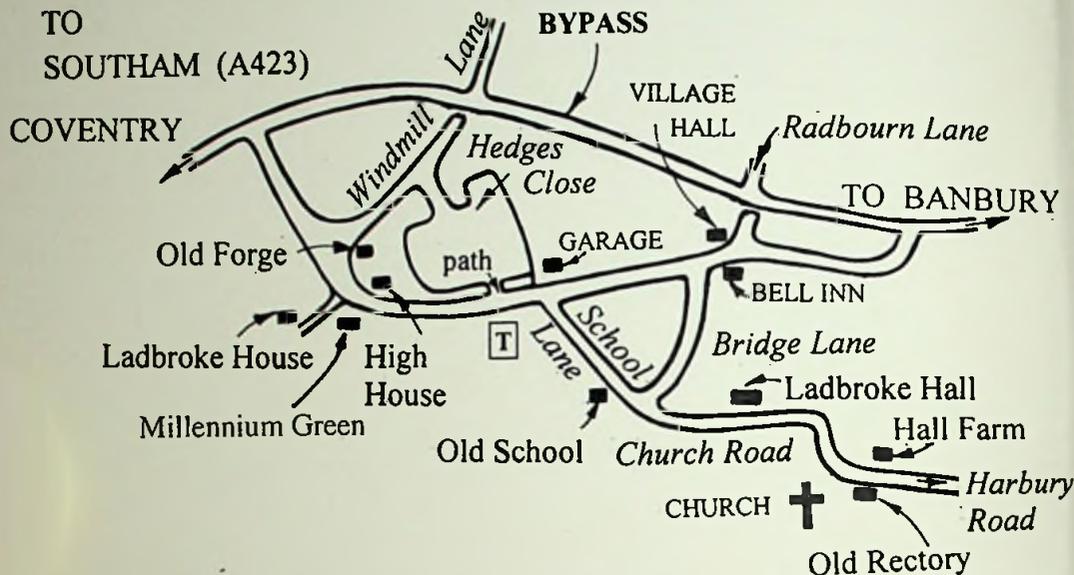


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Harbury School celebrated May Day indoors when a downpour interrupted the Maypole dancing.



The other celebration over the May Bank Holiday was a successful trip to Samoie-sur-Seine. There will be another visit to our French friends in June and there are a few places still available – see article for details.

There are two controversial planning applications in the Parish, which require urgent consideration; one is to site an Orange mobile phone mast in farmland off Middle Road and the other is the proposed development of the former Blue Circle Cement Works.

June will be a busy month in Harbury and Ladbroke with events celebrating the Golden Jubilee, Carnival and Ladbroke Village Fete. We hope everyone enjoys the events.

As a result of last months request for assistance to join the stapling team, we are pleased that a number of people have volunteered.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Bee Carroll and Ray Meredith.

Harbury Diary

June

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|-------|----|--|
| Sun | 2 | FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Sung Eucharist 9am
Service for Queen's Jubilee 6pm followed by Bring a Plate and Celebrate in Tom Hauley Room
Cricket home to Bishop's Itchington
Wheelbarrow Race
Cycle Club use Village Hall |
| Mon | 3 | GOLDEN JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues | 4 | BANK HOLIDAY
Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 5 | Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers Union 2.30pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm |
| Thurs | 6 | Holy Communion 9.45am; Storytelling in the Library 10am
Men's Society talk <i>The Eden Project</i> in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm |
| Sat | 8 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Holiday Club
CARNIVAL Day; Carnival dance in aid of Breakthrough for Breast Cancer |
| Sun | 9 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am |
| Tues | 11 | Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm; Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 12 | <i>Talk it Through</i> at 33, South Parade 8pm |
| Thurs | 13 | Holy Communion 9.45pm; Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Myton Hospice Line Dancing at Harbury Village Club 8pm? |

- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cambodian Street Children
Cricket home to Avis/Spinx III
Harbury Junior Football Presentation in Village Hall
ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
- Sun 16 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6pm Benediction 7.30pm
- Tues 18 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 19 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
Senior Citizens' outing to Weston-super-Mare
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of National Children's Trust
- Sun 23 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home to Barford
- Tues 25 Harbury Society Tour of St. Mary's Tower, Warwick
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting AGM at Rectory
- Wed 26 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
Talk it Through at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion 9.45am
BLOOD DONORS AT VILLAGE HALL ALL DAY
Thursday Club 2.30pm
Parish Council 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 28 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm**
- Sat 29 **ST PETER & ST PAUL**; Holy Communion 9.30am
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury School
Cricket home to Braunston Paddock
- Sun 30 **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home to Kineton

July

- Tues 2 Holy Communion 7.30pm
'Bookworms' in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
- Wed 3 Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Men's Society AGM in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Sat 6 Cricket home to Nuneaton III and Presidents XI
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice Support Group
- Sun 7 **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm
Cricket home to St Benedicts Alcester

From the Rector

With Lent starting so soon after Christmas and Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity now past, I've finally started to sort out my theological bits and pieces. When sorting and filing I came upon the lost chapter in Genesis. As we have entered a quiet period I will share it with you.

So God asked Adam: "What is wrong with you?" Adam said that he didn't have any one to talk to. God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman. God said: "This person will gather food for you, cook for you, and when you discover clothing she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache, and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it."

Adam asked God: "What will a woman like that cost?"

God replied: "An arm and a leg." So Adam asked: "What can I get for a rib?" And the rest is history.

This is, of course, written with tongue in cheek.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism at All Saints' Harbury

26th May - Anna Rose Talbot

Funerals at Oakley Wood

14th May - Bea Carroll, 92

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

15th May - Raymond Meredith, 68

From the Churchwardens

The Family Service at Pentecost was a happy occasion. The presentation, given by John Stringer, introduced us to further adventures of Ronnie. We heard how, for some time, he suffered from the presence of his little sister's invisible friend; how, on one occasion,

he forgot to collect her from a party and, arriving late, found her "gorn". How he and she both prayed and were comforted and reunited. We, too, of course, have an invisible friend in the Holy Spirit and through prayer, like the disciples before us, know that we have not been left comfortless.

At the end of the service, Father Roy thanked John Moore for his great support and friendship during his two terms as Churchwarden and presented him with hand-carved wooden figures from the Nativity and a celebratory bottle. The photograph of this moment speaks for itself!

On Wednesday 22nd May, Lesley and I went to St. James', Southam to hear the Archdeacon's charge and to be sworn in as Churchwardens for the coming year. It was good to have friends from Harbury around us. The theme of the Archdeacon's address was *The Seed and the Soil: The Choice – Die or Grow*. Among his charges to us was to sow the seed and to pray that it will grow.



We are now looking forward to the Golden Jubilee celebrations on June 2nd and to the Carnival on June 8th. Please come and join us. The more the merrier!

Lesley and Felicity

Mothers' Union

Afternoon Meeting: Due to ill health, our advertised speaker was unable to come, so Sheila Jackson kindly stepped in at the last minute. She works voluntarily for The Gideons, and part of that work is delivering Bibles to residential homes. We were asked to pray that doors would stay open so that the work of The Gideons can continue.

Sheila then took us on an imaginary journey - climbing mountains - for which she was fully equipped with rucksack, climbing boots, maps etc.

Her talk was based on Psalm 21: *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.* We were encouraged to enjoy the views and clean fresh air, with skylarks singing and streams tinkling. We should trust in God to guide and protect us on our journey through life, and never doubt that He is always there as Saviour and friend to share our concerns.

That same afternoon, after attending the service and the meeting, Bee Carroll passed away. Over the last two and a half years, she had become such a part of village life, joining in the many and varied activities that her daughter, Rosemary took her along to and we shall certainly miss her presence at M.U. events. Our sincere condolences go to Rosemary and all Bee's family.



The Southam Deanery Festival Service was held in Harbury Church on May 16th. We were pleased to welcome a new member, Sue Boniface, along with over 50 members and friends. Wendy Thomas, Diocesan President, gave the address and reminded us of the many ways in which M.U. is making a difference at home and abroad. The collection raised £77.50, which has gone to the M.U.'s *Away From It All* scheme, providing holidays for families who would otherwise never have a holiday. Our photo shows Father Roy, Sue and Wendy.

Evening Meeting: Jan Craven came to tell us about the marvellous work of the Children's Society. It's hard to understand in these modern times just how much abuse and neglect is still being suffered by so many children, and the Children's Society believes that every child deserves a chance. The society (originally called 'Waifs & Strays') was started in 1881 to provide love and food and shelter for homeless children and thanks to volunteers like Jan, this necessary work continues. Anyone who would like to contribute by having a collecting box at home is asked to contact Pam Brown at The Rectory.

Next Meetings:

Weds 5th June 2.00pm Service; 2.30pm Sue Cooke - "Braids & Tassels"

Tues 18th June 7.00pm Visit to St. Mary's, Warwick

Weds 3rd July 2.30pm Garden Meeting and AGM at The Rectory - with Bring & Buy
NO SERVICE THAT DAY

Anne Moore

Toddlers' Service

At our service in May we talked about our hands and how invaluable they are to us. We sang the song: *Here we go round the Mulberry Bush* and did the actions to everyday things we do with our hands.

Mrs. Catt showed us pictures of hands performing various functions including holding a baby, preparing our food, etc. We sang 2 songs, and then traced round our own hands on to a piece of paper.

Our next service will be on Tuesday 11th June at 2.15pm in the children's corner of the church. All babies and small children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome.

Lorna Bedford

Laugh Line

A golfer asked a famous mystic if there were any golf courses in Heaven. The old seer went away to meditate on the question. After many hours, he returned and said to the golfer: *I have good news and bad news for you. First of all, the good news. There are many golf courses in Heaven, perfectly designed with the smoothest greens, supplied with immaculate equipment. Now the bad news. You'll be teeing off there at 10.30am on Wednesday.*

What was the longest day of Adam's life?

(Answer on page 45)

Ladbroke News

June

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Ladbroke Flower Rota

June 9th - Gwynne Badman

June 23rd - Jean Clews

June 16th - Marie Kennedy

June 30th - Sally-Ann Batty

July 7th - Katherine Todman

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke All Saints' Church News

The next event in our calendar is Ladbroke Village Fete on Saturday 29th June. The stall is called *Smashing Time* for which we need any old china. If you have any that you wish to get rid of then please call me on 811749 and I will arrange to collect it or there is a box in Ladbroke Church for you to place it in.

We are planning an Auction of Promises to be held on Friday 20th September at The Grange Hall in Southam, so if anyone out there has anything they wish to donate for this worthy cause then please contact me or Ann Edwards on 811749.

Saturday August 10th is going to be our Summer Bar-B-Q so keep that date free. Watch this space!

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

The fellowship met at the home of Stella Douglas where she showed us her wonderful collection of antique lace. We were able to see lace items from Malta, Belgium, and of course England. A lot of the lace was dating from the early 18th Century. We saw baby bonnets, which today would only fit a premature baby. There were also booties dating from the 1920s.

Stella also showed us two beautiful hand-stitched quilts – one was from the early 19th Century, originally red and white, but now only white. Wonderful work and mostly stitched in daylight hours.

Thank you Stella for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is our Summer outing – the location is a surprise, but will involve food by request. We welcome anyone wishing to join us, including husbands, friends, etc. We leave Ladbroke Hall at 10.30am on Wednesday 26th June in a small convoy of cars, so if you wish to come, please let me know and I will arrange the lifts.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The May meeting was held on the 23rd, when a WI Adviser attended to present the resolutions being proposed at the IGM at Brighton.

Anne welcomed members. The group meeting at Long Itchington had been well attended and the cake, made by Marie in the shape of a crown, won third prize.

Members volunteered to serve teas at the Golden Jubilee celebrations to be held at the Old Rectory on June 2nd. Names were also taken to serve teas at the Village Fete on June 29th at the Millennium Green.

Harbury WI has invited us to attend a meeting on July 11th at 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room when the speaker will tell of her experiences over 30 years of Costume Design for the BBC.

The WI visit to the Warwickshire Cricket ground is on August 29th.

There is to be an arranged visit to the Walsall lights on Friday 4th October.

Anne introduced Ruth McCamtney, the WI adviser who presented the resolutions, un-biased, with alacrity and expertise. The discussions

that followed the subject of: Support for Local Abattoirs and Stricter Control on the Importation of Foodstuffs, were very interesting and proved the concern of members present. There was a unanimous agreement that the resolutions should be accepted and the decision taken by Jo to the IGM.

Raffle prizes were won by Pam and Linda. Tea, Coffee and Wine Hostesses were Beryl and Betty.

Next month, the meeting will be on June 27th when we will be holding a Taster Evening and members and visitors are requested to wear their Golden Jubilee attire.

Tea Hostesses: Julia and Pam.

Hazel Sharples

Ladbroke Village hall

The fourth draw of the Millennium Club for 2002 was held on May 13th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Pam Collins £80; Catherine Spence £25; Beryl Ross £25. B. Whitehouse, M. Whitehouse, Jo Sowerby, Mike Todman and Francis Badman each won £10.

The next prize draw will be held on June 17th at 8pm in The Bell Inn.

Catherine Spence

The Ladbroke Jubilee Tea Party

Will be held on Sunday 2nd June, from 3.30 to 5.30pm in the Garden of The Old Rectory. All past and present residents of Ladbroke as well as those with a connection with Ladbroke, together with their extended families, are warmly invited.

Tickets: Adult £3.00, Child £1.50, Family £7.50, available from Gwynne Badman (812187), Irene Bennett (812860), Jo Sowerby (811749), Cyril Spence (814362), Betty Winkfield (812234). Please book early.

Dress Theme: Red, White, and Blue (and Gold).

Refreshments: Tea, soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes, ices, hot dogs.

There will be a marquee, bouncy castle, games and competitions for all ages.

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Children's Band: Kate Pickin (813064) is organising a group of young instrumentalists to play a selection of folk songs. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Kate soon.

Memorabilia: Richard Bennett (812860) and Janice Berry (817114) are organising a small exhibition of memorabilia. They would welcome loans of coronation souvenirs or everyday items from the forties or fifties; also photographs of people now living in Ladbroke in situations of the time (a day out, with the new motor-bike, at a dance, at work etc), which will be scanned for enlargement and returned unharmed.

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke Parish Council Report

The Annual General meeting of the Ladbroke Parish Council took place on May 15th in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Present were: County Councillor Bob Stevens and District Councillor Chris Williams, Ladbroke Parish Clerk Linda Doyle, Councillors Peter Baker, Richard Bennett, Janice Berry and Tim Seden, Pc Andy Went and five villagers.

Councillor Bob Stevens welcomed everyone to the meeting and after a short introduction asked for nominations for Chairman. Richard Bennett was duly elected chairman and was formally requested to sign the Declaration of Acceptance Form, which was countersigned by the Clerk. As it was election year, each councillor was also asked to sign the Declaration of Acceptance, these also being countersigned by the Clerk. Bank Mandate forms as well as the cheque signatory cards were all signed.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 17th were confirmed and signed as correct.

Neighbourhood Watch: Pc Andy Went reported to the meeting that there had been a spate of burglaries in School Lane, Church Lane, Harbury Lane, Hedges Close as well as theft from a van parked in Bridge Lane (all in Ladbroke). The thieves went into back gardens and forced locks to enter garages and sheds and stole various items including power tools, hand tools, garden equipment and saddlery. Andy requested that all villagers should be vigilant in ensuring their property was locked and bolted at all times.

The theme of this year's Neighbourhood Watch week and Good Neighbour Day, 15th - 22nd June, is celebrating 20 years of Neighbourhood Watch across the UK.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is entitled to attend.

We welcome Linda Doyle's appointment as Ladbroke's new Parish Clerk, her telephone number is 814214 and we wish her all the very best in her new post.

Names and telephone numbers of Parish Councillors are as follows: Peter Baker (811606), Derek Batty (817278), Janice Berry (817114) and Tim Seden (813285).

Janice Berry

Harbury Parish Council Meeting - April

Pc Nigel Hill reported a string of offences including theft of equipment from the Railway, damage to allotments and to the historic Humble Bee Cottages, assault and drugs' matters.

The Councillors, after some agonising, signed up to the new Ethical Framework, but Cllr. Alan Wilkins announced his retirement. His planning expertise will be sorely missed.

PLANNING: Stratford District Council granted tree work at Trampa, Church Street and alterations at the Manor House.

The Parish Council made no comments about the dishes and antenna at Chesterton House Farm or the conservatory at Victoria House. Their previous concerns about the covered area for exercising horses at 11, Constance Drive were allayed, as the applicant is happy for the consent to be restricted to her personal use.

The Chairman had disabused the District of the belief that Harbury was not interested in the proposed boundary changes at the Quarries. They now know that Harbury will fight to keep the land.

The arguments about how to secure the playing fields rumble on with Dutch Van Spall pressing for high tech solutions. Cllr. Jenny Patrick said it was the young people and the Parish Council's attitude to them that would be the best solution – not gates but Dutch replied: "we are not psychologists, only Parish Councillors".

Neville Mettrick has consulted Ivy Lane residents about making the road One Way, but there was disagreement between the Councillors about whether this would be a good or bad thing. Finally a vote went in favour of One Way.

Chairman Dutch Van Spall was continuing to try to negotiate downwards the escalating costs of the Deppers Bridge traffic calming and he was pleased with the support he had received from County Councillor Booth and John Maples MP.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Parish Council Meeting - May

Follett Property Holdings, who upset Bishop's Itchington with their plans to build seven large houses in the grounds of the Grade 2* "Vosey" house, The Cottage, have launched another attack with an outline application for a 100 bed-roomed hotel, fitness centre, swimming pool, conference facility and restaurant on the old Works site, with access off the B4451.

This is an OUTLINE application, testing the waters and which could be a Trojan horse for even bigger things in the future. Chairman Dutch Van Spall, who always looks at the worst-case scenario, sees traffic chaos, economic devastation and ecological disaster round the corner. And after the spat with Bishop's over this land Harbury is keen to be seen to be acting vigorously.

So what are the dangers of the proposal?

The County Structure Plan and Local Plan seek to confine development to the major towns, with an exception's policy to allow local people to opt for small-scale local solutions to their housing and employment needs. This is not that!

Southam is seeking to enhance its role as a local service centre. It now has a Farmers and General Market; it has a small hotel complex on Daventry Road and a Marina at Napton and with improved public transport is being reconnected with the surrounding villages. A huge hotel, leisure centre and conference facility would disrupt all that.

There is also the concern that the rich wildlife of the site would be disturbed. And the development would be attracting motorists off the M40 and increasing the volume of traffic on the inadequate local roads, particularly the B4451. The access to the site could hardly be in a worse position! (Dutch has already publicised the recent crash in Deppers to lever the County into action over the proposed Traffic Calming on the B4452).

So your Parish Council is beset with planning problems. It was lobbied over the proposals for an Orange Mast beside the railway

embankment at West Fields Farm and agreed to send scouts out to the site meeting. Garage extensions at 21 South Parade and 33 Mill Street and internal alterations to the Dog Inn were the least of their worries.

The meeting had started with the election of Chairman and distribution of sub-committee places – all of which remained as before. The new Co-optee is to be Mrs. Janet Thornley whose work for the village youth was praised by all the Councillors.

Debbie Steele remains as the Parish Representative on the School Governors and the Council expressed concern that the funding formula left the school vulnerable to the loss of substantial funds if numbers fell and if the school was oversubscribed!

Cllr Jenny Patrick continues with her mission to win the Best Kept Village Competition for Harbury; chivvying BT to paint the Mill Street Box; calling for roadside weeds to be killed off and instituting a village based competition.

The County is moving ahead with plans to make Ivy Lane One Way and the Parish has found an elegant solution in Dragons Teeth, to the problem of securing the Playing Fields Car Park.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Parish Council

Bus Vouchers for Senior Citizens, Registered Disabled and Handicapped Persons

Bus vouchers will be issued in July to the above categories of residents living within the Parish. 'Senior Citizen' means a person of State Pensionable age i.e. 60 and above for a woman and 65 for a man.

For 2002 the total value of vouchers to be issued is £15 and each voucher is worth 50 pence towards Stagecoach Midland Red services 63, 64 and 65 and Village Taxi-Bus services. There is no time limit on the use of the vouchers, but if you have some left from previous years please use them up before using this year's vouchers.

To obtain the vouchers, please register for the Scheme by getting a form from either the Post Office or from the Clerk to the Council, Deborah Steele at 12 Hillside. The forms must be completed and returned to one of the above by no later than Monday 1st July.

You must register for vouchers again this year even if you have done so in the past.

Vouchers will be issued in the Wagstaffe Room at the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th July and on Wednesday 17th July between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.

Please note that only in very exceptional circumstances can vouchers be issued to persons who do not register by the due date of 1st July.

In addition to the Parish Council's scheme, Stratford District Council also runs a concessionary travel scheme for Senior Citizens and Registered Disabled persons. If you have previously applied to the District Council for tokens it is not necessary to apply again. If you have not previously applied, forms are available in the Library or by telephoning 01789 260402 or 01789 260423.

Deborah Steele, Clerk to Harbury Parish Council

Harbury's Women's Institute

There was no speaker in May as it was Resolution Evening. Important issues were discussed and voted for.

There will be the usual Cake Stall on Carnival Day so a reminder to all members: please support and bring cakes to the stall from 12noon onwards or take them to Jean Abrahams in Hall Lane. Help on the stall would also be appreciated. Contact 612544 if you can help. Enjoy yourselves and let's hope the weather behaves.

The speaker in June will be Mrs. Penny Hopkinson on *The Work of the N.C.D.L. at Honiley Kennels.*

June Hostesses: Diana Buck, Sue Chaplin and Doreen Bloxham

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Theatre Group

Yes – it's that time once again PANTO! This year we will be performing *The Christmas Cavalier* by Richard Lloyd.

Set just after the English Civil War, it tells the story of Nicholas Grimnasty, the Witchfinder General, who is foolish enough to try and stop the Christmas party in the village inhabited by Dame Dumplings, her niece Emma Sweetly and the Christmas Cavalier, Sir Daniel Dash. There's plenty of opportunity for audience participation.

The play reading will take place on Wednesday 10th July at 8pm in The Farley Room, Village Hall.

We are looking for the following to be involved in this fun production, so come along and join us:

- ❖ Boys / Girls, 8 to 16 years (some reading parts);
- ❖ Males and Females 17 to 30 years of age;
- ❖ Anyone who would like to join the Theatre Group and become actively involved either through acting or behind the scenes – all are very welcome.

Panto is great fun, so here's your chance to really shine on stage, and you get to wear a costume too, so come along to the play reading, bring a friend. For more information please contact me, Pat Taylor, Director on 614348 or mobile 07866 609674.

Do not let the 'orrid Grimnasty ban Christmas. We want Christmas to be full of revelry, jollity, not an austere puritan festival, so let Dame Dumplings' battle begin, join her in her fight to hold the Christmas Party.

Pat Taylor

Harbury Folk Club

The 210th Harbury Folk Club was on May 2nd at the refurbished back room of The Dog Inn. The theme was *May*, which seemed appropriate, although Election Day would have been a good choice!

The Harvesters opened the evening with a traditional song *Searching for Lambs* followed by *Middle England*. Brian gave us 2 May tunes, Pete & Liz kept us in the mood with *The Cuckoo* and reciting the Alphabet! Rick was on form with *Seventeen come Sunday* and the enchanting *Skylark*. David made his debut appearance at Harbury. I very much enjoyed his *Punch & Judy Man*. The Band of Folk finished the first half with 2 O'Carollan tunes and *The Canary Jig/Waltz*.

Peter opened the second half, accompanying himself on the concertina (How does he do that? I ask myself) and then sang a solo version of *Play it all Again* but Double up joined in anyway! Ron sang a famous May Day song *Hal an Tow* and not to disappoint us he sang the voting song. Dick told us a joke, very funny, but nothing to do with the theme, and sang *Paddy's Green Shamrock Shore*. Gilly confessed to not knowing any May songs but who cares, just sing! I

could not let Rick go home without another song and then the Harvesters closed with *Bring Out the Old Songs*.

As you all know by now this is a game of three halves! Ron kicked off with a song about The Mummers followed by Brian playing *Planxty Brown*. Pete & Liz sang a fine version of *Daddy Fox* and Dick sang *Paddy in the Whale*. Gilly sang us one more and Peter brought the evening to a close with my very favourite song of all time, *Feel so Near*.

The raffle raised £31 for this year's Race for Life. I donated it to my colleagues at Barclays because the bank will match the amount raised.

Thank you to everyone for a most enjoyable evening.

Sue Hartland

Harbury Primary School

Class sizes: Our school is NOT full! Contrary to some messages that seem to be circulating, presently we have spaces in six out of our seven classes. The only class that is officially full is Rainsbrook (Reception). They have their maximum quota of 30 children and we cannot accept any more children into that class or that year-group until/unless the numbers decrease. Next year's Reception intake is oversubscribed as were previous years. So at the moment it looks as if there will be two full classes of 30 when we restart in September. If anyone has knowledge of people in house exchanges etc. please pass on the message that we do have places for children of all other ages – although there aren't very many! We agree in principal with smaller classes and having lots of extra support staff as recent DfES initiatives have tried to develop. These have to be paid for and a poorly funded LEA such as Warwickshire will always struggle to cover the costs of enough staff to work with smaller class sizes. The national school's budget system is under government review and we await the outcome.

Building: We have been given the go-ahead from the LEA to extend the Year 5 (Avon) classroom and the work should begin towards the end of this term. The crucial completion date is the end of the summer holiday of course! We do not want to come back and find that Year 5 can't use their room.

Plants: Y6 are selling herbs and other plants at 50p during this term to help meet the costs incurred by the greenhouse and garden activities.

If you have any plants at home that are surplus to requirements could you give them to school and we will be only too glad to sell them.

Paul Milner - Headteacher

The Pre-School - Learning Through Play

During May the Pre-School children have thoroughly enjoyed playing with food.... all the shapes, sizes, colours and textures of food you can imagine. This has been a fabulous way for the children to explore their sense of 'touch', and they have built on their shapes and sizes knowledge without them even knowing it! Can you imagine the fun they had, rolling up their sleeves and squidding and squelching different coloured jellies through their hands?

We were extremely pleased to welcome Mme. Julie Tourigny into Pre-



school, who sang French songs with the children, and some of the children managed to say: *Je m'appelle* (name). Julie will be returning to Pre-school during the summer to sing more French songs. Thank you Julie. The photograph

shows the children enjoying French with Julie Tourigny.

The children were lucky to have a couple of visitors from the animal kingdom, firstly a little tiny kitten called 'Pickles', and a young lamb called 'Curly'. The children loved stroking and cuddling the animals, and they even took turns hand-feeding Curly with milk from a bottle.

The healthy link between Harbury School and Pre-school is helping our older children prepare for their start at 'big school' this September. On June 26th, all our 'school starters' will be visiting Harbury School's Reception classroom, where they will spend some time with Mrs.

Harris, their new teacher. Mrs. Harris will also be visiting Pre-School on July 3rd.

We are continuing to go from strength to strength. If you would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, then please don't hesitate to contact Caroline Hill on 613780 or Jo Simpson on 612781.

Jacky Sykes

1st Harbury Cub Football

Anything Arsenal can do Harbury Cubs can do better! They have achieved the double in the Leamington District Cub League. The first team to do so this century!

They won the league without losing a game. They finished the season off by winning the cup final in grand style 13-1. Congratulations to all the Cubs who have played throughout the year – well done lads.



Photo by Mike Bloxham

Malc Bloxham

When is it easy to read in the woods?

(Answer on page 45)

Harbury PTA

We are hoping to hold our Annual Family Beer Walk and Barbeque on Saturday 29th June. This has been enjoyed by young and old, those connected with the school and those who just enjoy a ramble through the countryside with liquid refreshment on the way! The day is then rounded off with a barbeque in the village, venue to be announced later.

Friday the 14th July sees the annual School Summer Fayre always enjoyed by all especially the children. We are always looking for new ideas of stalls and offers of any help. Again we would love to see you all there.

At present we are collecting for the 100 Club when we sell the numbers from 1 to 100 and have prize draws 5 times a year. For those of you who already have numbers look out for your collector who will be calling shortly.

If anyone would like any information on the above events or would like to hold a 100 Club number please phone me on 612479. The PTA values your continued support and hopefully later on this term we will be contributing in some way towards the school.

Susan Graydon

Harbury Tennis Club

Although the weather in May was not particularly kind to us we have had some good Club sessions and it is good to see a few new faces.

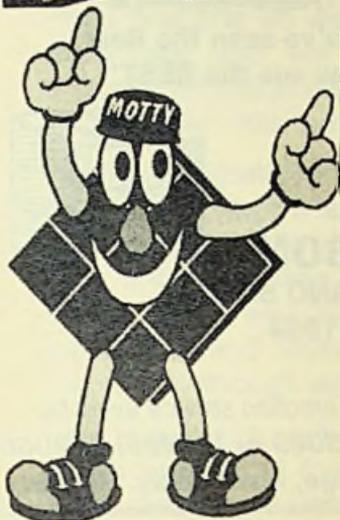
In the Banbury League both Teams had difficult starts to their summer campaigns although it wasn't unexpected as both were promoted last season. The "A" team is now in Division 1 and suffered 7-2 and 6-3 defeats against Banbury West End "A" and Banbury "A", probably the strongest teams in the league. However, they managed an excellent 5-4 win against Brackley "A" to open their points account.

The "B" team, now in the dizzy heights of Division 4 narrowly lost both their opening games against Cropredy and Banbury "C" by 5-4 in both matches. The Banbury match saw Club stalwart Mary Thompson making a very creditable league debut.

We had a further boost to funds with an LTA grant of £550 to meet the costs of a desktop photocopier and a small notice board for the courts. We also received 9 pairs of Wimbledon tickets, which were allocated following a ballot.

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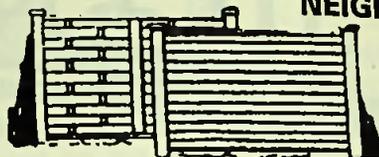
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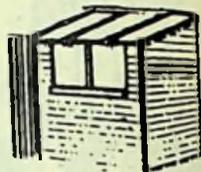
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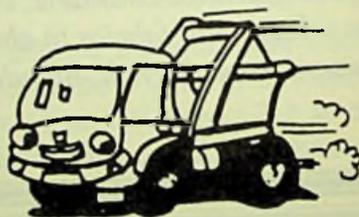
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Minis, Junior & Intermediate Sections

Once again we had a successful Play Tennis event attracting a total of 54 children to the 4 sessions. These were led by experienced LTA coach Pete Brinkley who is based at Rugby Tennis Club, the LTA's national Club of the year in 2001. Pete has been involved with us for 3 years now and we were very encouraged by his comments that, for a small rural club, we have such a thriving Junior section. He also commented that in playing standards we compare very favourably with Rugby, which has the benefit of several LTA coaches.

We hope to make further improvements this year with the introduction of the LTA supported Yoplait Tennis Awards for the Juniors and Intermediates. These provide fun and stimulating activity for improving skills and have been enthusiastically taken up. There are 3 awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold although this year we will be concentrating on the Bronze and Silver awards. We might even extend them to adult members although we don't want too many to be disappointed!!

Four lucky juniors will soon be off to Birmingham to take part in an LTA coaching clinic at the DFS Classic. Oliver Kelly, Jonathan Guy, Kiri Shuttleworth and Dan Ward will be taking part and after the clinic will be watching some top class ladies tennis and hopefully meeting some celebrities.

The second Intermediates group has started its singles tournament and there have already been some close encounters taking up to an hour to complete!

Finally, a reminder that this year we are introducing a new category of membership for local students coming home for holidays. For a £10 fee they can come along to any Club sessions and have the same benefits as full members.

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E-Mail: sucol-ashcroft@tinyworld.co.uk

Club Website: www.harburytennisclub.homestead.com

Colin and Sue Mercer

What animal changes size twice a day?

(Answer on page 45)

JUBILEE CELEBRATION,

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1. FLAT RACE. 150 Yds.

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(c) Boys from 13 to 16 years	2s.6d.	1s.6d.
(d) Boys under 13 years	2s.	1s.

2. HOP, STEP, and JUMP.

(a) Men over 50 years of age	3s.	2s.
(b) Men under 50 years of age	3s.	2s.
(c) Boys from 13 to 16 years	2s.6d.	1s.6d.
(d) Boys under 13 years	2s.	1s.

3. THROWING CRICKET BALL.

(a) Boys from 13 to 16 years	2s.6d.	1s.6d.
(b) Boys under 13 years	2s.	1s.

4. Wheelbarrow Race. Blindfold.

Open to all.	1st Prize. 5s.	2nd Prize. 2s.6d.	3rd Prize. 1s.6d.
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5. Cutting down $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. Tea. Blindfold.

For Women only. Six prizes, $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. Tea each.

6. Blowing out a Candle. Blindfold.

For Women only. Four prizes, 3s., 2s.6d., 2s., 1s.6d.

7. Scrambles and Races.

For Children only.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION.—The weather on Tuesday was magnificent and the day was observed as a general holiday. The proceedings commenced at 11.30 with Divine Service at the parish church. There was a large congregation; a special form of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God, upon the completion of fifty years of her Majesty's reign, was used. The Rev. John Clifford (Harbury Hall) conducted the service; and the choir sang an anthem composed for the occasion, "He set the Royal crown upon her head." After service the parishoners assembled in the park, kindly lent for the event by Mr. Carpenter, where unmistakeable proof was evident of the work of an energetic committee. As obtaining tents would have been found expensive and perhaps difficult, through the influence of some of the committee rick sheets were obtained from farmers in the neighbourhood, and with the aid of two tents a large area was covered in, and good accommodation was thus provided. Mr. W. H. Marriott erected the tables, which were substantial and answered very satisfactorily. Dinner was provided for all parishoners of 13 years of age and upwards, about 700 sat down, and every male was presented with a ticket entitling the holder to half-a-pint of ale; and every female could receive a ticket entitling her to half-a-pint of ale or lemonade. Before leaving the table another issue of tickets to men only took place for a second pint of ale, not to be served till half-past-three o'clock. The carvers and waiters then adjourned to the national school-room where they dined, after which they returned to the park and joined the company. Shortly before four o'clock "The health of the Queen" was proposed by Mr. D. Rice, who has worked most assiduously as one of the committee, and, since the decease of the Vicar, has taken the reins of management. In an excellent speech he pointed out some of the great national reforms, the advancement of science, and progress made in many respects during her Majesty's reign. He explained how it fell to his lot to propose the toast, and in terms pathetic paid a high eulogium to the late Vicar. The toast was received with three hearty cheers; the band playing and the company singing: "God save the Queen." At five o'clock the children, to the number of about 300, had tea where dinner had previously been supplied. Sports were then entered into, and dancing was indulged in until ten o'clock. Herr Meisenheimer's Rhein Bavarian string band was in attendance, and gave great satisfaction. No fireworks or bonfires took place.

Warwick Advertiser

June 25th

Proposed Telecom Tower

Were you aware that Orange Telecommunications are proposing to erect a 20 metre (65.62 feet) satellite tower in a field next to the public footpath that descends from Hillside, Harbury (opposite Harbury Rugby Club)?

The purpose of this tower is not to provide benefit to the village, but *"for Orange to be able to provide coverage to their clients along a railway cutting"* i.e. to enhance a few seconds' reception for train passengers!

The application justifies its proposal to site the mast here, describing the landscape as, *"already dominated by electrical pylons and coloured accordingly"*. We consider this description to be entirely misleading, effectively dismissing this idyllic piece of countryside as an environmental write-off that merits no consideration.

Imagine walking along the footpath through this beautiful countryside, and then consider the impact of this devastating and irreversible blot on the landscape.

It does not stop there. The plans show 3 "spaces for future expansion". The government's view, in order to minimise further environmental damage is that; *"the sharing of masts and sites is strongly encouraged"* (DTLR Planning Policy Guidance Note 8; Telecommunications). If one telephone company has a problem at the cutting, then it stands to reason that so will others and we will soon be faced not with one mast but a cluster.

As parents of 3 children aged 2, 6 and 14, we are extremely concerned by the possible hazard caused by emissions from electromagnetic fields as a result of the proximity to such a mast (the field adjoins our garden). The government considers the risk to be acceptable but the Stewart Report states that: *"there can be indirect adverse effects on the well-being (of) people living near to base stations"* and that *"the possibility of harm cannot be ruled out with confidence"* (DTLR Planning Policy Guidance Note; 8 Telecommunications, 'Health Effects of Exposure').

If you wish to give support to this campaign, please write to: Richard Stevenson at Stratford District Council (before their next meeting on June 11th). Please also send a copy of your letter to Andrew Patrick at 6A, Mill Street, Harbury, our ward representative on the District Council and to myself at, Westfield House, Middle Road, Harbury,

CV33 9JN. Please mention in your letter that you wish it to be circulated to all members of the planning committee.

I hope you feel that this issue affects everyone and that you can lend us your support.

Elisabeth and Michael Henry and family

Harbury Theatre Group

Generations Apart, by Peter Gordon

This charming gently humorous play was an ideal choice for a small amateur group as it is well constructed, has a small cast and only one set. It was also a sentimental journey for those who remember the 60's (which was most of the audience), as although set in 1996 there were regular flashbacks to 1969. Musical interludes between scenes helped to promote the right mood.

The central character of Paul was played by Gordon Robbins, who coped wonderfully with being on stage all the time, and having to regularly lose 27 years! He was ably supported by Nick Green as his son, Pat Whorton as the girl from his past and Ruth Thurogood as her daughter. The funniest moments of the play were provided by Harbury Theatre Group's ever-present Keith Hayes and an inspired Betty Barr as Paul's parents. This excellent evening's entertainment was directed by Alison Hodge.

Sadly, audiences on the first two nights were small, a poor reward for an enormous amount of hard work. The Group regularly puts on performances of a very high standard, so next time, (especially those of you who don't remember the 60's), switch the TV off and come and see some live entertainment in your own village!

Sharon Hancock

Paul and Anne
living in the past

Gordon Robbins
and Pat Whorton



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Generations



Al and Paul
discovering
the generation
gap

Nick Green
and Gordon



Olive and Albert
fighting for King
and Country

Betty Barr and
Keith Hayes

atre Group

: Apart

Julie - got
the map but
still lost

Ruth
Shurogood



NSPCC

The NSPCC fund raising committee have decided to hold a chocolate Tombola stall at the Carnival on June 8th. If anyone would like to support us with donations of chocolate (large or small items) we should be very grateful if you could drop them at either Hill Cottage, Farm Street or 1, Vicarage Lane. Thank you in advance!

For the information of all our supporters recent events have raised the following amounts for the NSPCC:

Pre-School Nursery Rhyme Quiz	£75
Italian Evening, held in the Tom Hauley Room:	£1,040.38
Ray Flanagan's London Marathon Sponsored Run:	£380
<i>was promised (if anyone has yet to pay their sponsorship, please contact any committee member.)</i>	

The annual House to House collection is due to take place during the first two weeks in July. If anyone would like to help with this collection please call Pauline Hayes on 612179.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to raise funds to help the NSPCC stop cruelty to children

The NSPCC Committee

Blue Circle Cement Works Planning Application

I have set this out after a planning application came to the Parish Council last night. I realise it is late BUT we need publicity. This is the thin end of a VERY LARGE WEDGE. We could be looking at a distribution depot, out of town shops, etc. In 10 years' time, if we don't try to conserve the area for a good nature reserve then we are looking at this type of proposed development.

Access to the motorway via Bishop's Itchington is too easy for developers to give up easily. Hotel = Conference Centre and all that this brings. Some jobs, yes, but not many for locals as it is a large concern and management etc. would come from their own area networks. Local shops/pubs etc. could go down the tubes as well.

If you want more info Debbie Steele has the plans.

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Jenny Patrick

Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman Dutch Van Spall in his full report most memorably dubbed Janet Thornley "one of our older teenagers" as he praised her for her work with the village young people.

He mentioned the forthcoming Village Review, the revitalised Neighbourhood Watch, the Tennis Court improvements, the debate about GM Crops, the proposed boundary changes and the onerous conditions being imposed on Parish Councils by the "Code of Conduct".

Sharon Hancock thanked the members of her Planning Sub-Committee, especially Alan Wilkins who had now resigned. She outlined some of the more contentious planning applications of the year and showed how the Council had in many cases been able to improve plans and conditions for the residents.

Keith Thompson explained more fully the improvements to the playing fields including the skateboard ramp, the Tennis courts and the expenditure needed to bring play equipment up to standard. He also referred to the on-going nuisance caused by youths in cars and the proposed security measures.

In answer to Bill Middleton he explained that the Leylandii at the Tennis courts were removed because the roots were damaging the playing area and the trees were shading it.

Jenny Patrick listed improvements to the lights, footpaths and general maintenance and the continuing problems with speeding traffic and congestion.

Bill Middleton quizzed the Council on details of the balance sheet concentrating on the amount spent on the playing fields. Kevin Biddle confirmed that the skateboard facility had been totally funded by the Youth Group.

As representative for Deppers Bridge, Dutch Van Spall reported the improvements to the play area, the problems with new age travellers on the Blue Circle site and the Council's determination to resist Bishop's Itchington's move to annex that land.

He expressed concern about the escalating cost of traffic calming and the threat of extra heavy lorries passing through the hamlet from the proposed distribution centre at Southam.

For the Village Hall, Brian Ingram reported a quiet year with income

down from hiring and vandalism costs increasing to over £600. There had been delays in several projects involving the Parish Council – the transfer of the Trusteeship of the Hall and the new gates for the car park.

The Youth Group had been reformed and money was being collected for new staging that would allow more events to take place in the Hall.

He praised the outstanding contribution that the Caretakers Mr. & Mrs. Pratt had made to the success of the Hall over the many years that they had looked after it and he wished them a happy retirement.

Jenny Patrick reported that the Twinning Association had carried on informally with the recent long weekend visit to Samoio-sur-Seine.

Under 'Any Other Business' County Councillor Booth paid tribute to the eighteen years' service that James Turner had given as a District Councillor. The forty years that John Drinkwater has served the Parish Council was also applauded.

The meeting concluded at 8.31pm to Cllr Drinkwater's remark that it was "the earliest in forty years"!

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Carnival June 8th, 2002

Carnival - A few last minute items: Will those entering the Carnival procession please assemble in Sutcliffe Drive at the appropriate location for the class you are in (there will be signs on the pavement). The classes are:

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| 1. Decorated Float – Private | 6. Walking Tableau – Adults |
| 2. Decorated Float – Trade | 7. Walking Tableau – Children |
| 3. Decorated Float – Children | 8. Walking Adult |
| 4. Decorated bicycle, pram or car | 9. Walking Child |
| 5. Horse drawn, mounted or led | |

Judging will take place at 12.45pm.

Will last year's winners please return cups and shields to Kathlee Ellis, (the Hairdresser's) as soon as possible so that they are available on Carnival Day?

We need cakes (plenty of them!) for the afternoon teas. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.

There is still time to book a stall but please contact Julie Killian on 612265 as soon as possible.

To ensure the success of the event we hope that you will support us with your usual enthusiasm, floats, groups and fancy dress.

Fun Week

The Wheelbarrow Race on the 2nd June will commence from the Crown at 1.00pm.

For the other events taking place during Carnival week will those taking part please assemble at the appropriate pub for a 7.30pm start.

The order of events is:

Tuesday 4th - Aunt Sally at the Gamecock

Wednesday 5th - Horseshoes at the Dog

Thursday 6th - Quiz at the Shakespeare

John Broomfield

Best Kept Village Competition

The judging for the best-kept premises will soon be upon us. I would urge everyone to take a pride in our lovely village and to do their best to keep it looking neat and tidy, particularly over the next few weeks.

Judging by Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council will take place at the beginning of June.

Although we all like to see attractive baskets and blooms in the village, it is the actual tidiness of the common areas that we all use that are looked at and the Village school.

If we could all pick up that piece of litter or can and put it in the nearest bin, clean up after our dogs and be mindful of the general areas, we could really manage to get a better prize this year, and gain entry into the National Competition.

So come on Harbury we can do it!

Jenny Patrick (vice-chairman of Parish Council)

'Sounds Of The Sixties Live' – Second Time Around!

How did five local enthusiasts manage to organise a 'mega-event' in Harbury last year, which attracted over 500 people and raised in

excess of £5,250 for the Teenage Cancer Trust? They probably asked themselves the same question after last year's incredibly successful charity event – especially since it involved organisation on a grand scale! However, the same small band of willing volunteers has set in motion all the arrangements for this year's 'SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES LIVE', which is programmed for Saturday 13th July at the Harbury Rugby Club starting at 7.00pm.

The marquee has been booked, the licence organised, the groups arranged and some of the raffle prizes collected for what promises to be another superb evening of live entertainment.

There are over fifty 'actions', which need to be brought in to the equation to cover an event of this nature and the dogged team share out the tasks as though it was an every day occurrence – the electrics, the staging, tables and chairs, ticket printing and distribution, invitations and sponsorship. The list is endless, but Andy Cowan, Susan Dronfield, Dave Edmonds, Joe and Michelle Griffin make light work of the organisation, which would challenge event organisers doing this as their 'day job', whereas they are fitting it into their spare time after working hours.

Their motivation is to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust, which has attracted the support of well-known personalities – some of whom were involved in a series of concerts at the Royal Albert Hall in February of this year. Oasis, Gary Moore, Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, Marti Pellow, Paul Weller and The Who appeared on stage for a five-day programme, which raised the awareness of the aims of the TCT. Roger Daltrey of The Who has been one of the main instigators of support through his organisation of the London event, because he feels pop stars "owe our whole career to teenagers and this is our way of putting something back".

The London show programme encapsulates the thoughts behind the involvement of these super-stars:

'Imagination is a wonderful thing; it can also be the most frightening. Imagine you are a teenager once again, that you've been told that you are suffering from one of the many forms of cancer, and enveloped by awful fear, abject loneliness and confusion, you are admitted into a cancer ward full of terminally ill old people. What chance optimism? What chance of comforting words from parents, friends and specialists treating you?

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If any business would like to add its name to the 'Sponsors Board', which is prominently displayed at various places throughout the evening, then please call Michelle in the next few weeks. All the proceeds of the evening are sent to the charity from the Harbury branch of the Teenage Cancer Trust, so if you can add your support to the efforts of the 'famous five' organisers by attending or sponsoring the event, it will be much appreciated. The cause is very special to those teenagers who need help at a time when the most important 'fact of life,' is a future to look forward to.

Editors

Harbury Society

Our Pub Walk down the Walton Valley took place in glorious spring weather. The sun shone, the birds sang and the pub opened on time. What more could anyone want?

A select band led by Ed Wilson walked down one side of the valley, across the bridge at Walton Hall and back along the road through Walton village.

Our visit to Lichfield Cathedral was blessed with beautiful weather and as an added bonus massed choirs were practicing as Graham Alder and his colleague Tom led us round.

We saw the modern silver and the beautiful old stained glass inside

the building and the superb houses that make up the Close. We saw the West Front with its medieval oak door with Victorian sculptured saints and the unique triple spires. We finished off a lovely day with coffee and cakes in the restaurant.

At the Carnival we will display the Village Review that is soon to be distributed and answer any questions you may have about it. There will be a Bat the Rat game for the more aggressive to try their skills!

The next outing will be to St. Mary's Tower in Warwick on June 25th.

Linda Ridgley

The Rotary Club of Southam

The Rotary Club of Southam are seeking new members of both genders, including those who are enjoying the freedom of retirement, and who are resident either in or within a short distance of the town of Southam.

Rotary gives an opportunity to provide service to a wide-ranging programme, both at home and overseas, and also to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of colleagues at a weekly luncheon, and the choice to attend any one of several other clubs within the district.

There is a varied programme of social events throughout the year.

We would welcome you to join us at one of our weekly meetings at the Stoneythorpe Hotel, or initially contact either Jeff Beford (612753) or Bill Davies (614104).

The Rotary Club

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre

As I have been approached regarding if and when the Victorian Street Fayre will be held this year, I thought I should explain the situation, which is exactly the same as that which arose in 2000 and which I detailed in this magazine.

You may recall I explained then that it was becoming ever more difficult to form a committee to organise this event and I appealed for more help, and hopefully, for someone to come forward to take on the job of Chairman. Unfortunately, no help was forthcoming but with the goodwill and hard work of previous committee members, and with me acting as Chairman once again, we were able to go ahead.

However, I do not think it is fair to expect people to take on this task yet again if they feel they are doing the job under duress and it is, therefore, with a very heavy heart that I do not feel I can continue as Chairman under these circumstances, particularly as I have other commitments, not least of which is being a member of the Harbury Carnival Committee.

Consequently, I am once again appealing for someone to come forward to take on overall responsibility for the Fayre and to form a committee. It is an excellent opportunity to raise considerable funds for a village organisation or charity, particularly from the Grand Draw. To anyone who feels they would like to take over the organisation, please be assured that Julie and I will give you all the help you will need with regard to contacts, permissions regarding the road closure, etc. as we would certainly not expect anyone to take on the job with a 'blank sheet'. If you would like me to join the committee in an advisory capacity for the first hand-over year then I would be very willing to do so.

So, that is the situation – I sincerely hope that someone will come forward, otherwise the Harbury Victorian Street Fayre will no longer be part of village events and which I think would be a great loss to us all. If you would like to talk to me about the Fayre with a view to taking over the organisation please ring me on the number below.

Dan Killian - 612265

Japanese Knotweed

Since my article in last month's H&L News, there have been further developments. The County Surveyor has been in contact and as a result, the virulent growth along the verges of Bull Ring Farm Road has now been treated. The Council are not able to do the same for any such growth of the weed in private gardens, however, Alan Guy has volunteered to do so and will firstly apply a weed killer and then burn it in situ. He is fully qualified to do so.

Alan is covered by insurance and in order to cover the cost of this plus his time there will be a small charge. I have spoken or left messages to those of you who contacted me. If there is anyone who still has a problem and would like help, please phone me on 613103. If anyone else thinks they have Knotweed or has spotted it growing anywhere else near to a public highway will you also contact me?

Judy Morrall

Summer Exhibition

During the Harbury Open Gardens, weekend of 13th and 14th July, it is planned to hold an exhibition of painting, pastels, drawings, etc. in All Saints' Church of work by amateur/professional artists. There will be a special display by Harbury School children (2 age groups).

A percentage of any artwork sold will be for the Harbury Church funds. Anyone interested in helping or submitting artwork, please ring Bill Davies 614104 for details and registration form(s).

Bill Davies

Visit To Samois

On Friday 3rd May, some members of Harbury Twinning Association went to Harbury's twin Village Samois-sur-Seine. Among them were 7 children and some of us have written about our experiences.

On Saturday, we went to Samoisienne (Samois' community hall) to do Petanque. Although I had not played much before, I joined the adults. At first, I was on a team with two other Frenchmen who didn't speak a word of English (HELP!) We didn't win the match and I didn't play well at all but it was still fun. Things brightened up a lot though in my second match as I was with a really experienced player. We won the match 13-11 in the end. That made up for the earlier loss! Overall, I really enjoyed it, and got a medal.

I stayed at a house in Samois. The boy there is called Hugo. He is a year younger than me. We played football a lot in his garden. He learned the word 'big' from me. I learned to say 'J'arrive!' which means 'I'm coming!' We went to a medieval town called Provins. The best bit was a display of birds of prey, such as falcons, owls, vultures and eagles. It was really good, and there was some music from Lord of the Rings in the background.

Jonathan Guy (10 and a half)

On the first day we played Cricket with the boys we stayed with. It was great! Later on we went around some famous villages where painters used to live. We also visited Fontainebleau Palace where Napoleon was exiled. In the afternoon we played petanque. It was

such fun - I was the only kid in my group and the other French people were really nice and welcoming.

That night we went to a dinner party and were announced as official citizens of Samois-sur-Seine. We spoke lots of French and the people were very kind.

The next day we went on a bird watching walk, which was a bit boring but we saw a lot of interesting birds. For lunch we went to Barbizon and ate in a Brasserie. After a short rest we went rock climbing which was one of the best parts of the trip. That night we ate with the French family and spoke French. By now we could speak French quite well.

The next morning we said goodbye and sang Old Langs Eye! We then had the boring trip home.

JACK VAN SPALL (11 and three quarters)

On Saturday we played cricket in the morning and Alex the oldest son who was 13 had never played before in his life - and he was better than me! In the afternoon we went to some villages and Kerstin showed us round. It was freezing! It was very interesting because lots of famous Artists had made lots of paintings and other stuff. After that we went for a bike ride with Alex and Nicolas and went into the village to watch the petanque. (That means Bowls in English.) My Dad won a trophy for the best man from Harbury and I won a medal and I didn't even play.

Later that evening we went to a dinner party and I sat next to my brother and Alex and Nicolas, the two kids we were staying with and we were next to some other French kids and one of them started a fight because we were not next to any grown ups and I got some meat down my shirt. It was great fun.

On Sunday morning we went to a Bird Sanctuary and saw lots of Swans and we walked about 5km. It was really wicked. Later on we went rock climbing. It was hard but we managed to do it and

then we went home and played with Alex and Nicolas on their computer games.

The next day we got up and I was sad because we had to leave. We drove from Kirsten's house and then we had to say our goodbyes and drive back to England.

FELIX VAN SPALL (10)



Back L to R: Dutch van Spall, Peter Rollason, Ruth Guy, and Alasdair Rollason
 Centre L to R: Jack van Spall, Harriet Guy, Catriona Rollason, Robert Rollason, and
 Jonathan Guy
 Front: Felix van Spall

During the weekend in Samois Peter, Dutch and Ruth were awarded trophies and medals for their achievements in the Petanque competition.

The mayor of Samois-sur-Seine, Georges Guillo Lohan, awarded the children diplomas on behalf of the town council of Samois-sur-Seine granting citizenship of honour.

The children have demonstrated how warmly we were received by our

generous hosts. The weekend was packed full with events for both adults and children. It was an experience that has left me with very positive and fond memories of my first visit to Samois. The most enduring memory for me is from Kirsten's home - listening to four young boys playing together as if they had known each other for years - whilst we prepared the evening meal together conversing in a mixture of French and English. The sight of Felix - phrase book in hand - looking for the French words to explain how to play a card game was the confirmation for me that this encounter with our French friends would be the first of many more to come. My heartfelt thanks to Harbury Twinning Association for making this possible.

Dutch Van Spall

Return Coach travel available to Samois-sur-Seine 19th and 23rd June.

Harbury Twinning Association are organising a visit to Samois for children of Year 5 and Year 6 and their parents in June. There will be a total of 24 children and 20 adults.

There are four places available on the coach, which leaves Harbury at 5am on Wednesday 19th June and returns on Sunday night, 23rd June.

If you would like to take advantage of travelling to France by coach the cost is £55 per person for the return journey. Samois is within easy reach of Paris (approximately 45 minutes by train from nearby Fontainebleau).

If you are interested please contact Ruth or Alan Guy (614242).

Ruth Guy

Harbury's Resident Experts: On Residences!

There are probably few villages in the entire country which can boast that they have their very own independent estate agents able to offer the range of services found at Parkinson Jones in High Street, Harbury. The Estate Agency has been set up in the past few months in a refurbished building, which was previously a Midland Bank and more recently an upholstery business. The 'resident experts' all live in the village and have an extensive knowledge of the local area, as well as a wealth of experience in surveying and valuations.

Ralph Jones, the 'brain-child' for the project has lived in Harbury since 1974 and his son Glyn was born here. Ralph has spent a lifetime in surveying and has been an adjudicator on the lists of the Technology and Construction Court Solicitors Association for many years. He is

regularly called in to provide the detailed portfolios required by major clients involved in 'dispute resolutions' on property development. This latest venture is an extension of the wide knowledge he has built up during his career.



Ralph (left) and Robert

Glyn qualified with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, but has opted to join his father as the technical expert who carries out all the IT work for the newly formed company. Certainly a visitor to the premises in High Street would not fail to be impressed by the quality of the home buyer reports, the clear photographs and presentation of information, as well as the special touches, which personal service brings, including site plans and detailed internal layouts of the properties on sale. Robert Marley, the third member of the team moved into the village in 1994 and he brings with him over 40 years of experience of working in Estate Agencies. It is an impressive team, which hopes to establish a reputation for a swift service and a high quality product for both buyers and sellers.

Already, a number of properties have been sold in Harbury and the outlying villages, including Bishop's Itchington, Ladbrooke, Gaydon, Kineton and Northend, as well as Southam. The offices are open on weekdays between 9.30am and 5.30pm and at the weekend between

10.30am and 3.30pm. Quite often at the weekend, potential buyers who are attracted by the village amenities call in to enquire about the availability of properties in the immediate area and there is currently a waiting list of customers looking for the right kind of property.

In addition to house sales, the firm carries out commercial valuations, sales and leases of offices, shops and industrial units and letting and management of residential properties. All the facilities provided by the major estate agents in the area are on offer, with the difference that this service is available 'on our doorstep' with local people anxious to provide an effective service.

As an enterprising adjunct to the local business, the firm now has an associate office in the Dordogne area of France, with details of over 250 reasonably priced properties. Ralph has been to the area to make on-site assessments and to gain valuable information about the purchase of property for those wishing to have retirement or second homes in the 'euro-zone'. He is also in the process of negotiating a similar service near Alençon, which is within easy access of the Normandy ports.

In all, the latest entrepreneurs in the village intend to provide a completely comprehensive service and it would be well worth calling in to the office if you consider buying or selling property at home or purchasing a cottage, farm-house or even chateau abroad! Parkinson Jones are even prepared to offer a complete package of arrangements, including ferry or train trips, hotel accommodation and fixed appointment times for anyone interested in viewing a continental 'home from home'. On the 'home front', anyone wishing to move to another area in the U.K. would be supported by an enquiry service, which has been set up as a result of collaboration with the estate agency network. Parkinson Jones aim to offer "a much wider service than just selling houses" and as with all businesses operating in the local community, the Harbury and Ladbrooke News endeavours to create an awareness of the services available at the heart of the village.

Editors

How is a centipede one of the tallest living creatures?

(Answer on page 45)

Harbury Craft Fair

This year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 9th November from 10am to 4.30pm. It would be nice to have more crafters from the village at the Fair, so if you have quality home-made items that you would like to sell, then why not have a stall at this year's Craft Fair?

Please contact Tim Lockley on 614532 or email t.j.lockley@warwick.ac.uk for more information.

Tim Lockley

Pensioners' Patio

Now you see it, now you don't, and if it's the sun we're talking about, then most often you don't. Life, of course, goes on regardless of climatic conditions; as in past years, baby sparrows and starlings follow their harassed parents around on the patio slabs, squawking to gain attention and fluttering their wings in that irresistible way they have developed over the millennia. And the walnut tree rains down its fat, green-black catkins, determined to give the Head Gardener plenty of sweeping exercise.

Maybe it's time for someone owning a different kind of garden, complete with a different flora and fauna, to take up their pen. I am often told interesting details about what goes on in readers' gardens, so the raw material is there. And the raw material I find often evokes reflections and memories, not to mention literary allusions. (*My dictionary of quotations is well thumbed!*) For one thing, there must certainly be gardens more alluring to butterflies than a paved patio with very few of their preferred food plants. A Speckled Wood occasionally pays a call, and the big summer beauties may deign to alight on the washing (if it's colourful enough), but that's about it.

There are still one or two notes on that slip of paper where subjects for future use have been jotted down. Next month I will drag them into what gets written – after that, perhaps someone else will lead us to 'fresh woods and pastures new'. I hope so.

Three cheers for the Chelsea judges! To have a fashionable garden you no longer need an installation of glass, steel and ceramics; you can actually plant things that have, in some cases, been putting down real roots for centuries. If we had to take a garden with us into eternity (and live in it there) I know which kind I'd choose.

Edyth Algar

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Horticultural Society

The last talk of this season *National Trust Gardens* was given by Mrs. Darby. We were treated to a delightful talk with many slides. Some properties had national collections, others were excellent in hard landscaping, buildings, statues, ornaments, etc., but her real love was for the gardens. The Tudors kept flowers separate from the formal areas, the Victorians liked close colourful planting. The French on the other hand favoured formal clipped hedges in swirl designs. There were many reminiscences and tales – some of weird and eccentric gardens. Mrs. Darby also praised the volunteers and youth groups who performed invaluable talks and give up much of their free time.

There are still a few seats available for the day trip to the Dorothy Clive garden and Wallerton Old Hall garden on Tuesday 11th June. Members £10, non-members £12.50. If interested, please phone Judy Morrall on 613103. Please be at the Village Hall at 8.45am; the coach leaves at 9am sharp. For the evening trip to Tadmarton on Tuesday 25th June please be at the Village Hall to leave at 5.45pm. We will keep our fingers crossed for both our trips, but I will take my umbrella on each occasion!

It was difficult to believe the recent announcement from Eleanor Zonik that she was retiring from the committee, which she had been on from the year dot! For many years she had organised the talks and speakers; not to mention wining and dining them. She will be very much missed, thank you Eleanor.

With the September Village Show in mind, please note if you intend to exhibit home made wines – use clean colourless bottles, with flanged closures. This makes it easier for the judges to evaluate clarity and colour, etc. As for the last two years the show will be open to Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. and the residents of Ladbroke as well as member of the Harbury W.I., Horticultural Society members, residents of Harbury and Deppers Bridge. The schedules will soon be available.

Muriel Grey

Time, Season and Weather

March wind and May sun makes clothes white and maids dun.

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.

May chickens come cheeping.

from the Dictionary of Proverbs

Gardening Notes

Earth laughs in flowers, so said Ralph Waldo Emerson, and this is our traditional view of this summer month. We all hope that it lives up to expectations.

Now tender plants can be safely put out. Plant out half-hardy summer bedding in borders and pots. Water the plants a few hours before starting work with them and try to pick a cool damp day. Be generous with plants but not with manure or the plants will put on lots of leaf at the expense of flowers. Water in after planting.

If stakes are not in for tall plants put them in now and cover the tops of canes to prevent eye injuries. Tie in developing flower spikes before they can be wind damaged. There is still time to sow quick flowering annuals such as candytuft and comflowers to fill gaps in borders. Thin out rows of hardy annuals sown earlier in the borders. Boost border perennials with a liquid feed.

Hardy perennials such as hollyhocks, lupins and delphiniums can be sown outside where they will grow on for next year. Pull off stems of garden pinks to make cuttings, and plant them in pots of sandy soil, covered by plastic bags. Sow winter flowering pansies, polyanthus, and other early spring bedding and biennials now in seed trays. Keep in a cool shaded place but do not forget to water them. Wallflowers sown now will be big enough to plant out in October.

Spray roses against black spot and mildew. There is a combined aphid and disease control to deal with the flying pests, and protect the healthy foliage from fungal spores. Remove suckers from base of plants. After the first flush of blooms, deadhead by cutting off the spent flowers and the top third of the shoot, cutting just above a bud to encourage further flower shoots to form. Give a top dressing or spray on a foliar feed. Prune early flowering clematis if it is necessary to restrict growth. Feed and mulch all clematis, 2-3" will keep the roots cool. Tie in and train clematis and wall shrubs, and any other climbers. This is a good month in which to plant clematis, and to take cuttings. Cut the pieces between the leaf joints, not at them. Clematis and chaenomeles can be increased by pegging down healthy low growing shoots, fertilise and mulch the soil before doing this.

In the first week plant out all the tender vegetables; tomatoes, courgettes, sweetcorn, and cucumbers need 2ft. spacing, French beans and runners at 1ft. They are all moisture-lovers and great feeders so dig in plenty of manure or compost. French marigolds

planted next to tomatoes may deter pests. June drop of apples will occur, but it may still be necessary to thin the small fruits to 2 or 3 per cluster. Remove any suckers at the base of trees.

Winter flowering pot plants produce better flowers if they are put outside in a sheltered spot out of strong sunlight during the summer months. Beware of slugs and snails and do not forget to water them.

Now is a good time to feed lawns with a nitrogen rich or long lasting fertiliser. If this is in granular form water the grass to prevent the chemicals scorching it if rain does not fall within a day or two.

Plant of the Month: Alliums

One of the 'must have' plants in every smart garden in recent years has been the instantly recognised Alliums. With slender rolled leaves like onions or the blade-like ones of wild garlic, it is easy to see this is the group of plants possessing that characteristic smell, but not so easy to know that they are also related to lilies. The name Alliums is Latin for garlic, with the whole group being prized by the ancients as possessing medicinal and aphrodisiac qualities as well as flavour. Found wild over the Northern Hemisphere from N. America to China, plants have been bred for ornamental use for many years.

Approximately twenty forms can be used in borders and rockeries, mainly in shades of pink to purple but also with white and yellow too, flowering from April to September, but predominantly this month. The flowers rise above the foliage producing eye-catching globular heads or looser dangling bunches of bells. These last for several weeks and some can be dried as winter decoration. Choose from the new variety *Globemaster* with spherical heads up to 10" across, down to the dainty *beesianum* with lavender or white 2" lollipops. The majority are frost hardy and given a sunny site will grow easily for many years. Plant them in spring or autumn and leave them to produce clumps that are almost pest free, except for the ever-present menace, the slug! One other disadvantage is the onion-smell if the leaves are crushed, so keep them away from the edges of paths.

Pat Smith

Answer from page 7: The one on which there was no **Eve**

Answer from page 19: **When** autumn turns the leaves

Answer from page 21: **A Cat**, which is turned out at night and taken in in the morning

Answer from page 41: It stands over **one hundred feet**

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

On behalf of my family and I, we wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their cards, kind messages of sympathy and donations to the Stroke Society, following the sudden death of our brother Bob. A special thank you must go to Father Roy Brown for a lovely service.

It is with great sadness that after living in Harbury for the last forty-nine years we have had to hand 7, Bush Heath Lane over to Stratford Housing Association. All the family attended the 'clearance' day, which surprisingly took less time than was thought. The day was filled with laughter and reminiscing of all the things we did as children, some good and some bad, the saddest part was not having Mum and Dad there to tell us off for being too noisy! A special thank you goes to all our neighbours in Bush Heath Lane for all of their memories and kind words to us as a family.

On a last note we would like to wish the new family who move in as many years of happiness as we have had living in Harbury.

With Kind Regards

Pamela Hanson

Dear Editors

We would like to thank Alan and Jackie Steel and their team at 'The Crown Inn' for their generous contribution to 'The James Thistlethwaite Music Memorial Fund'.

In a series of raffles, held at their 'Monthly Theme Night at The Crown', nearly £200 was raised. A magnificent effort and very much appreciated. Many thanks.

David and Barbara Thistlethwaite

Dear Editors

You will see on reading this month's contribution that after one more *Pensioners' Patio* I shall be laying down my pen. You will notice I've suggested there may be someone 'out there' with a different garden and different ideas who might be inspired to pick it up, we shall see.

I've often been surprised and touched by the number of people who've said they've enjoyed reading these articles - I shall mention that in the final edition. I've certainly enjoyed writing them.

Edyth Algar

Dear Editors

May I give my many heartfelt thanks to everyone in the village who supported me during the recent District Council Elections? The results were not in my favour, however, I feel very privileged to have represented the people of Harbury for the last 18 years and to have played my part in protecting and where possible, enhancing our community's very special way of life. I will continue to help where possible.

Yours sincerely

James Turner

Dear Editors

Thank you to everyone who voted. The turn out was 39.9%. Results for the ward, (Harbury, Bishop's Itchington Deppers Bridge and Chesterton) were:

Liberal Democrat	1373
Conservative	1285
Labour	253

The successful Liberal Democrat candidates want to thank everyone who helped and who voted for them.

As Councillors, they will be working for all sections of the community. The work of the District Council includes such responsibilities as planning applications, housing, provision of leisure facilities, environmental health, refuse collection and disposal. If you have concerns about local government you can contact your Councillors:

Andrew Patrick 614 359 andrew@patrick.spacomputers.com.

Shenagh Booth 640728, or via her husband's email davidbooth@cix.co.uk.

The County Councillor is unchanged: David Booth 640728.

Andrew Patrick

Dear Editors

I just wish to say how pleased I have been in serving you as District Councillor, and to thank you all, who came out and voted for me at the May 2nd election, and everyone else for their support during my tenure.

When elected I promised to serve your needs without fear or favour and I tried hard to live up to that. It means, of course, that sometimes I was not able to get you what you wanted. That was the 'fear and favour' bit. I hoped all, whom I helped were satisfied, and gave anyone, who requested it, the best advice I could or found a answer for you to satisfy that need.

It was a pleasure throughout the period to be able to do this. My number is 651478, so if you were to think I might be able to give some advice, do not hesitate to phone and ask.

I cared for all the villages and still do.

Eric Dally



Dear Editors

On Sunday 5th May, Thomas and I rode our bikes in the Blue Peter's Bikeathon at Victoria Park. We would like to say thank you to everyone who sponsored us. Together we have raised £58 for Leukaemia Research.

Bethany Conway, age 8

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Coffee Morning for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. I am pleased to say that £93.51 was raised and has now been forwarded to the local branch.

Thank you to those who helped provide cakes and raffle prizes, and also to my friends who gave up their time to help me on the morning. Also special thanks to the people in the village who come along on Saturdays and support these coffee mornings - I couldn't have done it without you.

Gill Guilford

Dear Editors

Just a short note of thanks to Janny - the lady who supplies me, and others with large print copies of articles in the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

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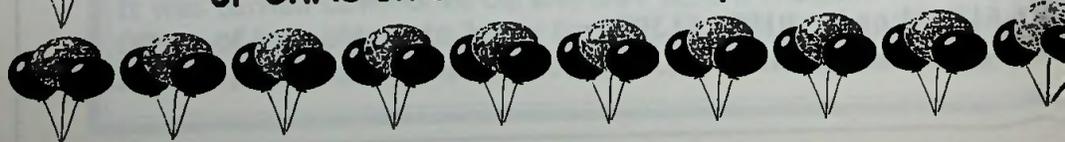
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