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Editorial



It is concerning that, once again, there are reports of serious vandalism in the village. This will impact on Parish Council finances as all repairs have to be paid for. There have also been thefts from Harbury Church.

An opportunity for local photographers – Ladbroke is launching a Photography Club and is seeking new members. The inaugural meeting is on 13th October at 7.30pm.

The Village Show, in its new venue, the Village Club, was well supported. Many thanks to the organisers and to all those who exhibited.

Michelle, our librarian for the past two years, has promotion to the Warwick Library Service. We wish her well in her future career. The Library will remain open on Mondays and Thursdays.

Magazine subscriptions are due this month and, for the third year running, we have been able to maintain the current annual subscription of $\pounds 7$.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Eva Broom.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

Sat 2	'Flu Clinic, 9.30am – 12 noon at Harbury Surgery
	Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of
	Cinnamon
	Harvest Supper 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Sun 3	TRINITY XVIII
	Sung Eucharist 9.00am
	First Light Service (50 th Meeting Celebration) 10.30am, Tom
	Hauley Room
	Quiet Contemplative Service in the Celtic Tradition 6.00pm
Tues 5	Holy Communion 7.30pm
	Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Weds 6	Holy Communion 2.00pm

		Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room: Further coverage of Action & Outreach Projects - Chris Rutherford			
		Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm -10.00pm in Village Hall			
Thurs 7		Holy Communion 9.45am			
		Art Group 'Mixed Media' 10.00am-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Men's Group Meeting 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, speaker: Rob Darlison from CANA			
		Folk Club 8.00pm in Dog Inn			
Fri	8	Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall			
Sat	9	Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of CINDI			
		Victorian Street Fayre, from 4.00pm in Chapel Street.			
		Moving Pictures 'Toy Story 3', doors open 1.00pm film starts 1.30pm in Village Hall			
Sun	10	TRINITY XIX			
		Holy Communion 8.00am			
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am			
Tues	12	Toddlers Service 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room			
		Holy Communion 7.30pm			
Wed	13	Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm -10.00pm in Village Hall			
Thurs	14	Holy Communion 9.45am			
		NSPCC Ladies Lunch, Tom Hauley Room, Tel 614664			
		WI – Tennis Umpires - 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room			
Fri	15	ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM			
		Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall			
Sat	16	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room			
		Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis			
Sun	17	TRINITY XX			
		Holy Communion 8.00am			
		Family Communion Service 10.30am			
		Evensong 6.00pm			
Mon	18	Southam Mop Fair			
Tues	19	Holy Communion 7.30pm			
		Harbury Society Mr Howe "Accustomed as I am" Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm			
		Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm – in Church - "Bits & Pieces" (Patchwork & Quilting) – Ros Baldwin			
Weds	20	Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room			
		No Ballroom Dancing			
Thurs	21	Holy Communion 9.45am			

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Thurs	3 21	SCHOOL HALF TERM HOLIDAY ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND EMAIL, ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Fri	22	Myton Hospice Coffee Morning 10.00am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room
		Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	23	Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
Sun	24	LAST AFTER TRINITY
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	26	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Julian Meeting 8.00pm
Weds	s 27	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
		No Ballroom Dancing
Thurs	s 28	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Blood Donors 1.30pm –3.30pm and 4.30pm-7.30pm in Village Hall
		Parish Council 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Fri	29	Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	30	Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance
		Windmills Singers and Guests, 7.30pm, The Grange Hall, Southam
		CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR TONIGHT
Sun	31	IV BEFORE ADVENT
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30pm
		All Souls Remembrance Service 6.00pm
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Mon	1	SCHOOL STARTS
		ALL Saints' Day
		Flu Clinic, 5.00pm 7.00pm, Harbury Surgery
		Holy Communion with Hymns 7.30pm
Tues	2	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
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Weds 3 Holy Communion 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room:
'Songs My Mother Taught Me' – Mike Hare
Hereburgh Morris Beginners Evening, 8.00pm, School Hall
Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm -10.00pm in Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota					
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week	
	Wed	Thurs	Fri		
ber	6	7	8	Grey Bin	
October	13	14	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins	
	20	21	22	Grey Bin	
	27	28	29	Green & Blue Lid Bins	
	3	4	5	Grey Bin	
Νον	10	11	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins	
	17	18	19	Grey Bin	
From the Pector					

From the Rector

HARBURY

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Lighting the blue touch paper

No doubt you heard in the news the other week the claim from Professor Stephen Hawking from his book *The Grand Design,* that the 'Big Bang' was an inevitable consequence of the laws of physics. He said; "It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the Universe going."

So is that it then? Is God no longer needed? Are we then nothing more than a bunch of molecules and the result of the physical laws of nature alone?

It is true that many see science and faith as opposites that in some way they are enemies of each other and that if you have a belief in a creator God then somehow you need to get out of the dark ages plug in your brain and enter the modern world! But let's look at things another way.

Stephen Hawking's 'M Theory', as it's referred too, is simply that – a theory. The Professor of Astronomy at University College London (speaking as an atheist) said as much on a recent interview for Channel 4. He said that Hawking doesn't begin to explain the origins

of the universe and that science is only on the shores of a vast ocean in terms of exploring and answering the question of the origins of the universe.

Professor John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Oxford and Fellow in Mathematics and the Philosophy of Science said (speaking as a Christian) said "Contrary to what Hawking claims, physical laws can never provide a complete explanation of the universe. The laws of physics can explain, for example, how a jet engine works, but someone had to build the thing, put in the fuel and start it up. The jet engine could not have been created without the laws of physics on their own - but the task of development and creation needed the genius of an engineer."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams said; "Belief in God is not about plugging a gap in explaining how one thing relates to another within the Universe. It is the belief that there is an intelligent, living agent on whose activity everything ultimately depends for its existence. Physics on its own will not settle the question of **why** there is something rather than nothing."

This is the central question for us – WHY there is something rather than nothing.

Science looks essentially is at mechanics (the HOW question – how we came into being, how it all happened) but fails to answer the WHY questions.

Professor Alistair McGrath, A former atheist himself and Molecular Biophysicist, became a Christian and is now Professor of Theology at King's College London. McGrath says; "If we are simple products of the laws of Physics, without any force or creator behind our existence, then I want to ask where the human capacity for love, creativity and the transient has come from?

Much of the rationale behind Hawking's argument lies in the idea that there is a deep-seated conflict between science and religion. But there is no conflict.

For me, the beauty of the scientific laws only reinforces my faith in an intelligent, divine creative force at work. The more I understand science, the more I believe in God because of my wonder at the breadth, sophistication and integrity of his creation.

It is true that we live in an age that wants to ditch God. Any book about ditching God usually becomes a best seller (The 'God Delusion' for example). Maybe it's not that people want to ditch God, but are searching for meaning and truth. As humans we are curious, we want to know, to discover. But science can only take us so far – we might discover how it happened, the physical processes involved but it cannot tell us WHY – for that we need to look elsewhere and to God self.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

September 11	Maxton Romero	
	Cheryl Satchwell	
September 12	Jayden Ronny Romero	
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Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

September 16

Eva Broom (89 years)

From the Churchwardens



Will & Fliss

Harvest was celebrated at our September All Age Communion Service. We welcomed a very large congregation which included many children and their families. The presentation was given by the school. The children, through readings, prayers, pictures and their gifs of produce, reminded us of God's bounty, of the many people who work hard to provide us with food, and of those who are not blessed with the plenty that we enjoy. Thank you to them, to Jo and her team who worked hard to make the Church look so beautiful and to everyone who gave produce which has been taken to Castel Froma.

On the evening of the All Age Communion Service, (every third Sunday in the month) we have choral Evensong, a traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer. We have taken to holding this in the chancel which makes it much easier to feel part of it and to sing psalms and canticles that may be unfamiliar. This service is a very peaceful end to the day and a beautiful beginning to the week. Don't assume that it's not for you: please come and join us.

Some dates for your diary: 31st October: All Souls, 6.00pm. A Service of Remembrance for those we love but see no longer.

Everyone is welcome to the service. Those who have been bereaved in the past two years will receive a personal invitation and there will be a list in Church for the names of those you would like to be remembered that night.

1st November: All Saints, 7.30pm – Holy Communion with hymns. Please do join us. There will be drinks after the service as an extra celebration of our Patronel Festival.

4th December: The Christmas Fayre – more details with the November issue.



Gillian Hare

Our autumn programme is now underway, starting with a communion service and then an evening meeting at which Chris Rutherford described some of the work done under the heading "Action and Outeach". It is most encouraging to hear of the positive differences made by M.U members and to realise we are part of such a worthwhile movement. She will continue her talk at the next afternoon meeting on October 6th.

The profit from the very successful coffee morning will be split between the family holiday scheme (A.F.I.A) and the Wheels Appeal which helps with transport costs for M.U workers abroad.

Please come to the afternoon meeting with suggestions of "Songs my mother taught me" so we can put together a selection for the November meeting. Also, please bring a Christmas card to send to a prisoner; we shall later be collecting for the Angel Tree which sends Christmas presents to prisoners' children.

Also for future use – toiletries for the stall at the Christmas Fair and gifts for the shoeboxes. See separate note in the magazine about the coffee and packing morning on November 5^{th} .

Finally, a change for the evening meeting on October 19th. This will now be in Church at 8.00pm, following 7.30pm communion, and Ros Baldwin will be telling us about, and showing, some of her beautiful patchwork. As always, visitors will be most welcome.

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Toddlers' Service

We started our service by singing "I have seen the golden sunshine".

Mr Tony Stubbs then told us all about the Harvest. How, in the Spring time, the farmers plough the fields and get them ready to plant the seeds. The seeds then need rain and sunshine to make them grow into wheat and corn. We saw pictures of the combine harvester collecting all the grain.

Mr Stubbs had brought some ears of corn from which, when he rubbed it, out came the grain which would then be made into cereal such as cornflakes, Weetabix and porridge which we all like to have for our breakfasts.

Mr Hare then played for us again and we sang "someone has brought a loaf of bread to the altar". Mrs Bedford had brought had brought lots of different fruits and vegetables so we took turns to put them on our altar. There were lemons, apples, onions, and lots of other things on our altar.

We then made a lovely picture of the harvest with a ploughed field, bales of hay and straw and an apple tree with red apples on it. We then had our drinks and played with the toys until it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers Service is on Tuesday 12th October at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley room. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you then.



Alison Abbott

Jubilee, what springs to mind when you hear the word jubilee? Maybe you remember the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 or, more recently, the Golden Jubilee in 2002 when we celebrated the 50th anniversary of her accession to the throne. The word has grown to mean a special anniversary of a monarch's reign and an excuse to party, but it originally referred to a Jewish festival that was only kept once every 50 years. The 50th year was a year when debts were written off, land returned to the family it originally belonged to and slaves set free.

It was intended to be a time of social levelling and redistribution of wealth. This is a theme taken up by the Jubilee Debt campaign, which campaigns to free poor countries from crippling debt.

First Light on 3rd October will be our 50th First Light, so it seemed appropriate to celebrate this by taking the theme Jubilee. I'm afraid we won't be able to write off your mortgage, but we will be partying with cakes and balloons, so please come and join us for a fun time of family worship. We start at 10.30 in the Tom Hauley Room, but come early and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea first.

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Sun	10	TRINITY XVIII
		Harvest Thanksgiving with Family Communion, 10.30am in Church
Fri	8	Harvest Supper, 7.00pm for 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	9	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	10	TRINITY XIX
		Holy Communion, 9.00am in Church
Wed	13	Photography Club, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, Village Hall
Fri	15	ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF HARBURY NEWS TO: 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
Sun	17	LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY
		Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am
Wed	20	Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Thurs	21	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND EMAIL, ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sat	23	Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Sun	24	LAST AFTER TRINITY
		Holy Communion, 9.00am
Thurs	28	Women's Institute, 7.30pm, Village Hall

N.B: Table tennis on Mondays is "on hold" due to lack of support but may start again in the New Year.

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute Carol Lane

During the business meeting on September 23rd, President Lesley gave out some dates for the diary: Stockton W.I. are holding a Fashion Show on 25th October in their Village Hall and the W.I. Carol Service is to be held in Ladbroke Church this year on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening was Nigel Bishop who spoke about creating a garden for retirement and based his talk on the garden he had helped to establish with his father. Nigel had vast experience and had fairly recently retired from Warwickshire County Council where he had responsibility for all the parks, gardens and cemeteries and it was his wish to brighten up his journey to work which inspired the daffodils along Europa Way. Although retired, Nigel is advising on the Shrewsbury Flower Show and has been asked by the Royal Horticultural Society to be part of the National judging team for the Britain in Bloom Competition.

There was far too much information to be able to share the details in this account but his fundamental ideas were well worth taking heed of. He feels that a garden is a place of enjoyment so it should be designed to look after itself so that it doesn't become a worry. He said that it is like Paradise and you should approach areas and plants within it thinking 'do I want to spend the rest of my life in Paradise with you?' If the answer is 'no' then get rid of it!

When his parents moved to the dilapidated house they made the garden the priority so that by the time the house renovations were completed the garden was established. In this new site he took note of what was behind the hedges, then created vision lines showing off the best of the views.

Another good piece of advice I thought was that when buying plants you should plan to get the scale and colour combinations right then shop specifically for that list, don't accept any substitutes and don't impulse buy. He demonstrated really well how focal points were created using hard structures then plants were placed around them. His final thoughts were that once you have filled the garden up, just leave it. It sounded really easy when he said it!

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held on October 28th and members were asked to consider putting themselves forward for committee.



Ladbroke Millennium Green

The annual meeting is scheduled for 21st October 2010 at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to the public and we are hoping for a good attendance and lots of ideas for our 2011 programme.

The provisional agenda is:

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of AGM 28th October 2009
- 3 Chairman's Report
- 4 Financial/Grants Report
- 5 Potential impact of HS2
- 6 Election of Trustees
- 7 AOB
- 8 Provisional Date of Next Meeting October 27th 2011
- For Further information, please telephone 01926 812668



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall Trustees AGM

The Agm will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday 16th November 2010 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Christine Baker

Photography Club

A start up meeting to give an idea of what the Photography Club can offer will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Wednesday 13th October 7.30 - 9.30pm. During the evening a local photographer will present some of their pictures and we'll have a competition "Holiday Postcard" - if you would like to enter bring along up to 3 postcard-sized

prints of photos you have taken. We will also discuss how the club should go forward, eg on which evening should we have our monthly meetings and what should we include in our programme. We plan that the club will cater for all levels of photographic experience, from complete beginners to experts, by sharing our skills & knowledge and by providing inspiration and motivation to put what we know into practice. The start up meeting is free, with no obligation to join the club so why not come along if you are passionate about photography, keen to learn or just curious. For more information please email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk

Jackie West

Sponsored "Ride & Stride"

Many thanks to Helen, Steve and Tom Morton for cycling for again in this event to raise money for historic Churches. If anyone is thinking that they would have liked to take part, there is always next year. They raised £400.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results	of the	draw for	August	were:
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- £80 M Theaker
- £50 Susan Moore
- £25 Mary Coley
- £10 Ken Whiteley

- £10 Sheena Healey
- £10 Mike Todman
- £10 Carole & Peter Loftus
- £10 Trish Teverson

Janet Goldson



Official minutes can be viewed in the Library on the Parish Council website <u>www.harbury-pc.gov.uk</u> or obtained from the Parish Clerk Tel: 01926 614646

Harbury has been unfortunate recently to have suffered several acts of mindless destruction. Trees were damaged on the Pound and the

beautiful copper-leaved Acer that shaded the Small Children's Play Area was killed. Both the Dog Waste Bins have been torched; the picnic table and bench were ruined and also the bench in Bush Heath Lane; two posts were ripped out of the car park; the School's and Tennis Courts fencing have been damaged and the tennis nets and posts destroyed.

All this means that considerable extra costs fall on the Parish Council (that means all of us) at a time when financial restraint is being forced on local authorities.

The Police are aware of these incidents but local people are asked to ensure that they report any anti-social acts they witness to the Police and Parish Council. It will help us to fight for more Police coverage and it sometimes brings the culprits to justice.

What does the village do for young people?

Well, there is a Youth Club at the Church; a very well equipped playing field with soccer pitches, netball and tennis courts; and a skatepark and BMX track provided through the fund-raising efforts of Cllr Janet Thornley.

There are many clubs and organisations which welcome young people: Scouting sections including the Duke of Edinburgh Award group; the Choir School and Theatre Group which has been recruiting youngsters for its pantomime and of course Moving Pictures – coming soon is Nanny McPhee. The village is very fortunate to have access to the countryside and informal play areas within easy reach.

The Parish Plan is now being updated and this would be an opportunity for everyone to suggest what more can be done for young people, the village and environment in general as well as other special interest groups.

Requests for Grant Aid

The Councillors were happy to vote £700 towards the cost of a remote controlled screen to allow Lana Long to set up the Moving Pictures shows more easily.

Harbury Theatre Group were given help with the cost of skips to take away some of their historic equipment which was stored in the Village Hall roof.

The Village Hall Committee announced that the roof needed strengthening and the tiles, gutters and doors had to be replaced.

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They hoped to secure a grant for this work and to improve the insulation.

New Councillors

Steve Ekins and Pat Summers, the newly appointed Parish Councillors were assigned to various Working Parties. Cllr Ekins has already booked himself in for training in Planning.

Planning Applications and Decisions

Stratford granted permission for the Tesco's Store in Southam; the felling of two Cypress at Jara House, High Street and work to raise the crowns of two Ash trees at Harbury House; the demolition of an existing house at Eastfields Farm, Deppers Bridge and its replacement with a detached house and triple garage; extensions at 38 Farley Avenue, 6 and 11 Wagstaffe Close, 65 Mill Street, 6 Park Lane Terrace and 33 South Parade; the insertion of a new window at Hill Cottage, Farm Street and the re-roofing of The Cottage High Street.

Harbury Parish Council made no comments on plans for the relocation of stables at 11 The Beeches and a porch at 65 Mill Street. They are considering which of the suggested names should be given to the new Bush Heath Lane development, presently marketed as Harburyfields.

Parish Properties

"I'll be in it before it's resolved" was Cllr Hancock's comment on progress in discovering relatives for the Burial Ground graves that are presently staked for safety. The Clerk has some success in tracing them and Cllr Pat Summers offered her knowledge of village families.

The Councillors discussed the costs of replacing the vandalised items. The fencing alone at the Tennis Courts will cost £200. The cost of the nets and posts falls on the Tennis and Netball Clubs as well as the Parish Council. The Council will reconsider replacing the picnic table and bench next year and hope to get the District Council to pay for the dog waste bins.

Chairman Tim Lockley asked if these bins could be cast iron, the same as the BBQ which had survived. This provoked the Treasurer Tony Mancell to explain "That's designed to be set on fire!"

Rough areas around the Skatepark and BMX Track will be levelled and reseeded at a cost of £680 plus VAT which will come out of the grant received for providing the BMX track. Councillors were very concerned about the recent accident to a ten year old boy at the Playing Fields where it was reported that the ambulance crew could not drive onto the field.

Cllr Hancock had tried to extract a report of the incident from the Ambulance Service but to no avail. There were conflicting views of what had happened and the Council did not understand why the Air Ambulance had not been called out.

The Village Hall Committee had offered to house duplicates of the keys needed to remove the bollards and to add this information and contact details of members of the Parish Council to its information notice.

The Parish Council agreed to this and will in addition will erect a similar notice at the entrance to the Fields. These details should in any case be available to the Emergency Services in the Parish Emergency Plan.

Next Meeting: Thursday 28th October 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room

Vandalism

There have been several acts of vandalism at the playing fields in recent weeks. The picnic table was damaged and had to be removed; dogs bins have been set alight and destroyed; the tennis court fencing has been damaged and one of the nets together with its posts rendered unusable. Mindless vandalism like this not only ruins facilities at the playing fields, it also has a direct impact on Parish Council finances since items need to be repaired or replaced. Ultimately this means that everyone in the village ends up paying for vandalism. If you have observed acts of vandalism taking place, or know who is responsible, please contact the police at Southam Police Station, 812366, who are aware of the situation. If you wish to provide information in confidence, this can be done through the parish clerk, or via any councillor.

Tim Lockley Chairman, Harbury Parish Council

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Harbury Society



Linda Ridgley



We were welcomed to the green waste Recycling Facility at Ufton Tip by young Giles Wolfe, Biffa's Process and Operations Manager, who explained the process.

Wagons are weighed before and after they deliver the waste which is shredded to give a greater surface for the digestive microbes. Machinery loads the green waste into the first concrete "vessel" where under floor jets of air help the microbes

heat the waste to 65°C for 48 hours in a "kill" cycle. This is repeated in the second vessel then the waste is spread out to mature for two weeks. These processes are partly automated with computers monitoring the heat, moisture etc. but Giles and his team must also make judgements and adjustments.

Any exhaust gases are "scrubbed" through a bio-filter to remove any potentially harmful microbes and a "forest" scent is added. The treated waste is sifted to remove stones, logs and plastic. Anything not completely composted is returned to the process for further treatment. The final product can be spread as topsoil on landfill sites or used by farmers. It is not for garden use as the original waste may be contaminated with food waste.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to our successful Coffee Morning which raised £140. On 19th October Mr Howe will regale us with "Accustomed as I am" on Public Speaking, 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.



Back to the September meeting with news and dates.

Nora Ellis, who won a bursary, went to Denman College with her daughter to the course "Summer Flowers in Watercolour". She said it was really interesting with 11 in the class, some of whom had never painted before and the tutor was excellent.

The Harbury Village Show, held in the Village Club, proved to be enjoyable. The committee worked very hard to make it so and the helpers were worth their weight in gold. Entries were down this year with the weather being as it has been and people still on holiday. What was on show was excellent including all the children's entries. Congratulations to all the winners and to Janice Siddle and Dorothy Groves in W.I.

Do remember that it isn't winning but just entering that is important to keep the show going.

Thirteen members visited Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick on 22nd September. The weather was perfect and our thanks must go to Janice Siddle who is a volunteer there and who gave us the interesting history of Hill Close. It was part of St. Mary's Common leading down to Warwick Racecourse – one of the oldest racecourses that was established in 1707. The ground was purchased by Mr Phillip Stratford who divided the ground into 32 lots in 1840. They sold 16 lots for houses and the 16 remaining were sold for leisure gardens to tradesmen as they had no gardens at their businesses. We heard of the maintenance and neglect over the years during the wars and how it was restored 10 years ago to the delightful gardens they are today.

The speaker at our last meeting was Fay Palmer, a member of the British Society of Dowsers and a registered practitioner and what an interesting talk we had. Dowsing is best known for locating underground water but has many other uses for health and the environment in which we live. Fay is a natural dowser having been interested since she was 9 years old. To become a proficient dowser requires careful and patient training and practice. Carefully directed dowsing can access information from regions of the body, mind and spirit that can allow the therapeutic process to be directed towards the underlying causes of health and disease. Spending prolonged periods of time at home or at work is detrimental to human health, is a common dysfunction and the effects of this are termed "geopathic stress". Competent dowsers are able to guide sitings of buildings and other structures to avoid or minimise the effects of geopathic stress.

We were all given dowsing tools and tested each other. Some did not move but others were twanging all over the place. Heaven only knows what the results could be. Fay went to the end of the room where a regular group sit for their Saturday morning coffee and found water so there has to be a reason for that!

The next W.I meeting is on Thursday 14th October, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Speaker: Bernadette Halton – Tennis Umpires.

Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

During September we held the Twinning Association's annual barbeque and petanque match, which was kindly hosted as usual by Pam and David Clarke.

By some great good fortune the sun shone down on us, the rain held off, and we all had a really good time. Approximately thirty five members turned up, and we divided into teams of three for the competition. The winning team comprised of Sharon Hancock, George White and myself with George winning the trophy as the highest scoring youngster.

Our thanks must go to Tom Smith who organised the competition and dealt with all the scoring, and to all those who provided the magnificent salads and sweets.

We are currently getting ourselves ready for the Street Fayre where the association will have a stall. Sally Stringer has issued a list of those who have offered to help, and it would be very nice to see you in some form of Victorian period dress.

Our AGM will be on the 12th Nov in the Tom Hauley room and we hope that all members will attend, and any prospective members would be very welcome. There will be a wine and cheese party immediately following the AGM.



Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

It's a date - Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November. You shall go to the Ball!

Have you ever wondered how Cinderella really met her Prince, got invited to the royal ball and married into royalty? Was it her beauty, her ability to cook bean soup, her tiny feet or her beautiful singing?

The time has come for the real story of Cinderella to be told, warts and all! The tale of "Cinders – the true story" by David Tristram is a hilarious Panto, putting an interesting twist on an old familiar story, and giving us a Cinderella for the 21st Century.

It's jam packed with all your favourite characters including Potty and Dotty, two sisters who will need a lot more than an extreme make-over to make them beautiful, a Baroness who makes Professor Snape look like a nice guy and a Fairy Godmother who..well...no we won't spoil it. This panto has a little something for everybody - adults and children alike.

You can catch this extravaganza on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November from 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm), with a matinee performance on Saturday 27th November at 2.30pm (doors open at 2pm).

Wanted: To make this show go with a swing, we need your help. We need a portable electronic piano which we can use for rehearsal and the actual performances. We have a very skilled pianist but lack the instrument itself. If anyone can help we would really appreciate it (and you could bag yourself a couple of free tickets to the show). We promise to look after it extremely carefully. If you can help please contact Jo Banbury on 01926 613120. Thank you.



Doug & Janny Freeman

The theme for the Harbury Folk Club number 310 was "Games and Pastimes", and the room was soon full with most of the regulars having returned from their summer breaks and ready to play games with the theme.

Tradition is that the evening starts with a number from the host(s), but unfortunately Janny's singing partner Maureen had to cry off because of a summer cold. Much to the relief of the audience, Doug declined the opportunity to sing and it was left in the very capable hands and voice of Rik to get the show on the road. A new sub theme of water for the evening soon emerged, and Rik had us messing about in and flowing down the river. Des, not to be outdone, followed this with some graphic descriptions of the "waterways" under the streets. The evening was now in full flow, and we had fine performances from Ian and Sue, Mick, Pete Mason and Ted to take us to the first water break of the evening.

During the interval, a recording studio was set up by Norman Wheatley. Norman had contacted the club to ask if he could record a couple of numbers for the accompanying CD of his soon to be

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published book "Silly Songs and Stories". The second half was opened by The Harbury Folk Club choir and their bemused teddy bears, whilst the sound engineer tested out the recording levels. Many of the audience had only ever seen reel to reel recording equipment and were fascinated by this new world of digital technology, and happily joined in the recording session under Norman's direction. The games and pastimes continued with yet more excellent contributions from Barbara, Tony and Ron. The second half was closed on a crest of the wave by a newly formed super group of Janny, David, Rosie and Tina.

We had saved the cream of the performers for the third half, and they did not disappoint. Debbie had asked to be squeezed in between the two Peters (McDonald and Bones), and we duly obliged as it was after the watershed. A great evening was closed by a very welcome and old friend of the club, Tony Bayliss. We raised £52 from the raffle which has been donated to "Save the Children". Sue Hartland will host the next Folk Club on Thursday 7th October when the theme will be "Around the World".



Harbury Toddler Group

Jemima Balcam

We've said goodbye to quite a few of our older toddlers this month, who are no longer toddlers but are now school children. With some sadness we expected to find the sessions quieter but this has definitely not been the case. We have found some mums coming back now that they are doing the school drop-off on Monday mornings, plus we have had quite a few new mums which is always very welcome.

Hannah has been keeping the children busy with some interesting and different craft activities, especially involving paint, which is lovely as we like to do the kind of messy activities which you wouldn't want to do at home. In particular we've been making suns using paint hand prints for the rays, and flowers using hand cut-outs for the petals. We have also been making the most of the last good weather of the year and the children have been enjoying our outdoor area, with the ride-ons, slides, and see-saw.

We will be holding our AGM on the evening of Monday 18th October where we will begin to plan for our Christmas Party. If anyone has any

suitable raffle prizes they would like to donate for this, we would be very grateful. These can be brought along to the Toddler Group sessions on Monday mornings or left at 41 Manor Road.

We have even more craft activities lined up for the coming weeks, themed for autumn, Halloween and Guy Fawkes night, so if you would like to come along to the Harbury Toddler Group you will be very welcome! We run on Monday mornings only, 9.30am until 11.30am, at the Wight School behind the library and have activities for children from 0-4, plus it's a great opportunity to meet other mums, carers and children in Harbury.

We were delighted to welcome a host of new faces to Pre-School at the start of the new term. New starters April, Jake, Margaux, Matthew B, Matthew G, Reuben, Sam, Toby and Todd have all settled in very well with their new friends and we are now well into the first half of the term.

The Family Tree - Our main topic for the first half-term is "Babies and Ourselves", with dolls, clothing, cots and high chairs coming to the fore in the role play area. The children have brought in photographs of themselves as babies, together with those of other members of their families. These pictures have been hung on our very own "family tree" - a beautiful freestanding photo tree so generously given to Pre-School by the Young family when Ruby left us to start at Primary School– and the children are very proud to be able to identify themselves and family members.

In addition to the photographs, the children have produced some



wonderful observational drawings of their own faces from their mirror images, carefully counting the number of eyes, noses and ears, as well as colour of eyes and hair.

Sensory and Scientific Activities – Jelly in the water tray proved a very popular activity, with the children having a wonderfully tactile time squishing it through their fingers, measuring it into different sized containers and even spreading it up their arms!

Weights and measures also came into action as the children calculated the quantities of the various ingredients needed to make their own playdough – this time a rich pink – and this has been rolled, squashed and manipulated into all kinds of shapes, making sausages,

cakes and assorted animals.

Creative Development – The children have been using the primary colours for their creative work and have made some great pictures printing with pieces of apple, carrot, pepper and pear dipped into red, yellow and blue paint.

Outdoor Play - The



hours, with longer sessions and two additional afternoon sessions,

new



have enabled us to spend more time in the outdoor classroom. Lots of pedalling, scooting and pushing has been done with the various ride-on vehicles, and some children have particularly enjoyed digging in the garden area, while others have played in the sand or had "picnics" with the dolls. The large

wooden blocks have been in use, building tower blocks, balancing tracks and roads for the various trucks, diggers and other vehicles.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386. For information on available places during the current or forthcoming years, please e-mail bud.jackson@btinternet.com. The web site can be found at www.harburypre-school.org.uk

Harbury Pre-School Fund-Raising

First of all can we give a very big thank you to all the parents who donated unwanted clothing and textiles to our Bag to School Collection

on **10th Sept 2010.** This is proving to be a simple yet very effective fundraiser for our school-raising over £200 to date.

Autumn is going to be a busy term for our fundraisers - we are all very much looking forward to the Victorian Street Fayre on October 9th. It is promising to be the biggest one so far and we would like to say how proud we are to be running it in conjunction with Windmills and also to say a big thank you to all the Harbury societies and groups who are supporting us. In particular avery big Thank You to Lana for rearranging the showing of Toy Story 3 so that all children can make it to the opening of the Street Fayre in time for the balloon launch. We're hoping that it will be a great night for all the Village - lots of entertainment, great food and some fabulous fun for the children - as well as lots of interesting stalls packed full with fun, games and great Christmas present ideas! More information can be found in a separate article in this magazine but please, don't miss out! It would be wonderful to see lots of the Village dressed in the spirit of things with Victorian attire!

Secondly, it is with great excitement that we can announce the return of Stratford Catering College who will be producing another fabulous banquet of food on December 4th. Anyone who attended the Diamonds Are Forever evening in April would vouch for the quality of the food and amazing service and attention to detail provided by the college. This time, the course tutors have promised to surpass that evening and really pull out all the stops as a thank you for all who attended. Peter Harvey and Colin Gascoyne said staff and students alike were 'buzzing' for weeks afterwards as a result of the fantastic reception they received from Harbury.

Tickets for the event will be available from next week. They will be £20. This is for a Black Tie Dinner Dance with canapés, champagne and 3 course dinner! If you would like to reserve your tickets then please contact Julie Young on 614050 - don't delay!! It's going to be a great night!

On the 12th December we will be holding the second Christmas Market in Harbury Village Hall. Once again we are delighted to welcome a huge variety of stallholders and be entertained by the fabulous Harbury Choir.

If you would like to be involved in our very friendly group then please do - we are always looking for new members to help and have fun! Please contact Julie Young or Helen Gowland for more information.

Julie Young





Nursery School

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Windmills Nursery is situated in the arounds of Harbury Primary School and has the benefit of its own Forest School and gualified Forest School Leader. We are open all day and take children from the age of 2 years. We still have a few places remaining for our free morning sessions for those children over 3 years old. If you would like to

register a place for your child you can email us at info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our web site at windmillsnursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.

Windmills was given a 'make over' during the summer break courtesy of Land Rover Transmissions Department who kindly chose us to be recipient of their community budget. A team of 19 extremely the enthusiastic people spent two days at Windmills transforming the room, shed and outdoor play area. They also painstakingly painted each fence post surrounding our outdoor play area with different colours from our Windmill. It was wonderful to see the children's faces as they arrived on their first day back as they excitedly recognised the characters from the night garden decorating toy shelves, and then they discovered the toilets which had been decorated with an under the sea theme. Staff were delighted to find that not only had they painted our outdoor area but also put up a white board in the outdoor area and provided bird tables and a selection of plants and hanging baskets to decorate our pushchair park and shed. We have taken advantage of the 'Indian Summer' by spending even more time in these fantastic new surroundings. We would like to say a huge thank you to Anita (Rob Darlison's sister) and her team of industrious helpers on behalf of the staff, parents and children at Windmills.

Our theme this term is "Ourselves" and we will also be discussing autumn and harvest time. This month the focus has been on settling in and helping the children to feel safe and secure in the setting and developing friendships. Other activities have included:

- Discussing emotions and what makes them feel happy and sad and then painting happy and sad faces, "Things that make me happy - playing with my cousins, seeing a rainbow, watching Ben10 Alien Force. Things that make me sad - wearing my jumper, when a ladybird escapes or dies, when the batteries go in my Ben 10 watch" - Joseph Coulter
- Using our new Perspex painting frame to paint portraits of each other.
- Visiting the toddler service when Tony Stubbs told us all about harvest time
- Developing a role play children's hospital



 Investigating and exploring the musical instruments creating a band complete with band leader!

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising event at the Old New Inn on 11th September; we raised £400.00 for Windmills funds. Thanks go to the Fundraising Group along with Sarah Bull, who provided the raffle prizes and helped serve the food. A special thanks to Chris Rigby for providing the BBQ and doing all the cooking despite a huge downpour!

Forest School

The children were very excited to return to our Forest School. Amanda first reminded the children about the rules in Forest School explaining them in detail to our new children and reinforcing them to our existing children. She then led everyone around the Forest School pointing out all the different areas within the woodland after which they were then left to play and explore. The children also played a colour matching game spotting different colours in the woodland, listened to



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the leafman story then continued this activity by creating their own leaf men when they returned to the classroom.

Dates for your Diaries

Windmills Nursery, together with Pre-School, are this year hosting the Victorian Street Fayre on

Saturday October 9th from 4.00pm in Chapel Street, Harbury, to raise money for both organisations. There will be fairground rides, live entertainment, fancy dress competition, food and drink and a fantastic raffle with prizes to include a week's holiday in a 4* holiday cottage in Devon, £100 cash, Warwick Castle tickets and many more. If you would like to book a stall please call 614050.



Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

PTA Committee

Harbury School PTA would like to invite you to their annual QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 12th November, Harbury School Hall at 8.00pm. Tickets are £20 for a team of up to four people; this includes a light supper. Bar available from CANA.

To book your team please contact Vikki on 614901 or email vikkihall@btinternet.com. Book now to avoid disappointment!



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The 20th annual CAMRA Beer Festival last month was adjudged a success by the "back room" boys and girls(!) who prepared the food and by the Heart of England Real Ale committee who arranged the event. The theme for the event was 'skills on tap' and each of the 60+ beers on sale had the name of a job or profession in its title, includingPoachers, Gravediggers and Vicar's Ruin from Warwickshire; Porter and Forester from South Yorkshire; Ratcatcher from Greater

Manchester and Wainwright and Gold Digger from Lancashire. The entertainment on Saturday lunch-time was provided by Hereburgh Morris and many of the regular attendees at the Festival commented that "it nearly always seems to be a fine weekend for CAMRA" even when previous days may have been inclement, if not



downright wet! In the evening, singer-songwriter Clive John entertained the punters to Country and Irish tunes, which all helped to



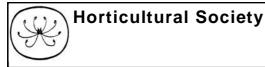
create pleasant а atmosphere in which beer tasting proceeded. GASS and the Village Hall committee. who worked together to share the profits prepared food, from the made £788 each, so their efforts were very worthwhile. The newly opened Windmill Room made it far easier for beer drinkers to see all the casks on display, which was

an internal structural improvement recommended and carried out by local CAMRA members.

In recent weeks, members of the VH committee have had to turn their attention to the state of the extension at the rear of the Hall, which as mentioned previously, has damaged rafters and a roof, which needs urgent attention. It is hoped that a grant might be secured towards strengthening and re-felting the roof; providing additional insulation and re-pointing the rear wall. This work needs to be addressed before any further development can take place, since leaving the roof structure without additional support would not allow the sustainable improvements proposed for the future, including photo-voltaic panels on the south-facing extended roof. It has been necessary to secure the advice of both a structural engineer and an architect, who has arranged for a detailed dimensional survey of the building to be carried out.

Apart from the work necessitated by the proposed modernisation, it has also been necessary to engage the services of advisors on community buildings, so that the Hall is covered by current Health and Safety Regulations (an asbestos survey and a water hygiene test have been carried out), so that the premises are covered by Public Liability Insurance. All of these surveys incur a cost, which has to be added to the general 'housekeeping' costs for maintaining the Hall. Fortunately, the committee has ensured that the maintenance budget remains healthy, whilst also pressing ahead with the fund-raising necessary for implementing the future development.

As a result of details in last month's article, a villager has agreed the purchase of the children's garden equipment offered in support of the fund-raising effort by Mr and Mrs Jonathan Cooke. Thanks to these generous donations and other contributions, which have been given by many members of the village community in recent weeks, fund-raising is continuing apace. 'Buy a Brick' forms are still available in the pubs and shops in the village and as many now realise, all contributions are very gratefully received – in the space marked 'other donation' any amount can be specified.



Judy Morrall

Where does the time go to?! It doesn't seem 5 minutes since I typed up my last article and I have had a wonderful 8 days holiday in between! I hope that you all enjoyed the Village Show which was a great success once again with a new venue. Patrick was very pleased and we all owe him an immense Thank you for being the only "volunteer" to come forward. I'm sure that he has thanked everyone who helped on the day and the frantic weeks beforehand. I too would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all who helped.

When I went to my allotments after our holiday, even though my daughter Sarah had been in during the week and picked loads of vegetables, I still came home with more runner beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, spinach, herbs, peppers and about 16 assorted yellow and green courgettes!! It seems to have been a brilliant year for most things except potatoes. Long may it continue. I treated myself to some garlic from the Garlic Farm on The Isle of Wight (what a place to visit...all things garlic, even this year some garlic beer) so I shall look forward to planting that next month with onion sets. At least we shall be safe from vampires!

So now we have another season of talks to look forward to. I did wonder if it was worth the effort of printing off posters and displaying them around the Village but my fellow committee members assured me that it was, so the ones for the October meeting on 5th have been duly displayed. I do hope that everyone will come along, not only to renew your membership (£9), but to renew acquaintances too and to hopefully meet new friends. New members are always welcome so please come along to enjoy not only "Down the Garden Path" on 5th October but the rest of the exciting speakers I have booked, some new speakers and some who have visited us in the past. I do look forward to seeing everyone again.

After the next meeting on 2nd November we will be holding a short AGM. Both Dorothy and Janice have decided to stand down from the committee so we will be looking for one or two replacements. Between them they have served on the committee for a total of over 30 years, and I'm sure we are so very grateful for their contributions over the years. My personal thanks to you both; it is so true that "if you want something doing you ask a busy person". Both of them have always willingly offered their help when no one else would do so; Janice as you know has successfully run the Village Show and Dorothy just seems to be everywhere as and when help needed. We will miss you on the committee but hopefully you will both enjoy some much deserved extra time to do other things.

A few suggestions for October now. As well as visiting us at Upton House and Gardens, there are more National Trust gardens which look their best now. Baddesley Clinton is always worth a visit as is its neighbour Packwood. Coughton Court shows off its colours at this time of year. Further afield I can recommend Stourhead near Salisbury, some stunning reflections around the lake and heartstopping colours. Other non National Trust places are Exbury Gardens in Hampshire - do go if you have never been, again amazing colours and planting plus a steam railway. Talking of steam railways there is one closer to home at Toddington Garden Centre near Winchcombe plus some really good plants to see and buy. Waterperry just outside Oxford has been so colourful this year, a really nice afternoon out with an excellent tea.

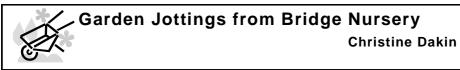
Batsford Arboretum too is good value; they have such a variety of

trees there. The autumn colours will be just about starting, like a firework display. If you remember we went for an evening trip to Sulgrave Manor just outside Banbury about 3 years ago. Since then the gardens have really altered and matured. The Colonial Garden and the John Washington garden have both won awards this year. There are vegetables and herbs too and much more. It is open on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon till 5.00pm. Also there on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th October there will be Apple Days starting at 10.30am.

There are Apple days too at Garden Organic Ryton on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October. On Saturday 23rd October, also at Ryton, there will be a Pumpkin Show. Don't forget that I have the 2 tickets to Ryton; we must make more use of them. Give me a ring if you want to borrow them. Pershore College too is another good place to visit with a great plant nursery.

I'm sure there are many other places I haven't mentioned so just enjoy the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness".

See you all on 5th October.



Your local Hardy Plant Specialists Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season. Jobs for this month:

- Be prepared to protect from early frosts any tender plants such as Cannas, Pelargoniums, Melianthus major.
- Any plants you have bought recently need to be planted

 they will survive the winter weather much better in the ground than in pots.
- Sweep (or mow) up leaves and compost them; much better for your garden than the green wheelie bin!
- Hardwood cuttings can be taken now, especially of Roses. Take strong growing cuttings of 9-12" in length. Make a trench in well drained soil in a shady place. Put some sharp sand in the bottom, then put the cuttings in and firm the soil back around them.

- Sweet peas can be started now for next year.
- Re-plant your hanging baskets with winter bedding plants.
- Order any bare root plants you need such as hedging, trees, fruit trees, roses towards the end of this month.
- Prune any rambling roses if you did not do it earlier, removing the older stems.
- Reduce the height of shrub roses and floribundas to prevent too much 'wind rock' over the winter months.

The annual Bridge Nursery Plant Sale will be on all through October. Many plants will be half price. Have yourself a bargain!

The café is due to close for the winter just before half-term (Boo Hoo! No scrumptious cakes to be tempted by). It will re-open again in March 2011.

Bridge Nursery, Tel: 01926 812737, www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



John Hancock

Today (21st September), a cool, still, misty start became a warm (21C/70F) midday. Some leaves are falling already and others yellowing as late summer gradates into autumn. Conkers are to be found on the ground after a windy phase and blackberries have passed their best. Many fields have been ploughed and the grain harvest safely gathered in. Yesterday, Sharon and I watched a large machine scooping onions into a trailer as we walked down a lane near the coast at Orford in Suffolk. The soil was light and sandy, perfect for growing root crops I should think, if sufficient moisture could be guaranteed during the growing phase.

We had walked from Orford Quay south along the coast path which is in effect on top of a levee. The fields, mostly grazed by sheep, on the landward side, were at or below sea level and criss-crossed by dykes. Several of these reedy channels had families of swans at intervals. We watched a cygnet, nearly of adult size, testing its wings. A young toad hopped across the path and flopped into the safety of the long grass. Following the right (western) bank of the River Ore, we looked across to the narrow spit of land and the red and white banded lighthouse at Orford Ness. The strange, pagoda like buildings a mile or so away were built during the last war as part of a military testing site. Now, Orford Ness is a National Nature Reserve and open to the public under the auspices of the National Trust. Check the ferry times if planning a visit.

We swung west and then north as the Butley River joined the Ore. A Canada Goose sitting below us made odd writhing movements of its long neck which I presumed was its way of telling us to keep our distance. At Butley Ferry, we turned inland but not before finding a local speciality, Common Sea-Lavender (Limonium vulgare). Just one or two blooms remained. Come in August to see glorious rippling sheets of pale mauve along this coastline. The flower belongs to the Thrift family. (Plumbaginaceae).

Smoke rose from a shed by the first building we encountered as we left the embankment. It was a smoke-house, one of many along this coast, producing cured fish and other delicacies. The impressive keep of Orford Castle was our goal. It was built during the reign of Henry the Second to protect a port which was important at that time but like many others on this coast lost its trade as the coastline changed.

Now, an apology. Last month, I waxed lyrical about the large moth called Clifden Nonpareil. I said it got its name from Clifden in Ireland. In fact it was a misspelling by past authors of Cliveden, the house by the Thames in Buckinghamshire. Also, I stated that the Swifts had left our shores. Rex Humphreys tells me he saw some locally only yesterday. Perhaps these represent a second brood as I am sure the majority have flown south.

Maurice Bristow saw a flock of about 30 Long Tailed Tits in his front garden recently. Their small size, long tail and black, white and pinkish plumage make them unmistakable. They did not stay long but went off down the street with much twittering. His daughter Robina saw a badger near the cemetery one evening and the Bristow's garden frequently sports a Great Spotted Woodpecker.

The Spoilbank Nature Reserve, close to the Great Western, is a pleasant place for a stroll and there is a pavement connection to Harbury. Green Woodpeckers are often heard and sometimes seen. They are attracted by the ants which live inside the many prominent anthills. Fairy Flax (Linaceae catharticum) is fast colonising the cleared area on the left hand side of the track leading off the B4452. This small delicate white flowered annual has a wiry stem. It is the

cousin of the cultivated flax which has blue flowers and produces fibre and oil (hence linseed). As the Latin name of Fairy Flax suggests it was used in times past as a purgative. Now is the time to look for the Autumn Gentian (Gentiana amarella) at the Spoilbank. It has pointed purple flowers and can be seen well into October.

I hope you all enjoyed summer and, like me, are set to explore our countryside in autumn.



General Section

Calling All Blood Donors

Especially anyone who hasn't quite got around to it yet! You need to be aged 17 - 65 (regular donors can carry on longer) and in good health. The need for blood is increasing as the winter illnesses begin, so please think about it.

The next session will be on Thursday October 28th in the Village Hall, 1.30pm - 3.30pm and 4.30pm - 7.30pm. If you want to make an appointment, phone 0300 123 23 23 - although this is not essential, just drop in. Online: www.blood.co.uk

Gillian Hare 614809



Operation Christmas Child

As usual, this project will be sending shoeboxes of gifts to children who have nothing. There are leaflets in Church full of ideas; writing and drawing materials, toys, toiletries and sweets are just a few. These should be new; any soft toys **must** have a CE label

and sweets a long "sell by". Obviously nothing sharp or liquid should be included. Knitted gloves, hats and scarves are really needed but no other clothes, or chocolate because of customs restrictions in some countries. Jotters, jigsaws, chalk, colouring books, skipping ropes, plasticine, lego, soap, combs, toothbrushes and past, jewellery – look out for bargains!

Shoeboxes should be medium size – because they have to fit as many as possible in the containers – and covered in decorative paper.

There will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday November 5^{th} , 10.00am – 12noon, to receive gifts, to pack boxes and to raise the costs of transport which is £2.50 per box. There will be a cake stall and raffle – donations for those will also be appreciated.

I know we all have so many worthwhile demands on our generosity, and this is a most generous village. However, if this cause does appeal to you, a lot of children will have their lives brightened.

More info? Please give me a ring.

Gillian Hare 614809

Know Your Rights - Advice from Warwickshire Trading Standards Service

Take Care When Switching Energy Suppliers

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards has had reports of "rogue" energy sellers operating locally who will say anything to gain access to your property. One claimed to be a "council home energy surveyor"; another claimed that he had been sent out to check meters in the area because of a report of "overcharging on tariffs" and carried a device similar to those used to record meter readings; a third claimed that the gas and electricity meter had been mis-calibrated.

New rules introduced this year to protect consumers state that:

- Salespeople must carry a badge giving their name and that of the company
- $\bullet\,$ They must give you a written quotation before the sale goes through

• If you have a pre payment meter you can now owe up to £200 and be able to switch

Trading Standards advises:

If you really want to do business on the doorstep, do not switch on the first visit - get the written quotation and then check out whether it really is a better deal by using a price comparison website e.g. TheEnergyShop.com. If it really is better for you, arrange for the agent to call back at a later date to suit you.

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

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Southam & District Lions Club Hog Roast

Southam & District Lions Club will once again be holding their famous 'Hog Roast' on Monday 18th October 2010 at the back of the Old Mint in Southam. Why are they doing it? It's because they do and they do it every year? But why on October 18th? It's because it's Southam's answer to Alton Towers - the famous Annual Mop Fair.

So do all come along especially in the evening when the baps are generously filled with roasted pork, crackling, stuffing and apple sauce. Savour the aroma of the roasted meat and join the queue for the finest tasty treat of the night! You are welcome to come along earlier and meet the Lions some of whom will have been on active duty since 8am getting the Hog ready and wired to the pole! (That's the hog wired to the pole not the Lions!)

Other attractions apart from the fair, organised and run by the Lions, include the Hog Roast Raffle supported by our many business friends in the area with magnificent prizes and the Tombola which is always popular particularly with the young people. So mums and dads make sure you have some golden coins in your purses and pockets for the little ones!

The Lions are supporting "Help for Heroes" and of course local charities this year so please, as we know you will, be generous to our causes.

Thanks once again everyone for your support to Southam Lions.

Peter Guy Publicity Officer Southam & District Lions Club

An Evening with Southam's Windmill Singers & Guests

Saturday 30th October, The Grange, Southam

The Windmill Singers present a concert of modern songs with guests to include Jayne Dulley-Hewer, Andrew Bell and others under the direction of new Musical Director, Gary Beman and accompanist, Sue Douglas.

The Southam based choir has just returned from performing at services at Derby Cathedral and has a busy schedule of performances for this year's pre-Christmas season:- including appearances at Brandon Marsh (Sunday 28th November), Leamington's Royal Spa Centre (Friday 3rd December), Harbury Village Hall (Saturday 11th December), Kenilworth Conservative Club (Tuesday 14th December) and Long Itchington Congregational Church (Sunday 19th December).

The concert begins at 7.30pm and there will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Tickets ($\pounds 6.00$) can be obtained from Jacqueline the Florists, Southam.

Bob Teers

Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks - Saturday 6th November 2010

All Saints' Church and G.A.S.S. are already making preparations for this year's bonfire and firework spectacular on the Village Hall playing fields on Saturday 6th November.

• The bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm, and the fireworks let off from 6.30pm, so make sure you get to the playing fields on time!

• Tickets cost £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children. If tickets are bought before Wednesday 3rd November, your ticket price includes a hot dog and a Kit-Kat. These prices have been held since 2002!

- Vegetarian sausages available on the night.
- Mulled wine, soft drinks and crisps on sale on the night.
- Tickets bought after Wednesday 3rd November will **not** include food.
- Tickets will be on sale from 11th October at Muglestons in Chapel Street.

• Do you have any unwanted wood/garden cuttings etc? If you would like the Scouts to collect it on the morning of the bonfire, please complete the slip enclosed with this magazine and take it to Muglestons with a generous donation before Friday 5th November.

• If you would like to join the team of bonfire builders on Saturday 6th, please get in touch with Mark Clifton on 614085 by Friday 5th. Children under 14 **must** be accompanied by an adult.

PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER BONFIRE MATERIAL TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK. THIS CAUSES AN OBSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONAL WORK, AND CAN BE DANGEROUS

Look forward to seeing you there!

Harbury Badminton

After our summer break we are now back on Monday evenings in the Village Hall. The first week we were all a bit rusty but we are now back in the swing of it.

We are a small group playing semi-serious badminton. If you have some badminton experience and would, perhaps, like to start playing again, come and join us.

For more information give us a call on 612627.

Mal Eaton

18th Harbury Hash - Sunday 19th September

This year's Harbury Hash had a new venue when we used Lodge Farm at Chesterton as our base. Our grateful thanks to Richard Smith for letting us use his yard, outbuilding and land. It was a great venue for a Hash.

The weather was fine for a Hash, no rain, and it even warmed up later in the afternoon. There were 49 registered runners and walkers, along with our mismanagement team of 9 (hares, registration, BBQ, food, drinks). The runners and walkers all set off in the same general direction, but following separate trails set in different colours of flour. They somehow arrived at the refreshment stop at the same time, but the walkers were first home just managing to beat the runners. As far as we can tell nobody got lost.

The Hashers were rewarded for their endeavours and misdemeanours, including a runner having to retire to change all his clothes having fallen foul (literally) of some strategically placed cow pats. The BBQ was a time to catch up with old friends, and it was great to see Mike Putnam, one of the founders of the Harbury Hash, who had travelled from Stroud.

We raised \pounds 50 which has been donated to Harbury GASS. On-On to No.19 in 2011!

Doug Freeman The Harbury Hash House Harriers

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

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre – Saturday 9th October, Chapel Street

The biggest Street Fayre is less than a week away! From 4 o'clock on Sat 9th October, Chapel Street will be host to a fantastic variety of old and new in the 10th Victorian Street Festival.

Don't miss the 4pm start when Harbury's school children let 200 helium balloons race skywards as Nigel Chapman opens the Fayre.

Opening the entertainment and new to the Fayre is Mr Alexander's traditional family variety show offering a unique and captivating blend of magic, juggling, trick cycling and illusion. This not to be missed one -man show has toured many of Britain's greatest events and fine English houses.

Some more familiar acts will follow - performances from The Steel Pan Academy, Stagecoach performing arts, Harbury Choir, Morris Dancers. There will be more new acts as well – but we are keeping these a surprise!

Of course there will be the popular fairground rides and sideshows with Victorian amusements and games. New to the street will be buskers and storytellers – don't get scared!

Why not come and have a fun photograph with all the family in Victorian costume? We have teamed up with Venture photography to offer a professional photograph for just £10. Bring your own clothes or use the ones we have. If you come in costume, you may win a prize for the best outfit – you can never have enough chimney sweeps!

There will be plenty for all the family; we have lots of free entertainment for everyone throughout the afternoon and evening as well as the food court and the many varied stalls. As the evening comes to a close the folk club will take the stage to lead us in a barn dance.

We have nearly reached the maximum number of stalls we can have in the street so if you want one call 614050 to make sure you don't miss out.

HELP! We still need lighting for the stage area for the evening. If there is anyone who could help with providing some portable lighting please call Julie or Brian on 614050.

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Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

The next major activity will be the annual Christmas Party. This will take place on Saturday 11th December in the Village Hall. Further details will follow in the coming editions of the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

If you are new to the village and think you may be eligible to come along, or if you think we may not have you on our list of invitations, please contact Margaret Sherrington on 613704 or Thelma on 613269.

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

Have you Heard about Community Forums?

Community Forums are public meetings led by the County Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council to engage the public in council business. Warwickshire Police promote "Safer Neighbourhood Teams hold a surgery prior to the forum during which time tea/coffee is available.

Your Community Forum's next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6th October 2010, at 7.00pm at Southam Primary School, CV47 0QB where the main topics will be Looking Ahead – your chance to help shape the future of your community, Have your Say on Sport, Recreation and Open Spaces and lots more.

If you have a specific concern or problem, then drop in to the local surgery from 6.30pm - 7.00pm where you will be able to speak to your Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team, Councillors and Officers from Warwickshire County and Stratford District Councils.

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or find out more, please contact Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 01789 260135, or e-mail

amandawilsonpatterson@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Amanda Wilson Patterson Warwickshire County Council

Myton Hospice Support Group - Harbury Craft Fair 2010

We would like to remind you all that we are organising and running the

Harbury Craft Fair which is being held on Saturday 13th November 2010 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Entry to the Craft Fair is, of course, free.

Throughout the day we serve tea, coffee and a selection of homemade cakes and at lunch time there is a variety of hot and cold meals to choose from, all at very reasonable prices.

Last year we welcomed several new stall holders and again this year we have more new crafts/stalls as well as a selection of the regulars.

We still have some spaces left for anyone wishing to sell their own handmade crafts. Booking forms can be obtained from Shirley Crossan on 01926 612798 or Fiona Cadwallader via email, ficadwallader@btinternet.com

If you would be interested in helping on the day or would like to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola please do not hesitate to contact us. Any help/donations would be greatly appreciated and will help make the event even more successful than last year!

On behalf of the Myton Support Group I would like to thank you for your continued support of our fundraising events for this worthwhile and essential local charity.

Fiona Cadwallader

Harbury Choir School - Great Start to New Year

We have certainly hit the ground running for the new year of Harbury Choir School! We welcomed several new members, as well as our returning members, as we got cracking rehearsing the music for our first performance of the year (which is only two weeks into the term!).

The whole choir have been invited to sing for the Harvest Festival at St Giles' Church in Chesterton on 3rd October at 18.30. We will be singing three pieces at this, including music by Johnny Nash and Michael Jackson with great lyrics with a 'harvest' theme.

Then on the 16th October, the Chamber Choir will have their first outing of the year to sing for the bigwigs in the world of choral music at Birmingham Cathedral. This has been a great event for the past two years and it is an honour to be invited back to sing again this year. Hopefully we will be taking all 12 members of the Chamber Choir. It will be the first 'gig' for some of the newly auditioned entrants of the Chamber Choir - hopefully the prestige and standard of this event will show them just how good we think they are to have been chosen.

Finally, Harbury Choir School has turned cyber choir! As well as finding updates, information, photos, sound bites and videos on our website (www.harburychoirschool.org) you can now follow us on Facebook and twitter (http://twitter.com/hchoirschool) as well as reading about us in the Harbury News of course.

Helen Iles Harbury Choir School

The Crown Inn – A Village Business with a New Focus

Harbury has often been mentioned in despatches about village life for the fact that it supports five pubs and a Club at a time when, in many villages throughout the U.K., the last remaining pub has been closed. The secret to the thriving pub trade in the village has always seemed to be that over the years, each pub has developed its own unique character and offers something different for its clientele. This is still true about the current hostelries and the Village Club, which each have their own 'selling points' to attract customers.



The Crown Inn has recently been taken over by Giuseppe and Cinda, mentioned in the H&L News editorial last month. As everyone will undoubtedly guess, Giuseppe is Italian and came over to England with his parents in 1964 when he was 13 years old. The family settled in Coldfield Sutton and Giuseppe (Joe) went to

the local secondary school before transferring to the Birmingham City College of Food and Art. After his College course, he was fortunate in being offered further training at the Albany Hotel and other 4-star hotels in the City. He eventually became the executive sous chef at the Metropole and relished the challenge of preparing food at the hotel for the Queen on two occasions; once when she opened the N.E.C in

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1975 and later when she came to the Royal Agricultural Show in 1977. He also cooked dishes 'fit for a Queen' when she attended the opening of Conference Centre, behind the Grand Hotel in Brighton and he has created dishes for other members of the Royal Family, including the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Charles. During a spell in London, he was also privileged to serve Frank Sinatra and Sophia Loren and his Visitors Book contains many famous names from the eighties.

He then decided to spend time 'working on the Continent' and opened a restaurant in Marbella, Spain where he attracted several celebrity customers, including Shirley Bassey, Sean Connery and several of the high profile footballers living in the area.

After 12 years on the Costa del Sol, where he met Cinda, Giuseppe returned to his 'English



roots' and worked in the Fox and Hounds in Lichfield in a pub which offered similar opportunities to the Crown in Harbury. Now that he has arrived here, he has taken out a 20 year lease with Enterprise with an option to review his arrangement after five years. As with all landlords who take on PubCo premises, he is tied to the brewery for his beers and ciders, but he is able to source all his food products from the best local supplier. His meat is purchased from Becks in Kenilworth and the fruit, vegetables and directly imported Italian oil and cheeses are delivered by SDS, a specialist supplier to the local restaurant trade from the Birmingham Market, whilst fish comes from the Cornish and Irish coastal waters through Salmon Incorporated. He selects his range of Mediterranean Wines from CANA with the bread cooked on site using Delice de France products.

The Crown restaurant can offer 50+ 'covers' and bar specials and daily a la carte lunches are served to order, with soup and a roast lunch for £5.50 available Tuesday-Thursday and fish and chips either in the restaurant or as a take-away meal prepared between 12.00pm-2.30pm and 5.00pm-7.00pm on Friday. On Sunday, there is the traditional 3-course lunch on offer for £13.50, and Giuseppi hopes there is a sufficiently wide ranging menu to cater for all tastes and all pockets. Later in the year, he intends to offer special menus for Christmas parties and lunches, which will be advertised locally.

The Crown Inn has been featured in the October magazine, as it is first in the alphabetical list of licensed premises and the coming months will see information about the other pubs and the Harbury Club, so that the local community and surrounding villages can discover the range of facilities on offer in our thriving village. Let's hope it always stays that way!

Chris Finch

Village with a Vision

We don't have anything to report this month, although we have plenty of things going on in the background. So, we hope to have some interesting things to tell you in November's magazine.

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 25th September, and made our Coffee Morning a big success.

Tony Stubbs

Magic has a Visit

For those of you in the village who have met Magic or just like to ask how he's doing, I thought I'd keep you up to date.



Owing to Magic's 52 vears, a small article was written about him and his family in the monthly magazine, Central Horse News, at the beginning of the year. Having read the article. American an trained equine dentist, T J Deeming, got in touch with the magazine and organized to come and see us and Magic. He immediately fell in love

with him and was surprised to see that Magic still has a reasonable, full set of teeth, on which he very kindly did a little work, "filing" to get

rid of sharp edges. He's asked to return again soon.

Magic, as some of you know, has had a new friend join him. Her name is Emily, a 16 year old, grey, thoroughbred cross 15.2 mare, who looks just like a bigger version of Magic – both are thus fondly known as "little and large". They graze together, stand in the stable together and leave the stable together, i.e "joined at the hip"!

Magic's very large stable was halved and partitioned to accommodate Emily whilst still giving Magic access to both, but he chooses to join Emily in hers all the time which she loves.

More news and pictures of Magic and Emily can be published, if requested, on a regular basis if Harbury and Ladbroke residents would like to find out more.

Lisa Irons

Found – On Old New Inn carpark, Stratstone remote keyfob. If it is yours call 614023.



Dear Editors

Very many thanks to Dr. Hancock for his monthly Nature Notes. Beautifully written, they are always so interesting and informative – really make us feel like getting out there into the countryside to hear and see all the fascinating wonders and amazing beauty all around us....really inspiring, so thank you.

June & Mike Morris

Dear Editors

A few people are hoping to do a sponsored walk in aid of brain tumour research, the proceeds going to the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust. The walk is planned for Saturday, 9th October starting at 10.00am from outside The Dog. It will be about five miles – not a marathon.

If any reader would like to take part or to sponsor a walker, would they please contact me.

Mary Catt 612864

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