadshow' enabling the children to handle a variety of creatures including a giant land snail, tree frog, snake and tarantula.
- Using their vivid imagination and language skills to construct some detailed jungle stories. "Once upon a time there was a leopard. He was covered in spots and a tiger covered in stripes. They went to pick

flowers in the jungle, little flowers. They went to see the snake and gave him the flowers. The snake was happy, they went to lie down in the tree because they were tired" - Amelia

- Using the musical instruments to recreate the sounds of the jungle.
- Investigating and exploring camouflage
- Dressing up for our end of term fancy dress party, when the children joined in with party games both inside and on the school field and then enjoyed a sumptuous party feast.

#### Thank you

A huge thank you to all those people who have helped or contributed in any way over the past year - your commitment to Windmills is fully appreciated by all the staff and Directors, many thanks. Thank you also for the gifts and beautiful cards which have made it a memorable ending to a successful year.

#### **Dates for your Diaries**

Windmills Nursery is holding a fundraising event featuring local singer Ella Kendrick on 15<sup>th</sup> August in the Old New Inn. There will be a BBQ and raffle.

Windmills closes for the summer holidays on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 11.45am and re-opens on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at 9.05am. Windmills would like to wish both parents and children an enjoyable summer holiday.

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 log on to our web site at windmills nursery.co.uk, or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906519148.



Staff & Committee

Well, what a busy time we have had at Pre-School during the last three weeks of the summer term!

Transport: During July, we looked at transport and different types of vehicles. We were very fortunate to have Chris Gibb from Virgin Trains, coming to talk to us about rail transport. He brought with him a selection of hats for the children to try on, including his bowler hat that he uses only when he meets the Queen! The children were fascinated by what he had to say and, afterwards, he gave them all a Virgin goody bag to take home.



The children continued the theme of transport by making the role play area into a ticket office and making their own vehicles and trains in the outdoor play area. They also did observational drawings and paintings, as well as building vehicles out of cartons and using clay to make models, selecting their own resources to make wheels and other important parts.

Outdoor classroom: Making the most of the fine weather, the children were able to spend a good deal of time outdoors at the beginning of the month, with the climbing frame and ride on vehicles being put to good use. They were also able to use our woodwork bench with hammers and saws coming into use and pieces of wood were suitably adorned with





ribbons and other materials using drawing pins.

The plants in the garden areas of the outdoor classroom continued to grow very well and the children have been harvesting the first of their vegetables. They particularly enjoyed tasting their home grown peas at circle time. It is possible that by the time they return to Pre-School in September, there will be a huge pumpkin waiting for them!

Car Wash!: Towards the end of the month and dodging the showers that took over from the sunshine, a car wash was set up, with the children using buckets of water and sponges to give the ride-on vehicles a good clean. Lots of changes of clothes were needed, but the children had a great time and are now obviously qualified to help out with the real thing at home!

#### **Teddy Bears' Picnic:**



The annual Pre-School Teddy Bears' Picnic was held in Harbury Park and the children and their parents, carers and siblings enjoyed a lovely play in the park, games using the parachute and finally a picnic on the grass.

Farewell: We have now said our very sad farewells to our older children who will be starting at Primary School in September. However, due to Pre-School's close links with Miss Maher and Mr Daly at the school, the children have received visits from Miss Maher and have been to see her in their new classroom. They are now confident individuals who we are sure will enjoy their new adventure and we wish them well in this very important step in their young lives.

And Finally ..... We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all the parents for their wonderful words of thanks, cards and gifts to all the staff.

#### Have a happy summer!

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386 or log onto www.harburypre-school.org.uk

#### **Harbury Primary School**

**Denis Daly** 

New Beginnings - While it is the start of the holidays for most of us, it is the start of a new era in the lives of the children in Year 6, who transfer to Secondary education in September. They have been an excellent year group, and many of the children have achieved very high standards in a range of activities. We wish them all the very best for the future, and hope that their time at their new school is a happy and successful one.

A number of our "long established" families leave us as their youngest child leaves the school. We wish these families every happiness for the future and hope that they will be able to look back with fond memories on their association with the school.

Mrs Jackson - It is also the beginning of a new era in the life of Mrs Jackson, who is retiring after 22 years at the school. We had a lovely assembly in her honour in which the children recognized the many different roles that she plays in the school — "She fixes the photocopier"; "She types all the letters"; She checks the dinner registers"; "She looks after us when we are poorly". The list was endless, but one pupil summed her up perfectly: "She is kind, hardworking, clever, beautiful and smiley". We thank Mrs Jackson for the wonderful contribution that she has made in so many ways to the life of the school and wish her the very best of luck in the future — we shall miss her.

Mrs Harris - As Miss Fowler will be returning from her maternity leave after the holidays, we also said "Goodbye" to Mrs Harris. We thank her for the two years that she has spent with us covering two maternity leaves, and wish her all the very best as she returns to her well-earned period of rest.

PTA Summer Fayre - I have been informed that the amount raised at the Summer Fayre was around £1200, an excellent return. Congratulations and thanks to all who helped organise the Fayre.

**Sponsored Day of Skipping -** The sponsored skip raised a staggering £603 for the British Heart Foundation – again, many thanks to all who contributed.

Ordering School Uniform - I have been asked to inform parents that the last day for ordering school uniform through the link on our website in time for the start of the Autumn Term is 7th August.

New Term - Talking of the Autumn Term, may I remind you that term starts on Tuesday 8th September at 9 am.

And Finally... As the school year draws to a close, now is the time to say "Thank You" to all those people, far too many to mention, who have helped in any way over the past year. Your efforts and your commitment to the school are fully appreciated by all the staff. MANY THANKS.

Have a great, but safe, summer holiday.



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Rainbows

**Bobbie Sharpe** 



'1st Harbury Rainbows with 'Magic' the pony and our young helper Becky!

As usual at Rainbows this term has been particularly busy with plenty to see and do. have We had session of song and dance and some designs interestina when we filled some meringue nests and pastry cases with fruit. We have also been own making our with dried jewellery. pasta and toasting marshmallows on the with help campfire from the scout leader

Nick Tawney. Occasionally at Rainbows we venture out and on a particularly sunny Tuesday evening a few weeks back we all visited 'Magic' the pony down at his paddock in Harbury. The girls thoroughly enjoyed helping to groom him, giving him food and water and offering him a good supply of 'polos' his favourite treat. Many thanks to Lisa for arranging this session for us.

Our end of year party was also a great success, with five girls taking their Rainbow promise on the evening, well done to Luca, Katie, Kiana, Sophie and Lily.

To round off our year the girls attended the Dreams camp held at Broadwater campsite for the day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Once again the weather was great and they enjoyed pond dipping, tye dyeing, making sun catchers and generally mixing in well with the older Brownies and Guides. Well done to everyone who came along, it was a great experience for them and one they will remember for some time.



#### **Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morrall** 

We were very lucky, once again, to enjoy good weather for our second and last day trip on 8<sup>th</sup> July. The first place visited was Hampton Court near Leominster. I had heard about the restoration in the 1990's of the extensive gardens; and what gardens they were, something for everyone to enjoy. This Hampton Court is earlier than the one in London but equally impressive. The estate is about 1000 acres with the most majestic trees and landscape.

The kitchen garden had some of the biggest vegetables I have seen! combination of fruit and vegetables, which are all organically manage and a credit to the hardworking gardeners that we saw. If that wasn enough, we then went into the Victorian garden which has been fully restored with huge herbaceous borders, canals, island pavilions and pleached avenues. The lavender was at its absolute best and full of very busy bees. The next section had a rill with agapanthus in potsstunning. The rebuilt open barn had a swallows' nest and we were fortunate to see the swallows flying in and out.

The maze was very much enjoyed. You could hear people calling out to ask the way to the tower in the middle. The views from here showed a panoramic scene of the gardens and then there is an underground secret tunnel leading to a sunken garden and a waterfall. The food, which was really good with very generous portions, was served in The Orangery Restaurant, a conservatory designed by Joseph Paxton. I would really like to go back as there is so much to see. The shop, too, had a very good selection of gifts and plants all from the gardens. We were sad to leave but we had another garden to visit in the afternoon.

This was The Bannutt about half an hour away at Bringsty Common. Daphne, who tends the gardens with her husband gave us a talk about the gardens last year. So it was nice to see it in all its glory. When you think that both of them are almost eighty and they manage with very

little help it is a credit to them. They have gradually enlarged the garden over the last 25 years with garden rooms and unusual sculptures. The 3 acres have been totally transformed and they are still extending the gardens. The views to the Malvern Hills are fantastic - what a backdrop. Such clever plant combinations complete with a heather maze. The tea room was enjoyed by all with home made cakes etc. Poor Daphne never stopped all afternoon. We arrived back about 7.15 and everyone enjoyed the day. Thank you for your support for both trips.

The Village Show, as I said in my last article, is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September and schedules are available from Mugglestons. Do support this village event. Janice and her team of helpers work so hard to ensure that the day is a success. There will be a Tombola as in previous years. If you have anything suitable that you would like to donate you can leave things in my porch, but only until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, as I will be away after that date. You can of course take any items to the Village Hall on the day. Thank you for your generosity.

It will soon be the start of our new season and I still have not had any enquiries about the Treasurer's vacancy. Can you please give it some thought as we will be unable to continue without one and it would be such a shame if we had to cease as a Society, especially as I have booked some more excellent speakers for the season. We really do need your help. Please speak to me or any current committee member. Thank you.

A few places to visit in the rest of the Summer include Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens which we visited many years ago and has been undergoing more restoration. Do look at their website www.cbhgt.org.uk. You could combine this with a return visit to the Botanic Gardens nearby. Nearer to home Priors Marston Manor Garden will be open to visitors in August. Contact the owners on 07758 360839 for opening hours. Woodpeckers near Bidford on Avon is also worth a return visit. Contact Andy & Allie Cox on 01789 773416 for details. Don't forget to visit Bridge Nursery. As well as the stunning garden, you can use you members' card to get discount on the vast array of plants on sale. Christine will be pleased to see you.

Venture into Worcestershire to Astley near Stourport-on-Severn to Astley Town house, a sub tropical almost 3 acres of planting. Jungle garden, stumpery, very many rare and exotic plants it will be open on 27<sup>th</sup> August under the NGS phone 01299 822299. At Northwick near Worcester the gardens at Beckett Drive will be open on 16<sup>th</sup> August

again NGS, two individual and contrasting gardens with plant sales and teas situated just one and a half miles from Worcester city centre off A449 Ombersley Road directly opposite Granthams Garage. Lastly, Red House Farm, Bradley Green, is a mature country garden in lovely countryside (I used to cycle here in my teens) has a nursery which opens daily. This garden has been featured in many garden magazines, on the Alcester to Droitwich road the B4090 opposite the Red Lion in Bradley Green.

If you are going to Cornwall do visit Hardy Exotics on the road to Marazion near to St Michael's Mount. We have been going to this garden and nursery for many years and have got to know the owners Julie and Clive very well. The range of plants is amazing and well labelled so that you can see at a glance if a particular plant will survive in your own garden. Julie and Clive left London many years ago to set up this nursery and have gone through many traumas over the years. They are a delightful couple and would welcome your visit. Clive, in fact, was a cobbler and made the late Princess Diana's wedding shoes. What a change of lifestyle. We have a lot of plants from here in our garden. John dreads me buying any more as we are running out of space, however we will be going there again in September. Watch this space!!

I hope that I have given you some ideas. Do enjoy wherever you go. Summer is still with us with hopefully some good weather too.



# Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery Christine Dakin

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It's holiday time for many of you and that means you will have to arrange to have your pots and hanging baskets watered. Whoever agrees to do this can be rewarded by picking your peas, beans, tomatoes, courgettes etc.

Don't forget to place house plants away from direct sunlight and put them in a tray with pebbles and water to keep them alive while the family is living it up in Skegness (or the Algarve!).

I once read of a kindly neighbour who agreed to pop in from time to time to check that all was well and who ended up with a huge long list of gardening jobs that would keep him occupied all day and every day. Don't forget you might need them to look after your garden again one day!

Perhaps on second thoughts late summer or autumn is a better time to leave your garden.

Philip has been busy rebuilding the compost bins over the last month or so. 12 years ago he made 4 large compost bins then added two more the following year, all made of scrap wood. In the last 12 months or so the rot has finally 'done' for them BUT 5 of the 6 bins were full of compost in varying stages of decomposition. A complicated process of building new ones round the old is now almost complete. Philip likens it to trying to rebuild kitchen cupboards without removing the contents! Smart new compost containers can be admired by all. Crows and magpies visit regularly to check over the contents and make off with the tastiest peelings and bits of rotting fruit.

Art Days: - During August there will be children's art days at the Nursery run by artists Deborah and Emma. For more details call in at the Nursery for a registration form.

#### Jobs to do this month:

Keep watering and feeding containers and hanging baskets

Dead-heading as necessary

Cutting back flowering shrubs e.g Hebes, Escallonia

Cut down stems of raspberries that have finished fruiting

Sow seeds of spring cabbage.



#### **Nature Notes**

John Hancock

July so far has been rather disappointing in terms of sunshine, though as I write this on the 19<sup>th</sup> it has a little time to improve. Still, the rain has helped vegetative growth and the crops in gardens and on farms should be excellent given some consistent sunshine in the weeks ahead. Today it has been wet and warm with some 5mm of rain.

The Blackbirds, which were nesting in the Clematis outside the kitchen window, have returned to have another try at rearing a family (they appeared to have given up the nest site in May). Buzzards are a common sight round the village. Often single buzzards are attacked by crows and other corvids. Presumably this is in response to actual or perceived attacks the buzzard is making on the attacker's nest and

fledglings. A friend in the know said the crows try to damage the buzzard's tail feathers which can put it out of action.

At Oxhouse Farm (GR300508 OS Map 1:50,000 Stratford-on-Avon). David Brown who leads a University Open Studies Lepidoptera Group. showed us the contents of his moth traps. The 'trap' is merely a light source; an ultra-violet or mercury vapour lamp which lures the moths into a container rather akin to a lobster pot with solid walls from which the moths cannot escape. There were a large number of different species and in their torpid condition we could examine them at leisure before allowing them to flutter off into the undergrowth. The common names are quite descriptive-Scorched Wing, Barred Straw, Poplar Grey Large Nutmeg, Green Pug, Blood Vein, Trebled Lines and many more. I suppose it's because moths generally fly at night that they are perceived as being sinister. In fact, they are very colourful and, like butterflies, things of beauty. A large and varied moth population is a good indicator of a healthy environment. Many moths, some 60 of the 600 plus Warwickshire species, are day flying like butterflies. The distinction between the two groups is rather artificial as some butterflies, the Skippers in particular, are moth like in appearance, and some moths could pass for butterflies (the Jersey Tiger for example).

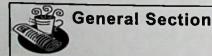
Oxhouse Farm, as you will see by consulting the OS map, is in the valley of the River Dene which flows through Wellesbourne to join the Avon in the grounds of Charlecote House. The farm can be approached by a track from the Fosse Way or via an extensive footpath and bridleway network. My particular favourite is the path from Combrook. A walk from Compton Verney via Combrook and back makes an excellent ramble with the added bonus of a National Nature Reserve at GR306507, immediately after crossing the disused Kineton to Stratford railway line. This reserve is one large field of unimproved grassland with a superb array of wild flowers throughout the summer and the chance of seeing, as we did, one of our largest butterflies, the spectacular Dark Green Fritillary (Argynnis aglaja). A sign close to the stile into the field used to announce its national status but it has disappeared and only the variety of the plants and insects tells you this is something special.

Oakley Wood adjacent to the Crematorium is now owned by the District Council. It comprises fifty acres of mixed woodland crisscrossed by rides and paths. In large parts there is an understorey of bracken as the soil is thin and stony. The ramparts of the Iron Age fort are easy to find and there is a wide range of plants and animals.

If you cross a tract of heath land, take a look at the gorse and heather to discover a plant with a very unusual life cycle. Look for a network of thread-like reddish stems spreading over their host. This word explains what is going on. The plant is Common Dodder (Cuscuta epithymum) and it is parasitic. It lacks roots having yellowish twining stems putting it in the Bindweed family (Convolvulacae). The leaves are tiny scales and the flowers small and white. When Dodder releases its seeds and they germinate they must quickly find a host or die. The stem rotates and if it finds the stem of another plant twines about it developing special suckers. These penetrate the conduction vessels and absorb food and water.

For a few days recently, a friend and I cycled through central England. We tried to keep to relatively minor roads and drank in the unfolding panorama. The Thames Valley was left south of Oxford by climbing over the chalky rampart of the Ridgeway. Between Newbury and Whitchurch we went up and over Watership Down through the village of Ecchinswell made famous in the classic story about rabbits by Richard Adamson. I looked for the Pyramidal Orchid (Anacamptis pyramidalis) which Sharon and I had found when we came the same way in 2001 but could not find any. The verge had been mown and that might explain it. The following day (17th July) was very wet as we ticked off Wiltshire villages with names like Great Wishford, Hanging Longford, Wylye and Sutton Veny. To the north was the chalk upland of Salisbury Plain. I noted Starveall Farm on the map and realised life must have been very hard up there once.

Now, it's fruit picking time. I've tasted my first blackberry and there are lots more to come. Soon, the combines will be rolling. I look forward to hearing of your wildlife sightings at home and away.



# Spirit of Harbury Award 2009

The Spirit of Harbury award, in memory of John Hunt, was awarded for the seventh time this year, but it is the first time it has been presented as a joint award to a husband and wife 'team', who have worked tirelessly on behalf of many organisations in the village for over 39 years.



Bill and Peggie Middleton were the subject of a Harbury and Ladbroke News 'profile' two years ago when they 'retired' from their commitment to the Village Hall committee, on which Bill had served since 1984 (Treasurer from 1987) and Peggie since 1986(Chairman from 2004). Between them, they have been involved with

ten different initiatives in the village from founding the Monday Badminton Club (Peggie), serving on the Parish Council (Bill 1983 - 1999) to working together to offer Meals on Wheels for 4 years and opening up their delightful garden for the Garden Walkabout for 5 years. The list of their activities over the years is more than impressive, but Bill and Peggie have not retired into the background and they have actually found new avenues into which they have each directed their boundless energy.

In presenting the Spirit of Harbury award to Bill and Peggie on Veterans Day recently, Alison Hunt quoted the dictionary definition of a veteran as "not just an old and experienced soldier, but one who has seen long and experienced service in any activity". She felt this recognition was particularly appropriate and she was delighted to award the shield to the 'long-serving pair'. Bill could, in fact, qualify as a veteran in the generally recognised sense of the definition, as he was in the RAF for his National Service period as a driver delivering hydrogen bottles to balloons. For those who may not be familiar with this activity, Bill was responsible for ensuring that the dirigibles were replenished with hydrogen. The barrage balloons formed a formidable barrier to deter enemy aircraft from flying over important locations during the Second World War

The new ventures in which Bill and Peggie have now become involved, include the Thursday Club and the Charity, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. The Thursday Club was reformed by them, as a club for the Over 60's, which meets once a month in the Village Hall. The Club now has between 25 and 30 members who meet regularly to enjoy a speaker, a 'social get-together' or a quiz. There's always a monthly raffle followed by tea and biscuits, which are much appreciated by the regular attenders.

The charity in which they have both become involved arose following a meeting with a profoundly deaf person on a 30 week course on lip reading they joined a year ago at the local College. Peggie realised that there may be times when it might be helpful to understand communication with other people, especially for those who were hard of hearing. As a result, they both feel they have learned a new skill, which might prove advantageous to them and other people in challenging situations. A fund-raising event which Bill and Peggie supported recently raised £500 for the 'Hearing Dogs' charity. It is not quite so well known for its work as the Guide Dogs for the Blind, but is vital for the owners to whom the 'hearing' dogs give assistance, as they are trained to alert owners to noises such as the doorbell and the telephone, as well as a smoke alarm.

If dictionary definitions for 'retire', include to 'call it a day; put out to grass or withdraw or retreat' then retirement is not something Bill and Peggie intend to do – just yet! They have a great passion to carry on getting involved in all kinds of activities from Saturday morning coffee 'get-togethers', the W.I., bowls and badminton and they do not intend to 'call it a day'. They deserve their accolade in receiving the Spirit of Harbury award 2009.

**Chris Finch** 

# Nick's Walking Challenge



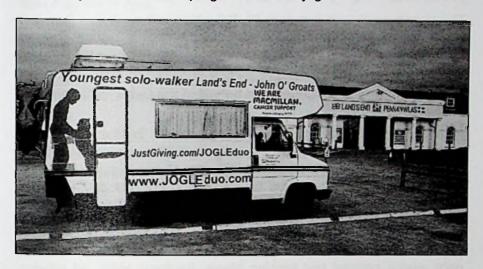
On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June our son Nick started his walk from Lands' End to John O'Groats, only accompanied by his faithful husky Jaz. His target is to complete the journey in 50 days of walking and raise £10,000 for MacMillan and Barnardo's to help support cancer sufferers and children living in poverty.

At 15, he will be the youngest person to walk Lands' End - John O'Groats on his own. His planned route is 1200 miles. As I am writing this, he has done the first 200 miles and is approaching Bridgewater. Nick plans to be back home for mid-

August to enjoy the rest of his summer holiday.

Nick has been preparing himself since last year. He goes to the gym 3 times a week and is on a special diet. He is equipped with the latest

satellite navigation and tracking. We are providing back up support from on old campervan with charity logos, which has already generated lots of interest in Cornwall and Devon. Nick is keeping a blog and you can track his progress on www.jogleduo.com.



Please support Nick on his heroic journey by giving generously. You can do this by putting money in the collection boxes at the Bull Ring Garage in Harbury, in Ladbroke Church or at Betty Winkfields at Hall Farm. Alternatively you can donate money online – www.justgiving/JOGLEduo

Many thanks.

**Daniel and Jane Steenstra** 

# Harbury Senior Citizens' Summer Lunch

A final reminder that the Summer Lunch in aid of the Harbury Senior Citizens will be held in Harbury Village Hall on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. Please remember that this is a fund raising event in aid of the senior citizens of Harbury and as such the lunch is available to anyone who wants to come, subject to ticket availability. Look out for the posters around the village giving more details.

So that we know how many people we will have to cater for, anyone who wants tickets should contact Margaret Taylor on 612903. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mike McBride, on behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens' Benefit
Association

## **Harbury Carnival**

Well, once again we had a great carnival week, mainly thanks to all of you for supporting the event in all of the ways that you do.

This year's profit was just over £1,400 which, although less than last year's record breaking amount, was still the second highest that we have ever made. An excellent outcome. Long may it continue. As usual, the money will be donated entirely to village causes.

John Broomfield, on behalf of the Carnival Committee

### Church Urban Fund

This was established in 1988, following the Archbishop's report called "Faith in the City". It now funds many community projects in towns and cities. Often these are staffed by volunteers, but require finance for premises, transport or administration. In many cases this 'seeds' grant applications from other sources. Typical projects in the Coventry diocese are day centres for the elderly, accommodation for failed asylum seekers and battered women, rehab centres for alcoholics, debt advice centres and training places for basic skills. All offering invaluable help for people who have missed out on the good things in life which most of us take for granted.

The coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be in aid of this fund. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Gillian Hare

# Village with a Vision

We would like to update everyone on progress to date. We are hopeful that we have found a couple of possible sites, and at present we're awaiting more details. We also have a lead to a possible developer - who is Warwickshire based and is interested in exploring the possibilities.

The Core Group meets again in August, and we hope to have something to report then. As soon as we have some real information we plan to hold an open meeting.

### **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

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e mail villagewithavision@hotmail.com

### Flu clinics

Flu clinics 2009 will be held at **Harbury Surgery** on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 12noon and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 4.30 pm to 7pm.

**Bishops Itchington Surgery** flu clinics will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 4.30 pm to 7pm and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 12noon.

No appointment is necessary just turn up at the clinic of your choice. Please note that letters will not be sent out inviting eligible patients to attend.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that the following patients should be vaccinated:

- all those aged 65 and over
- 'At Risk' groups

Respiratory Disease Heart Disease Diabetes

Asthma Kidney Disease Liver Disease

History of stroke Weakened Immune System

The earlier clinics tend to be busier but as we will have plenty of flu vaccines you can safely attend any of the later and quieter clinics.

### The above Flu clinics are for seasonal flu vaccinations ONLY

The government plan to make vaccinations available for swine flu later this year – we will keep you up to date as and when we receive further information and guidance.

**Drs Snowdon and Wilkinson** 

# **Community Links**

Community Links is a door to door service for all residents who are 'stuck for transport' and is designed for all residents of Stratford-upon-Avon District who:

- Have a genuine need for local transport
- Cannot access public transport because of mobility or other reasons
- Live in an isolated location with no other form of transport available

How does the Service Work?

The service operates on weekdays between about 9.30 am and 2.45 pm, focusing on various parts of the district on different days. Within Stratford town, the service is available on every weekday. The Community Links Team can give you more detailed information in relation to the service and where you live.

Customers phone the office three days in advance to book a journey and the team will then plan the travel routes for each day. They will do their best to meet your needs, but cannot always do so. Community Links does not work to a set timetable as many other bus services, but changes daily according to demand.

All vehicles have disability access and the necessary safety features and customers are charged a flat rate of £1.30 for a single journey and £2.60 return (price correct at 1 April 2009). Family or informal carers, who wish to travel with the person they are supporting, can travel free of charge. The vehicles are able to pick you up and return you to your home.

Many people who are eligible to travel by Community Links do so to enable them to do their shopping, but it can be used for a range of other reasons too.

To find out more about the scheme, or to register for the service, please phone 01789 264491 or: contact lan Roberts at Stratford-on-Avon District Council on 01789 260108.

ian Roberts

# Playing Boule in the Village at the Dog Inn

The Dog Inn is seriously considering setting up a boule pitch for the playing of petanque, and would like to know how many people in the village would be interested in playing before a final decision can be made.

Currently there are two other very active boule clubs in the area, one in Stockton and the other in Whitnash against whom we could play matches in addition to individual local games.

This boule area would be nothing to do with the Twinning Association and would be just another facility being offered by the Dog to its patrons.

However as there are quite a few members of the Twinning Association who are interested in playing we have offered to find out what interest there is in the village in general.

So if you feel that you would be interested in playing occasionally at the Dog, (we are not asking for a commitment to play regularly) we would like to hear from you so that the Dog can get an idea of potential numbers who would be interested. If so phone me on 612315, you don't have to give your name if you don't want to, we just want to know numbers. Thanks.

**Colin Humphreys** 

# Rules of the Harbury Schools (2), 1852

This is the second part of the document printed in last month's Harbury and Ladbroke News. It's a great shame that the girls don't get the same training these days in learning how to carry out household duties, preparing them for their role in looking after their husbands, washing, ironing, dusting etc. (Brave aren't I; my wife doesn't read this mag). It's also notable how the school cleaning rota was only shared among the ignorant labourers' offspring — why we never had a Revolution has always defeated me!

'Parents are likewise earnestly requested, so to arrange their domestic affairs that, except in very urgent cases, the children may never be kept from school. Let parents always bear in mind, that six months regular attendance will do more for their children than twelve months irregular attendance.

It is in contemplation to combine the industrial training with the intellectual course of instruction. To prepare the children for the duties of public and private life. To qualify some for the office of teachers and other employments, and some for domestic service. The first class girls will, three days in the week, be instructed at the Vicarage, by efficient servants, in household duties — and to such as may wish for situations, testimonials will be given after having acquitted themselves satisfactorily. To prevent any interruption of their school duties, the girls will attend at the Vicarage from eleven till two and dine at the Vicarage. By this arrangement only two hours in the week will be taken from school, as one of the days selected will Saturday, when there is a holiday.

As soon as arrangements will permit of it, there will be a public examination on the first Monday of each month when parents and

friends will be invited to inspect the schools, in order to ascertain the progress which the children are making.

Half-yearly there will be a special examination, when prizes will be distributed to those children who have excelled in the different branches of instruction, in needle-work and in household duties.

There will be two holidays in the year; a short one at Christmas, a longer one in the summer, and likewise a weekly holiday on Saturdays.

Two of the labourers' children will, in rotation, have each evening to clean the schools, and to leave them prepared for the next day's duties.

Suitable dresses will be provided for the girls while thus employed.

N.B. For parents living at a distance and wishing to send any child to these schools, arrangements are now in progress for taking pupil boarders. Such pupils will, in the evening, and at other times, receive instruction in the higher branches of a useful education, including music. They will be carefully kept from evil companionship – from all contact with any drinking and smoking practices, and from everything calculated to interfere with a high tone of social and moral training. Great attention will be paid to their general habits and to imbuing them with sound religious principles, that by God's grace they may be brought to knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Harbury is situated on a rising ground about 400 feet above the level of the sea and its salubrity is tested by the longevity of the inhabitants.

For further particulars and for terms apply to the Vicar or to Miss Dale, Harbury

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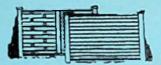
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For more information please contact Mike Barrett on 07826 526 020 or mike.barrett@southam.sja.org.uk

Mike Barrett

## Can you help?

I visited Malawi in Africa last year and met a young man (25 years) who is studying at a College of Agriculture.

Malawi is the third poorest country in the world; the people have very few possessions but are friendly, generous and welcoming.

I have been asked by this young man if I can help him. He needs a laptop for his studies and if I can find one over the next couple of weeks I can send it to him safely with friends who are returning to the country.

There is no way he could afford to buy one. But he is a man of integrity who wants to move into politics and really make a difference in his country. I sincerely believe that he will. I would love to be able to help him.

If you have a spare laptop in good working order, and are happy to give it to him, please contact me. He will be so very grateful. So will I.

Thank you very much.

Mrs Naomi Whittaker 01789 296631 or text 07969 576130

# Airborne Trek for the Army Benevolent Fund

The 2009 Airborne Trek on 05/09/2009.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009, the first ever Army Benevolent Fund charity trek team will take part in the Annual Airborne trek which is held in Oosterbeek, Holland. This trek is held in memory of the Allied Airborne

soldiers who jumped into battle on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1944 - featured in the film 'A Bridge too Far' - and is now in its 62<sup>nd</sup> year.



We are aiming to walk the 40km (25 mile) route and are hoping to raise at least £5,000 across our trek team, for the Army Benevolent Fund in memory of Private Joe Whittaker, from Stratford-Upon-Avon, who was sadly lost on operations in Helmand Province in June 2008 (http://www.militaryforums.co.uk/forums/viewtopic.php?p=208918). Dave Hudson from Deppers Bridge and I will form part of the trek team and we will be accompanied by Joe's Mum and Uncle.

I was privileged to know Joe, a young man with many talents and enormous potential. Joe volunteered to go to Afghanistan prior to attending Sandhurst RMA. He made a huge sacrifice in his service and we want to raise these funds to honour his memory. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and the local community around Stratford -Upon-Avon and the walk will provide a fitting tribute to his memory.

The funds raised will be donated to the ABF's current operations fund, which has been especially set up to make grants available to those affected by the current conflict in Afghanistan, and other theatres in which British and Commonwealth troops are serving.

Please support us in whatever way you can http://www.justgiving.com/airbornetrekforjoe Many thanks for your help,

Jim Farrell – (jj.farrell@btinternet.com)

# The Teenage Cancer Trust - ABSEIL





On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July my sister, brother-in-law, 12 friends and I took part in an Abseil from the top of The New Art Gallery Walsall on behalf of the Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT). Through the Harbury News, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in Harbury who sponsored me – I was quite overawed by people's generosity and all the support that I received. My sister and I shared a sponsorship page on the Justgiving charity site and in total we raised £405.58 online and £1410.00 offline making our total an amazing £1815.58. We could never have achieved this without the support of the kind and generous folk in Harbury.

Every day six teenagers in the UK are diagnosed with cancer. The TCT in the West Midlands is raising funds for a new six bed unit at the Birmingham Childrens Hospital as well as helping to transform the units at the Queen Elizabeth and Royal Orthopaedic Hospitals. Although the hospitals are all in Birmingham, the units provide care to all teenagers across the West Midlands including Shrewsbury, Telford, Hereford, Worcester, Coventry, Staffordshire and Gloucestershire. They need to raise £1million!

I got involved with the TCT through personal experience. My nephew George, a pupil at the Royal Ballet School, Covent Garden since the age of 12, was diagnosed with a brain tumour in the spring of 2008, just before his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had extensive surgery and radiotherapy, which left him paralysed down his left side – his dream of being a dancer ended. George has made great progress and is now able to walk with the aid of a stick. Ironically, his physical recovery is largely thanks to his amazing fitness from his years of dance training. Throughout his treatment, George has kept his sense of humour and his optimism and is currently planning to go to Birmingham University later this year to study Maths and Sports

Science. George is just one example of how remarkable and inspirational these young people are.

If you would like to find out more about the Teenage Cancer Trust please visit: www.teenagecancertrust.org/westmidlands or if you would like to check out my Justgiving page visit http://www.justgiving.com/nadineandchris. It is not too late to give a donation and by donating online it goes straight to the charity.

Thanks again to everyone who gave so generously and special thanks to my dear husband, Anthony who worked so hard to ensure the Abseil event was successful.

Nadine Allcock

### 48th Annual PTA Beer Walk



Once again this year, on June 20<sup>th</sup> an intrepid group of parents and their children gave up their day to join in the Beer Walk. Many had cancelled other things, some postponing important tasks around the house to ensure the success of this event. The outcome was a profit for the PTA of around £400.

The Beer Walk was first proposed and instituted several years ago by lan Ashworth, who has since emigrated to Canada, leaving the annual drudge of organising it to Paddy Clarke, Steve Brough and me.

This complex event takes the form of a tour of the village pubs, a walk across the fields to a Beer Stop, and a barbecue at the Old New Inn. It is open to the whole village. If you would like further information please ring 813765. As usual this year the event attracted a good-sized committed group. Thanks to all who took part.

# Warwickshire Businesswomen meets PM at Number Ten

Warwickshire businesswoman, Dayle Adams who heads the Harbury-based company Flip-In Hair, was one of a select few businesswomen invited to meet the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, Business Secretary Peter Mandelson, and Trade and Investment Minister, Mervyn Davies at a prestigious cocktail reception held on Tuesday 7 July, 2009, at Downing Street.

Attended by around a hundred guests, including celebrity entrepreneur James Caan, of the popular TV show Dragons' Den, the Prime Minister and representatives of the UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) praised the guests for helping boost the nation's exports at a time of economic hardship.

The PM said: "I want to thank you for everything you are doing for the British economy, for British exports, and for British confidence. All of you here are successful businesses. All of you have made important innovations in the way you do business".

In reference to the current economic crisis, Brown commented: "Many of you are helping this country through one of the most difficult financial periods and doing so by increasing your growth rates and making sure that the economy can remain strong for the future."



Miss Adams' company, Flip-In Hair, was founded in 2007 and produces a wide range of high quality hair extensions made of human hair. She explained that the secret to her product lies in the fact it takes only seconds to apply. "Unlike most hair extensions, ours do not use glue or clips and are removable in seconds, causing no damage to the hair - saving time and money in the salon".

Flip-In Hair now exports to Europe, India and the Middle East, as well as selling the product throughout the UK through a growing number of stockists and selected salons. The Flip-In Hair product has appeared at events such as Clothes Show London 2009 and its products have been worn by TV celebrities on the red carpet.

Miss Adams was all smiles when she met Gordon Brown and later said "it's an amazing honour to be part of this select group I'm thrilled to have been invited. Flip-In Hair is only small right now, but this sort of recognition just re-confirms our belief that our business is on the road to success".

The assembled audience broke into laughs as Gordon Brown light-heartedly asked Miss Adams if her hair extensions could do anything for Mervyn Davies' bald head. Needless to say, Lord Davies refused to comment but for once, Mr Brown was all smiles.

For further information on this release, please contact Charlotte on pr@flipinhair.co.uk or 01926 613129. www.flipinhair.co.uk

**Press Release** 

# **Village Hall Golf Competition**

If you are a keen golfer and would like to experience playing on one of the best courses in the region, why not take part in the Harbury Village Hall Golf Competition? At the same time you'll be helping to raise funds for the village hall development fund. The competition will be held at Coventry (Finham) golf club on 21<sup>st</sup> October starting at 9.00am. It will be an 18 hole stableford competition for pairs followed by a three course lunch with an entertaining speaker, all for £45 per head. There will be prizes for the best men's, ladies' and mixed pairs. Further details and entry forms are available from Andrew Lawrence, 8, South Parade, 614937 or email Info@Andrewlawrencetcs.com

**Andrew Lawrence** 

# Lands End to John O'Groats Cycle Ride

Starting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Steve Harrold from the Old Police House in Harbury and three friends will set out to cycle over 1000 miles from Lands End to John O'Groats to help raise money for the Feldon Ward at Learnington Spa's Rehab Hospital. Steve's father suffered a life threatening heart attack and stroke in May 2008 and with the excellent care and



love that all the staff at the hospital offered they nursed him back to health and Steve's father returned home in September 2008. We would like to raise as much money as possible for this cause as their work was fantastic and we want to help them give the care to other families as they did to us. The four of them together are aiming to complete the journey in 2 weeks, giving them time to enjoy the sights Great Britain has to offer. If you wish to make a donation, we have collection boxes at The Post Office, Harbury, or you could also drop them through the letterbox at the Old Police House, South Parade, Harbury. Any donations would be very much appreciated however big or small! We all wish Steve and his friends a very safe journey and the best of luck.

Jackie, Daisy and Gemma Harrold

# Safer Neighbourhoods

### Your questions answered

- Southam Police cover an area approximately 100 square miles.
- Almost 20,000 people live in the area.
- The Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team covers the following wards: Long Itchington, Southam, Stockton & Napton, Fenny Compton and Harbury.
- The area is covered 24/7 by reactive Police officers.
- The Safer Neighbourhood Team consists of three police officers, Rod Joy and Nigel Hill, who are full time and Lyn Agar who has recently transferred from Thames Valley, who works part time. We also have two PCSOs, Anita Reading and Katrina Taylor.
- Southam front office is covered 9am to 4.30pm Monday -Friday.
- Although the area is policed 24/7 officers are generally out on patrol and will not be available for phone calls. If you wish to report an incident please phone our main switchboard.
- Main switchboard telephone number for Warwickshire Police: 01926 415000
- When phoning switchboard you need to state clearly that you
  wish to report an incident and ask for the control room. The
  control room can identify if an officer needs to attend and what

- response is needed. The controller can pass on the relevant details to the Safer Neighbourhood Team once if required an incident has been created.
- The controller will ask you relevant questions in relation to the incident. For example they will require address of incident, who is involved, description of offender(s), are they still at the scene.
- Description could be White, male, glasses, 5'9, heavy built, local accent, white jumper, blue jeans, and white trainers driving a green Renault Clio registration number K888 KKK.
- If you wish to report a crime and the offender is not at the scene, ask the main switchboard for Crime Desk or log on to our website www.warwickshirepolice
- Team email address: southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
- Team voicemail: 4984 if you wish to leave a message for a team member or discuss an issue with a member of the team.

**PCSO Katrina Taylor** 

### Southam Lions

As we enter a New Lions' Year, we remember fondly the year 2008/09 and the important contribution Southam Lions has made to Southam and District. We raised a fantastic £13,300 and our monthly furniture sales contributed a tremendous £4,600. This has meant that we have been able to support many charitable organisations and individuals/families within the local area as well as providing funding to projects both national and international.

Local donations: £8,500
National projects: £3,050
International projects: £1,200



Our new year begins on Wednesday with a new President and Vice-President and we are pleased that the other Club Officers have agreed to continue to serve Southam & District Lions for another year. With grateful thanks to all who have supported our cause throughout 2008/09.

Club Officers: 2009/2010

President: Steve Hoyle Vice-president: David Williams

Secretary: Tony Lorimer
Treasurer: Bill Denis

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Thanks for being such a great help to our cause by giving us the visibility through your publications. I am sending separately a photo of the President Handover earlier this month. Our new President has the 'Chain of Office' and that is Steve, the past President Danny is also in the picture 'handing over' the office of President.

Peter Guy, Southam Lions



### **Party Time**

Southam and District Lions Club present the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Party, at Southam College on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 2:15 pm. All Senior Citizens are cordially invited.

The event is entirely free to our senior citizens since local businesses in and around Southam very kindly help towards the costs. It's a great day to for Southam Lions since it gives us a chance to give something back to the community in a lovely way and hey, it's the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Party!

Guests receive a sherry as they come in, sometimes a second or third, and then an afternoon packed with entertainment with a lovely tea laid on by the Lions' Ladies. We manage too a 'sing song' towards the end and there's usually a guest or two who are quite entertaining too!

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

As many of you will know I retired from Harbury School at the end of the term after working there for 22 years. It was a really good school when my children attended and it is still a good and happy school for adults to work in and for children to learn in.

I would like to thank all the children of Harbury School who made my last day so memorable. The assembly was lovely with all the classes giving me cards and pictures. I love some of the things they chose to say about me including wearing tippy tappy heels and being noble and being clean! Thank you also to the parents, staff and children who contributed to my leaving gifts – two lovely benches for the garden and a cheque that I shall spend on a treat for myself on my holidays. How they managed to arrange all this with me being around must have been quite difficult.

In the evening the staff arranged a buffet for me and invited many of my old colleagues – I had 5 of my old "bosses" in the hall at the same time! It was good to see so many old friends – many people who have worked at Harbury and moved on have all still remained friends.

Mrs Booth and Mrs Rathbone compiled an album of my life through the school and all the staff and children wrote a little note to put in it – I really will treasure that.

I am still living in the village and so hope that the children will still be able to tell me what is going on at school.

### Carol Jackson

### **Dear Editors**

Through the Harbury and Ladbroke News can I thank Dr Hancock, friends and neighbours for their kindness and help during the past few weeks.

### Marian Millington

### Dear Editors

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## Regular Diary Dates

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

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

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

Mondays 7:00 - 9:00pm; (612627) Friday (Juniors) 6:30 - 8:15pm (612029)

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (612822)

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm - 8.45pm

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

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm (613730) HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534)

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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)
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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

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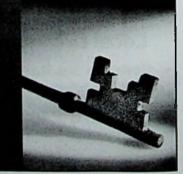
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