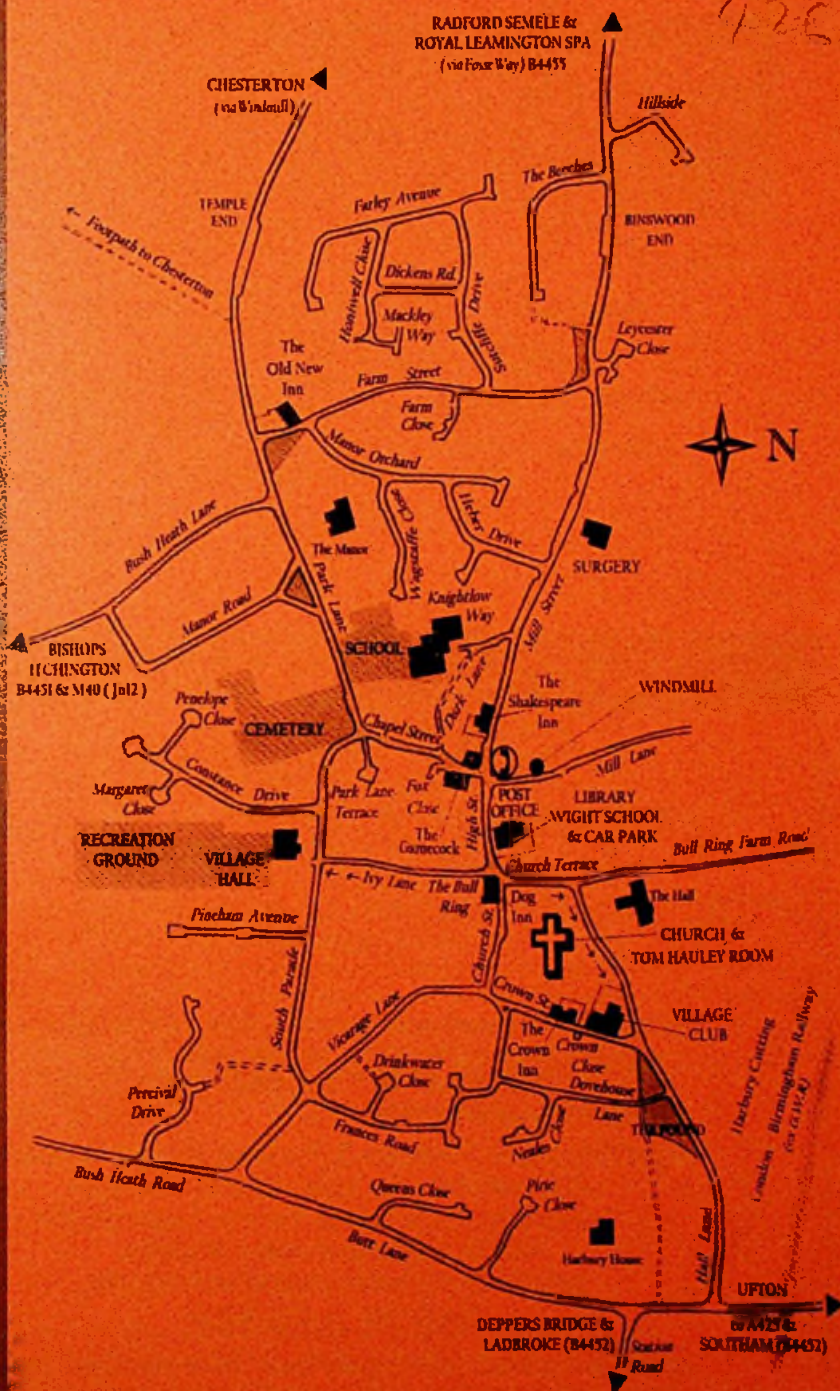
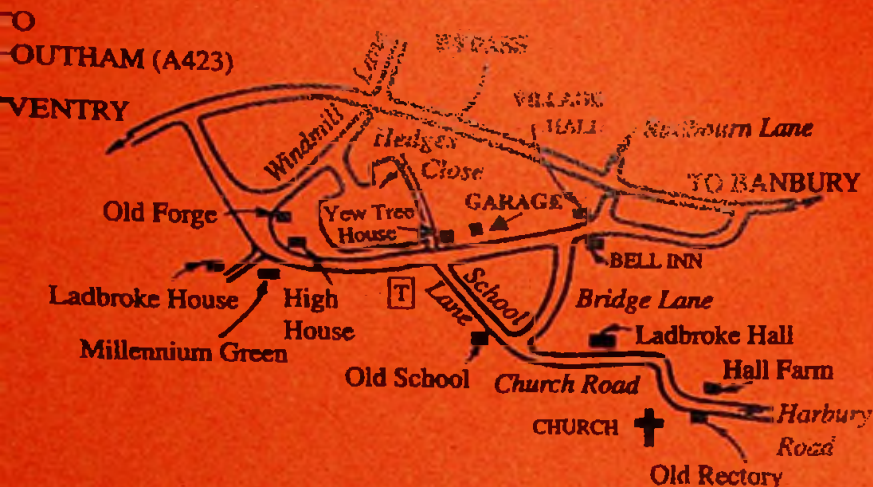


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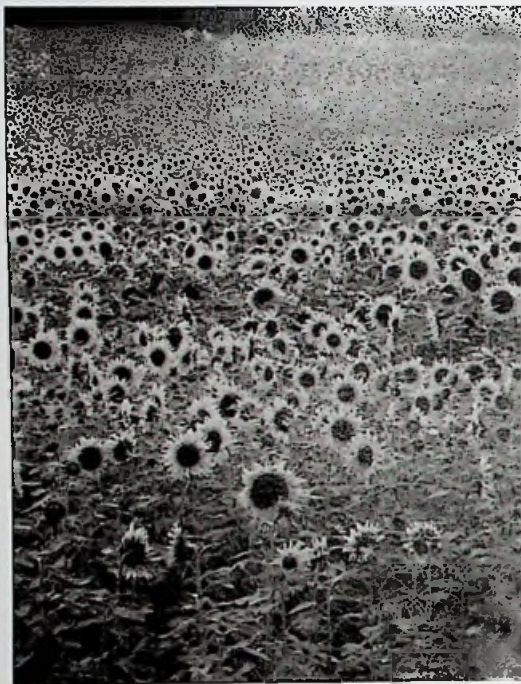
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Editorial



The field of sunflowers by the Bendigo Mitchell crossroads on the Fosse has been most spectacular; unfortunately the photograph in black and white doesn't do justice to it.

This month sees another highlight in the Harbury calendar – the Village Show. Entry forms are available from Mugleston's and there is such a wide range of classes that everyone should be able to find something to enter.

The new academic year also commences and we give best wishes to children who are either entering education for the first time, moving schools or going on to College or University.

As mentioned last month Nick Howden-Steenstra has successfully completed his Land's End to John O'Groats fundraising walk. Congratulations to Nick and his faithful companion on this marvellous achievement.

Another successful challenge was a team from the Rugby Club who completed the Three Peaks Challenge – well done.

A new weekly youth group will be launched later in the month on 27th September in the Tom Hauley Room. Also boys and girls aged between seven and sixteen are being recruited for an expanded Harbury Choir School.

A reminder that the magazine subscription will be due next month and no doubt your distributor will be calling on you.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Denis Andrews and Janice Berry.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL in Village Hall
Galanos House Fete attractions and stalls and the company of
the Tiller Girls. Tel. 812185
- Sun 6 **TRINITY XIII**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Quiet Contemplative Service in the Celtic Tradition 6.00pm
- Mon 7 Village Hall Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 8 **SCHOOL STARTS**
Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 10 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room, Rosemary Proser
"To Cornwall and Back"
- Fri 11 Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of P.C.C.
Harbury Flower and Vegetable Show Doors open 2.00pm
in Village Hall
- Sun 13 **TRINITY XIV**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 14 Cricket Select XI home to Stretton
- Tues 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HABURY
BY 5.30PM**
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room -
Brenda Moss on "Hymn Writers"
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Weds 16 Tea 3.00 to 4.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 17 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
N.S.P.C.C. Ladies Luncheon 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Choir School rehearsals begin in Harbury Church
- Fri 18 Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
FLU CLINICS 9.30am - 12 noon at Harbury Surgery

Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Rm in aid of the Senior Citizens Southam Lions Senior Citizens Annual Party at Southam College starts 2.15pm. All OAPs welcome ring 814294 or 814436 for details.

Moving Pictures *Monsters vs Aliens* doors open at 3.00pm – film starts at 3.30pm in Village Hall – Tel. 613311

Sun 20

TRINITY XV

Harbury Hash - registration 1.30-2.00pm at Itchington Holt

Holy Communion 8.00am

Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service 10.30am

Evensong 6.00pm

Tues 22

Holy Communion 7.30pm

Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church

Harbury Society Members' Hobbies Evening 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Thurs 24

ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

Holy Communion 9.45am

Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Fri 25

Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.00-12 noon in Tom Hauley Rm.

WI Harvest Supper in Village Hall

Sat 26

Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cricket Club

Napton Art Group Annual Exhibition 10.00-5.00pm in Napton Village Hall, Entrance 50p. Refreshments available.

Galanos House Dinner Dance & Auction - four course meal / wine live music 7.00pm till late £25 per head. Tel. 812185

Sun 27

TRINITY XVI

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Napton Art Group Annual Exhibition 10.00-5.00pm in Napton Village Hall, Entrance 50p. Refreshments available.

Harbury Theatre Group Meeting 8.00pm in Shakespeare Inn

Mon 28

Harbury Heritage Group ADM 8.00pm in Shakespeare Inn

Tues 29

Holy Communion 7.30pm

Weds 30

Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm 19 Farm Street
FLU CLINICS 4.30 – 7.00pm at Harbury Surgery

OCTOBER

Thurs 1

Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

Art Group 10.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Men's Group 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room

Folk Club 8.30pm in Dog Inn

Fri 2

Tai Chi 7.00-8.30pm in Village Hall

- Sat 3 Pre-School 'Project Open Event' 10.00 – 12 noon held at the Wight School
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children Harvest Supper 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall
- Sun 4 **TRINITY XVII**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Evening Taizé-style Service 6.00pm
- Tues 6 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
"Relationships Matter" Jill Montgomery
Horticultural Society Judy Berrow "Starting from Scratch" 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 8 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room, John Nash "Drive for Life"
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
Pre-school Barn Dance in Village Hall

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	16	17	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	23	24	25	Grey Bin
	30	1	2	Green & Blue Lid Bins
October	7	8	9	Grey Bin
	14	15	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	21	22	23	Grey Bin
	28	29	30	Green & Blue Lid Bins



**All Saints
HARBURY**

From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

Calling all young people!

In late September, Harbury Church will be launching a new weekly youth group. This will be a lively, exciting new initiative for the Church, and will offer a varied programme of events for its members. Young people will be able to decide upon activities themselves, rather than following a pre-set programme. For example, members may decide to have a Christmas party, hold a Chinese food night or go skating: the options are open!

Most sessions will be held in the Tom Hauley room. The youth group will be well-equipped, with gaming facilities such as an X-Box, pool, table-football, as well as a tuck-shop and spaces to "chill."

The club will be headed up by Su McClellan, a qualified youth worker with many years of experience (I commend Su highly – she's my wife!!) The team of leaders are all CRB checked and committed to a rota system.

The youth group will be open to young people who are in school years six to nine, and who either live in Harbury or attend Harbury School and/or Church. Places will be offered on a strictly first-come, first-served basis (we intend to offer 20 places), so you will need to pre-register your interest: simply pop a note for Su's attention through the Rectory door, or call the Rectory on 612377.

The first meeting will be held on Sunday 27th September from 7.00 - 8.30pm.

Subs will be £1 per week, and the programme of events will become available after the first session. We look forward to seeing you there!

God bless.

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints', Harbury

August 27 Denis Andrews (88 years)



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

We're glad to welcome back Fr. Craig and his family after their holiday. We'd also like to say thank you to the clergy who have ministered to us during his time away: Revd. Norman Howes, Fr. Martin Wright, Fr. Stephen Knight, Revd. Diane Patterson, Revd. Martin Green, Revd. John Armstrong and Revd. Ruth Tuschling.

In recent weeks the gospel readings have centred on Jesus' references to bread in his teaching. Alison took up the theme in her presentation for the August Family Communion Service. Just as the bread we eat daily helps us to grow strong physically, so by feeding on Jesus, the Bread of Life, we can grow strong spiritually.

The children thoroughly enjoyed 'making' a loaf, and as they added the ingredients, Alison drew analogies which reminded us of the importance of prayer and Bible reading; of little acts of kindness which can have far-reaching effects; of living what we read and of patience and mutual encouragement as we grow in our Christian lives. Thank you to Alison and to all who helped her.

STOP PRESS: The date for this year's Harvest Supper is Saturday 3rd October. Numbers have to be limited: last year we had a waiting list. Tickets will soon be on sale and must be bought in advance, so watch out for posters and book early to avoid disappointment!



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

After the summer break our autumn programme is underway. Following the service on September 2nd, the next evening meeting will be Tuesday September 15th. Mrs Brenda Moss will talk about Hymn Writers.

Reminder: it is time to order diaries, calendars and Families First magazine – all from Marion and return the overseas boxes to Liz Bunting.



First Light

Alison Abbott

This summer I fulfilled a minor ambition and went sailing for the first time. I discovered that I really rather enjoyed it. (Much to my husband's dismay as he thinks it is going to cost him a fortune!) Maybe that goes some way to explaining our watery theme to First Light over the last two months!

During our July meeting we got creative and made two gorgeous fabric banners which are hanging in church for the time being. They illustrate how God's love for us is as deep as the deepest ocean, yet at the same time can be like exploring a shallow rock pool.

In August a seasoned sailor (Bill) came and entertained us with a true life story of a storm at sea. He finished by saying how his fellow sailor had longed for a "handful of peace" in the midst of the storm. This led us very nicely into a story from Matthew's gospel about a storm on the lake. Jesus was there with his disciples and rescued them from what they felt was certain drowning. We reminded ourselves that whatever the storms and trials we face in life, Jesus is "in the same boat" keeping us safe.

First Light is a very informal, family oriented, time of worship using a mix of drama, poetry, music and prayer. Each one is different. It happens in the Tom Hauley Room on the first Sunday of each month, with coffee from 10.00 am for a 10.30 start.

The next First Light is on 6th September when we will be going boldly into the unknown! So come along and find out where that leads us.....

Ladbroke News & Diary

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat | 5 | Boules at 2.00pm onwards on Millennium Green |
| Sun | 6 | TRINITY XIII Family Communion 10.30am with Baptism – followed by Refreshments |
| Sat | 12 | Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sponsored Cycle Ride |
| Sun | 13 | TRINITY XIV Holy Communion 9.00am in Church |
| Mon | 14 | Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall |

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& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 26 Ladbroke Millennium Green Trustees' Race Night
- Sun 27 **TRINITY XVI** Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
- Mon 28 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall

OCTOBER

- Sat 3 Blooze Kings 7.30pm performing at Ladbroke Village Hall
- Sun 4 **TRINITY XVII** Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am in Church
- Mon 5 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Fri 9 Harvest Supper 7.30pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

- September 6th Carol Lane & Carolyn Tayer
- September 13th Carol Lane & Carolyn Tayer
- September 20th Margaret Bosworth
- September 27th Marie Kennedy
- October 4th Elizabeth Evans – Altar Flowers/Harvest
- October 11th Elizabeth Evans



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

Harvest Thanksgiving in Church 10.30am on October 4th. Please bring baskets of produce to the service (a good year for vegetables!)

This will be taken to Castel Froma Nursing Home for the Disabled on Monday 5th October.

Finally, Andy Pittaway is coming to Ladbroke specially to give us an evening of "The Blues King" on October 3rd in the Village Hall. Tickets are on sale, £10 from Sue Moore in aid of the Village Hall Church Funds.

In memory of Janice Berry

Janice was laid to rest in Ladbroke churchyard on August 3rd.

She had been a very conscientious member of our Parish Council for several years. She was also on the Parish Plan Committee from its instigation; sadly she wasn't able to see its final completion and distribution. I feel very privileged to have been her friend, and am sure the village will miss her very much.

Betty Winkfield

Janice Cynthia Berry - 1939 - 2009

If anyone personified the Duke of Edinburgh Award motto "Get Involved" it was Janice Berry, for getting involved was something that she did well and did with tremendous enthusiasm.

I first met Janice when she was secretary to the Chief Works Engineer at the Standard Motor Company's tractor factory, and I was immediately impressed by this vivacious young woman with a real zest for life; we formed what was to become a lasting friendship founded on our common interest - cycling. As a member of the St Christopher's Catholic Cycling Club, Janice was not only a prolific competitor, representing her club in time trials across the length and breadth of the British Isles, but she was also a keen organiser of both races and social events. At the height of her racing career she won the Coventry Cycling Club's Alliance, Ladies Best All-Rounder Competition in 1961 and 1962, recording average speeds, over 10 15 and 25 miles, of 21.192 mph and 20.801 mph respectively - all done on a bike with a fixed wheel!

Although competitive cycling came to an end in 1964, her enthusiasm for "getting involved" continued apace. In 1973 when the then Conservative government proposed the introduction of VAT on children's clothing Janice was instrumental in organising a petition of protest in the Midlands. The petition, which was signed by 1,134,000 people, was presented to the then Chancellor, Anthony Barber, at 11 Downing Street by Janice and her associates - the rest, as they say, is history, children's clothes are still VAT free.

During the years she lived in Kenilworth she was at various times secretary to Leek Wooton Primary School PTA and a puppy walker for Guide Dogs for the Blind; seeing six dogs being accepted for final training, She was also chairwoman of the support committee of 1st Kenilworth Scout Group, in which connection she is remembered as a capable administrator and extremely energetic fund raiser.

In 1983, concerned that Scouts and Guides were not being allowed to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which was at that time being operated by the schools, Janice founded the Kenilworth Scouts and Guides Duke of Edinburgh Award Unit, once again using her not inconsiderable energies to persuade various charitable organisations to contribute the necessary finance required to set up the Unit. She remained its coordinator and an expedition assessor for 23 years until she retired in 2006, during which time the Unit has seen over 500 youngsters receive the Award at either Bronze Silver or Gold level, many of whom have gone on to be involved with the Award in a similar way to which Janice was. She visited St James Palace on a number of occasions to witness the presentation of Gold Awards to her proteges, and in 2007 she was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of the many years of hard work on behalf of the DofE.

In 1993 the death of a one of our cycling friends left me short of a timekeeper for a series of races which I was organising on behalf of my cycling club, Janice immediately said "I can do that, if you can provide me with a watch" and so began a more meaningful phase of our long friendship; there was, of course, a sting in the tail because shortly afterwards I found myself assessing DofE cycling expeditions!

Janice came to Ladbroke in 1997, ostensibly to 'retire', but before long she had become Neighbourhood Watch Co-coordinator, and, when the Parish Council resigned en-bloc in 2002 she volunteered to become a Parish Councillor because she didn't want the village run by 'the men in suits from Stratford'; she joined the Parish Council because she was concerned that Ladbroke people should have a say in the affairs of the village and not just succumb to the dictates of Stratford. Her attendance record at council meetings was, until her illness, 100%, and her particular interest in planning matters arose from a concern to safeguard the unique nature of Ladbroke and to ensure that any development, which took place, did not jeopardise the character of the village.

Ladbroke was her great passion, she loved the village dearly, and when the opportunity to join the Parish Plan Steering Group arose she seized it with both hands, working tirelessly to ensure that the people of the village had their wishes made known.

This, then, was the public face of Janice, but there was another side to her character, which was her willingness to undertake the more boring day to day work which although essential for the smooth running of an organisation never seems to get noticed. A highly motivated individual

who had an innate ability to motivate others, she always acted in the best interests of other people, without any thought of personal gain. She had strongly held views on a number of subjects and never missed an opportunity to make those views known and it is a fitting tribute to her that even those who disagreed with her respected her for her honesty and integrity, which were beyond question.

In July 2008 Janice was diagnosed with recurring ovarian cancer and underwent surgery at The University Hospital in Coventry, and although the surgery was successful it was later discovered that the cancer had spread to other parts of her body; two sessions of chemotherapy failed to curb the disease, which she fought with great courage and bravery. Her battle finally came to an end in the early hours of July 23rd when she died peacefully in her own bed, in the cottage she loved so much, in the village she felt so passionately about.

As a friend there was none more loyal, whether longstanding or newly made if you became a friend of Janice you were a friend for life. Those of us who knew and loved her have lost a true friend, and her passing has left a void in our lives which will never be filled. She will be greatly missed in the village of Ladbroke, where her death has shocked many people. On a personal level I count it my good fortune to have been her friend and a privilege to have been able to care for her during the last months of her life.

Mike Radburn
24th August 2009



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Carol Lane

At the July meeting a large gathering of WI members learned so much when Bernadette Halton entertained us with her amusing talk entitled 'Life in the Chair' - about her work as a tennis referee. She explained the points system which led to the rating of judges and the signs which the line judges give to the chair judge to indicate that the ball was in, out or that she was unsighted. As one of the top judges, Bernadette had judged - in various capacities - 19 Wimbledon Finals and we all felt for her as she recalled the time when she made a wrong call at 9-9 in a tie break between Sampras and Ivanisevic! She showed us the uniforms that have been worn over the years at Wimbledon and when she was judging at the Australian Open. Watching Wimbledon in future will have an added interest.

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In August, instead of a meeting in the Village Hall, 24 of us rendezvoused at The Great Western for a 3 course dinner. I haven't heard a single fault in the food, service or presentation and I certainly enjoyed everything I had chosen.

Mike Miles is due to tell us about The Baron of Packwood at the meeting on 24th September and in future meetings we are to hear about Wartime Memories and listen to Christmassy music from the Gala Singers. The programme for next year is well on the way to being complete with talks on Natural Beauty, Drugs Busts, Archaeology and a Tudor Christmas to give you a flavour of the range of topics.

We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m. and new members or visitors are always welcome.



Ladbroke Table Tennis Club

Sue Halsall

It is that time of the Year when we don't need sun cream - just put on comfy clothes, a pair of trainers and come and join us at Ladbroke Village Hall. Everyone welcome, beginners, new members and past members. We have great fun and it really is good exercise.

Starting September 15th at 8pm - 10pm.

This will be a free open night so do give it a try just come along?

For more information telephone Sue Halsall 01926 811838.



Ladbroke Millennium Green Trustees' Race Night

Carol Lane

Saturday 26th September 2009

Look out for one of the Trustees who will be calling on you at the beginning of September to give you the opportunity to 'buy' a horse to run in one of the races at The Race Night on Saturday, 26th September. The horses are already named in this year's races for you to choose.

There will be cash prizes for the winning owners and there will be horses in at least 8 races for you to place your bets on the night.

Tickets will be available at £6 for adults and £3 for children. Each ticket includes either chicken and chips for adults or sausage and chips for children. Vegetarian meals are available on request.

Carol Lane 814715 or carol@lane.spacomputers.com



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for July were:

£80 Avril Court	£10 Carol Lane
£50 Roger Plaskett	£10 Graham Lewis
£25 Pam Collins	£10 Trevor Jay
£10 Wild Indians	£10 Martin & Debra Neal

Janet Goldson

Money raising events in Ladbroke

Saturday 5th September – Church Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room – cakes, raffle prizes etc needed for sale, but most of all please come and support us.

Saturday 12th September – Sponsored Cycle Ride – Helen Morten has volunteered to ride for us, plus other people have sponsor forms. Please support them.

Betty Winkfield

The return of the Blooze Kings

For one night only - the return of Blooze Kings performing at Ladbroke Village Hall on 3rd October 2009. Doors open at 7.30pm, £10 per person to include supper, Bar. Event is to support Ladbroke Church and Ladbroke Village Hall. To obtain tickets – contact Janet Goldson 817733, Christine Baker 811606 or Susan Moore 612207.

Christine Baker

Congratulations!



Nick Howden-Steenstra (age 15yrs) has now completed his walk arriving at Duncansby Head, John O'Groats at 20.30 on Friday 21st August after 1235 miles, 63 days, averaging 20 miles a day with no rest days. He did this on his own, navigating his way across moors, bogs, rivers, up mountains and down dales in everything that the great British weather could throw at him and he hadn't deviated from his route once unless to avoid a hazard. Carrying his shelter and provision on his back, which felt like a baby elephant had stowed away in his rucksack, for much of Scotland and camping out alone many miles from the nearest human. Thereby setting the record for the youngest person to complete this challenge solo. He has proved that literally taking even the most enormous task a step at a time and having determination and commitment, you can achieve anything you put your mind to. It took us 20 hours of driving to get back to Ladbroke, only 2/3 of the way, which really brought home the enormity of the task.

His perseverance, endurance and mental and physical stamina have been amazing. He has walked 8 to 10 hours a day through everything: up and down the Cornish cliffs in blazing sun at 25 degrees C; the bogs and deserted moorland of the Pennine Way and Scottish Highlands in the wind, mist and rain. He has experienced extreme highs marvelling at the beauty, enormity, wonderful wild life and fascinating history of this fair country and the kindness of people

(especially ladies in ice cream shops that gave him free ice cream and passing strangers that sponsored him), but also extreme lows from exhaustion, isolation, pain and midges. He has been devoid of friends, computer, music and drama, which are his normal favourite past times, with only his trusty Husky as his constant companion and his parents to annoy him a few hours most days.



This is an amazing achievement and a marvellous experience that he will never forget. We would like to say A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who have donated and helped raise the £5,000 so far, he still has some way to go to raise his target amount of sponsorship (£10,000) for MacMillan and Barnardos, to help those suffering from cancer and children living in poverty. If you haven't managed to donate so far but would still like to, shakers will be at Bull Ring Garage, Harbury and Betty Winkfield's in Ladbroke and the www.Justgiving.com/jogleduo site will still be open till the end

of September. This has been a major commitment by Nick and it would be good if his efforts could make a significant difference to the quality of life for others.



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

Public Participation

Nick Tawney who is helping to set up a Duke of Edinburgh Award group explained what that entailed and the initiative so impressed Councillors that they voted to grant the group £250, £50 more than they asked for!

Public Safety

Cllr Thompson had been very impressed with what he saw of Operation Nadia, a joint Police and Border Agency action at Barn Hill Service Station to seek out illegal immigrants, but not one was found.

Cllr Ron Grey alerted colleagues to concerns about the workings of the Community Forum and in particular the reduction in policing in the Southam area.

Schools

Sharon Hancock reported a very satisfactory Ofsted Inspection for the Modern Language department at Southam; the farewell to both the Head and his Deputy and the final stage of the school's application for funding an all-weather sports facility.

Harbury School had bade goodbye to long service School Secretary, Carol Jackson and a second farewell to teacher Mrs Harris who has been covering maternity leave.

Village Hall

The Hall has a new Booking Secretary, Celia Neill, following the resignation of Kate Johnson, and her husband David who was the Treasurer. A new Treasurer was being sought.

Councillor's Corner

SDCllr Bev Mann drew Cllrs attention to the proposals for Wind power generation at Starbold Farm, Bishops Itchington. Rank vegetation around the crash barrier near the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads which was reported to the County by Bev, the Police, the Clerk and several others had now been removed. County Cllr Stevens claimed some of the credit for this. He also advised the Parish to send in a list of Harbury's road repairs so that they could be included in the coming year's budget.

SDCllr Patrick reported Severn Trent was to deal with a third break in water pipes in Harbury and in Deppers Bridge water would be turned off for a day and the road closed whilst another leak was repaired. Verdant Refuse crews had agreed to hold back, for a week, strike action on the lack of overtime pay. Plans for car storage at the Quarries had been withdrawn but the site could be cleared.

Planning

Stratford granted tree works at Sycamore House; conservatories at Laurel Cottage, Hall Lane and Western Villa, Deppers Bridge, and a trackway from Mill Street for Chesterton House Farm. There were applications for the new entrance to the Rugby Club and a pedestrian gate and brick wall off the Pound for Harbury House.

Stratford confirmed that they would be happy for a Bush Heath Lane housing application to proceed with the existing Housing Need Survey. The Parish Council had received a request from the developer for an easement across the Playing Fields for the rising main. They will instruct their solicitor to negotiate.

Playing Fields

Cllr Thornley was still seeking funds for the BMX Track. The Aerial Runway was being repaired but Cllr Thompson reported seeing "six kids on it at the same time". The workmanship of the new bench was criticised (it only cost £195) and it had already been graffitied! However, the new Bollard had been installed.

Burial Grounds

Having tried to follow Government advice about the safety of memorials, the Parish now finds the guidance has been watered down and it is left with stones that have been temporarily made safe. It is not sure what to do now. The temporary staking is unsightly and it would cost £30 per plot for a more permanent solution. They agreed to seek other contractors' quotes.

Traffic Management

The exhibition of the Parish Council's plans for traffic calming were well attended but Cllr Hancock reported that people were not happy with the use of coloured tarmac – they wanted something more solid. There had been requests for a 30mph restriction on Butt Lane and Clive Taylor asked for count down signs to the existing 30mph limit in Temple and Binswood Ends.

Finance and General Purposes

The Council is working towards refreshing its Quality Status and achieving the Power of Wellbeing to allow it greater freedom to grant aid village projects. Meanwhile it has spent £115 on Daffodil bulbs.

Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting - August 2009

There's an old adage in local government **"There's no votes in sewage"** and having sat through this meeting I have a feeling that the comments and decisions of our Parish Councillors may well come back to haunt them.

They were there specifically to decide just two things:- to approve the layout of the village homes to be built on Bush Heath Lane, or not, and to make a decision on an Easement (*unfortunate word in the circumstances*) across the Playing Fields for the sewer to serve the development.

There were minor concerns about the layout, largely to do with potential costs to the Parish of maintaining the street lights and a footway to the Playing Fields. In the end they seemed satisfied with the assurances they received from the Housing Association and their Developer and the layout was approved by four votes to three. (Several Councillors were on holiday and unable to attend, only Ron Grey, Keith Thompson, Rob Darlison, Tim Lockley, Alan Knowles, Janet Thornley and Tony Mancel were present).

After that some Councillors began speculating about alternative routes for the sewer.

The problem is that it was not realised there is no public sewer in Bush Heath Lane until land negotiations had taken place. The existing homes in Manor Road and Bush Heath Lane are served by a private sewer that runs along the back gardens, which does not have extra capacity.

The disruption that digging a sewerage pipe along Bush Heath Lane would cause would be considerable and it would take weeks. In any case the cost would be so great that it would make the housing scheme uneconomic. The homes have to be subsidised so that the rents can be affordable.

The Housing Association explained that they have a few months to bid for money from the Government towards the cost of the affordable homes. If they miss that opportunity future grants would be less generous and they would not be able to afford to provide the houses the village needs.

This did not stop some Councillors suggesting that the sewer should go down Bush Heath Lane or under the verge. Rob Darlison wanted a green sewerage system and Alan Knowles helpfully suggested they should have thought of it all beforehand.

There were legitimate concerns about the safety of running a sewer alongside the Playing Fields hedge, given that Carnival lorries used the track, and the Council worried about its liability should the pipe be damaged in any way.

The site would have its own Pumping Station which the Councillors were assured would have excess capacity that could store effluent should there be a breakdown. That didn't help as Harbury recently had considerable trouble getting Severn Trent to deal with sewage that overflowed from the Mill Street Pumping Station onto Mr Trice's fields. So Cllrs did not want a Pumping Station. It was explained that it would be needed whatever route was used for the sewers.

The upshot of all this was that Ron Grey abstained; 4 Cllrs voted against an easement with only Chairman Tim Lockley and Vice-Chair Keith Thompson voted for the motion. *Sorry!*

Having voted down the proposition Councillors then suggested that if the Housing Association could "convince the Parish Council that its own options are not viable" they would reconsider their decision. It's not that easy; the Clerk warned them that they may not have the powers to do this in the short term.

This could well signal the end of hopes that Harbury could have more affordable homes like those at Hillside and Percival Drive, safeguarded for local people in perpetuity.



Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor? The Council deal with a very wide range of local issues and getting involved can be a satisfying way to give back to your local community and help shape the way the village develops in the future. Harbury Parish Council currently has a vacancy for one co-opted member (Harbury Ward) who will serve on the Council, in the first instance until elections in May 2012. Harbury currently has a diverse mix of local residents who serve as councillors and anyone resident in the village or with a strong local connection can apply.

If you would be interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs N Thompson on telephone 01926-614646 or e-mail clerk@harbury-parish.co.uk.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 16th September 2009.

Nicola Thompson



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

The first event for the autumn season is the Members' Hobbies evening in the **Tom Hauley Room on 22nd September from 8pm** onwards where you can learn about a variety of leisure time interests and activities pursued by our members:- family history, photography, fly tying, woodworking, local history, coins, embroidery, corn dollies and vintage clothes are some of the items.

Then on 13th October 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room, Pete Bones will give a presentation on the Repair of Chesterton Windmill.

The Committee has been busy with planning matters during the holiday season. We have commented on the Options for development in Stratford District and made representations on the Regional Spatial Strategy which will have a profound impact on our county.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

No meeting in August but members enjoyed the outing to the Derby Porcelain factory with a guided tour and a visit to the museum and shop. Then on to Derby for lunch and a browse. It seems that Lin followed the traditional W.I. outing behaviour by falling down steps, injuring her ankle. Thanks to Jo and Chris for organising the event.

Six members went to an Open Day at W.I. Denman College at Marcham. Denman is a lovely place set in 17 acres of beautiful grounds. They offer an extensive programme of short residential courses and day schools to members and non-members.

The Village Show is on Saturday 12th September and Janice Siddle and the team work very hard to plan and organise long before the day. The W.I. were invited to join the Horticultural Society in running the show years ago, as entries were deteriorating and it would have meant the end of the show. As has been said before it is a pleasant day and anyone is capable of entry. The schedules are at Mugleston's and a good selection of entries have been chosen. The children's classes are always great.

The afternoon is enjoyable when the Hall opens for viewing and presentation of cups. There will be a raffle, tombola (donations are very acceptable), a plant and produce stall and of course refreshments. Do hope to see you all.

Next Meeting: Thursday 10th September – 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

September Speaker: Rosemary Proser – To Cornwall and back.



Harbury Theatre Group

Trish Donnelly & Ali Hodge

Harbury Theatre Group's Autumn Production

Work has begun at a cracking pace on our November Production of *Tons of Money*, adapted by Alan Ayckbourn, it is a racy comedy set in the 1920s. Group members are already rehearsing the early scenes with enthusiasm.

There is still time to join our team for this production, we welcome new members who bring energy and a can do attitude. Whether your interests are in front of the curtain, back stage, front of house or technical please contact us. Trish Donnelly is always happy to answer any questions. Please ring on 07891 106425 or 612150.

Our next general meeting is to be held in The Shakespeare, Sunday 27th September at 8pm.



Harbury Theatre Group

**Next Production: Thurs 26, Fri 27 and Sat 28
November – “Tons of Money”**

Rehearsals are under way for our next production *Tons of Money* a farce by Will Evans and Valentine adapted and updated by that famous play write Alan Ayckbourn.

The basic story involves an unsuccessful inventor Aubrey Allington and his wife Louise who are heavily in debt. Aubrey inherits the life interest in a fortune, which reverts on his death to his cousin George Maitland. George is thought to have died abroad. Louise has the brilliant idea of Aubrey faking his own death so that he can resurrect himself as his cousin and thus avoid payment of their enormous debts.

But, in the best tradition of farce, complications arise in the form of other people after the money – Jean, George's wife, who turns up unexpectedly. As well as the butler and the maid who hatch a plot involving, the butler's brother pretending to be George Maitland and finally the real George himself!

It all takes place in the 1920's so we will be aiming to capture the flavour of the period with a stunning set and classic 1920's costumes to add to the audience's enjoyment in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale next month.



Folk Club

Des Patalong & Debbie Ellis

To begin us on our 297th folk trip Des, our Tour Driver, began the evening by starting up the Harbury Folk Club engine. The seats had lots of leg room and the view from our seats looked pretty good too.

Deb, our Tour Guide, made sure that the emergency exits were pointed out, that our table had plenty of drink on it and that we had put our life jackets on the backs of our chairs ready for the off. Tonight we welcomed Ted and Sue Crum as permanent residents of Harbury-on-Sea. Their new bed and breakfast still had its contents in boxes all over the place. Ted explained that years ago most families went on holiday by train. Then Dr Beeching made some rather interesting changes to the train track landscape! One of their songs "The Slow Train" finished with a very good train hoot sound added at the end. Then along came Summer to brighten up the trip with Jenny and they sang "In the Morning" which was dedicated to Jim and, "How Many Ships?". This was a song written by one of Jenny's friends Georgina. Rik was up next and he gave us views, tapestry, sky and river rock to enjoy. Steve Darby first heard this song when he was on holiday at Butlins! Peter McDonald brought us a Neil Young song, "Stay Young," that he last performed over 15 years ago at the Club. Next he got out his Banjo Ukulele (which he'd received as a retirement present) and sang "Who's Taking You Home Tonight?".

To open the second half of our journey, the MDs presented "Always On My Mind". Then a World Premiere was presented to the happy holiday audience. This was a song called "Carnival Queen" that Deb had written recently and that Ian Hartland had put the music to. The chorus engine easily singing along to the new chorus. Jonathan

pitched up with a guitar solo by Gordon Giltrap and then he played whilst vocalist Tracey James sang "Summertime". Peter Mason took us to a seaside town, a Punch and Judy man, summer and a meadow by the river. The Harvesters sang "The End of the Pier Show" and "Moon in a Bottle" a song that they had entered into a song competition only to be disqualified! Miriam Backhouse made an appearance, her last time here was 2 years ago! She sang "January Man" that took us through all the months of the year. To finish she sang "Oh, I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside".

The third half brought Rick with a favourite song of Debs that involved a Landlady and her rather energetic family. Ted presented the "Rawtenstall Annual Fayre" and Peter Mason was followed by Mike. He recited a poem about a man's view of war as a tribute to Harry Patch who was our last Tommy! Peter McDonald sang us a song about a holiday romance, the Harvesters sang "Moth to a Flame" and Des, finally brought the trip to an end in the way that Johnny Collins did with a "Farewell Shanty".

We decided to take a holiday from the raffle to raise funds for young carers. Des's hat was passed around the audience and when it re-emerged it had almost £70 in it! To everyone who took part in raising this magnificent sum you can now claim "free admission for two" to the next folk club! The next folk theme is "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched" (Births, Marriages and Deaths) with Steve and Maureen and this will be our **25th birthday!**

Below is a link to the "Warwickshire Young Carers Project" which supports young carers by providing breaks away and welcome treats.

<http://www.swyoungcarers.org.uk/>



Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Now that the Ashes are over, and somehow England managed to win them back off the Aussies, I have finally been able to stop staring at the TV and got round to writing my next article to let you know about some cricketing successes and blunders (only a few) of our own this summer.

Firstly I will briefly explain a rather large blunder that the team took part in, in a game against local rivals Southam. This game really was an emotional rollercoaster (sorry to bring out this awful cliché, its only

there to annoy my mum), as we seemed to be on the verge of victory at one point, this however turned into a devastating defeat. With the skipper Phil losing the toss, as usual, we were asked to bowl, but were confident that on a really nice wicket our bowlers could do some early damage. This proved to be right as opening bowlers George Bloxham was making the ball swing like a banana as he removed the two openers very quickly. Then a superb catch from Jamie Newport off his own bowling saw Southam's dangerous skipper removed and we were in a fantastic position as they were 28 for 6. Jamie's catch was really stunning as it was hit like a missile straight back at him, he just stuck out a hand and in it went, no one knew what had happened, I was looking in the air expecting to see the ball disappear over some trees, instead I saw Jamie throw it back to me as if nothing had happened. Rest assured though, when everyone realised he had caught it there was a wild celebrations by the lads. This fine bowling continued and although Southam did rebuild their innings well, we still felt the better placed side as we bowled them out for 142.

We then went out to bat and started well with the first ball going for four; however this is where the story turns from great to awful. Graham got bowled next ball, and this started a flurry of wickets, and to cut a short story even shorter because it was embarrassing, we were all out for not enough runs. After the match we all sat in the changing room and agreed that the balls we had got out to were just unplayable, we also blamed Jez, as he lost the original match ball and the replacement ball caused everyone to get out, very quickly. Even though this match did result in us getting a bit of a stuffing, the lads were not down-hearted as we went up the pub with smiles on our faces, and came out with even bigger smiles on our faces!

Since this fateful match the lads have still pulled out some fine performances, with many of the guys showing that they are great players. You would think at the next match that the guys would be low on confidence, this was not the case. Playing at home against Stretton, the skipper Phil lead the way hitting 59 in an opening stand of 128 with Graham Newport who also made a brilliant 50, and looked like he was really enjoying it at the crease. Ed Russell then continued this fine batting performance, hitting the ball to all parts as we compiled a total of 230 off our 40 overs. We followed this up with a spot on bowling performance, getting them all out for 121. Ollie smith was the pick of the bowlers as he returned his best figures of 2 for 27 since join the club at the start of the year, well done Ollie!!

Other great performances this season from the lads include a hat-trick taken by Stuart Mugleston against Marton. Stuart has bowled really well this year and in this match when the opposition looked to be on top he pulled out three brilliant balls, the final one trapping the batsman LBW, there was no mistaking it was out. As well as bowling well this year, Stuart has also had some very good innings with the bat. Opening the innings against Hockley Heath he made 61 and in a very tough fixture against Wellesbourne using his shiny new bat (it really is shiny) he kept his head to top score with 31, taking us to a good total. This year has also seen George Bloxham improve in leaps and bounds. About a year ago the boy struggled to hold a bat, let alone hit a ball with it, but having been promoted up the order he managed to make his maiden 50 against Hockley Heath, hitting some really big shots, well done George!! Chris Wilson, a new addition to the team this year has also shown vast improvements in his ability. Doing plenty of hard work in the nets his bowling has evolved into something I can't quite explain, and he showed this in the recent inter-club match, as he bowled a ball that completely Bamboozled George and took his wicket. Good stuff Chris, keep up the hard work!!

Last week was our inter-club match which saw players old and new battle it out on the field. This was a great day for everyone who turned out, plenty of banter was thrown about on the field, and everyone got the chance to have a bowl or bat against their friends, I didn't particularly enjoy this as my brother is a pretty good bowler as I said, but thankfully I didn't get out to him, I would have never lived it down, he did however get out to my dad, so feel free to laugh when you next see him. After the match we all headed to the Old New Inn for a tasty BBQ that Sandra had set up for us and had a great night, the team spirit amongst the lads was higher than ever, good stuff!!

Right I'd better be going, so I'll leave you with my usual message of, if anyone fancies a game with us on a Sunday, just let me know (612382), I know there's nothing I'd rather be doing on a Sunday, so come and join us if you fancy a game. Just to confirm, if you have learnt about cricket from watching the recent ashes series, we don't play as good as them!

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Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

The Three Peaks Challenge raises £3,000



Steve Alford, Ben Linnett and Matt Knight at the top of Scafell Pike

At the beginning of August in wet and windy conditions 12 members of Harbury Rugby Football Club competed in the Three Peaks Challenge. This involves the climbing of Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdonia within twenty four hours. A gruelling and challenging event.

Led by Club Captain Matt Knight the team of Steve Alford, Tom Jamieson, Ben Linnett, Ken Robertson, Daz Nicholls, Bill French, Gary Bevan, Sam Reeves, Tom Kittendorf, Mark Easton and Sam Bushell achieved their goal and raised over £3000 - half of which will be donated to Myton Hospice. A fantastic effort.

The successful team photographed at Ben Nevis



(L-R) Charlie Gladden (Support Driver), Steve Alford, Mark Easton, Sam Bushell, Sam Reeves, Matt Knight, Tom Kittendorf, Bill French, Daz Nicholls, Ken Robertson. (Front) Tom Jamieson & Gary Bevan.



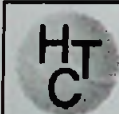
Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Matthew Knight

Over 300 people flocked to Harbury Rugby Club to witness this proactive club's '1st Annual It's a Knock Out Day'. 13 teams entered this fun filled competition. Each team picked their wits against a number of tricky challenges which included 'Human Bowling', 'Rugby Golf' and 'Nordic Walking'. Congratulations must go to the overall winners 'the Un-Predictables'. The organisers would like to thank all the teams that took part and we hope to see you again next year! All spectators were treated to face painting, an all-day barbeque, inflatable fun, and of course, fun and laughter.

Graham Foster, Chairman of Harbury Rugby Club, said "This has been a great day for the club and we're amazed by the number of people that have turned up to support this event. We really wanted to run a fun day that shows Harbury Rugby Club is a place where everyone is welcome and that everyone enjoys themselves. Look out for our next event! You know 12 club members have already climbed Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 24hrs (three peaks challenge) this summer. I hope these two recent events just show that Harbury Rugby Club is a club on the up". Further club details can be found at www.harburyrfc.org.uk



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

In the Banbury league a nail biting finish to the summer season is in prospect with just 2 matches to play following home wins against Byfield "D" and Deddington "C", both by 5-4. In the Byfield match Steve Stark, Keith Thompson and Colin Mercer dominated the men's doubles but Byfield's ladies proved too strong for Caroline Morland, Eira Owen and Sue Mercer but Harbury won 2 of the three mixed doubles to clinch a win. The same 6 then overcame Deddington in a very close encounter with Deddington "C". As a result Harbury moved above its nearest rivals Kings Sutton "C" by a single point.

Juniors

The 3 weeks of the Juniors' Summer Holiday programme in August were very successful with coaches Duncan Scheltens and Tim Earles

assisted by Adam Crossling and Jon Guy. It brought the total numbers participating over the 4 weeks on offer to 79 children (Club members and non-members) between 5 and 15 years old.

The arrangements for the Autumn programme have now been finalised and most members will have been notified of their groups.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

At Pre-School this year, we have seen an improvement to our outdoor classroom with the addition of our garden areas. Using the garden helps us to cover all aspects of learning for the children to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

Creative Development



Playing alongside other children engaged in the same activity.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Find out about and identify some features of living things.



Communication, Language and Literacy

Question why things happen and give explanations.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Show care and concern for others, for living things and the environment.

Physical Development

Use a range of small and large equipment.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy



Begin to understand variations in size.

We are looking forward to starting the new school year on Tuesday 8th September. If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, or to register a child for next year, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386. www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

We thought it would be nice to share with you a selection of our favourite memories from our last academic year, and look forward to starting our new term on Tuesday September 8th, when we will welcome back some old and new faces to Windmills.



Kicking the leaves in Windmills Forest School



Windmills Christmas Concert



Building a snowman

Windmills sponsored pancake
race



Fancy Dress Day



End of Term Party

Fundraising update

Windmills has recently held two very successful fundraising events. The Summer Ball held on Saturday, 18th July, 2009 raised over £900.00, and The Ella Kendrick night on Saturday 15th August, 2009 raised over £600.00. Thank you to everyone involved in organising these events especially the fundraising group, and all at the Old New Inn, where the Ella Kendrick night was held. Thank you also to all those who attended these events - your support is very much appreciated.



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.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Some good news on the fund raising front has been received by Chairman Geoff Thorpe this month. The Village Hall committee has been allocated £8,900 from a budget for community projects by Southam Vision and this has been set aside to begin refurbishment of those areas of the Hall, which are most in need of improvement i.e. the toilets.

Two members of the committee, Doug and Keith have been active in following up the latest Health and Safety requirements and have fitted a safety film to some of the internal doors, so that they are more likely to withstand sudden knocks. The sub-committee, which was formed recently in response to the need to check all aspects of H&S in public buildings, is continually reviewing all areas of the premises to ensure that the necessary regulations are followed.

The committee will be working alongside members of GASS to provide the refreshments for the forthcoming CAMRA event taking place during the first weekend in September (4th & 5th) and sharing the profits. Also in September, Moving Pictures will be re-starting, with the first film, Monsters vs Aliens, being shown at 3.30pm on September 19th.

One or two items of lost property have appeared in the Wagstaffe Room in recent weeks including a child's pink T-shirt and a small size red fleece. Both of these items can be collected from the Hall whenever it is open. A full sized black Coffee Primo umbrella has also been left behind recently and this can be claimed by ringing 612305.

Finally, this is the first notification that the committee have booked the Likely Lads again for the annual New Year's Dance on December 30th (the night BEFORE New Year's Eve), and as always, requests for tickets are recorded in strict date order – telephone number 612305 (with answer machine facilities) records requests, which are always acknowledged.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

The next big event in our Horticultural Year is the Village Show on Saturday 12th September. A great opportunity to exhibit your produce, photos, arts and crafts and of course a chance for the children to shine. Do go along and offer your support as a lot of similar events throughout the country are folding. A reminder that if you have anything suitable for the Tombola you can leave things in my porch but only until Thursday the 10th. Sadly this will be the last year that Janice will be organising the event so lets make this the biggest and the best yet. Janice has been masterminding the Show for the last 11 years and has shown such commitment that we all owe her a tremendous vote of thanks. So, an opportunity for someone to step into her shoes next year.

The new season starts on Tuesday 6th October, with a welcome return visit from Judy Berrow, who is the County Organiser for the NGS scheme for Worcestershire. Her talk is entitled Starting from Scratch and is about her own garden The Tythe Barn at Chaddesley Corbet, so it promises to be a great start to what I hope will be a repeat of last years success. At this meeting we will be having a very short AGM after refreshments. The reason for this being brought forward is that in November, Howard Drury's talk about New Zealand will be in 2 parts so it would be too long an evening to add the AGM on at the end. I have had no response whatsoever to my plea for a replacement Treasurer, as I said last month without one we are unable to continue as a Society and I'm sure you do not want this to happen so please don't be shy; your Society needs you.

Lots of good events etc in the coming weeks here are just a few for you to enjoy.

The Autumn Show at Malvern run by the RHS is on from September 26th to 27th a wonderful location and a great day out. For something completely different how do you fancy a trip to the Zoo at Twycross near Atherstone. The Tetley Tea chimps are here but apart from this on 12th September there will be a plant fair with sales, wildlife gardening tours, demonstrations, RHS gardening advice and an afternoon talk by Carol Klein about growing your own produce. Cost is only £3 to the plant fair and £10 for the talk (£8 if you are an RHS member) sounds like a brilliant day out. Talking about Zoos, have you visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park near Burford? The planting is

amazing with many exotic species and such bold colours. I have booked Tim Miles who looks after the gardens here for another talk next year. He has a great gardening history being from Falmouth, he was at Heligan for a while and is an RHS judge, I do spoil you!

If you want to learn about fruit juicing and cider making there will be a practical workshop giving guidance and some non alcoholic drinks to sample. This will be held at Pershore College on 19th September for more details contact the college on 01386 554619. Also another interesting talk will be at Ryton Organic Garden on 17th September about what to do with a glut of fruit and vegetables, how to preserve and store. Don't forget that we have 2 tickets for Ryton please use these, contact Daphne if you are interested.

Mill Dene Gardens at Blockley, which we visited a few years ago will be holding an Autumn day on 22nd September when you can enjoy the seasonal colours and highlights with a tour from Wendy Dare the owner. The day includes coffee and lunch for more details contact Wendy on 0845 612 1253, it is a lovely garden. Also nearby there is the Arboretum at Batsford plenty to see at all times of the year but very colourful in September and October. At Barnsley near Barnsley House why not go along on 9th September to learn how to make Herbal Teas. This is an evening talk by Davina Wynne-Jones and promises to be enjoyable, it is from 7-9pm and the cost is £10, contact 01285 841457 for details. Make a day of it and visit nearby properties, Snowhill is not too far away and the lavender farm. Of course don't forget to come to Upton House and Gardens. There have been many changes this year in the house and the new squash court is now open. The gardens are at their best and the Asters are always good in late September.

I hope that you will find something different to experience, let me know how you get on. Whatever you do enjoy these lovely late Summer days, we are seeing some excellent sunsets at the moment.

Enjoy your Village Show and I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

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Have you noticed all the butterflies this year? There seem to me more than usual despite the heavy rain in August. Predictably, there were

plenty on Buddleia bushes but these plants tend to flower only for a relatively short time.

We have noticed that butterflies seem to adore *Verbena bonariensis* which flowers non-stop for weeks on end. Among those seen at Bridge Nursery this year are: Clouded Yellow, Large and Small Totoiseshell, Painted Lady, Peacock, Cabbage White, Fritillaries and a Small Blue.

Many plants are yet to flower, so September should be really colourful with all the different Asters, *Physostegia* (the 'Obedient Plant'), *Helianthus* 'Lemon Queen', *Leucanthemella* (A big white daisy plant).

We have enjoyed some huge self-seeded Sunflowers in the cutting garden – plenty of seeds for the birds! The carrots sown in raised beds in imported topsoil have been a great success – unlike those grown in the natural clay soil at the Nursery.

Don't forget to book up for our workshops in the autumn:

Propagation workshop on the 3rd October and **Pruning workshop** on the 17th October. Registration forms at the Nursery.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

It's been fruit picking time and will be for a month or so more. Several places not far from the village are worth exploring for hedgerow plums and damsons. Some are obviously old garden sites but many trees must have grown where stones were deposited by non human action. Birds seem unlikely agents as although they eat the fruit, the stones seem a little large for them to swallow. Squirrels, badgers, deer and even foxes seem more likely to have the stones passing through their guts. I doubt so-called carnivores are averse to fruit at times to fill their bellies. Any thoughts?

Small plums can be found along the tow path of the Grand Union Canal as it enters Leamington near Sydenham Drive west of bridge 37. Another excellent site is the lane connecting Barford with the B4087. This road, at first flat in the valley bottom of the River Avon, rises towards Oakley Wood. It is as the lane begins to ascend, about 1 mile from Barford itself, that the plums put in an appearance. Presumably, as most such fruits, they are more likely to succeed away from the frosts in the valley bottom. Other good places are the knot of trees close to the lavatory block on the Dassett Hills, Childyke on the

footpath past the windmill leading to the railway cutting (yellow plums) and at the edge of Ufton Woods behind the church. The ground falls away steeply there so damsons can be obtained straight from the boughs while standing on terra firma.

Good blackberries are legion hereabouts and I expect many people have their favourite bush. Four hundred microspecies have been recognised in this country and, as these vary in taste and fruiting time, picking can be quite an adventure.

August has been very mixed in terms of weather with plenty of rain and warmth which, whilst not being always prime beach weather, has induced much vegetative growth.

I was privileged to be taken round the fields of Tithe Farm near Marton by Graham Robson along with my U3A Naturalists' Group on 27th July. It was not an auspicious day with heavy showers of rain. In one of the drier parts of the morning, we saw plenty of butterflies on the large chunk of land between the River Itchen and the crops. Here, thistles, native grasses, ragwort and the like have become a haven for insects. Butterflies included Painted Lady, Meadow Brown, Large and Small White, Green-veined White, Large Skipper and Small Copper. Flying over and about a lake, Southern Hawker and Emperor Dragonflies gave us a display. We saw one catch a butterfly, land on a bush and cosume it after neatly cutting off its wings. I ate my sandwiches in Graham's Dutch barn with the rain hammering on the roof before getting my next fix of wildlife at Ryton Woods. (Enter via Ryton Pools Country Park or via the gate off the A423 opposite 'The Old Bull and Butcher'. The latter route is really reserved for Wildlife Trust members as the gate has a combination lock. The rather inconspicuous Broad Leafed Helleborine was in flower. This is a species of orchid but rather than showing off in a floral sense as do most orchids the helleborines have small flowers which are often shades of green or yellow. They are quite common at Snitterfield Bushes Nature Reserve (OS Map 151 GR:SP 200603). The small size of most of Warwickshire Nature Reserves worries me. Size is important to produce diversity and big populations of plants and animals give rise to a mixing of the gene pool leading to healthier stock and less risk of extinction. The trend is to link nature reserves into larger units. The woodland comprising Ryton, Old Nun, Wappenbury and Waverley is being expanded and is a good example of this linkage.

Cycling down Hambridge Road out of Bishops Itchington at about 9pm on 5th August in gathering gloom a cloud ahead seemed to be catching the last rays of the sun. Then I realised it was the rim of the full moon rising into the south eastern sky. Gradually our satellite revealed itself. At first with a ring of cloud it could, with some imagination, be likened to Saturn. The moon, 400,000 kilometres distant appears to be almost exactly the same size as the sun (150 million kilometres distant). If it were not so, we would not have eclipses from time to time. Total solar eclipses demonstrate one of the most extraordinary coincidences in nature. The moon despite being 400 times smaller than the sun is also 400 times closer. (I'm indebted to Collins excellent 'Stars and Planets' by Ian Ridpath and Wil Tirian for these facts.

That same evening I had my wildlife moment of the month. I had joined the Salt Way near Holmes House and was cycling through Knightcote Bottoms towards B4451 when a group of birds flew up before me. In the moonlight, I saw they were Little Owls, probably juveniles. On the branch of a large tree nearby, an adult bird looked down and then gave a screech before disappearing into the darkness of the surrounding farmland.

I can recommend a visit to Cresswell Crags. These lie in a gorge in North Nottinghamshire near the town of Worksop and immediately east of the M1. Here, the narrow band of Magnesian Limestone which stretches to County Durham has been eroded and provided shelter for Stone Age hunting groups as the last Ice Age ended some 13,000 years ago. Artefacts include flint tools, bone needles and an exquisite engraving of a horse on a piece of bone.

Sharon, Stephen and I went on a guided tour of Church Hole Cave and were shown some of the Ice Age art on its walls. This included engravings of a stag, bison, horse and ibis. A fabulous museum and visitor centre has been built nearby and I'm sure you won't be disappointed if you make time to visit. The hunters would have crossed to Britain dryshod via 'Doggerland' as this was before our land bridge to the continent disappeared under the waves. (www.cresswell-crags.org.uk)

Now the harvest is largely in and leaf fall is commencing. The red of ripe Cuckoo pint (Wild Arum) is noticeable in the hedgerows. Conkers are ripening and autumn is nigh.



General Section

C.I.N.D.I. Coffee Morning

As a result of the C.I.N.D.I. Coffee Morning held on August 1st, and some very very generous donations, I was able to send a cheque for £700.00 to the charity.

All I can say is thank you, thank you all very much; to everyone who donated and of course to the usual wonderful folk who always support our efforts at the coffee mornings. I do not forget the valiant help we always have 'behind the scenes.' They are brilliant.

One more thing. Because of some red tape, which I confess I do not understand, but because the charity is now being administered here, we can no longer use the title C.I.N.D.I. Kansheni. We will in future be known as The Ladder of Hope. Be sure that the money we raise will still go to the place that we know, that I know personally, as C.I.N.D.I. Kanshenshi.

Once again many thanks.

Gladys Hutchins

Teenage Cancer Trust update 2009

No-one came in wellies, although they might have needed them and no-one parked a Winnebago on the Rugby Club grounds, but this year's TCT event was almost Harbury's answer to the Glastonbury Festival! Fortunately most of the arrangements were made on the previous day and the marquee was in place before the torrential downpour, which could have put off less hardy souls from attending the annual Sounds of the Sixties event. The car park attendants who manfully (personfully??) remained at their posts throughout the evening on the Saturday night were 'soaked to the skin', but the enthusiasts who support the event on a regular basis managed to ignore the weather and enjoyed the music and the atmosphere inside Joe's 'tent'. Perhaps because there were less tables and chairs than usual (the company had sent more than expected to an event at Blenheim Palace) and more people remaining inside to avoid the pouring rain, the audience became more intimate? The weather did

not dampen anyone's enthusiasm for the evening and the supporters dug deep into their pockets to support the auction and the raffle, so that a profit of approximately £8,000 was made. This brings the total raised over 9 years by the Harbury volunteers to almost £59,000 and Joe and family have always been grateful for the support, which was given again this year, by the bands, sponsors and friends and family who donate raffle prizes.

In recognition of all his efforts in promoting the event, Joe was invited to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on July 21st and he was accompanied by daughter, Michelle, his 'right hand man', whose dedication and 'behind the scenes' organisation makes the TCT event possible. It was another rather damp day, but this did not dampen their spirits, as they managed to get a good vantage position to see all the



Royal Family who attended the event and were able to talk to the Princess Royal for several minutes. Joe professes that he enjoyed the cucumber sandwiches and that he had a good cup of tea! He and



Michelle both acknowledge their thanks to all the volunteers who make the TCT event such a success, which allowed them to be present at the Palace as the figure-heads of the Harbury-based charity.

For the future, the date for the tenth annual SOTS event has been booked for July 10th 2010, so this is an advance notice of an event not to be missed in the Harbury social calendar!

Chris Finch

Come and Paint

Many of us have had a dabble with drawing and painting over the years. Some of you may not have picked up a brush since you were at school, as work and family have taken over.

I now have over 10 years experience of teaching art from my studio in Norton Lindsey, and having recently moved to Harbury, I would like to give you the opportunity to have a go.

I am a great believer that whatever your skill level, or previous experience with art, everyone can improve. I make it my aim to bring you on in your own particular skill level and therefore your ability to improve your work. As your work improves, then so will your enjoyment.

Many of us don't make space in our life for something that may bring great satisfaction and a sense of achievement and that is why joining a class is so important. Not only do you watch your own talents grow, but you can be part of a group and see the diversity of styles and talents within the group.

Running alongside the regular classes will be a set of one day workshops.

There may be some more experienced artists in the area who would enjoy a whole day to focus on one project. In my last workshop we had a ballerina with several costume changes throughout the day. I provide a home cooked lunch to keep you going!

Classes start on Tuesday September 15th at 10.00 a.m. in the Scout Hut.

If anyone would like to join the class, please call Jan Freeman on; 01926 614251/ 07746 871134.

Jan Freeman

N.S.P.C.C.

N.S.P.C.C. Ladies Luncheon in the Tom Hauley room on Thursday 17th September at 12.30pm. Tickets to cost £10 each. The speaker will be Mr. Martin Pleasance who will give a talk on Body Language. Please contact Pauline on 612179 or Margaret on 612345 if you would like to come. Look forward to seeing you all.

N.S.C.P.C. Committee

Second year for Harbury Choir School

After our successful first year, time seems to have flown by and we are now looking forward to the start of our second year.

Rehearsals will start back on Thursday evenings from 17th September.

We have an exciting programme of new songs to work on this term and will be working on pop songs – from Britney Spears and Take That to Sting! We also have some fun trips in the pipeline for the first term; including a day singing with the prestigious 'Armonico Consort' and a group trip to the theatre. We are also planning our next 'Make a Noise' workshop so watch this space.

We hope to see some new faces joining us this year and welcome boys and girls age 7-16, of any singing ability, to come along and try us out. We hope to run the choir slightly differently this year, with a split in ages, to make it more fun and challenging for all the youngsters. We would like to hear from you if you wish your child to join, so we can better plan this.

More information can be found on our website: www.harburychoirschool.org Please feel free to phone us for more information or to register your child's interest.

David & Helen Iles
Harbury Choir School
01926 614150

Flu Clinics

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

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

No appointment 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:

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Mill Street,
Harbury
01926 612232

Bishops Itchington Surgery
Fisher Road
Bishops Itchington
01926 612977

Drs Snowdon and Wilkinson

Southam & District Lions

Southam and District Lions present their 38th Annual Party for Senior Citizens at Southam College on Saturday 19th September 2009, starting at 2.15pm. All senior citizens are very welcome to join us at this party. Please contact Malcolm Jakeway on 01926 814294 or Peter Guy on 01926 814436 for details.

Peter Guy

17th Annual Harbury Hash

This event for all the family will be held on Sunday September 20th. The Hash is for walkers and runners and is loosely based on a paper trail, but the trail is marked in flour. It is for all ages, levels of fitness, or lack of, and short cutting is actively encouraged.

The start is from Itchington Holt (access via Thwaites Estate) and there will be signs to the start location (where to park cars and bikes). Registration is from 1.30 to 2.00pm.

There will be a BBQ after so please bring your own meat, veggie, drinks, salads, etc. We will provide bread plus some drinks for the down downs (penalties). Dogs on a lead with well behaved owners are most welcome. The cost is £2 an adult or child, or £8 a family, and any profits will be donated to Harbury GASS.

<http://www.actionability.co.uk/hh/>

Doug Freeman (612002) and Mali Murphy (613063)

World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

Please come and support our Coffee Morning, at the Tom Hauley Room, on Friday 25th September 10.00am – 12.00 noon. There will be a raffle, bring and buy and cakes. We hope you will spare a few minutes to support this very worth cause, to help provide much needed help and support, for people affected by cancer. Please come and sit and have a coffee and chat with friends.

Mary and Friends

Napton Art Group

Napton Art Group will be holding their Autumn Exhibition on 26th and 27th September at Napton Village Hall, between 10.00am – 5.00pm. Admission is 50p and refreshments are available. All welcome.

Jane Soni

Harbury Book Exchange

Do you have secondhand books you will not read again? In the next month the Parish Council will be setting up a book exchange in the foyer of the library. This will be a place where you can donate good quality books, and pick up something else in exchange - for free. Just take your books along, put them on the shelves, and choose something else. There will be three main categories, fiction, non-fiction, and children's. We have arranged with the librarian that she can select particularly good items from the Book Exchange to add to library stock, and we want to encourage people to continue to make use of the library which is an excellent community facility.

Tim Lockley



Southam & District Lions

Are pleased to announce their Second Annual Poetry Competition.



Write a poem and win a cash prize!

The competition is open to everyone – all ages – who live in Southam and the surrounding villages.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best entries in each age range:

(i) Up to 12 years - (ii) 13 – 18 years - (iii) Adults – *There is no entry fee!*

Poems can be in any style and on any theme but should not exceed 40 lines. Up to three poems can be accepted from any entrant. **Poems though MUST be your own work.**

Type (or write legibly) your poem on one side of A4 sized paper with your name, age, address and phone number on the reverse side.

Drop your poem into the collection box in Southam Library between September 1st and October 10th 2009.

Alternatively you can post to:

Lion Dave Brough, 7 Millholme Close, Southam. CV47 1FQ

Winners will be notified by Saturday October 24th 2009. The winners will be presented with their prizes at a Poetry Recital Evening which is being planned for late November/Early December.

The winning entries will also be displayed at the John Turner Festival on Saturday November 7th 2009. A book containing all the poems entered will be on sale at the Festival. We still have a few books of last years entries priced at £3.50 each – contact Lion Dave Brough at the above address.

Tai Chi – better than dancing?

Mark Ramprakash, a previous winner of television series 'Celebrity Strictly Come Dancing' is, we are told, to become the first ambassador for dance. There has been considerable media coverage of this interesting and unconventional government initiative to get people moving and fit. Every media report, however, seems to compare dancing with Tai Chi as a means to develop body control, flexibility, coordination, poise and grace. In that respect Tai Chi does have similarities to dancing but it is yet more than this, being a complete health exercise system that includes remedial and preventative work as well as strength and energy development.

Tai Chi - this wonderful system that dancing aspires to emulate in health benefits - is available weekly in your village on Fridays at 7pm in Harbury Village Hall. Don't miss the opportunity to join in and get

healthy in a relaxed and relaxing way. This is a beginners' class open to all and you need have no fears about not knowing what to do. Fortunately, after years of training, I do know! And don't worry about the fact that some people have been attending since January; you can join at any time and learn at your own pace.

I can be contacted by telephone on 612277 or by email at bob@churchterrace8.freemove.co.uk.

Bob Sherman



Harbury Pre-School Development Project

We would like to inform you of an exciting opportunity for the future development of Harbury Pre-School and the Wight School.

Harbury Pre-School has successfully secured, in principle, an Early Years Capital Grant from Warwickshire County Council to create an enhanced environment for our provision of sessional care. The grant would also be used to provide a more secure environment and to improve the accessibility of the facility by offering modern accessible facilities for all.

Some of the improvements we would like to develop include-

- A new welcoming and more secure entrance
- Disabled access
- Ensuring a private and secure play area
- Improved modern toilet facilities, easily accessible
- Disabled toilet facilities

More accessible kitchen

Most of the changes planned would be facilitated by the building of a carefully designed extension to the east side of the current Wight School building, whilst other improvements are within the current areas in use.

To assist with working towards this proposed development for Harbury Pre-School a Project Steering Group has been formed currently consisting of some of the Pre-School Committee members (both

current and former), staff representatives and a Construction Project Manager appointed by the current Pre-School Committee. We would be very interested to hear from anyone who feels they would be able to support the Project Steering Group and in particular anyone with relevant experience, skills and/or contacts that would assist the delivery of this exciting and ambitious project.

Initial preliminary consultations have taken place regarding this proposed project with Harbury Parochial Church Council, the Wight School Trustees and Warwickshire County Council including Library Services.

Further consultations will take place in the near future. This will include a Project Open Event to be held in the Wight School on Saturday 3rd October 2009 from 10.00am – 12.00pm that we hope you will be able to attend.

We welcome your views on this exciting project and we hope that we can rely on your support to help develop these improvements to Harbury Pre-School for the children who attend both now, and in the years to come.

Anne Stanton

On behalf of the Project Steering Group, Harbury Pre-School

Harbury Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Group



The first meeting of the newly formed Harbury Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group will take place on Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Scout Hut, behind the Library in High Street.

If you expressed an interest in undertaking your D of E Award with us at our preliminary meeting in June, then come along on 2nd October and we can start the ball rolling by enrolling you into the Scheme and discussing how you can achieve your Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

If you didn't attend our first meeting in June, but would like to learn more about the Award Scheme, either come along on 2nd October or call Kathy Sampson (613409), Caroline Hill (613780) or Nick Tawney (614062).

Caroline Hill



Electric Blanket Testing Campaign

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests **FREE OF CHARGE**, for people aged 60 or over, between Monday 5th October and Friday October 9th 2009.

Testing will take place at the following venues around the County:

Leamington Town Hall, Monday 5th October

Nuneaton Fire Station, Tuesday 6th October

Kenilworth Library, Wednesday 7th October

Rugby Library, Thursday 8th October

United Reformed Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, Friday 9th October

Don't miss this opportunity. Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked.

To book an appointment, call the Trading standards Service on: 01926 736477 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm).

Dawn Cotterill

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After completing 3 Half Marathons this year I have decided to run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in London on Sunday October 11th to raise money for the Help for Heroes Charity.

I chose this Charity as I served with the British Army in the 80's seeing active service in Northern Ireland. We also have a son Sam who is currently serving in the Army.

Raising funds is my way of articulating what many people feel at the moment – a sense that a lot of young people are being killed and maimed in our name and that we could all do a bit more to support them.

If you would like to sponsor me you can do so by visiting my online fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/stephenwilkins1 or you can hand in any donation, however small, to The Lymes, Church St, Harbury.

Thank you for your support.

Steve Wilkins



Ballroom Dancing

The dates for the next session of ballroom dancing are: 21, 28 October, 4, 11, 18, 25 November. These are all on Wednesday evenings from 8.30 to 10.00pm at the Village Hall.

Annie, our endlessly patient and inspiring teacher, will continue her efforts to help us glide or boogie around the room. If you would like to try your hand (or feet) at this, please give me a ring on 613680 for more information.

Joan Smith

Harbury Bridge Club

Just a brief note to let you know that the Bridge Club is still going strong. We are very fortunate in the facilities we enjoy at the Village Club in Hall Lane. We regularly have 3-4 tables and are always happy to welcome new (and old) members. We meet at 7.00pm on Thursdays.

Pat Hearn (612714)

Operation Christmas Child



Sorry to mention Christmas so soon, but just to confirm that we shall again be putting together shoeboxes of gifts, for this appeal. Please start looking out things to go in them – especially notebooks and colouring books (we have quite a lot of pencils already) toys and toiletries. There will be leaflets of suggestions in Church and a Coffee Morning to collect them on Friday November 6th. Any queries to 614809.

Gillian Hare

Blood Donors

Thank you to everyone who attended last month's session, especially the 10 new donors. It resulted in the collection of 89 units of much needed blood – the lower number probably to be expected at holiday time. Our next session will be on Thursday November 19th.

Gillian Hare

Only 115 days to Christmas...

... and Harbury Folk Club Choir would like to open this year's Christmas season with a second concert of our songs from Christmas Eve Carol Services in Harbury Church over the years.

Following our debut concert in 2004, many people have asked us when we would do another one. Last time we booked the Tom Hauley Room. It was a wonderful, cosy evening (well, we thought so), and from concert proceeds and the subsequent sale of CDs, we have donated over £500 to two nominated charities - Harbury Church and The Leamington Christian Mission. But we underestimated demand, so this time we will stage the concert in the church and use the Tom Hauley Room for refreshments in the interval.

We hope, again, to record the evening and produce a CD of our Greatest Hits Vol 2. Please look out for posters in and around the village and come along to help us open the 2009 Christmas season in good Harbury style.

Please put a mark in your diary for Saturday 5th December, 7:30. Tickets will be available from 1st November by telephoning Celia on 612819 or Janny on 612002.

Celia, Janny, Lynne, Margaret and Peter

The Men behind the masks - revealed

They may not have received an investment from the Dragons, but the Three Maskateers from Mask-arade.com certainly created an impression when they came face to face with Duncan Bannatyne, Theo Paphitis, Deborah Meadan, James Caan and Peter Jones on Dragons' Den recently.

Viewers thought that they were seeing double when Ray Duffy, Chris O'Nyan and Dean Walton walked up the famous stairs wearing specially produced masks of Dragons.



"It was really nerve wracking" said Ray Duffy - Mask-arade Director, "we only had to remember one minute each for our pitch, but when you have the Dragons staring at you just a few feet away, and cameras and lights everywhere, we all struggled to get our words out."

Fellow Mask-ateer Dean Walton said "the whole day was an unforgettable experience and everyone at the BBC made us feel really important, the Dragons didn't back us but they seemed to have fun with our masks and asked if they could keep them afterwards, Evan Davies had a right good laugh when he interviewed the three of us wearing masks of himself afterwards."

Mask-arade produce personalised party products including their legendary masks, life-size stand-ups and face shaped greetings cards. Personalised masks have now become an essential part of any stag and hen night, they are also proving popular for weddings, birthday parties, sports tours, product launches, corporate events and even bah mitzvahs!!

The idea came about when Chris O'nyan cut out a picture of Terry Wogan over 10 years ago, Chris said "I just punched the eyes out, stuck the picture onto card, fitted some elastic and took it to a party - it stole the show and everyone was clamouring to have their photo taken with Terry Wogan!" Things have come a long way since those humble beginnings, Mask-arade now produce high quality, machine cut, fully elasticated personalised masks from their recently opened new premises in Southam, Warwickshire.

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The last few months have been the busiest in Mask-arade's short history, in excess of 50,000 masks have been shipped including 6000 Ricky Hatton masks for his Vegas fight, 4000 Owen Coyle masks for Burnley's play-off final at Wembley and 3000 for West Brom's last game of the season.



The Three Maskateers are buzzing at the moment following the securing of licences to produce Cartoon Network's Ben 10 masks and life-sized stand-ups, another licence is in place to produce the Tiara Club's Little Princess masks. A partnership has also been established with hit Britain's Got Talent duo Faces of Disco who wear celebrity masks for their hilarious dance routines.

For further information contact info@mask-arade.com or phone Ray on 01926 814292.

Dean Walton

Harbury in the 2nd World War

Some time ago, I wrote a series of articles about the men whose names appear on the First World War memorial. As it is the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War in September, it seemed an appropriate time to honour the memory of the ten men from the village who were killed. We hear their names read out every Remembrance Sunday and they are familiar to us because many of the families still live here.

The War came only 20 years after the end of the First World War and the memories of the terrible losses it caused must have been still raw. There was no patriotic fervour or rush to join the colours, just an acceptance that there was a job to be done. The first few months – the so-called phoney War passed with little activity but then came the invasion of France and the British Expeditionary Force retreated to the coast and many men were rescued from the Dunkirk beaches. Part of that retreating army was the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards and serving with them was Guardsman Raymond Ceney, father of Tony, then a baby. Ray was brought up in Harbury and served for nine years in the Coldstream Guards having joined up with his friend Dick Fletcher as they were unable to find work. He returned to the village and married his wife Elsie who was in service at Temple House. On the outbreak of war they were both recalled and met up on the beach at Dunkirk. Dick got home expecting to find Ray there but he failed to return. Along with five other men he was sent to the village of Leers-Nord 16 kilometres north-east of Lille, as part of a rearguard action. They were all killed between the 23rd and 24th May 1940 and are buried in the Communal Cemetery. Tony's mother Elsie was left to bring him up on her own. When in recent years Tony visited his father's grave with the late George Purdie, they were approached in a nearby cafe by a man who had noticed they were wearing poppies. He told them that Ray and his comrades were killed by a German aircraft and that the villagers had planted six trees in their memory close to the spot and he was able to show them the place.

Dennis Ivor Thomas Dale was a Royal Marine and I have no information about his Harbury connection. He served on the cruiser HMS Neptune. On the night of 19th December 1941, the ship ran into a

minefield off Tripoli and blew up. Marine Dale and 763 shipmates were lost. One man survived in the water for five days before being picked up by an Italian torpedo boat and he spent the rest of the war in a prison camp. Dennis Dale is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

The years of the war ground on with long working hours, rationing and worry for the men away fighting but it was not until 1944 that any men from the village were killed, but in that momentous year of the Normandy Invasion, seven men from Harbury were killed.

Charles Geoffrey Boynton and Henry Boynton were brothers of Ethel Sollis who many of you will remember well. Charles was a Sapper in the Royal Engineers and he was killed on 6th June-D-Day. The Royal Engineers achieved miracles in the Normandy Invasion, both constructing the harbour and bridging rivers. Nine days later, on 15th June, Henry, a Trooper in the Warwickshire yeomanry, part of the Royal Armoured Corps was killed in Italy. Henry was 34, and Charles was 20. Charles Boynton is buried in Bayeux War Cemetery along with many others killed in the landings. Henry is buried in Orvieto war Cemetery in Umbria in central Italy. Most of those buried there were killed, like Henry, in the heavy fighting north of Rome in June 1944.

George Windsor Tanner, known as 'Bubbles' was the son of Rose and Tom Tanner and raised with his two brothers and four sisters in what is now called Littleton Cottage in South Parade. His brother Doug, father of Patrick, lived in Harbury until his death in 2007. George worked at Lockheed before the war and married a Leicestershire girl called Annie. They lived in a bungalow at Westfields Farm. George joined the Royal Navy and served most of his time on HMS Boadicea, a B Class destroyer. The ship escorted Arctic Convoys to Russia, a notoriously harsh and dangerous task. On 13th June 1944, while escorting a westbound convoy off Portland, the ship was hit by two torpedoes dropped from a Junkers aircraft which had attached itself unnoticed to the tail end of a returning formation of British bombers. One torpedo hit the magazine and the ship blew apart. There were only 13 survivors from a crew of 182, and Leading Seaman George Tanner was not one of them. He was 38 years old. He is remembered on the Chatham Naval memorial.





Private Tommy Biddle

Private Thomas Henry Griffin Biddle served with 2nd Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire's. He was Quona Huntley's brother and the family grew up in the village and their father worked in the cement works. Tommy worked there too before he joined the army as did his brother. He was killed in Normandy, aged 32 on the 6th August 1944 and is buried in the St Charles De Percy War Cemetery-a village 44 kilometres south-west of Caen. Those buried there were killed like Tommy in an effort to drive a wedge between the German 7th Army and Panzer Group West, in the area towards Vire. Quona remembers that the telegram telling his family he had been killed came just after their father had died of pneumonia.

24 year old Lance Bombardier John Henry Hodges served with 85th Mountain Regiment of the Royal Artillery and he was killed in Italy on the 8th September 1944 leaving a wife and unborn son. He is buried in Gradara War Cemetery in the Province of Pesaro. Most of those buried there were killed in the heavy fighting around Rimini which was taken by the Allies on September 21st.

Flying Officer Frederick Ernest Rex Gurden was lost on air operations on the 22nd December 1944. Rex, as he was known by his family was the brother of Ralph who many readers will remember. Ralph's widow, Gill, showed me the telegram the family received at Hillside Farm on Christmas Eve. The Lancaster bomber on which he was the bomb-aimer had set off from RAF Wickenby in Lincolnshire to bomb railway facilities in Koblenz. At 23, he was the eldest of the 7 man crew. They had already flown 20 missions. The aircraft developed an engine fault and turned round but



Flying Officer Rex Gurden

because of severe weather conditions was diverted to RAF Leeming in Yorkshire. The aircraft stalled as it turned and crashed, exploding on impact. The crew are all remembered on the Runnymede RAF Memorial. This beautiful memorial from which there is a panoramic view over London honours 20,000 airman who flew from bases in the UK and in Northern and Western Europe and have no known grave.

The war continued through the exceptionally bitter winter of 1944-5 and it was close to the end when Driver Ernest William Field of the Royal Signals Corps was killed in Germany aged 36 on the 25th April. Ern as he was known, was the Co-op baker's roundsman. His father Charles was a blacksmith and brought up his family in Binswood End. He is buried in Becklingen War Cemetery.

On June 4th 1940, with the country left to fight alone against seemingly overwhelming odds, Winston Churchill spoke in the House of Commons shortly after becoming Prime Minister. He said 'Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad sunlit uplands.'

Despite the many problems that beset us as a nation, in truth those of us who have lived our lives since the end of the war have walked those 'broad sunlit uplands' and we owe that to those men of Harbury and the many thousands like them.

Sharon Hancock

Note - My thanks are due to Quona Huntley, Gill Gurden, Patrick Tanner and Tony Ceney for information and the loan of photographs. I was unable to find out anything about R.W. Morris and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has been unable to help. If any readers have any information please get in touch with me at 32, Mill Street.



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Please can I say a huge "thank you" to so many friends and neighbours in Harbury for all the wonderful cards, flowers and kindness I've received after my recent operation.

I am so overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness. Harbury folk really are the best!

Thank you all.

Sylvia Green

Dear Editors

May I, through the pages of the Harbury News, thank everyone for the telephone calls, cards, flowers and good wishes I have received whilst in hospital and since my return home.

I am feeling much better, but not ready for a marathon yet!!

Thank you once again for your kind thoughts.

Laura Oliver

Dear Editors

I have been able to send a cheque for £130 to the Cinnamon Trust. I know they will put the money to very good use. Thank you for your generosity at my recent coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

Pat Hearn

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising event at The Old New Inn which included a fantastic session from local singer Ella Kenrick. Proceeds from the raffle and BBQ raised £613.45 for Windmills Nursery School.

Thank you from

Windmills Nursery School Fundraising Committee

Dear Editors

I don't know if many people are aware of the request to lay a sewer from the proposed social housing development in Bush Heath Lane, across the playing fields, down through the Village Hall car park and out in to Constance Drive. This seems to be something that has been sprung on the Parish Council at the eleventh hour by the Developer prior to the submission of a planning application. At the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 20th August, Councillors refused the Developer's application for consent for use of the playing fields but the matter is to be considered again at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 24th September and this decision may be reversed.

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Yours faithfully

Patrick Tanner

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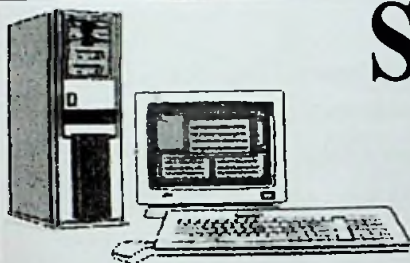
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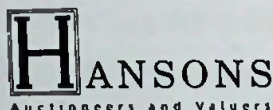
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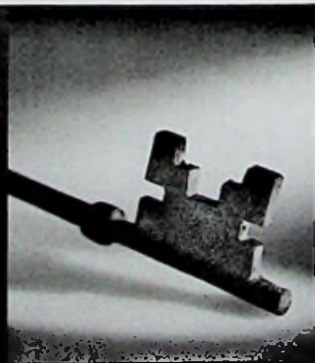
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