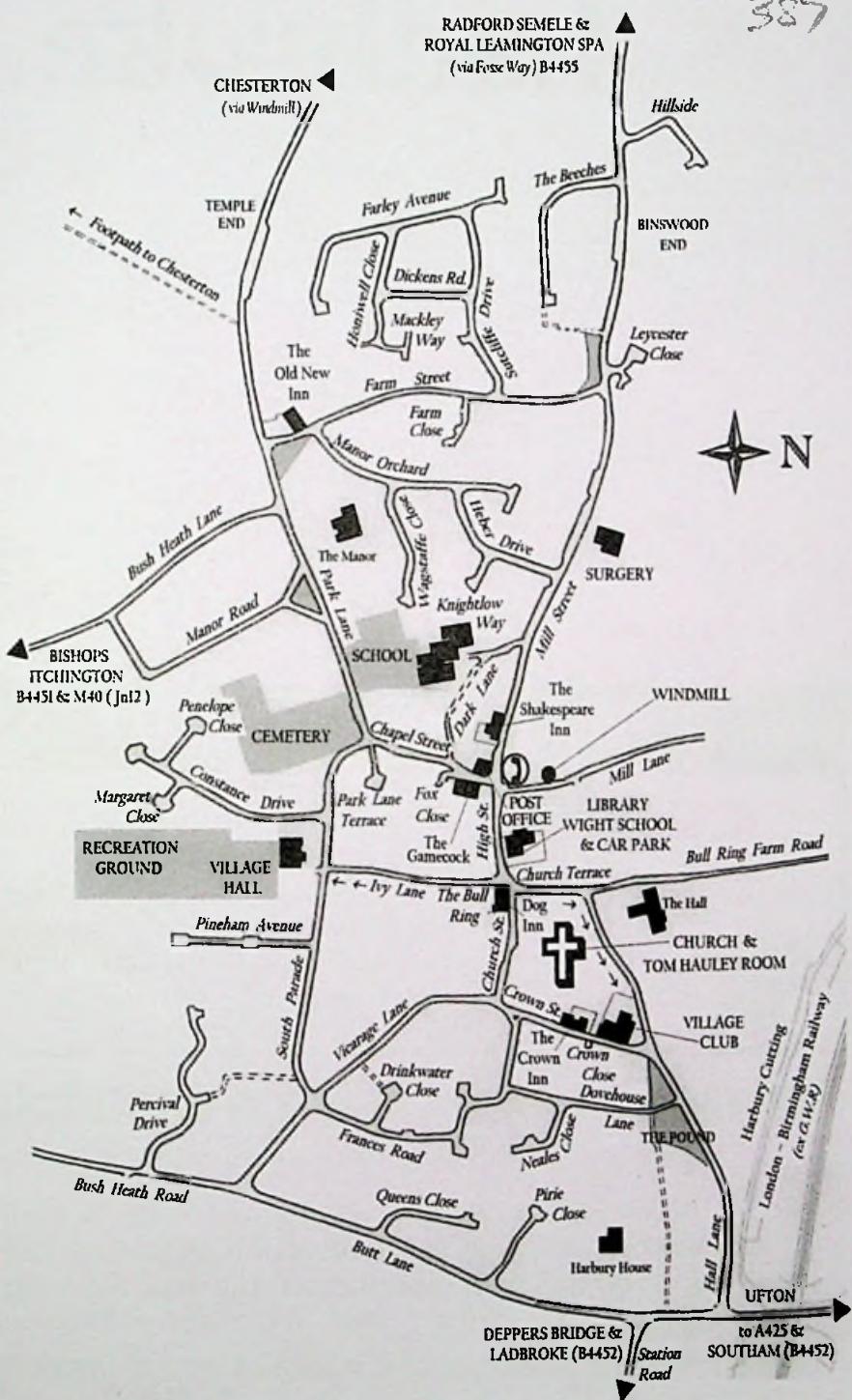
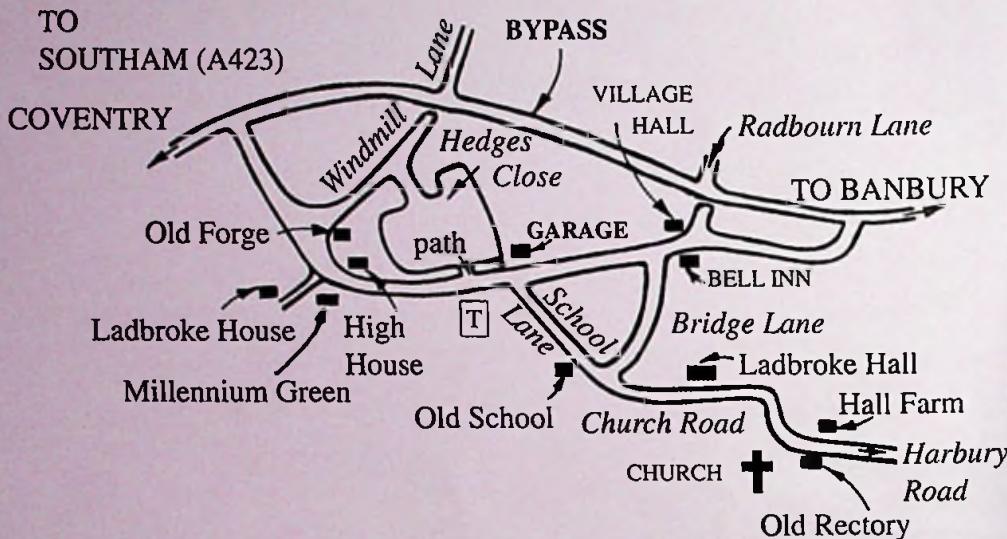


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Editorial

Our congratulations go to Joyce Windsor on being recently awarded the Spirit of Harbury Shield. As can be read in the profile of Joyce, which appears in the magazine she has contributed a lot to the village in a quiet and unassuming way. After two years as Chairman of Harbury Parish Council, Jenny Patrick has stood down and passed the mantle on to Kevin Biddle. Jenny has been a very active Chairman and given a lot of her time for the good of the village.

The visit by villagers to our twin Samois-sur-Seine seems to have been a great success. As usual great hospitality was shown by the French hosts and we look forward to their return visit in May next year.

This month sees the start of the summer season of village activities. Harbury Carnival is on Saturday, 10th June; John Broomfield, in an article, has provided the timings for the day and the categories for entering the Carnival procession. At Ladbroke the Fete is being held on Saturday, 3rd June and there is a Strawberry Fair at Ladbroke Village Hall on 22nd June.

We have been asked to remind villagers to securely tie their rubbish bags when placing them out for collection. Unfortunately, rubbish from an untied sack was recently strewn around one of the village streets when an unsecured bag was left out.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Nancy Stubbs of



Harbury Diary

JUNE

- Sat 3 RUBBISH COLLECTION
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Netball Club
10am – 12noon
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 11-2pm on Dog Car Park
Garden Furniture Sale 10-4pm at Village Hall
- Sun 4 PENTECOST
Sung Eucharist 9am
Evening Worship 6pm
Garden Furniture Sale 10-4pm at Village Hall
- Mon 5 SCHOOL STARTS
Village Hall Committee 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 6 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Holy Communion 2pm
Mothers Union 2.30pm
“Talk it Through” at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury and Ladbroke Churchmen’s Group Meeting at Chesterton 7.30pm
“Lost Gardens of Chesterton”
W.I. Meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 9 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St James Ministry for International Development 10.00am 12.00pm
CARNIVAL
Procession leaves Sutcliffe Drive at 1.30pm
Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Recreation Ground
- Sun 11 TRINITY SUNDAY
Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 13 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Toddler Service 2pm in Church
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sat 17 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Choice
Donations 10.00am 12.00pm
Junior Football Presentation Evening in Village Hall

Sun	18	TRINITY I
		Holy Communion 8am
		Family Communion 10.30am
		Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after Service
		Evensong 6pm
		STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL
Tues	20	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Mothers Union 8pm
Wed	21	Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8pm in Village Hall
		Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
		"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
Thurs	22	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
		A.C.T Festival in Village Hall ring Alison Hodge for tickets 612029
Fri	23	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
		ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST,
		HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
		A.C.T Festival in Village Hall ring Alison Hodge for tickets 612029
Sat	24	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Holiday Club 10.00am 12.00pm
		Concert by Bach Choir 7.30pm in All Saints Church
		Entertainment Evening in Village Club 7.30pm. In aid of MacMillan Cancer Relief
		A.C.T Festival in Village Hall ring for tickets 612029
Sun	25	TRINITY II
		Holy Communion 8am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Cricket 1sts home to Radway
Tues	27	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Julian Meeting AGM 8pm at Rectory
Wed	28	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
Thurs	29	Holy Communion 9.45am
JULY		
Sat	1	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Twinning 10am – 12noon
		Thanksgiving Eucharist 1pm
		Harbury School Summer Fayre 2 – 5pm in School Grounds
		Benediction 4.15pm
Sun	2	TRINITY III
		Sung Eucharist 9am
		Evening Worship 6pm
		Cricket 1sts home to Aynho
Tues	4	Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wed	5	Mother's Union Garden Party at the Rectory
Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room
		Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
Fri	7	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat	8	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs 10am – 12noon
Sun	9	TRINITY IV Holy Communion 8am Sung Eucharist 10.30am

From the Rector



All Saints
HARBURY

Father Roy Brown

Another question I'm asked frequently is "Why me?" A question I have been asking myself. In answer to this I reproduce the following from Abba Imma – a miscellany of pieces for the Parish magazine – by Norman Goodacre.

Why me?

A very familiar Cri de Coeur when we become victims of evil in the form of serious illness or of some dastardly deed, is to cry out, 'why me?' Implying of course that we feel that although our lives are not perfect, yet we have done reasonably well. Is God perhaps displeased with us for some reason? Is the accident, the infection, or the cancer, something God is visiting upon us for a reason we cannot discern? When we find it impossible to obtain a job on leaving school, or we suddenly lose our job in our thirties, do we not feel frustrated, unwanted and redundant – thrown on the heap? 'Why me?'

There is no easy answer to this problem of evil. You will remember the case of the man born blind, in St John's Gospel, who is brought to Jesus with the question: 'Why was this man born blind? Who sinned, this man or his parents?' Jesus, before answering turned the attention of the enquirers away from the problem itself and made a somewhat startling comment. 'He was born blind so that God's power might be displayed in curing him.' The healing power of God so wonderfully shown in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ was sufficient explanation.

In a word it is not what happens to us that is important, but what we do about it. Jesus went to his own death in his early thirties. He did it for us. As Mrs Alexander says, in her wonderful hymn:

*There is no other good enough
 To pay the price of sin.
 He could unlock the gate
 Of Heaven and let us in.*

It is the saving death of Jesus himself that makes possible the redemption of the world from sin and pain and death. Jesus did not say, 'Why me?' He said, 'Father forgive them.' St Stephen did not show self pity: he simply said, 'Lord by not this sin to their charge'. In the final act for us all is not 'Why me?', but 'allow me to offer myself to you.' 'Use me, Lord, in this that has happened to me? Use me for your Glory.'

This certainly helped me with my problem!

This year I celebrate the 25th Anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood, and on Saturday 1st July there will be a Thanksgiving Eucharist at 1pm at All Saints Harbury.

I do hope as many people as possible will join with me on this occasion.

Following the service there will be a Bring and Share Lunch.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

May 7 Arthur James Giblin

Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke

May 23 Ida Annie (Nancy) Stubbs (86)

Thought for the Month

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From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

We'd like to thank Ruth and Olly for their presentation at May's Family Communion Service. They gave us a modern re-enactment of the story of Martha and Mary: Olly's miming was especially accomplished. They reminded us of something very important: that in the midst of all our busy-ness we should make the time both to listen to God and to look at all His many gifts to us, for at busy times we tend to miss what is precious.

As you will know, Father Roy is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a Thanksgiving Eucharist on Saturday 1st July at 1pm. This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Everyone is welcome. If you are not able to come to the service, please do join us for the lunch. It would be helpful if everyone could bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks will be provided.



St George's Day Baptism of
Ethan Michael Coulter

Harbury & Ladbroke Churchmen's Group

Jeff Bedford

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th June at Chesterton. Local historian and archaeologist David Adams will describe the early buildings at the site including Peyton house and the once extensive gardens, which were behind the Church and on the hillside.

Suitable footwear for fields is recommended. All visitors welcome.

Meet at the lych-gate of Chesterton Church at 7.30pm.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

The month gave members several opportunities to view the work of Mothers' Union in a wider context than our own parish. First, at our afternoon meeting, Mrs Janet Jenkins described how she was involved with her branch at Knowle (near Solihull) in making a new M.U. banner for their linked branch in Papua, New Guinea. She then solved the problem of its safe transport by undertaking the trip herself, and with the help of slides described her experience. We were particularly struck by the cheerful enthusiasm of all the ladies out there, many in their 'uniform' of blue and white.

Then Mary and Gillian went to St Mark's in Leamington, to hear Reg Bailey, the M.U. Chief Executive. If that makes us sound like a big business, well in a way we are, with 3.6 million members in 77 countries worldwide. In an exceptionally well structured talk, he used his subject of 'Answering God's Call' to relate the characteristics of various biblical characters to the work which M.U. does today. Such projects as help for asylum seekers, literacy and development in Africa, health educations, family holidays and prison contact centres, all supported by prayer, made us feel proud to be part of such a great organisation.

The third opportunity saw a group of us sharing in a deanery service in Southam. The speaker was Mrs Tina Lamb, wife of the vicar of the Warmington group of churches; her subject again was God's Call. A convivial time of tea and chat followed.

Our evening meeting heard about work which ties in well with our aim of supporting family life. Mrs Julie Wakefield, of Warwickshire Family Learning Programme, explained how they can help parents who missed out on a good school experience themselves, develop good literacy and numeracy skills alongside their children. This gave them more confidence in their relationships with their children. Julie emphasised the importance of the home environment; children only actually spend 15% of their waking hours in school.

Dates:

June 7th at 2.30pm - Chris Cooke, "A Visit to Kenya".

- June 20th at 8pm - Ruth Lee, the Social Policy Officer from Mary Sumner House. Anyone interested is warmly invited to join us for what promises to be a good evening; tea and cakes are promised too!
- July 5th at 2.30pm - AGM and garden meeting in the Vicarage, by kind invitation of Father Roy and Pam.
- June 21st - Ruth Lee will be speaking in the Chapter House of the Cathedral 10am – 3.30pm
- July 29th - our turn for a coffee morning and lunch.
- August 9th at 2.30pm - A celebration of Mary Sumner Day, in Southampton.

To finish, a quote from Reg Bailey:

When we get what we deserve, it is justice

When we don't get what we deserve, it is Mercy

When we get what we don't deserve, it is Grace.



Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

Mrs. Lesley Jones came to our service in May, dressed in her post uniform, and told us about being a Postlady in Harbury. Mrs. Jones had sketched a number of coloured drawings to illustrate her day, starting off with a picture of an alarm clock ringing at 5am, right up to the end of her workday, when she showed a picture of kicked off shoes and a welcome cup of tea!

We sang two songs, One More Step Along the Way I Go, and Jesus Love is very Wonderful.

Out of her big red post bag, Mrs Jones gave each child a large post card with the words God Loves You on the front. We then had to stick pictures on the reverse side to make a picture post card.

Our next service is on Tuesday 13th June at 2pm in Church. Young children and babies, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome to join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

JUNE

- Sat 3 FETE DAY at Ladbroke on Millennium Green 1 – 4pm
 Sun 4 PENTECOST
 Sun 11 TRINITY SUNDAY
 Sung Communion 9am
 Mon 12 Millennium Club Draw 8pm
 Thurs 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
 Sun 18 TRINITY I
 Sung Communion 9am
 Thurs 22 Strawberry Fayre at Ladbroke Village Hall 7.30pm
 Fri 23 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST,
 HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
 Sun 25 TRINITY II
 Sung Communion 9am
- JULY**
- Sun 2 TRINITY III
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Sun 9 TRINITY IV
 Sung Communion 9am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

- June 4th Jo Sowerby – (Whitsun)
 June 11th Jo Sowerby
 June 18th Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman
 June 25th Rhian Kelsall & Lois Workman
 July 2nd Christine Baker



Alberta



Women's Fellowship

Betty Winkfield

We had a very happy afternoon at Hazel's home at our last meeting. We all tried to remember some interesting happenings in our childhood. We couldn't really think of anything funny, except for Mary Haynes. On the face of it, it doesn't sound funny but when you see her ask her about the time her father got shot!

We are going to Chastleton House near Moreton-in-the-Marsh for our outing in June. I suggest we meet outside the church at 10.30am, which gives us time to see some of Moreton before having lunch. We are booked for 2pm to go round the house. It is a National Trust property – if you would like to join us, please do.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

Firstly, we were all very sad at Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI on receiving the news of the death of one of our most long serving members - Nancy Stubbs. Nancy had been a member of our WI for many years and had many friends there who will miss her greatly. Our deepest sympathy goes to Alan and Nancy's family.

We held our Resolutions meeting this month. Liz Fox from County gave us detailed background on this year's Resolutions. Subjects were legislation and policy requiring the use of renewable energy and recognising that participation in sport is an essential factor in the creation of a healthy population. An interesting discussion ensued, following which we took a vote and came to a unanimous decision on both subjects.

Cheese and Wine was once again supplied by Jan (our thanks to her). The vote of thanks together with a plant was given by Susan to Liz.

REMINDERS

June 3rd 2006 - Fete Day at Ladbroke on the Millennium Green from 1pm to 4pm.

WI will be providing teas and cakes. All welcome. Please come along and support us.

June 22nd 2006 - Strawberry Fayre at Ladbroke Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

White Elephant, Strawberry Teas, Plants, Cake Stall, Raffle, Tombola. Everyone welcome.

Please come along and support this event.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club**Catherine Spence**

Here are the results of the April Draw;

- £70 Kim Benzak
- £25 Sue Halsall
- £25 Chris Baker
- £10 Pam Collins
- £10 Graham Lewis
- £10 Margaret Whitehouse

Next month's draw will take place on Monday 12th June at 8pm.

Pink Party at Walworth Farm**Kay, Moira & Susan**

Kay, Moira and Susan want to say a big thank you to all those who so generously supported the Race for Life fund raiser held on Saturday 20th May.

An estimated figure of 80 people packed into the venue to help the three hostesses raise some £300 for Cancer Research UK, not to mention the sponsorship for the event at Warwick racecourse in June.

Special thanks go to Christine and Pat, our glamorous raffle ticket sellers.



In Memory of Nancy Stubbs

Betty Winkfield

Nancy and Alan moved to Ladbroke Hall 23 years ago to be near their family. Nancy was a lifelong member of the Church and was soon to be seen in the Augmented Choir, the Women's Fellowship and the Mother's Union meetings in Harbury. She had been a member of the Mother's Union for over 50 years. She ran our Women's Fellowship for several years, it was in decline when she took it over: it was soon up and running along M.U lines.

Nancy had a good singing voice and it seemed that she knew all the words to all of the hymns; she never needed a hymn book.

When Alan, the Church Treasurer, was seriously ill in the 1990's, Nancy became 'The Treasurers Runner' – his deputy – I think she quite enjoyed that. Something else she always enjoyed was running the raffle stalls with her friend Beryl Ross, they were always there, whatever the cause or organisation.

She leaves a big gap in all of our lives, we haven't yet come to terms with seeing her pew empty at the front of the church, it was regularly filled every Sunday, (there had to be a very good reason if not) for 23 years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan particularly and Nancy's family at this very sad time.



Gill Russell out for a recent ride around the villages



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Official minutes can be viewed in the Library or obtained from the Parish Clerk

This was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, not to be confused with the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier in the month, which was an opportunity for parishioners to quiz Councillors.

This meeting thrashed out the representation on various committees and saw a change of Chair – Jenny Patrick standing down and Vice-Chairman Kevin Biddle assuming the Chain of Office.

Jenny Patrick was not present but sent a statement thanking all her fellow Councillors for their support and hoping that the "friendly relations" with Bishops Itchington would continue.

There were no members of the public bringing problems to the attention of the Councillors. No report from the Police or from the Parish Representatives at Harbury or Southam School, although County Councillor Bob Stevens who is Chair of the Governors at Southam explained theirs had been a short meeting as it clashed with the important Arsenal match!

However things livened up a bit when Janet Thornley reported that a Village Hall Development Steering Group had set itself up and was seeking a grant of £500 for administrative expenses from the Parish Council. They were exploring possible improvements to the existing hall and more grandiose plans for sports provision and energy efficiency.

Tony Mancell, Chair of Finance, tried to tease out the relationship of this group to the Village Hall Management Committee and was not satisfied that the VHDSG was yet properly constituted. Cllrs Thornley and Lockley argued that the VHDSG did not want to be directly associated with the Village Hall Management Committee but it was explained that as they had no Bank Account or Constitution they could not be considered at present for a grant.

Deppers Bridge representative Dutch van Spall was still battling to get Weight Restrictions on the road through the hamlet, complaining that the Quality Freight Routes brokered by the County with the Haulage Companies were not working. He was frustrated that the County would not survey the problem. Dutch asked the Parish to investigate the growing of rape in fields used for the GM trials (Defra said there should be a seven year break to ensure no cross pollination

from "volunteers" from the trails). And the traffic calming bollards need repairing again! "They are neither use nor ornament" asserted new Chairman Kevin Biddle.

PLANNING - Stratford District refused the demolition of old workshops and their replacement with new units on land off Ufton Road. They approved a Conservatory at 25 Farm Street; extensions to No 1 and 61 Deppers Bridge; and the stationing of caravans for storage and accommodation on a casual basis at Bridge End Farm, Bull Ring Lane.

Harbury Council made no representation on the porch planned at 19 South Parade or the cottage at West Field Farm but asked that neighbours views be sought on plans for an extension at 23 Manor Orchard and tarmac over of the lawn for car parking; they objected strongly to the third application to extend 30 Percival Drive and pointed out that Pinewood House, Bush Heath Lane was not a farm and asked that the District satisfy itself "as to the use" that the "agricultural building" would be put. They noted the letter received from John Smith protesting at the permission granted at Springfield Farm where it is claimed unauthorised use is being made of an agricultural barn.

They were incandescent with rage that the District had dismissed their objections to the plans at The Lodge hall Lane and have demanded that the Chief of Enforcement attend the next meeting to explain what his department is doing.

Cllr Lockley reported on the progress towards a Masterplan for the Quarries. The last meeting had been to discuss the Ecological Report and whilst there were no objections to survey done by the Consultants the group had reservations about the language used and the assumption throughout the report that development on particular parts of the site would go ahead.

The next meeting would look at the transport impacts on our area and Cllr Stevens read out a briefing paper from the County on the likelihood of a freight station materialising in the short to medium term.

Street Improvements - Tim Lockley is still trying to get approval for the Parish to standardise the painting of the "street furniture." Quotes are being sort for the replacement bus shelter and the welcome news was received that several village streets will be "top dressed" in the first week in June. Cllr Stevens was pleased to announce that the County had put an extra £2 million in the budget this year for road repairs and £40,000 for small but exceptional works.

Cllr Lockley wants the Parish to undertake a survey of the storm drains to try to alleviate the persistent flooding in certain parts of the village.

Concessionary Travel would continue to be funded this year by the Parish but as A & M Cars has stopped its taxi service and there is now Countywide Free Travel for OAPs and qualifying disabled persons there will be a review.

Car Park - The Alligator Teeth sign has disappeared and Cllr Kevin suggested its replacement might have to be "wired up to the mains" to prevent its theft!

Next Meeting - Thursday 22nd June, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room



Councillors Corner

Andrew Patrick

Agenda For The Next Four Years

Thank you for re-electing me as your District Councillor on 4th May. While I was canvassing I was encouraged by the friendly reception everywhere on the doorstep. But to stop me getting carried away, I recognise that 58% of a low turnout actually represents only a quarter of the electorate. I hope that everything I am able to do in the next 4 years will be with all residents in mind. In the run-up to the Election I visited every home in the 4 villages. If you were out at the time, and if I didn't manage to call back, I'm sorry. If there was something you wanted to discuss with me, you still can:- please use the contact details below.

On the doorstep there were clearly five big issues, which I hope will be our agenda in the next four years: -

1 - Development of the Bishops Bowl Lakes site (or "the Harbury Estate")

The Masterplan consultation process is going ahead, slowly perhaps but along sound guidelines. The Parish Councils of Bishops Itchington and Harbury are well represented in the process, and there is an impressive degree of co-operation between them. I am hopeful that a result of lasting benefit to the local community can be achieved.

2 - The B4451

It's clear that the communities of Bishops Itchington and Deppers Bridge already suffer levels of heavy goods traffic that are close to

intolerable. Most of it need not and should not be there, but what can we do about it? Your comments will be welcome!

3 - Housing

We must create more opportunities for people with local connections to live in our villages. Again, I would welcome your suggestions. At the same time I shall be giving my full support to the SDC review of Housing List allocation points, and to community efforts such as Harbury's initiative to release local land for local housing needs.

4 - Planning/Enforcement

Sadly, some recent decisions have caused deep disappointment for the residents and/or Parish Council, almost resulting in a feeling of 'Them and Us'. I want to work to restore the much-needed mutual respect between the SDC Planning / Enforcement departments and the residents, but it won't be easy. Again, any suggestions will be welcome!

5 - Young People

We all agree we must try to create more activities for our young people, but how? It probably means all of us being prepared to consider giving something of our resources and/or time. I shall give my full support to any local efforts that have our young people at heart.

That will be my agenda. I hope it's yours, too?

In the new Council, two of the Committees I shall be on are:

Environmental Sustainability (What is the environmental impact of everything that we do at SDC and in the District? What can we do to lessen it?) and Area Offices Scrutiny (How do the SDC Area Offices in eg. Southam serve their communities? Can it be improved?)

Again, if you have comments and/or suggestions on these topics I'll be glad to hear them.

But in my month-long "walkabout", the biggest thing I learned (as if I didn't know it already) was the lovely people I have the privilege to represent! Whenever a resident raises a question, I can always be sure that it's important. If you too have an issue to discuss, please get in touch by telephoning 01926 614359;

email andrew.patrick@stratford-dc.gov.uk) Or come along to one of our Councillors' Corner surgeries.

The next ones are:-

Bishops Itchington: Saturday 10th June 10am – 12noon outside the papershop, Chapel Street

Harbury: Saturday 22nd July 10am – 12noon outside the Post Office.

Surface Dressing of Roads in Harbury

Nicola Thompson, Parish Clerk

Warwickshire County Council Highways have advised that they shortly intend to undertake surface re-dressing in Harbury. The dates below are an approximate indication of when the work will be undertaken.

Road	Date to be surface dressed
Chapel St	29th May and 12th June
Binswood End Mill Street Church Terrace Hall Lane Church Street to Vicarage Lane Junction Bull Ring	5th June and 19th June

Concessionary Travel Scheme 2006

Harbury Parish Council

For the past 10 years, the Parish Council has run a concessionary travel scheme that issued £15 of tokens to all residents aged 60+. This scheme has now been largely superseded by the Government backed plans to issue bus passes to all those of retirement age (60+). These "Countywide" passes are issued by Stratford District Council free of charge and anyone not in receipt of one who feels they may be eligible should call Roger Blick on 01789-260408. The Parish tokens have previously also been valid for taxi journeys on A & M Cars but this service has now been discontinued. Because of this the Parish Council is currently researching ways in which the scheme could possibly be continued or adapted and hopes to publish the results of this shortly. In the meantime, there will be no concessionary travel forms issued in June as usual. Any residents who have particular issues of disability and/or difficulty in accessing transport may be interested to find out more about the "Community Links" scheme run

by Stratford District Council. This enables people to be picked up from their door and travel to set destinations between 9am and 3pm weekdays for a small charge. To find out more please contact Chris Mitchell on 01789-260108. Two other schemes which may be of interest are:

The Volunteer Centre Medical Journey Scheme for doctor, dentist, day centre and hospital related appointments. Contact Clarissa Roberts on 01789-296344.

The Back & 4th Transport scheme which hires out a multi-purpose vehicle with wheelchair access and minibuses with drivers to social and community groups or individuals. Contact: 01789 471595.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Housing Needs Survey

The Housing Needs Survey that some people have received has indeed been sent out by consultants for Follett Property Holdings who are seeking to develop the quarries area for industry, distribution, recreation, a rail station and housing.

The survey was not sanctioned by Stratford District or by the Parish Council who were as surprised as you were to receive it. Harbury has already undertaken a robust Housing Needs Survey which received a good response rate and the Parish Council has been working towards securing land suitable for providing the homes the village needs. You will remember that the Review Group held a public exhibition where people were able to indicate the most suitable sites.

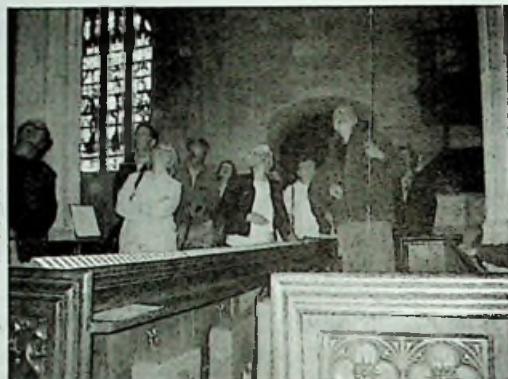
Masterplan

Work is ongoing to produce a Masterplan for the Quarries site that would mitigate the worst effects of the potential development there. It is a huge scheme and would have a devastating impact on the village, the surrounding roads and the local wildlife, but the site is deemed capable of development.

Outing To Fairford

On a more pleasant note, we had a lovely trip to Fairford with our leader John Hancock who organised a guided tour of the church and then struck out into the countryside with the more intrepid and appropriately dressed party members.

Fairford Church has miraculously preserved and conserved Mediaeval stained and painted glass in glorious glowing colours. There are bible stories and the east window depicting the last judgement where souls are saved or sent to hell. Hell, I have to say looked much more interesting than heaven!



The next event is our Carnival Stall on Saturday 10th June on the Playing Fields and we hope to persuade Ed to organise a summer walk.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

We provided refreshments for the Rugby N.T. walkers recently and received a letter of thanks for the super tea. Thanks to all those who baked and helped.

Members attended the group meeting at Southam. Great entertainment by the Harbury Appalachian Dancers.

Carnival Day is nearly here. We will be having our usual cake stall so hope members will support us with cakes, preserves and chutney. Please bring to the stall from 12noon onwards.

The members Garden Party will be at Celia's home on Thursday 22nd June at 7pm. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy. Please bring a chair.

Gillian Hare will run a flower arranging class with the Horticultural Show in September in mind (much more of that later). Those who are interested please contact Gillian.

Peggie hopes to arrange a trip to Worcester on 16th August.

Day of Action on 20th June is focusing on the excessive packaging in supermarkets.

Last reminder for the bulb orders as they have to be in soon.



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We were pleased to welcome Christine Sheen from Warwickshire Federation who presided over voting of resolutions that will be put forward at the AGM at Cardiff in June. These two resolutions concerning alternative energy and their uses in new building and participation in sport for all were discussed. Christine presented the subjects excellently.

June speaker: Feet – Mr Jonathon Small



Harbury Theatre Group

Vanda Ball

Saturday Suspense, Supper and Subtlety

The latest production by Harbury Theatre group commenced with "The Hitch Hiker" by Lucille Fletcher. This was a thought provoking one act play about the car journey of Robert Adams from Brooklyn to California.

The set realistically portrayed a radio studio simulating its original first performance in 1942. John Stringer (Robert Adams) set the eerie atmosphere with his dialogue. The American accents were commendably maintained throughout the play. The excellent sound affects ably supported the actors and all combined to sustain the air of mystery to the end. Afterwards there was much discussion amongst the audience as to who or what was "the Hitch Hiker".....

The supper during the interval was a very enjoyable and substantial collation of cold meats and salad, followed by yummy puddings!

The second play was another from the Little Grimley series entitled "The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley". This hilarious offering contrasted nicely with "The Hitch Hiker". All the cast played their parts with conviction to convey the difficulties faced by a small Theatre Group struggling to survive, when their prospective audience was enticed away by a rival company offering Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll.

We now eagerly await Little Grimley Theatre Group's first musical; which has to star Joyce (Debbie Ellis).

On June 22nd 23rd and 24th Harbury Theatre Group are hosting a festival of one act plays performed by local village drama groups. Harbury should do well with this evenings offering.



Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Hayes

April and May was a busy time for the Theatre Group. We had two plays to produce in a very short time, all sorts of technical problems to overcome, catering to arrange for the Saturday performance, and on top of that we had to think about the A.C.T. One Act Play Festival that we are hosting at Harbury in June.

However we are a resourceful crowd and I think this month's show worked well in the end.

Those of you who came to see us on the 19th or 20th will already know about the two plays, but I doubt if you realize just how much behind the scenes work went into "The Hitch Hiker". Bob Hodge worked for several weeks just making gadgets that could be used to make the sound effects in the traditional 1940's fashion, and Ian Donnelly had many a sleepless night as he agonized over the eerie background noises required. Needless to say, in my opinion, a very strong cast made a very good job of it. As for "The Fat Lady Sings....." I have to admit that I am biased as I was a member of the cast myself, but I can tell you that it was terrific fun to do. We never stopped laughing during rehearsals, the lines were so funny and so relevant, (for those of you who didn't see it, it concerned a small struggling Theatre Group.) It was good to see that the audience appreciated it as much as we did.

Finally, I have good news for those of you who missed it. All is not lost. On the 23rd and 24th June we are hosting the A. C. T. One act play festival in Harbury at the Village Hall, so you will have a chance to see us perform them both again, along with plays from Barford, Wellesbourne, Shipston and one other group. Ticket prices are £2 per night or £5 for all three nights and are available by ringing Ali Hodge on 612029. Try not to miss it this time.



Folk Club

Peter McDonald

The theme of the Folk Club on May 4th was 'Down Memory Lane' and it created a feast of nostalgia, just as I hoped it would!

I started the trip down the lane with "It's good to see you", the song I sang to open the very first Harbury Folk Club in September 1984. Barbara and Lionel's song, "Rare old times" was right on the button as

was Stuart's "Liverpool Lullaby", Summer's "Springhill Mining Disaster" and Peter Mason's "Punch and Judy man". It being a polling day, Ron couldn't resist bringing out his self-penned "Election Song" but also tickled our memories of Jean with "Joan the Leather Queen".

There were more flashbacks in the second half as Des amused us with "Teddy Bears' Picnic", the Harvesters revived "Calico Printer's Clerk" from a few decades back in their long history, Rik brought us Tom Paxton's "Outward Bound" and Pete Grassby reminded us of when we all used to work on the looms for a few pence a day with "Poverty, Poverty Knock". Double Up included one of their greatest hits, "The Bergen", and Martin sang "What a mouth!" with not a hint of his London origins.

A shorter than usual, but well-attended, third half featured the accomplished singing and playing of Ted Crum (surprisingly making his debut at Harbury), two nostalgic poems from Debbie and Ron's unbelievable "Pedro the fisherman"! Appropriately, the last song of the evening was "The last thing on my mind" ably sung by Peter Mason, with the audience in fine voice for the well-known chorus.

So ended a particularly enjoyable evening where 16 performers entertained an appreciative audience in a convivial atmosphere. The raffle raised £40 for Cancer Research UK and that sum was added to the sponsorship money donated to Margaret and her team for the 'Race for Life' on May 14th. The next session, on July 6th, will be hosted by Steve & Maureen. As usual, we'll be in the Garden Room of the Shakespeare Inn, at 8:30pm.

You can find out more about Harbury Folk Club on the web (including the theme for next month) by visiting:

<http://welcome.to/harburyfolkclub>



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

Visit To Samois 2006 (April 29th - May 2nd 2006)

This was an action packed weekend with time to relax with families and enjoy superb French cuisine and excellent wine.

The majority of our members chose to travel by coach and left Harbury at 6am and although we had a long delay at the tunnel we arrived in

Samois at 8.30pm. It was a long journey but thanks to our excellent driver Ian and football games at every stop the children seemed to enjoy every minute.

Our families in Samois had planned a great weekend for us, beginning with a welcome reception at the village hall on our arrival. The next morning, we all set off to Paris for a day and everyone enjoyed a boat trip down the Seine in beautiful sunshine before exploring Paris with their hosts.

Unfortunately, by lunchtime, the sun disappeared, and down came the rain, however, everyone voted the day in Paris a great success.



Pétanque - Robin Barnes, Jago Toner and Jacob Tanner with Colin Humphreys

The morning of May the 1st we could go rowing on the Seine, play pétanque or visit the May Day market in the centre of the village. Robin Barnes and Jago Toner both won cups for their high scores at pétanque and Jacob Tanner was presented with a medal for winning the childrens' game. No sooner had we finished playing pétanque and rowing we were whisked off to a more serious event — Wine Tasting!

In the afternoon, the more energetic members of our party enjoyed a long walk in the forest of Fontainbleau. Sorry, no time to put your feet up on this visit, because at 7.30pm we were all sitting in the Village Hall enjoying a superb meal and being entertained by a troupe of folk dancers.

We left Samois the next morning at 9am, waving goodbye to all our friends, shouting 'l'année prochain chez nous a Harbury'.



Our coach journey back went very smoothly, and included a two hour stop at Euro City to stock up on French goodies. Once again, thanks to Ian our driver, for making the journeys so interesting for all the children. Everyone voted the weekend a great success, and we are all looking forward to welcoming our French families in Harbury next year.

We have been given more French books by Samois. There is now a very good French shelf in the library and all these books are available to library members.

Next event is Harbury Carnival June 10th. The association will be running a stall selling baguettes with a glass of wine. If anyone can help man the stall for a short time, please let Sally Humphries know on 612315.

Harbury Juniors
FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Junior's Football

Kineton Tournament

On Sunday 7th May several of the HJFC teams took part in the annual 3 Counties football tournament. The day was very long - from 9am to 7.30pm - but 2 Harbury teams took honours on the day, the U10s winning the supplementary cup and the U11's were runners up in the Supplementary Cup, only losing in a penalty shoot out.

Thanks to all parents, players and coaches who supported the club and the league on the day. All of the children present also received their league medals ad the U10's were also recipients of league runners-up medals after a strong season. Well done.

Harbury 'World Cup' Tournament

The following Sunday, 14th May, over 100 players aged from 6-16 took part in the 3rd annual Harbury Juniors World Cup, with all teams playing in a 4 team league as a different country. We take the opportunity to mix age groups at U9 &10 and U11 &13 so that the players get to know each other across the club, as opposed to just their team.

As ever, we booked excellent weather and the 'off pitch' stalls including barbecue, 'old penny' slots, tombola and raffle, and bouncy castle earned the club over £600 on top of an excellent day's football. The highlight, as ever, was the ladies match which produced some extraordinary sportsmanship (womanship?) as the goalkeeper of one team elected to help up an opposition player who had fallen over, despite the fact that the rest of the oppositng team were bearing down on an unprotected net. Messrs Ferguson and Weger will no doubt take note of this as a tactic for next season!! Fortunately, no female Wayne Rooney was on hand to actually put the ball in the back of the net.

Thanks to all parents, helpers, players and coaches for making the day a great success.

Presentation Evening

This is being held on 17th June at Harbury Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm and the presentations begin at 7pm. tickets are available from Kathy Sampson (613490) or Mike Jones (614040), priced at £4 for adults and £2 for U16s. The price includes a buffet and there will be a 'pay bar'. We look forward to seeing as many players and parents as possible on the night.

Mike Jones

Thanks - Many thanks to all the coaches, helpers, and committee who have given their time to ensure another great season at HJFC this year. Their commitment and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. In particular to chairman Mike Jones who keeps everything running behind the scenes and gives up his Sunday to ref matches (but who obviously didn't see the three fantastic goals score in the Ladies match!!!!)



Rugby Lions v Harbury

Harbury mini's last fixture of the Season was a tough one

Under 7's won their first game six tries to five with good scores from Bay Toner and Sam Piton, Luke Winchester also played well. Unfortunately they lost their second game 35 – 25.

Under 8's also failed to win despite a good effort. However it was very close 40 – 35 with two tries each for Morgan Hickman and Henry Steele and one each for Sam Tutt, Sam Casement and Alex Lewis. Annabel also tried hard in her last game for Harbury.

In the second game a stronger **Under 8's** squad managed a good draw 30 each. Molly Fisher scored 3 times, James Darlison twice and one for George McGowan.

Under 9's squad managed a good victory against Rugby Lions 20 – 10 with Finn Toner and William Winchester getting 2 tries each.

Under 10's were well beaten by Rugby despite good defensive efforts from Reece and Jordan.

On Saturday 13th May we had Harbury RFC Presentation night with a BBQ and Disco for the players.

Despite the rain many of them played Rugby outside in their best party gear landing plenty of washing for the Mums!!!

Under 7's

Clubman of the Year Award	-	Luke Winchester
Player of the Year	-	Daniel Robinson
Award for Best Player of the Barker Butts Tournament	-	Saul

Under 8's

Clubman of the Year Award	-	Molly Fisher
Most Improved Player	-	James Darlison
Player of the Year	-	Henry Steele
Commemorative Award	-	Molly Fisher for Scoring 64 tries in one season

The whole of the Under 8's squad played their hearts out this year only losing 8 out of 29 matches.

Under 9's

Clubman of the Year Award	-	Edward Easton
Most Improved Player	-	Sam Cave
Player of the Year	-	Finn Toner

Under 10's

Clubman of the Year Award	-	Tom Lima
Player of the Year	-	Jordan Clarke

Next seasons coaching for Minis and Juniors will be starting on Sunday 3rd September 2006 at 10.30 a.m.

New players for all age groups will be made welcome. No experience necessary. Enjoyment is the priority.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer



The very wet weather has meant a "stop-go" start to the season but fortunately the "Play Tennis" (PT) day was on one of the rare sunny days. PT is the LTA's initiative to attract more people into the sport and under its banner Harbury are holding 2 open days during the summer. The first was aimed at adult "Rusties" and Beginners

and was very successful with 21 taking part. Coaches Angie Dean and Linda Casement devised some fun routines that kept everyone on their toes! Angie has followed this up with 5 weeks of coaching to build on the Play Tennis taster and to increase confidence! I'm delighted that several have already started coming to Club sessions.

The Junior Programme is now in full swing with 120+ children taking part in the 20 hours a week on offer, albeit rain interrupted! As well as

coaching and fun sessions the Club is taking part in competitions in several age groups. The youngest is the Mini Reds for under-8s. They are in the Warwickshire League and played their first match against Beechcroft (Birmingham) at the Esporta complex in Coventry. Joshua Savage, Jamie Head, Alisha Long and Dulcie Bushill played two singles and one doubles match each and had some fantastic rallies, but unfortunately just missed out overall to Beechwood. Their next match is on 10th June against Warwick and we wish them luck!

We have 3 Boys' teams in the South Warwickshire Junior Doubles League, 2 at under 14 and 1 at under 16. It was unfortunate that the first matches played were against two of the strongest teams in the county. Michael Royle and Peter Lyons were up against Kenilworth "A" while Adam Whitty and Lewis Jay took on Warwick Boat Club "A". Both teams lost in straight sets but enjoyed the experience of match play and will no doubt improve as they play more matches.

In what has become an annual event for the Club 20 Juniors will be attending a coaching clinic organised by Warwickshire LTA at the DFS classic in Birmingham. This is one of the leading pre-Wimbledon events for Women and gives the children and accompanying parents the opportunity to see some world class tennis.

At the other end of the age range (!) we have 2 teams playing in the Banbury League (mixed format) and one in the Stratford Men's Doubles League. The "A" team is in Division 2 and started off with a very close 4-5 home defeat against Banbury "B" but then got back into winning ways with a 9-0 drubbing of Tysoe "A", followed by a 6-3 win at Deddington.

By a quirk of league re-structuring The "B" team found itself promoted to Division 3 and started with a very difficult trip to Brackley, who won every match they played last season! Harbury were unable to stop that run and lost 2-7. The second match against Banbury West End "C" ended up with the same score but was much closer with 5 of the 9 rubbers being decided in the final game, but unfortunately 4 of them were won by the visitors. However, we got our first points of the season in the third match with a very satisfying 6-3 home win against Middleton Cheney "B".

The Men's doubles started early and already have 4 matches under their belts. It has been a solid start with 1 win against Shipston, 2 draws (Ullenhall and Moreton) and one heavy defeat against a very young and talented Alcester outfit. We couldn't offer our usual hospitality of a pint as they weren't old enough!



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

May was very busy for the children at Pre-School. At the beginning of the month some of us visited the Primary School for a special preview of the May Day dance. The school children performed brilliantly and the pre-schoolers were entranced. It is hard to believe that these same children will be the performers in next year's dance, by which time they will already be in their third term at school.



Buildings - The theme for the first half of the Summer Term was "Buildings" and the children have been looking at, drawing, modelling and reading about buildings of all different kinds, including those in other parts of the world. Pictures of very tall buildings, such as the Eiffel Tower and the CN Tower in Toronto, inspired some wonderful models constructed from assorted cardboard boxes, tubes, and, of course, sticky tape

and glue, and an enormous cardboard box outside made a fabulous play house.

Farrier - An outing to see a farrier at work offered lots of opportunities for the children to identify a variety of buildings, such as the library, shops, houses and the windmill. Gavin the farrier showed us how he trimmed Walter's hooves, fitted the new shoes and finally nailed them into place. The children were fascinated by the fire that heated the shoes until they were red hot and they were very surprised by the smoke and smell of the burning hoof as the shoes were fitted. Margaret, Walter's owner, reassured us that neither the burning nor the nailing on of the shoes caused any discomfort to Walter. Thank you very much to Gavin, Margaret and Walter for allowing us to see the whole process.

Summer Outing - Our outing to St John's Museum and St Nicholas Park in Warwick was a great success. Jack: "We went on a bus to the museum".



The children had a marvellous time in the museum and were especially interested in the dolls, dolls' houses and other models, as well as the costumes that some were able to try on: Sophie: "I tried on a special hat". The information available on tape through special telephones was also very popular: Faye: "I listened to the museum. I held a trumpet in my ear". Matthew was a little concerned about a model elephant: "The elephant's trunk was falling off because it was very old." After the museum, the children were able to play in St Nicholas Park before enjoying a picnic lunch and then returning to Harbury.

Carnival – The theme for the Pre-School float for the Carnival is "Children Around the World" and our children have been working hard, producing lovely paintings and flags to decorate the float and deciding what they will be wearing. Look out for us in the procession!

Staff Training and Meetings – The staff have been busy attending a variety of courses aimed at always enhancing what we can offer to the children at Pre-School. Kate and Lesley attended an ICT Course, Lesley and Bud attended courses on both Planning and Mathematics in Role Play, while congratulations go to Kate and Claire who are now qualified First Aiders.

Gael attended a liaison meeting with Mr Daly, Miss Maher and Windmills Nursery to discuss the imminent rise to school in September of our older Pre-School children.

Fund Raising Update

The Harbury Pre-School Quiz night, held at Harbury Primary School on the 12th May was great fun. Teams racked their brains to answer questions and raised over £500 in the process! HPS would like to thank Parkinson Jones for generously donating the quiz prize and the Shakespeare Inn for supplying mouth-watering food for all of the quiz participants.

Harbury Toddler Group

Emma Legg

May - This month Toddler Group are proud to display their new A- board sign at the front of the Wight School when sessions are on. We thought it would be helpful for those people who wanted to come for a play but didn't know where or when. You might also notice that it says '0 to 3 years welcome' underneath our logo, so I thought I had better point out that the emphasis is on the 0 years rather than the 3. We understand that there may be older siblings that need to tag along at times but we really want to welcome new arrivals to the group. It can be a bit of a steep learning curve when you are a new parent and sometimes it's nice to be in the company of other parents who are just "surviving to the end of the day" (a quote from a childminder who used to attend with two delightful children) as well!

Incy wincy spider was just one of the popular craft activities this month. The children were able to make their very own spider with his black wool dangly legs and climbing boots. They followed this at the end of the session with a rousing rendition of Incy Wincy spider climbed the water spout, in perfect harmony of course.

Jam Jar appeal - As you may be aware, Toddler group are organising a Jam Jar Tombola for our carnival stall this year. We have asked all our mums, dads and carers to donate a jam jar with contents of their choice and the jars are slowly coming in. We need as many as possible so are putting out a late request for more jar donations.

Top prizes on the day include Cannons Health Club passes and Co-op vouchers so make sure you visit our stall on the 10th June!!!

For any more information on anything connected to Toddler Group please don't hesitate to call Emma on 613093.



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

One of the highlights this month was taking our children to see the Reception Class assembly which was all about water. It was lovely to see how last year's nursery children had grown in confidence proudly acting out the story of Noah's Ark. Thank you to Miss Maher for inviting us along.

Thank you to the school for allowing us to use the pond area to take the children pond dipping. We then extended this activity by making jelly 'fish ponds'. This activity fulfilled all the six areas of learning, and initiated some excellent descriptive language: "they are like little squares, it is a cube" (Adam), "it's squidgy and its rubbery when you squeeze it" (Katie), "we have to get it wibbly wobbly in the fridge" (Clarice).

Water has been a popular theme for the children, who have enthusiastically brought in an assortment of items connected to the topic, ranging from toy sharks to ice cubes, water collages to sunglasses and even water pistols! The children have been examining the concept of floating and sinking with lots of different shaped and sized objects. Our younger children have been printing fish shapes, while our older children have been discussing and writing about what they enjoy doing at the seaside, in preparation for our carnival float, which this year is "seaside fun".



Thanks to the summer weather we have been able to make use of our fabulous new outdoor play area. Morgan kindly brought in his bubble machine, and it was wonderful to see the children running around and chasing the bubbles, in a safe, secure environment. The children have also been painting outside as well as playing in the sand and water, and

exploring the climbing frame, thus bringing the indoor classroom outside. This is something that Ofsted sees as a very important part of the early years environment and something we see as a valuable asset to our provision. Some of our other activities have included:

- creating a beautiful Noah's Ark collage and animal masks
- sticking individual underwater collages on cellophane which decorate our windows
- visiting the church for the toddler service
- visiting the library for story time.

Student placements

We have been ably assisted this month by two students from Southam College on two weeks work experience. Both Daniela and Becky have proved to be valuable additions to the nursery and we will all miss them next term.

Training

Fiona (Mrs Cooke) was persuaded to attend the Early Years Conference at Manor Hall with Tina and Marie, showing great dedication as it meant giving up a Saturday. The conference this year focussed on the new Birth to Five framework introduced by Helen Moylet the Senior Foundation Stage Regional Adviser. We were issued with the latest DfES publication 'The Early Years Foundation Stage' consultation document. This document is a draft of the Early Years Foundation Stage that is due to come into force in September 2008. It will be a single framework for the care, learning and development for children in all early years settings from birth to the August of their 5th birthday. We were also addressed by Peter Elfer, Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Studies at Roehampton University, and attended two workshops. The speakers were inspirational and the bacon butties were excellent!

Cassie, Tina and Marie attended a PLA anti-discriminatory workshop at Busy Bees in Bishops Itchington, which brought up some very interesting topics of conversation.

We have purchased some new toys for our role-play corner including a microwave, toaster and kettle, thanks to Hannah Baldwin. Thanks also to the Scothersn for the donation of a playhouse for our play area.

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. If you would like to register a place for your child or require any information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk, call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

I first saw this piece of writing a few weeks ago, when Annie was still drafting it. I am still amazed at the vocabulary she uses and the images she creates - Nigel Chapman.

Lost

By Annie McGowan (11years)

It's a mystery to me how it got there. The snake. Not a real one of course, wrapped about 10 centimetres above my left elbow. A greenish-grey coloured stone. The sides of my snake were smooth, like marble, but the top was ridged, corrugated even. The eyes were like amber, gleaming in the moonlight, glowing luminously, like looking at the moon through shining slivers of ice. Those eyes were burning, but they made me shiver. They were staring at me harmlessly, but I was still scared. The hungry pleading eyes, where I could see fire, dancing flames licking against the inside of the amber eyes, trying unsuccessfully to escape.

Then I had the dreams, dreams of a girl snatched by the waves. She drifts, bumping the rocks, seaweed laces her legs and her hair spreads thin on the tide. She rolls with the wave. Her eyes open. Amber eyes, glowing luminously, gleaming in the moonlight. She lifts her hand towards me and opens her mouth ready to speak and

Beep, beep, beep, beep. I rolled over, groaning. I picked up my curled fist and thumped the alarm clock my sister got me for my birthday. I always forget to turn it off at the weekends.

I skipped down stairs, did up my blue boots and hopped out the door. My dad owns a boat, Louisiana Lady. He named it after me, Louise. I always take it out on a Sunday morning. I jumped in and undid the triple loop knot that dad ropes it with. I picked up the oars and started rowing. Once I was 20 metres out I started the engine. Away we went, the boat and me. We were about a mile out now. "I've never been so far out", I thought to myself. Then it came. The ancient ship with elegant figurehead and torn sails. The floor of my boat cracked and split. I was tossed out to sea. Weed tied my hair. Under the surface it was nice and calm. "This isn't a bad way to die", I thought. I was losing myself, losing my body to the furious ocean. Slowly, slowly, my vision went blank.

I woke up on a beach but rain was hammering down on my head. The ocean's waves rolled in crawling up onto the sand and washing, lapping between my toes. I didn't know where I was or how I got there, but I did know this; I was lost...

We have many fabulous young writers in the Infant part of Harbury School. This poem, written by Olivia Johnston in Year 2, is a fantastic read that may jog a little memory of mischief in some of us. Enjoy!

Sweets and Treats

At midnight at the dead of night
 When all is dark and not a dot of light.
 Down the stairs I shall creep
 To get lots of yummy sweets.
 Lots of lolly and a chocolate bar
 My mum is well asleep by far.
 Caramels and Milky Ways,
 I could be here night and day.
 Then at last my mum awaked
 And came down in a horrid state.
 Then she noted I was fat,
 Then she cried, "YOU LITTLE BRAT"
 "You ate all the sweets now you
 won't have any for weeks".
 That was my punishment by the way.
 But I did it again another day.

Proms Week – I recently informed parents that the Summer Concert would this year be replaced by a "Proms Week". The dates and times of each concert have now been organised and are as follows:

Wednesday 12 July – 9.20 – Violin and Guitars

Thursday 13 July – 9.20 – Steel Pans (for both the Tuesday evening and Thursday morning groups)

Friday 14th July – 2.45 – Woodwind

The School Council have suggested that there be a charge of 50p per parent for each concert as part of their charity fund raising programme. Each concert should last for about 30-45 minutes. In addition, the school choir and orchestra will be performing at the School's Summer Fayre on Saturday 1st July.

Congratulations – to the children who took part in the recent Stratford District Council Swimming Gala. Although all five children selected to represent Southam swam well, pride of place must go to Milly Evans,

who won both of her races. In addition, the Southam Medley Relay team, with three of the four girls in the team coming from Harbury, won their event.

Swimming Pool – still on the subject of swimming, Mr. Chapman attended a meeting of users of Harbury Village Hall, at which recommendations were made regarding the future of the hall. Mr. Chapman put forward the idea of modernising the hall by adding (or replacing it with) a sports hall, to include a swimming pool, which of course the school would use throughout the year, as well as being open for community use. As a result of the meeting, a steering committee has been formed to discuss the feasibility of this and other proposals put forward. Mr. Chapman will therefore be recommending to our committee who are looking into the upgrading of our swimming pool that any further work is put on hold until the village hall group has met.

Mrs Payne – I have had a note from Mrs. Payne asking me to thank everyone for their cards and presents following Jamie's birth – I am only too pleased to do so. Both she and Jamie are fine and doing very well.

Reminders of cars on site – Whenever a parent drives onto the school grounds, whether it be for the start or end of Kids' Club, an after-school activity or during the school day, it is almost certain that there will be a child in school somewhere – that child is then at risk. Please, therefore, keep your vehicle off the site at all times – the landlord at "The Shakespeare" has given permission for his car park to be used by our parents when it is not needed by his customers – I thank him for the generous offer, and ask all parents who need to travel by car to school to use "The Shakespeare" car park. (Please note, however, that "The Shakespeare" cannot be used for evening events – plays, open evenings, etc – as it will be needed by customers of the pub.)

Dinner Ladies – We still have a vacancy for a dinner lady at the school. If you are interested in working either for the whole week or for individual days and would like further details, please see Mrs. Jackson or telephone 612656.

PTA 100 Club – A message from the PTA: As many of you know, we run a 100 Club draw within the school via the PTA. Every year parents pay £12.00 for a number and win cash if their number is picked. We have decided to change the format this year so that more people get a chance of winning. There will still be 5 draws a year, but each time two

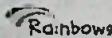
numbers will be drawn out, each winning £50. The draws will be held at each end of term assembly, the Summer Fayre and one other event to be decided annually.

For those of you who already have a number, one of the PTA will be asking you over the next few weeks for this year's £12. There are still some numbers left and we need to have them all allocated, so please ask if you want one. It is only £1 per month and a great way to support the school. If anyone has any questions, please ask any member of the PTA or Sue Panton (614800). Thanks for your support.

PTA News – The Summer Fayre this year will be on Saturday 1st July between the hours of 2pm and 5pm. There will be lots of new and exciting events happening including musical entertainment from our very own school orchestra and steel pans. The infants Fiery Feet dance class will also be performing for us at the beginning of the afternoon. There will be a bouncy castle, barbecue, cream teas, arts and craft tents for the creative people among us, fun and funky hair colouring, tattoos, welly wanging, goal shooting with our special head goalie, jam jar tombola, toy tombola, guess the dragon's birthday and much more. So come along and enjoy a fun filled afternoon and help support your local school, we look forward to seeing you there.

1st Harbury Rainbows has been running for just over six months now

1st Harbury Rainbows



Bobbie, Rainbow Unit Leader

and continues to grow from strength to strength. Recently the unit was presented with its Girlguiding certification and this coincided with all 14 Rainbows making their promise to 'do their best to love my God and to be kind and helpful'.



This term has seen the Rainbows out and about

1st Harbury Rainbows after their Promise Ceremony

sketching with charcoal, growing cress, treasure hunting round the village and also visiting 'Potter in' in Leamington Spa to try their hand at creating a piece of art on ceramics. A very busy time !!

Rainbows is the youngest of the Girlguiding groups for girls aged between 5-7 years old and our meetings are full of games and activities and are about having lots of fun. If you are interested in helping us then please give me a call on 614040.

Tim Miles gave us a memorable illustrated talk to end our season.

	Horticultural Society <i>Muriel Grey</i>
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Born in Falmouth and is lucky enough to still live there. Falmouth and Turo are rich in as much as there are many beautiful gardens in these areas. Needless to say the wind can be quite a problem, so many trees and shrubs have, over generations, been planted to give some protection. Many of these gardens are sited in valleys where the "Primadonnas" – Rhododendrons, Azaleas etc. are reasonably sheltered, and enjoying the mild damp climate, of course thrived. Currently he is head gardener at the Cotswold Wildlife Park, and was previously employed at the Heligan Gardens. He explained the importance of the Gulf Stream, conditions would be rather different without it. Of course there are numerous other plants growing there, amongst his favourites were the lace cap hydrangeas, lilies, agapanthus and so forth! There were many "oohs and aahs" as Tim showed his outstanding slides – some taken at some risk it seems!

We will keep our fingers crossed for good weather for the two remaining trips – Thursday 15th June for Sezencote and the coach trip on Wednesday 28th June to Grimsthorpe Castle etc. Meet at Village Hall for both trips, and it might be a good idea to take a brolly!

I think the list of gardens for the Walkabout is mostly compiled, but if anyone would like to open their garden please contact Judy 613031 or Daphne 612829.

Next a few tips for the Show in September – if you intend to exhibit any preserves please make sure the seals are acceptable to the W.I. Judges – a sure way to check is to look through "On with the Show" – Janice 614459, Daphne 612829 and Pam Merchant all have copies. The Show is open to Deppers/Ladbroke as well as the Harbury W.I. the residents of Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke, and of course

all Horticultural Society members – Schedules will be available in due course.

Either Judy – or if she is away – Daphne holds the Ryton Ticket and should they be away at the same time, please phone me 612515.

I seem to remember wondering what sort of spring we would have; I think spring and summer occurred the same 10 days! At the time of writing it is pouring! The buzz word at the moment is drought, it seems we are reasonably well off, Severn Trent state their reservoirs are 96% full, but that does not mean we can waste it.

The 2007 schedule will include a "Still Life" in the photo section.

Writing this on May 23rd, the weather is cool after heavy rain and



Nature Notes

John Hancock

more is forecast. Perhaps we will have a warmer June and an explosion of insect life as it's been a slow start to summer. Those who have visited Draycote Meadows (OS sheet 140 Ref 449706) as mentioned in last month's article will have seen the profusion of Green-veined Orchids. (The older name of Green Winged Orchid seems more apt.) Now, they are past their best, overtaken by the taller grasses. Cowslips have given way to Buttercups. All three common species of the latter can be seen at the Draycote Reserve with the descriptive names, Meadow, Bulbous and Creeping. They require different environments in which to thrive, which goes to show how the terrain can vary in just two meadows. Looking from certain directions, the Orchids appear to run in stripes. This is because they prefer the slightly drier conditions along the top of the ridge and furrow. I went on the morning of a rare cloudless May Day. The sun showed up the colours to perfection and male Orange Tip butterflies were on the wing.

This week (22nd May), I returned with my U3A Naturalists' Group, to be led round the Reserve and shown some of the less visible resident species. There are several patches of Adder's Tongue Fern. The initial single frond divides to form an oval 'leaf' encasing a tongue-like spike which carries the spores. Once, this appearance made people believe the plant was a cure for snake-bite. We were also shown the strange looking Moonwort, which here is at the southern edge of its range. I find it difficult to describe this plant, but to save me the effort; it is

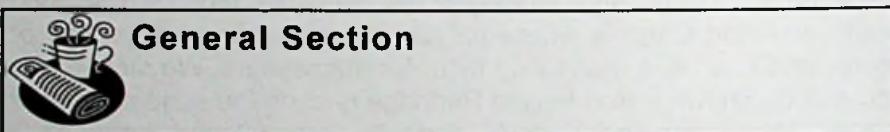
featured in a drawing on the board at the entrance to the Reserve.

The sun was not in evidence on this last visit and we trudged round in heavy rain, swathed in appropriate gear, with umbrellas sprouting from our 'crocodile'. We were lucky enough to see two butterflies - an Orange Tip and a Green-Veined White, sheltering with wings tightly closed, clinging to the stem of a Lady's Smock plant. On the wing, the male Orange Tip is easily seen by predators, but the colour is a warning that the insect is distasteful. (It contains large amounts of bitter mustard oils accumulated from food plants during the caterpillar stage.) At rest, the insect relies on camouflage; with its wings closed the surfaces appear delicately mottled with green, although this is an illusion created by an intricate mixture of black and yellow scales. We were shown the orange egg of the butterfly attached to the underside of a Lady's Smock flower. Only one egg is laid per plant. If two are present, they have come from separate females. The first caterpillar to hatch has no qualms about gobbling up its cousin when it hatches in turn.

The highlight of my month was a trip organised by Brian Hewins. His friend of many years is an expert at finding bird's nests. Brian and I together with Ken Eaves drove over to Stratford to meet John Brook, the birdman, and go on a journey of discovery. He took us to a wood south of Aston Cantlow where he has put up nesting boxes, fifty or more, and has been monitoring them for many years. We stopped en route to be shown a Red-legged Partridge nest on the edge of another wood. This contained thirteen perfectly camouflaged eggs of a brownish speckled hue. Near Billesley, we were shown the yellow flowers of Wild Tulip growing in the roadside verge - a first for me. The 4th of May was glorious and, at the wood itself, we had a magical time. Many of the boxes checked contained Great Tits. These would flatten themselves on the nest with wings spread out and some gave out a warning sound. I would best describe this as like a snake hissing. John was used to this but it made the rest of us start when taking a peek; quite a good survival strategy. One Great Tit had a nest partly constructed of purple wool, really psychedelic. Box 311 (they are all meticulously numbered,) contained a nest with ten Blue Tit's eggs. We were also given a lesson in observation; stand still and be prepared to wait and watch. A bird would fly in and out, but cunningly move along its bush or bramble before emerging. With patience, a nest location would be revealed. In this way, we were shown a Chiff-Chaff's nest with seven cream coloured eggs, a Dunnock (Hedge Sparrow) nest, with three brilliant blue eggs, in a bramble bush, and a Wren's nest.

There were many more. The wood was a medley of spring flowers with Wood Anemone, Primrose, Violet and Early Purple Orchid. A pond held hundreds of tadpoles, while several bird boxes had been taken over by wasps. Their empty nests were removed to make way for more birds. As wasps make a new nest each year, this was not the dilemma it might seem. One tree had as many as six Woodpeckers' nesting holes. They laboriously hack out a new hole every year. Look at the base of the tree for new chippings to see if there is a resident. Outside the wood, in a roadside Blackthorn thicket, we were shown several Long-tailed Tit nests. Then, it was off to the King's Head at Aston Cantlow for a pint and a sandwich. Many thanks to John for a great day out.

It was back to rain on our annual narrow boat weekend with a group of friends. It was great fun, but we missed the sun. Swans nesting, lines of fluffy ducklings following Mum, and Herons patrolling their patch of canal bank were to be seen. We found a tall white flower with thick leaves growing in a marshy place and eventually identified it as Large Bittercress. The deciding factor was its peppery taste confirmed by one member of the party. Have a good summer with plenty of notable natural moments.



General Section

Spirit of Harbury Award – 2006

When Joyce Windsor was presented with the Spirit of Harbury shield by Andrew Hunt at a recent coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room, she modestly confessed that she felt extremely humble in accepting the award, as many of the achievements cited in recommendations for her award had involved the efforts of many public spirited Harbury residents in 'following up' some of her fund-raising ideas. Over the years, however, Joyce has been more than just the 'brain-child' of the most successful events which feature in the annual calendar in our village, as she has continued to support many events in her own unassuming way. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of money which has been raised by various organisations, but a conservative estimate would put the figure in several hundred thousand pounds – an incredible feat for a community of approximately 3,000.

It will probably come as no surprise to those who know them, to learn that Joyce and Harry met in a church tower when Joyce was learning the challenging art of campanology and Harry, a member of the Guild of Ringers, turned up to give the benefit of his experience. They are both Warwickshire 'born and bred', as Joyce hails from Shrewley, whilst Harry was born in Long Itchington. After their meeting 'on high', they married in 1961 and for the first 4 years they lived in Wolvey, North Warwickshire where both of their children, Christopher (1962) and Ann (1964) were born. Harry had trained at B.T.H. (British Thompson Houston) in Rugby, but was transferred to Leicestershire, so at the start of their married life, they found a property in their home County, as close to Harry's workplace, as possible. When B.T.H. became part of G.E.C. they eventually moved into Park Lane, Harbury in 1967 after a brief stay in Burton Hastings for 2 years. Both of their children went to Harbury School and subsequently Christopher went to Warwick School, whilst Ann went to Kingsley school in Leamington. Christopher went on to Sheffield Polytechnic where he took a degree in Business Studies and he has stayed on in the City, whilst daughter Ann, moved to Huntingdon after her marriage. There are 5 'Windsor' grandchildren, as Christopher has a son and a daughter, whilst Ann has 3 boys.

Ever since their arrival in the village they have had a close association with Harbury church, as both joined the Parochial Church Council and Harry took on the role of Tower Captain in charge of the bell-ringing team. Soon after joining the P.C.C., it was suggested that a social event was needed to which all residents of the village could be invited. Joyce's suggestion to the small social committee, which was all female, apart from Valentine DuBuisson, led to the first ever Bonfire Party. They conservatively expected that about 100 people would attend to see the fireworks and enjoy the hot dogs, soup, crisps and a drink, but the numbers swelled beyond their expectations. The Bonfire Party is still one of the main 'get-togethers' for village families and over 700 people regularly attend the spectacular display followed by the welcoming hot food in the Village Hall.

In 1976, the P.C.C. identified that additional funds were needed for repairs to the Church and Joyce, together with Pam Clarke conceived the idea of a Garden Walkabout. If there were many villages which had offered this attraction before this time, they hadn't generated quite as much interest as the Harbury walkabout, which was widely reported in local and regional papers and drew interest for its innovative approach to fund-raising on B.B.C. Midlands Radio. From the

beginning, the Walkabout was an immediate success, as 20 homeowners opened their gardens for inspection and admiration from visitors across the region. Just to add the final touches to the money spinning venture, Pam and Joyce produced a village recipe book, entitled 'What shall we eat today', which sold over 1,000 copies. Joyce still retains a much-used copy and marvels at the accomplishment of the task in the days before computers and photocopiers, as the book went to press using an ancient typewriter and a hand-turned printing machine. There were one or two addenda, including a note that a Queen's Pudding only required 2 eggs, not the 22 as shown in the recipe! In 1978 when the next Walkabout was offered, a celebrated visitor was Norman Painting of 'The Archers', who joined the throngs wandering round the village on a sunny afternoon. By now, the Walkabout was such an overwhelming success that it needed more than two very hard-working church committee members and at this point, the Horticultural Society took on the task of organising the well-established event.

Since Joyce had already come up with two good ideas to raise funds for the Church, it didn't take too long for her to be asked to think up another scheme, which would add to the social life of the village, as well as raising much needed money for 'Church facilities'. In the first instance, the need for toilets and a space for social events was identified and Joyce started the first of the Coffee Mornings in the Wight School with a few members of the Church committee. For two years, they provided the teas/ coffees/cakes and home-made jams and chutneys, which are still a familiar part of the offerings at a typical morning's social gathering. In the midst of all this fund-raising activity, the well known 'keeper of the clock', Tom Hauley left a significant bequest to the Church which enabled the construction of the attractive facility behind the Church, which bears his name. As with the previous two ventures Joyce had 'dreamed up', the scheme she started, is still a weekly contributor to fund-raising, but nowadays, it is used to generate cash for many organisations within the village, as well as one or two local charities in Southam.

Nowadays, there is a rota of over 60 groups who have willing helpers anxious to provide a service to the community on a weekly basis, as well as generating money for their individual good causes. When it is considered that the average profit / week varies between £100 and £200+, it doesn't take a mathematical genius to work out that for this initiative alone, Joyce's brainwave has generated in the region of £150K - £300K (a calculator helps though!)

Just when you think that 3 bright ideas are probably a very special contribution to the life of the Church and the village, Joyce mentions the instigation of the ROC Fund for the Roof, Organ and Clock and again a small group of committed workers produce a lunch time feast once a month in the Tom Hauley room with a choice of soup, main course and dessert – all for a very modest sum. The aim was to raise £20K for much needed R.O.C. repairs in 12 months but Joyce also mentions that a recent church request to the community for help raised a considerable sum in support of All Saints Church and for other diocesan needs. Whilst many parishes struggle to find the upkeep for their church buildings, Harbury is fortunate to have a thriving church community and many people willing to contribute to the continued success of the church as a vital focus for village life.

Whilst the Spirit of Harbury award has been presented to Joyce, Harry's contribution to church life has not been overlooked and in 1994, they were invited to Buckingham Palace with their son and daughter when Harry was awarded an M.B.E. for his services to the Guild of Bellringers for over 5 decades. If Joyce wanted to learn the art of bell-ringing, which brought the couple together in the first place, then Harry has turned his interest into an unbelievably scientific and technical study of the effects of 'pulling the ropes' and 'vibrating the bells'. He has already had one treatise on the subject published, written jointly with Don Robinson, a former lecturer at the Lanchester Polytechnic (now Coventry University) who used to live in Southam.

The book includes incredibly complex mathematical formulae, graphs and diagrams and one brief paragraph from the book demonstrates the depth of understanding, which Harry has developed as a result of his engineering experience. "The behaviour of the tower may be modelled by using an electrical analogue. Bearing in mind that the



Harry & Joyce at Buckingham Palace - 1994

tower can be deflected by applying a static force, an approximate electrical representation may comprise a series tuned circuit. In line with this, the bell is a generator, which must have a high imaginary output impedance to correspond with the absence of static deflection when the bell is not rotating – i.e. a zero frequency no matter where the bell is halted." I got the definite feeling that if the resonance of a bell was greater than the surrounding structures could support, then a tower may start to sway with the vibrations, which could cause a problem!! It may be pertinent to consider that we have a renowned expert in the village next time you hear the church bells ringing, so we should be saved from any damage to Harbury's Church Tower. Harry has his own range of equipment, so that if he is asked to undertake a study of resonance in towers, he can record all the necessary information with the help of William Jones, a young mechanical engineer from the village. He has just undertaken his second project, again with Don, his mathematical collaborator and the 'copy' is ready to go to press in the very near future.

In case any reader thinks that Joyce and Harry haven't between them committed a huge amount of time to the Church and its needs, Joyce mentions that they were both part of a group willing volunteers who decorated the entire Vicarage after Father Mackley left and before Canon Rowe took office. Although Joyce has passed on many of her original ideas for others to pursue, she still helps with the Saturday lunches and sings with the Augmented Choir, which combines members from the two churches in the parish – Harbury and Ladbroke. She enjoys cooking and gardening and is still a 'regular' on the Harbury Garden Walkabout programme. As she says, both she and Harry are country people at heart and they enjoy country pursuits – in between supporting the church in their own inimitable ways. Who could ever imagine that the 'everyday happenings of village folk' with which we are all familiar, could be attributable to two such public spirited members of our community.

The spirit of Harbury award presented by Andrew in memory of his father, John Hunt, a former chairman of Harbury's Parish Council is richly deserved by Joyce, the fourth recipient of the shield, who has created so much pleasure for many people in the village through her vision and imagination.

Congratulations to Joyce for the recognition she so richly deserves.

Chris Finch

The Alan Padbury Memorial Trophy

On Friday 5th May, 20 local darters arrived at The Old New Inn pub to contest the inaugural Alan Padbury Memorial Trophy in aid of Macmillan Nurses and Myton Hospice. Alan was a very keen darts player and led The Old New Inn team to much success in both the Southam and Cubbington leagues as captain.

The competition took the form of a knockout cup with the final to be contested by the winner of each of the bottom and top half of the draw. There was also a raffle run on the night, and thanks to the sterling work of a number of Old New Inn regulars, tickets were sold in nearly every hostelry in Harbury that evening before they ran out of time and had to get back for the draw!!

Each game of darts was keenly fought with both good scores and high checkouts, but it was Richard "Tiny" Smith and Dan Jones who won through to contest the Final in front of an "expectant" crowd. Dan Jones eventually ran out the winner 2-0 and duly took the honour of being crowned the first champion of this annual event, receiving his prize from Derek Padbury. Both players then sportingly donated all of their prize money back to the fund which eventually totalled £515.90 and will be split equally between the 2 very deserving causes who both helped "Paddy" out when he needed it.

Thanks must go to Brian and Sandra at the Old New Inn for allowing us to hold the competition there and all of the players and "fans" who turned out and gave both their money and support. Special thanks must go to Nigel Markham who organised both the competition and the raffle and did a great job of modelling the Martin Adams (England darts captain) shirt in the auction to get a great bid of £127!!!

Next year we're aiming for both bigger and better and all will be welcome, whether you fancy challenging the darting greats of the midlands (!!) or just lending your support.

Paul Nealon

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

By the time you read this, planning for the trip to Minehead will be well advanced. For a number of reasons, the number of attendees is down on last year so we are able to offer a limited number of tickets to guests of those travelling and anyone else who fancies the trip, at £6 per head. This represents great value for a return day trip to Somerset. This offer is available on a first come first served basis and details or

tickets can be obtained from Margaret Taylor on 612903.

We would like to reiterate the normal rules for eligibility for the trip as we are aware that many new people have come to the village recently. The rules are that the trip is available for free to Harbury residents - men over 65 with or without wives and women over 60. Providing seats are available, guests and others can also travel, paying the appropriate fare. As stated above, this will be £6 this year.

Also, a reminder that the Summer Lunch is in August. This is a fund raising event so bookings are available to everyone – not just our senior citizens. Details of how to book will be available in July.

Mike McBride,

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Harbury Carnival June 10th, 2006

Carnival

The carnival day programme will be as follows:

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| 12.30pm | - Procession assembles in Sutcliffe Drive |
| 12.45pm | - Judging of procession entries commences |
| 1.30pm | - Procession led by the Shirley Pipe Band leaves Sutcliffe Drive |
| 2.00pm | - Fancy Dress Competition |
| 2.30pm | - ATC Drill Display |
| 3.00pm | - Shirley Pipe Band |
| 3.30pm | - Dog Show |
| 4.00pm | - Raffle Draw |
| 5.00pm | - Fete Closes |

Please note that the dog show this year will be in the popular format featuring your own dogs (and you).

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

Decorated Float – Trade

Decorated Float – Private

Decorated Float – Children

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Judging will take place at 12-45.

The Kids Club, who are running the teas, would be grateful for your support in the cake department. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.

There is still time to book a stall but please contact Mike McBride on 612421 as soon as possible.

Wheelbarrow Race

The Wheelbarrow Race on the 4th June will commence from the Dog. Please assemble at 12-30pm for a 1-00pm start. Again, can I please ask you to make sure you complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian on 612265.

Pub Games

For the other events taking place during Carnival week will those taking part please assemble at the appropriate pub for a 7-30pm start. The order of events is:

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|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday 5th | - Aunt Sally at the Shakespeare |
| Tuesday 6th | - Horseshoes at the Gamecock |
| Wednesday 7th | - Skittles at the Old New Inn |
| Thursday 8th | - Quiz at the Crown |

John Broomfield

Folk Music on your doorstep

Whether you've lived in Warwickshire for a couple of years or for most of your life, it is most likely that around this time of year you've heard about Warwick Folk Festival. Warwick is a nationally renowned traditional and contemporary folk music and dance festival which is guaranteed to bring folk music fans from all over the country.

This year, the 27th festival is being held between the 21st and 23rd of July, and during that time the town will be home to many major artists such as the Leamington chart-toppers Nizlopi, and the much-loved

Scottish artists, the Battlefield Band and Dougie Maclean. There will also be a wide selection of local artists and groups, like Harbury's own Hereburgh Morris and folk singers DananSooz (otherwise known as Dan and Suzie Bones).

Having attended this festival since I was a child, I can say that there is no chance you will spend the weekend bored. There is constant entertainment for both adults and children, whether it is staying in the marquee on the campsite located at Warwick Boys School, or going to one of the free music or song sessions in the town centre of Warwick. Even if the whole weekend doesn't appeal to you, day tickets and some single events tickets are available at the box office.

The organisation of the Festival is already well supported by Harbury Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris. Two committee members are local residents and a number of Harbury residents help out during the weekend by performing stewarding duties. Even the festival box office is run from Harbury.

This year, as a pre-festival treat, on the 20th of July, Warwick Boys School and Warwick Folk Festival will be host to Joe O'Donnell's 'Gaodhal's Vision', the World Premiere performance of this recently re-released cult folk music work. The concert will feature The Celtic Vision Orchestra - the musical talents of Warwick Boys School - under the direction of Director of Music, Mr. Trevor G. Barr.

Another excellent reason to support the Festival is that in recent years it has grown large enough to apply for significant funding to promote and develop Folk Music and Performance within the local community. The Festival has already run successful education programmes in primary and secondary schools as a result of grants from organisations like Warwick School's King Henry VIII trust. But these programmes aren't just for children. This year, pre-festival workshops such as Clog Dancing, English Traditional Songs, and a 'Singing Safari' are being held for anyone interested in having a go, and no experience is required, so it's a good time to start and have a good time learning something new.

All information and enquiries about the Festival, Gaodhal's Vision and any of the Education Programmes can be found at www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk or ring the box office on 614932 or general enquiries on 024 7667 8738. Failing that, you can speak to any member of Hereburgh Morris, I am sure they would be happy to help as it means they'll get an even bigger audience to dance to.

Warwick Folk Festival is a fantastic way to spend the weekend, and I can bet that once you've been to one, you'll be marking it on your calendar every year from then on.

Michele Cooke, Hereburgh Morris Offspring.

Forthcoming Event for MacMillan Cancer Relief

We are holding another Entertainment Evening with female vocalist, "Jamie D" also a Disco and Raffle at Harbury Village Club, 7.30pm on Saturday 24th June.

Please come along and join us for an enjoyable evening of music for all the family, in support of this much needed charity.

Tickets are available from Mary 613140, Sally 614290, Donna 614908 or Jane 07765558361. Adults are £5, children £3. We look forward to your company, bring the family. Don't miss out on a great night out.

Coffee morning – Thanks to everyone who supported our coffee morning on Saturday 13th May. Also to everyone who gave their time to help on the morning, made beautiful cakes, donated raffle prizes etc. All the dedicated work resulted in a total of £218 to the MacMillan Fund. Many thanks to you all.

D. Revitt

Harbury Goes The Extra Mile To Help People Living With Cancer

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Harbury I have sent the grand total of £505.75 to the Macmillan Cancer Relief Charity.

A very big thank you to those who willingly gave their time monitoring the line of coins along the footpath in the centre of the village on Friday and Saturday.

Ann Mayer

Race for Life

On Sunday, May 14th, Sharon Hancock, Sue Hartland, Rosemary Harley, Celia Neill, Chris Andrews and I took part in the 5km 'Race for Life' held at Stratford Racecourse. We entered fully into the spirit of the 'race' and all improved on our previous times (first time for Chris). It is an emotional and uplifting experience.

Women run for a variety of reasons and, although we have a race number attached at the front, we are encouraged to wear signs on our backs where we write the names of people we are especially remembering.

Recently, on a trip to Lyon to visit her brother, Paul Cooper, Chris met a friend of Paul's, Massimo Tommasino, who works for the World Health Organisation carrying out research funded by the Cancer Research Fund. Massimo said that the vaccine he and his team have developed for cervical cancer has been approved in America in the last few weeks. It is due to be approved in Europe very soon. There are apparently lots of strains of the virus and this will be effective against two of them, but these two are responsible for 75% of the cases of cervical cancer. It's very positive news and good to know that money raised really does make a difference.

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James & the Giant Peach

The Junior Grange Players are performing "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl on 7th & 8th July 2006 at The Grange Community Hall, Southam. Curtain up at 7.30pm with refreshments at the interval. Tickets are £3/5 and are available from Karena, telephone: 01926 614462.

For membership forms for the Grange Players (Juniors & Adults), please contact Karena.

Karena Ellis

Village Hall News

Following last month's report on the AGM and proposals to develop Village Hall facilities, a Community Consultation Meeting was held in the Farley Room at the Village Hall on Monday 8th May when representatives of 15 organisations attended - a very good response and the various groups' needs strongly indicated further building extension and improvements. A Village Hall Development Steering Group was set up and met on Monday 22nd May to discuss the way forward. Various ideas on the type of facilities were discussed and the outcome of these two meetings was the need to extend the building on the present site. This is a very positive response from hirers of the Village Hall facilities.

If your organisation was not represented at the meeting on the 8th May and you wish to participate, please telephone me on 612688. Watch this space for further news on this new project!

Janet Thornley, Secretary

CINDI KANSESHI

The result of the coffee morning for CINDI on the 18th March (my apologies for not having written sooner), resulted in my sending a cheque for £260. A really splendid sum. As I explained at the time this was to help to get a banana plantation up and running. £5000 was needed for the installation of water and electricity. You will be pleased to know that by the efforts of my daughter and her friends, plus our considerable £260 the total now stands at just over £4000. This means that in less than twelve months the amount needed has almost been reached. My thanks to all of my helpers and to everyone who came to support us. When I have more news of the banana plantation I will let you know.

Gladys Hutchins

Sounds of the Sixties – 2006

The word is out – the annual festival of country and rock music in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust will take place on July 8th at the Harbury Rugby Club ground. The marquee is booked; the five bands have pledged their support and the volunteers who mastermind the event have sourced all the equipment and manpower they need to make the evening 'come alive'.

This year's musical offerings will be provided by Bob Phillips and the Street Legal Band, J.B.K.P.'s, Jive Crazy, Out of the Blue and Roadhogs with an additional guest band still to be confirmed. As in previous years, there will be a major raffle with over 30 prizes to be won, as well as a live auction of special items donated in aid of the charity event. The 'doors' will open at 6.00pm and the bands will start shortly afterwards playing approx. 1 hour slots starting around 7.00pm until late. There is ample parking space on the Club's ground and a special area has been set aside for disabled parking. From early evening, a pig roast will provide sustenance for hungry music lovers and there will be two bars manned by H.R.F.C. in the main building and in the marquee.

This is the sixth successive year in which the event has been staged in aid of T.C.T. and it is expected that 8 patients and 3 carers will attend from the Children's Hospital in Birmingham. In addition, the Senior Manager of the Trust from London will be camping out in the field with other teenagers who have benefited from their stay in the specially designed units, which are fitted out to ensure that the young people can be in the company of their peers rather than in a standard ward of mixed ages.

There is always a clamour for the tickets, which this year will be £10.00 per head paid for in advance of the evening. Sponsors of the event have their contributions highlighted throughout the night on an overhead display and two complimentary tickets are made available to any company/individual pledging £50.00 or more. The donations of raffle prizes are also valued by the organising committee, as sponsorship and the proceeds of the raffle help to offset the £1.5K needed to cover the outlay for the event, which is supported by the voluntary efforts of all the bands and 'set-up team'. The numbers to ring for offers of help/ raffle prizes/ sponsorship and tickets for the event are Joe 01926 613151 / 07831 405651, Michelle 07787 532945 and Chris 01926 612305.

Be there for another great rocking evening!

Joe Griffin

Warwickshire Arts Week

Warwickshire Arts Week is a bi-annual celebration of the visual arts and crafts across the county of Warwickshire including open studios, gallery events, talks, trails and exhibitions etc. This year it's being held from July 1st - 16th.

I am going to be joining in this event for the first time and will be opening up my studio, (Address: The Studio Hazebrook The Pound Harbury), Paintings, Prints and Post Cards will be for sale but I shall be happy just to have a chat with anyone who wants to have a look at what I do, where and how I do it!



During this period I shall be there every afternoon until 19.00 (except the two Mondays) and look forward to seeing you. (Tea and biscuits on tap + outside Lu!) Phone: 01926 612200

Website: www.libbyjanuary.com email: libbyjanuary@yahoo.co.uk

Details of the whole event can be found on the following website: www.warwickshireartsweek.co.uk (Click EVENTS, scroll down to my name - Libby January - for further details.)

Catalogues will be available from the various venues and public libraries etc.

Libby January

Mart-On Art Event

The Mart-On Art event will take place over the weekend of 1st and 2nd July 2006. The event comprises of a number of activities, which it is hoped, will fire the imagination of visitors and participants:

A Massive Painting of Raphael's Madonna Della Tempi

On Saturday 1 July, starting at 10.00am, participants at the Marton event will paint a 2.4m x 3.6m (8ft by 12ft) copy of Raphael's Madonna

Della Tempi in at least 36 sections. The finished painting will be erected on the south-facing wall on the outside of St. Espri's church. Following the unveiling of the painting, there will be a village barbecue party (see below).

Local people are invited to participate including family groups (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult). No previous art experience is required. Participants will be invited to seek sponsorship for their section of the painting, with proceeds raised donated to St.Esprit's Church.

Tudor Feast and Hanging

In the evening of Saturday 1st July, starting at 5.30 pm, the large copy of Raphael's Madonna Della Tempi painting will be unveiled and there will be a barbecue party in the churchyard. Tickets are available at £5 for adults and £3 for children under 18 and all are welcome. This will include a concert in church at 7.00pm

An Arts and Craft Exhibition

An exhibition of Arts and Crafts by local artists will be held in St.Esprit's Church over both days. Artists from Marton and surrounding areas are invited to display and sell their work. There will be no admission charge for visitors to this event.

Historical Exhibition

Over the event weekend, an exhibition will also be set up in Marton War Memorial Hall to compare present village life with examples of what life may have been like in Marton in the early 16th century, at around the time Raphael was painting his Madonna in Florence. Come and explore Marton and observe features that existed at that time. Admission will be free and refreshments will be available. The Marton Country Bygones Museum will also be open.

There will be a display of country dancing by the children on Sunday afternoon, when, it is hoped, the village Maypole will be used again.

The organisers wish to thank Rugby Borough Council, for supporting the events over the weekend with an Arts Grant

Contacts:

Bill Buckler, telephone 01926 633409, email drbillbuckler@aol.com

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Bach Choir To Sing In Harbury

The Royal Leamington Spa Bach Choir will be singing in All Saints' Church, Harbury, on Saturday 24th June 2006 with a "Midsummer Night's Music" starting at 7.30 pm. The Choir, which is professionally trained and auditioned, will be singing a cycle of folk-song settings entitled "The Sprig of Thyme" arranged by John Rutter and English Romantic Part Songs written by composers such as Sullivan (of G & S fame), Mendelssohn and Sterndale Bennett. The Choir will be about 60 strong, accompanied by Colin Druce (piano) and conducted by Nigel Stark.

Tickets £8 (Concessions £7, Under 14's £3) are available from Presto Classical (01926 863423) Park Street, Leamington Spa, local Tourist Offices, on the door or from local member, Bryan Harrison (01926 612533).

Bryan Harrison

Memories of Elm Trees

Apparently my recent note about the crow did not ring with approval. Raised in the rural way of life, I would hope that I know a crow from a rook. If not I've probably been rooked!

The poor old carrion is being pursued and has suffered enough; the few that are still around should be left in peace. You never miss it till it's gone!

How many villagers remember a row of fine large Elm trees, which used to grow within the boundary hedge in Mill Street, where the houses are now? Beyond the hedge was pasture land and a buttercup meadow where cattle and horses grazed. There was a central hedge, which separated the two fields and elms grew along that hedgerow as well. Dark Lane also had elms growing along it, hence the name.



Mill Street where once great Elms grew

Of course today, the land is a housing estate shared with Harbury Combined C of E Primary School. At the lower end of Mill Street was an orchard. The row of mature large Elms was felled in 1946 against the landowner's wishes to help with the re-construction after the war. Children, myself included, came to watch the event take place over a period of days, we felt sad at this. The felling began like this; a steel cable was attached to the tree at a height of almost twenty feet, this in turn was fitted to a winch on a special caterpillar tractor for the purpose of tree felling. A man with an axe worked first at the tree trunk. Then two men took over using a two handle cross cut saw. It was hard graft no chain saw in those times. They sawed through tree trunk for some time and when they judged they had sawn enough they shouted 'stand clear'. The tractor's winch began to wind the cable in and the tractor's rear forks dug into ground to take the strain. Suddenly, a crack rang out then a whump as tree hit the ground; a cheer was heard from the children.

Only the trunk of Elm was used for timber. The timber very good wood with a lovely grain to it, a pleasure to work with. Some tradesmen thought it was superior to top Oak for certain jobs. It could withstand damp conditions, idea for canal lock gates or for coffins.

Serving as an apprentice in the fifty's, I spent some time in an old fashioned carpenters shop. Together with one other apprentice, we both assisted a skilled carpenter; he was an excellent teacher.

Working in the shop, it could take around twenty hours work to make and complete a coffin, with a nice polished outer surface. The shoulders on a coffin could be tricky and required careful handling in forming the angles without the wood surface being cracked or broken. If a coffin was intended for burial the inside joints would usually be sealed with molten pitch.

The sawn Elm boards were roughly 7/8" thick x 9 3/4" wide and just over 6' in length. They were stored with Oak, in open sheds with space between each board, for air circulation.

There was nothing quite like the smell from freshly sawn or hand planed timber. For me it knocks modern chipboard into a 'cocked hat' in my opinion.

Mike Bloxham

Ufton News

On Monday 5th June - The White Hart at Ufton will be holding a Race Night in aid of "Wish House" for terminally ill children. If you can't

make it on the night you can buy your horse, jockey or trainer for £2 each at the White Hart NOW!!

Take Time Out

The 50th Take Time Out event held in May – Who Do You Think You Are?? – Was well supported and Maggie Loughran gave some valuable insights into how to start tracking down those ancestors. Next events are:

Vintage Jewellery – Thursday 15th June 10.00 – 12.30pm Ufton Village Hall

Recycling wool, old buttons and beads to make felt based 'vintage' brooches is this workshop led by Carol Ballard, textile and jewellery designer. Bring along any special beads or buttons to include them in your own design. Suitable for beginners. Cost £4 includes materials.

Thursday 6th July – Archaeology Day Out – morning visit to a local private dig close to Fenny Compton, see artefacts and have lunch nearby.

To book these events contact Karin Kirk on 613003. For a 2006/07 programme, please call for your copy or see the notice board in Ufton.

Gillian Ingham



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors, I wish to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the cheque which I was given on May 6th. This was a wonderful surprise and helped to make the day very special for me. I have spent the money on a beautiful pot from the Witchford pottery and a lovely Acer to go in it.

All of the events that I have been involved with have proved to me that Harbury is a very generous village and that all you need to do is to let it be known that money is needed for some cause or other and make a start on doing something about it. It was said to me quite forcibly that life is not all about making money and indeed it isn't and if you can provide pleasure along the way then that is a bonus.

Joyce Windsor

Dear Friends, thank you all so much for supporting my Nostalgia Evening for Meningitis Research. we raised the magnificent sum of £505. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. To my trusty few for all their help and support, Vi, Nigel, Peggie, Dorothy, June, Jeanne, Pam, Doreen and (David Bailey) Tony, my sincere thanks.



Two Harbury characters putting the world to rights at the Nostalgia Evening

Also to Suresh at Harbury Pharmacy for donating a raffle prize and to Giv for supplying the wine sale or return.

Hopefully we've managed to save a life.

Kind regards

Celia Barrett

Dear Editors, a huge thank you to Dayle who arranged a great 40th birthday celebration and to everyone who attended on 05/05/06.

To say I was surprised would be putting it mildly! I can't wait to see the finished plate and read all the messages.

Thank you all for the beautiful cards and gifts.

Lots of love

Jane Thomas

Dear Editors, just to let everyone know... we all made just under £440 for the STEPS coffee morning on 29 April 2006.

May I thank everyone for helping, the selling of raffle tickets by Pam & Geoff Cleaver, Norma Bicknell and Vicki at The Dog Public House raised £145 before the day. The generosity of coffee and tea drinkers on the day enable the above sum to be made.

Excellent donations were made by: The Dog; Big Help Management; DBPS; chemist coop; Londis; Butterfly Farm; Brandon Marsh; Teddy Bear Museum; Hatton Farm along with friends providing cakes and great raffle prizes.

Thank you to Angela at the Courier for the great write up that brought other families with children with talipes to the coffee morning from as far as Banbury. There is one raffle prize unclaimed - Isobel Grinms. Please contact me and I will drop the prize off.

Thank you all again.

Karena Ellis

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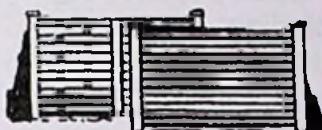
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