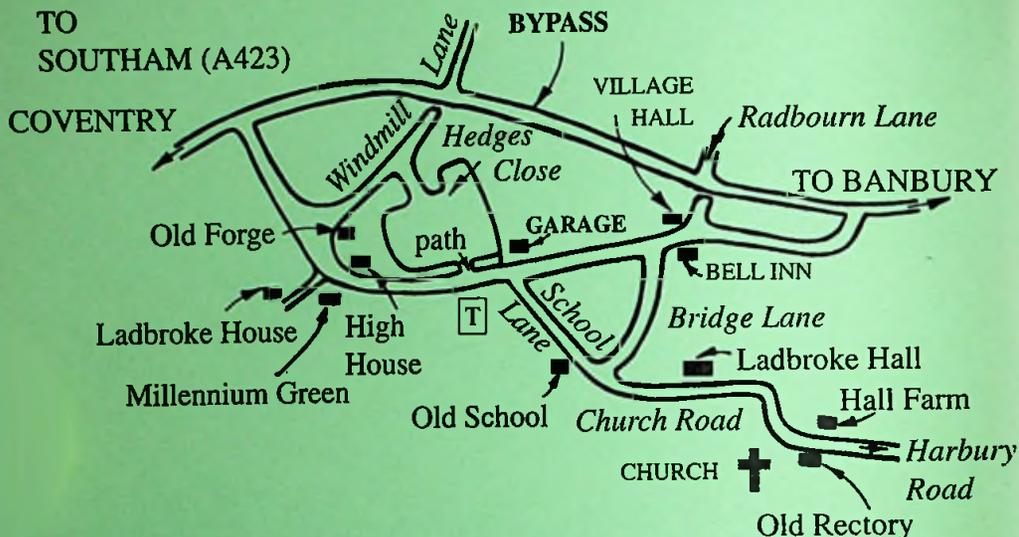


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Welcome to Darren Barrett, who is being trained as the relief postman, which will enable all postal delivery staff to have a day off each week. Leone Keyte is shown leading the way on her postal round .



Congratulations to Suzie Tawney on winning another Gold medal at the recent European Veterans Indoor Athletics Championships in Sweden.

A successful Carnival in June is dependant on full village participation and the booking of stalls and field spaces is now open. Ladbroke will be holding their Village Fete in June and this event needs village support too.

The Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM which is open to all, it will be held on Thursday 14th April at 8pm in The Shakespeare.

Finally we offer our sympathies to the families of Muriel Coupe, Dorothy Hopkins, Jack Page and Dorothy Turner.

Harbury Diary

APRIL

- Sat 2 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Macmillan Nurses 10am – 12noon
- Sun 3 SECOND OF EASTER
Sung Eucharist 9am,
Evening Worship 6pm
- Mon 4 Village Hall AGM 8pm in Farley Room
- Tues 5 Youth Group 6-30 to 8-30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room, Mr P Aubury on
- Wed 6 Labour Saving Gardening
Holy Communion 2pm
Mother's Union 2.30pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10am-4pm
Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm
Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of The Bell Ringers 10am – 12noon
Harbury Society Guided Walk starts 10.30am from Olive Tree at Flecknoe
Theatre Group, Laffs for Cash with Bangers and Mash in Village Hall at 7.30pm

- Sun 10 **THIRD OF EASTER**
Holy Communion 8am,
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 11 **SCHOOL STARTS**
- Tues 12 **Toddler Service 2pm**
Youth Group 6-30 to 8-30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm with laying on of hands
- Wed 13 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade, 8pm
- Thurs 14 **Holy Communion 9.45am**
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 15 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
ADVERTISEMENTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
- Sat 16 **Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Netball Team**
10am - 12noon
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11-2pm on Dog Car Park
Windmills Nursery Race Night in School Hall at 7.30pm
- Sun 17 **FOURTH OF EASTER**
Holy Communion 8am,
Family Communion 10.30am
Evensong 6pm
- Tues 19 **Youth Group 6-30 to 8-30pm in Village Hall**
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Senior Citizens Committee 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 20 **Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm**
Harbury Society AGM 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room followed at
8pm by talk on Village Schools by Susan Moore of Fillongley
Prayer Meeting in Church, 8pm
- Thurs 21 **Holy Communion 9.45am**
BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sat 23 **ST GEORGE'S DAY**
Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Pre-School
10am - 12noon
Beatles Tribute Night for PTA/GASS in Village Hall at 8pm
- Sun 24 **FIFTH OF EASTER**
Holy Communion 8am,
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 25 **ST MARK**
- Tues 26 **Youth Group 6-30 to 8-30pm in Village Hall**
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 27 **Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St**
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade, 8pm
- Thurs 28 **Holy Communion 9.45am**
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall

- Fri 29 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury, by
5.30pm
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I at 10am – 12noon
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11am - 2pm on Dog Car Park
 Junior Football Presentation in Village Hall
 Concert by Warwickshire Singers 7.30pm in Church in aid of Myton Hospice -Tickets £5 with concessions.

MAY

- Sun 1 **SS PHILIP & JAMES**
SIXTH OF EASTER
 Sung Eucharist 9am,
 Evening Worship 6pm
- Mon 2 **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Horticultural Society – Hidcote Gardens, Mr D Coombson
- Wed 4 Holy Communion 2pm,
 Mothers Union 2.30pm
 Prayer Meeting in Church, 8pm
- Thurs 5 **ASCENSION DAY** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Harbury Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10-4pm
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Fri 6 **NO REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY**
- Sat 7 **RUBBISH OUT!**
 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Great Ormond Street Children's Fund 10am – 12noon
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11- 2pm on Dog Car Park
 Harbury Tennis Club's 25th Birthday Celebration in Village Hall
- Sun 8 **RED CROSS DAY**
SEVENTH OF EASTER
 Holy Communion 8am,
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am

From the Rector

When you read this comment, we will be in Eastertide, when all Christians should be showing themselves as Easter people. We have been with Christ throughout Lent, especially from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, finally entering into the joy of the Resurrection.

"And the third day He rose again." The Resurrection is the most staggering event in human history. A man died – he was buried – he

rose from the dead. Historical fact! Hard to believe? The disciples first refused to believe, and then something happened. They may have seen an empty tomb, but more important than that, they met the risen Lord. It was not only their minds that were changed, but also their lives.

A retired barrister once set out to write a book disproving the resurrection, but God caught him at his work. After carefully sifting the evidence he wrote a book acknowledging the Resurrection. There isn't time or space to go into the evidence but three main points emerge.

Firstly, the change in the disciples from eleven frightened and bewildered men, to men preaching the Christ risen.

Secondly, the existence of the Church which has survived all the ups and downs of human endeavour and persecution; a church not in the hands of men, but in the hands of Christ, alive directing, guiding, sustaining.

Thirdly, the Resurrection is not a belief added on to the Christian Faith; it is the Faith, the Gospel.

What does the Resurrection mean for us? On the cross, God fought with evil and won. The love of God now is stronger than all the powers of evil, even though the opposite would appear to be true. The Resurrection gives us the assurance of God's love. It also demonstrates the power of God – power that is available to us for our daily living and the reception of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally because Christ burst the bands of death and conquered it, He gives us the promise of eternal life. A life of depth and quality rather than distance.

I wish you all every blessing Easter brings.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

March 12 Edward Houghton to Victoria Hayes

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

March 5 Connor Lee Raymond Butler

Funerals at Oakley Wood

March 30 Jack Page (88)

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

March 11 Dorothy Hopkins (74)

March 29 Dorothy Turner (97)

March 31 Muriel Coupe (58)



Thought for the Month

Loneliness is part of being human.

It reminds us that we are not complete in ourselves.

From the Churchwardens

This month began with a service for the Women's World Day of Prayer, devised by the women of Poland, it took as its theme, "Let our light shine." Thank you to everyone who took part. We were very pleased to welcome as our speaker the Reverend Alison White and thank her for a truly inspiring address.

As we write, we look back on Lent and there is much to say of all that has happened during the past six weeks. As



you know, the Lent lunches this year were in aid of the Siloam Christian Ministries. We're very pleased to tell you that £203.30 has been raised. John Eld put up a display in Church and we know that the money raised will go straight to the roots of need.

Holy Week began with the Palm Sunday procession from school to Church. Many joined us and we were particularly happy to see lots of

children. Unfortunately, we couldn't find a donkey – the four-legged kind - but we have high hopes of three possible candidates for next year, by which time they will have grown a little bigger!



Palm Sunday celebrations continued with the Family Communion Service. The presentation – a vigorous and engaging one – was given by Alison Abbott, who looked ahead to the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, inviting us all to follow the whole journey of Holy Week.

The Vestry and Annual General Meetings followed Said Evensong that Sunday. As Father Roy showed us, it's time to say "thank you" to many people. As Church Wardens, we'd like to add our thanks to his and think of everyone who helps and supports us so generously in so many ways. Some for example, Alison as Reader and Tony Stubbs as Lay Pastoral Assistant – are in the public eye, leading and preaching particularly on Sunday evenings, **we thank them.** We thank, too, all those throughout the congregation and the parish as a whole who work up front and behind the scenes to contribute so much to the Church life.

Although these notes are from us both, there is one "thank you" that only I can voice here and that is to Lesley who is not standing again as Church Warden this year. I'd like to thank her very much for all that she has done during her term of office. We both welcome Tony Stubbs to the post.

Our greatest thanks go to Father Roy for the depth and generosity of his ministry, constant throughout the year, but perhaps especially evident during Lent and its culmination in Holy Week and Easter. We are blessed indeed in a priest who provides us with such rich opportunities to prepare the celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

We thank him and Pam and wish them and all of you a happy and blessed Easter.

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

The afternoon meeting took the form of a communion service with a Lenten address by the Reverend Martin Wright. He told us about his recent return visit to Swaziland, in Southern Africa. He was impressed and humbled by the joy and enthusiasm of the Christian women there, despite their poverty and lack of resources for the church. The economic situation of the country is now made worse by the failure of its sugar industry (the only significant staple product) to compete with the global big boys. He encouraged us to support Fairtrade and other projects designed to narrow the gap between the "haves" and the "have-nots"; many members took cards to send to the Prime Minister. These are asking him to use his chairmanship of the G8 countries to work towards "Making Poverty History".

On March 15th, our speaker was Camilla Thomas, from the Salvation Army in Leamington. Their work there is particularly directed at homeless people, and she described some of the circumstances, which go wrong in peoples' lives resulting in them losing all their material possessions and relationships. We were left feeling impressed and humbled by her dedication and compassion.

Dates to note:

April 6th at 2.30pm – Lorna asks us to bring a photo of when we were younger!

April 19th at 8pm – Tony Stubbs "How to be a Trolley Dolly".

May 4th at 2.30pm – Sheila about Gideon's

May 19th at 2.30pm – Deanery Service at Harbury.

Gillian Hare

Toddlers' Service

Easter was our theme in March when Mrs Alison Abbott led the service.

The children sang, "If you're happy and you know it", with the actions and Mrs Abbott talked to us about the springtime. Then she told us a story about a caterpillar who eventually turned into a butterfly and came back to tell his friends that they would become butterflies too.

We also heard the story of how Jesus was crucified and then showed his friends that He was alive again.

After singing, "God's not dead", the children made Easter cards to take home.

The next Toddler's Service will be on Tuesday, April 12th at 2pm in the children's corner of the church. All babies and young children, with an adult, are very welcome.

C.M.Catt

Fairtrade

Did you know that over 70% of churches in the Coventry Diocese have pledged to support the Fairtrade movement in some way? All Saints, Harbury, is one such and on March 5th three of us represented the church at a special service in Coventry Cathedral to mark the Fairtrade Fortnight and Coventry's becoming a Fairtrade Diocese. It was a very moving and joyful service; we sang some new songs and the choir sang pieces in Shona, Spanish and Xhosa.

The speaker at the service was Regina Joseph, who runs a 2.5-acre farm in Dominica, one of the Windmill Islands. Regina's farm produces 35 boxes of bananas every two weeks for export to the UK and relies on these for 70% of her cash income. She outlined with dignity and passion, the huge difference selling her bananas on Fairtrade terms has made to her life. She no longer has to use chemicals, which is better for her health and the environment; she can afford to pay for the services of a doctor when needed, and to send her children to school. It was encouraging to hear from someone so directly affected by something that can seem rather remote.

Before the service began, Joyce Windsor received a certificate from Bishop Colin to show Harbury church's commitment to Fairtrade.

Joyce has organised the rota for the Saturday coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Room for the last 18 years – for which we are very grateful. This is a popular social event and benefits a huge range of people throughout the year. Joyce reckons at least £100,000 has been raised overall during that time, benefiting a wide variety of village groups and charities. Fairtrade coffee and tea is now used in the THR and at church events.

Interestingly, at the back of the Cathedral next to the coffees and other produce, was a stall displaying the complete range of Co-op Fairtrade goods. Some of these can be bought in our own village Co-op, so do support them.

Apart from the monthly stall in the THR after the Family Communion (i.e. around 11.15/11.30am), there will be Fairtrade produce on sale at the Bellingers' coffee morning on Saturday 9th April. Please note we do not sell tea or coffee as these can be obtained from the Co-op. Do consider switching to Fairtrade wherever you can, as we heard from Regina, it really does make a difference to people's lives.

Lesley Jones

Ladbroke News

APRIL

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| Wed 13 | Holy Communion 2pm
Women's Fellowship meeting at 3, Ladbroke Hall at 2.45pm |
| Sun 17 | FOURTH OF EASTER
Sung Communion 9am |
| Wed 20 | Annual Church Meeting 7.30pm, |
| Sun 24 | FIFTH OF EASTER
Sung Communion 9am, |

MAY

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| Sun 1 | SIXTH OF EASTER
Family Communion 10.30am |
| Thurs 5 | ASCENSION DAY
Holy Communion 7pm |
| Sun 8 | SEVENTH OF EASTER
Sung Communion 9am |

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- April 3 Jane Rutherford
 April 10 Betty Winkfield
 April 17 Patricia Tiverson
 April 24 Pam Barnett
 May 1 Christine Baker
 May 8 Jan Loman



Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Church News

Our Lent Lunches achieved the grand total of £290. This was a wonderful effort on the part of people who came to the lunches and also the hostesses for their wonderful soups and cheeses. The money is already on its way to the Siloam Christian Ministries Ltd who I am sure will use the money wisely.

I am sorry that I got the venue for our Women's Fellowship wrong last month. We actually went to Fields Farm where Beryl Ross had a beautiful video to show us "Essence of the Cotswolds". We followed the River Windrush as it wound its way through various lovely English villages.

We really are going to 3, Ladbroke Hall this month (13th April at 2.45pm) where Catherine Spence will provide our topic for discussion.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Churchyard

All Saints Church and Ladbroke Parish Council wish to thank the people who contribute to the churchyard fund. The donations are much appreciated.

Also, thank you to Mark Teverson and Linda Doyle for their valiant efforts last year with the grass cutting. They were hampered by the adverse conditions of building work and wet weather. The extension is now finished and we hope that Mark and Linda will continue this year.

There are some insecure and dangerous crosses and tombstones, which have now been stabilised.

If there is anyone who has spare time for gardening, there is a small area to the right of the church door that needs some tender loving care. Please contact Mrs Betty Winkfield.

Hazel Sharples

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

On the 23 March several members of the W.I. were lucky enough to attend the Spring Council Meeting in the Royal Spa Centre Leamington. This was a very interesting day with the highlight being the guest speaker Kate Aide. She is an amazing lady; very articulate and amusing whilst speaking without any notes! She took us back in history and discussed the revolution of women over a short space of time so that they are now on a much more equal playing field. After her talk Kate kindly gave up her lunch to sign all her books. A very memorable day.

Our meeting held on the 24 March was titled Social Evening - Easter Theme. No, not Easter Bonnets this time! Jo Sowerby, a very talented member of W.I brought some of her bright and beautiful quilts explaining how they had been made. She then raffled one of them and Nancy Stubbs was the lucky winner. After showing us how to make Marzipan chicks and Easter Cards, we were all able to have a go. Collette Batty provided the quiz, which also kept people busy. This was followed by Catherine Spence's yummy shortbread, Jo's colourful biscuits, and Sue Raynor's Easter Cakes in celebration of her gorgeous new grandson.

The Raffle prizes were won by Christine Baker and Linda Hodkiss.

Next meeting will be on April 28th - Porcelain Doll Making - Sheila Jones

Tea Hostesses are Julie & Pam.

Please bring cakes and items for bric a brac stall to the next meeting, as it is the Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley rooms in Harbury on April 30th.

Sue Halsall

Harbury Parish Council – March 2005

It was a long and sometimes heated meeting that revolved mainly round planning matters, large, small and enormous!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

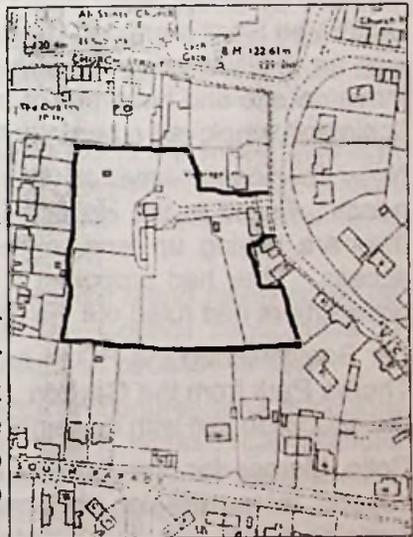
There was a masterly objection (composed by the Clerk and Cllr Mancell) to the Follett submission for a fisherman's Clubhouse at Bishops Bowl Lakes. It was out of proportion, conflicting with the Structure Plan, harmful to the character of the countryside, drawing customers from a wide area by car, on environmentally sensitive land etc.

Stratford District had granted permission for two storey extensions at 4 Pirie Close and Linden Farm Cottage, Deppers Bridge and for guest accommodation at Northfields, Mill Lane but had refused East Midland Electricity's application for above ground electricity lines.

The Parish Council commented on the vehicular access for Ladywell Cottage, Binswood End, and arched windows at South Pines, 3 Queens Close. They asked that the large new wing proposed for the Old New Inn should not be capable of being a separate dwelling and that substantial landscaping and improvements to the grounds must be made. They pointed out the proposal would overlook the neighbouring property.

Then we came to the revelation that negotiation had been ongoing with Malcolm Hawkesford and others, since September over development of land behind Wissett Lodge. District Cllr Patrick said draft plans were not available in time for the February meeting of the Parish Council. This did not satisfy Cllr Biddle who was bursting to complain about the secrecy. Cllr Patrick apologised for not letting the Planning Sub-Committee know about it sooner.

Initially plans were drawn up for 10 two-bedroomed houses, 2 two-bedroomed bungalows and 10 four-bedroomed houses, but the Cllrs were presented with indicative drawings for "Sheltered Homes" which included over forty houses on land behind Wissett Lodge and Leamington House extending from Vicarage Lane to include all of the hollow square up to the Dog Car Park.



In response to Cllr Mancell's query about the extent of the local need, the Chairman said the Housing Need Survey showed an immediate need for fifteen homes.

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Sharon Hancock stressed this was a very important piece of land that would not normally be capable of being developed and Cllr Booth urged caution because there had been examples of social housing allocation that "had gone very wrong". Cllrs were concerned about the density and traffic generated by the development.

It was agreed that in principle Harbury could consider local needs development on this land, but the Council would need to get what the village wanted on the site and to have control over who occupied the homes. Sharon Hancock pointed out that Sheltered Accommodation would not be feasible.

Chairman Jenny Patrick was pleased with the favourable reception from Stratford Councillors for our Parish Plan, but Cllr Biddle reported that some villagers were worried by the map it contained, thinking that development was proposed on all the sites indicated.

Dutch Van Spall and some other landowners in Deppers Bridge were receiving unsolicited approaches from developers. Regarding the resubmitted plans for a Fisherman's Clubhouse, County Cllr David Booth feared the developers at the old Quarries would split the two parish councils and urged both Bishops Itchington and Harbury to work together. It was obvious that there needed to be a fallback position in case the Inquiry Appeal was successful and the way was cleared for much larger-scale development at the Quarries.

Dutch Van Spall reminded Cllrs of the history of the site. In 1989 there was an application by Avebury for massive development for a hotel, Industrial site and hundreds of houses. Harbury ignored it but Bishops Itchington employed a barrister to oppose it and succeeded.

Now developers have to take into consideration local views and needs. Follett is the Holding Company for North West Estates and they are buying up land, especially to provide alternative vehicular access. They had proposed a rail halt and distribution depot but the government had ruled out the rail development.

Cllr Booth alerted the PC to an even bigger, current application for a Theme Park from the Gaydon Junction to Chesterton! Again he urged the council to join with its neighbours to fight these proposals.

Colin Mercer for the Sports Improvements scheme asked for PC support for permission to increase the Tennis Courts' floodlighting, explaining that with two courts lit they would be able to afford the services of a Coach for the 138 young people in the Junior Section.

Tim Lockley was pleased that his investigations revealed that the County Council hoped to "adopt" Percival Drive by the end of 2005

and that Severn Trent would take over responsibility for the sewers.

He had been surveying the village with the County's Highways officer and for roughly £30,000 we can have improvements to the village centre. A sub-group will now investigate how to raise the money. There may be synergies in combining this with the Safer Routes to School initiative and the traffic management scheme. They might, said Tim, "come together in a beautiful way".

Plans for four dropped kerbs were outlined, but again these are costly (£800 each). The County would not put one at the bottom of Farm Street as the crossing there is considered too dangerous!

People have been driving across Binswood End Green and the Pound. Residents of the Maisonettes on Vicarage Lane had been told they could not use the parking places in Drinkwater Close. The PC will get a definitive view on this.

Cllr Booth announced improvements would be made to Deppers Bridge Traffic Calming with better signs and he hoped some lighting.

PC Hill reported a quiet month for crime in Harbury and an uplifting visit to the Southam Station by the Chief Constable who told the officers they'd all done very well. The recent court case involving one of our nuisance youths had acted as a deterrent to the others.

Janet Thornley reminded Cllrs that the Youth Team would be working in Harbury for six weeks, running a meeting in the Village Hall from 6.30-8.30pm on Tuesdays with the Detached Workers and their bus here on Thursday evenings.

The safety bark put down at the Playing Fields is the wrong type and will be replaced. The street lights' lanterns have been cleaned. A local contractor has been chosen for mowing the Playing Fields at a considerable saving.

Cllr Booth warned that S136 payments (double rating relief) could be stopped after this year and suggested the Council might have to precept more to pay for recreation maintenance because of this.

The Council agreed to adopt the District's procedures for Councillors Participation Allowances, "modified so that it works", Cllr Mancell noted. The Clerk's salary was raised in recognition of "increased & extra responsibilities" and because she is now fully qualified.

Council minutes are now published on the website www.harbury-parish.co.uk so you can see if they bear any relationship to this report!

Linda Ridgley

Annual Parish Meeting - May 12th

This meeting is a chance to come and question the Parish Councillors that you elected. It will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and is open to everyone. We will provide refreshments!

We are pleased to announce that the District Council adopted our Parish Plan at their Community Meeting in Southam on March 22nd and congratulated us for such a well put together Parish Plan.

This will help us to apply for grants for some of the things you would like to see and it will become part of the information for planning applications.

Now you have all had a chance to read the Parish Plan perhaps you have some questions you would like answered?

- The annual meeting is the place to come and ask those questions.

We are hoping a guest speaker will be able to come and tell us how we can carry out some of the actions we put in the plan. The Parish Plan was put together from the information you gave us in the surveys that were carried out and from the flags you put on the Harbury map at the village school on the open day that was held last year.

The map in the Parish Plan only shows the places people said they would like to see the development take place. It does not mean that this will necessarily happen. There may be a conflict over a particular site or it may be too expensive without a huge rise in the Parish rates. Other reasons may be that planning authorities will not allow it or that services to an area are inappropriate. BUT we did put all your ideas onto the map so it could be discussed and it certainly seems that this is happening.

Much of what went into the Plan cannot possibly happen at once and many projects will need the input of the community who have the skills, and enthusiasm to help.

Please come to the meeting, question us and let us know where you can be of most help. We value your contributions.

Jenny Patrick, Chairman Harbury Parish Council

Councillors' Corner

- We're sorry if people in Harbury were caught out by the revised timetable for refuse collection over the Easter weekend. I believe that BIFFA made a second collection on Good Friday to

help out. For future Bank Holiday weekends, can we recommend you look at the dates displayed on the black bags? Or, check the Diary page of Harbury News.

- Sadly, Stratford Planning's rejection of Follett Holding's application for a "fishermen's club house" at Bishops Bowl Lakes is not the end of the story. They've tried again with a smaller plan, which has yet to be decided.
- We have had to postpone the next Harbury "Surgery". Our next get-together will be in Bishops Itchington outside the Chapel Street paper shop from 10.00 to 12.00 on Saturday 9 May. If you have things you want to talk over with us, please come along then.

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Andrew Patrick



Harbury Society

Harbury Society

The Parish Plan has been published and the Cat's out of the Bag! Already developers are active (see Parish Council report).

Results of the Parish Review and the Housing Needs Survey showed a requirement for some Sheltered Accommodation and for affordable housing both for rent and shared equity (where a part share is purchased).

Unfortunately it is highly unlikely that Harbury could secure rented Sheltered Accommodation (someone has to provide the Wardening and this is very costly). The District Council has recently removed resident Wardens from its schemes and does not envisage building any more such accommodation. Sheltered Accommodation for sale would have to be provided by a specialist developer (the best known is McCarthy & Stone). It may be possible to negotiate for homes adapted for older people.

Affordable homes for Shared Equity also present a problem as it is very difficult to ensure that they remain affordable and for local people. There have in the past been difficulties in securing mortgages on such properties.

"Affordable Homes" can be provided by Housing Associations and are usually for rent. In small villages it is possible to designate these for local needs, with the provision that if no one with a local qualification comes forward they can be offered to a wider public. Developers also provide "Low-Cost Homes" but these are often smaller houses for sale with no way of keeping them for locals.

The Parish Plan contains a map showing all the sites that villagers considered might be suitable for a range of local needs development. The Parish Plan points out that people's choice of suitable sites for Sheltered Accommodation was constrained by a belief that it had to be located close to the centre of the village, but the Plan does not contain the full critique of all the choices made. That is in a separate document.

Over-arching the desires and Action Plan contained in the Parish Plan, and referred to by it, are the Guidelines of the Village Design Statement adopted by the District Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

The Structure Plan and the Local Plan which is still to be approved, have strong policies "directing growth to the Market Towns" with a presumption against development elsewhere in the rural areas. There is, however, an exception policy which would allow permission for "local needs" development.

Therefore, in theory, Harbury should be able to decide for itself what it needs and where, if anywhere, this development should be placed. But as well as the plans for infill development off Vicarage Lane there is the potential for a whole new village between us and Bishops Itchington and that is a very different scale. We would be up against the big boys not the pussycats!

Next Events for Harbury Society are:

- Pub Walk from Flecknoe 10.30am on Saturday 9th April ring Ed Wilson on the memorable 612345 for details.
- AGM and talk on Village Schools by Susan Moore starts with AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th April in the Tom Hauley Room.

Copies of our two publications, *Hungry Harbury*, a village history; and *Cross the Stile*, footpaths around Harbury, are available at £5 each from Mugglestons and from the Secretary, ring 612792.

Free copies of the Village Design Statement are available from the Secretary.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Folk Club

"Surreal" is perhaps the most succinct way of describing the meeting of the folk club that took place on March 3rd.

Owing to my amnesia I did not decide on a theme for the evening in time to publish it at the previous meeting. I therefore decided to select the theme after the evening in the light of the material performed. This inspired doing several things in reverse order, for example starting with the third half and ending with the first, and performers starting songs with thanks and ending with an introduction. However a suggestion to present the raffle prize before selling the tickets was not implemented as it was thought it might be a little unfair and unworkable.

In addition to the abundance of humour there was a wonderful variety of music performed to a very high standard. There were 12 different performers during the evening, which is not quite as many as in previous months, so it was easier to let everyone have at least one spot. This led to the atmosphere being pleasantly relaxed. One of my favourite spots was a rendition by Mike Jones, a regular attendee of the Folk Club, who rarely performs. He did his own version of the well-known song by Flanders and Swan, "It was on a Monday Morning", but in keeping with the theme of the evening, he performed it in reverse order!

At the end of the evening I decided that the theme had been "Industrial and Military Past while Travelling to and within Ireland and the Antipodes via Seaways and Canals before getting lost in Bushes and Briars while getting Totally Confused and Coming Home Backwards to Cleethorpes". Many thanks to all who contributed to this theme and making it yet another memorable event.

The raffle raised a total of £41.00 and this was donated to Comic Relief. Many thanks to those who contributed.

Don't forget the next folk club will be on the first Thursday April 7th when Sue Hartland will be leading the evening and the theme will be "Planets". As usual it will start at 8:30pm and be in the Garden Room of the Shakespeare.

Peter Bones

Harbury Tennis Club

Unfortunately I have to start this article by reporting that the external electrical sockets on the central floodlight column were vandalised. The most serious aspect of this was that electrical wires were left exposed with the obvious safety issue. The damage was quickly repaired with the costs being met by the Club. If anyone knows anything about this, I would be glad to hear from you.

On a more cheerful note, by the time you read this the 2005 season will have been officially "launched" with the Club's opening "Cheque Book" Tournament. For anyone who was unable to make the day our Treasurer Paul Crowton will be pleased to accept your cheque! The Club has plenty of opportunities for social and competitive tennis and is always keen to welcome new players.

My comments last month about the "B" team Ladies being undefeated all season have turned out to be a bit like football mangers getting the "Manager of the Month" award and promptly losing the next match! In the match against Warwick "C" the team suffered its first defeat since October last year. The very strong wind made the match a little farcical with throw ups for serves being half way to the net before players had a chance to hit the ball, but it was the same for both sides! Caroline Morland and Angie Dean lost while Jon Scothem and Ian Panton halved theirs. Ian completed a very satisfactory debut by halving his mixed doubles with Angie. Unfortunately Caroline and Jon lost their match giving the home side a 3-1 win.

However, the Club completed its Banbury Winter League programme in fine style with both "A" and "B" teams completing emphatic 4-0 wins against Hook Norton "A" and Tysoe "C" respectively. Gill Thorpe, Kate Young, Geoff Prince and Ed Wilson were in good form for the "A" team but the win probably came too late to avoid the drop to Division 2. The "B" team (Caroline Morland, Sue Mercer, Steve Stark and Colin Mercer) completed a double over Tysoe to consolidate 3rd place in Division 4, narrowly missing out on promotion.

In the Stratford League (Men's doubles) Harbury, without captain Jon Scothem (on skiing duty!) secured a 2-2 draw at Snitterfield to stay in

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contention for promotion. Ed Wilson and Steve Stark were in fine form completing a comfortable straight sets win. David Lauder and Colin Mercer won their first set but lost the next 2, leaving the match all square. Their losing sequence continued with a straight sets defeat putting the pressure on Ed and Steve. They responded superbly and clinched the draw by winning the first 2 sets, the second in a very tense tiebreak.

Juniors

The Club's exciting new 10-week programme starts on 11th April with 14 sessions a week. The coaching "team" this year comprises Licensed LTA coaches Mark Boden (CCAD), Geoff Vaughan (DCA) and Pete Brinkley (DCA). In addition, our own Linda Casement will be running some sessions. Linda is currently half way through her Development Coach Award (DCA) with the LTA and will soon be our very first "home grown" coach. Keep up the good work Linda!

There are still one or 2 spaces for new players and we are now beginning to plan Tennis Camps for the school holidays. If you're interested please contact Sue for details.

Another "plug" for our dance at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 7th May to help celebrate the Tennis Club's 25th birthday, as well as the advert elsewhere in the magazine! Dancing to the best party music from the 60s to the present day with London based live cover band "The Bitter Lemons". Tickets are £15 (food included) and there will be a Bar.

To order your tickets in advance please give us a ring, Colin and Sue Mercer on 613284 or Email: sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk

Colin and Sue Mercer



Windmills

Nursery School

Our theme this term has been 'people who help us' and we started by talking about the most important helper of all, our mums, to coincide with Mothers Day. We talked to the children about how their mums help them, and although we already knew that mums are good at almost everything, we were surprised to hear from Eve that her mum also builds houses! The children presented their mums with individually hand made cards and clay hearts decorated with buttons and beads.

We are fortunate in the Nursery to have a lot of parents who work as 'people who help us'; Caitlin's mum and Sandy's mum are both nurses, Ellie's mum is a dental nurse, Evie's dad is a fireman, Ellie's grandma is a post lady, Lauren's dad and Paige's mum and dad are in the police force. Paige's parents brought 2 police cars onto the school playground which caused a lot of excitement amongst the school children as well as the nursery children. A few of the children sat in the police cars and were shown how all the controls worked, and they also learnt what equipment the police officers need to do their job. Some of the children made the lights flash and the siren sound.



Afterwards the police officers came inside and talked to the children about how the police help to keep us safe, and gave all the children badges and 'never never club' wallets to take home. The children also enjoyed dressing up in some of the uniform and helmets that they brought. A big thank you to both Ian and Maxine Bembridge for giving up their time to provide the children with such an invaluable learning experience.

Following our theme of 'people who help us' we had a fancy dress day on Wednesday 16th March 2005 when all the children and Mrs Varriale and Mrs Kennedy dressed up as policemen, firemen, doctors



and nurses. The children had great fun and it initiated some fantastic role play, we also managed to raise £13.00.

The children enjoyed a trip to the church toddler service and to celebrate Easter the ladies at church presented all the children with chocolate eggs; thank you from everyone at Windmills.

Julie Collier who is also a nurse and a 'friend' of Gwyneth's came into the nursery to talk to the children about what she does in her job. She used lots of puppets and soft toys to help reinforce how she makes people better. She showed us how to put bandages on and what to do if we have a bleeding nose. She had a dog called snowy who had spots and a caterpillar that got burnt in the sun. She told us if we go out in the sun to 'Slip, Slap, Slop' (Slip on a T-shirt, Slap on a hat, and Slop on the sun-cream). We were amazed at how much information



the children absorbed. Ellie told us "if you have a bleeding nose you hold it and put your head down" and "don't put your finger in the oven, if you burn your finger you hold it for 10 minutes in cold water". Caitlin said "my mummy is a nurse and she works at the hospital she uses a stethoscope and gives you medicine to make you better". Thank you to Julie for a very informative visit.

The highlight of this term was our Easter coffee morning. Thank you to Caitlin's mum for supplying some of the materials to make our bonnets. The children all designed and had fun choosing their own collage materials to decorate their bonnets. They all proudly paraded around the Tom Hauley room showing them off, and then entertained everybody with some songs and a poem to celebrate Easter and spring. Everyone commented how happy the children looked and how enthusiastically they joined in with the singing. It was lovely to see Dee Godley the PLA representative selling raffle tickets for us. Thank you to everyone who helped to contribute to make this event such a success.

Back at Nursery the children were delighted to see the Easter Bunny with a basket full of chocolate eggs for the children. Paige was upset that the Easter bunny did not have enough eggs for Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Varriale.

Mrs. Kennedy and the children tried out a new recipe for chocolate truffles, that even Thornton's would have been proud of; they went down a storm and not many of the chocolates made it home!

Training

Tina attended an all day SEN Code of Practice course at Manor Hall on Monday 28th February run by the Educational Psychology and DISCS pre-school team. Marie attended a 'Playing with Sounds' course also at Manor Hall, which explored ways of implementing practical ideas to develop progression in phonics.

Thank you

Thank you again to Ian Bembridge for providing and fitting a shelf unit in our kitchen, for tiling around our paint sink and also for fitting a bolt on the door. A big thank you to Bobbie, Gwyneth's mum for helping out on a Monday afternoon session. We hope she enjoyed it as much as the children and staff enjoyed her being there.

Race Night

This is to be held on Saturday 16th April 2005 in the school hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £6.00 each to include a buffet. There will be 8 races one of which will be an auction race where people will bid to own a horse. Prizes on the night include dinner for two with wine at Mallory Court, a huge after-dinner hamper, and a picture from Millennium Gallery. Tickets available from the Nursery 07906 519148 or Marie Kennedy on 01926 812244.

Open Morning

The date for our official re-launch and open morning is Saturday, 7th May 2005. Please put this date in your diary.

The children ended an action packed term on Thursday 24th March 2005, and we look forward to seeing them all back again after the Easter break on Monday 11th April 2005 when our topic will be Transport and Journeys. If anyone has been on an interesting journey and would like to share it with the nursery children please contact Tina or Marie on 07906 519148.

If you have any general questions or require information on Windmills Nursery you can now email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



Harbury Pre-School

March at Pre-School

The children packed as much as possible into the last few weeks of term before the Easter break. Some beautiful Easter cards were made, using the technique of flicking paint onto cards using toothbrushes. Lovely patterns were made on the cards and several children, and staff, went home with attractive paint patterns on their t-shirts and faces! Rosie and Eleanor were particularly good at the toothbrush method and produced a variety of patterns on their cards. Ovals were then decorated with tiny



coloured rabbits, chicks and eggs and stuck onto the centre of the cards to be taken home for their families on each child's final day at Pre-School before Easter.

Other shape work has taken place, with printing onto various shaped paper, and observational drawings of a bicycle. There are a surprising number of shapes in a bicycle, as the children found out!

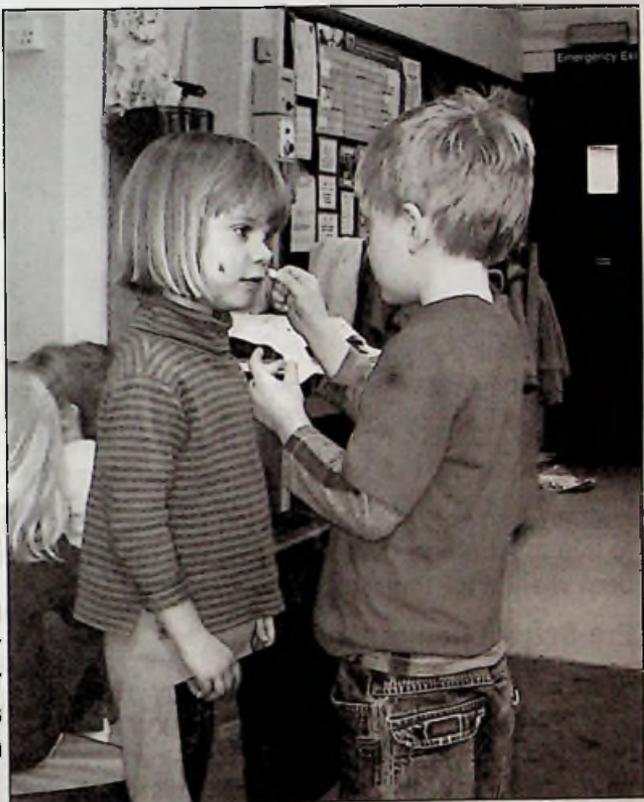
Telephones, calculators and torches were used as an introduction to ICT, and the new computer will be installed after Easter so that the children can expand on this important topic. It was delightful to listen to the children having involved conversations on the telephones. Beth and Jasmine "phoned home to speak to Mummy" several times and could be heard relaying what was going on in Pre-School at the time.

Sound lotto also proved very popular, with the children listening to a CD playing different sounds that were depicted on lotto cards. Counters had to be put on the appropriate squares when a particular sound was heard and it all became very competitive, although the

children were keen to help each other as well as filling up their own cards. On a number of occasions staff members tried to answer the Pre-School mobile phone, only to discover that it was the ring tone on the sound lotto game!

The children were delighted when Cathy Gibb very kindly came along on two occasions to introduce them to the French language. They all sat round her, entranced by the new words that they were learning and putting into familiar songs. On the second visit, the sun shone and the lesson could be held outside, so the loud chants of "Bonjour" and renditions of "Frere Jacques" could probably be heard far and wide in the village.

Together with the Toddler Group, Pre-School helped raise funds for Comic Relief. The children were told the story of Angela, a 9-year-old African child, and how money raised through Comic Relief had helped her family send her to school. They then enjoyed face painting their own red noses – or those of their friends and the staff – on Red Nose Day itself.



March proved to be a good month for staff training courses. Congratulations to Gael and Lesley who gained their First Aid certificates at the end of a two-day intensive course.

Lesley was especially busy, with courses on a variety of subjects. She and Kate attended a multi-cultural event from which they brought lots of ideas. The children particularly enjoyed using our lovely African wooden musical instruments and performing African dances.

Gael and Lisa visited the model pre-school classroom in Nuneaton,

which was very interesting as it gave some ideas on how the classroom could be set up. However, there were no children present so it was extremely tidy and organised. Our room could never be complete without the children bringing in their own ideas and enthusiasm!

Lesley and Bud attended a course entitled "Not Just Playing", which helped consolidate our ideas for incorporating learning into all the fun and activities at Pre-School. Lesley and Bud also attended an even more thought provoking course on Child Protection.

We are looking forward to welcoming several new starters to Pre-School after Easter but, sadly, we have had to say farewell to Nathan who is moving with his family to America. We wish them all the very best in their new life.

And finally the Easter Bunny paid a secret visit to Pre-School at the end of term and lots of very happy children went home clutching a lovely bag of chocolate goodies.

New Starters

The staff will be busy after Easter as there are four new starters. Jack Latus, Molly Bosworth-Browne, Tiegan Sassoon-Taylor and Matthew Durman will be joining the group. We hope they settle in well.

Leavers

Nathan Ashworth will be leaving Pre-School at the end of March to go to live in America. We would all like to wish Nathan and his family our best wishes for their future adventures.

Pre-School Computer

After Easter the Pre-School children will be able to start exploring the 'I.T. world' as we have recently purchased a computer with money from our recent fundraising. So parents be warned - you might find your child very helpful and enthusiastic when you next log onto your computer!

The Pre-School Barn Dance

The Pre-School Barn Dance, at the end of February was an extremely successful and fun night. The Ceilidh band 'Reel to Reel' played excellent music and managed to stop any major collisions from occurring. By the end of the evening most of us had mastered our promenade technique but there were still a few bumps when we had to dosey doe!



The village hall took on the feel of a real barn as we had straw bales, milk churns, horse tackle and farmyard artefacts decorating the room. Pre-school would like to say a special thank you to Rob and Pauline Hadley from Chesterton Fields farm for supplying all the straw bales and many of the artefacts and for helping to display these in the room. Also thank you to Jill Davis and Sarah and Nicholas Morley for supplying us with milk churns and horse tackle.

We would also like to thank Richard Lintott for designing and printing the very eye catching tickets and posters.

Whilst everyone was having a good time we were also able to raise £1,103.65 for Pre-School. This included prize money from our 'Heads and Tails' game that was kindly donated back to Pre-School and the money raised from the raffle. We would like to thank the following for their kind donations for the raffle prizes. Millennium Fine Art and Framing, Jill Davis of Escape, Esque Beauty, Kenilworth Castle, Charlecote Park, Wyevale Garden Centre, Warwick Castle, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Belgrade Theatre, Playbox Theatre, Land Rover and Chocoholics.

Thank you also to all the helpers who were there before, during and after the event.

Since the Barn Dance we have received a very complimentary letter from one of the band members who made special mention of the enthusiasm and natural dancing talent that was displayed during the evening. As a founder member of the Hereburgh Morris Dancers he would be very interested to hear from anyone (male and female) who would like to have a try at Morris dancing. The dancing may be slightly different but it would be just as much fun! Anyone who might be interested should call Jane Mansell on 614615 or contact the Hereburgh Morris Dancers.

Dave Perry Photos

The photo session run by Dave Perry resulted in lots of wonderful photos for parents and helped us to raise £154.70, which was split equally between Pre-School and Windmills Nursery.

Thank you for your support.

Pre-School Coffee Morning

The next Pre-School coffee morning will be on Saturday the 23rd April from 10am-12noon in the Tom Hauley room. Please make a note in your diaries. It will be an ideal time to top up on your birthday cards from Phoenix cards, cheer up the garden with some spring flowering plants or let your child loose at the table top sale! There will be a raffle and 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' game as well as a lovely selection of homemade cakes.

Children's Sponsored Cycle Ride

The Pre-School children are invited to take part in a sponsored bike ride! Don't worry - being able to ride a bike is just a minor detail. Children can take part on bikes, scooters, push along toys, motorised lawn mowers (well maybe not)! The idea is to have fun with Pre-School friends and families in the spring weather, collect a little sponsor money if possible and bring a picnic along to round off the morning.

The ride will take place on Saturday 14th May at the playground behind the village hall. Mums, dads and siblings are all invited to support the children on their epic ride! More details will follow closer to the time.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Clare Stone, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 614482.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee



Harbury Primary School

Tesco's & Sainsbury's Vouchers for Schools

The school has registered for both the Tesco's and the Sainsbury's "Vouchers for Schools" schemes this year, both starting in March. So we would be most grateful if children could bring vouchers into school. The Tesco's collection scheme "Computers for Schools" will help us purchase computer equipment for the school. Last year the scheme allowed us to purchase:- 20 mouse mats and 50 floppy discs; Keyboard Crazy – a game to learn the positions of the letters on the computer keyboard; a mini drum machine – to extend the use of ICT in music and Crazy Tables – a game to practice tables knowledge.

The (new) Sainsbury's scheme "Active Kids" will help the school purchase PE equipment.

Please send vouchers into school with your child, or put them in the box in Mrs. Jackson's office, and thank you for your continued support.

School Visa Card

A big thank you to those parents and staff who hold and continue to use the Co-op school Visa cards. £48.13 was paid to the school fund for the period May to December 04. If you would like to hold a Co-op/school Visa card then please ask Mrs. Jackson.

Earthworms - Caring for and protecting our environment

Would you like to become involved with the management of the school environmental features listed below?

Wild flower meadow, tree seats, herb garden, composting, pond, conservation area, willow tunnel, greenhouse, vegetable garden, recycling, play equipment.

We particularly need a few parents who can afford to come into school on Thursday afternoons from 2.15pm onwards, initially to plant seeds and prepare planting areas with a small group of children.

We need a group of parents who can afford a Saturday or Sunday morning to carry out tasks such as willow tunnel and pond maintenance, greenhouse staining, bench painting etc.

We need a small group to spend an hour one evening identifying tasks, followed by a discussion of strategies in The Shakespeare!

Please contact Nigel Chapman or Carol Jackson if you can help.

Steel Pan Lessons

Steel pan lessons will shortly be available at Harbury School on Tuesdays for:

Juniors (8-11) – 5.00 – 6.00pm

Seniors (11-18+ adults) – 6.00 – 7.00pm

The cost will be £10/term for children and £25/term for adults.

The classes start on 19th April. For further information and an enrolment form, please contact County Music Service office on 01926 412803.

PTA News

The PTA works extremely hard throughout the year(s) raising funds for the school. We are also fortunate to have such supportive parents and friends of the school, who attend the events, and offer 'to help on the day'.

Where does the money go? The PTA have recently made the following purchases with their funds:-

Music stands	£ 400
Storage boxes	£ 20
Children's Books	£1,300
Wet play-time games	£ 400

They have also agreed to buy/contribute to:

DVD player, globe, paper cutter, £250 towards trophy cabinet, £3,500 towards upgrade of the Junior Computer suite! As you can see, the contribution the PTA makes towards the school is quite considerable and is enormously appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

Beatles Tribute Night

A live Beatles Tribute Night is being held on Saturday 23rd April at the Village Hall. All profits will be donated to the school's PTA and Harbury Guides and Scouts. Tickets cost £12.50 each. There will be a bar, food available, raffle and a quiz. Over 18's only. Contact Lana Long on 613311 for tickets/information.

If you are able to offer any help during the day (setting up), or during the evening, then please let Lana know. Thank you.

Harbury Carnival – 11th June 2005

This year's theme will be 'Toy Box' – more details will follow nearer the time.

Beer Walk – 25th June

This year's beer walk will be held in Long Itchington – a coach will be provided. We will publish details nearer the time, but please put the date in your diaries now!

Harbury School's book of 'Children's Favourite Recipes'

A few months ago we asked the children to send in their favourite recipes, and we were delighted to receive so many!! These have now been collated into a wonderful recipe book for you to buy!! There are lots of super recipes to try out and the book has a wonderful colour cover which was designed by some of our Reception Class children. The book is called 'Harbury School's book of Children's Favourite Recipes,' and is available now at a cost of £3.00 per copy. Please send in payment by cash or cheque (payable to Harbury School PTA) win a sealed envelope with details of child's name & class, along with the number of recipe books required, with 'Recipe Book Order' written on the front. The PTA would like to thank Ken Barney for printing the recipe book free of charge.

Any queries ring Lana Long on Tel: 01926 613311. All profits go to the PTA. Display copy available in the school office.

Harbury's Mini Scientists

On Tuesday, 15th March Harbury Year 5 and Year 6 had two very important visitors. Two kind men called Paul and David from Coventry and Warwickshire Setpoint, which is part of the Education Business Partnership, came to do an Engineering Day.

We had four challenges to do that day; to make a rocket, design a train for the channel tunnel, build a roof out of paper tubes that could hold up to 7 kilograms and make a self righting buoy.

Each group in turn throughout the day designed, built, tested and figured out costs. The groups had to work as a team, which Edward Kostiuk told them stands for "Together Everyone Achieves More". There were prizes and certificates for some winning groups and some clever people, but some groups weren't so lucky!

Everyone worked really smoothly, and together had FUN! Special thanks to Paul and David, and all the other engineers that gave up their time to help on that day. Let's hope they come again.

Written by Kerry Dorning, Year 5.

Harbury Carnival – June 11th, 2005

King and Queen

Congratulations to Adam O'Toole and Hannah McCluskey who have been selected as our King and Queen for Carnival 2005.

Fun for All

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 5th June, hosted this year by the Gamecock and will again include a separate race not involving alcohol (time to start training!). Please contact Dan Killian on 612265 to enter or for more information. The pub games competition will take place from June 6th to 9th inclusive and full details will be published in next month's Harbury News. In the meantime, please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends (again, I emphasise that this is not just an inter pub competition).

Other Business

If you want to book a stall or space on the field please call Mike McBride on 612421.

John Broomfield

Spirit of Harbury Award

The presentation to this year's recipient of the "Spirit of Harbury" award will take place on May 14th at the Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning.

Nominations please, for the person you feel has contributed to village life and helped to make Harbury a special place to live, to be sent to: Alison Hunt, 10 Farley Avenue or Andrew Hunt, 1 Sutcliffe Drive.

Andrew Hunt

Harbury Library

Several people who have heard that the entrance to the Library is to be changed have approached me.

I have investigated and been advised by the Library Service that this is to comply with the provisions of the recent Disability Discrimination Act.

Linda Kay says, "Harbury has proved to be a challenge as any work needs to be in keeping with the building. The following areas need to

be addressed: - the surface of the floor in the lobby is not suitable for wheelchair users; disabled parking space needs to be provided; the approach path needs to be made suitable for wheelchair users; the change of height from the path through the doors needs to be levelled; the inner door needs to open automatically – and needs to include glass for health and safety reasons, so one can be sure that someone in a wheelchair is not hit accidentally by the door.

At the moment the specialists employed by the County are designing the scheme that will address all these issues. We have stressed that the replacement automatic door will need to be sympathetic to the general ambience of the building. The external front door will remain unchanged, as this is always kept open. It is the lobby door, which will be automated.

We have not seen any final plans yet, but we are keen to ensure that Harbury Library is fully accessible for all our customers, but will still retain the character of the library.”

I have tried to make contact with WCC Property Services who are responsible for the work, but so far only our answer phones have communicated.

Linda Ridgley

Neighbourhood Watch News

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

HOW TO BEAT THE BOGUS CALLER

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes, people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into people's homes. These people are known as “distraction burglars” or “bogus officials”, whose only intention is to get into homes, distract people and steal their money and valuables. You should always be aware when someone you don't know calls at your door. By using the advice in this article, you can protect yourself and vulnerable members of your family.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the Council, the Police, Social Services, or gas, water or electricity companies. They may appear friendly and are very persuasive and convincing. They may be men, women or children. They will have a story or excuse as to why they should come in or why you should accompany them outside; they will often have a 'prop' such as a fake ID card, or wear overalls or a reflective jacket.

Most official visitors should always arrange an appointment with you beforehand. If you are not expecting them and are alone, ask them to call back when you have someone with you. Consider getting a 'Nominated neighbour notice' from your local police station. This can be held up to the window without opening the door, and the caller is instructed to contact your nominated neighbour, at number 36 for example, they will then check the callers ID for you and report back to you or accompany the caller back to your house.

There are four basics to remember when you have unsolicited callers at the door;

LOCK: Keep your front and back doors locked, even when at home.

STOP: Before you answer, stop and think if you are expecting anyone. Check you have locked any back door and taken the key out. Look through the spyhole or the window to see who it is.

CHAIN: If you decide to open the door, put the chain, or door bar on first. Keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep.

CHECK: Check the caller's identity thoroughly before you let them into your house and never agree to work being done on the spot or sign a contract if they are trying to sell something to you.

AND, IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!

BE AWARE OF THE CAR KEY BURGLAR!!

Modern motorcars are far more secure than ever before and many are nearly impossible to steal without the keys. This has led to an increase in night time domestic burglaries, to steal the keys for the car on your drive and occasionally in the garage.

If you have a garage please use it and lock it. Buy a shed for the junk in the garage; it's cheaper than the excess on the car insurance. Don't leave keys in sight of the windows or doors and never within reach of the letterbox. Try not to keep them in an obvious place such as a key rack in the kitchen, or a drawer in the hall table. Consider taking them upstairs with you at night.

Another place that has seen an increase in cars being stolen with the use of keys is petrol stations. With central release fuel caps, many people leave their keys in their car. Always remove them and lock the car whilst at the fuel station. Consider buying a cheap replacement locking fuel cap, which will make you remove the keys when you fill up. A car stolen with the keys left within can result in no insurance payout.

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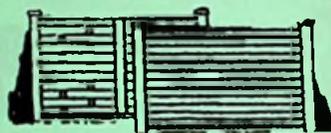
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The T.C.T. Event – A Recipe For Success

As the recent Jamie Oliver's T.V. programme on school dinners has demonstrated, a man with passion, drive and commitment can achieve almost anything. Pupils have been persuaded to eat their 'greens', dinner-ladies have purchased fresh and unprocessed foods and school budgets in the trial areas have received more than the currently quoted national price of 37p to feed each child. Jamie's recipe for success has, however, undoubtedly involved an extremely supportive, 'behind the scenes' back-up team, which has allowed his vision for the improved health of youngsters to come to fruition.

Harbury has its own man with a vision, who set out four years ago to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of the daughter of one of his cousins. The local 'recipe for success' of the T.C.T. which draws 500 Rock / Folk enthusiasts to the Sounds of the Sixties event requires:

- 1 organiser of tickets and raffle prizes
- 1 large marquee – usually referred to as the 'tent'
- 2 smaller marquees – loaned by the Porsche Owners Club
- 5 live bands – 20+ musicians offering their services 'free'
- 1 M.C. – who knows his music
- 8 scaffolders and tent erectors
- 2 carpenters - to create the stage and dance floor (the formidable team of 'Crockett' and Wally)
- 2 electricians
- 4 handy men / drivers – who collect and deliver all the materials
- 3 gatemen
- 8+ barmen – usually provided by Harbury Rugby Club
- 6 raffle prize sellers
- 2 auctioneers – for the special prizes offered by sponsors
- 1 food outlet provider
- 1 Girl Friday - who attends to the nutritional needs of all other volunteers, as they toil to create the 'offering'.

The volunteer 'mix' creates a family atmosphere of committed enthusiasts, whose main enjoyment is seeing a job well done and a fantastic outcome. The event also draws a generous 'helping' of prizes and sponsorship from local businesses and people in the village community.

The analogy with Jamie's achievements also extends to the national recognition of the local effort, as the Senior Manger of the T.C.T, Nigel Revill, attends the evening's live 'offering' and also returns several months later to receive the cheque from the local group. Last month, Nigel was on hand to accept the £5,000 cheque 'served up' by the local group, which has raised £24,250 to date. A further cheque for £200 was received from the Fusiliers pub, which took part in a charity raft race. They decided to add their support to the T.C.T. though the connection with Lee Williams, who is one of the stalwarts of the 'back-up' team.



Cheque presentation by the Fusiliers pub. Nigel Revill TCT – left of picture

In his vote of thanks to the local supporters, Nigel said that this is "the only event of its kind in the country" and he and some of the "current teenage beneficiaries from the Trust wouldn't miss it for the world".

Other 'ingredients', which will add to the success of this essentially local affair this year as in the previous 4 years, will be M.C. Jeff Harris, a presenter on SAGA 105.7 FM on Monday-Friday pm and Sunday am and the 'added spice' of a saxophonist recently returned from New Zealand. Within moments of arriving back in the area, he had made arrangements to join a rock and roll band from Birmingham, which had already been lined up as one of the live bands by T.C.T.'s local 'chef in charge'.

Who is the visionary who deftly 'stirs' all the local talent into a heady mix, which 'whets the appetite' of Rock enthusiasts? The 'quartermaster' is Joe Griffin, who enlists immediate support from wife

Pat and daughter, Michelle. He recognises however, that without the involvement of Brian, Cath, 'Crockett', Dave, John, Lee, Mick, Michael Wally and many others, the 'menu' could not be offered.



Cheque presentation by the local T.C.T. volunteers. Nigel Revill TCT - left of picture

If anyone is 'stirred' to add their support in any way, having 'feasted' on the recipe of essential ingredients previously listed, please get in touch with Joe on 613151 and make your contribution towards the health of some very deserving recipients.

The event is on Saturday 2nd July – tickets cost £10.00. The modest increase is needed to cover the increased cost of insurance for an outdoor event and the hire of the marquee.

Chris Finch

Harbury Twinning Association

The visit of our friends from Samoisi-sur-Seine is rapidly approaching—they will be arriving on the evening of May 13th and leaving on the morning of May 16th. All those wishing to come have families to stay with, and we are now finalising the details of activities for the weekend. These include a bowls match, canoeing on the Leam, a walk, and a trip to London. The main event of the weekend will be a dinner in the Village Hall with music by the Vanilla House Band. There will be a meeting for all host families in the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm on Wednesday May 4th.

The Association will still be busy after our French guests have left. We have a coffee morning on Saturday 28th May and gifts of cakes, home produce and raffle prizes would be very welcome. We will be running our usual baguette stall at the carnival on June 11th, and celebrating Bastille Day on July 14th.

Sharon Hancock

Access to the Market Towns

Access 4 Southam, part of the Vision 4 Southam Market Towns Initiative, is set to help businesses located in and around Southam find out how they can - and why they should! - make Southam an 'Accessible' town.

To help generate plans for how this can be done, businesses will be invited to come along to Grange Hall, Southam on the afternoon of Friday, 22nd April to find out more and put forward ideas for discussion.

Experts on hand will be explaining how smaller enterprises can take positive steps towards the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (1995). This important group of people appreciate a little extra, thoughtful help - whether it's written material made available in clear print or simply a well-planned customer area.

Programme

- 13.00 – 13.30 - Refreshments
- 13.30 – 13.40 – Introductory Speech - Sir William Lawrence – chair of The South Warwickshire Business Partnership
- 13.40 – 14.15 - How Does Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 affect small businesses? Paul Ford – Small Business Adviser
- 14.15 – 14.50 - Access Auditing – Anne Wilson Ramsay of AMEC
- 14.50 – 15.30 - Questions and discussion
- 15.30 – 16.00 - Networking and Close

The programme will allow plenty of time for an informal question and answer session and will be hosted by Sir William Lawrence, chair of the South Warwickshire Business Partnership, which is supporting the event. Further details about the programme will be posted on www.swbp.org.uk and www.southamonline.co.uk soon.

Guests are asked to note that only limited parking is available at the Grange Hall. Limited free public parking is available at Wood Street, Southam.

Pre-registration for this event is required as places are limited. For registration or to find out more about Access 4 Southam, please contact **Julia Aratoon**, Market Towns Officer, on 01789 260103, 08913 295235 or email Julia.Aratoon@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Kate Lewis

Woollen Hats – Sea Farers

Please note that the collection of woollen hats for seafarers is discontinued as from 30th March and will recommence on 1st September. Ports at Felixstowe, Immingham and Bristol have sent their good wishes and heartfelt thanks to all the knitters for their time, wool and skill. Well done!

Bill Davies

A Prayer for the Stressed

I had this poem given to me a couple of years ago and thought that it could bring a smile;

“Grant me the sincerity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I cannot accept,

And also, help me to be careful of the toes I step on today as they might be connected to the feet I may have to kiss tomorrow.

Help me give 100% at work

12% on Monday

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20% on Thursday

and 5% on Friday

and help me to remember,

when I’m having a bad day

and it seems like people are trying to wind me up,

it takes 42 muscles to frown,

28 to smile and only 4

to extend my arm and smack someone in the MOUTH.”

Pam Cleaver

Drop-in Tea for the Bereaved

The future meetings for the Drop-in Tea will take place on the LAST Wednesday of the month, instead of the present fourth Wednesday. This will help to avoid the confusion, which sometime occurs.

We come together in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere anytime between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. If you have been bereaved and feel this group may be helpful to you, then please do come along and try it. Some people come regularly, others occasionally, but everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

If you would like more details please contact either Pam Brown on 612377 or Jill Winter on 612585. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th April.

Jill Winter

Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

The Committee would like to thank Andrew, Carole, the staff and all the customers of the Shakespeare, for their contributions to the £188.18 raised by donations to the bottle, which was opened recently. This will be a very welcome addition to the funds needed for the summer outing, which this year is to Bath. Once again, many thanks to all.



Sue Exton (Secretary)

Myton Hospice Fundraising Concert

The Warwickshire Singers with The Almayer String Quartet – All Saints Church, Harbury on Saturday 30th April at 7.30pm. Entry at the door - £5 (£2.50 concessions).

Established over 20 years ago, the Warwickshire Singers perform regularly throughout the area in churches, National Trust properties such as Charlecote House and Hanbury Hall, and The Bell at Alderminster, with a popular Christmas concert of carols by candlelight. In recent years the choir has visited Shropshire and Kent, and performed on concert tours in Paris and Malta, and there is a trip to Prague planned for the coming autumn.

For the concert in Harbury on 30th April, in aid of the Myton Hospice Appeal, the Warwickshire Singers will be joined by the Almayer String Quartet in a varied and entertaining programme – to include Handel's "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" and the exuberant "Magnificat" by Pergolesi. A contrasting second half has popular ballads such as "The Way We Were" and "Lullaby of Birdland", music by Gershwin and Cole Porter, and a "Tango" and a "Cha-Cha" from the string quartet!

Paul Sudlow

A Call to all Young People

The Depot Charity (Outreach Service) has agreed to come to Harbury to offer advice and guidance to all young people aged 11 to 25 years and the first "Drop In" facility will be held on Tuesday 5th April in the Village Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

The Depot "Bus" will also visit the village on Thursday evenings arriving around 6pm commencing on Thursday 7th April.

The Thursday evening facility will provide an opportunity for young people to meet with Outreach Workers for discussions/organise activities.

This arrangement is for a limited six-week period and will end on the week commencing 9th May (last Tuesday session in the Village hall on Tuesday 10th May and Thursday evening visit on Thursday 12th May).

It is hoped that many young people will attend these sessions.

Janet Thornley

Text 2 talk

Warwickshire Police in partnership with Warwickshire County Council, Connexions Youth Service and Stagecoach in Warwickshire has launched an innovative service to support young victims of bullying and racial harassment – text2talk.

Throughout the country, bullying causes distress and anxiety to many children. Victims often avoid reporting the problem because they feel uncomfortable about telling their teachers or family, or they fear reprisals. By consulting with groups of young people about how best to report these incidents and acknowledging the fact that over 80% of young people now own or have use of a mobile phone:

The text2talk service has arrived

Text2talk is a new mechanism where young people can text in a message to help them “stand up to the bullies” without using more traditional and face-to-face methods.

- The young person texts in 07786 200 999 to report bullying or racial harassment. If the incident is bullying, then *bully* is texted in, if the incident is racial harassment, then *racist* is texted in. If the young person doesn't want any further contact with the partnership then, *No* is texted in. If the person texting in the message wants help and support from the Warwickshire Partnership, then *Yes* is texted in.
- The service is confidential
- The text message is received at Warwickshire Police headquarters where a call handler working within the Communications Centre evaluates it. If the message is a *Yes* message then the message will be passed on to the appropriate partner agency to support and help the young person. If the message is a *No* message, no further contact will be made.
- Every message will receive an automated response immediately and any call back contact requested is guaranteed within five working days.

Text2talk is being promoted at senior schools throughout the country at school assemblies and also by posters and marketing material distributed around the schools.

Within the community, details about text2talk will be displayed in police stations, libraries, doctors' surgeries, dentists' surgeries, on Parish

Council notice boards and in community centres. The Stagecoach Bus Service is also displaying posters on their buses for the next two years, free of charge.

The service has been set up following a successful bid by Warwickshire Police for a Home Office grant of £105,000 to provide support for young people suffering from victimisation by bullies. An additional grant of £40,000 was received from the local Positive About Young People Group and Warwickshire Police have contributed £40,000.

The Warwickshire Partnership includes Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Positive About Young People, Connexions Youth Service and Stagecoach in Warwickshire.

Police Public Relations Team

Blood Donor Session

The next session will be in Harbury Village Hall on Thursday April 21st, the times are 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm. As always, all blood groups are needed; the more common the group is the more patients blood groups they match!

Last session produced 94 donations so we still haven't hit the hundred. How about you new 17 year olds, before you buzz off to University?

If time is a problem, you can make an appointment on 0845 7711711. Any other queries phone me on 614809.

Gillian Hare

Cemetery

With reference to last month's magazine - March issue, in which a note mentioned Harbury Cemetery parking.

The undertakers and professional funeral organisers do ensure their way is clear when they conduct an interment and so do other people who use the cemetery services to tend a grave etc.

Some people travel from far and wide to visit Harbury Cemetery and to be able to park is a big help to them.

The former parking notice was to assist cemetery visitors and not intended for other, general parking.

Mike Bloxham

Time Out – Ufton

Beaded Tassels - Thursday 21 April 10am - 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Stephanie Burnham returns to Ufton and will show us how to make beaded tassels to add a decorative touch to home furnishings and even jewellery. Cost £5 for workshop; select your materials, colours etc., on the day, cost approx. £5 depending on your choice.

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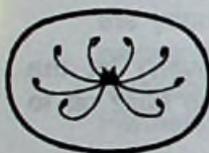
Please book early, as places are **strictly limited**

Spring Fayre

Saturday 2nd April -2.30pm -Village Hall

It's here! Come along and buy toys and gifts. Browse through the Bric a Brac and try your luck on the tombola. Face painting for children. Great raffle prizes to be won too. Please come and help raise funds for your Village Hall.

Karin Kirk



Horticultural Society

Mr Reg Moule gave an entertaining and informative talk focusing on decorative vegetables in amongst flowers – he called it “Integrated Gardening”, each plant earning its place. This method often cuts down pests, which use sight for homing into the host plants, e.g. cabbage white – so they become confused! He gave many tips and stressed that feeding and enriching the soil are the most important. Add interest and height by shaping small fruit trees (on miniature stock) into a lollipop. When growing runners, try either white or pink flowers that set well as they have had French bean bred into them. He did not show any slides, and no one could think of a question to ask!

Will those who have booked for the coach trip to Stapely Water Gardens also Arley Old Hall on Thursday 9th June and have not yet paid, please do so soon, the cost is £13. You can also pay for the evening trip (on Thursday 23rd June to Mill Dene Gardens – price £24) and John will be pleased to see you, I am sure!

The hour has gone on, the birds are singing – it must be spring. We have had some wintry cold spells this year, I wonder what the rest of the season holds for us, only time will tell. I will be glad when the

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"Black-thorn" winter is over.

July seems a long way off but already we are looking for new gardens to feature in the Walkabout weekend – Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July. It is good to have a mix of new ones and the old favourites. Please contact Judy on 613103 or Daphne on 612829.

Janice has started work on the September Show. The committee felt that the wine section will probably be discontinued, as so few competitors have entered in the last few years. So if you want to keep it please

contact Janice by mid-April on 614459 – and then of course enter some exhibits. The subject for the photo section this year will be **Christmas Festivities**, so we hope those photos will be at hand!



The Malvern Spring Show this year will take place on Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May, please see our notice board for details.

The next talk – last of this series, will be "Hidcote Gardens" and will be given by Mr Duncan Coombson on Tuesday 3rd May – the day after May Bank Holiday.

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

After the unique flora and fauna of New Zealand and Australia, it could have been an anticlimax to reconnect with the UK. Far from it - with its evergreen trees, the Antipodes are a world away from the stark appearance of our winter landscape. Arriving home on March 14th, we had 2 or 3 days of cold grey weather but missed the 2 or 3 weeks you endured.

On the 18th March, a superb spring day arrived, with temperatures of 16C (60F). Walking along a short stretch of the Stratford canal, close to the town centre, I was delighted to see both Brimstone and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies on the wing. They were specimens, which had re-emerged after hibernation. The male and female Small Tortoiseshells have identical markings, but the Brimstone I saw was a male, the female having markedly paler under wings, and can be mistaken for a Large White. By the canal, the bees were getting busy and Mallards pairing off, with males fighting over mates and territory.

The following day, I observed frogs and a mass of frogspawn in a garden pond in South Parade. That evening I just managed to avoid squashing a frog which was hopping across the road near Warwick Gates. How do they get insurance cover?



On March 22nd, the weather was dominated by a warm southwesterly airflow. Leaving Bishops Itchington via Hambridge Road, always a quiet route, I came across my first wild Violets of the year. The intense, unfolding deep blue of the first small clump came as a shock. The spell was broken when I found some of the rare white form near Knightcote. Closer to Fenny Compton, nestling in a low hedge, I spotted a narrow, trumpet-like flower, which being coloured white through pink to blue reminded me of Comfrey. However, May/June is the likely time to see this flower. Consulting my copy of Richard Mabey's *Flora Britannica*, I identified it as Lungwort, like Comfrey, of the Borage family, and as its name suggests, used by early herbalists to treat lung disease.

Coming home over the Dassett Hills, the sky to the east grew very dark while sunbeams shone down on the Vale of The Red Horse. I came through the odd small shower and now a rainbow with its message of hope looped across the sky. The hawthorn hedges were breaking into leaf, some fruit trees were in flower, and spring was gathering for its great leap forward.

John Hancock

Gardening Notes

"If apples bloom in March, in vain for 'un you'll search. If apples bloom in April, why then they'll be plentiful." Well, so far I have not seen any apple blossom although our damson tree is coming into bloom. The soil is warming and the lengthening days will encourage weeds into growth so now is the time to keep them under control. The Dutch hoe is the ideal tool for the annual weeds, but also make sure you dig out the roots of any perennial weeds at the same time. Fork in a general fertiliser around all plants in borders and finish the beds with compost, straw or bark mulch, which will smother further weeds and also attract dew to keep plants moist. Research suggests mulch should be 3"(7cm) deep.

Towards the end of the month, tidy perennials such as penstemons and hardy fuchsias, where old growth was left for winter protection, feed them and give a good mulch of manure or compost. Complete planting of herbaceous perennials grown from cuttings in autumn or ones bought in. Plant out young plants of viola, pansy and antirrhinum, Sow easy to raise, hardy annuals in trays or in situ. In beds sow in irregular rows and mark their position with sand, this will distinguish them from weeds as they grow, making it easier to weed and thin. As plants grow the rows are disguised. Open-faced flowers such as tagetes and calendulas attract good garden insects such as hover flies. Choose plants that are tolerant of adverse summer weather especially as we are now told we may have a ban on the use of water in the garden. Sow quick maturing half-hardy bedding varieties such as alyssum and petunia in trays in the greenhouse or on a windowsill in very good light. Buy in tots if they can be kept in warmth and good light, but do not plant these out yet some garden centres have them on sale far too early.

Plan and begin to plant hanging baskets and containers by the end of month. Keep them in the greenhouse or conservatory until the risk of frost is over when they should have become well established. Take

cuttings from short-lived perennials, eg. lupins, delphiniums, which have to be discarded every 3-4 years. Vigorous growers, eg. Michaelmas daisies and golden rod need dividing annually or at most every two years.

Deadhead daffodils regularly, but leave foliage for at least six weeks after flowering finishes. Label any clumps with poor flowering for division later. Give a liquid feed or a sprinkle of general fertiliser. Deadhead pansies and polyanthus, the latter will tend to die back in dry weather but the roots will survive to establish new plants in the autumn by division at that time.

Plant dahlia tubers towards end of month and gladioli at intervals over next few weeks for successive blooming. Put in other summer bulbs, including hybrid lilies, add sand to planting hole on heavy soil. Cut back plants with grey foliage such as Artemisia, towards the end of the month, removing about 4-6 in (5-7 cm) of old growth.

In the vegetable plot, before sowing anything, warm and dry the soil with black plastic sheeting or cloches. Then prepare seed beds and rake in a general fertiliser. Sow parsnips, beetroot, broad beans, carrots, summer cabbage, kohlrabi, leeks, peas, spinach and turnips. Under glass and in warmth sow aubergines, cucumbers, French beans, marrow, melon, outdoor tomatoes and at end of month, sweet corn. Consider lettuce variety, "Salad bowl", from which single leaves can be harvested. This and radish and spring onions can all be grown in a flower border where their foliage mixes well with flowering annuals. Finish planting first early potatoes at beginning of month; second earlies, main crop and salad varieties go in from mid-month.

April is a good month to re-seed bare patches or sow a new lawn or lay turf. If sowing seed, cover with clear plastic or fleece to keep birds off until germination. For tough wearing include some rye grass. Treat with combined weed and moss killer in granular form for longer lasting effect. Rake out the moss and dig out any perennial weeds before they flower. Set the mower blades at 4cm for early cuts and the task of regular mowing now begins.

Pat Smith

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Dear Editors

On behalf of Micki and Roy I would like to thank all our friends who have sent so many cards and expressed so many kind thoughts on the sad loss of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and best friend.

Thank you to Father Roy for his prayers and help in arranging the Service of Thanksgiving. Also many thanks to the staff of Myton Hospice for their help and kindness over the last few weeks which meant so much to Muriel and myself. I would also like to say how much the support and friendship of our friends, especially the members of the "Not the W.I" and Southam Bowls Club during Muriel's illness has meant to both of us and finally to give my heartfelt thanks to Celia and Vanda whose support and encouragement over these recent days has helped me so much.

Ted Coupe

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning on February 26th in aid of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Appeal. You made it such a success that we have been able to send a cheque for £310 to this very worthwhile cause.

Our thanks go to Helen for her continued help in organising the raffle and Joyce, Doreen and Barbara for those extra hands that we always need.

Pat and Sylvia

Dear Editors

Carmen and myself would like to thank everyone for their help and support at the STEPS coffee morning on 19 March 2004 at the Tom Hauley. In particular Corinne, Pina, Norma and Sara - your help was invaluable! We raised £160 at the coffee morning and was then given a very generous donation from Mr Jones at Parkinson Jones Surveyors to take the total up to £200.

STEPS is a small charity that helps and aids children and their families with

lower limb abnormalities, so this donation will help them enormously.
 Many thanks again and hope to see everyone next year with a slightly taller
 Carmen!

Karena Ellis & the CCC Girls

Dear Editors

May I on behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind Association thank Sheila Jackson and her friends for their work in organising the coffee morning on the 12th March in the Tom Hauley Room. We collected £210 from which we are able to provide a harness, handle, lead, collar and bell for three guide dogs - all important equipment. We are also able to provide two dog beds.

Thanks to all who attended the coffee morning and supported us with cakes, prizes and the raffle.

Mae Watson

Dear Editors

To all the friends and patients of Harbury and Bishop's Surgery, I am sorry that I took the cowardly way out by not telling everyone that I was leaving, but I am terrible at saying goodbye and after nineteen years there are a lot of people to say "so long it's been good to know you" to. I shall miss you all and there will be no more free consultations in Sainsbury's when we meet, maybe a cup of coffee and a chat would be nice. I will sign off now as I can't see the screen and keyboard anymore.

All my love and best wishes

Nurse Nesta

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