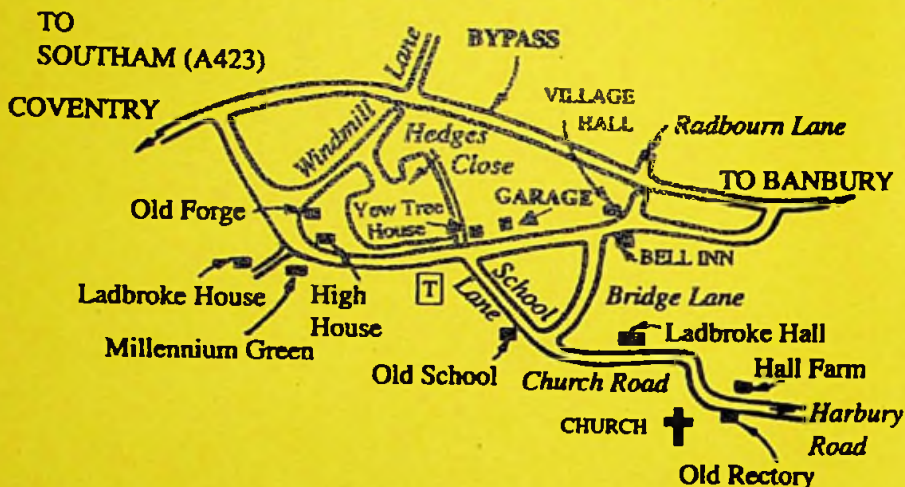


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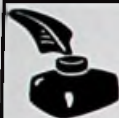
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Editorial

This year's village show benefitted from good ground conditions during the summer. Displays of vegetables and flowers were excellent. The supporting exhibitions in the children's models, cakes and photographs were also of a high standard. The show takes a lot of organising and our thanks go to Janice Siddle who has done this for the last eleven years.

Another annual event fast approaching is the Harbury village bonfire which, this year, is on Saturday, 7th November. Again this takes a lot of organisation and provides an excellent way of disposing of combustible garden waste.

Ladbroke Church is to benefit from over £400 which was raised with sponsored cycle rides, including the mini bike ride of one and a half miles through Leamington which raised £85.

It is disappointing to read in the Village Hall update that ninety cups, saucers and teaspoons have gone missing. This reduces the facilities which the Hall can offer to organisations.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Chris Newbery.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

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| Sat | 3 | Harvest Supper in the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children |
| Sun | 4 | TRINITY XVII Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room Evening Taizé-style Service 6.00pm Young Farmers Training Day in Village Hall |
| Tues | 6 | Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room Judy Berrow "Starting from Scratch" |
| Weds | 7 | Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room "Relationships Matter" Jill Montgomery |

- Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Harbury School Choir 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room John Nash "Drive for Life"
- Fr 9 PTA School Sponsored Walk (afternoon)
Pre-School Barn Dance in Village Hall
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
Junior Football Registration 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall, Farley Room
Rummage Sale, 2.30pm, Galanos House, Southam Tel: 812185
Moving Pictures in Village Hall, "Coraline", Doors Open 3.00pm, Film starts 3.30pm. "Angels & Demons" Doors Open 6.30pm, Film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 11 **TRINITY XVIII**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Exhibition of Mike Riman Water Colours 11.00-4.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Tues 13 Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Harbury Society Peter Bones Illustrated Talk on Chesterton Windmill repairs and Maintenance 7.30 for 8pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM**
Holy Communion 9.45am
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Harbury School Choir in Village Hall 6.30-8.00pm
- Fri 16 Tai Chi in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.45am Tom Hauley Room
Myton Hospice Casino Night in Village Hall
- Sun 18 **TRINITY XIX**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 20 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Diocesan Event: "Reaching Out to Families" led by Barbara Roberts 7.00 - 9.30pm Tom Hauley Room
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Weds 21 Tea 3.00 to 4.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm
- Thurs 22 **ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & E-MAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**
Table Tennis in Village Hall 9.30-10.30am
Holy Communion 9.45am

Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Harbury School Choir in Village Hall 6.30-8.00pm
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
 Julian Meeting Quiet Day at Southam Retreat House

Fri 23 **SCHOOL ENDS – HALF TERM**

Tai Chi in Village Hall 7.00 - 8.30pm

Sat 24 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of NSPCC
 Family Social Evening 6.00 to 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
**END OF BRITISH SUMMERTIME, CLOCKS GO BACK ONE
 HOUR TONIGHT**

Sun 25 **LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Weds 28 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm 19 Farm Street
 Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm

Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
BLOOD DONORS Village Hall all day

Fri 30 Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 31 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room - Works Ass. for the Blind

NOVEMBER

Sun 1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room

All Souls' Remembrance Service 6.00pm

Mon 2 **SCHOOL BEGINS**

Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room Howard Drury
 on "New Zealand, The Islands, Plants, Gardens & People"

Weds 4 Holy Communion 2.00pm

Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room

"Life on the Mission Field" Yvonne Wheeler

Thurs 5 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00-4pm

Men's Group 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room

Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm

Fri 6 Tai Chi in Village Hall 7-8.30pm

Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air

AmbulanceChildren's Party 2.00 to 5.00pm Tom Hauley Room

VILLAGE BONFIRE ON RECREATION GROUNDS

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| October | Wed | Thurs | Fri | |
| | 7 | 8 | 9 | Grey Bin |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | Grey Bin |
| | 28 | 29 | 30 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| November | 4 | 5 | 6 | Grey Bin |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | Grey Bin |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |



**All Saints
HARBURY**

From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

A time to remember

I always think of this time of year as the time of remembrance. On 1st November we celebrate All Saint's Day where we remember the 'heroes of faith', those great men and woman of the past (those we call the Saints) who through their lives and example have inspired us on our journey of faith.

The following day is All Souls Day where the focus of our thinking shifts to those who we love but see no longer. The following week, Sunday 8th November, we come once again to Remembrance Sunday a time to remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in war and conflict for our liberty and freedom.

At Harbury church on the evening of Sunday November 1st at 6.00pm we shall once again be having our All Souls service. This is an opportunity to remember those we love that have died, to celebrate their lives and to give thanks to God for them. We are delighted that the Reverend Francis Tyler will be speaking during the service. Francis is one of the chaplains at Warwick Hospital.

Everyone is welcome to this service. If you would like to have the name of a loved one read out during the service then please contact Fliss Harris (612395) or myself at the Rectory (612377) or, if you are passing, you might like to write the name on the list on the table at the back of the church.

So as we move into this time of remembrance, as we think of the Saints, those we love but see no longer, and those lost in war, the immortal words of Laurence Binyon are so pertinent;

'They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them'.

God bless.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

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| September 19 | Archie Jones |
| September 27 | David Locke |
| | Reece Sweeney |

Funerals, All Saints, Harbury

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| September 22 | Chris Newbery (52 years) |
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From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

We have just celebrated Harvest Festival at a Family Communion Service which was attended by a splendidly large congregation. We'd like to thank everyone who contributed fruit and vegetables from the Village Show, the school for all their gifts and, of course, Jo and her team who worked so hard to make the Church so beautiful. The produce, for the second year, was given to Castel Froma.

The school gave the presentation. Led by them, we thanked God for all the good things that the earth yields and for all the people who work and bring food to our plates: farmers and farmworkers, millers and

bakers, factory workers and lorry drivers, shopkeepers and people who cook for us – often our own Mums and Dads! Reception class have been learning that if we don't work together, our lives will be poorer; a lesson for us all. In our prayers, we thanked God for all his gifts and we asked him to bless all the people all over the world who are hungry because in their country the harvest is not as plentiful as ours.

Some dates for your diary:

Family Social: Saturday 24th October 6-8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Entertainment, games, food and fun for all the family! Sandwich refreshments will be served at 6pm. There will be no charge but a donation towards costs would be appreciated. Tickets from Beryl Checkley, Dave Cooke and Fliss Harris. This is a first come and enjoy it!

A Service of Remembrance for those loved ones who we have lost will be held on Sunday 1st November at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. Please see Father Craig's leader for the thoughts behind this and other services at this time of remembrance.

All Saints' Annual Children's Party: Saturday 7th November, 2-5pm in the Tom Hauley Room. More information and invitations will come to you through school.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our autumn programme is now underway and all members should now have received their copy – thanks to Chris Rutherford for the attractive presentation.

We started with a corporate communion, with hymns and an address by Father Craig and were pleased to meet his trainee Annie. At the evening meeting, Brenda Moss told us a lot we didn't know about four Victorian hymn writers, John Newton, William Whiting, Charlotte Elliott and Ann Waring. Their interesting and varied lives enabled them to express in their poetry their experiences of God's abiding and sustaining love. Michael Hare accompanied us on the accordion as we sang some of their best loved verses.

On Wednesday October 7th at 2.30pm, Jill Montgomery will talk about our new theme, "Relationships Matter".

Please note, the meeting on Tuesday October 20th starts at 7pm in the Tom Hauley Rooms – come early for a cup of coffee – but we have to miss the service. This will be a Diocesan event "Reaching out to Families" which promises to be very interesting.

Finally, a reminder that I am still collecting postcards to pass on to raise funds for work in Sudan.



Toddlers Service

Lorna Bedford

At our September Toddler Service, Mrs Elizabeth Kitchener told all about the season of harvest.

We talked about the wheat in the fields and how little seeds grow into the tall stalks of wheat. The children were asked to curl up into a little ball and then very slowly uncurl, lift an arm in the air and pretend to be a growing seed. Mrs Kitchener showed us a large bag of flour, a loaf of bread, a picture of a combine harvester and lots of different vegetables that are harvested to feed us.

We sang a song, "I have seen the golden sunshine" and, whilst each child in turn placed an item of food on the altar, we sang "Someone's brought a.....to place on the harvest table".

To take home we made a picture of a basket of fruit and vegetables, had our refreshments and played until it was time to go home.

Our next Toddler's Service is on Tuesday 13th October at 2pm in the children's corner of the church. Babies and toddlers, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome to join us.

Church Flowers – Harvest Festival

Through the Harbury & Ladbroke News may I say a big thank you to everyone who so generously donated so much produce to the Church. The amount of fruit, vegetables and greenery enabled us to put on a lovely display in the Church.

As always, the "flower ladies" excelled themselves and turned the Church into a Harvest display to be proud of.

Thank you to everyone for your help.

Jo House

Songs of Praise

Hymns with Passion and Power, November 22nd, 4pm, All Saints Church, Harbury.

Make a note in your diary and come and join us to sing your favourite hymns. Enter your choice on the list in Church or phone Sue or Dave Cooke on 01926 614692 by Sunday 1st November. We will sing the most popular ones chosen and, if you would like to introduce your own choice, please let us know. There will be refreshments in the Tom Hauley Room afterwards.

Dave Cooke

Ladbroke News & Diary

OCTOBER

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| Sun | 4 | TRINITY XVII Harvest Thanksgiving and Family Communion, 10.30am – produce please |
| Mon | 5 | Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm |
| Fri | 9 | Harvest Supper, Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm |
| Sun | 11 | TRINITY XVIII Holy Communion in Church, 9.00am |
| Mon | 12 | Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm |
| Thurs | 15 | ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM |
| Sat | 17 | Whist Drive, 7.45pm |
| Sun | 18 | TRINITY XIX Holy Communion BCP in Church, 9.00am |
| Mon | 19 | Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm |
| Wed | 21 | Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall |
| Thurs | 22 | Women's Institute, Village Hall 7.30pm ARTICLES TO PHARMACY, HIGH ST., HARBURY & E-MAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM |
| Sat | 24 | Whist Drive in Village Hall, 7.45pm |
| Sun | 25 | LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion in Church, 9.00am |
| Mon | 26 | Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm |

NOVEMBER

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| Sun | 1 | All Saints Day, Family Communion 10.30am |
| Mon | 2 | Table Tennis in Village Hall 8.00pm |



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

At the opening of the meeting, the Chairman announced one minutes silence in memory of Janice Berry. Janice had been a Ladbroke Parish Councillor from 2002 until she died recently in 2010.

Public Participation – Complaints were made once again about the transportation of boats through the village. (This was a stated condition that boat building could only continue provided that the boats were not brought through the village. The complainant had times and dates and could also provide photographs).

A second villager – this time the racing of motorbikes along the bypass. The police were aware of the motorbikes and further enforcements were to be implemented soon. Also – the policy on verge cutting along the bypass was requested. It was indicated that this is the responsibility of the Highways Department.

Matters Arising – Change of road name – residents along Windmill Lane will be contacted with "name change" proposals.

An enforcement order is to be issued to the caravan dweller behind Ladbroke Farm; apparently two container "sheds" have now appeared. Formal complaints have been made and the situation is in the hands of the District Council.

Parking on the verges in Windmill Lane (lower end) is "still on the agenda".

Dog Waste – Complaints were made about dog faeces on graves in the churchyard and also by the telephone kiosk. The mess is on the increase due to many dogs in Ladbroke, also irresponsible owners.

Planning – The Council had no objection to the removal or pruning of trees in Bridge Lane, several of which overhang the roadway.

New Village Hall – Stratford District Council has not had the re-application for planning permission from the Village Hall architect. The District Council wanted several amendments made. More consultation was needed with the architect.

Tesco's is still pending. The next meeting is in mid-October.

Policing – Due to the new policing areas, they are very busy. The Council was considering the possibility of the police attending meetings on a quarterly basis.

Flooding – The road junction by Deppers Bridge Farm and Kineton Road was discussed.

Footpath – The overgrown hedge in School Lane should have been cut back. The District Council will take responsibility and charge the owner.

The "discharge" in the drains at Ladbroke Hall was mentioned; will this become a problem again in the winter?

Parish Plan – Is this now becoming a historic document? The Chairman is keen to get the whole thing finalised.

Village Hall – The AGM date will be arranged in October/November.

Millennium Green – All the new equipment and safety matting is in place. A safety inspection by the District Council will take place in October.

Warwickshire County Councillor's Report – We have four austere years ahead. We shall not notice much until after the General Election! There will need to be something like a £20 million reduction. Social Services and children have priority; more and more children are going into care. The Fire Service is to become more efficient with all firemen having proper training. The libraries are a problem; Southam is safe because it is fully utilised but people are not borrowing books like they used to and so libraries will close. No Council staff are to be made redundant but vacancies will not be filled.

Ufton – Recycling of green waste will now have begun.

District Councillor's Report – This was much the same as the County report – shortage of money. There is talk of 6 wind turbines being built between Bishops Itchington and Knighcote.

Swine 'Flu has been exaggerated. If it comes back, the worry is lack of support staff if they are off sick.

Items for Discussion – The Village Hall Committee has asked the Parish Council for a contribution towards the cost of some replacement chairs.

The travellers have gone from their usual camping site at the entrance to the village. They have left tree cuttings from another site in the hedge. It was suggested that people doing Community Service would clear it up.

Vacancy on the Parish Council – This is to be advertised.

The meeting closed at 21.55 hours; the next will be held at 7.45pm on 21st October in the Village Hall.

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

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| October 11 th | Elizabeth Evans |
| October 18 th | Kate Picken |
| October 25 th | Margaret Clarke |
| November 1 st | Hazel Sharples |
| November 8 th | Susan Moore – Remembrance Day |



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

Many thanks to the Morten family and my granddaughter Melanie Teverson for their really super efforts on the sponsored cycle ride in September. Melanie and her boyfriend (who rode a mini-cycle around the churches in Leamington) made well over £100, but the Morten family made £360 – WOW! Many, many thanks to you all.

As everyone will have noticed, the Church clock has stopped (hopefully not “never to go again”). We have had the experts out but they have failed to find the problem. They got it going, stayed with it for ¾ hour and as soon as their back was turned it stopped again. I’m not sure what the next step is but hopefully it will be put right soon.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Carol Lane



At the September meeting in the Village Hall we were treated to a fascinating account of ‘The Baron of Packwood’. Speaker Mike Miles had painstakingly researched the life of the Graham Baron Ash and his obvious deep involvement in his subject kept us spellbound.

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into 'a perfect Elizabethan gentleman's house'. In 1940 he gave the Deeds of Packwood House, most of its contents, 113 acres of surrounding land and a £30,000 endowment for the upkeep, to the National Trust.

Baron spent the rest of his life in Suffolk, restoring Wingfield Castle.

His ashes were returned to the family grave at St Giles Church in Packwood and can be recognised by a stone plinth and tall column on the North side of the churchyard. Also to be seen in St Giles Church is the stained glass window depicting a pre-Raphaelite figure with the word 'Charity' beneath. Baron commissioned this in memory of his mother, Emily.

During the business meeting Lesley Jeffries, president, passed round the events book for members to select the trips they wished to attend including a tour of the new Myton Hospice in Coventry, tickets to the Spa Opera musical, a day school on Macbeth and a Christmas pantomime. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on 22nd October at 7.30. May I give advance information that, in a change to the usual format, the speaker for the November meeting on 26th, John Church speaking on Wartime Memories, will precede the business meeting.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall Trust

The AGM of the Trust will be held on Tuesday 24th November 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall – all welcome.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for August were:

| | | | |
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| £80 | Steve Copley | £10 | Moiria Brierley |
| £50 | AE & HD Dowdeswell | £10 | Alan Lord |
| £25 | Mary Coley | £10 | Derek & Collette Batty |
| £10 | Pat Kennedy | | |

Janet Goldson

Cinderella – Ladbroke Village Hall

Cinderella will be performed in Ladbroke Village Hall on:

Friday 18th December – Evening Performance

Saturday 19th December – Matinee and Evening Performance

Please look in next month's publication for further details.

Christine Barker – LVHT Secretary

Boules on Ladbroke Millennium Green



It's boules, mon ami, but not as we know it. Thirty competitors gathered for a Saturday afternoon on the Millennium Green: young and old, experienced and novice, short and tall, British and American (oh yes - this was an international event), with France represented by members of the Harbury - Saumur link.

The rules were home-grown and highly unorthodox; they had to be because we were playing on grass which is strictly not *comme il faut*. But competition became intense and distances were being measured to the nearest millimetre. In fact the uneven ground was a great leveller and it looked as though we might see the triumph of inexperience over



skill but, in the final playoff between Irritaboule, The Jaybirds, Team Texas and Sheila-and-Rosemary, it was the visitors' team of Irritaboule that lifted the cup.

Our special thanks to David Mason (Vice President of the West Midlands Pétanque Association) for providing boules, expertise, encouragement and tolerance extraordinaire of our idiosyncrasies.

Kip Warr

Sponsored Bike Ride



I thought you would like to see a picture of Andrew Donovan on the mini bike that he used for a leg of the sponsored bike ride for the church that we both took part in.

In total he rode 1.6 miles on it between two churches in Leamington and raised £85. It was originally suggested when

we were finding it difficult to get sponsorship and a friend said they would sponsor good money if he did it on the mini bike! The sponsors then rolled in!

Melanie Teverson

Ride and Stride Day



This is the Morten family on the last leg of the Church Ride & Stride Day at Ladbroke Church. We did Southam, Long Itchington, Ufton, Harbury, Chesterton, Bishops Itchington and Ladbroke and raised £360 from the generous folk in Ladbroke.

Helen Morten



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

Planning loomed large at this long meeting where the majority of the time was taken up with discussions on the proposed sewerage system for the **Bush Heath Lane** development, but also on a presentation from Paul Quinney on the Playschool's plans to improve the **Wight School**.

Security, toilets and the kitchen were to be upgraded and the old toilet block demolished to widen the driveway to the east. The group had applied for an Early Years grant of £95,000 and needed a further £75,000 to complete the project. The council indicated that it was broadly in favour of the scheme.

Then Karena Ellis and Tony Stubbs for **Village with a Vision** asked for start-up funds for their negotiations to secure residential "care" for the elderly in the village. They have identified suitable plots of land and interested developers in their scheme which they believe would prevent those needing care from having to leave friends and family in Harbury. **The Council approved a grant of £100.**

A petition from thirty two local residents opposed to the **Bush Heath Lane** scheme was presented. There were suggestions that there had been insufficient consultation, which the Parish Council refuted. Chairman Tim Lockley also explained that the sewerage easement was not a planning matter but for the Council to decide. Their Standing Orders allowed them to rescind their previous decision and eventually they approved a motion to allow the easement across the Playing Fields, having been reassured that they would have no liability should repairs be needed.

But much discussion took place and many technical questions were posed and answered. The sewerage pumping station had storage capacity should both pumps fail and as there was no surface water involved, flooding was unlikely. The system would be needed wherever the effluent was subsequently sent, but ST had insisted it fed into the Constance Drive sewer and thence to Deppers Bridge as the Mill Street Pumping Station did not have extra capacity.

Both Cllr Hancock and Jenny Patrick made it clear that they wanted the development to go ahead to provide much needed homes for local people and Cllr Grey said he now understood the excessive cost and disruption that would result if the sewer had to go down Bush Heath Lane.

In response to Mr Patrick Tanner's plea for the developers to release technical details so that he could employ an independent consultant Tim Lockley pointed out that these would be available once a planning application was lodged, although he acknowledged there was limited time to respond to it.

Further Planning Matters Stratford District granted extensions at 3 Sutcliffe Drive and Northcote, Deppers Bridge, a porch at New House,

Bull Ring Lane, demolition of existing houses at Leycester House, Chesterton Road and Eastfields Farm, Deppers Bridge and the construction of new dwellings, a boundary wall for Harbury House, a replacement of industrial building with a garage and carport at The Lodge; Hall Lane and retrospective permissions for a flue at The Byre, 6 Greenhill Farm and a new access at the Rugby Club.

The Parish Council had no comments on extensions planned at 15 The Beeches, 11 Penelope Close or 5 Pirie Close, nor on the proposed treeworks at the Quarries.

Co-option: The Parish Council chose to co-opt Amanda Lewis (who brought her six week old son along to the meeting and stayed until the end at 9.45pm.) After that, Chairman Tim Lockley rattled through the agenda.

Councillors' Corner: Stratford Cllr Beverley Mann explained that approval for two years had been given to Broadview for a mast as part of their investigations into the feasibility of siting a Windfarm at Starbold.

County Cllr Bob Stevens again urged the Council to bid for roadworks before the WCC budget was set. The County faced budget cuts of £20m for the next four years. The Fire Station Review was underway. WCC's annual grants round started on 1st October with £10k available for Community Involvement projects. The results of the Library Review would be ready in October.

The Parish Council accepted a quote of £110 from Cllr Grey to build fitted shelving for Harbury Library to hold the **Book Exchange** volumes that the Chairman was organising. The Library was welcome to take whatever it wanted into its own stock.

Deppers Bridge: The Council agreed to "sponsor" the Deppers Bridge Telephone Box which had been declared redundant to save it as an historic artefact. Ladbroke used theirs as a Village Noticeboard. Ron Grey claimed it was the class dividing line for Deppers. The houses uphill were built for SALE to quarryworkers; those downhill were merely for RENT!

Properties: Janet Thornley was still seeking grants for a BMX track. Cllrs would help their contractor to lay flat dangerous memorials in the Burial Grounds. Inspections of the Play Equipment would be reduced to fortnightly outside holiday periods but continue weekly during school holidays. The Scouts were to plant more daffodils round the village.

Trees: It was agreed to ask Colin Sheasby to remove some branches from the Copper Beech in the Burial Grounds which were overhanging an adjacent garden. The Council agreed to seek volunteer help to plant a copse on the south-eastern extremity of the Playing Fields as part of the BBC's Tree o'clock initiative on 5th December.

Roads: The Harbury sign was still missing at the Fosse/Middle Road junction and someone has removed the Stratford DC sign at Bendigo Mitchell crossroads.

The patches on the road at Temple End and Chapel Street/Park Lane corner are breaking up. Cllr Knowles reported that the Mill St leak has been found to be from a householders supply and that Severn Trent would deal with it. The Chairman complained about a "boggy patch" on the field footpath by the Mill Street pumping station.

AOB: Letters of thanks for Parish Council grants were received from the Heritage Group and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Team. Cllr Mancell thanked the Clerk for her work in presenting the books for Audit. Cllrs would work with the Clerk on completing the Emergency Plan, renewing their Quality Parish Status and they would also revisit Harbury's Parish Plan.

Next Meeting: 22nd October in Harbury Village Hall.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley



We had a superb range of hobbies on show at our latest event but few members turned out. This was a great shame as so much effort went into the displays.

For those who did attend there was plenty of time and space to really look at Celia's photos and archive material, Eileen's craft work and her 1960's dresses. Ralph Swadling had a superb

set of British Coins and an immense family tree which wound its way round his table for 15 feet!

John Buck brought some of his model aircraft including a powered glider in the form of a Buzzard which he said did not fool the birds! Pat Smith demonstrated bird identification and had tapes of the calls. John her husband brought along his fly tying equipment and explained

the intricacies of fooling the fish and actually making the flies.

I had a display of maps and geology specimens and some topographical books and a few of the dresses I made during the 70's and 80's. John Ridgley had his grandfather's hand-made wood-working tools and Neville Ellis showed bowls he had turned and photos of wonderful dollshouses he had made.



It was Neville and Nora's 55th Wedding Anniversary and we congratulated them on achieving this splendid landmark.

Future Events

13th Oct Repairing Chesterton Windmill Pete Bones. 7.30 for 8pm Tom Hauley Room.

24th Nov Tackling Climate Change Jacky Lawrence 7.30pm for 8pm in Tom Hauley Room.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

The Village Show was a great success with weather to match. Janice and her committee did a great job and the helpers on the day were superb. The judges were very impressed with the entries. The afternoon visitors were able to see the results and to see some of the classes they could have entered. Congratulations to those who won awards and, we must mention W.I members, Janice, Dorothy and Gillian. A big thank you to everybody.

The speaker for September was Rosemary Prosser on "To Cornwall and Back". She promised us a chuckle, which is good for you, and said that she had no aspiration to grow old gracefully. She was a farmer's daughter who went to Studley College. As she said, the Young Farmers' Association was the best place to meet talent (a nod from a few members) where she met her husband. They lived in Worcestershire and she was also in the police force for ten years. With hectic milk quotas, they decided to sell up and looked for a farm in Somerset or Devon. Some were grotty and, as their farm was sold, they were desperate. The agent at last found a suitable farm in North

Cornwall and they moved down with furniture, cows, horses and ponies. The moving of the cattle with a "blow out" on the motorway was an experience.

However, they built up a super farm and we were told of home life, the running of the family, history and social life. Apparently women were not accepted to participate at the cattle sales but were after Rosemary had her say. She was also a school governor.

After ten years, her husband said that because of the winters, he thought his health would be better if they moved back to Worcestershire. Cattle sold, they moved back to a smaller farm and now have ponies. Rosemary does accounting and is an assistant at Cheltenham racecourses.

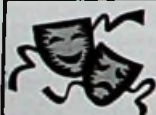
The talk was a great success and Jean Hadley thanked Rosemary saying they had enough trouble moving to a farm only a few miles from where they lived.

The business meeting came after Rosemary's talk and there is always lots to plough through at the first meeting after summer.

We look forward to our Harvest Supper on 25th September.

We do hope that Quona, Sylvia and Jean will be on their feet soon.

The October meeting will be in the Tom Hauley Room on Thurs. 8th October, 7.45pm. Speaker: John Naish – Drive for Life.



Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge

Harbury Theatre Group's Next Production: Thurs 26, Fri 27 and Sat 28 November - "Tons of Money"

We're planning special effects for the audience's delight: an explosion on stage, and near nudity by a male after swimming in the lake!

The play is full of verbal gags and we hope will provide plenty of enjoyment. As in any good farces there are plot twists, mistaken identity and impersonations.

Lin Hayes will once more be bringing her magical touch to the costumes for a feast of 1920's styles. We will build a drawing room to reflect the period, that is after we have transformed the Village Hall into a theatre. We are pleased to welcome Peter Ball back to the stage, after too long a break from the Group.

Ticket prices £6.00 adults, £4.00 concessions and will be on sale from Country Fayre after the village bonfire night. They can also be booked from October onwards by telephoning 613488. Bar opens 7.30 pm, curtain up 8.00 pm

Tons of Money is a farce by Will Evans and Valentine adapted and updated by that famous play write Alan Ayckbourn.



Folk Club

Steve Darby

25th Birthday Celebration

The theme for the evening was "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched" or alternatively "Births, Marriages and Deaths". We could so well have been dispatched as we arrived at the Dog Inn to find that the back room venue was occupied by an 18th Birthday celebration party. Would the evening go ahead or would we have to abandon our 25th anniversary? We decided to have a safari folk club, starting in the pub lounge and then relocating to the usual back room venue after the other party moved out. We put up a happy birthday banner which, half way through the evening, disappeared when the previous party returned to remove their celebratory trimmings...still, Maureen had baked birthday cakes, which served as a reminder of the momentous occasion and which we all shared with enthusiasm during the half time breaks.

Maureen and Janny got the evening underway with a Tom Paxton number called "Birth of a Thought". They were followed by Rik and Theresa who sang songs about courting and weddings with a "Bashful Boy" (who had 5 children) and Jimmy Brown who was born while the chapel bells were ringing. Theresa was so overcome she smashed a drinking a glass!!

Des performed a sing-a-long "Windmill in Old Amsterdam" where the mice had triplets and quins and then he told us of Willie who got drowned in the "Deep Blue Sea". Summer and Jenny harmonised to a beautiful song about French sailors who went to war and never returned and finished with Mike Harding's "King Cotton". The first half closed with Pete Mason providing us with a philosophical view of life with "Blind and Pure to World we come" and "If I was a singer".

The second half continued strongly with the theme when Maureen and Janny sang "Hedgers and Ditchers" - nobody would woo a young

woman who eventually married in haste and paid the price. Peter Bones told us of the ubiquitous nature of good when he sang about the 1972 troubles in Northern Ireland followed by Pam Ayres "Don't invite me to the wedding" (with no reference to the Darby's daughter's impending wedding). Peter McDonald first sang the Huw Williams number "We stayed awake", this was a reference to the parental state just after a hatching and then a Fred Small song about giving older children advice about life with "Everything is possible". Pete Grassby arrived late having driven from Cornwall via Somerset and started with "Who knows where the time goes" and then amused us with "They wheeled the coffin down the aisle", a Keith Marsden song about a philanderer who had a well-attended funeral. Rik closed the second half with "Outward Bound" - a rehearsal for a wedding.

We had a superb second half with everyone joining in by singing "Happy Birthday" and more wonderful tunes starting with Maureen and Janny who dispatched us with the Hamlet and Ophelia based "How should I your true love know", Pete Mason sang his best song of the night "Slip-jigs and Reels", Pete Grassby sang Harry Chapin's "Mail-order Annie", Peter Bones reminded us it was a 100 years ago when the "Ellen Vannin" ship was wrecked with a great loss of life, Peter McDonald sang Tom Paxton's "Forest Lawn" where Californian funerals take place and then the evening was rounded off by Des getting us all going with a rousing chorus of "Ilkley Moor Baht 'At".

The raffle raised an amazing £46 for TOFS, a charity that provides support to families whose child is born without an oesophagus.

Next month's theme is "Clothes and Clothing".



Hereburgh Morris

Alan Guy



An Invitation and a Review of 2009

As the evenings draw in, it signals that we are coming towards the end of another dancing season – and what a fantastic one it was! I thought you might like to look at some photos from the past year and possibly even be sufficiently enthused to come and join

us? October is the month when our busier Learning and Practice season kicks in (with some great autumn events, and the 'Carol dances' in the Christmas period).

Hereburgh is a thriving 'side' (group) of about 30 dancers and musicians, ranging from those in their 20s upwards (and upwards!)

We all invite you to a:

'Morris Taster Evening', Wednesday 14th October, 8pm in Harbury Primary School. Bring along some trainers and we'll show you the basics - or you can just come along and watch. The taster session will last about an hour, but you are welcome to stay until 10pm and join us at the pub. If you can't join us, then come along on any Wednesday evening at the same time and we will be pleased to take you through some dances; you'll soon get the bug.

Why Morris Dance?

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You also get to visit some of the most beautiful spots (and pubs) in the country. We strut our stuff both around England and abroad; we have previously danced in Germany, France, Ireland and Holland.



Highlights of the Year

There are too many to mention but these include:

Dancing at Folk Festivals at Oxford, Wimborne, Polperro, Windsor, Stratford, Warwick. Evening 'dance outs' at village pubs across south



Warwickshire, from Grandborough to Avon Dassett- May Day dancing at dawn at Chesterton Windmill

Looking ahead

We are looking forward to another busy year in 2010, possibly visiting our twin village in France – beautiful Samois sur Seine. If you want to know more about us, you can also look at our website www.come.to/hereburgh.

We hope to see you on 14th October!



Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

August and September are always quiet months for the Association with so many members away on holiday, myself included. However as usual we did hold our annual Association boules match and barbecue on what was possibly one of the finest days of this summer, and again we must thank David and Pam Clarke for offering their garden which is such a superb venue.

About thirty three members in teams of three enjoyed a series of matches to determine an overall winner. This year the winning team was comprised of Malcolm and Jacob Tanner and Graham Alder and the new Robin Barnes Trophy was awarded to Jacob Tanner as 'man of the match'.

This trophy has been presented to the association by Moira Lamont in memory of our friend Robin who was taken from us so unexpectedly earlier in the year.

13th November is the date of the Annual General Meeting, and this year it will be followed by a wine tasting; full details will be circulated to all members.

Harbury Juniors
FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Junior's Football

Ian Jones

Training has started for the new season. As always, the club is happy to see new faces and we actively encourage both kids and adults to get involved. If you (or your child) fancies giving it a go or if you can help with the coaching and/or administration we would be pleased to see you. This season the club will be running the following teams:

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Under 12/13's Boys (year 8): Train on Saturdays at 9am at Harbury Park playing fields.

If you'd like to find out more about any of the different teams, your main contacts are as follows:

U6's : Steve Darby (613330)

U7's: Steve Burnell (07912 578605) or Ian Jones (612201)

U9's: Richard Woodhead (07786 802803)

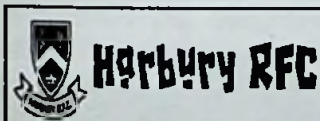
U11's Boys: Caroline Dorning (612037)

U11's Girls: Judith Woodfield (312021)

U12/13's Boys: Malcolm Tanner (07950 312541)

All this information and more can be found on our new website, please take a look at **www.harburyjuniorsfc.org.uk**.

If you have any general hjfc queries please contact Ian Jones in the first instance (612201) or email **info@harburyjuniorsfc.org.uk**.



Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mike Steele

England World Cup Winning Star Visits Harbury Rugby Club

On Sunday 20th September Harbury's U12s were treated to a very special morning when Ben Cohen of Sale Sharks dropped in to lead a training session. During the morning Ben answered questions from the boys and refereed a game to round off the session.



Harbury Tennis Club

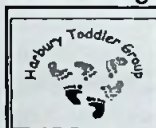
Colin and Sue Mercer

The final Club tournaments of the summer were the Men's and Ladies doubles which turned out to be a very successful day for the Bristows! Karen Bristow partnered Sara Peters in the final of the ladies overcoming Sue Mercer and Celia Stockdale in the final while David Bristow and Chris Cousins beat Trevor Montague and Colin Mercer in the men's. The whole day was superbly organised by Peter Walshe who may well have landed the job on a permanent basis!



The Club clinched promotion from Division 4 of the Banbury League with a convincing win at Tysoe. Steve Stark, Jon Guy and Colin Mercer were too strong for the home men and won all 3 doubles rubbers. Tysoe's ladies put up stronger resistance against Caroline Morland, Sue Mercer and Sara Peters winning 2 rubbers but Harbury then dominated the mixed doubles to complete a 7-2 win. That meant they could relax for the final match of the season against runaway champions Banbury West End who had won all 11 matches. The team had 2 changes with Eira Owen and Marcus Sharpe joining Caroline, Sue, Steve and Colin. The match was a very close affair with the score at 3-3 after the men's and ladies' doubles. The crucial rubber in the mixed doubles was Colin and Sue's. That went to a tiebreak which unfortunately the home team won to give them an overall 5-4 win.

The Junior coaching has now been running for three weeks of the Autumn term with 11 groups catering for 93 youngsters. We have 3 new assistants in the coaching team – Marcus Sharpe, who is a qualified Level 1 assistant and Lewis Jay and Richard Howell who have both completed their Young Leaders Awards. Lewis and Richard are the first members from Harbury to complete the award which is an LTA initiative specifically designed for 14-18 year olds to learn new skills, get useful experience and increase their confidence by attending courses at a local tennis club. Their course was at Rugby Tennis Club under the guidance of head coach Graeme Baker.



Harbury Toddler Group

Corinna Butler

What a great summer the Toddler Group have had what with the summer outing, lots of outdoor play, singing and special storytelling from Debbie Ellis, who was adored by the children, we are all exhausted but delighted the children had such a great time. The autumn brings more excitement with a Halloween spectacular and sparkly Guy Fawkes activities. Be sure to look out for announcements of special sessions in the Harbury News.

Fond Farewell

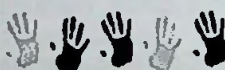
We say a sad farewell to some of our regular mums and toddlers who have moved onto pre-school and school but are also pleased to welcome many new parents, grandparents, babies and toddlers to our sessions, who I hope will be with us for many times to come.

Change of sessions

Due to the large numbers of babies and toddlers on Monday mornings we have decided to increase the length of the Monday morning session to 9.30 - 11.30 therefore hopefully making it easier for those with little and older ones to attend straight from the school run. All of our efforts are being put into creating fun packed Monday sessions including storytelling, creative crafts, themed sessions, dressing up and lots more. The Toddler Group is run purely by volunteers and funds raised are always put back into the group to enhance the sessions and the childrens' experience. Unfortunately, due to a lack of attendance for our Wednesday afternoon sessions we have been forced to close this session, however if at any time we have an increased requirement for Wednesdays then we would look to reopen. Please contact the toddler group if you are one of them. Mondays still goes from strength to strength so come and check us out.

And finally

If you haven't been to Toddler Group yet do come; it's a great way to meet new families in the village. Sessions are held every Monday morning 9.30 - 11.30am; you are all most welcome and we are a friendly bunch.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



New Term: The departure of our older children to Primary School this term has left the "little ones" as the seasoned campaigners and they have all bounced back to Pre-School after the summer holidays as if they had never been away. We are delighted to welcome Abi, Rosie, Charlie K, Charlie L,

Benjamin, Cornell and Eve, who joined us during September and have settled in very well with their new friends.



The dry weather at the beginning of term enabled us to make good use of our outdoor classroom, with lots of sand and water play as well as bats and balls, large block construction, the tool bench, ride on vehicles, and small world play.



New Theme: Our opening theme for this half term is bears. The children brought in and talked about their own teddy bears and enjoyed painting portraits of them and making lovely collages with pieces of furry fabric. We have sung songs and looked at a variety of books about bears, leading on to the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

The story has been re-enacted in various different ways, and the children

have been practising their growly Daddy Bear, medium Mummy Bear and high pitched Baby Bear voices.

Creative: As well as painting and making pictures of their bears, the children have made their own playdough and investigated the different textures and effects of dry and wet cornflour and dry and wet powder paints. Rosie found that the dry powder paint made some lovely hand prints and this led to more of the children experimenting with the different colours.



Date for the Diary: Please come and support the Barn Dance to be held in the Village Hall on Friday 9th October. Tickets are now available from Anna on 614217 at £10 each to include light refreshments. There will be a licensed bar and music will be provided by "Reel to Reel" who will also provide a caller so no previous dancing experience is necessary!

AGM: The AGM will take place in the Wight School on Thursday 15th October at 8pm. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

And Finally Don't forget the Open Event at the Wight School on Saturday 3rd October 2009 from 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. To view the plans for improvements to and extension of the Wight School.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386. The web site can be found at www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Welcome back to Windmills, we hope you all enjoyed the summer break. This term the focus will be on settling in and helping our new starters to feel safe and secure. We will be exploring the topic of bears to introduce the children to the different areas of learning, we will also be discussing Autumn and harvest.

During the holidays, staff have re-organised the room and created a new book corner and role-play area.

Forest School: Due to the overwhelming success of our Forest School we now run a weekly session in our woodland. This term during the first session Amanda reinforced the special rules for Forest School and the children were given the opportunity to explore and investigate the area, as for the majority of them, it was their first time in Forest School. During the second session the children created pictures with the leaves and also muddy faces which they proudly stuck to their own trees. The children also had the opportunity to explore the area



with the wonderful array of resources in our Forest school box.

Other activities this month have included :

- * creating a teddy bear with lots of glue and furry fabrics
- * sorting teddy bears brought in from home by size and colour.
- * taking "Furry Bear" home to play with and take care of.





- * making prints from a variety of fruit and vegetables
- * estimating the weights of the fruit and vegetables
- * visiting church for the toddler service to discuss harvest.

Fundraising Dates for your Diary

Windmills will be holding a Halloween disco for children in the Village Club on Saturday 31st

October - more details next month.

Due to the phenomenal success of the Ella Kendrick BBQ she has kindly agreed to a return performance on Saturday 14th November, at the Old New Inn. There will again be hot food and a raffle - more details to follow next month.



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



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

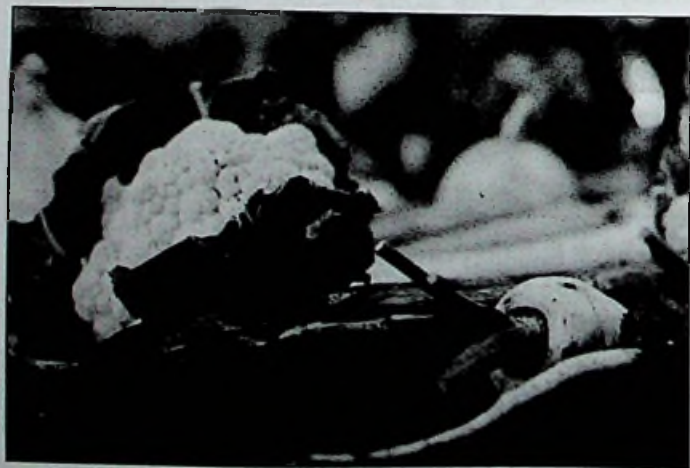
Welcome - Welcome back to all children (and, of course, parents) and I hope that they (and you) had a lovely summer. We particularly welcome the children who have joined us, both in Reception and in other year groups, this September, and hope that they have a wonderful time here at Harbury School.



Impressive array of Trophies, awaiting this year's winners.

Janice Siddle presents Paddy Clarke with the Trophy for most points awarded at the show.

This is Janice's swan song as she retires as show secretary this year.



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Margret McDonald gets 2nd prize for Muffin the Mule in the TV themed flower arrangement.



Alan Barr tickled as p
as his 'Gladdies' a
winning 1st Prize.

Leeks too good to
eat.



New Staff - We welcome Mrs Jennings, who has been appointed as the school's new Finance Officer, to the staff of the school. We wish her every success in her new post.

Mrs Jackson - Mrs Jackson has asked me to thank everyone for the wonderful send off, and in particular the lovely gifts, that she received on her retirement last term. I am only too happy to pass on her message.

French Club - This is provided by an external provider, and resumes on Monday 21st. Any parents who would like their child to be added to the list of children involved should contact Mrs Tourigny on 01926 817816 or 07752 694261 – the cost is, I understand, £5.00 per session.

Some basic reminders to start off the year ...

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

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

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

Dinner Money - May I also remind parents that the price of a school meal has increased to £1.70 per day (£8.50 per week) from the beginning of this term.

PTA Sponsored Walk - This will take place on Friday 9th October, following the same format as last year, with the Junior walk at the Village Hall Playing Fields and the Infant walk on the school field. Further details, sponsor forms and an appeal for volunteers to help will be circulated so please try and keep that afternoon free.

And finally

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



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Curiouser and curiouser? Some months ago the Village Hall 'lost' several newly purchased water jugs and most of its trays; now it has been discovered that an electric kettle has gone missing and over 90 white china cups, saucers and teaspoons. Whilst the kettle might be an oversight by someone who borrowed it with the intention of returning it, the disappearance of the cups seems a more deliberate removal of equipment, especially since some white pyrex cups stored in the Wagstaffe Room were transferred to plug what would otherwise have been a gaping hole in the crockery cupboard. As a result, members of the committee will be carrying out another detailed audit this month in an effort to check the amount of cutlery and other items which are made available for all hirers to use.

It's a case of some we lose as a result of persons unknown and fortunately some we win from our own efforts. The committee has recently heard that we have received £1,983.75 from a Community Sustainable Energy Grant (part of the Lottery), which has to be spent on gaining advice about the energy provision in the Hall so that it can be improved with current guidelines. In addition, by working alongside GASS to provide the food at the Beer Festival, a share of the £1,500 profit was gained last month. We have also received a very generous donation of £500 from the Carnival committee, so that combined with other monies raised from various fund-raising activities, it is hoped that work will start on the modernisation of the toilets in January. Whilst this is in process, the Hall should still be available for use, as there are toilets situated in the changing rooms at the far end of the Hall, which can be used in the interim period whilst building work is in progress.

At the most recent committee meeting, Geoff Thorpe (Chairman) welcomed two new members who have agreed to take over the important roles of Booking Secretary (Celia Neill) and Treasurer (Martin Randall). He recorded his thanks to the previous holders of these vital roles, David and Kate Johnson and stated that the handover of all the paperwork, with consequent responsibilities, would be completed by the end of the month. Celia has already started to

receive calls for bookings and Martin would follow up on all invoices for the hire of the Hall sent out for recent weeks.

As mentioned last month, the New Year's Dance will go ahead on December 30th and it was agreed that the cost of the tickets would be £22.50 to include a substantial buffet. Some tickets have already been requested by 'regulars' who enjoy the incredible atmosphere generated by the ever popular Likely Lads. Requests for tickets can be made by phoning 612305 (answer machine facilities available) and all bookings will be confirmed by a return telephone call. It's always first come, first served and requests are logged in date order. The committee guarantee an excellent evening and if there is to be a 'surprise feature', as last year with the masked dance, it will be announced next month.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

I can't believe another month has come and gone, it doesn't seem long since I was writing the September article! At least the weather is superb at the moment, just as September and October should be. We came back from 9 days away in glorious Devon last weekend to a very dry garden. I have spent ages watering etc. The courgettes have turned into marrows in my allotment, I had a glut of runner beans, sweet corn, broccoli and some very nice pears and much more. We shall certainly be eating fresh vegetables for many more weeks to come, worth all that digging and planting.

I hope that some of you managed to get to the Village Show which Janice will be covering. Our new season starts on Tuesday 6th October with a talk from Judy Berrow about her own garden called "starting from scratch", I look forward to seeing you all there. As mentioned before, I have still had no response to the Treasurer's vacancy. Hopefully after the talk at the AGM someone will come forward: Jean stepped in at the eleventh hour 2 years ago, so fingers crossed, without a Treasurer we will not be able to continue. It took me a while earlier this year to arrange for speakers for 2009/10 and I would hate to have to cancel them. If we are still a Society, the November talk on Tuesday 3rd will be from Howard Drury about New Zealand, the Islands, Plants, Gardens and People, one not to be missed. Howard was due to give this talk last February but the weather was so dire we cancelled by mutual agreement. Please don't let this happen again.

Still a few lovely places to visit in the next few weeks, here are some suggestions.

Picton Gardens are closing this year but will be open until 18th October; they are at Colwall near Malvern. As well as the glorious views of the Malverns it is home to a National Collection of Michaelmas Daisies and has other late season colour with perennials, shrubs and bamboos. They open from Wednesday to Sunday from 2.0pm to 5pm. If you feel like going a little further I can recommend Bluebell Arboretum and Nursery at Smisby near Ashby de la Zouch. A fabulous collection of trees in the woodland garden with so much colour at this time of year. The liquidambers are quite a feature here. Open daily for more information go to www.bluebellnursery.com.

Also not too far away, Westbury Court Garden near to Gloucester is one of the rarest examples of a formal Dutch style water garden. It has been extensively restored by the National Trust and now has pristine parterres of hedges and topiary filled with flowers of the period when it was built between 1696 and 1705. There are vegetables an elegant summerhouse with vistas down the long canal. Look in your National Trust book for details of opening etc or phone 01452 760461 or look at the website of the Trust. Hidcote is also looking good this year, why not combine a visit here with Kiftsgate, two great gardens with much to appreciate and enjoy.

An Apple Day is being held at Pershore College on 17th October, for more details contact 01386 554609. There will be an Apple and Pumpkin Day at Garden Organic Ryton on 4th October. Also they are holding 2 interesting talks, one on 8th October from 1.30 to 4.30 entitled Grow Healthy Plants, and the second on 29th called Seed Saving also from 1.30 to 4.30. If you want more details, contact me and I will be happy to pass on the information. Don't forget that we have 2 tickets for Ryton which members are very welcome to borrow; Daphne currently holds these but now she has stepped down as Secretary I will hold these for the time being.

Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland, the late Geoff Hamilton's garden, will be holding a talk given by his son Nick on 29th October entitled Vegetables All Year Round from 10.00 to 3.30pm. Again, if you want more information just contact me.

The talk at the Spa Centre this year hosted by the Warwickshire NCCPG is on 8th October and will be given by Keith Wiley. He gardened for many years at The Garden House at Buckland Monichorum in South Devon and really started an interest in prairie

planting. The gardens here are glorious with such an eye for structure and colour combinations. His talk is entitled On The Wild Side and starts at 7.30pm, admission is £7.50, contact 01789 840699.

I hope that you will find something of interest to you but wherever you go just enjoy these last few weeks of lovely Autumnal days. We are so lucky to live in this part of Warwickshire with so much to see and appreciate so make the most of it.

The nights are drawing in and there's a nip in the air in the mornings.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Frosts are a definite possibility, so be prepared to protect any tender plants. If you have a greenhouse, conservatory or porch and plenty of horticultural fleece, you should be able to over-winter those non-hardy plants.

As I write this in mid-September, there are early signs of autumn. Leaves are beginning to fall and there is a hint of autumn colour in some trees. This is really the best time to take the opportunity to visit Westonbirt or Batsford Arboretum. I would also suggest a trip to Bluebell Nursery near Ashby de la Zouch – it's a fascinating place with many rare and unusual trees which have brilliant coloured leaves and wonderful bark: well worth a visit.

At Bridge Nursery we have been cutting plants back, weeding and generally trying to keep everything fairly tidy (but not too tidy – we need to encourage wildlife). Philip has had to mow every week since early spring – a noisy and repetitive job to my mind but he seems to enjoy it. I'm always envious that mowing produces instantly noticeable results whereas weeding is only noticed if it isn't done!

Jobs for the month:

Finish digging up potatoes

Lay turf

Transplant evergreen shrubs

Prune* climbing Roses and reduce shrub Roses to prevent 'wind rock'

Take hardwood cutting

*If unsure how to prune – why not join our **Pruning Workshop** for a couple of hours on **17th October**. Ring for details.

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

I'm writing this on the first day of autumn, Tuesday 22nd September. It's been a notably dry month and now the ground is really hard making digging in the garden quite a chore. Modern ploughs make light work of turning the soil and the view over farmland hereabouts is dun coloured in the main interspersed with flashes of green. Some rain is forecast for today though I doubt the amount will do more than lay the dust. Leaves have long lost their light green shades and the heavier greens of summer are fading as valuable chlorophyll is reabsorbed by the trees. Now certain Maples are a vivid red and some Horse Chestnut leaves a golden brown, often with large black fungal blotches. Conkers are raining down and are still a popular collectors' item for many a child.

Old industrial sites can be just right for wildlife. Whilst negotiating the Anderton boat lift in Cheshire, the crew of our hired narrow boat 'Roberta' were told by the lift manager to look at the upper part of a crumbling chemical works across the River Weaver. We could just make out two birds perched on a ledge. They proved to be Peregrine Falcons and had made their nest on a suitable ledge with a superb view of the surrounding countryside. Field glasses gave us a better view, a first for me. It's said to be one of the great sights to be seen in the natural landscape of Britain-a Peregrine as it tracks its prey, often a pigeon, and suddenly dives or 'stoops' as it is known. The bird can reach a speed of over 150mph and kills its victim by impact breaking the neck. Peregrine numbers plummeted in the mid part of the 20th century. Many were shot as it was thought they would kill carrier pigeons bringing news of U-Boat sightings from spotter planes in the Western Approaches (radio silence being essential). Later, the use of powerful pesticides hit the Hawk and Falcon families of birds in particular. They were at the apex of a food chain and suffered

depredations by gamekeepers. Now from a low of 68 breeding pairs in 1962, the Peregrine has staged a remarkable recovery and there are close to 2000 breeding pairs.

Roberta's cruise took us through country altered by salt extraction. Large meres are encountered around Northwich, Winsford and Middlewich. Sometimes the Trent and Mersey canal itself entered a lake, the result of subsidence. Some houses in Northwich are wooden and have a system whereby they can be jacked up to keep them level and avoid collapse, the fate of many earlier stone and brick structures. I recommend a visit, if you are in the vicinity, there's an excellent museum devoted to the salt industry. The curator welcomed us and after an introductory film we toured the exhibits which are housed in the former workhouse.

State of the art salt extraction still goes on in the area though it avoids causing collapse of the terrain by the use of echo sounding apparatus and removing only about 20% of available salt with bulwarks between each chamber. Hot water is pumped underground to dissolve the salt which is then brought to the surface as brine. The rock salt used to grit our roads comes from a single mine at Winsford. Public access to this is possible by arrangement; another visit beckons. The salt in the Cheshire/Shropshire basin was formed during the Triassic Period (about 248-200 million years ago). The environment at that time was similar to that in the Persian Gulf or the deserts of the south-west USA today. Shallow seas covered the area from time to time. As they evaporated, the salt was laid down.

On another visit to Cheshire to visit friends, who had just moved and needed some help with the overgrown garden, I visited an intriguing spot. We needed a break after removing a Sycamore stump so cycled down some lanes close to Kelsall, a village some 8 miles east of Chester. I was taken to see the packhorse bridges crossing the River Gow. There are three in a line linked with a paved causeway. The site is known as Hockenhull Platts. I was interested in the name. Although the bridges are in England, they are not far from the Welsh border and it's likely that their name is derived from a combination of English and Welsh roots. Platt is an Old English name for bridge (hence plank). Hock may come from the Welsh 'hocan' meaning to peddle. 'Hen' is Welsh for old and 'hoel' means a paved way. This gives us, with a bit of creativity, 'the bridges on the old pedlars' way'-pnew.



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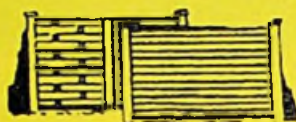
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I've been given first hand reports of several dramatic wildlife finds in the area. On 29th August, on a lawn in Southam, a large moth was found by the family of Jill and Rod Smith. Unfortunately it was not alive. I identified it as a Hawk Moth. John Stringer thought it was probably a Privet Hawk Moth. It was generally brown in colour but had some pink markings on its body. I showed it to David Brown, the author of 'Larger Moths of Warwickshire'. He was delighted as it was a rather scarce moth, an immigrant from Southern Europe/north Africa-the Convolvulus Hawk Moth. It was last reported in Harbury in 1972 and there are no listed modern Southam sightings.

Moir Lamont found and photographed a large brown caterpillar in her garden. It was about the size of an adult's middle finger. I'd seen one of these before; John Stringer and I were confident to identify it as the larva of the Elephant Hawk Moth. The Hawk Moth family has the Latin name Sphingidae as the caterpillar can rear up, sphinx like, to deter predators.

Down close to the footpath, beside the railway line, Lisa Irons and her daughter Lydia saw something very special. They disturbed a Grass Snake in the act of swallowing a toad. All they could see of the victim was half its body, its hind legs flailing, as the reptile attempted to ingest its prey. The disturbance proved good news for the toad as it was spat out and the snake made its escape. Down at the Spoil Bank Nature Reserve you will find a fresh blue bloom amongst the withered vegetation of the rabbit nibbled turf. It's the Autumn Gentian, a harbinger of colder times to come.



General Section

Origins of the Recreation Ground

The earliest owner mentioned in the original deeds relating to the playing fields is William Atkins who owned it in 1748. The land was then part of 'The open and common fields and commonable places of Harbury.' The land passed to Atkins's daughter, Anna, and by the time of enclosure in 1780 it was owned by William Bayes. In 1784 the land was sold to William Lagoe, a surgeon living in Harbury, for £590 (c.£65,000 in today's money). Ten years later it was sold to Samuel Smith, a blacksmith, and in 1806 it was bought by John Linnell, a yeoman farmer, for £680 (c.£46,000). Although Linnell sold the land in

1813 to John Flecknoe, the land was thereafter known as Linnell's Closes. In 1856 the land was purchased by Joseph Plummer a grazier of Ladbroke for £883.12.4 (c.£71,000) and for the first time the land was defined as being 10 acres, 2 roods and 35 perches in size. The land was owned by Plummer's grandson's widow, Mary Meddoms Griffin in 1936.

In January 1936 Parish Councillor Mole approached the tenant farmer of Linnell's Closes, Mr W. Boiles, when he heard that he wished to give up the tenancy and was told that the land was available for purchase for £450 (c.£24,000). The Parish Council was aware of the 'urgent need of a recreation ground' and voted unanimously to take advantage of this 'excellent opportunity.' For the next eight months the Parish Council worked to raise the money needed, borrowing £650 from Warwickshire County Council, and accepting a donation of £50 from the Warwickshire Playing Fields Association which dispensed grants from the King George V Jubilee Fund. The formal conveyance was signed on August 13, 1936.

Even before the purchase had been completed the Parish Council was employing labourers to level the field to make it suitable for recreation. The uses of the recreation ground were varied from the start, with village sporting clubs using the fields, the children's play area being laid out and for several years the top field was rented out for grazing to a local farmer.

Tim Lockley

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PCSO Katrina Taylor

Southam needs you on Mop Day – 19th October – Why?

Because the Southam Lions will be once again involved in the legendary HOG ROAST just off Wood Street. You can't possibly miss us since the air will be filled with the aromas of roasting pork, apple sauce and sage and onion stuffing. Feeling hungry already? Make a note now to come and support our charitable causes on this special day.

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

Southam Lions will also be selling Raffle Tickets on the day with some great prizes all donated by local individuals and businesses. Please do buy some – they are 50p each and all monies raised from the raffle will be donated to Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. This is once again a great cause to collect money for and we are all very grateful indeed to the doctors and staff who fly the helicopter and help to make life a little easier for those unfortunately involved in serious accidents on our roads. If you see a 'LION' with some pink tickets in his paw, do stop and buy one please!!

So, here's hoping for a grand day with lots of sunshine on October 19th. Enjoy the Mop!

Peter Guy

Southam and District Lions Club

Operation Christmas Child

This year we are again supporting this project to send Christmas boxes to children who have nothing. We need medium sized shoe boxes covered in bright paper, lid separate, with toys, colouring books

and notebooks, toiletries, sweets (not chocolate) with a good shelf life, hats, gloves and scarves. There are leaflets in Church with more suggestions including can't-haves and labels for you to complete your own box.

We shall collect them all at a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Rooms on Friday November 6th, 10am – 12 noon; we also need to raise money as each box costs £2.50 to transport so donations would be welcome. Any queries to 614809. Thank you.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Show 2009

Again another successful and enjoyable day. The number of entries was up and the Hall was packed with colourful vegetables, flowers, photographs and crafts. Many people enjoyed viewing in the afternoon and sampling the excellent refreshments.

The show was a super team effort and I would like to thank all members of the Horticultural Society and WI who helped, especially the stewards, refreshments, tombola, raffle and also the "3 strong men" who made setting up the hall on Friday effortless.

The prize winners were as follows:

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| Farley Cup for Vegetables | Pat Clarke |
| Grey Cup Novice Vegetable Grower | Pam Parton |
| Courier Cup for Flowers | Margaret Commons |
| Best in Section | Margaret McDonald |
| Brunton Cup | Gillian Hare & Margaret McDonald |
| All Saints Cup for Fruit | John Clifford |
| Reg Harris Cup – Best in Section | Pam Parton |
| Daniel Trophy , Cooking and Preserves | Janice Siddle |
| Ridgen Cup for Photographs | Tony Mancell |
| Horticultural Trophy for Handicrafts | Marion Dickerson |
| Allotment Holders Challenge Cup | Gordon Robbins |
| Allotment Holders Tray (Finch Cup) | Kevin McMahon |
| Buck Trophy | Thomas Conway |
| Jean Dunn Cup – Children 7 and under | Daisy Gulliver |
| Fred Lines Cup – Children 8 -12 | Thomas Conway |
| Wilkens Cup – Most Points | Pat Clarke |
| Barnes Cup | Dorothy Groves |
| WI Cup | Janice Siddle |

As many of you know, after 11 shows I want to take a break from the secretary's role. So WANTED for 2010 please – a new show secretary. Please don't let the show die! Anyone wanting to take on the role, please contact me (Janice Siddle 614459) or any Horticultural or WI committee member. Prince Charles has called the village show "glue helping to keep the community together", so please make sure we have one in 2010. Thanks again for all the help and support.

Janice Siddle

Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks Saturday 7th November 2009

Once again, courtesy of All Saints Church and GASS, Harbury will enjoy a bonfire and firework spectacular on the Village Hall playing fields on Saturday 7th November.

- The bonfire will be lit at 6pm and the fireworks let off from 6.30pm, so make sure you get to the playing fields on time!
- Tickets cost £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children and, if they are bought before Wednesday 4th November, your ticket price includes a hot dog and a kit-kat! These prices have been held since 2002!
- Vegetarian sausages available.
- Mulled wine and soft drinks on sale on the night.
- Tickets bought after Weds 4th November will **not** include food.
- Tickets will be on sale from early October at Muglestons in Chapel Street.
- Do you have any unwanted wood/garden cuttings etc? If you would like the Scouts to collect it on the morning of the bonfire, please complete the slip enclosed with this magazine and take it to Muglestons with a **generous** donation before Friday 6th November.

PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER BONFIRE MATERIAL TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK BEFORE SATURDAY 7TH AS THIS CAUSES AN OBSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONAL WORK.

SEE YOU THERE!

Caroline Hill, GASS Committee

Royal Wedding



As many villagers are already aware, Pino Iacarusu who lives in the village with his wife, Caroline, is a well known and respected Chef who has in the past done work for, amongst others, members of the Royal Family. It therefore would not have come as too much of a surprise when he was asked to make the wedding cake for the marriage on Saturday 12 September of Lord Freddie Windsor (son of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince & Princess Michael of Kent) and Sophie Winkleman.

Bill and I and some of the neighbours were privileged and delighted to see the cake before it was taken to Hampton Court and although the photograph cannot do justice to such a work of art we thought you would be interested to hear the story.

Peggie Middleton

Stop Press!

The next blood donor session in Harbury will now be on Thursday 29th October. The last session was a bit down on numbers; can we help to boost stocks ready for all the winter illnesses? Two friends of mine have recently needed transfusions for ongoing health problems; I'm sure most readers can echo that and, whilst lots of people cannot give, there are also a lot who could but don't. Do phone me if you want to know more on 614809.

Gillian Hare

Ballroom Dancing.....A Reminder

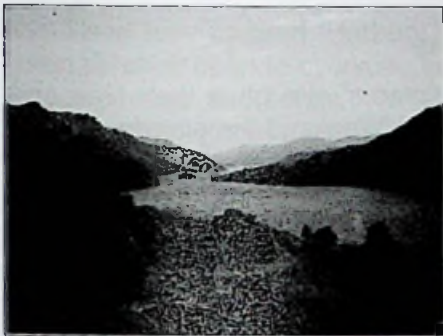
We begin again on Wednesday 21st October and finish on 25th November.....so you'll be all ready for your Christmas dances!

Venue: Village Hall, time 8.30pm – 10.00pm. For further information please ring me on 613680.

Joan Smith

The West Highland Way – Conquered!

I am pleased to report that I successfully completed the West Highland Way in June as promised. The wonderful generosity of Harbury people helped me raise £1377 (to date) for the DEBRA charity who are delighted with this amount.



This walk was truly amazing and I took over 300 photos. You are welcome to borrow them or the CD which can be viewed on computer.

The weather was good, just right for walking, the scenery was stunning and I was amazed at the diversity of the landscape. It was in spring and, what surprised me was the abundance of wild flowers,

butterflies and insects. I expected to see more barren aspects and miles of conifer forests. There was plenty of bracken, birch, oak and ash trees, not to mention lots of heather. The woods were not dark and moody but quite often light with plenty of undergrowth and wonderful carpets of wild flowers. I saw splashes of purple, pink and yellow wild flowers and brilliant blue and green dragonflies. A red kite stopped me in my tracks and two peregrines took my breath away. About 50 yards in front of me I suddenly saw a magnificent stag climbing a rocky crag but I was so in awe I forgot to take a photograph. He quickly shot away when he heard me.

I felt a tremendous sense of achievement after this walk and I can strongly recommend this to anyone who is troubled in any way. It is a wonderful journey and helps you reflect on life too. It is very healing and also it is just wonderful to walk in beautiful places, surrounded by tranquility; I want to do it all again some time. One of the best things to come out of my adventure was the new friends I have made in Harbury. Now I know why I have never wanted to leave.



Many thanks to all my sponsors and everyone who helped with the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Rooms. Also thanks to Dorothy who helped on the stall at the carnival, to Rosemary who gave me lots of moral and practical support and to John and Vicky Hall from Hillside for the "midgie" spray. It really did work! Thank you everyone.

Jeanette Wyburn-612730

Chesterton Windmill Open Day

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to help make the Windmill Open Weekend the success it was. Friends and neighbours from Chesterton, Harbury, Lighthorne and Lighthorne Heath joined forces to welcome and guide the 600 visitors over the annual two day event. Thanks also to Malcolm Murphy, the millers, the "site managers" from the Department of Libraries and Heritage, everyone who provided cakes and to the ladies in the tea tent who kept us all constantly supplied with much needed refreshments. See you next year!

Helen Manley

17th Harbury Hash - Sunday 20th September 2009



The weather Gods shone all weekend to give the Hashers of Harbury beautiful, dry, sunny conditions for running and walking around various parts of Kingston countryside (kind permission of Brian Merriman - thank you).

19 runners and 34 walkers set off in the same direction following white or blue flour -

who knows? But they managed to bump into each other on many occasions and some may have traded sides! With woods, ploughed fields, wasp nests, lakes, beer, lemonade, sweets, bread, BBQ and the inevitable breaking of hash rules when there are no rules, what more could you ask for on a great Sunday afternoon?

We raised £25 which will be donated to Harbury GASS. On-On to no. 18 in 2010!

'Little Big Horn' & The Harbury Hash House Harriers
Mali Murphy

New Look Harbury Choir School

We have given the choir a bit of a 'face lift' following suggestions from the singers themselves and their parents at the end of last year. The youngsters mainly wanted a clearer division between the two sections of the choir.

We have now created 'Harbury Young Voices' which will be a fun, informal choir open to everyone aged 7-16. This choir will be based on popular music and songs. We will work from word sheets so that no prior musical knowledge is necessary. They will have their own uniform and logo, which we will be working with members of this choir to design.

The second section of the choir will be run as a 'Chamber Choir'. This will be an auditioned smaller choir and the singers will be taught to read music. In addition to music from the 'Young Voices' section, we will work on more complex music involving part singing and classical works.

We hope that these changes will make the choir more accessible to all local youngsters - from those who want to come along and have a laugh to those who are serious about singing. We had a great start to the Autumn Term last week in our new venue of the Village Hall at 6.30pm on Thursdays. Word has obviously spread, as we have seen an increase in the numbers coming to choir!

In 'Young Voices,' we sang through 'Just Dance' by Lady Gaga and a 'Band Aid' style song called 'No More Wars', both of which everyone enjoyed. We will be working on some solos and harmony parts for these during the coming weeks. The Chamber Choir are working on writing a song of their own and will be looking at some classical pieces in the next few weeks.

Our first public performance of the term will be upon us before we know it so watch this space...

David and Helen Iles

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Thank you to all of those people who came to the Summer Lunch in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association. We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and would like to say thank you to those people who helped and those who attended. The lunch was a great success and the monies raised will contribute to funding the activities that we arrange for the senior citizens of Harbury.

We also had a successful coffee morning in September. Thank you for coming and supporting us.

The next major activity will be the annual Christmas Party. This will take place on Saturday 12th December in the Village Hall. Further details will follow in the coming editions of the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Mike McBride, Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Harbury Friends 40th Anniversary Meeting



On September 8th, Harbury friends met to celebrate the 40th year of their group meeting founded in 1969. We met at the Crown Inn and had a very enjoyable meal followed by a celebration cake made by Pino.

The original aim of the new village group was to form a non religious/non political monthly event where

friends could meet at each others houses and enjoy the company and friendship of other ladies in the village. The founder organisers were Beryl Sargent, Jeanne Clark, Eunice McCracken, Alison Hunt and Sheila Scott and it was held at Jeanne Clark's house. It became so popular that they soon had to move to the Wight School and then hired a room at the school.

Guest speakers were invited from the local community and demonstrations were given on crafts and new equipment, usually for the home. One memorable meeting was a demonstration of a Bamix machine which promised to do many things including whisking egg whites for meringues. The male demonstrator enthusiastically showed how the egg whites were whisked in seconds, turning the container upside down to prove how "dry" the meringue was, only to have the contents fall out down his nicely pressed trousers. The sound of 40 restrained laughs was an event not to be forgotten.

We would meet to help support local charities and make things for the Carnival stall and Christmas Fete. We all learned how to make corn dollies and probably still have some displayed around our homes.

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Tom Hauley room at 8.00pm. We have demonstrations and talks as before, but also go to the Theatre, have beauty treatments at the College, visit local attractions, enjoy walks during the summer evenings or have a barbecue, weather permitting in July.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 13th October is to play skittles at the Victory Club in Napton. On November 10th, we will be at the Tom Hauley room for a "Bonfire Sausage Supper" and Quiz.

Our thanks to the staff at the Crown for a lovely evening and to Pino who tempted us to eat far too much of his delicious strawberry and cream gateau and for the friendship and camaraderie of all the members over the 40 years.

Margaret Barnes (01926 612010)



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 29th August. The sum of £126.78 was raised which will go to Practical Action and Sense. If anyone would care to know more about these international charities or Rotary, please contact me.

Jean Foster (Secretary) 01926 812003

Dear Editors

May I through the pages of the Harbury News, thank everyone for the prayers, cards, gifts and good wishes I have received since being temporarily "grounded". Repairing now, thank you once again.

Colin Ingram

Dear Editors

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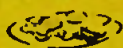
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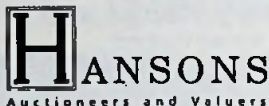
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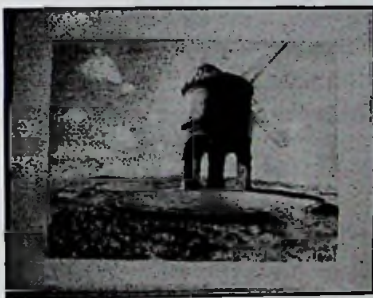


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Elizabeth did a piano recital in Harbury Church in 2008 and has recently played in a number of venues such as the Unitarian Chapel, Warwick and Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa. This follows a career mostly spent teaching the piano and violin.

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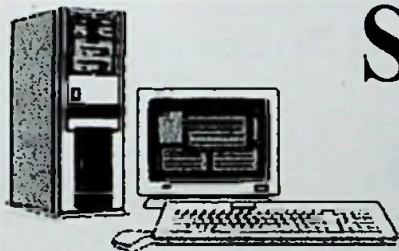


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