



Working the land

Whilst many villagers have been away on holiday, those remaining have not been idle. Our picture shows combining under way near to Itchington Holt Woods.



**Emily Montague and Sarah Roe
admiring the 14 days old**

Also being productive was Mae Watson's bitch Eve, who had a litter of 6 puppies. Eve is a brood bitch owned by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and it is hoped that all the pups will eventually become trained guide dogs.

The Holiday Club has been 'Going for Gold' and more than 40 youngsters took up the challenge. This month will see some of these children returning to or beginning their studies. For those who are progressing to further and higher education, we would like to wish you every

success.

There are three opportunities this month for villagers to participate and have their say on issues of concern. In chronological order, these are: a meeting on the proposed

GM Crops trial in the Parish, to be held on September 11th; the Village Millennium Project: 'Harbury MAD', starting its fundraising with a coffee morning on September 16th, and a meeting to launch the Harbury Village Appraisal, which will be held on September 21st. We would like to encourage villagers to support these events.

This month sees Editor Kathryn Tye moving on to University after 2 years contributing to the magazine. We wish her every success.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Dave Frost.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
CAMRA Beer Festival at Village Hall
- Tues 5 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
- Wed 6 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
- Thurs 7 Storytelling in Library 10am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
Harbury Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 8 Newspaper collection
- Sat 9 NSPCC coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
HORTICULTURAL SHOW IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sun 10 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** – Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong 6.30pm
SECOND XI CRICKET HOME TO OK BLOCKERS
TENTH HARBURY HASH from Village Hall 3pm
- Mon 11 THE GREAT DEBATE on Genetically Modified Crops at Village Hall 7pm
- Tues 12 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 13 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
Prayer meeting in church 8pm
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
WI meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 15 FASHION SHOW IN VILLAGE HALL
ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm
- Sat 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am
CHURCH GIFT DAY (Rector will be in Church to receive gifts) 9.30-11.30am
'HARBURY MAD' coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
- Sun 17 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8** - Holy Communion 8am
Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am Family Communion
Choral Evensong 6.30pm
Harbury Society Heritage Open Day visit to Earlswood Lakes 1pm
- Tues 19 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 20 COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE STALL at 11, Constance Drive (Pam & David Clarke) in aid of Harbury Senior Citizen's Fund 10am – 12noon
Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
- Thurs 21 St. Matthew - Holy Communion 9.45am
VILLAGE APPRAISAL MEETING (see article) in Village Hall
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
- Fri 22 Newspaper collection

- MYTON HOSPICE JUMBLE SALE in Village Hall 10am – 12noon
- Sat 23 Guide Dogs for the Blind coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
- Sun 24 14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 26 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
- Wed 27 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
Prayer meeting in church 8pm
- Thurs 28 Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club CANCELLED
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 29 MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING in Tom Hauley Room 10am
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 30 HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL 80/20 SALE in Village Hall
Beavers' coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
TENNIS CLUB CEILIDH in Village Hall 7.30pm
'COUNTRY LIFE' TALK by Cecil Bloxham for Myton Hospice Funds in Tom Hauley Room 8pm (Tickets £4 from 612778 or 612324)

OCTOBER

- Sun 1 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** – Sung Eucharist 9am
Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 3 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm
PCC meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8.15pm
- Wed 4 Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers' Union 2.30pm
Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
Harbury Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 6 Newspaper collection
- Sat 7 'Sight Savers' coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
PCC HARVEST SUPPER in Village Hall
- Sun 8 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** – Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm

Please note: Adverts to 31, Binswood End by Friday 15th September
Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 29th September

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

Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Mr. R. Flanagan	613612
Tom Hauley Room	Mrs. W. Stubbs	612782
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Mrs. J. Windsor	612504
Village Hall	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
Wight School	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon

Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;
 Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00-10:00pm;
 Friday (612029) (Juniors) 2:00-3:00pm;
 Sunday (613340) 7:00-10:00pm

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm

BEAT BUDDIES: Village Hall, Tuesdays 2pm

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

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

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

DANCING CLASSES: (01789-842242) Farley Room of Village Hall, Children & Adults
 Wednesdays 4:00-9:00pm

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Dog Inn 1st Thursday of Month 8:30pm

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 2nd Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 7/8s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 9:00am
 Coach: Mike Grayson 613027, and
 Jim Farrell 811216 (Mob. 0777 6130569)

Under 9/10s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 10:30am
 Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401, and
 Adrian Hawley 614353 & Rob Wilkes 613948

Under 10/11s: Training: Playing Fields 9:00am
 Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Trevor Montague 612340

Under 12/13s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am
 Coaches: John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574

Under 14/15s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am
 Coaches: Paul Harris 613148

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: School, Monday-Friday: 9:00am-12:00noon;
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12:45pm-3:15pm

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School, High St. Monday 12:30 - 2:30pm;
 Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 12:00noon

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 1st Tuesday of Month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays, 10:00am-
 12:00noon

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;
 Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;
 Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10:00am 1st Thursday of Month; Term Time only

LINE DANCING: BEGINNERS, Harbury Village Club, Thursdays 7.30pm

NETBALL CLUB: (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;
 Matches on Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

TAI CHI: (614730) Village Hall, Wednesdays 7:30pm

TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm for April);
 Saturday 2:00-5:00pm, Monday & Wednesday 1:45-3:00pm

THEATRE GROUP: (612610) The Dog Inn, last Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

THURSDAY CLUB: (612273) Farley Room of Village Hall 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month 2:30pm

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of Month 7:45pm

YOGA: Wight School, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Diane Surgey Tel. 817904

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Harbury Helpline is for you!

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT: Call Tim Millington 612808 or Charles Catt 612864.

HELP WITH FORM FILLING:

- **Job Applications, CV's, Council Tax Forms, etc.:** Call Joanne Cooper 613859 or Jeff Bedford 612753.
- **For University/Job Applications, interviews, CVs:** Call Philip Bushill-Matthews 612476.
- **For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares:** Call Jim Chapple 612044.

HOME VISITING: Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you.

Call Sue Dormer 613254.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

VISITING: Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8:00am

Sung Eucharist 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:
Sung Eucharist 9.00am)

Family Service 10:30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong 6:30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury

Tel.: 612377

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Laugh Line

The parish magazine of St. Mark's, Cambridge, writing about the forthcoming Harvest Festival service, says that children are invited "to bring up food at the offertory".

FROM THE RECTOR

A form of poison for getting rid of mice is now available. It destroys the mice by giving them a massive dose of vitamins. The professor who developed it explained it was a humane killer because "the mice die in perfect health!"

A lot of us die in that way too as far as the spiritual life is concerned. At Baptism we are reborn into God's family, sharing the life of Christ. We are often fed lots of good doctrine, sound theology and canon law, by our teachers, parents and priests. Yet so often all these essentials seem to suffocate us as we grow and we find an increasing conflict between our Christianity, its rules, and our daily lives.

The mice died because the vitamins given, good as they are, are in excessive doses and these throw out the proper balance needed for life. So it is with our faith. We tend to concentrate on the values, the doctrine, and the ‘management’ of sins, often allowing these aspects to eclipse the other equally important aspect of faith – the personal relationship with our Heavenly Father through prayer and the day-to-day ‘living’ of Christ’s life in us. We become out of balance and so we die ‘die’ in perfect health spiritually. Our faith becomes simply a ball and chain, which we drag through life – an insurance policy for eternity!

If you were charged with being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you? Each of us will have noted our personal response; some will have been surprised by the answers, some perhaps a little depressed. There is no need to feel bad if we found that we are not yet fit for canonisation.

Baptism is the basic sacrament, it is the moment we begin to be Christians, becoming part of the family of the Church – therefore it is the sacrament of unity. We can see this most clearly in infant baptism when the helplessness and vulnerability of this tiny new, nameless human being, draws its family together. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, all stir with interest at the new arrival. Members of a family will often travel long distances to be present at the baptism and the celebration party that follows. And that is how it should be; family showing care and support for the parents and their child. But is that all there is to baptism – a name, a label, Christian, and a drink to wet the baby’s head?

Baptism is not simply the sacrament of unity for the immediate family. It is the sacrament of unity for the family of the Church. When a child is baptised he joins ‘our’ family. Baptism is the beginning of what we have to start to become; perfect reflections of Christ in the world. And we do this through the continual support, prayers and commitment of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore we share full responsibility for one another. And if parents or children fail to live up to the promises of Baptism we need to look at our care of them as their family, and ask ourselves if we have failed in our responsibilities by failing to reflect Christ to them. In the same way if we ourselves have grown apart from our faith - is it because we have isolated ourselves, or refused to be open to others in the way Jesus showed us?

Before we get to work on our own baptismal renewal it may prove helpful to think for a moment about infant baptism and our part in it today as part of the “family”.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

LADBROKE:	5 th August	- Geoffrey Lane to Carol Northorpe
HARBURY:	19 th August	- Geraint Osborne to Julia Thorpe
	26 th August	- Bevan McKay to Patricia Southam

Holy Baptism Harbury

6 th August	- Lili Edith Pearse
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20th August - Benjamin Giles Atkinson and Lily Anna Atkinson

20th August - James Oliver Beechey

Funerals – Oakley Wood

11th August - Dave Frost (aged 72)

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The 'Going for Gold; Holiday Club reported on elsewhere, was a great success and featured in the well attended August Family Service, during which twins Ben & Lilly Atkinson were baptised - seen here immediately afterwards with Canon Roy.



Summer is now well advanced – our Harvest Festival will take place on **September 17th** at 10.30am and at 6.30pm there will be a Choral Evensong to be followed by refreshments and an opportunity for informal discussion in the Tom Hauley Room.

Everyone, of course, is welcome to these services of thanksgiving. The Harvest Supper will be as usual, in the Village Hall on **Saturday 7th October**, and tickets can be obtained from Gill Guilford and Felicity Harris.

In the 'nuts & bolts' department, we previously referred to the work that is needed on the roof of the bell tower – this is now close to being started. In addition, we have found that the church heating boiler has been damaged by flood water, which accounts for its poor performance earlier this year. This needs to be put right as a matter of urgency. These jobs will cost several thousand pounds and since church income (which comes mainly from the giving of the congregation) is currently rather less than our regular outgoings, we are going to be well short of funds. Therefore on **Saturday 16th September** there will be a special GIFT DAY at which we hope you will feel able to make donations to enable this work to be carried out without our going into the red.

The Rector will be in church that morning from 10.00am to 12noon, specifically to receive gifts. Please note that under the latest rules, tax can be reclaimed on gifts of this sort if the declaration on the envelope (to be provided) is completed. The ongoing maintenance of the church fabric is a constant drain on resources and your support and generosity is much appreciated.

Felicity & John

MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon meeting: The AGM and Garden meeting at the Rectory took place on a lovely sunny afternoon, with a chance to chat over a delicious tea, as well as dealing with the formal business of winding up the year's activities. Pam Brown and Lorna Bedford retired from the committee and we thank them for all their hard work over the past six years. We are pleased to welcome Mary Catt and Eunice McCracken to the committee.



Lorna Bedford and Pam Brown – retiring committee members

Next meetings:

- Wed. 6th Sept. 2.00pm Service with Address by Father Roy followed by a cup of tea in the Tom Hauley Room.
- Tues. 19th Sept. 7.30pm Service in Church; 8.00pm meeting in Tom Hauley Room.

Anne Moore

ALL SAINTS' HARVEST SUPPER

Please do come along and join us at the Harvest Supper. The supper will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 17th October** at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets will be £4.50, £1.50 for children and are obtainable

from Felicity Harris 612395, Gill Guilford 614206 and Corina Bennett 612203. We look forward to sharing an enjoyable evening with you.

Church Social Committee

Ladbroke News

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 **11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** – Family Communion 10.30am
 Sat 9 Sponsored Cycle Ride
 Sun 10 **12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Communion 9am
 Mon 11 Millennium Club for 2000 Prize Draw at The Bell Inn 8pm
 Wed 13 Holy Communion 2pm
 Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
 Fri 15 **ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm**
 Sat 16 Southam History Society meeting at Wootten Wawen 2.30pm
 Sun 17 **13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung communion 9am
 Sun 24 **14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Communion 9am
 Children's Church 10.30am
 Mon 25 Southam History Society meeting at St. Mary's School
 Wed 27 PCC Meeting 7.30pm
 Thurs 28 Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI meeting at Ladbroke Village Hall 7.30pm
 Fri 29 St. Michael and All Angels
 Holy Communion 7.30am
 ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm

OCTOBER

- Sun 1 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** - Family Communion 10.30am
 Tues 3 PCC Meeting 8.15pm
 Sun 8 **16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Communion 9am

LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA

- September 3rd - Mrs. Haynes
 September 10th - Mrs. White
 September 17th - Mrs. White
 September 24th - Mrs. Pat Kennedy
 October 1st - Harvest Festival, Mrs. Rutherford and flower arranging group

Jane Rutherford

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

I thought August was a holiday month? We've really had a busy time. Starting on August 5th, we raised £100 for Guide Dogs for the Disabled at our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room, after which we all rushed back to Ladbroke for Carol and Geoff's wedding. It was the happiest wedding I can ever remember so relaxed and in glorious sunshine – it was a truly joyous occasion.

Then on August 9th we had our Women's Fellowship Tea Party, which was in aid of the church funds – again raising £100. Many thanks to Harbury Mothers' Union for their support. Thanks also to Chris Payne for her auctioneering! and Hazel Sharples for her garden.

The following day saw about 16 children on the Millennium Green enjoying the Children's Church picnic. The children seemed to enjoy the games organised by Jackie and tucked into the food afterwards. Both days the weather was 'teasing' us but in the event we needn't have worried.

Our Women's Fellowship next month will meet at Stella Douglas' home, when she will give us one of her interesting talks on one of her many hobbies.

Last but not least: SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE – on **Saturday 9th September**, James Constable and Dad are riding again for us – please give them your sponsorship! Also the Steenstra family are turning out for us - cycling and pony riding – so if James doesn't catch you maybe Nicholas will. Look out too for Jenny Dodd – she may also be riding for us.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The August outing was on the 10th. Firstly we went to an Antique and Garden Centre, after which we went on a Mystery Tour (for most of us) to the home of Mrs. Ruth Feather (past county WI chairman and VCO). Both Ruth and her husband Bill, are avid collectors and since 1968 they have continued to extend their house to accommodate their collection of just about everything!

They supplied our high tea in true WI style with home made fayre. Never had we visited such a house and garden. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Susan and Anne for an 'outing with a difference!'

The coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on August 19th raised about £123 most of which will be donated to Myton Hospice.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 28th September** in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. See you there.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

We are having another visit of the Magic Lantern Show at our Hall on **Friday 13th October**. It has always been a most enjoyable display of wonderful slides. The tickets will cost £4 (adults) and £1 (children) and will be available from the Committee.

The seventh draw of the Millennium Club for 2000 took place on August 7th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Gill Moore £90; Susan Moore £50; Roger Edwards £25; Francis Badman £25; Beryl Ross, Anne Edwards, Sylvia West, Shirley Reading and Jenny Barrett each won £10.

At the next prize draw the prizes will change as a few of our subscribers have withdrawn. The Prize Fund is regulated according to the number of subscribers and it has fallen below the 80 members required for our present prizes. The prizes will be 1 x £80, £50, and £25 and 5 x £10. The next prize draw will be held on **Monday 11th September** at The Bell Inn at 8.00pm.

Catherine Spence

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

I am still getting requests for historical walks around the village, so those who missed the ones in our Festival Week will be pleased to hear that I am repeating them next summer. Meanwhile, with the new Millennium Green allowing such a splendid view of the church across the stream, take special note of the humps and lumps over the field between there and the church and remember you are walking through what was once the very heart of Ladbroke village.

Anyone who enjoys a walk with a difference, may like to join the Southam History Society at their meeting on **Saturday 16th September** at 2.30pm at Wootten Wawen. Our summer visits are usually restricted to members only, due to large numbers being difficult to guide, but this visit is open to visitors for the usual small fee. The church at Wootten Wawen is said to be the oldest in Warwickshire and the visit will be followed by tea at the Craft Centre in the village. The winter meetings start on **Monday 25th September** at St Mary's School, when David Howe will be returning to entertain us with another of his talks, this one on the English Language.

Those of you who are fit enough to do the Blue Lias Walks around Ladbroke, will also find it historically rewarding if you can understand the man-made topographical features along the way. The walks round Chapel Ascote and Radbourne will take you near the deserted village sites, while from Windmill Hill the relationship with Southam, Ladbroke and the Welsh Road becomes visible. Indeed in the 19th Century, the nearest Post Office to Ladbroke was stated to be that of Priors Hardwick. Footpath and roadway priorities have indeed altered drastically over the centuries.

Linda Doyle

LADBROKE MILLENNIUM YEAR EVENTS – 60s DANCE

The events in the Ladbroke Millennium Year continue in September with a 60s Dance - bringing back by popular demand the 60s Band 'Out of the Blue'. This event will take place in Ladbroke Village Hall on **Saturday 23rd September** – 8:00pm to midnight, with a bar provided. Tickets (at £5 per person) are available from any of the Ladbroke Green Trustees or by telephoning Christine Baker on 811606 or David Halsall on 811838.

DO HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US.

Christine Baker

Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust have been awarded first prize in the Conservation Category of the Calor Gas & Council for the Preservation of Rural England Conservation Award 2000 and will receive a cheque for £275.00.

The presentation to be made by the Chairman of Warwickshire County Council at Curdworth on Saturday 30th September will be collected by Christine Baker – Treasurer of the Trustees on their behalf.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST 2000

There were apologies from Bob Stevens, Geraint Morgan and Michael Boden-Pritchett for the meeting held on August 16th. However, all parish councillors were pleased to see District Councillor Alan Akeister and 3 members of the public present.

Restorative work in the village

Councillors Williamson and Todd had been unable to make their inspection this month, as hoped, due to a family bereavement. However as a start, the three areas to be prioritised were the kerb stones outside Toll Gate Cottage, the moss on the footpath outside Bell View Cottages and the narrowness of Windmill lane.

A reminder letter will be sent concerning the drainage to maintain the pressure to have recommendations acted upon.

Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a good response from villagers following the distribution of the questionnaire and information leaflet. Janice Berry and Mike Radburn are planning to hold a meeting in the Village Hall in due course.

Planning Applications

Dassett Area planning meeting refused an application to demolish and rebuild Lodge Bungalow.

A leaflet was distributed to all councillors entitled 'Do I need Planning Permission'. This is available from the Planning Department of Stratford District Council.

County Councillor's report

Bob Stevens had written regarding the shelving of proposals to close the waste tip at Stockton pending a consultant's report.

The Warwickshire Structure Plan was due for adoption at the next Council meeting and will determine housing allocations in Warwickshire. There are no plans to develop in Ladbroke until at least 2011.

Southam School will soon have over 1000 pupils. Extra classrooms will be built if necessary.

District Councillor's report

Alan Akeister explained the District Council's probable change in format to a cabinet style structure. Each householder will be asked for his or her views as to how the Council should be run.

New boundaries have been accepted and will change in 2002. Ladbroke will become part of the Fenny Compton Ward with one councillor instead of three.

Southam Town Council has worked with residents and there will now be some Christmas lights.

Chairman's items

Chairman, Councillor Jeff Todd had contacted Rebecca Frost, the Appraisal Officer. The Local Plan has been adopted and it was suggested that a Ladbroke Appraisal document should dovetail with that. However as the Ladbroke document had been upgraded within the last 5 years it was felt to be unnecessary to repeat the work at this stage.

Millennium Green

This has won an award for conservation, with a cheque from Calor Gas for £275.

Mowing of roadsides

A letter of commendation will be sent to the Highways Agency for their quick and efficient response to our appeal to have the grass along the bypass cut back.

Carol Lane (formerly Northorpe)

HARBURY SOCIETY

Our first outing of the new season will be to Earlswood Lakes, north of Tanworth in Arden, for their Heritage Open Day event on **Sunday 17th September**, when the Old Engine house will be open; there will be guided walks round the Lakes; teas at Farmer Ted's Craft Centre and at the Village Hall where the small Earlswood Museum will be open to visitors.

The Lakes event runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm on both Saturday and Sunday, but we will visit on the Sunday leaving for Earlswood at 1.00pm. Anyone needing directions or a lift please contact the Secretary on 612792.

Following on the Canals' theme, Edward Moss of British Waterways has agreed to give a talk in the Tom Hauley Room on **Wednesday 11th October**, 7.30pm for 8.00pm on British Waterways Canals and the historic Warwickshire Aqueducts at Wootton Warwen, Lowsonford and Enstone.

We hope also that John and Ed will be able to organise one of their famous pub walks to explore the Aqueducts before the weather closes in for the winter.

The Parish Council is helping to launch a Village Appraisal for Harbury, which will give everyone a chance to have their say about a range of issues affecting the village and its future. We urge members to come along to the inaugural meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on

Thursday 21st September, especially if they can help in any way, perhaps with the organisation of the survey or its computer analysis.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was no meeting in August. However, we got together at our Garden Party at the home of Nora Ellis. The weather was not as sunny as previous years, but it kept dry and members spent a pleasant few hours socialising and enjoying refreshments, with wine of course. Many thanks to Nora and Neville for having us.

Here we go again! It's about the Produce Show on **Saturday 9th September**. We look forward to Ladbrooke WI joining us this year. Now come on villagers and have a 'go' even if it is just one entry. This is an amateur show and it is so good to think Harbury still holds a Produce Show - part of a tradition, which brings all village people together. Do come along in the afternoon to view and read the judges' comments, which are very interesting. Just remember to follow what the schedule states and do ask any member if in doubt. See you there!

P.S. We would be grateful for gifts for the Tombola.

Tea Hostesses for September: Gunde Walshe, Mae Watson and Audrey Atkins

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP – Cheese & Wine

We are holding a Cheese and Wine Evening on **Friday 22nd September** at the Tom Hauley Room, starting at 8.00pm. We hope to read through the pantomime, which will be staged at the end of November. If you would like to take part in the panto, help backstage or are just interested in finding out more about what we do, we'd love to see you.

For this particular evening, you need to be 13 years or over, but let us know if you are younger, but would like to be included in the panto.

So that we can cater for everyone (soft drinks will be provided for our younger participants!) please ring Ruth Thurogood, 613415, or Sally Stringer, 613214, by **Tuesday 19th September**.

Ruth Thurogood

HEREBURGH MORRIS ON TOUR



Dancing at our favourite pub: Fergie's

Perhaps we were slightly naïve, but our trip to Ballyshannon Folk Festival over the weekend of August 4th to 6th was certainly ground breaking. In retrospect the visit could so easily have been disastrous, but as the first English Morris dancers ever to perform at this 23 year old festival, we were made to feel most welcome and were surrounded by enthusiastic and appreciative crowds every time we danced.

Ballyshannon is in Donegal and situated just four miles from the border with Northern Ireland, but reports we had heard about this long established festival encouraged us to contact the organisers and ask if we could participate in this year's festival.

The help and enthusiasm shown by the festival chairman, Ray Gaughan and his wife Fidelma in no small way encouraged us and in the event 38 people – Hereburghers and families – made the trip. Wearing our specially designed T-shirts we certainly made our presence felt at the opening Ceilidh and the festival committee presented us with a commemorative plate. We danced each afternoon on all three days of the festival in the open air, on streets specially closed by the Garda.

In the evening, concerts were held in a marquee with no seats! Stamina was required to stand through all the concerts, but the music and singing was dazzling in its virtuosity. The concerts finished at midnight and then the sessions started in the pubs. These seemed to go on until 4.00am, but by that time all good Hereburghers were in bed. We did have our own (slightly earlier) session in one pub and with a full compliment of musicians made some excellent sounds.

On the Sunday morning we also danced on the wards at the local hospital. Only a few dancers could squeeze into the very small day rooms but the patients certainly had something to talk about for the rest of the day.

As squire I must thank so many people for making our first Irish tour so successful: Ray and Fidelma (naturally); Pete Johnson for driving the minibus; Janny for helping to organise transport and accommodation; Pete Bones and Ian Hartland for squiring in my moments of stress; Celia Neill for planning the dances, and of course all the dancers and musicians. You all did really well.

For me personally, the conversation I had with one of the publicans in Ballyshannon said it all: *Thank you. This would not have been possible four years ago, we have appreciated your dancing and you are all well respected round here.*

So, quite unwittingly and in a very minor way, I like to think that Hereburgh Morris can add another award to its growing collection, that of 'Ambassadors for Peace'.

Mike Putnam

THE MILLENNIUM PROJECT

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - 'HARBURY MAD'

Villagers have given a warm reception to the proposal that Harbury should celebrate the millennium by making a difference to a community in a developing country. You can make a single contribution that will transform the lives of people you have never met but who have needs and aspirations for themselves and their families, but without the opportunities we take for granted. Two projects have been chosen for support, these being two Women's Health Clinics run by Christian Hospital Extension Programme (CHEP) and a water project for a village in Nepal.

Donations

It is suggested that each household might give what they would spend on the cost of an evening out: the cost of a meal, the price of a ticket, what you would spend on a round of drinks. It may mean very little to you but make a real difference to villages in the developing world, providing clean water and health care to women. The water project has been promised £2,000 and we are aiming to give a similar amount to CHEP.

Clean water for a village in Nepal

Water is essential for life; yet as we enter the new millennium, the majority of the world's population has no access to clean water. The further you are from clean water the less you can carry and use and the shorter your life expectancy.

Nepal is one of the world's poorest countries. Whilst it has plenty of water, little of it is accessible in isolated villages where people, usually women, spend a large part of their time transporting it. The villagers are subsistence farmers, making a living from the land, and a source of clean water in a village enhances life for everyone.

The water project will be identified and managed by WaterAid a charity with a strong track record in Nepal, sinking wells using local labour and materials. Local people meet 12% of the costs. We have pledged £2,000 to sponsor a clean water source for a village in a Nepalese village comparable with Harbury, to be constructed during 2001. We will know the name of the village in October and we will receive regular progress reports. For the people living there, 2001 will bring a complete change in their lives because of you; Harbury will be *Making a Difference*.

Women's Health Clinics in Ziarat and Mustung, villages in Balochistan

If you are in pain, bleeding, you go to a doctor. But if you are a woman in Balochistan you can't do that. You must stay at home, because you are in purdah. You can only be medically examined by another woman, a doctor or nurse midwife. It has been acknowledged that the government health service does not meet the needs of the people in rural areas where female staff and medicines are not available. Consequently women die at home, also maternal and infant mortality is high.

The Christian Hospital in Quetta has provided weekly clinics for many years in Ziarat, a northern mountain village visited by nomads in the summer and in Mastung a village south of Quetta. A team goes once or twice a week from Quetta taking a nurse midwife to see the women and girls. A male doctor is in charge, he will see the men and boys, and together they go with a dispenser and a supply of medicines. For three summers Marian Millington from Harbury worked in the Ziarat clinic every Saturday from May through to October. A small fee of 30 rupees (40p) entitles women to a consultation, examination and medicines. The poorest have free treatment. Serious cases are referred to the hospital in Quetta. Families appreciate the clinics and husbands from miles around bring their wives because they know a female professional and medicines will always be available. The funds previously available for this work are now exhausted and unless more money is found the women's clinics will have to be drastically curtailed. Your donation will help to keep those clinics open.

Fundraising

There will be several different ways of giving. You can pay by credit card - *Harbury MAD* at Barclays Bank, Parade, Leamington Spa, sortcode 20-48-08 A/c 10852848. Audited accounts will be available at the close of the Harbury MAD project.

There will be a stall at the Victorian Street Fair and we will have coffee mornings, the first one to be on **Saturday 16th September** 10.00am at the Tom Hauley Room. Donations of raffle prizes, and cakes will be gratefully received – help on the morning is also appreciated. Please contact Nicola Guy.

Joining Harbury MAD

You want to join the team? You would be most welcome, contact Nicola Guy telephone 614010 or the Chairman Andrew Patrick telephone 614359 to find what out what you can do.

Marian Millington

HARBURY "MAD"

Supporting

Clean water for a village in Nepal & Women's' Health Clinics in Balochistan



Girl filling her Jerry can



A Nomad couple near Ziarat



Drilling a new Village well



A sick mother and her emaciated baby came to the clinic at Ziarat

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

We are all looking forward to the new term, which starts on **Monday 4th September**. It looks like being a very busy start to the school year with many new joiners and a large number of children coming back to us for another year before they start school.

The theme for the term is “All about myself”. This is an excellent starting point for particularly young children to talk about themselves and their families and help them integrate as part of the group. This topic will encourage them to share, make friends and develop confidence within the group. In the important first few weeks our staff spends a lot of time nurturing the new children, dispensing lots of cuddles and building a feeling of security and confidence.

If anyone would like their child(ren) to start with us this term but has not yet contacted us, please call Kate Smart on 612609 to arrange a visit and to discuss sessions.

In last month’s edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we announced the launch of our “Assisted Places Scheme”. This scheme is designed for parents whose financial circumstances mean that they find it extremely difficult to pay the fees and cannot afford to send their child(ren) to as many sessions as they would like. To try to meet this need the scheme will entitle a child who is booked in to the Nursery to an extra free session. Any parents or carers who would like to apply for an assisted place should contact Kate Smart on 612609 or Anne-Marie Champion on 614496. Please be assured that all enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We would also like to notify every one of some forthcoming events:

Wednesday 27th September. The AGM for Harbury Nursery School will start at 8:00pm in the Nursery classroom at Harbury Primary School.

Saturday 30th September. The 80/20 Sale in the Village Hall from 10:30am to 12noon. This is a sale of nearly new children’s clothes, toys and equipment run by the Nursery from which the seller receives 80 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of their goods and the remaining 20 per cent goes to the Nursery. Sellers also pay an additional £1 to the Nursery. For further information and/or if you would like to be a seller please contact Marie Kennedy on 812244.

Nursery Open Afternoon. We will be holding an open afternoon for all parents and carers to visit our Nursery and see what we have to offer you child(ren) on **Thursday 5th October** from 1:30pm until 3:15pm.

Marie Kennedy

THE PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play

The Pre-School is held in the Wight School behind the Library in Harbury High Street

By the time you read this we will be opening up the cupboards, checking stocks of paper and paints, looking at our new books, reading through the plans for forthcoming sessions and generally preparing for the start of term on **Tuesday 5 September**. We look forward to seeing old (ish) faces and to making new friends.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19 September at 8.00pm** in the Wight School. There will be drinks and a tempting array of exotic crisps, not that we believe you need any enticements, and we welcome absolutely everybody who would like to be involved in the Pre-School. Feedback suggests that you like our approach to early years' education, that you feel your children gain hugely in confidence from our sessions, and that you think the range of activities is creative, imaginative and of positive benefit to your children. But we want to do even better! So please come along with your ideas and suggestions. Furthermore, we are of course hoping to recruit new members of the committee ... hey, don't turn the page so quickly! We know it sounds like hard work, we know that most people have very little spare time and, quite frankly, it's not the most glamorous way you can fill your life. However, we also know that there are a lot of talented and committed people in this village and there is truth in the old adage that many hands make light work. The Pre-School Committee is vital to ensure the continuation of the Pre-School itself. Parents tell us that they want choice and variety, so please help us maintaining it by coming along and deciding in what way you might be able to contribute. We look forward to seeing you.

NB: It's the work that isn't necessarily glamorous, not the committee!

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY PTA

Well, the summer is coming to a close and our little cherubs are heading back to a new year at school. Pokémon cards cunningly hidden down their socks and full of stories about what they did in the holidays.

Meanwhile in the background the PTA are beavering away, fundraising for equipment and the new computer suite. We are all very proud of the school and if we can help to improve the facilities then we will continue to work hard to raise money.

We rounded off last term with the Summer Fair on July 7th, where we had a good turnout and decent weather. The children and adults all worked really hard and a good number of both got soaking wet on the “ducking stool”. There were lots of sweets and refreshments ably supplied by the outgoing Year 6, and plenty of enthusiasm during the games later on (and possibly a bit of cheating).

I'm pleased to say that we raised £1,300 so a big thank you to everyone involved, especially Sue Graydon who worked her socks off getting everything so well organised.

This was followed a couple of weeks later by our 2nd Beer Walk. The day dawned fine and the larks were singing as nearly 60 beer walkers and children set off from the school on a route that started off going to the Old New Inn. A swift half and then on to The Gamecock. Walkers then set off towards Thwaites and then Christmas Hill Farm where the beer was very kindly donated by Phil Page of Warwickshire Beer Co. We then went on to The Butchers Arms at Bishops Itchington, across to The Great Western at Deppers Bridge before the home stretch back to Harbury and The Crown, The Dog Inn and finishing up at The Shakespeare for a barbecue.

Many thanks for the support and hospitality of the pubs involved. The good news is that everyone had a good walk and the weather was ideal. The bad news is that we have only just made a profit, however, I still have 50 exclusive Beer Walk T-shirts left to sell, so if anyone would like to purchase the very latest trend in the fashion world then give me a ring or ask any member of the PTA committee.

Future events:

Friday 29th September - PTA QUIZ: Have you got your team sorted? If not, WHY NOT?! We may not have Chris Tarrant giving away millions, BUT we do have Peter and Martin, our sensational quizmasters, poised to challenge and perplex. You can't miss this event. You might even win a Beer Walk T-shirt!! Get your teams of 4 and contact me or any member of the PTA committee.

Monday 9th October – PTA AGM: If you are still wondering about the Meaning of Life, the Universe and all that, then come and join the PTA committee. We are still on the lookout for enthusiastic, vibrant, vivacious, effervescent, energetic, committed (in any sense of the word), eager, passionate, fervent new committee members to join our happy band. Please feel free to come along.

Saturday 17th March 2001 – AUCTION OF PROMISES: This is creeping up fast and we want to make it a really big event. Any offers or ideas that you can think of. Do you have any contacts with big companies that might help? We have a lot of talent in Harbury that we can share out. Call me with anything, big or small that you have to offer.

The PTA Committee work very hard all year round to raise money and organise events for ALL the children at the school. Please give us your support. You are very welcome to the next meeting on **Thursday 7th September**, 8.00pm at the school and we hope to see lots of new faces at the AGM.

Ian Ashworth 613304

HARBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

"Oh no! ..not again already" I hear you say. Yes, although summer has hardly finished the Club's preparations for the new football season are well advanced and by the time you read this article the season will have started. 100 new strips have been purchased in the Club's newly adopted colours of orange and black.....couldn't be a better choice in my humble, unbiased opinion. Ask any Wolves' fan (there are at least two of us in the village and many more in the closet). New equipment has also been purchased to help our teams get ready for the challenges ahead.

There will be 5 squads this season covering players aged from 7 to 15. If you know of anyone of these age groups who would be interested in joining the Club, please contact one of the relevant coaches. Their details are set out in the Regular Diary Dates section of the Magazine, which also contains details of training sessions and match times.

Under 15s

After a great season last time the squad will be back competing in the Woodford & District Friendly League looking to win one of those elusive trophies!

Under 13s

The group will be playing in the Woodford and District Friendly League again this season. John Wilkins tells me that more teams have entered this year and it will be even more competitive. Although the squad is fairly small it is very enthusiastic and last season was very successful. Any boys in School Year 7 and 8 age groups are welcome to join. Just contact John or Steve Wilkins.

Under 11s

Steve Darby reports that the group will be breaking new ground this season, after the success of the last two years, when they play in the 11 aside matches in the Woodford & District Friendly League.

Under 10s

After the great success of last season the group have registered two squads for the 7 aside games in the 3 Counties League. Look out for our first matches up at the Recreation Ground.

Under 7s and 8s

The group is looking forward to the new season to consolidate and build on last year in anticipation of some competitive games.

Please come along and support our teams, whether or not you have connections with any of the players. They will be playing not just for themselves but also the village. I wish all the squads success for the coming season, and above all, I want all Club players, at whatever level and ability, to enjoy themselves.

Clive Whorton and team

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

During August both Club teams were again hit by rain and had to re-arrange matches for September. The 'B' team gave Tysoe 'C' a good run for their money before eventually going down 6-3 although the failing light made the last couple of rubbers a bit of a farce!

The playing season draws to a close with the Ladies' and Men's doubles tournaments on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 10th September**, respectively, both starting at 2.00pm.

On the social front don't forget our Ceilidh on **Saturday 30th September**. The format is similar to last year's with *Ten Minutes to Midnight* presenting the music. Tickets are £10 each, which includes supper, and can be ordered from any Committee member.

Under 16 News

The main feature during August has been the arrival of equipment bought with the Awards for All grant. It has already been put to good use with the ball machine proving to be a particularly popular training tool giving the Intermediates an opportunity to match their skills against balls fired accurately and at different speeds with a variety of spin. The four sets of Short Tennis equipment have also been extremely useful for the juniors, some of whom find a full size net a little daunting!

All sessions continue during September (subject to light on Wednesday evenings) and we hope to have Coach Mark Denby back on Sunday mornings.

Colin and Sue Mercer

THURSDAY CLUB - What are you missing?

The Thursday Club has been meeting twice a month for the past fifteen years. As the name suggests we meet on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Farley Room of the Village Hall. We have a speaker, followed by tea and biscuits, and welcome men and women, although sadly our male membership has dwindled recently.

Over the past months we have heard excellent speakers on a wide range of subjects. Some recent highlights were talks on Witchcraft, Ballroom and Latin Dancing, local history and a very amusing afternoon of *Jottings from a Parson's Cuff*. We *Railed around India*, discussed Chinese medicine and learned how the Air Ambulance Service operates. We also brought some of our treasures for an Auctioneer to examine and value for us. In March we looked at slides of the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick whilst the Master of the Hospital described its history and how life is lived there today. As a result of this talk we spent a fascinating afternoon in July visiting the Hospital and its wonderful, recently restored gardens and we enjoyed a cream tea.

If you would like to join us, we meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2.30pm and charge 50p per session plus 10p for a raffle ticket. (What good value!) Our new season of talks will include a personal experience of being sent to Australia as a child in the '50s, the work of a Magistrate, and life as a journalist in BBC local radio.

Please contact me if you would like further information, or just turn up at a meeting – you will be very welcome.

Annette Hughes 612273

10th HARBURY HASH – Sunday 10th September

This prestigious fun event enters the 21st Century with several new features. It will start and finish at the Village Hall. It will have a newly designed souvenir T-shirt, and last but not least, it will hand out some fiendishly new punishments to satisfy the popular will!

Two interlocking courses will cater for families and hardened hashers alike and you can run or walk. The start is at 3.00pm and a barbecue will follow. Please bring your own meat (or vegetarian alternative) and drink. Salads and bread will be provided and soft drinks will be on sale. Entry is

on the day – adults £3, Under 16s £1. Any proceeds will go to Warwick Hospital A & E Appeal.

John Hancock

GM CROP TRIAL IN HARBURY – PUBLIC FORUM SEPT. 11th

On August 23rd the Government confirmed that the GM trial in Harbury, first announced on August 3rd, will definitely proceed this autumn. The seed is expected to be sown within the next two months.

Arrangements are being made for a public forum to be held in the Village Hall on **Monday 11th September** at 7.30pm. The forum panel is expected to comprise:

- A representative of SCIMAC (The Supply Chain Initiative on Modified Agricultural Crops), which is an industry grouping representing the entire farm supply chain from initial seed stock to harvested crop.
- The Head of the GM Crops Policy, Chemicals and Biotechnology Division of the Government's Department of the Environment.
- A representative of the consortium of scientists, which will evaluate the results of the national trials.
- Representatives of organisations with serious concerns about GM technology.

This will be an opportunity to become better informed about the risks and benefits of this undoubtedly controversial technology, principally by putting questions to the panel rather than by listening to long and tedious speeches. A leaflet and a fact sheet supplied by the Department of the Environment are available from the Library in the Wight School.

John Hunt

Chairman Harbury Parish Council

SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE – A Village Appraisal

Within the next few days you will see on the notice boards and elsewhere in Harbury and Deppers Bridge a poster about a public meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 21st September**. Come along to hear from expert Rebecca Frost all about village appraisals and how doing one could benefit our community.

What is a village appraisal and why do we need one?

Instead of having policies and services rammed down our throats by the several layers of local government and other providers of services it is the opportunity for all of us, young and old, to have our say on what changes we want to see in facilities and services delivered to our community. We may not get everything we want but at least it will provide an authoritative basis for lobbying the appropriate councils, bus companies and other organisations. The appraisal will also include an inventory of what amenities are available now and a general directory of the community – in fact a survey of all aspects of our village life. In short, a

statement of where we are in the Year 2000 and what our hopes and ambitions are for the early years of the new millennium.

You will probably be relieved to hear that although the Parish Council will participate in the appraisal process it will very definitely not be led by the Council. For its success it needs an enthusiastic group of people to form themselves into an Appraisal Team. It is vital that the team includes a representative cross-section of the population, particularly of the younger and older age groups. Representatives of existing village organisations, which make such a significant contribution to the quality of life in our community, are particularly urged to attend. So please come along, listen and better still, be prepared to volunteer to contribute to a very worthwhile project.

John Hunt
Chairman Harbury Parish Council

HARBURY SUPPORT GROUP FOR MYTON HOSPICE

We are having a Jumble Sale on **Saturday 23rd September** at the Village Hall. If you have any jumble, please phone 612778 for collection or bring it to the Village Hall on the Friday night between 7.00 and 9.00pm.

On **Saturday 30th September** come and enjoy a talk on *Usual and unusual ways of country life* by Cecil Bloxham in the Tom Hauley Room, at 8.00pm. Tickets are £4, to include cheese and wine, tea or coffee. There will also be a raffle. For tickets please phone 612778 or 612324.

Harbury Support Group

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Come and join in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning's 10th birthday celebration on **Friday 29th September** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

The event is Macmillan's largest fundraiser. So please, come and enjoy a coffee at the Tom Hauley Room between 10am and 12noon. There will be a raffle and a cake stall, everyone is invited, please come and support us.

Mary Ceney

HARBURY SURGERY - 'FLU VACCINES 2000'

It's that time of year again! We will be organising clinics during October and November for patients who wish to be vaccinated against influenza. The first clinics will be for patients who are in the priority groups such as **chronic respiratory disease (including asthma), heart disease, kidney failure, diabetes and those with immune suppression due to disease or treatment.**

One change this year is that **anyone over 65 years** is eligible for priority vaccination. Later clinics will be open to any patient who wishes to be vaccinated, subject to availability. If you would like to put your name down please telephone 613554 ONLY to make an appointment.

Barbara Andrews – Practice Manager

HARBURY VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE – 14th October

Charity: Children in Need

Stalls: A reminder that there are still some stalls available but we would appreciate any further bookings as soon as possible please, as we will shortly have to finalise the number required – don't forget there will be a prize for the 'most attractive' stall. The Street Fayre Committee will be running some stalls on behalf of Children in Need, one of which will be a tombola and any donations of tins, bottles, etc. would be very much appreciated – please contact Dan Killian (612265).

Fancy Dress Competition: There will be a competition for both children and adults keeping to the Victorian theme and we would like to see lots of entries!

Entertainment: As mentioned in a previous issue, the entertainment will be very informal and we hope to draw on the talents of Harbury people who would be willing to 'do a turn' free of charge. Anyone who could help in any way please let me know.

Grand Draw: It is hoped the tickets will be available from September 1st and if anyone is able to help us sell them please let me know, we would be very grateful.

We look forward to seeing you, perhaps running a stall, taking part in the fancy dress competition, entertaining the crowds or coming along to support us in any way you can to help raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

Dan Killian

HOLIDAY CLUB – 'GO FOR GOLD 2000'



Meeting the challenge

Forty six children enrolled for this year's Holiday Club. Our theme in the year of the Olympic games was 'Go for Gold' and we added '2000' to remind ourselves that the millennium, first and foremost, commemorates Jesus' birthday.

We thought of ourselves as athletes training to race with Jesus and after the songs that began every morning, we were told stories, which covered

the life of St. Paul and learned how he got off his marks and kept going whatever happened to him.

Later in the morning, the children chose various activities: making Olympic torches; Olympic biscuits (covered in gold, silver and bronze foil); clay medals; an Olympic frieze, and music that had an important part in the Family Service. They also enjoyed Keep Fit sessions, which culminated on the last day of the Club in a mini Olympics. There was a serial drama, too, in which they joined with great resourcefulness.

We do thank them for their enthusiasm and all the many helpers who gave of their time and energy so generously. Everyone involved contributed to a very happy week.

Felicity Harris

HARBURY LIBRARY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our birthday party on August 14th to celebrate 150 years of public libraries went with a swing. We entertained around 250 guests who enjoyed tea and cakes in a convivial atmosphere.

Children listened to stories, drew pictures and played with toys, whilst a display of photographs loaned by the Harbury Society created great interest.

A competition to guess the number of books issued by our library in 1999 was won by Mr. M. Kimber, whose guess of 22,500 was the nearest to the actual number of 23,003. This secured him a £10 book token.

Ten lucky visitors were given special 50 pence commemorative coins, and free request cards were handed out. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event, and was keen to know when the next one will be.

Sue Bell

HARBURY BLUES FESTIVAL 2000

It was the coldest day of the summer! Rain clouds gathered in the morning and looked ominous all day. But in true Harbury spirit we decided to take the risk and hold the Festival outdoors – and luck was on our side. Despite heavy rain in Leamington and Southam, the Harbury microclimate came good and we escaped with a few light showers.

Brave souls and music lovers donned thermals and fleeces, put up tents, ordered drinks and were treated to a brilliant feast of Blues music. Our intrepid bands played fantastic music all afternoon and evening, and our special guest 'Little Red Rooster' once again brought the house down with their late night party set that had the whole crowd on its feet, dancing. For their grand finale, many of the day's musicians joined them on stage in a superb impromptu jam session – live music at its best!

So, thank you to everyone who braved the elements and came to the Festival, and to all those who helped on the day. Inevitably, the numbers were well down on last year, but we still managed to make a small profit and will be donating £150 to Myton Hospice.

Nicky Lewis

PENSIONERS' PATIO

Last month I bemoaned the scarcity of butterflies this year. So, as soon as the sun returned, out they came, determined to prove me wrong.

It so happened that at that time two close neighbours were away and we were keeping an eye on their gardens, each of which possessed a large buddleia in full bloom. Need I say more? Each day a pilgrimage took place to watch a gathering of the 'aristocrats', as my reference book terms the big ones – lots of fine Peacocks, several Red Admirals and Painted Ladies and a solitary Comma – and also plenty of Large and Small Whites from lower down the social scale. One day a tiny blue one flew out of the ivy, refused my entreaties to keep still for a moment and, scorning the buddleia, fluttered off over the fence. I hurried back to the Book, repeating to myself what I'd been able to glimpse in the way of markings. As so often happens, I was soon convinced it was a rare species, which pops over from France once in a blue moon (surely needing to hitch a lift on a ferry?). Reason prevailed in the end: I suspect it was a Holly Blue.

But after all, what's in a name? They were all gorgeous, with their velvet texture and incredibly detailed markings. And one boosted my self-esteem by coming to inspect my blue cardigan: it's quite a while since I was mistaken for a flower.

So the question arose – have we room for a buddleia? The short answer is no. Do we want one? Not being a butterfly I can't find much to praise about this straggly shrub whose flower spikes soon turn brown. In any case, patio gardeners have to acquire ruthlessness if they haven't got it by nature. Every plant has to earn its space. At the moment I have evil designs on the lily-of-the-valley patch. A delight when we came, it has now overrun its neighbours and produces fewer flowers each year. The trouble is it takes far more muscle-power and energy to remove what you don't want, roots and all, than it does to put in what you do want. The Head Gardener will have to get into training: those daily press-ups will have to be doubled!

Stop Press: Today's additions: two little Speckled Woods and a Brimstone. All right, I get the message: it's a GOOD year for butterflies!

Edyth Algar

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Village Show on **Saturday 9th September** is almost here, and if you haven't already got one, please pick up a schedule, as we think there is something for everyone. You don't have to grow fruit, vegetables or flowers to make an entry; there are classes for many hobbies, such as home made wine, cooking and preserves, photography, flower arranging, etc. The judges travel some distances so please keep them happy, they like to be kept occupied!

Again the cut off date is Wednesday 6th September at 6.00pm. Please deliver your entry form and money to Mrs. Julie Clarke, 32, South Parade; Mrs. Nora Ellis, Sheen Farm House, Temple End; Ron Grey, 23, Deppers Bridge School or Mrs. Gill Moore, the Bungalow, Windmill Lane, Ladbroke. Last year, this proved very helpful for administration;

also for the staging of exhibits, Ron then has a fair idea how much space to devote to each class.

The trestles and tables have to be put in place and covered with paper the previous Friday evening, so if any strong men would like to help, please ring Ron on 612515. We will also need help dismantling everything after the show at 4.15pm on Saturday.

PLEASE, PLEASE bring entries to the stage well before 10.45am; it would be a shame if you could not take part because you were late, all the effort wasted. As usual there will be a Produce Stall, so if you have a contribution please bring it to the Village Hall on the morning of the show, but NOT between 11.00 and 12.30pm, while judging is in progress. As in previous years any produce left at the Hall after the show will be taken to Castel Froma - they are always very appreciative.

The Silver Cups and Trophies are being engraved – ready to be won yet again. They really do make an impressive display on the table in the Hall. The list of winners will be published in my article next month. Finally, even if you haven't entered anything, do come to the Village Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 9th September to see what others have done. I am sure the Hall, as usual, will look and smell very nice, well worth a visit.

N.B. Any queries regarding the schedule, please phone 612515. The book 'On with the Show' is helpful. Mrs. Pat Smith has a copy, as does Ron. See you there.

*P.S. Our new series of talks starts with Mr. Hardy speaking on "Low Maintenance Gardens" on **Tuesday 3rd October 8.00pm** in the Farley Room of the Village Hall. A full list will be displayed at the Show.*

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

The sun is still shining and some gardens are looking parched, but we hope that this month will give us more fine days to enjoy the warm autumnal colours that are now in the gardens. However, it is also time to look for bulbs for borders and to grow in bowls for the house. Plant several of the same colours in a bowl of bulb fibre or potting compost. Place these in a cool dark place for 8-10 weeks when shoots should have formed. This is a good month to sow a new lawn, so prepare the ground by removing weeds and stones and raking the soil level. Rake out thatch from established lawns, aerate and feed with a special autumn fertiliser.

Plant biennials such as wallflowers for a spring display, and sow hardy annuals such as candytuft and godetias or leave plants already in the garden to self-seed and hope they appear where you want them. Take cuttings of geraniums and fuchsias so that larger straggly plants can be discarded at the end of the season. Divide perennials, which are in large clumps and did not flower well. The majority of the commonly grown border plants will perform better if split up every 3 to 4 years.

Prune rambling roses and trim climbers if they need it. Plant or move conifers and rhododendrons. Protect them with a netting windshield. All the cane fruits can have the fruited stems cut out, before tying in the new growth. Tie grease bands round apple trees now to prevent the wingless

female winter moths crawling up to lay eggs. Fumigate the greenhouse ready for the winter.

Plant of the month: Polygonums



For years these plants have been known as polygonums but now they are listed under the name of Persicaria. The 300 species many native to the Himalayas, vary from the small ground-hugging ones to the invasive Russian vine and the notorious Japanese knotweed. This garden escapee has become such a menace, particularly along waterways, that it carries a fine of

£2,000 for introducing it into the wild.

Most garden centres will stock one or two of the pink or red flowered polygonums that bring late colour to the borders. Polygonum (Persicaria) affine has attractive spikes of flowers, which fade to brown and last through the winter amongst the autumn tinted leaves. It is only 6-9" high but will spread along the front of a border. For a damp shady area choose P. bistorta Superbum, which makes a clump of 3ft x 3ft.

Impatient gardeners can plant P. baldschuanicum, Russian vine, for an almost instant screen with pretty pale pink flowers. Further gardening in the area will be unnecessary and eventually impossible as garden sheds and anything in its path disappears.

If you are the reluctant gardener these could be just the plants you have been looking for.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and flowers following the death of our mother, Nesta Bloxham of Manor Road, Harbury.

The collection at the church and donations raised nearly £200, which has been handed to Myton Hospice. We would like to thank all for their generosity. Thank you all again.

Kevin, Allan, Andrew & Rosina

Dear Editors

I would like to thank you all, neighbours and friends, for all the shopping and jobs you have done for us while my husband Tony was not well.

Also thank you everyone for the flowers and cards you sent me while I was in hospital.

I am home now improving slowly. Much appreciated. Thank you all.

Sheila and Tony Bugg

Dear Editors

The committee would like to say thank you to everyone who supported us at the summer lunch in aid of the Harbury Senior Citizens' Fund. A profit of £368.88 was made which will go towards the Christmas Party.

Also thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes. Hopefully we will have another lunch in the New Year towards funds for the summer outing.

M. Taylor - Treasurer

Dear Editors

A reference has recently been made in your columns concerning our stone wall fronting Park Lane being in need of attention.

May I assure readers that this is very much on the list of jobs to be done. Meanwhile, I would just point out that the wall would be in a much better condition if certain local children could be persuaded to stop clambering over it. I should record that we do not accept responsibility in case of accidents as a result. I do hope their parents read this.

Angela Bushill-Matthews

Dear Editors

SOUTHAM CARNIVAL

The first carnival of the millennium has followed in the tradition of last century by being a great success. The weather on the day was kind and the crowds turned out to line the streets to welcome the procession through the town, then followed down the recreation ground, a good time was had by all.

This year we have been able to make a small profit and we have made donations to: Warwick Hospital Children's A & E Appeal, Southam St. John's Ambulance, Southam Red Cross, Youth Project 2000 and the Napton St. Lawrence Out of School Club (Larks and Owls).

I would like to thank the people on our committee for all their hard work over the last year, and we look forward to next year's carnival.

And finally on behalf of the committee I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who supported us, and made it a great day again.

Terry Grey – Carnival Chairman