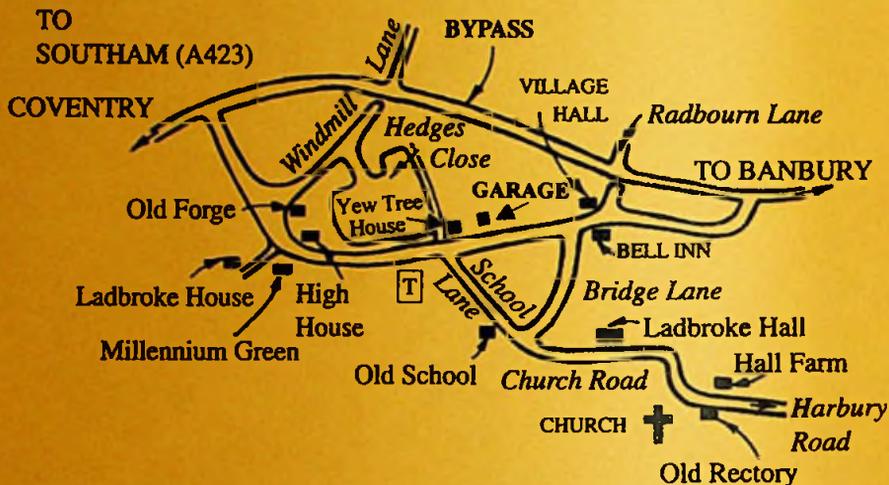


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Editorial

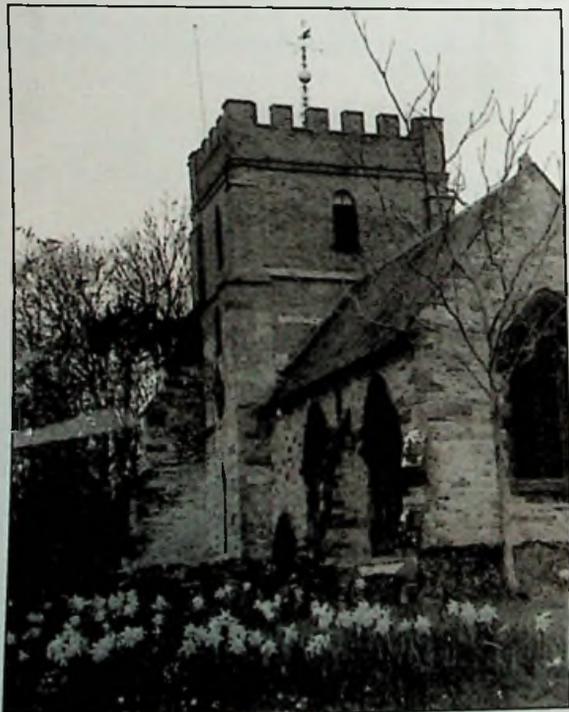
The good news for both Harbury and Ladbrooke is that there will be a resident Priest based in Harbury. We look forward to confirmation of an appointment in due course.

The District Council elections are due to be held on 3rd May. However, at this time, only one candidate has declared his intention to stand for election. Hopefully more candidates will come forward.

Harbury Parish Council will see a new chairman as Tim Lockley will be taking over the reins when Kevin Biddle stands down.

At a time when there are concerns over children being inactive, it is pleasing to read that children regularly participate in the local football and rugby teams. Similarly Harbury Primary School has achieved success with its athletics and cross-country teams.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Jennifer Elkins.



Harbury Diary

APRIL

- Sun 1 PALM SUNDAY**
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am
 First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Mon 2**
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
- Tues 3**
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
 Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room,
 Private Gardens for Public Enjoyment – Judy Berrow
- Wed 4**
 Holy Communion 2.00pm
 Mothers Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Diane Griffiths, Shoe Boxes etc
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
- Thurs 5 MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Sung Eucharist 8.00pm followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose
 N. B. Men's Group transferred to Thursday 12th April
 Folk Club 8.30pm at Shakespeare Inn
 Harbury Art Group 10.00 – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 6 GOOD FRIDAY**
 Children's Service in Church 10.00am
 Devotional Hour 2.00-3.00pm
- Sat 7 REFUSE COLLECTION**
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
 Easter Ceremonies in Church followed by refreshments in Tom
 Hauley Room
- Sun 8 EASTER DAY**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 9 BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 10**
 N.B. Toddlers Service transferred to Tuesday April 17th
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 11**
 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 12**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Men's Group 7.45pm in the Farley Room, Village Hall
 Speaker Peter McDonald
- Fri 13 NO RECYCLING**

- Sat 14 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society
RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sun 15 **EASTER II**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after service
 Evensong 6.00pm
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Mon 16 **SCHOOL STARTS**
 AGM Village Hall Committee Meeting at 7.30pm
- Tues 17 Toddlers Service at 2.00pm in Church
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers' Union meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room:
 Discussion Evening
 Youth Drop In 7.00 – 9.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed 18 Tea 3.00 to 4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 20 Sponsored Hymn Sing in aid of CLIC Sargent Charity 6.45pm in Church
- Sat 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tom Hauley Rooms
 Windmills Nursery Wine Tasting & Shopping Evening 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 22 **EASTER III**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 23 **St. GEORGE'S DAY**
- Tues 24 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting 8.00pm
 Youth Drop In 7.00 – 9.00pm at Village Hall
- Wed 25 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30–4.30pm, 5 Penelope Close
 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Farley Room, Village Hall
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall (Parishioners may attend the meeting and speak. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 614646)
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tennis Club
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale, Dog Inn Car Park 10.30am-1.30pm
- Sun 29 **EASTER IV**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am

MAY

- Tues 1 **St PHILIP & St JAMES**
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Youth Drop In 7.00 – 9.00pm at Village Hall
 Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - Getting Ready for Chelsea with David Edmunds
- Wed 2 Holy Communion 2.00pm
 Windmills Nursery Spring Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
 Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room
 Speaker: Mary Home "Bees Abroad" (a visit to Kenya)
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Men's Group Dinner 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
 Harbury Art Group 10am – 4pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of CINDI
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale, Dog Inn Car Park 10.30am-1.30pm
- Sun 6 **EASTER V**
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am
 First Light Service 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room
 Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Mon 7 **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 8 Youth Drop In 7.00 – 9.00pm at Village Hall
- Wed 9 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 10 Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**MAY**

- Thurs 17 Deanery Festival in Harbury Church
- Fri 18 'Auction of Promises' 7:30pm in the School Hall. You can pre-book your tickets by phoning Alison on 612087

JUNE

- Sat 23 Windmills Nursery School Casino Night in Village Hall
- Sat 30 Harbury Primary School Summer Fayre

JULY

- Sat 7 Annual Harbury Beer Walk

From the Registers*Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke*

March 20 Jennifer Elkins (85)



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

March began with a lovely service to mark the Women's World Day of Prayer. Written by the Christian Women of Paraguay, it took as its theme 'United under God's tent'. The message was: "We have the assurance that God's tent covers us wherever and whenever we meet in His name." Thank you to everyone who took part, especially to Marie Calvert, our speaker, and to Ruth Dodds and Anne Moore who organised the service with such love and care. Everyone who came loved it, those who came for the first time in a very special way. The service is always held on the first Friday of March, so put Friday 7th March 2008 in your diary now and let us emphasise that everyone is welcome!



The Family Service was on Mothering Sunday. Alison reminded us of the comfort that a mother's hug brings; that God is the perfect parent and that Christ's loving arms are always open to welcome us. Thank you to her, her team and to Anne, Ruth and the choir for dealing with the daffodils!

We've promised to keep you informed about the future of Harbury and Ladbroke during and after the interregnum.

Following the recent meeting of the Deanery Synod, we can assure you that we shall have a priest in Harbury Rectory with responsibility for ministry in the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke, and with an added responsibility for work in the Deanery.



Distributing the daffodils on Mothering Sunday

The nature of this responsibility is not yet known, nor is the timing of the new appointment. In the meantime, we are extremely grateful to Father Martin Wright and Father Stephen Knight for serving us so generously and so well.



When you read this, you will probably have received your Easter cards from the Church. Please do join us at the services if you can.

We wish you all a blessed and a very happy Easter.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

The afternoon meeting was addressed by Brenda Moss, talking about the season of Lent. The name simply comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning to lengthen – as the days draw out – but for Christians it is a time when we remember Jesus' time in the wilderness. In the early church, new converts spent the time in seclusion, learning and praying before public confession and baptism at Easter. Nowadays, many of us “give up” something as a symbol that our faith has freed us from dependency on fleeting comforts; we try to spend more time on prayer and Bible reading as we prepare to greet His resurrection at Easter.

The evening meeting had us battling with a quiz set by our speaker Julie Cartwright. It was her way of showing us some of the facets of her work as a chaplain at St Michaels Hospital, Warwick. I think we all realised how much more there is to her work than we knew. The first recorded hospitals were in monasteries, where they cared for ill and infirm people who came to shrines to pray for healing, so there has always been a sense in which faith has a major part to play in the total well being of a person. There are now 400 full-time Primary Care Trust chaplains in the whole country, obviously not nearly enough to go around, so there is a great dependency on local clergy who also go in.

- Wednesday 4th April - 2.30pm after 2pm service
Diane Griffiths about the Shoebox Appeal
Anyone interested is welcome, and
please bring haberdashery which she will
pass on to Tools with a Mission.
- Tuesday 17th April - 8pm after 7.30pm communion.
A discussion led by Barbara
Thistlethwaite
- Thursday 17th May - Deanery Festival in Harbury Church.



Amazing Grace

Alison Abbott

You may have seen the pre-publicity for the film about the campaign to abolish slavery. You may not have realised that the captain of the slave ship, John Newton, after he came to believe in Jesus, was the author of the well known hymn 'Amazing Grace'. At the First Light service on May 6th we shall be exploring the meaning of those words, which 'saved a wretch like me' and is still available freely to each and everyone of us.

First Light is a short informal service, in the Tom Hauley Room at 10.30am, following coffee at 10am.

Also on April 1st – Palm Sunday.



Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

Mrs. Elizabeth Kitchener told us the story of St. Francis, his love for God and how he befriended lots of animals.

We sang two songs; 'Make me a channel of your Peace', and the action song, 'If I were a Butterfly'. We were accompanied by Mr Michael Hare playing his accordion.

We coloured cut-out shapes of animals and stuck them on a card to take home. Then we played with lots of toys and had refreshments.

Please note the change of date for our next Toddler Service. It will be on **Tuesday 17 April** in the children's corner of the church at 2.00pm. All toddlers and babies, accompanied by an adult, are most welcome to come and join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

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Family Communion 10.30am, Refreshments
- Mon 2** Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 3** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 5 MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Holy Communion 7.00pm
- Fri 6 GOOD FRIDAY**
Children's Service 11.00am
Devotional Hour 12 -1.00pm
Devotional Service 7.00pm with music and readings
- Sat 7** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
- Sun 8 EASTER SUNDAY**
Sung Communion 9.00am
- Mon 9** Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 10** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 14** Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 15 EASTER II**
Holy Communion 9.00am, Book of Common Prayer
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Mon 16** Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall (Last one of the season)
- Tues 17** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 22 EASTER III**
Sung Communion 9.00am
- Tues 24** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 26** Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &
EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sat 28** Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 29 EASTER IV**
Holy Communion 9.00am, Said Service

MAY

- Sun 6 EASTER V**
Family Communion 10.30am, Refreshments



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

We had a very busy month in March.

Our Mothering Sunday Service was a great success and the posies were lovely – many thanks to Rosemary Allington - and I think the music and readings were appreciated too.

We had our final Lent Lunch on Wednesday 21st and considering one lunch was cancelled through illness we made over £160 – very good. Thank you to all who came and those who provided the delicious soups and cheeses.

Easter is almost upon us, the choir is busy rehearsing on Tuesday evenings for the Devotional Service at 7pm on Good Friday (with music and readings). Just in case people are not busy enough over Easter – Ladbroke Church has a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury on Saturday 7th April. Raffle prizes, cakes etc and your presence is requested as usual please.

Please see the times of the church services in your church Easter card which everyone should have received a copy of.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to everyone.

In Memory of Jennifer Elkins

Betty Winkfield

In Jennifer we have lost another stalwart of our village. She was a member of the church P.C.C and a member of our W.I and Women's Fellowship. I cleaned the church with Jennifer for several years – what better place to get to know one another.

For several years now her health has been failing and losing Nigel in 2004 was another blow. Then again her eyesight was failing and she could no longer drive, but true to the Jennifer spirit, she battled on, making sure her home and garden were immaculate. She never wanted to leave her bungalow as she said, "I know where things are here." Always a confident lady, she must have been an excellent Ward Sister at Warwick Hospital.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tim, Vivien and sons at this sad time.

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Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

Our meeting on 22nd February was very well attended despite the very cold weather, lovely to see everyone, members old and new.

The speaker Kay Sillitoe gave a very interesting talk on British Artisan Cheeses followed by a sampling of various cheeses. Some of them were very popular with most of the ladies others, judging by the facial expressions of the members, were not too sure.

Normandy Monastery Cheese - made by the Monks seemed popular, others samples were Sheep's Milk Cheese, Bath Soft - quite a strong cheese and Shropshire Blue made in Nottingham.

Kay answered many questions regarding the cheeses, for example, cheese should be stored in the fridge, wrapped in waxed paper which allows the cheese to breathe and not wrapped in clingfilm.

We all then celebrated Beryl's Birthday, as she provided us with yet again one of her delicious cakes and some wine.

The Raffle prizes were won by Carol Lane and Christine Baker.

April's meeting - 26th April 'Travels in China' by David Waite.
Tea Hostesses Susan Moore, Sue Halsall and Beryl.



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw

Janet Goldson

Here is the result of the monthly draw for January 2007:

£70 John & Jenny Barrett

£25 Linda Spence

£25 Jonathan Ford

£10 Jim & Pauline Laidler

£10 Mary Coley

£10 Beverley Bradley

The next draw will take place on 28th March in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke Table Tennis Club

Sue Halsall

The club is thriving, lovely to see the return of some old members and also to welcome new members, including Ted from Deppers Bridge. Seventeen in total attended last Monday's meeting and with the two tables I managed to keep everyone playing in turn.

The last meeting of the season will be Monday 16 April with our usual party and presentation of the certificates and cups. A knockout competition has already started.

The Club will restart on Monday September 10th September, do come and join us - 8pm -10pm.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Kip Warr

March 2007

Bishops Lake Bowl is going to be a hot topic for the rest of this year at least. The present issue is the owner's proposal for housing based, they say, on a shortage in this area. Ladbroke were urged to have a housing needs survey carried out (free of charge by Warwickshire Rural Community Council) to check whether this is the case. This would also tie in with the Parish Plan which moves slowly on; recommendations from the Plan survey and consultation are to be sent to Parish Councillors before their next meeting.

There is a fence across the village end of Windmill Lane and the land owner has agreed in principle that it can be removed if this can be done safely to allow horses and pedestrians to pass. There are other issues, such as maintenance and signage, to be resolved with the owner and County Council, but we may yet see the end of the lane re-opened.

Our plague of pot holes has been cured for the present by patching but the Parish Council are keen to get the road near the church repaired and are much encouraged by the county's increased budget for roads. Cllr Bob Stevens explained that the restriction of heavy traffic on the railway bridge near the Great Western is yet to be resolved. He also told us that there is to be a new speed management

policy for the roads covering every aspect of speeding. Meanwhile Southam Police have bought a speed gun – “good news for some, bad for others” as PC Hill succinctly put it.

We live in one of the least crime-affected wards in a low crime part of Britain, according to Cllr Chris Williams. Nonetheless, nearby Stockton was targeted recently by a professional gang from Birmingham and there have been more thefts from the vulnerable, so we should not be complacent and PC Hill warned us that most burglaries are carried out in the day time, not at night.

Planning applications have been granted for Newhouse Farm (felling trees) and for 7, Hedges Close (extension and porch). The appeal for development west of Kineton Road in Southam Industrial Estate has been allowed. The Parish Council accepted a new application for ‘horsiculture’ and associated buildings on agricultural land off the B4451 near Deppers Bridge but expressed concern lest there be a subsequent intention to develop this land for housing.

Cllr Jim Clews asked whether there was any danger of the district deciding to amalgamate smaller parishes such as Ladbroke, since he had received emails suggesting this. Cllr Williams assured him that Stratford had no power to do any such thing; if parishes wished to combine, then the district could provide the channels for them to do so.

Important news for those who are disabled or have special need and are unable to get to a bus route. Stratford District’s Community Links transport scheme can provide specially adapted transport at £1 per trip for those who: have a genuine need for local transport, cannot access public transport because of mobility problems and live in a rural isolated location with no other form of transport available. Phone 01789 264491 for more details.

Finally, a summary of other issues. The parish may yet get a website – the Clerk has sent in the paperwork and we all hold our breath for a decision. The Millennium Green Committee have applied for planning permission for additional play equipment. The Parish Council will ask the district Dog Warden to speak to the owners of dogs that have been seen fouling the Millennium Green. The Village Hall Committee, still without a chairperson, is persevering with their development plans. They were helped along with a cheque from the Parish Council for capital expenditure; their Treasurer left the meeting with a cheque in her hand and a beam on her face.



Weird, Wise and Witty Tales

Kip Warr

No one was surprised that the tarted-up Mexican Cucurachita, with false eyelashes, bouffon wig, bright lipstick and high, high heels, got her man – or rather, her handsome, guitar-playing rat. That is the spell that held us as Elly C Stuart told us tales in Ladbroke Village Hall. Not only were we listening, we were joining in the mime as our cockroach heroine flashed her accentuated charms to her suitors. Our mime is probably best left to your imagination (the children did it even better than the adults).

It was equally believable that the peddler of Swaffham should be able to run all the way from London to Norfolk to dig up a horde of gold when he had followed his dream and heard where to dig. The children especially enjoyed "Oi, Get off our Train", based on the story by John Burningham, with train actions and whistles and a strange mixture of animals from around the world. And the adults were intrigued by the story of generations of foxes that appeared at the deaths of generations of descendants of a man who saved a vixen. These, and many more stories, true and false, funny and serious, lively and thoughtful sent us all home with a smile.



Teachers Top Tops - Ladbroke Quiz Night

Kip Warr

"I know it - I'm sure I know it - it's on the tip of my tongue - it's ... it's - Oh, what is it?" Yes, the familiar sounds of Quiz Night buzzed around Ladbroke Village Hall as the grey cells were put through their paces once again. Peter Goldson's cunning questions came thick and fast. The answers scaled the heights (someone knew that the muse of dance was Terpsichore) and plumbed the depths (Lawrence of Arabia, one team thought, froze to death - in an icebox in the desert perhaps?).

We congratulate the Memory Lane team of teachers, the winners of the prize donated by Budgens, ending the winning streak of the Four Tops who have triumphed in recent years. We also congratulate The French Perspective team who won the Lucky Loser prize for their effort at answering the question "What is the collective noun for moles?"; not knowing the answer they answered "A mole hill with a

mole underneath", adding "I am a lonely animal so there is no collective word."



Our thanks to Peter and to his team, Janet Goldson, Ian Panton and Trish Redwood, who delivered the scores with great efficiency. Also to Peter Loftus for organising the well-stocked bar and Carolyn Taylor who ran it, to the donors to the generously-provisioned raffle and especially to Carol Lane who insists that really these events run themselves with very little effort from her (but we know better). Good result.



Oh, and a group of moles is called a 'labour'. That's two new items for your knowledge collection.



Harbury Parish Council

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

A select band of seven Councillors rattled through the agenda, driven by Chairman Kevin Biddle's determination to beat the 9.27pm record achieved by Cllr Lockley. He made it by eight minutes!

There being no Police presence, it was down to Tim Lockley to report that there had been two vehicles taken and some stone garden ornaments stolen. Much of the properties report, consisted of repairs and cleaning up after vandalism. There is a worrying increase in youths smashing bottles round the Play Equipment and on the grass. The Parish Council's contractor spends a good deal of time painstakingly picking up the glass.



Repaired verges in Vicarage Lane

There have been complaints about children breaking down the hedge on the eastern side of the Playing Fields. Residents will be asked to cut back hedges which are obstructing the footway.

The Clerk reported that holes and ruts in the Playing Fields had been filled in. Binswood End Green, the Pound and Vicarage Lane verges had been repaired. The water was now flowing along the ditch alongside the Playing Fields and the contractor had been paid.

£200,000 of Lottery money available for Children's Play - Stratford District Council at last announced it will consult Parish Councils on the distribution of this windfall and produce a Children's Play Strategy as it is obliged to do.

Southam College - Clerk Nicola Thompson reported the College had applied to be allowed an intake of 221 pupils per year but were refused. They will appeal as there are 276 applicants and the College has room for 240 of them.

Rail Bridge in Deppers - More meetings are taking place about the safety improvements to the bridge. The latest suggestion is for a narrowed bridge with pedestrian walkway but no traffic lights.

PLANNING - Stratford District granted permission with conditions for a rear extension at 14 Park Lane and 9 Farm Street and permission for tree works at 1 Crown Street, Denys Close, Temple End, and felling at 8 & 25 Farm Street and the removal of a hedgerow at the end of Burnside, Deppers Bridge.

The Parish Council made no representations on extensions at Meadow Bank, Hall Lane; 11a Constance Drive; 7 The Beeches and 9 Neales Close; treework at Pool Yard, Temple End, Harbury House, and 16 Farm Street, and change of use to residential at 2 Chapel Street.

The Parish made representations about the unsuitability of the B4451 for HGV's on an outline planning permission at the Kineton Industrial Estate, on the extension to West End Cottage; they expressed concerns about parking and asked the District to ensure that the listed Yew Tree was protected from damage. Stratford refused permission for a garage at 28 Binswood End.

Applications were withdrawn for a wind turbine at 10 Greenhill Farm, tree felling at Harbury House and for widening the access at the Rugby Club.

Follett Properties had amended the application at the Quarries to exclude road improvements to the east of the B4451.

The Enforcement Officer would be asked to look into possible planning breaches at Harbury Croft and Old Coopers.

Traffic Management - There is still no progress on this and the Parish Council is to look again at the idea of making Church Street One Way and will investigate the possibility with County Highways. They have received a grant from "Vision for Southam" to pay for the painting of the street "furniture".

Dog Fouling - Councillors complained this was as bad as ever. They reported a large number of repairs including potholes, some of which have been a problem for many months. Cllr Thompson suggested the Councillors should undertake another survey of the roads and paths.

County Councillor Bob Stevens promised that some of our streets were on the list for repair this year and that the County had voted money for Village Hall Energy Audit Grants.

Lottery Grant - Cllr Mancell is still trying to use up the money for the Council's website before April 1st, as Stratford District has not provided the training and hardware promised. The Clerk will get some Accountancy Software and the means will be provided for Cllr Thornley to go on line at last.

Harbury Parish Council gives small grants to village organisation that approach it for money. Councillors were saddened that some recipients did not have the courtesy to send a thank-you letter. Their next applications may not be so readily approved!

Cllr Biddle is standing down as Chairman due to pressure of work. Vice-Chairman Tim Lockley will take over. Cllr Biddle thanked his colleagues for their support and they in turn gave him a vote of thanks. The meeting ended at 9.19pm!

The Annual Parish Meeting to which all parishioners are invited to attend, is on Monday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The Next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 26th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Important notice - Harbury Parish Council has received complaints from several parishioners about hedges and bushes from private gardens that are narrowing the footpaths around the village. If you have a conifer hedge, or any other type of hedge, please take a moment to look at it, and cut it back if necessary to allow a pushchair or wheelchair to pass safely. If you would prefer to use the Council's contractor this can be arranged, at a modest cost. Thanks for your co-operation. **Tim Lockley**



Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

We celebrated a bright but chilly St Patrick's Day morning by standing in our usual spot outside Harbury Post Office, listening to your concerns. (See the list below, with proposed actions.)

Parish Council: Dog-fouling on pavements

Sadly, this has recently got much worse. Should we summon the Dog Warden? Do we need more dog-bins? The Parish Council would welcome your suggestions.

Lighting

The shopkeeper at the Post Office commented that the Chapel Street junction can be very dark at night. What do you think?

Bushes overhanging pavements

The Parish Council will investigate.

Police**An unlit skip in South Parade**

The Police are to be commended for their very prompt action in response to a resident who complained it was hazardous.

District**Churchyard trees**

Not everybody likes the appearance of the pollarded lime trees. But all agree maintenance was urgently needed – which SDC have done, without a budget for it!

Refuse collection

A number of residents commented:-
Please can householders tie up their refuse sacks on collection day?

Bus service

A number of residents commented that the 64 service is running very well.

County Highways**Flooding at Hall Lane/Church Terrace****Blocked drains****Pavements in Manor Road****A hazard in Chapel Street**

We will bring all these issues to the attention of the Divisional Maintenance Engineer, and request action.

If you want to know more about any of these matters – or you want to talk to us about other issues - here are our contact details.

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Peter Barton – Conservative Candidate



Peter Barton is adopted as the Conservative Candidate for Harbury District Ward, in the Stratford District Council By Election on 3rd May.

Peter Barton has lived in Harbury for 10 years and is a well-known and trusted figure in Warwickshire. Enjoying village life after 45 years managing the family business of Percy Whale Furniture in Leamington Spa, he appreciates all that Harbury offers and which he wants to see remain unspoilt.

Over his entire working life, Peter has devoted himself to community service and public duty. As a Non-Executive Director of the South Warwickshire Health Care Trust, he gained a detailed knowledge of the health needs of South Warwickshire.

During his 18 years as a Councillor on Warwick District, he chaired many of the Council's major committees. This brought him into direct contact with the public and local voluntary groups, which are so valuable to our society today. Peter Barton has always put the needs of his constituents first, regardless of party political interests.

There are three 'key' local issues that concern him. First – the effect that any alteration of traffic flow at Deppers Bridge could have on our villages. Second – The Bishop's Bowl Lakes Plan and third, the need for low cost social housing in the village.

Peter is an active member of Rotary International and a former member of Round Table, enjoying voluntary work and meeting people. He lives at 3 Percival Drive, Harbury and is available by telephone on (01926 614 556).

At the time of going to print there was no other information available regarding any other candidates standing for election – the Editors.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Chairman's Report was given by Ed Wilson because Chairman Alan Lord was away on business.

The aims of the Society remained to promote an interest in the history of the village, to monitor planning matters and educate members on planning and conservation as well as undertaking more practical

projects such as producing the Village Design Statement and Parish Review.

Linda Ridgley reminded members that the Society monitored planning applications and sought to mitigate any adverse impact on the community. The current proposal by Folletts for a massive development at the Quarries was a case in point.

Elections - There was spontaneous applause when Ed Wilson announced that **John Hancock** had agreed to be nominated as **Chairman**, replacing Alan Lord who was stepping down.

WELLESBOURNE'S CHEDHAM'S YARD PROJECT – BBC RESTORATION WINNER 2006

Wellesbourne's Councillor Close gave a professional and inspiring account of Chedham's Yard which, when the Council first saw it, it was overgrown with vegetation. It looked like the owner had gone out for lunch and never returned, which was more or less what had happened in the late 1960's when Bill Chedham, the seventh generation to work there, finally left the building - unlocked. The buildings had an earth floor, and all the tools from the Wheelwright's shop and the Smithy were still in place. Bill Chedham did not want it to fall to developers and agreed a sum of just £10,000 for the Parish Council to purchase this site in the middle of the village.

They set up a Working Party with a vision to preserve as far as practical the Yard's existing atmosphere. The Council hired consultants to help them organise and implement this vision and in six months produced a "Conservation Statement" giving an historical record of the Yard in 2002 so that even if it were lost there would be documentation for reference.

It was decided that the Yard's re-use for traditional crafts and as an educational resource would make it an active heritage centre and maintain its unique charm. They definitely wanted to keep the ramshackle nature of the Yard. But it needed money management and volunteers.

The Parish Council had already spent £60,000 on it and estimated it would cost a million pounds to achieve their aims. They considered mothballing the Yard until they had secured the money. However, in 2006 they spotted small advertisements from the BBC for restoration projects and so they applied and were accepted.

People were filmed and interviewed and at the regional heat in June they were amazed at the result of the TV voting. In September forty villagers went to Chichester for the Final.

As the teams were interviewed the Yard was running at about 3rd or 4th. Then they interviewed Iris who is in her eighties and talked so enthusiastically about her interest in the Yard that the votes rocketed.

The group now has to apply for a project grant of £50,000 to work up a bid for the £1,000,000 Heritage Lottery money! The BBC money has been used to help stop the building falling down!



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Our **Coffee Morning** in the Tom Hauley Room is on **Sat 14th April 10am – 12noon** and **Ed's Pub Walk** starts 10.30am from Admiral Nelson, Braunston on 12th May.

February's meeting was cancelled because of the awful weather but the decision was a sensible one, long standing members cannot remember this ever happening before. There will be plenty of activity this year. Spring Council Meeting is this month. Harbury W.I is hosting this year's Group Meeting at the Village Hall on 8th May.

We are entering the Harbury Carnival and running a cake stall in June so plenty of notice to remind members about cakes. Pam Parton is holding a coffee morning at her house on 23rd May and everybody is welcome. Our members own Garden Party is at Ann's on 21st June and we will look forward to that.

There will be the Horticultural Show in September which is always an enjoyable day for everyone to participate in. Our outing in September is to Bletchley Park which will be very interesting. The quiz team did very well and came third recently in the Federation Quiz.

The walks have been good so far this year. The treasure hunt at Warwick and to Draycote, ending with lunch, of course. The next walk is a treasure hunt around Leamington on Friday 30th March, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

Members evening is always enjoyable and fun and this year was no exception. The usual team provided brain teasers and there were many comments and laughter. Thanks to them all for making and enjoyable evening.

April Speaker: History of the Canal Network – Paul Davison.



Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Hayes

It's now a case off "all go" for Edinburgh.

Funds are being raised, the venue is booked, the play has been written and cast, and rehearsals have started.

For those of you who don't know, this August we are going to display our talents (or lack of them) at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Having been persuaded by Bob Hodge that this was a good idea, we have all thrown ourselves into the project with an enthusiasm that is a joy to behold.

Bob has taken on the mantle of Project Leader and his power point lectures are keeping us all on the right track. Most of us have already booked our accommodation, as the place fills up very quickly during August, some people have rented apartments, some, bed & Breakfast, and some of us have decided to risk the Scottish weather and have booked onto camp sites. All in all it should be a good week and, I for one, am looking forward to it.

We have a new play to perform called "Armageddon & Fishcakes", and its "World Premier" will be in Harbury in May. Please don't miss it. It has been specially written for us by our own home grown talent, Rob Stringer, and in my humble opinion it is extremely good. However, it's our audience's opinion that counts, and as this will be our first dry run for Edinburgh, we will be extremely interested to hear your feedback. We will still have time to fine tune things before August.

So please make a note in your diary. The May production should be good fun. As well as "Armageddon & Fishcakes" we will also be presenting two very funny short plays, directed by Jenny Hodge, (more home grown talent.)

So, the advert bit.

Friday 18th of May and Saturdays 19th of May. Harbury Village Hall. An evening of short plays. "Streuth", followed by "Trapped", both by Michael Green and both directed by Jenny Hodge, and of course, our Edinburgh play "Armageddon & Fishcakes" by Rob Stringer and directed by John Stringer.

Saturday will be particularly good as we are also serving supper.

I hope to see you there.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

With the March meeting of the folk club falling on St David's Day, I had no problem in selecting a theme for the evening. It was of course "Wales".

We were treated to a variety of items performed to a full house. These ranged from a story about a not-so-friendly Welsh dragon presented by Keith Donnelly, to songs about hunting Whales. However, one of the highlights of the evening was the beautiful self accompanied singing of Linda Watkins in her native Welsh Language.

I know I am biased, but another of the highlights of the evening was the unaccompanied harmony singing of Liz Bones and Nicola Lomas. They used to form half of the group Bonas, but have not performed together for a number of years. It was great to hear them again.

Once again we had a good number of talented musicians willing to perform and it was not easy trying to fit all 17 items into the evening. However, I think it was worth the effort as the warm and responsive audience seemed to appreciate the variety and standard of the items performed. Many thanks to all who took part and also members of the audience who provided such a good atmosphere

Thanks also to those who contributed to the raffle which raised £45.00 for Comic Relief.



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

The quiz night we held on March 4th was a great success – congratulations to the winning team the 'Busy Bees'. Many thanks to our Quiz Master, Andrew Patrick.

Any members who are not hosting a French family in May please let Sally Stringer know which of the weekend events you wish to take part in.

Sunday May 6th - Black Country Museum

Monday May 7th - Bowls, Walk, Boating, Meal in Village Hall.

Our French visitors will be arriving on May 5th and departing on May 8th. I am sure everyone in the village will give them a warm welcome.

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Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

With the Cricket World Cup now in full swing, and our own new season approaching fast, I thought it would be good to get everyone back into a cricket frame of mind. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came, bought a raffle ticket, and donated a raffle prize for our annual dinner at the end of January. I am pleased to report that the evening was a massive success for the club, as not only did we raise a substantial amount of money, but we also attracted some new faces, whom I am glad to say were extremely enthusiastic about joining our team for the forthcoming season. After all expenses were paid for the fantastic meal and entertainment; the final total came to over £500 profit! This result, virtually guarantees our team's status for the next few seasons. Raffle prizes consisted of meals for two at The Shakespeare, The Crown and The Dog, 4 free tickets to watch Warwickshire at Edgbaston, a month's free membership at the Southam Leisure Centre, and plenty more. We, at the club, would like to thank all of these and the other local businesses for their generous donations, which in the main were won by supporters of the club from inside the village.

As well as a meal and entertainment on the night we also took a few moments to present the season's awards, which were won by the following people:

Duck of the season — Matt Boneham (he was extremely gutted at gaining this award with it being his first season in the team, so I would like to stress that he is now key player in the side, with a fantastic attitude towards the game! Nice work Matt).

Young player of the season— Phil Mugleston (was definitely a better bowler than Greg Neale last season).

Player of the season - Graham Newport (on receiving his award he said "the ball actually hit the bat right for once").

There was also a special award this season, presented by a few of the younger players to captain Ed Russell to show their appreciation of the hard work he puts in. It was engraved 'Skippy the Skipper', to cut a long story short; his left leg was incapacitated for a game in which he was forced to come in and hit several sixes to win the game, fantastic to watch!

Next season we are hoping to bring a few new additions into the club, and not just players. We are looking into designing new shirts to wear (Richard Carr seems to be the only person who owns one of the originals for some reason). To do this Phil Mugleston set his Primary School students a challenge to design a new logo for the team to wear representing Harbury. As always every student produced a top-notch idea, and now, we at the club have to do the judging of which one to choose as our team emblem. All will be revealed in the next few weeks, and I hope to put in a picture of the winning logo for you all to see next month. Also next month the long awaited averages of last season will be published, so we can all have a good laugh at that! As always we are keen for new players, and even though some have already signed up, there's always room for more. If you are interested here are the numbers you need to know.

Ed Russell - (01926) 612684 and Phil Mugleston - (01926) 612382.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

Although it still feels wintry at the time of writing, the summer season is rapidly approaching and by the time you read this our opening "Cheque Book" Tournament will have been played. As ever we welcome new members, please contact me for information.

The winter league programmes are coming to an end with 3 of the 4 teams involved in relegation or promotion "battles".

The "A" team were in a relegation place but a late improvement in the last 3 matches may have seen them escape. Kate Young, Angie Dean, Geoff Prince and Andrew Rendell achieved a good draw away at Warwick "A". There were 3 changes for the next game against Hook Norton "B" due to holiday commitments. Sue and Colin Mercer made a rare "A" team appearance joining regulars Gill Thorpe and Geoff Prince. It was all square after the first 2 rubbers. Things looked promising when Gill and Geoff won their mixed doubles but Sue and Colin lost both keenly contested sets so Harbury had to settle for a 2-2 draw. Hook Norton were again the opponents for the final match of the season played in very windy conditions with a mixture of bright sun and squally snow showers! However, this didn't stop the hardy team of Kate Young, Angie Dean, Geoff Prince and Gill Thorpe recording a very good 3½ - ½ win.

Whether this is enough to keep them in Division One next season depends on other teams' results, not yet available!

The "B" team continued its good form with an emphatic 4-0 win at home against Charlbury followed by a 2-2 draw at Tysoe "B". In the Charlbury match Jonathan Smith, making his "B team debut, and Linda Casement joined regulars Caroline Morland and Steve Stark and helped them to outplay the visitors an emphatic 4-0 win over Charlbury. In the Tysoe match Caroline and Steve played with Jane Durman and Jon Scothern. Jon and Steve comfortably won both sets but Caroline and Jane lost theirs leaving it nicely balanced for the mixed rubbers. These followed a similar pattern with Caroline and Steve winning 6-2, 6-3, and Jane and Jon losing by the same score. However, the draw was enough to secure second place and promotion to Division 3 with one match to play. That is against Hook Norton "C" who are currently top by a single point so there's plenty to play for!

It is even closer in the floodlit league with Harbury and Deddington 3 in first and second positions on equal points, both with 2 matches to play. Another good away win against Buckingham 2 by 2½ - 1½ was followed by a crunch match away at Deddington which turned into a 3 hour marathon! The first two rubbers were very even. Caroline Morland and Eira Owen lost the first set in a tie-break but hit back to win the second 6-1. Keith Thompson and Jonathan Smith got off to a good start winning their first set 6-4 but lost the second 4-6. Unfortunately the wheels came off the trolley in the mixed doubles! Jonathan and Eira lost 2-6, 0-6, and Caroline and Keith lost both sets 3-6 giving the home side a 3-1 win. The match didn't finish until nearly 10.00 p.m. Cocoa and slippers seemed more appropriate than the normal beer and sandwiches!!

The Men's doubles team finished in mid table following consecutive away defeats against runaway champions Alcester and Ardencote. However, Harbury can take great comfort from the Alcester match as until then Alcester had won all their matches by 4-0. Jon Scothern, Bill Hathaway, Mark Pavey and teenager Sebastian Prince became the first team to take a rubber! In the other match Jon, Bill, Andrew Rendell, and Adam Crossling were hoping to complete a double over Ardencote but it didn't work out as planned and the home side were worthy 3-1 winners.

We all get a very short break before the summer leagues start on 16th April

Juniors

At the other end of the Club's age spectrum our "Mini Reds" have also been in league action! Warwickshire LTA organise leagues for players aged 8 and under as an introduction to match play but with an emphasis on fun! The following have taken part in one or more of the matches played against Kenilworth, Rugby, and Warwick at Esporta Coventry: Joshua Savage, Jamie Head, Dulcie Bushill, Alice Bright, Matthew Rose, Mathieu Savin, Tom Pilgrim and Sam Clifton. Each match consists of 10 rubbers and each team member plays in 2 singles and one doubles. Congratulations to Mathew Rose who won 3 of his 4 singles! Although we lost more than we won the feedback I've had from parents is that the children have really enjoyed themselves.

Plans for the summer programme are well advanced and we're looking forward to another busy few months – keep checking your email for details!



Harbury Juniors
FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Junior's Football

U14's

Harbury 1 Kineton 1
Harbury 2 Byfield 1
Kineton 1 Harbury 4

U12's

Harbury 5 Napton 2
Azad Hill 3 Harbury 1
Fenny Compton 3 Harbury 0

U11's

Kineton 0 Harbury 5

An excellent team performance. John Van Kestren had a great match in midfield as did Hallam Bullock who scored his first goal for the team. George Hendry put in a great performance on the right. Man of the match Adam Miles put in an outstanding performance, scoring three goals. He also displayed his captain qualities when chasing back to defend.

Harbury 1 Kineton 0

This was a very tough match with few chances for either side.

Harry Morrice scored with a strong shot following a corner and this proved to be the only goal. Man of the match was Elliot Tawney who was very strong in defence.

Harbury 2 Tysoe 0

Again, a very close match with few chances for either side. However Adam Miles finished both of his chances well to score both goals. Harbury defended well to hold on to their lead. This was another all round excellent team performance.

U10's

Home v Cropedy

Harbury got off to a flying start with 3 goals in the first 20 minutes with goals from Jack (2) and Jacob. However Cropedy came back into the game and in a closely fought contest, Harbury edged the match with a 3-2 victory.

Home V Fenny Compton

Whilst Harbury matched Fenny Compton in the early stages restricting the lead leaders to a 2-1 lead with a goal from William Apted, they could not match the strength in depth and superior team performance as Fenny were runaway winners with a 9-1 victory.

Alveston v Harbury

Harbury and Alveston enjoyed an evenly fought contest with a fine performance from William Apted in defence and scoring Harbury's only goal. In an exciting match with chances at both ends, Alveston finally ran out 3-1 winners.

Malcolm Tanner

U9's

Harbury 15 Kineton 0

Harbury 14 Eagles 0

Harbury 1 Tysoe 0

Chairman's message

As we near the end of the season it's time to look at the progress of the club.

The club now provides training and/or matches for 111 children from 6-16 years old and has been represented by 8 teams in 2 local leagues this season.

Three teams are chasing a league championship – at U9, U11 and U14 – and we are looking at providing FA recognised training for 3 coaches in the close season. All the other teams have made progress that will stand them in good stead for next season.

Below is a photograph of our first 'batch' of Under 7's who have recently started training under the guidance of Steve Burnell and Taco Houtzaker. This continuous 'refresh' of the club is important in ensuring its continuity and we're grateful to both coaches for their commitment to developing this age group.



Harbury Juniors Under 7's – first training session

For those who aren't aware, or have forgotten, the Club's end of season presentation evening will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday May 12th from 6.30pm.

We will also be holding what is now an annual intra-club tournament on Sunday May 20th and details of this will follow.

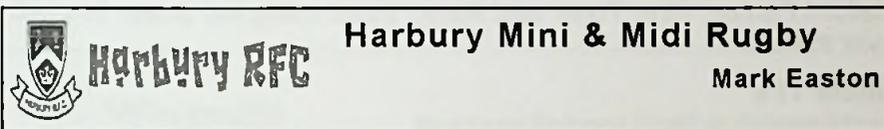
From a coaching perspective we are in relatively good health. However, from an administrative point of view we are in need of some reinforcements, particularly a club secretary, and I would welcome some new committee members as we want to develop the 'off the pitch' side of the club and need people to help spread the workload.

This could be either on a 'project' basis or on a joint basis whereby 2 (or more) people share a responsibility. You don't have to know anything about football but without more committee support we will struggle to drive the club forward in terms of its facilities and ambitions.

I'd welcome any contact to discuss roles and support. Please support your child's team in the final 'run in' and we look forward to another good end of season presentation evening and tournament.

Thanks to all for their support this season.

Mike Jones, Chairman, HJFC, Tel: 614040



Harbury v Daventry – March 11th 2007

Under 7's

A player short so had to borrow one from Daventry. They tagged well but were always behind to a very organized Daventry side.

They lost their first match 30 - 20 with Jim Owen scoring and Jamie Head getting two tries. In the second game Harbury took control with some good tagging and excellent running. Jamie Head scored another 4 tries and Adam Jackson did well to score 3, Beth Mancell and Josh Steele were the other scorers as Harbury ran out narrow winners 45 - 40.

Under 8's

Joe Hunt scored all three tries as Harbury under 8's drew 15 all in their first match against Daventry. In the second fixture he added two more with Bay Toner getting the other score as Harbury lost narrowly 20 - 15. Harbury played really well in their third game to come back from 3 tries down to draw 15 all with Joe Hunt, Nicholas and Nick scoring and Luke Winchester and Saul outstanding in defence.

Under 9's

Despite being 3 tries to 1 ahead at half time Harbury narrowly lost their first match 20 - 15 with tries from Connor Gladwin, Sam Tutt and Neil Taylor. In the second Harbury got revenge as Daventry were ahead 3 tries to 1 at half time but Harbury ran out winners 25 - 20. Henry

Mancell had a great game scoring 3 tries with Ben Steele and Neil Taylor getting the other scores.

Under 10's

Played 3 games with the first two matches against a very good Buckingham side. In the first game Harbury were beaten 20 - 0 against opposition unbeaten this season. In the second match Harbury lost 15 - 5 but tackled well; Finn Toner put in another good performance; William Winchester getting a try in the corner. Against Daventry in the third match Harbury put in a good team effort, driving forward ripping the ball and running straight. The final outcome was 30 - 0 with 2 tries for William Winchester and tries for William Rae, Callum Panton, Finn Toner and Aaron Ward using his power to push over the line.

Under 11's

In a hard fought match, Harbury U11s narrowly lost to Daventry three tries to four (15 - 26). Going into the break Harbury lead 10 - 0 after 2 sparkling tries by debutant full back, Sholto Toner. In the second half Sholto scored a third try, but despite an immense defensive effort Daventry proved too strong. The team all played well, the highest praise came from the opposing coach who said he had never before witnessed such an improvement in a team over the course of a single season.

Harbury v Claverdon - 18th March 2007

Under 7's

Put in two great performances to beat Claverdon 35 - 0 and 25 - 10. All the team played well. Adam Jackson and Beth Mancell's tagging was excellent. Try scorers Jamie Head (3), Jim Owen (2), Robin Leeper and James Bath with one each. Second game Robin Leeper (2), Adam Jackson, Jim Owen and Jamie Head one a piece.

Under 8's

Started really positively but Harbury fought back well to only lose 50 - 45. Joe Hunt tagged well and scored 5 tries, Nicholas Williams (2), Matt and Saul one each

Under 9's

Lost their 1st game narrowly to a strong Claverdon team 15 - 10. Ben and Neil Taylor tackled hard and Harry White put in a good performance. Try scorers were Charlie Westland and Henry Mancell.

Claverdon ran away with the 2nd match 30 - 15. Harbury scorers were Harry White, Alex Lewis and Henry Steele.

Under 11's

The U11's first victory of the season saw the whole team playing to the top of their form. Some of the interlinking play in the forwards was exceptional and the backs repeatedly tore holes in the opposition. Coming back twice from behind, the last quarter saw three unanswered tries and an eventual score of 29-14. The un-stoppable Sholto Toner at full-back went over four times and there was an amazing try from Ellie Justice who caught the ball from the kick off and then danced down the touchline leaving Claverdon players clutching at thin air!



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee



In connection with our topic on spring, the children planted daffodils and primulas in the trough around our pushchair park just outside the classroom and have noticed the bulbs they planted last year poking through the soil. The children have enjoyed watering them and watching them grow. They have extended this activity by

making colourful flower collages and our older children produced detailed observational paintings of the daffodils on display in the nursery room. Chris our resident artist visited Windmills, this time to help the children produce beautiful blossom Mother's Day cards – the results were stunning. "We made sculptures and tiles for our mummies and my mummy liked my blossom card too. I have got daffodils growing in my front garden. My mummy likes daffodils and tulips as well" – Jacob. "My mummy had two breakfasts and I did because daddy cooked it. I had sausage and bacon and mummy had fried egg, bacon and fried toast on Mother's Day. I got mummy some flowers from the fruit shop" – Joshua W.

This month two Y6 children from school have come into Windmills each day to read the short stories they had written especially for our children. The children have looked forward to the school children coming in every day and listened to them intently. Thank you to Mr Chapman. Thank you also to Karena Ellis, Carmen's mum for bringing in Carmen's baby hamster "Blossom" to show the children.

The weather was unusually spring-like for our walk to the toddler service this month. The children were mesmerised by Mr. Hare's accordion playing during the singing of the hymns. On Monday 5th March Jo Lockley of Sound Beginnings visited Windmills to enhance the topic of spring, singing special songs about seeds and plants growing, spring, and a special song about our mummies for Mothers' Day. The children particularly enjoyed exploring the musical instruments. Jo used a pop up puppet to teach the children when to play and when to be quiet. Jo commented on how well all the children had enthusiastically joined in.



Our Early Years Advisor Carol Massey has visited Windmills twice this month to give advice on ways to improve our learning environment. She praised us for our vibrant and stimulating displays. One of the areas of learning within the Foundation Stage is Knowledge and Understanding of the World which we have been exploring this month by taking small groups of children to

visit the school pond to investigate and discover pond life. The children were amazed at the huge amount of frogspawn and other pond life. Back in the nursery room the children discussed the sequencing involved from frogspawn to tadpole and then frogs.

Wine Tasting Evening - Windmills Nursery School is holding a Wine Tasting and Shopping Evening on Saturday, 21st April from 8.00pm till 10.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. There will be the opportunity to taste a selection of wines from Cana Import Ltd and also the chance to shop at a variety of trade stands including Virgin Vie Cosmetics, Usbourne Books, The Pampered Chef Cookware, PartLite Candles and hand made greeting cards. Tickets are priced at £5.00 which includes wine tasting, soft drinks and nibbles and are available from Windmills Nursery School, or Hayley Bennett on 614494 or Sue Birch on 614448.

Dates:

Spring Coffee Morning – Wednesday 2nd May 2007 in the Tom Hauley Room

Casino Night – Saturday 23rd June 2007 in the Village Hall

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Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

March at Pre-School – We were delighted to welcome Beau, Bebe, Kiana and Ishbel to Pre-School during March. All have settled in very well and are happily taking part in all our activities with their new friends.

Chinese New Year – For the first half of the month we continued with and expanded upon our Chinese theme. The children produced some fabulous paintings of the Chinese dragon, with some wonderful descriptions to go with them – Katie: "His mouth is red and he's got sharp teeth. He lives with all the other dragons".



The Chinese Dragon Dance was a big hit, with the children making their own dragon's head and waving red and yellow streamers as they danced and played the drums.

The Chinese theme was adapted for Mother's Day, with the children making lovely cards with their own Chinese style watercolour paintings. Each card held its own delightful message starting "My mummy is special because ..." to which Grace added "... she gives me a huggle when I wake up".

Noodles in the builders' tray, first dry and then soaked, made a very different medium for the children to explore and to round off the Chinese theme a delicious stir fry was eaten at snack time.

Soapy sand was another popular change from ordinary sand or water and the descriptions were vivid, with Millie feeling that it was "soft and squidgy", Amber-Qway suggesting "sloppy and splashy", while Hattie added her own variation of "slodgy".

Shapes - The shapes of the month were circles and triangles and the children identified these shapes in all kinds of everyday objects, as well as using them in their paintings and collages to great effect.

Sound Factory – To enable the children to explore sounds, a 'sound factory' was set up in pre-school. This offered a variety of containers and small items to put in them such as barley, beads, bark chippings and pasta. 'Stringed' sound makers were created using rubber bands stretched across small boxes. The children had a wonderful time manufacturing their own sound makers which were then used enthusiastically at circle time to investigate the sounds and rhythms that could be achieved when they were shaken or plucked with different degrees of intensity and speed.

We are very grateful to David Thompson, who brought in his double bass to show to and play for the children, who were entranced by the beautiful sounds that he could make with such a large instrument.



D.W.A.G.

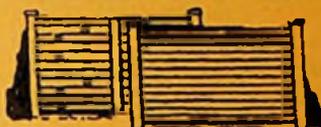
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Number Work – To help to develop number recognition, numerals were stuck onto our ride-on vehicles, with corresponding numbers on the doors of the beach huts on the fence in the outdoor play area. The children very quickly began to match the numbers so that at the end of each session, all the vehicles were parked opposite the correct number. Even Ishbel, on her very first day, was able to identify the correct beach hut for her vehicle.

Thank You – to all those who supported our recent fund raising events. The Coffee Morning raised a magnificent £303, while the hugely popular Barn Dance swelled the funds by a further £950. In addition, our grateful thanks go to Jonathan Jennings for, once again, repairing the gate into the play area and to the Bishop family for their donation of some lovely toys which have already been put to very good use.

For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Nicky Kirk, chair of the Management Committee, on 614316.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

School Sport – What a couple of weeks we have just had!!! First of all, congratulations to the children in Year 6, who recently WON the Southam Area Sportshall Athletics Championship. They now go forward to the Central Warwickshire Championships.

However, this performance was followed three days later by what must go down as the finest all-round performance by a sports team in the history of the school! Taking part in the Central Warwickshire Cross Country Championships, the girls, who had finished 6th in the league before Christmas, were a magnificent 2nd overall – a wonderful achievement for a school that actually qualifies for the “Small Schools” section of the championship. “Follow that”, I said to the boys as they lined up for their race – and they did! With four in the first 20 out of a field of about 150 runners, the boys (who had also finished 6th in the league) emerged from their event as CENTRAL WARWICKSHIRE CHAMPIONS. What a couple of results – 1st and 2nd teams – even I, who is very rarely, if ever, stuck for words, was left speechless at such magnificent performances by all of our boys and girls who took part!!!

To round off the day, seven children – Taisia Shuttleworth, Bethany Champion, Abi Hunt, Elliot Tawney, James Wilkinson, Jack Groves and Jacob Tanner – were all selected to represent Central Warwickshire in the county championships.

Somewhat overshadowed by these results, but worthy of noting, was the performance of the indoor cricket teams, marshalled and coached by Philip Muggleston, who competed in a tournament at the Sky Blue Connexion last week. The A team performed exceptionally well, failing to reach the semi-final courtesy of the opposition getting a wicket with the very last ball of the match – so near and yet so far! The B team was the only B team in the competition and, although finally losing their matches, were certainly not out of their depth.

Athletics, Cross Country, Cricket Anything else? Well, yes! A team also took part in the Southam Area Swimming gala, with many fine performances being recorded, especially from some of our younger children who were having to compete well out of their age group. Special congratulations, however, to Millie Evans, Bethany Campion (yes the same Bethany who has been selected for the Central Warwickshire Cross Country team!), Robert Rollason and Callum Panton, who have all been selected to represent the Southam area at the Stratford District gala at the end of this term.

And finally, the netball season has resumed after the winter break, with the girls losing in their first match, against a very good Bishops Itchington team, although by a much narrower margin than last term.

Music Festival – Just to show that Harbury has a lot more going on than just sport, our instrumentalists took part in a Chamber Music Festival in Leamington last week, performing exceptionally well, and gaining very positive comments from the adjudicators, which was a just reward for the many hours of practice needed to reach Festival standard. Well done, everyone.

Charity Fund Raising – I discussed the school's charity fund raising programme with the School Council earlier this week, and we have come up with the following programme: The children will undertake the already planned sponsored events in aid of NSPCC (they had a special assembly from an NSPCC representative recently), with the focus on the children (under parental guidance, of course!) obtaining sponsorship.

We will ask parents to obtain sponsorship for George Simpson and David Malin, who are undertaking a sponsored bike ride across Spain, with the resultant funds being used to transform a garden of one of our parents into a wheelchair friendly garden. This sponsorship will be supported by a number of cake sales between now and the end of school, organised by some of the Juniors – I will give the children full details at assembly on Monday.

And finally To end on a wonderful note, congratulations to Mr and Mrs Payne, who have recently announced that they are expecting their second baby in July. Mrs Payne is expecting to take maternity leave from the beginning of July – I shall inform parents of the arrangements for covering the leave nearer the time.



Harbury Guides & Scouts Group News

Bud Jackson

1st Harbury Beaver Group

Great News! We have a new leader. Jane Thomas has stepped in and will be taking over after Easter. She has loads of ideas and enthusiasm and, under her guidance, 1st Harbury Beavers will continue to expand and progress throughout the centenary year of Scouting and beyond. Thank you Jane.

Circus Skills - Meanwhile, the Beavers have been busy in the last few weeks of the term. At the beginning of March, they had a fabulous time at the Dream Factory in Warwick, where they joined Bishops Itchington Beaver Group for a Circus Skills session arranged by the Playbox Theatre. This culminated in a fifteen minute display in front of family and friends and the whole evening was very much enjoyed by all.

Investitures – We were delighted to officially welcome William and Ryan at their investiture and we have recently been joined by Finn, who will be invested in the first half of next term.

Badges – Several badges have been awarded, with Ben, Adam, Jon-James, Sam, Brandon, Dominic, Danny, Peter, George, Ryan and William all earning Creative, Experiment and/or Animal Friend badges. In addition, William produced a wonderful poster for his Information Technology Badge and Owen, Peter and Adam achieved their Stage 1 and 2 Swimming Badges. Well done everyone.

Mother's Day – The Beavers each produced a beautiful gift, which could not fail to touch the hearts of all the mums who received them on Mothering Sunday.

Beavers will be starting the new term on Thursday 3rd May – hopefully in the newly refurbished Scout Hut, but otherwise in Ufton Village Hall.



The March meeting was a great success. Christine Dakin and her partner Philip who own and run Bridge Nurseries in Napton gave us good advice on maintaining colour in our gardens up to October and even November in some instances.

First of all she recommended structure with a selection of evergreens and grasses which can then be added to throughout the season. The colours and combination of rudbeckias, heleniums, salvias and cosmos was spectacular as shown on slides of the gardens at the nursery. Tall miscanthus grasses add movement and look good throughout the whole year. Penstemons are also good value plants and blend well with artemesias and other silver leaved plants. Do visit the nursery which demonstrates 10 years of very hard work. The plants for sale are excellent value and of course if you are a member of our Society a 10% discount is a bonus.

I have already mentioned the Walkabout and issued a plea for new gardens. I haven't had a response from anyone yet but now that nights are getting lighter maybe someone will look at their garden and be tempted. Please consider it, no need to have a pristine garden. We have some very talented gardeners in our village and are so lucky that they share their gardens with us, so don't be shy, talk to either Daphne or myself.

We are linking up with the Church for all catering this year for the Walkabout. So, lots of changes this year, it just makes so much sense for us both to get together for lunches and teas, more about this at our next meeting.

I have contacted members who have previously been on our day trips so that no one has been forgotten as I have some spare seats for the day trip this year. A recap, we are going to Wilton House on Wednesday 20th June. The gardens are bordered by the rivers Wyllye and Nadder. A mix of open parkland in the style of Capability Brown and small formal gardens. Four new gardens have been created, the Rose Garden, the Water Garden, the Tudor Knot Garden and North Forecourt Garden. In addition there is a wealth of architectural features, woodland with a collection of trees from around the World and a Millennium Water feature which forms a contrast to the famous Palladian Bridge. The House is also a treasure trove and admission to

this is included in the price. Lunch can be bought and spaces will be reserved for us in the restaurant. Later in the afternoon we go to Heale Gardens - a contrast, 8 acres of a varied collection of plants, shrubs, musk and other roses in a formal setting of clipped hedges and mellow stonework. There is also an authentic Japanese Tea House and red Niko Bridge. Tea will be available if wanted. Plants for sale at both properties. Have I whetted your appetite? I hope so, as I will be delighted to welcome non members on our trip. The cost is the same as for members, £20, where else can you get such good value? If you are interested please ring me on 613103, if I am not in please leave a message and I promise to get back to you. It will be so nice to welcome new faces. If you have been watching Carol Klein's Friday night programme about the NGS our next speaker at the April meeting on 3rd will be speaking about this scheme. I hadn't realised that over 800 people apply each year to be included in the Yellow Book and only half of them are accepted. Judy Berrow is one of the organisers for Worcestershire gardens so it will be most interesting to see how gardens are selected. Do come along, I'm sure we will enjoy a lively and informative talk. Look forward to seeing you. A brief mention about the May meeting on 1st, our speaker David Edmonds is a lecturer at Moreton Morrell College and he will be talking about 'Getting ready for Chelsea', he has exhibited there in the past so another treat to look forward to.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Last month I mentioned the sizeable flock of starlings I saw spiralling in the evening sky on 3rd February. Of course, after the article had gone to the editors, a television programme related that one flock seen in this country was reckoned to consist of over a million birds. Several people came up to me after the magazine was issued to tell me they had seen large flocks of birds themselves. The starlings would have been disturbed, when roosting, by a predator, probably a Sparrow hawk.

As I write (Tuesday 13th March), the weather is superb for the time of year, with blue skies and high pressure. There's plenty of water about as well, so plants and animals, which have been largely dormant, are making their presence felt. Today, coming back up the Fosseway from Bath, we saw plenty of Primroses in flower, Bluebell leaves were prominent, and a hedgerow of Hawthorn beginning to show green

leaves here and there. A male Brimstone butterfly was on the wing near Moreton-in-the-Marsh. At lunchtime I watched two male Brimstones flying in the back garden. This butterfly can be seen in almost every month of the year, the summer brood feeding late into October on nectar-rich flowers, particularly those of purple colouration such as Buddleia, Teasel, and Thistle. They hibernate after a few weeks, often beneath evergreen leaves such as Ivy or Holly. Warm winter days tempt them out of hibernation, but it is not until now that mating occurs. Males are butter yellow, while females are much paler and can be mistaken for a Large White when in flight. Its distribution in the British Isles matches that of its caterpillar's food plants, Purging and Alder Buckthorn. These shrubs are confined to the southern half of our islands, and thus the Brimstone is absent from Scotland and scarce in Northern England. Purging Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) was given its name by Gerard - he of the famous Herbal. Analysis of the latrine pits of the Benedictine Abbey of St Albans in the 1920's revealed great numbers of Buckthorn seeds mixed with the fragments of cloth the monks used as lavatory paper. I'm indebted to Richard Mabey's *Flora Britannica* for this fascinating insight into herbal medicine. Alder Buckthorn prefers acid soils. Its wood, when burnt, produces charcoal reckoned to be the finest for making gunpowder, and hence was cultivated in wartime.

On our trip to Bath, I was tempted to climb out of the village of Weston, where the family live, to look for a pond or wet place on the springline. Diverting from the Cotswold Way, I came across a Community Woodland on Primrose Hill. Here, about 20 acres had been planted with a variety of broad-leaved trees. They were already above head height and attracting an under storey of flowering plants including Violet, Primrose, and Celandine. I thought maybe Harbury could create something like this. It would form both a wildlife haven and soak up some of the excess Carbon Dioxide we are emitting from our homes and cars. Tell me what you think.

I found a rather untidy pond, but perhaps that's what we need to learn - wildlife doesn't thrive in ordered, well manicured, tracts of land. I balanced from tuft to tuft across the soggy ground until I spied a grey glutinous mass. It was the first frogspawn I've seen this year. The eggs were beginning to develop, not just round black dots, but something like immature tadpoles. I walked down the hillside as the sun set in golden splendour across the Severn plain. The next day, on National Cycle Route 4 (this follows the route of an abandoned railway line from Bath to Bristol, criss-crossing the River Avon) with my

grandson Harry, we found a clump of White Violets, Wood Anemones, Primroses galore, and Celandine. Closer to home, there is a similar patch of White Violets growing on the edge of a ditch within 800 metres of Harbury village centre.

Next month's article should be rather different. Sharon and I are visiting Australia. One of the highlights should be a trek in the Flinders Ranges in South Australia with two Australian friends. It will be autumn there and if I can master the technology, I'll try to give you a flavour of nature down under. Make sure you get out if you can and enjoy the full panoply of our unfurling spring.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

March was a relatively quiet month for the Village Hall with only one County meeting to attend and no major problems to be faced on the maintenance front. There is likely to be more fevered activity this month, as members of the Steering Group complete the application for a grant from the Big Lottery Community Buildings programme. There are likely to be hundreds, if not thousands of applications for funding across the country and whether Harbury is successful remains to be seen. However, it is a case of 'nothing ventured, nothing gained' and although it may be that 'disadvantaged communities' are singled out for support, a rural community may receive some recognition, particularly since any modernisation of our Hall will seek to be 'eco-friendly' by using 'green' construction methods for the refurbishment. Any mention of 'green'; the environment and a 'reduced carbon footprint' are IN at the moment, so the sustainability of Harbury's proposals may find some favour in the right quarters.

The A.G.M of the Village Hall committee is on April 16th at 7.30pm and it is hoped that some 'new blood' can be recruited to provide much needed help in all aspects of the maintenance of the community's property. This year will see the retirement of two stalwarts of the committee who have provided unstinting service over many years. Bill Middleton joined the committee in 1984 as the Parish Council representative, whilst wife Peggie joined shortly afterwards. Bill has been the Treasurer for 19 years and Peggie has been the Chair of the committee for the last three years. There are not too many days in the year when the husband and wife team have not called in to the Hall, as Bill has checked the heating, lighting and the drains – as well as

any damage to the property, whilst Peggie has ensured that all the cleaning, general organisation and kitchen facilities are in good order for all the many hirers who regularly use the Hall. After, over 40 years of service between them, they are entitled to a well-earned rest from their labours, but they will be a very hard act to follow. For this reason alone, there are two places waiting to be filled on the Management Committee, which requires the selfless commitment of people who carry out the voluntary work on which the whole community depends. If anyone feels they would like to join the volunteers, their presence at the AGM will be much appreciated, as the Committee seeks to put the Hall on an excellent footing for the 21st Century through its modernisation proposals.



General Section

Valentine's Day Concert in Village Hall

On February 14th Harbury Village Hall hosted a "Nu-Routes" folk concert. Nu-Routes was founded by the Arts Council England to tour folk, roots and acoustic music at small-scale venues featuring new and up and coming artists. This was the second Nu-Routes concert we have hosted in Harbury, and were looking forward to hear the fantastic line-up of Julie Fowlis, Muireann Nic Amhlaobh, Ross Martin and Éamon Doorley.

Julie was one of the four nominations for the 2007 BBC Folk Singer of the Year, and had previously been voted Gaelic Singer of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards and also won the coveted Horizon Award at BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2006. Muireann Nic Amhlaobh is one of Ireland's finest singers, from the award winning Irish group Danú. Ross and Éamon are fine traditional musicians from Ireland and Scotland respectively.

On the evening we were treated to a spell-binding performance of Gaelic songs and music, interspersed with good humour from four unassuming but very talented artists. The Village Hall was a wonderful and friendly setting for the concert, and the artists commented on how much they enjoyed playing smaller intimate venues. The reaction from the audience was equally enthusiastic, and the audience included a number of people who had travelled long distances to get the chance to listen to such talented young artists.

We raised £238.59 from the bar and a collection at the end of the concert, which has been donated to the Alzheimer's Society as part of Doug & Dave's charity cycle ride up the Nile. We would like to thank the Village Hall committee for being so accommodating with helping us stage this event.

Doug Freeman and Dave Shuttleworth

Blood Donor Session

A reminder of the session on Thursday 5th April, in Harbury Village Hall, Times: 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm.

The afternoon session is normally quieter. Holiday times always affect the supply of blood, but not the need for it, so please make every effort to come along, and even better, bring a friend. You can start at the age of 17 and continue until 70, although first time donors must be under 60.

I'll happily try to answer any queries – Gillian Hare 614809.

Gillian Hare

Nile Charity Cycle Ride

On Saturday 17th February, Dave Shuttleworth and Doug Freeman flew out from Heathrow to Cairo to join a charity cycle ride along the banks of the Nile. We were raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society, and had been training hard for the last 6 months to ensure that we would not only complete the ride but enjoy it too.

After spending the Sunday sight seeing in Cairo, we flew down to Luxor to join the boat which would be our accommodation for the week. The cycle ride started Monday midday from Esna, south of Luxor, and over the next 5 days we completed 250 miles.



We were up most mornings before 6am and started cycling around 7am. The shortest day ride was 27 miles, and the longest 76 miles. There were 47 cyclists including our "celebrity" Coleen Nolan.

On the first two days we cycled south along the west bank of the Nile from Esna to Aswan, and this included a long and hilly stretch through the desert. The third day we cycled up to the Aswan High Dam which holds back the massive 550km long reservoir Lake Nasser. On the last two days we returned first along the east bank and then the west bank of the Nile, finishing on the final afternoon by cycling up into the Valley of the Kings and then a final downhill 5km to the finishing line on the west bank of the Nile at Luxor.

It was an experience of a lifetime; great friendships were made, wonderful scenery and history, fine organisation, and some pretty hot weather. We understand that this cycle ride should raise around £150,000 for the Alzheimer's Society. We have raised over £2,000 each, and would like to thank all those in Harbury who donated so generously.

Doug Freeman and Dave Shuttleworth

Harbury Primary School PTA

Many thanks to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 3rd February, we made a profit of £275 ... our best ever coffee morning, we even ran out of coffee!

Our next fundraising event is an 'Auction of Promises' on Friday 18th May at 7:30 in the school hall. You can pre-book your tickets by phoning Alison on 612087.

This year's Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 30th June; this year's event promises to be even better than last year, we will have all the same attractions as last year plus archery, paintball and crossbow and maybe some more surprises.... watch this space for more details.

PTA committee

Drop In Tea

The venue for April's Drop in Tea has been changed to the home of Mary Kimber, 5, Penelope Close. Anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or not, will be made most welcome.

Next month we will return to the usual 19 Farm Street.

Jill Winter 612585

Annual Beer Walk

The 6th or 7th Annual Harbury Beer Walk takes place this year on July 7th. We have returned this event to its home village after its two-year absence in Long Itchington and Stockton. The event starts from the school, (not the Cuttle where it started last year, because that's in Long Itchington), from 11a.m. If you're quick, you can visit two or three pubs in Harbury, race across the quarries to the Butchers Arms and the Greaves Club, visit the chippie, have a few at the beer stop on Thwaites Estate, visit a couple more back in Harbury, before ending up around 4 o'clock at the Old New Inn for a barbecue. It would be better though to be more leisurely, because the barbecue doesn't start until about 6p.m. Further details will appear nearer the time, when we've had a chance to work them out. Nigel Chapman, Paddy Clarke & Steve Brough, operating very loosely under the auspices of the PTA.

Nigel Chapman



Ballroom Dancing Class.....

At last I am able to tell you that I have secured a teacher and a venue. We will begin with a **6 Week Taster starting on Tuesday April 17th in the Village School Hall, and weekly, 7.30-9.00. Please be prompt.** Costs for the whole 6 weeks is £12.00 per person. Bring a partner if you can but this is not essential. The plans are to cover Quickstep, Waltz, Foxtrot and Tango. Beginners are welcome.

You will need shoes that stay on, so ladies no sling backs or too high a heel. Boots are fine. It helps if the shoes will slide over the floor but the first week will tell you. Tight skirts are not suitable as you do not have enough room to move in them!

We already have 25 people on the list, the maximum would be 40, so if you feel like giving it a whirl, come along on the first night and join in.

Jenny Patrick

Myton Hospice Plant Sales

Once again, bedding plants, shrubs, hanging baskets etc or plants to make your own will be on sale at the Dog Inn (who we thank for allowing us to use the car park) **each Saturday** for 6 weeks. We will be there 28th April to 2nd June 10.30am to 1.30pm and again on Carnival Day 9th June at the playing field. We look forward to seeing you.

Harbury Support Group

Harbury Carnival June 9th, 2007

King and Queen

This year's selection process for the King and Queen will as usual be organised by Harbury School and will hopefully be under way by the time that you read this. Those chosen for Carnival 2007 will be announced in next month's Harbury News.

Fun for All

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 3rd June, hosted this year by the Crown and will again include a separate race not involving alcohol (time to start training!). Please contact Dan Killian on 612265 to enter or for more information. The pub games competition will take place from June 4th to 7th inclusive and full details will be published in next month's Harbury News. In the meantime, please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends (again, I emphasise that this is not just an inter pub competition).

Carnival Dance

As announced last month, this will be held on Friday June 1st at the Village Hall with The Likely Lads providing the entertainment. The cost will be £15 per head to include some food and there will be a bar selling wine and beer. Tickets will be strictly limited in number, so if you are planning to come, I suggest you get in touch with me (614258) or Ann Winchester (612128) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Other Business

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

John Broomfield, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Two Harbury Residents are running the London Marathon

You may have seen these two running around the village and beyond, but Rosanna Breen and Jez Hunt have a target in mind, the full 26.2 miles of the London Marathon.

Building up the mileage through their training regime, they have also been raising money for the British Red Cross, specifically for use with projects in Warwickshire area.

To help raise sponsorship they are holding a doubles pool tournament over two Fridays (6th and 13th April) at the Shakespeare Inn, Harbury.

There is a fantastic £100 to the winning team! If you wish to enter, visit the Shakespeare and pay £10 per team to register, all money raised will go directly to the British Red Cross.

There will also be a raffle held on the 6th April during the event with plenty of prizes to be won! Raffle tickets are available on the night and at Muglestones at 50p a ticket.

Alternatively if you can, please sponsor them online at www.justgiving.com/rosannaandjez "

Jez Hunt

Sponsored Hymn Sing for CLIC Sargent

Back by popular demand! For one night only!

Following last year's success, a Sponsored Hymn Sing is being held again this year on Friday 20th April at All Saints Church, Harbury.

It will start at 6.45pm and it is planned to sing 50 favourite hymns (but not all the verses). Last year the singing lasted approximately an hour and a half. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Tom Hauley Room. The charity chosen this year is CLIC Sargent, a children's cancer charity.

CLIC — Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood was founded in 1976 by Bob Woodward following the death of his young son to cancer. Sargent Cancer Care for Children was founded in 1968 in memory of the late Sir Malcolm Sargent. The two charities merged in 2005.

So if you would like to come along and join in the singing or maybe just listen you will be very welcome. If time is pressing why not just pop in for a short while?

Please come along to support and sponsor the choir.

Not only will you have a really enjoyable evening but you will also help to raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

If you wish to join the choir in their efforts, please sign the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact Mavis Young (tel. 612978) or Betty Barr (tel. 612765) for further details.

NAPTON ART EXHIBITION in Napton Village Hall - April 7th, 8th, & 9th 10.00am—5.00pm (Monday closes at 4.00pm). **ALL WELCOME.**

Steel Pan Academy Barcelona Tour July 2007

Just thought that you would like to know how we're getting on!



Firstly, so far we have managed to raise a whopping £166.80!! This is fantastic for less than a month raising it so well done to all of our team! Also we'd like to thank all of the people that booked their cars into our car wash and valet services on Sunday 4th March as we raised £74. It was a very cold and wet day but luckily we had two fantastic members in our team who managed to wash the last couple of cars (for the last couple of hours) through the foul weather.

Since then all the rest of the money has been raised by car washing, dog walking, dog sitting and cake sales.

The next car wash will take place at the Primary School again on Sunday 1st April 9am-12noon. Please book your cars in, but if you don't make it in time for that car wash you could always ring us on 612037 (daytime) and 613362 (evenings) to book a car wash at your house.

We are also organizing a disco for school years 2-6 at the Village Hall on the 28th April (Saturday evening) from 6-7:30pm, charging £2 a ticket. Drinks and sweets will be available to buy on the night. There will be adult supervision so there's no need to worry about your child's safety.

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Offchurch Open Gardens & Music Event

Offchurch Open Gardens and music event is on 23rd and 24th June between 2pm – 6pm each day, entrance is **£4.00 and children under 16 are free.**

A dozen or so Gardens in the Village will be open to the public, a number of these for the first time. In addition to the gardens there will be other attractions on each of the days as follows:

Saturday: Jazz, Balloon Race, Cake Stall, Teddy Bears Picnic from 3pm - 5pm

Sunday: There will be live music in gardens around the Village as a fringe event for **WARWICK INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

On both days there will also be Teas, Plants, Books and Cards for sale. Proceeds shared between St. Gregory's Church and The Village Hall Foundation.

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Southam & District Lions

Hi, you guys from Southam and surrounding villages, you are invited to come along to Southam & District Lions Club membership drive, in Southam Library, on either Saturday 21st or 28th April 9.30am to 12.30pm. Come and have a chat, see if you would like to join this strong, active and lively Lions Club. We have 22 members, ages from mid 30's to late 60's, all involved and active in the undertaking to raise funds for local people and organisations in need, also national and international disasters.

Between June 2005 and June 2006, we raised £2,803.37, all given away. Every penny we raise goes to our chosen charities for the year.

We hold our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at the Royal British Legion, Galanos House, Southam, starting at 8.00pm.

If you might be interested, but can't make one of the dates above, please come along to a meeting night, there won't be any pressure put on you to join us. You can attend three meetings and two functions, before you need to make any decision, get to know us, the members and the way we function first.

If you want any more details, or would like a chat, please contact me.

Lion Jim Steele- Membership Secretary (Tel. 813577)

Southam Twinning Association

Southam Twinning Association Quiz at Stockton Football Club on Friday 20th April. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. The cost is £8 per team of four. To ensure a place ring 813373 or 814144.

Bill Pease

Take Time Out - Ufton

A Picture in Pastel - Friday 27 April 10am - 1pm at Ufton Village Hall

This workshop is for you if you like to mess about and have fun creating a picture using powdery pastels and charcoals. No experience or drawing skills necessary as Fiona Peart, back by popular request, will show you everything you need to know. Bring along, any type of pastels and charcoals (stick or pencil type), A3 smooth white paper, aerosol hairspray, craft knife, thin card - cereal box, pencil, eraser and pritt stick. Cost £12.50 includes refreshments.

Victorian Photographs - Thursday 10 May 7.30 - 9.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Audrey Linkman researcher and author of historical books on this subject will show and unearth the secrets behind the photos in the family album. If you are interested in family history then bring along your own original old photos to get them dated and find out more about your ancestors. Eg. Why didn't they smile? Cost £4.50 including refreshments.

To book any events please ring Karin Kirk on 613003. Some events have limited spaces so please book early! A £1 non refundable fee will secure your place.



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

On Saturday 17th March a group of us from the church went around the village collecting litter as part of our Lent project, LOVE LIFE LIVE LENT. This was done voluntarily to make the village a cleaner place for the whole community and visitors to enjoy.

I am pleased to say that generally the paths outside houses were fairly free of litter, however there was one problem. People had put shredded paper in their recycling boxes which had then blown about.

Can I suggest two ways to avoid this; you can compost it, shredded paper will rot down easily especially when mixed with vegetable peelings or garden waste, or if you want to put it in the recycling bin wrap it in newspaper first.

Around the Village Hall and pubs it was a different matter, we found a lot of crisp packets, drinks bottles and sweet wrappers especially under and in hedges. Please put your rubbish in a bin or take it home.

And finally there was a lot of dog mess on the playing fields. This is very unpleasant for those wanting to use the field for football, and has to be cleaned up by someone before each match. Once again can I ask you to clean up after your dog?

We may make litter collection a regular event so watch out for details of the next one and join in.

Alison Abbott

Dear Editors

Please can I ask the people of Harbury and the surrounding area if any one has knowledge of or information related to the cottages that used to be on Harbury Heath.

I have discovered ancestors who were living there in the 1870's and would like to know more. I am presuming the cottages were on the site of the present day buildings as the road bends and drops down towards the Harbury/Chesterton footpath. If anyone has information/photos that might be helpful please phone 01926 613939 (evenings) or e-mail tina@tgilbert16.fsnet.co.uk

Thank you very much.

Tina Gilbert

Dear Editors

In response to the letter printed in the February edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News, we would like to address all of the supporters who gave time on Sunday morning January 14th to come and protest outside our gates on behalf of Rob and Libby regarding the termination of the water supply to their premises.

We have endured several acts of, what we regard as, deliberate provocation over the past 3 years, involving ourselves and the farm property.

We would like to inform readers that this matter is still unresolved and is in the hands of our solicitors and legal team. Maybe next time you are called upon, spare a thought for us, the real victims in all of this. We are still owed a substantial amount of money for the water that has been used over the past 3 years.

Regards

Jack & Tricia

(NB – This correspondence is now closed – The Editors)

Dear Editors

"Time Bandits" - did a brilliant wash and valet job on my car. Thank you. I will come again!

Marian Millington

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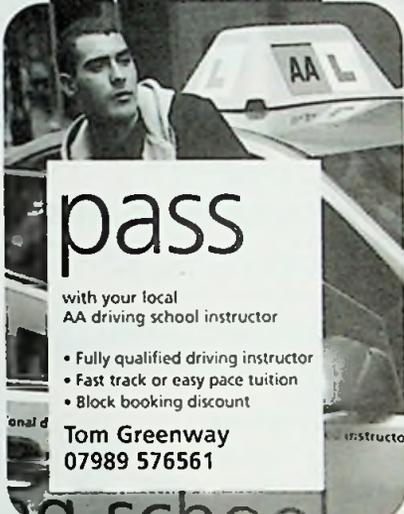
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