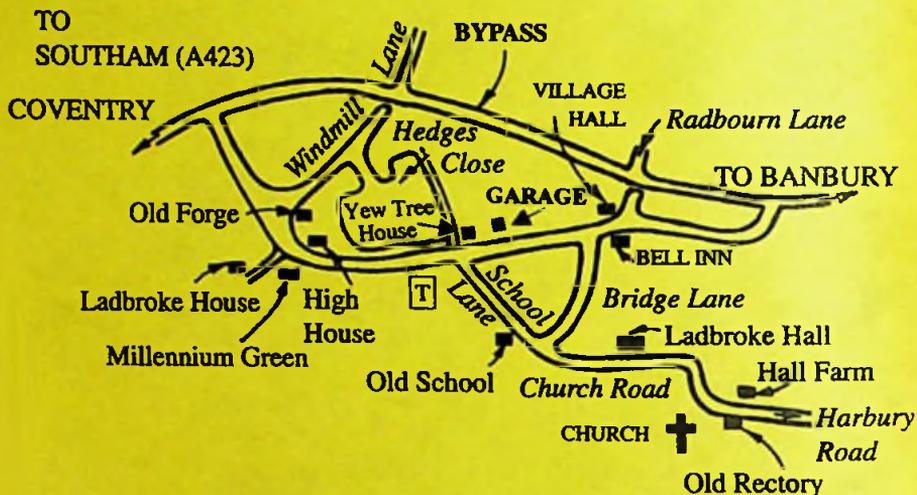


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Editorial

After a year without sails it is cheering to see the windmill restored. Mrs Tennant's photograph shows the work in progress.



This month sees the return of the Victorian Street Fayre after several years. The organising committee are asking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets and help on the day – Saturday 13th October. This will be followed in November by the bonfire. This annual event is organised by GASS and the current committee will shortly be standing down. Again volunteers are needed to run the group.

The closing date for comments on the draft masterplan to Stratford District Council is Thursday, 11th October. It is important that people make their views known on this consultation document. Similarly on Tuesday 23rd October, there is an exhibition by Biffa on proposals for developments at the Ufton landfill site, to be held at Harbury Village Hall.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Ralph Jones and Brian McCracken.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

- Sat 6 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 10.30am - 1.30pm
HARVEST SUPPER 7.00pm for 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 7 **TRINITY XVIII**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Evening Worship 6.00pm
xplore>> 7.00pm – 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room, Opening Night
– 'Is it Real?' all 11 – 18 year olds welcome
- Tues 9 Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
Junior Tennis in Village Hall
Youth Drop In 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 10 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Thurs 11 Table Tennis in Village Hall 9.30am
Holy Communion 9.45am
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 12 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
Leamington Soroptmists Bridge Evening in Village Hall
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of W.I
VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE
- Sun 14 **TRINITY XIX**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
xplore>> youth group 7.00 – 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM**
- Tues 16 Junior Tennis in Village Hall
Youth Drop In 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Senior Citizens Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall.
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers Union 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 17 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00 – 4.00pm
Ballroom Dancing 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 19 **SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM**
Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy in Tom Hauley Room in aid of WRVS Emergency Services

- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Ladies Circle
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Inn Car Park 10.30-1.30pm
Young Farmers training Event at Village Hall
- Sun 21 **TRINITY XX**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
xplore>> youth group 7.00 – 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 23 Biffa Exhibition on Landfill Site Plans in Village Hall
Youth Drop In 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm.
Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Wed 24 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
Thurs 25 **ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY
& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 26 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church flowers
Preschool Disco in Village Hall
- Sun 28 **LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
CLOCKS BACK
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
xplore>> youth group 7.00 – 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 30 Junior Tennis in Village Hall
Youth Drop In 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Harbury Society talk by Jon Radley on Warwickshire's Jurassic Past 7.30pm for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 31 **ALL SOULS - HALLOWEEN**
Drop-in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm

NOVEMBER

- Thurs 1 **ALL SAINTS DAY**
Holy Communion 9.45am
Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 2 Myton Hospice Coffee Morning 10.00am – noon in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
**VILLAGE BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS ON RECREATION
GROUNDS**

Sun	4	FOUR BEFORE ADVENT Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Evensong 6.00pm xplore>> youth group 7.00 – 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Mon	5	Village Hall Committee 7.30pm in Village Hall
Tues	6	Youth Drop In 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	7	Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers Union in Tom Hauley Room 2.30pm "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm
Fri	9	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

From the Registers



Alaistair Ball and Kate Morrison, Saturday 25th August 2007.

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

September	8	Craig Quick to Clare Ingram
September	15	Jeremy James Stewart Hut to Rosanna Leone Breen
September	22	Paul John Gussin to Karen Elizabeth Daniels
September	28	Clive and Jane King (Renewal of marriage vows in celebration of their Ruby Wedding)

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

September	9	Freya Florence Johnson
September	16	Matthew William Gowland
September	23	Todd Matthew Dufty

Funerals at Oakley Wood

September	24	Brian McCracken (76)
September	26	Ralph Jones (62)

From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

We were very pleased to welcome the school who gave the presentation at the Harvest Family Communion. As usual, it was thoughtfully prepared and confidently delivered. We thank Mr Daly, the



children and the parents and families who packed the church for the celebration. Thanks to them, too, and to everyone who gave produce which, as it has been for the past two years, was taken to Helen Ley House. Thank you also, to Jo and her team of flower arrangers. The church looked beautiful, and we still had the corn and the flowers when we continued the Harvest theme on the following Sunday. Our choir were joined by the Augmented Choir in singing the anthem, "Ave Verum Corpus". More thanks, then, to Graham, Clive and all the choir members who contributed so movingly to our worship that day.



We were immensely privileged this month to host an evening of Japanese music and dance. The "Sound of Peace", established in 1995 by Mari Kodama, is a unique ensemble of organ and Japanese traditional instruments. They

have performed throughout the world and the programme for this year's concerts in the UK included a musical play for organ and Kagura (ancient Japanese dance). It was a well attended and truly

fascinating evening, a rare insight into another culture. We thank our neighbours, Toshio and Elaine Namura, who contacted us, the musicians and dancers for a unique experience, and we record with gratitude a very generous donation to church funds.

Matters are progressing towards the choosing of a new priest and we are hoping to advertise in the relatively near future.

As many of you may know, John and Edyth Algar have left Harbury to be nearer their daughter in Worcestershire. They have slipped out of our lives with characteristic simplicity and lack of fuss, but we know how very much the work of God's church in Harbury and we as a community owe to their example of quiet devotion. We shall miss them, but ask for our Lord's blessing on them in this new stage of their life.



First Light

Alison Abbott

- Where is it?** In the Tom Hauley room, behind the church.
- When did it start?** More than a year ago.
- When is it?** 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month.
- How long does it last?** No more than three quarters of an hour – often less.
- Who runs it?** A team from the Parish Church.
- Who is it for?** Anybody and everybody. Small children are safe and free to wander about; older people may hear something they hadn't thought about before.
- What happens?** A variety of things; no two are quite the same. There will be music for singing and listening; words from various sources including the Bible, pictures on a screen, maybe a story or a drama. A time for quiet thought. Topics to date include friendship, the value of old age, making a big difference by a small action and release from slavery.
- Intrigued?** The next First Light is on October 7th and after that on November 4th. You will be most welcome – and almost guaranteed to meet someone you know.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

The communion at the afternoon meeting was celebrated by Diane Patterson and followed by a social time during which Gillian Hare told members about Greenbelt. This Christian Arts Festival is held at Cheltenham Racecourse over the August Bank Holiday weekend. It is enjoyed by over 16,000 people; many of them teenagers and staying in tents, but older people also visit and stay locally. The encouraging part is to see Christianity experienced as modern and vibrant, involving music, art, circus, drama and very many talks. These are very far reaching and deep; young people have a great concern for their world and less fortunate people in it and want to change oppression and injustice.

The evening meeting was replaced by a visit to St James in Southam to hear Rev. Anne Hibbert. She is the director of the Well, Christian Healing Centre at the Pump Rooms in Leamington. She spoke about her own life, about events leading to the establishment of the Well and its present success as it welcomes and helps many people from all walks of life.

We send our condolences to long time member Eunice on the sad loss of her dear husband.

Overseas boxes are due in, please take to Liz Bunting or any committee member. Please collect toiletries for the Christmas Fair and shoeboxes and gifts to go in them.

October 16th at 8.00pm following 7.30pm communion - Beryl Checkley – "A holiday in Russia".

November 7th at 2.30pm following communion at 2.00pm – Sheila Leach: "A happy talk".

Visitors are always welcome.



Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

We learned all about "the harvest".

Mrs Bedford had a long list of fruit and vegetables that she needed to get from the shops so we pretended to go shopping for her.

We bought three different kinds of beans, some bananas, tomatoes, peppers and many other things including a loaf of bread.

We then looked at lots of pictures which showed a tractor ploughing the field, sowing the seeds and then harvesting the wheat before it was made into flour to make the bread that we had just bought.

Katharine played her flute and we sang "He has got the whole world in his hands" followed by "We plough the fields and scatter" We then made some tractors from cut out cardboard to stick together and colour.

We had our drinks and biscuits and it was time to go home.

Our next toddlers' meeting is on Tuesday 9th October at 2.00pm in the Church. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us.

Ladbroke News & Diary

OCTOBER

- Mon 1 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 2 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 6 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 7 **TRINITY XVIII**
Harvest Thanksgiving with Family Communion 10.30am
- Mon 8 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 9 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed 10 Parish Council meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Fri 12 Harvest Supper 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 14 **TRINITY XIX**
Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
- Mon 15 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Tues 16 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 20 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 21 **TRINITY XX**
Holy Communion B.C.P. 9.00am
- Mon 22 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 23 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 25 **ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**
Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall

- Sun 28 **LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
CLOCKS BACK
 Holy Communion 9.00am
- Mon 29 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 30 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- Thurs 1 **ALL SAINTS DAY**
 Holy Communion 7.00pm in Church
- Sat 3 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 4 **FOUR BEFORE ADVENT**
 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Mon 5 Table Tennis 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 6 Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

- October 14th Jean Clews
- October 21st Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor
- October 28th Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor
- November 4th Kate Pickin
- November 11th Susan Moore

**Ladbroke Church News**

Betty Winkfield

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October; I hope the children will bring their harvest produce as usual. The service is at 10.30pm with the Family Communion, followed by refreshments. Please come and join us.

Following the Harvest Thanksgiving we celebrate the harvest with our Supper on Friday 12 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We shall be restricting the number of tickets to 80 this year – so no last minute rush please. All the usual ladies will have tickets for sale - now.

I mention the sponsored cycle ride in passing; it basically didn't happen in Ladbroke, despite all the hard work by Linda Doyle, who put on a very interesting history display of the church for the Heritage Weekend. Thanks also to the ladies who gave up their time to man the church over the weekend. A special mention – thank you to Charles Catt, our only visiting sponsored cyclist.

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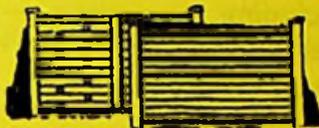
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Thursday 1st November – ALL SAINTS DAY. The Bishop of Coventry, who is to retire from the diocese on 1st December, has kindly agreed to celebrate Holy Communion in Ladbroke on our Patronal Festival at 7.00pm. All are welcome.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

The July meeting was a great success. Elizabeth Rutledge one of our members gave a very interesting talk about Yoga, explaining the art of relaxation. You could have heard a pin drop as everyone concentrated. The raffle prize-winners were Sue Moore, Pam Collins and Carol.

On the 15th September we held our coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Rooms, this was well supported and a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

Dates for your Diaries:-

Wednesday 18th October the Autumn Council Meeting at the Royal Spa Centre , Newbold Terrace, where the keynote speaker will be Ann Widdecombe MP.

Thursday 25th October is the next meeting which will be our A.G.M.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

This very long meeting began with public participation. Concern was expressed about the shabby condition of what is left of the village side of Radbourne Lane. The rains in summer washed away what was left of the tarmac making a very difficult surface to walk on.

The ragwort on the road side on the Ladbroke and Southam bypasses is the responsibility of the land owners to remove. Maybe it is not a danger to animals where it is, but the seed "pollution" is a big problem. Gez Romano is to be contacted for guidance.

Police Report given by PC Anita Reading. No crimes were reported in our area. She took the flack for our lack of speed cameras – yet again on our bypass. Anita also left five panic alarms with the parish council, free for anyone who would get some comfort from the possession of one of these alarms.

The Parish website. No advance yet, a further meeting with Balwinder Heran will be arranged.

Planning Applications. Two applications have been agreed this month and two more applications are still on-going. The District Councillor explained that when planning applications went to appeal the reasons for permission or rejection were confidential.

Boat building on the outskirts of the village had a mention. Transporting the boats through the village is not illegal.

Highways and Drainage. Councillors met with Gez Romano and walked the village to discuss highway issues.

Kerbing will be installed on the Banbury Road at the exit from the village on to the A423 south to help the drain rainwater down the main road. Markers in Windmill Lane are to be replaced. The haunching of Harbury Road is to be continued from Old Barn Farm drive, round the double "S" bend past the church, with a drain near the entrance to Garden Cottage, where there is on-going flooding during heavy rains.

Neighbourhood Watch. PC Reading covered all that needed reporting. However, there was much discussion about co-ordinators in the village. Information was a two way thing. The Watch wasn't just there to give information; it was there to receive it too.

Footpaths. The map showing the Permissive Footpath around Hulking Hill was passed around the council. This is not a diversion of the existing legal footpath, it is an addition. It is easier to walk around the edge of a growing crop than through it.

Parish Plan. It is making slow progress to completion. The Chairmen of the Council and the Parish Plan Committee are to have a meeting to confirm related support documents.

Warwickshire County Councillors Report

The weight limits on Deppers Bridge bridge are in place for 18 months with some exemptions for farm vehicles.

Fire at Ufton. The water is being pumped from Bishops Bowl Lakes two miles to the fire at Ufton Tip.

Based on measurements taken on the air quality during the blaze there shouldn't be any health effects for the general public. The area where asbestos waste is buried was not involved in the fire. The blaze was not wholly burning tyres, it was compressed cars and general

black sack waste. Stockton Tip is open again after being enlarged and with easier driving in and out. Until next March it is open seven days a week. The tip at Rugby is closed for alterations.

District Councillors Report

The District Council is not responsible for the flooding, but it is responsible for people's safety. 2000 people were flooded in the Stratford District, and Ladbroke village was the worst affected. The Government has given Stratford area £600,000 towards hardship payments. Our Parish Clerk has the necessary forms if you require one. The payment is £250 to anyone who was affected, whatever your circumstances. Sandbags are available from the District Council and can be stored in the Village Hall. I don't know where you get the sand from though! The bags can only be stored empty.

Rural Cinemas. A way of raising money for the Village Hall. Apply to the District Council. Sixteen people in the audience and you break even.

Alibone Charity. Pauline Laidler has accepted the vacancy as a Lay Trustee on the Alibone Charity Trust. The general verdict at the meeting was that it was an excellent choice.

Finally. The Parish Council has agreed to publish a newsletter for the residents of Ladbroke and surrounding area.

A new notice board was discussed again and a volunteer said that he could make an extension to the existing one. The tree planting scheme – applicants are wanted urgently as time is running out. Some suggestions are to replace oak trees in Farm Yard with the owner's permission or at the entrance to the village off the A423 north and up on Windmill Hill. Any more ideas? The Council were in full agreement about the offer.

Definitive Map Review. A letter had been received from WCC – Countryside Recreation, referring to 'Claims' – originally entered by the then Parish Council circa 1977, concerning the 'corrections to / identifying of' certain, non-metalled thoroughfares in the district. The request will be reviewed by the current Bench, and formally responded to in due course.

The meeting closed at 11.20pm.

The next meeting is 10th October at 7.45pm



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The results of the Draw for August are:

- £70 John Lowman
- £25 Margaret Bosworth
- £25 Richard Walker
- £10 Lorna Carleton
- £10 M & C Todman
- £10 Sue Moore
- £10 Jill Norgate
- £10 Catherine Spence

World Challenge Expeditions - Cambodia & Thailand 2007

On the 15th July 2007 a group of Kingsley girls from Leamington Spa set off for a month long trip to Cambodia & Thailand with the World Challenge Expeditions.

After a build up day and overnight stay at the school we set off early to the airport where we would fly, first to Kuala Lumpur then onto Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital.

On arrival we immediately began booking transport and that night's accommodation. The surroundings were all so very surreal in addition to the sweltering heat. Two weeks was spent in Cambodia. As well as visiting the fabulous temples five days were spent in an orphanage two hours outside the city. The orphanage was a moving experience but by far the most rewarding part of the trip. We spent time there doing jobs for them such as building a well needed pathway, a car park, finishing flower beds and spending time with the children. It was lovely to just play with the children as well as teach them in the classroom.



The other weeks of the month were spent in Thailand, a beautiful country but a lot more built up than the calm serenity of Cambodia. Again a lot of travelling and sight seeing. The main phase however was the trek in Um Phang. The five day long trek took us through jungle, trekking up to 6 hours a day. Water rafting together with elephant trekking for 2 hours was definitely an experience I will not forget! The most scenic part of the trek has to be the waterfall we visited on route. We had visited many throughout the month but the scenery of this one was spectacular.



Many nights were spent in hostels and days travelling around for the next adventure. The whole month was full of excitement and endless memories.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported me with my fundraising events held towards raising monies for the trip (you know who you are) and hope you enjoy reading this brief summary of my adventures in S.E. Asia.

Katie Constable



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Official minutes can be viewed in the Library on the Parish Council website www.harbury-parish.co.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk

Masterplan for the Quarries.

Seven members of the public including Parish Councillors from Ufton and Ladbroke were at the September Meeting to quiz SDC's Ernest Amoko on the Quarries Masterplan.

The Ufton Parish Councillor whilst welcoming the recreational opportunities afforded by development wanted the Quarries physically linked to the Ufton Fields Reserve. Harbury's Parish Plan Partnership had asked that a bridleway be created leading from Bush Heath Road through the Quarries to the Ladbroke Road in Bishops Itchington.

Ladbroke Parish was worried about the access proposed onto Ladbroke Road and Ernest reassured them that the Highways Agency would demand a traffic impact assessment into volume, speed, tranquillity etc, and if mitigation was not possible the application would fail.

Harbury Councillors asked how likely it was that a rail facility would be created. Ernest said it was technically feasible but it was not just the ability to create a terminal, it had to be used. There had to be a robust business case to support the railhead and the developers had to produce a user for it. He would not consider a planning application until this was achieved.

Ernest reminded everyone that comments on the plan should be with the District Council by 11th October. The Masterplan and all the background papers were available on the Stratford District Website www.stratford.gov.uk

Planning

Stratford granted renovations to Bull Ring Cottage; alterations to 35 Binswood End and Crown House; change of use for part of Bull Ring Garage; tree works at 9 Pirie Close; extensions to 43 Deppers Bridge and 8 Chapel Street. They refused permission for an ancillary residential unit at 28 Binswood End and an extension at 6 Dickens Road.

The Parish Council had no comments on extensions at Meadow Bank, Hall Lane, the Bungalow, Mill St, Stapenhall Farm, 9 South Parade and 24 Farm Street; treework at the Crown, and Lorne Cottage, Crown Street; a conservatory at 19 the Beeches and reconstruction of a chimney at Harbury House. They commented that the plans for 8 Chapel Street should not allow a kitchen to be installed at a later date, thus creating a separate dwelling. They will object to plans to demolish the recently extended Harbury Croft at the top of Temple End and its replacement with a huge building of inappropriate style.

Cllrs praised WRCC's Housing Enabler Charles Barlow for his recent presentation on Harbury's Housing Needs and the Bush Heath Lane site. He made it clear this could take some time to bring forward. District Councillor Patrick was keen to reassure nearby residents that they would be consulted prior to an application being lodged.

Crime and Punishment

Pc Hill was overjoyed that a new Community Officer was to look after the M40 Service Station releasing him to concentrate on the rest of his patch. The Speed Gun exercise had caught a few locals and there

would be another exercise soon. At present there was a spate of "plant" theft – diggers, trailers etc., seemingly perpetrated by villains from Northamptonshire.

He urged Councillors to attend the PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings in Southam to ensure that village problems were aired. A Dispersal Order was to be created for parts of Southam where nuisance youths were a problem and could be extended to Harbury if necessary.

One of the youths who was driving vehicles on the Playing Fields now had three points on his licence and Pc Hill urged the public to take the registrations of offenders and report them. Cllrs complained about a motorbike being ridden round the Hall that night. PC Hill left, to return a few minutes later with a shamefaced youth who apologised to the Council for this misdemeanour.

Councillors Corner

District Cllrs Barton and Patrick reported concerns about litter and the speed of tip lorries, damaged pavements and roads.

County Cllr Stevens alerted the Parish to the Fire Service review of the taking in house again of Warwickshire Care Homes; the One Stop Shop for Councils' services being created in Southam; the imminent HGV ban on Deppers Bridge railway bridge (with a waiver for agricultural vehicles); the pressure on the county to improve its waste recycling and Biffa's plans for a materials recycling plant at Ufton along with a composting facility for green and kitchen waste.

Parish Properties

We've got a mole at the playing fields. The Council declined the offer of mole catching services at £400 a year as the problem was not that severe. However they were concerned about the overall uneven nature of the fields and are taking steps to sort it out.

Bolt cutters have been used on the car park chain and the Council is to investigate alternative solutions, but Cllr Ellis thinks bollards "have been done to death" – shame.

The new dog bins by the Surgery, down Bull Ring Lane and on the Frances Road/Vicarage Lane corner have all provoked protest. They will be moved.

Highways

Various trees which are obscuring the street lights will be cut back. Cllr Ellis has provided her team with maps for their surveys of the lights

and pavements. There were the usual complaints that the County and District's grass mowing is not adequate and a suggestion that the grass at the Fosse and round road signs should be strimmed.

County Cllrs Stevens announced that extra money for small highways works was available in addition to the budget held by the Division.

Flooding continues to exercise minds. Drains in Farm Street and on the corner of Bush Heath Lane and Temple End will be jetted. Cemetery Corner and the Village Hall are down for attention. The Fosse Junction at Middle Road and the damage to the cycleway to Whitnash also caused concern.

The Parish will investigate the offer of free trees for the top corner of the playing fields, and the planting of bulbs at the entrances to the village. The County will be asked to spray the Japanese knotweed again in the spring.

Harbury Parish Council Bi-Annual Report October 07

(With apologies for the absence of the quarterly report in July!)

In the last six months the Parish Council has:

- Installed new dog bins around the village (final locations still being determined!)
- Continued to battle vandalism at the playing fields car park
- Adopted the new code of conduct for local authorities
- Co-opted Ron Grey as the new Parish Councillor for Deppers Bridge
- Attended a public enquiry into Bishops Bowl lakes and agreed a response to the draft masterplan drawn up by SDC
- Responded to public concerns after an unauthorized event at the playing fields by meeting with the carnival committee and agreeing new security measures for next year
- Agreed to explore the possibility of establishing a parish office
- Made grants to the Pre-School, the Guides, the Harbury and Ladbroke News and the Steel Pan Academy
- Agreed to replace the Village Hall notice board
- We are still awaiting a public consultation for the proposed Bush Heath Lane development. This might now be early in 2008.

District Councillor Peter Barton

Representing Harbury, Bishops Itchington, Deppers Bridge & Chesterton

Following my election to Stratford District Council in May, I have now settled into the busy routine of council work. I was appointed to the East Area Planning Committee, the Employment Committee and also appointed a director of the South Warwickshire Tourist Board. Together with my constituency work, this has given me a good all round understanding of local needs throughout Harbury Ward.

The 'key' issue today, is the Draft Masterplan for the Harbury Cement Works site, which is now out for public consultation. This is a very important document which when adopted, will have the status of a Supplementary Planning Document and add significant weight to any future development decisions. Therefore, it is vital that any comments are received by Stratford District Council before 5pm on Thursday 11th October. The final plan when published later this year, will offer a comprehensive approach to the redevelopment of the site, not a piecemeal development as before.

The Police have been very positive when attending Parish Council meetings. There are three specific issues that cause regular concern for which action is being taken. Cars speeding in and out of our villages, drugs are also a significant problem in the area, together with gangs of youths who cause a nuisance in village centres. To manage these and other local problems, the Police have established both a Safer Neighbourhood Team - SNT and PACT - Partners and Communities Together. These initiatives are very much welcomed by all concerned.

Judging by the letters and telephone calls I receive, there is a clear need for more social housing in our villages for local people who want to remain locally. Both Harbury and Bishops Itchington Parish Councils are addressing the problem in their respective Parish Plans. Another concern brought to my attention, is the speed of vehicles and the litter they drop, going to and from the Ufton Land Fill site. Butt Lane on the eastern side of Harbury, has become a 'rat run' to and from the tip, although alternative routes are signposted away from the village.

Please do not hesitate to write or telephone me at home, especially if there is an issue causing you concern. My address and contact details are:-



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Councillor Peter Barton at the former Harbury Cement Works site, for which a Draft Masterplan has now been published for consultation by Stratford District Council.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Charles Barlow gave a very impressive presentation on the work he does as a Rural Housing Enabler and updated everyone on progress following our Housing Needs Survey.

He helps rural communities identify their needs and works with them to find sites on which homes can be built. There is not just a lack of affordable homes but a lack of the right sort of homes e.g. houses to which owner-occupiers can downsize. The average house price in the District in 2006 was £260,000 but half the families had income of under £25,000 and a quarter earned less than £15,000.

A Local Choice Policy applies to Harbury allowing both Market and Affordable Homes if the community proves a need. Harbury completed a Village Design Statement in 1998 and a Housing Needs Survey in 2004 looking at all need in all tenures. It showed fifty-one homes, 25 rented, 2 Shared Equity and 24 Market Sale, needed for local people. In 2005 the Parish Plan was published after a mapping exercise identified potential sites but of these, some were discounted on planning grounds and some were not for sale at affordable homes prices. That left Bush Heath Lane.

It is planned there will be about 17 new homes on this site in the first phase, most of them affordable and all with an occupancy restriction; rented homes exclusively for local people with no right to buy and Shared Equity with a cap (80%) on the share that can be bought. Even the market sale homes are for local people in the first instance. Plans will be exhibited prior to an application.

Charles answered a number of questions very thoroughly and was warmly thanked for his talk.

Our next meeting is on **30th October**, when Jon Radley talks about Warwickshire's Jurassic Past.

On **19th November** Alan Winterburn gives a talk on Little Known Warwickshire. All meetings, open to members and guests are in the Tom Hauley Room with coffee from 7.30pm and speaker at 8pm.

Please do send your thoughts on the **Quarries Masterplan** to SDC Planning at Stratford. Ring 01789 260337 for a hard copy or view it on line at www.stratford.gov.uk Responses by 11 October.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

The Afternoon Tea was an enjoyable afternoon at the home of Peggie and Bill Middleton and well supported. The weather even behaved itself and some guests had their refreshments in the garden. Thanks to all the super helpers.

The trip to Bletchley Park was very interesting with an excellent guide. The work done there during the Second World War was amazing and we were told that breaking the German codes shortened the war by at least two years. Memorabilia on show brought back memories to some members.

The journey was quite good except for a little blip when we thought that Betty Barr had had a wartime experience. Unfortunately Betty and Alan spent most of their time at the local hospital but Betty, being a game girl, has recovered well.

The Horticultural Show was a success and great to see new entries and viewers in the afternoon. It was fun wasn't it and the judges were very impressed. Janice Siddle and her team worked very hard and they deserve much praise for their efforts. Congratulations to all who got awards, which were well deserved.

The W.I coffee morning is on Saturday 13th October at Tom Hauley Room, with raffle, cakes and bric a brac. Everybody is welcome. Then in the evening we have a stall at the Victorian Street Fayre, I remind members about their jars.

On Saturday 27th October in Tom Hauley Room at 1.00pm the W.I are holding a Sausage and Mash lunch organised by Lin Hayes. Do come. It is once again time to gather small items and shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The talk by Jill Grute on Southam's Secret was most interesting. Jill told us the history of the nuns thrown out of Germany many years ago. The mother house was in Holland. A group of nuns came to Southam and were not particularly welcomed. Over the years their embroidery was known as specialised work by the film and work on show it was no wonder. One nun just sewed the eyes and they were so lifelike. We were told of the training of teenage girls for different jobs as well. Homes were also in other parts of the country, strict but with love. There is lots of information and is thoroughly recommended to organisations.

October speaker – Drainpipe trousers to Rock 'n' Roll – Graham Sutherland.



Harbury Theatre Group

Keith Dormer

Murder Deferred - November 22-24th - Harbury Village Hall

The latest Harbury Theatre Group offering is 'Murder Deferred' by Stuart Ready. It will be playing from Thursday 22nd November to Saturday 24th November at the Village Hall in Harbury.

Murder Deferred is a fast-paced thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat right up until the closing lines of the play. Violent murder, robbery, blackmail, drink and money are all vital ingredients in this original and unusual story.

The play centres on Leila Markham, who has a good life as the licensee of a Dorset inn, until the arrival of dangerous Ruth Cousins.

Then secrets of Leila's past catch up with her. Faced with a blackmail plot she becomes involved in the more serious business of murder.

The play is set in the 1970's before the advent of political correctness, and the dialogue reflects this. There is some adult language content which makes this production unsuitable for children.



Folk Club

Steve & Maureen Darby

The theme for the evening was "Sublime to the ridiculous" – and so it was to be!

Maureen was without her usual singing partner Janny and so had to start the evening off all on her own – despite some obvious nerves she told Steve to listen carefully to the words to the song “Silly old fool” and got through the number with some relief.

Stuart was in fine form and sang a song that was very personal as well as emotional about “The child that never came” – it was a first attempt to write a song by a man called Anton – some very powerful words for his first attempt. He followed this with a dainty version of “Wild Rover”. Ron gave us the sublime to the gorblimey and we all learnt about “High” or “Childe’s” ballads followed by a sick song about eating snakes in the woods. Rik told us of a sublime moment about 10 years ago when he was on his bike at sunrise looking at fallow deer – so he sang “Oh what a beautiful morning” followed by the completely ridiculous potty training song “Oui, oui, oui” and then Martin sang a Jez Lowe number “Last of the widows”, a very sad song about the Easington mining disaster following which there were left 80 widows. The passing away of the last widow was what prompted Jez to put pen to paper. Martin then followed this by the ridiculous “Old bazaar of Cairo”. Ian and Sue closed the first half with an epic adventure about a group of apprentices searching for the fabled canal but who ended up abandoning the venture in Stoke on Trent and followed it with a sublime arrangement of “Who’s a fool now”.

Pete Mason opened the second half and reminded us his skill of taking any sublime song and making it ridiculous – so he sang the “Alcoholics Anthem”. Chris Tobin proudly displayed his red guitar and gave a sublime rendition of the Ink Spots “I love coffee, I love tea” followed by the “Sad hypochondriac”. Pete Grassby ridiculously wanted us to believe he could keep it up with “Nine times a night” and then played a tune from Brass Monkey. Des had us sing a refrain about “Bold Sir John” and for some reason we noted down a reference to twits and bums but couldn’t remember the context! He followed with a love song called “Turn of the road”. Sue and Ted finished the second half and despite suffering from Whitbyitus, still managed “John o’dream” and Ted then had us all smiling with a Flanders and Swann song about the Honeysuckle marrying the Bindweed.

At the break, Sue didn’t win the raffle – but during the third half we heard again from Stuart about the kids returning to school, Pete Grassby was attacked by a moth, Chris sang the “Blue ridge mountains of Virginia”, Ted played a ridiculous medley from way back, Sue sang beautifully the traditional “Bushes and Briars” and the evening finished with yet another rousing chorus from Des – we all joined in and went away uplifted by it!

The raffle raised a fantastic £43.51 for TOFS, a charity which supports children born without an oesophagus.

October's gathering will be led by Pete and Liz Bones and the theme is "Working the Land".



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

Once again we were very lucky with the weather for our petanque match and barbeque on 15th September. It was a glorious September day. In fact after the cool morning we were all surprised as the temperature climbed into the 70's. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and although this was a relaxing day, as the afternoon progressed the tape measure seemed to be called upon more and more, as each point was hotly contested!



This was a knock out competition and the final match was won by Peter and Moira Rollason and Moira Lamont. Many thanks to David and Pam Clarke for hosting this event.

I know you were all very concerned when Loic spent his twinning visit in Warwick Hospital. I am delighted to tell you that he is now fine.

Laurent and Loic stayed with me in France in August and Laurent organised a petanque match after the village picnic. Laurent showed everyone the difference between boules and petanque. "How does he do that?" villagers exclaimed, as he won every match. You can imagine how my standing in the village has gone up — invitations to aperitifs come thick and fast and all thanks to the Twinning!

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We have finally got a Twinning badge and I hope all members will approve of the committee's choice.

Three events coming up in the near future:

Victorian Street Fayre 13th October:

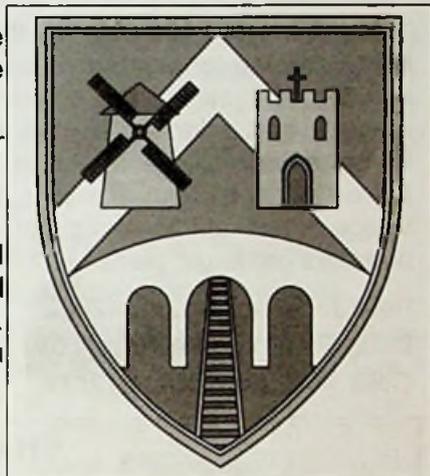
We will be having our usual stall selling French bread with pate and cheese plus a free glass of wine. Please let Sally Stringer know if you can help (613214).

AGM and Beaujolais evening on 16th November:

To be held in the Tom Hauley room.

Christmas party 14th December:

Will also be held in the Tom Haley room.



Twinning Badge



Hereburgh Morris

Pete Johnson

We have been busy this summer, dancing at a lot of venues including Warwick Folk Festival, Bourton on the Water, a day by the sea at Sidmouth and a wonderful weekend by the sea at Worthing as guests of Sompting Village Morris. We also



entertained a number of other Morris sides to our own social weekend, touring the Cotswolds before a barbeque at the Old New Inn. And we didn't miss our traditional appearance at the Harbury Beer Festival.

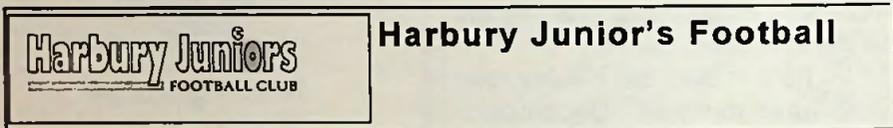
Our annual Family Cycle Ride followed a route through June's floods but everyone enjoyed the fun, especially the welcome refreshment stops in Warwick, Hampton Lucy and Chesterton. Plans are at present being made for what might be a different sort of Christmas party this year as our newer members make their influence felt on our social activities (which extend well beyond the dancing...)

Things tend to be quieter in the autumn and so we plan to offer a taster session for anyone who may like to find out more about us, the dancing, the music, the social activities, the opportunity for regular exercise and a drink afterwards in the Shakespeare, or who just wants to be nosey! Come along to the School Hall on Wednesday 7th November at 8.00pm. Families are welcome, as are groups from other village organisations who might like a different night out! (Though if the numbers get large, please let us know!) See you there.

Pete Johnson, Squire, 428839

Doug Freeman, Secretary, 612002

Celia Neill, Foreman, 612819



Welcome back to a new football season to all our players/coaches/supporters etc! Training has started for all age groups and fixtures have been set so matches will be in full swing by October. For anyone interested in joining the club, training times are as follows:

U7's

9am - 10.30am School field

Coach: Steve Burnell

U9's

9am - 10.30am Playing fields

Coach: Judith Woodfield and Maurice Clifton

U10's and U11's

9am - 10.30am Playing fields

Coaches: Tony Chamberlain, Malcolm Turner and Andy Bailey

U12's and U13's

9am - 10.30am Playing fields

Coaches: Neil Murray, Andy Dickson and Graham Bell

Can all players ensure they have returned their registration forms and photo consent forms to their coach. As usual we are looking for various helpers. The club needs a secretary to attend monthly meetings, or if you can help out in any way with the various tasks that need carried out please contact Mike Jones on 614040.

Fund-raising events are well supported so if you can offer any help with these please let us know. Contact Lynda Murray (612524) or Bobbie Sharpe (614040). It's never too early to start collecting tombola or raffle prizes...! We also welcome any new ideas for fund-raising events.

Best of luck to all teams for this season

For any further information please contact Mike Jones on 614040

And finally, not just for football people so please spread the word...

A MESSAGE TO ALL DOG WALKERS A lot of time is being spent clearing dog mess from the playing field. This is a very unpleasant task for the people lifting it but is also very dangerous to the children training. PLEASE can you clear your dog mess up and put it in the bins provided. This is a serious issue which could cause harm to a child.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club has now completed its summer league programmes. The most successful of the three teams was the Men's doubles who became champions of Division 4 of the Prudden Road Surfacing League. It had been extremely close all season with Harbury, Studley and Henley regularly swapping top position. It led to an exciting final week of the season with Harbury going into their last match away at third placed Henley, three points adrift of Studley. In a very close match they eventually overcame the home team to win 3-1 giving them 3 points. Harbury were then declared champions on the basis of their 5 rubbers to 3 advantage in the two head to head meetings with Studley. In addition to the championship trophy the league's sponsors presented the Club with a cheque for £50 which the Club will be donating to the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust, a charity that helps disabled tennis players and those with learning difficulties. Bill Hathaway and Mark Pavey represented the Club at the Men's League's end of season Annual Pairs Tournament in the "Cup" section and were runaway winners of Pool "A" with easy wins over Littleton and Moreton – in – Marsh. This set up another meeting with Studley in the final but this time Studley B's Nick Allen and Mark Willmore were winners. Bill and Mark are pictured over with team captain Jon Scothern after collecting the Division 4 trophy.



The Club's other 2 teams in the mixed format Banbury League were both satisfied with the outcome of their summer efforts. The "A" team had been promoted to Division One in 2006 and had some excellent results to ensure another season in the top flight. In Division 4 the "B" team started the season well and finished strongly

to finish in 4th place, a mid – season "blip" having kept them out of a promotion place. Its last match was against already promoted Banbury West End. The Harbury team of Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Sue Mercer, Bill Hathaway, Jonathan Guy and Colin Mercer pushed the strong visitors to the limit and the score was 4-4 going into the final rubber. Unfortunately Caroline and Bill couldn't overcome their opponents, but Harbury had the satisfaction of winning the bonus point on offer for the most games won. Harbury is now looking forward to its winter season with 2 teams in the Banbury League, one in the Stratford & District league, and one in the Banbury floodlit league.

A very pleasing aspect of the summer has been that two of our junior members, Adam Crossling and Jonathan Guy have been welcome "regulars" at adult Club sessions and took part in the men's singles tournament. They played as a pair in the South Warwickshire Junior Doubles League, winning 3 of their 5 fixtures, and also played in several matches for the seniors, Adam in the men's doubles and Jonathan in the "B" team. Another Junior Sebastian Prince has also played in the "A" team. Their approach and attitude has been first class and we hope other juniors will follow their example.

Another new venture has been friendly matches giving members who are not regular team players an opportunity to play. Caroline organised two matches with Long Itchington, both narrowly won by Harbury, and another one against Beechwood (Coventry) has been arranged.

Club tournaments have had mixed fortunes. At the time of writing the group stage of the men's singles is nearing completion. Geoff Prince won all his matches in Group 2 and Mark Pavey is looking favourite to win Group 1. It should be a very interesting final! In the men's doubles

Bill Hathaway and Peter Walshe were worthy winners with Chris Cousins/Colin Mercer and Paul Crowton/Trevor Montague taking "silver and bronze" respectively. Unfortunately there was a distinct lack of interest amongst the ladies with insufficient entries in both the singles and doubles to run them!

The Juniors' Autumn programme is now well under way with coaches Linda Casement and Eira Owen putting on 10½ hours a week for children aged between 5 and 15. Linda is also busy organising 4 Mini teams (Red mixed, Orange Girls, Orange Boys and Green Boys) to play in the Warwickshire LTA leagues. These are based on the LTA's new "Competition Framework". This is the first year we have entered children into the leagues and we wish them well!

Finally, on the coaching front Angie Dean is continuing with her successful Friday morning sessions for Ladies and also running Monday evenings for "Improvers". For details contact Angie on 614513. And who said tennis was a summer sport!

The Club welcomes players of all standards, for more details contact me on 01926 613284.

Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Firstly, I must go right back to the start of August for a match against Hockley Heath. We won the toss and batted. Will and Stuart both went out to open and got us off to a brilliant start, both playing fantastic shots all around the wicket. Stuart's fell for an unfortunate 49, given out by his dad, but it did look 'out' from my position in the clubhouse! I joined Will at the crease and he eventually reached his hundred, however it was nearly not to be, for a dozing Tom McKenzie, the square leg umpire, was in the firing line of a cracking shot, costing Will 3 vital runs as of course on 97 he lofted a shot straight to a fielder, fortunately he had "butterfingers" and down it went. Will then got a lovely full toss that begged to be hit, but this time it was taken and 100 was his final score. Phil and Jez then got to work smashing the ball to the boundary and taking our final total to 270, our highest this season. I ended up with 58 from about 20 balls, Jez hit some big sixes and ended up with 30 not out. In reply we fielded well with Jez taking 3 great catches and, restricted every shot played, Greg was the stand out bowler with a fine spell taking 4 wickets in his 8 overs for just 28 runs. We bowled Hockley Heath out for 120 and headed off to the pub to celebrate a brilliant performance.

The following week we gained strength through Ed and Graham returning to the side against Snitterfield. We won the toss and batted first. Everyone contributed. Ed making 51 and Graham 61 were the main contributors in taking our total to 226. After tea we set about defending our score and once again did well in the field holding their total to 181 all out. Ed bowled well taking 3 wickets for 15 runs in 8 overs. This made sure we got to the pub in good time!

The next week our opposition, for whatever reason called off the match, however we were not going to let this stop us and organised an interclub match. The two teams consisted of under 30's lead by Stuart, and the over 30's lead by Ed. This was most unfortunate for the under 30's who were left without a wicket keeper, I wasn't convinced the Major is over 30! This left Phil to take the gloves as the under 30's fielded first. Ed and Will opened the batting for 'the others' and the innings was well fought with batsmen making contributions all the way down and wickets being taken at regular intervals. 'The others' finally ended up on 226 off their 40 overs and left us with a lot to do. Our innings didn't start well with 'the others' picking up the early wickets of Jaime and Stuart. However Greg and Phil came together at the crease and managed to stabilise putting on 80 runs in quick time, but the others had a trick up there sleeve in the form of Ed, "oh damn" I thought to myself and was subsequently given out LBW in his first over, he is very good you know. This left Greg to battle on and he did so very well being supported down the line and kept the scoreboard ticking over. But another trick came from 'the others', this time in the form of Ed's son Dan and Henry Steele. This was their first game of men's cricket, and they didn't half make an impact, both fielded and bowled exceptionally well, and Henry managed to get two wickets, one of which was the prize of Greg who ended on a fine 80. The under 30's began to run out of steam and ended on 206, which I think was a fine display, only losing by 20 runs in the end. This was a brilliant game inside the club and showed the huge spirit that we have inside the club. A great day was had by all involved.

Then the next two weeks were most unfortunate for us. Firstly we played Edgbaston Unity from Birmingham; having played these for the last few years we know they are a very good side. We managed to win the toss but batting was not nice, not due to the wicket but because of the large amount of sledging from the opposition, far those who don't know, this is when the other team constantly talks to the other trying to psyche them out. Now I'm all for this, as you give as good as you get and it's a major part of cricket. However it went to the extreme in this

match and the players weren't the only ones being targeted. We battled hard in bat, with Ed making a fine 62; however we only managed to make 164. When we went in to field we still had our heads high that we could defend the total but luck was not on our side, with some terrible umpiring decisions we had little chance of winning the match. Greg bowled well taking 2 wickets, with two great catches from Phil, however the outcome was inevitable, not the most enjoyable game of the season, but it does happen.

The next week we had a local match against Stockton, whom we know from previous seasons have a good squad of players, this match was no exception. In losing the toss and bowling first, we immediately saw what we were up against with the first 2 balls being smashed for 4. However, after one of the opening batsmen played a very loose shot and was caught, we were gaining wickets at regular intervals; it was the other opening batsman that was the problem, a Warwickshire under 16 player! He continued to make runs, but as wickets fell around him, he must have felt the pressure, as he managed to get out to a juicy full toss from my dad that just screamed 'six!' Of course, this was our plan and he was well caught by Greg on the boundary, straight into the trap! Their innings ended on 182 with Ed and Phil taking 3 wickets apiece. In reply.... Well, you remember I told you about the opener who played a loose shot to get out, just so happens his name was Muralitharan! Spinning the ball sideways, he would have been more suited to playing county cricket rather than Sunday village cricket. He skittled 4 of the top five batsmen and won the game for them on a deteriorating pitch. I only lasted 4 balls against him, he must have been good. Resistance was shown by Stuart and John Wilkinson who battled patiently, but the damage had been done and we fell short



The Russell Brothers happy with their match winning partnership

of the target. Now aside from the cricket on the pitch, we at the club have been very busy off it too. We shall be running a stall at the Victorian Street Fayre later this month and have been planning many different activities for people to have a go at. From cricket teas, by our magnificent group of tea ladies, to guess the age of the team, and many more! You may even see some W.G. Grace look-alikes wandering

around! We would appreciate any interest shown in our stall at the Victorian Street Fayre, even if you just want to look at people getting soaked trying to apple bob! Our stall will be handily placed outside my parents shop, and is likely to be very well decorated, so don't be afraid to come and have a go!

If you have any interest in cricket, and would like to be involved in the club don't hesitate to give either Ed Russell (01926 612684) or Stuart Mugleston (01926 612382) a call, or you can speak to a member of the team at the Street Fayre! We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

The topic this half-term is Teddy and friends and we are also looking at autumn and harvest. The focus is on setting in helping children to feel safe and secure and making friends. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new starters who have settled very well and enjoyed joining in with all of our activities.

To encourage the children's Personal Social and Emotional development, we asked the children to bring in their favourite teddy to show and tell at circle time. We took a photograph of each child with their teddy to put on our wall to help them settle in. Pooh Bear and Paddington Bear made a visit to Windmills and the children made honey and marmalade



sandwiches to share with them at snack time. Another way in which we try to promote the children's personal social and emotional development and encourage links between home and Windmills is with Furry Bear, who together with his suitcase is sent home with a different child each day. The children are encouraged to look after furry bear by washing his face, brushing his teeth and hair and then writing about his adventures with the children in his note book. Furry bear has already had some wonderful adventures here are just two excerpts from his note book - when Eleanor took him home 'we went on an adventure, we got our secret agent spy kit and wandered round the house with binoculars and a magnifying glass looking for clues to

help Scooby Doo find the monster'. Joshua Wheatley took Furry bear for a ride in the car - 'we went in the car with Joshua's mummy to a garage to get some new tyres, it was funny watching them lift the car up and taking the tyres off'.



This term we have been taking the children to Mugleston's to choose and buy the fruit for snack time each week. This term they have also bought a wide selection of vegetables and fruit to explore and investigate while discussing harvest time. The fruit and vegetables were placed in a box and the children took turns to choose one item

and try and identify by feeling it before taking it out. The children have also used the fruit and vegetables to print with. This week we have also been using weighing scales to weight the fruit and vegetables comparing size and weight and sorting by heaviest and lightest. These activities alone have covered many of the stepping stones within the mathematical development area of the foundations stage curriculum. Mrs Kennedy brought in some crops from her fields and discussed harvest time with the children.

We made our first visit of the new school year to the church toddler service and enjoyed walking to church in the autumn sunshine, the children also collected leaves on the way back to the classroom, and noticed how they were being blown off the trees and changing colour.

One of the ways in which we extend the children's ICT skills is by making use of our strong links with the school. Each day we have been taking different children over the school office so that the children can use the photocopier and laminator.

College Placement. We are fortunate yet again to be approved by Mid-Warwickshire College to receive a placement by one of their students Rachel Sayers who is studying a BTEC National Diploma (level 3) in Children's Care, Learning and Development, and will be with us until February half term.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17th October 2007 Windmills Nursery School Annual Review Meeting in the Nursery classroom at 8.00pm. This is a chance

for parents to find out more about what has been happening at Windmills during the last year, meet staff and other parents and enjoy a glass of wine.

Sat 10th November - Craft Fair in the Village Hall when Windmills Nursery School together with Harbury Pre-School provide tasty hot lunches and refreshments throughout the day.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

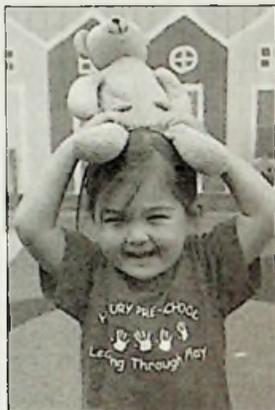
New Term: The departure of our older children to Primary School this term has left the "little ones" as the seasoned campaigners and they have all bounced back to Pre-School after the summer holidays as if they had never been away. We are delighted to welcome Nick, who joined us during September and has settled in very well with his new friends.

The lovely weather at the beginning of term enabled us to set up our outdoor classroom, with sand and water play being top of the priority list for most of the children. They especially liked using the diggers and dumpers in the sand on a large plastic sheet, while the water tray containing number bags, sand, water and assorted marine creatures was also very popular. When Joe mixed the sand and water he was delighted with his new creation of "smodgy sand".

New Theme: Our opening theme for the term is bears.

The children brought in and talked about their own teddy bears and enjoyed painting observational portraits of them and making lovely collages with pieces of furry fabric. "My bear is called Gilbert. He has got long legs." Saffie. "Bertie is an old teddy because we have had him for a long, long, long time." Harry. "My teddy's called 'Mummy'. She's a little teddy." Hattie B.





We have sung songs and looked at a variety of books about bears, leading on to the story of Goldilocks. The children have given wonderful renditions of "Who's been eating my porridge?" and the story has been re-enacted in numerous different ways, both inside and out. The role-play area was turned into the bears' house, with three of everything in large, medium and small sizes for Daddy, Mummy and Baby bear, while outside the bears' house was built using large bricks. Our thanks to the Cooper family for providing us with such wonderful chairs for Daddy and Baby bear. The children had a

marvellous time with porridge oats in the sand tray, using appropriate sized bowls and spoons to serve up porridge for the three bears.

Travelling Animals: To help to establish firm links between Pre-School and home, key-workers gave out soft toy animals to their key children to take home. The animals spend a week with the children, going everywhere with them and a diary is kept, which is then read out at circle time. Not only does this provide a home/school link but it also fulfils some of our early learning goals regarding the wider community.

Thanks: To the Panton family for some new, exciting animals and also a garage for the children to use. Also thanks to the Hill family for some dressing up clothes – it is great when we are remembered by our former families!

AGM: At the AGM in September, the chair, Nicky Kirk, was able to report an excellent year for Harbury Pre-School, not least due to the very good OFSTED report. The committee and staff expressed their grateful thanks to Nicky Kirk and Eli Priest for their hard work and commitment on the Pre-School Committee and to Kate Scothern and Becky Bastin who stood down from the Fund Raising Group after helping to raise the funds that Pre-School depends upon. Finally, Jacqui Quinney was welcomed as the new chair in Nicky's place.

Date for the Diary: Don't forget the Pre-school 70's and 80's Disco, featuring DJ "J.B." which will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 27th October at 8pm. Full details and tickets, at only £7.50 each, available from Lisa on 614744.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

We welcomed back all of the children (and, of course, parents) at the beginning of September and I hope that they (and you) had a lovely summer. We particularly welcomed the children who have joined us, both in Reception and in other year groups, this September, and hope that they have a wonderful time here at Harbury School.

Infant Windows: Parents may have noticed that the windows and doors overlooking the infant playground were replaced over the holidays. This is the first phase of a programme of window and door replacement programme across the whole school over the next few summer holiday periods. Running alongside the window replacement programme is a programme of classroom redecoration, so it is expected that the Reception and Year 1 classrooms will be redecorated later this term.

Eco Schools Award: I am absolutely delighted to inform parents that the school has been awarded an eco-schools "green flag" award. This is one of the most prestigious ecology awards open to schools and was only awarded after a most intensive inspection of the site, including interviews with the children, at the end of last term. It is a brilliant achievement and a fitting reward for all of the work undertaken by both children and parents in looking after the school's environment. We hope to have the flag flying in the next week or two (if Mr Chapman can climb the flagpole!!).

Forest of Dean Trip: Well, will the Forest of Dean ever be the same again?? Congratulations to the children in Year 6 who have just returned from their week away – I understand from the staff that the trip was very successful and that the children were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Well done, everyone. I do know that a large number of people were involved in the planning for the trip – too many to name individually, so a collective thanks to you all. However, I must especially thank Mr. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Bones, Mr and Mrs Barr, Mrs Sykes and Miss Montague for giving up their time to take the children on the trip. In addition, a special thank you to Mrs Linforth's mother who travelled up from Monmouth each day to help with the cooking, as she does every year! Many thanks.

Cross Country: Congratulations to the two teams on a magnificent opening performance at the first league race last Saturday. Out of 12 schools, the girls WON their event, while the boys finished in an

excellent 4th place out of 19 schools. While everyone ran well, pride of place must go to Abi Hunt, who was victorious in the girls' race. Well done everyone.

A fabulous experience for Harbury School's Year Six!

Harbury School's Year Six went on an outward bound trip to Symond's Yat, on Sunday 16th of September. This trip has been carried out for a number of years, and all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed it.

This year's class numbered 33 and was one of the biggest classes to be taken to the Forest of Dean. We (Y6) went for six days and stayed at a place called Holly Barn. The food was really good and all of us say a really big thanks to all the parents who helped.

All of the teachers made the trip really enjoyable. There were so many funny and interesting things that happened when we were there. On one of the nights, Mr. Bones did Morris dancing: some of us found it really easy, others did not!!!

On the last night we went out into the forest in the dark, split up into groups, made leprechaun theme parks, and then when we were done we went around looking at other people's theme parks too.

That same evening we all sat in the story room for the last time. We were told a scary story by Mr Chapman, and then Mr. Bones secretly knocked on the window and scared us to death (it fitted in with the story), then as we were sitting in the dining hall Mrs. Sykes, one of the staff on the trip, scared us to death again!!!! This was one of the most exciting bits of the trip. We had a safe ride home on Friday 21st of September remembering what we had done while we were away.

Well, now we are back again at home but still a bit inside us wishes we were back at the Forest Of Dean. We all thank every one who made our trip so much fun and thank you to all the staff who came as well. We also thank Sue; Mrs Linforth's mum for all the cooking she did! And of course Emily Montague for all her hard work looking after us.

Written by Jessica Campion, Abi Hunt and Heather Clifton students of Year Six.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

By the time you read this we will have held the first meeting of our new season. I will cover this in my next article. I am really looking forward to our speakers this season, as previously mentioned, I was fortunate

to secure the November speaker as he is in much demand. That meeting will be on 6th November and Keith Orchard Robinson (what a delightful name) will be speaking about the Derbyshire Custom of Well Dressing. In 2008 there are 5 more exciting talks to come, amongst them, Rob and Diane Cole who built their nursery at Inkberrow from scratch, will be speaking about this in a talk entitled The Birth of a Dream. How demanding that was and the highs and lows will make for a fascinating evening I'm sure! Look forward to seeing you all, there will be something for everyone.

Janice has written a separate article about The Show which was once again a success. I too would like to thank everyone who helped and so contribute to a most enjoyable day. With such resurgence in interest in allotments it is most reassuring to know that this is one village tradition which is still going strong. Long may it continue.

At the November meeting, after our speaker, we will be holding the AGM. This only usually takes about 10/15 minutes so don't be put off, it is your chance to contribute. Sadly Muriel will be stepping down from the Committee. Muriel and Ron have played a major part in ensuring that the Society has continued to expand and we owe a huge debt of thanks to them both. I'm sure that they will both continue to be a part of our Society but enjoying a much earned rest from the various tasks that they have both so willingly undertaken. A big thank you from us all. Obviously we will be looking for at least 2 new committee members so don't be shy. If you are interested, have a chat to me or any of the other committee members. It would be nice to welcome new faces.

If you are looking for a great day out, why not go along to Garden Organic at Ryton on Sunday 7th October for the annual Apple Day celebrations. It takes place from 10.00am through to 5.00pm and there will be something for everyone to enjoy. There will be many varieties of apples including old ones such as Blenheim Orange which has been around since 1740 and Sunset bred in 1918. You will be able to sample the fruits and buy the trees. Don't forget that we have two tickets for Ryton which can be obtained from Daphne Clifford.

Also again a mention of the asters at Upton House and Gardens. They are looking at their best now as is the rest of the garden. In addition there are always fruit and vegetables to buy at the shop. These have all been grown in the garden and are very tasty. Do come along and you will not be disappointed, I look forward to seeing you there.

The nights are drawing in at an alarming rate but hopefully you are still enjoying your gardens as the colours this year seem to be amazing.

I have had lots of butterflies and dragonflies visit my garden plus a friendly hedgehog. Don't forget to leave a pile of leaves so that these lovely creatures can hibernate safely. Also don't be in a rush to dead head perennials etc, these are a good food source for the birds. They are especially fond of sunflower seeds, if you don't want to leave them in the ground cut off the flower heads to dry and put them around your garden. Plus I think that the flower heads of grasses and sedums look fantastic when there has been a frost.

Enjoy the autumn and all the colours. Thank you for your continued support.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Writing this on Friday 21st September there is a strong south west wind blowing, the sky is generally cloudy with darker bits portending rain. The early part of the month was glorious after a poor August. Temperatures dipped towards freezing on some nights in the middle of the month but have now picked up so central heating switch on can be delayed for a bit.

I've confirmed Geoff and Gill Thorpe's Barn owl sighting, as reported in August's Harbury and Ladbroke News. After the crops had been harvested and before the plough got to work, I took a walk over the fields and inspected the surrounds of the owl's roost. I found an owl pellet and brought it home for dissection. Short-tailed Voles predominate in the Barn Owl's diet. Unlike diurnal birds of prey such as hawks which tear up their food before swallowing, owls swallow their prey whole. The indigestible bone and fur together with the exoskeletons of insects such as beetles is compressed into a tight mass and regurgitated as a pellet. Teasing the pellet apart and studying the contents, particularly the bones such as the jaw with their species-specific dentition, I found out that our local Barn Owl had eaten a vole and a mouse. If anyone would like to do the same with an owl pellet they have found, I have the book to help 'The Identification of Remains in Owl Pellets' by D.W. Yalden, a publication of the Mammal Society.

Barn owls have very acute hearing. The heart-shaped face so characteristic of the species (Latin name *Tyto alba alba*) is really an elaborate hearing aid. It is formed by 2 oval, concave discs of short

stiff feathers. The discs serve to funnel sound waves into the ear drums in much the same way as the ear pinnae of mammals. Direction can also be determined and is so effective that Barn Owls are able to locate and capture their prey in total darkness or when under vegetation or snow. The white underside of the bird aids hunting in daylight, much as in many seabirds, obscuring the bird's outline against the sky. Excellent night vision, long legs, sharp claws and specially developed feathers, which produce minimal noise in flight, greatly assist the hunter.

Now the hedgerows are burgeoning with blackberries. Several sites close to the village have plum and damson trees to tempt the passer-by. Generally, these are at the location of old dwellings; I'm thinking of Childyke in particular and the side of the road as it crosses our short railway tunnel. Tricia Harrison told me that the original Brunel plan was for a longer tunnel but roof falls convinced the engineers in the 19th century that this would be unsafe and so a very deep cutting with only a short tunnel was constructed. Full marks to Tricia and Brian for spotting a recent landslip opposite their house and alerting the railway company. Work is now proceeding to make the area safe. It seems that engineers at the time of rapid canal and railway construction shied away from cuttings and preferred tunnels. Perhaps it was because less rock and overburden had to be removed. Further afield 'The Tunnel' as it is still known, is in fact a cutting on the Oxford Canal south of Fenny Compton. The original tunnel was in two halves with a short section of cutting between. It was opened out early in the last century to speed up transport.

To learn more about local geology, come to hear John Radley, from Warwick Museum, talk to the Harbury Society at 7.30 for 8.00pm on Tuesday October 30th in the Tom Hauley Room.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The Village Hall Management committee made a decision in June to review the hiring costs for the various rooms, since the pricing structure had remained the same for nearly two years. In that time, there has been a 58% increase in electricity costs, 6% increase in insurance costs and 4.3% rise in inflation. There have also been increases in the cost of water and sewerage rates, ground maintenance, general repair and refurbishment costs. Over the years,



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many of the minor repairs to gutters, paint-work and plumbing etc have been carried out on a day-to-day basis by the voluntary efforts of members of the committee, so that the rates of hire have been kept to a minimum.

In the last few months, a window was vandalised and needed replacing and one of the rear doors had rotted to such an extent that it also had to be replaced. This month, the same window to the gents' toilets has been damaged again and graffiti has been scrawled on the paint-work of the main door. This will incur further expense from the existing funds to maintain the building in the good condition expected by the community.

It has always been accepted that the facilities in our Village Hall represent good value for money and in checking the hiring costs of other Halls in the surrounding area, the rate for each of the different sized rooms compares very favourably. In most cases, our rates are much lower than elsewhere, even though the Hall provides more user-friendly space and accommodates a wide-range of events, including craft fairs, meetings, parties and sporting activities. The income generated from the regular use of the Hall is only sufficient to cover those costs referred to earlier and for this reason the Treasurer has proposed a small increase for the future hire of the Hall to maintain the budget in a viable state.

The on-going proposals to develop and modernise the Village Hall will need to be funded from sources other than the regular income and for this reason members of the committee are hoping to attract funds from National or local funding bodies. The outcome from our application to the Big Lottery will not be known before December, as so many applications were received and could not be processed by September, which was the original agreed date. Even if Harbury is successful in being considered in the first round of applications, several months will elapse before the second phase of bids is considered and again many more months before any funds might be released.

In the meantime, the committee are pleased to announce that there will be another Likely Lads Dance to celebrate the New Year on Saturday December 29th. There will probably be a clamour for tickets for this event and anyone interested in attending the event, should ring and reserve tickets on 612305. Requests for tickets will be noted in a strict order of 'first come, first served'. Further details about the dance and cost of tickets will be given in next month's H&L News.



Harry Mellows Windsor M.B.E

27th February 1932 – 16th August 2007

Ringers from around the country joined family and friends in a packed church for the Service of Thanksgiving for Harry Windsor; and in response to Joyce's wishes, the congregation wore cheerful dress.

Canon Roy Brown who conducted the service gave the following eulogy:-

"Very fittingly the bells have rung out today to give thanks for the life of Harry Mellors Windsor. The sound of bells has a very special quality – the notes sound pure and clear – they resound and rebound and fade away without losing anything of their essential quality. Over centuries they have called people to worship God, to celebrate victories and joyful occasions, and to mourn their dead, and all this we do today.

Harry was born in Long Itchington in 1932 – he had a happy active childhood – and even in his early years showed signs of his future interests and career, - he loved playing with his meccano and building trolleys to run down Bascott Hill – always being careful not to go too fast and run into the stream at the bottom!

Harry was educated at Leamington Boys College and then moved on to an apprenticeship at B.T.H Rugby – studying electronic engineering on a day release basis – the beginning of a long and varied career – leading into full membership of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

His next move was to A.E.I at Leicester, the family had moved to the Hinckley Area.

During this time he purchased, stripped down and re-built a 1932 Morris 8, which he still had when he married Joyce.

They met in the 1950's – guess where? – In the bell tower at Hatton where Joyce was a ringer. They got engaged in 1959 and married at Hatton Church in 1961. The beginning of a long marriage – a real partnership – Joyce was always the Joy of Harry's life, he often called her "Joy" – and one always thought of Joyce and Harry – one entity. I know that Joyce feels the same, and we can only begin to understand how much she'll miss him.

Harry continued to work for A.E.I when the company moved to Rugby, and he and Joyce moved to Park Lane in Harbury in 1967.

When the company planned to relocate to the south of England, Harry left and joined Automotive Products (A.P) Leamington as their first qualified Electronic Engineer, working on electro-mechanically operated gearboxes, eventually taking early retirement in 1990. Which of course meant he had more time to pursue his many other interests.

He still maintained his love of cars and as with his earlier Morris, he stripped and re-built the Riley – which came out every summer. He became very adept on the computer and a keen photographer – was always doing things around the house. And of course Bells.

I know from personal experience what a huge contribution Harry has made in this area and the influence he has made in so many lives. It is quite astonishing how many people I've met who say 'Oh I know Harry – he taught me to ring'. He took over as Tower Captain here in 1969 and as you have just heard was awarded the M.B.E IN 1994 (for his services to campanology), we were so thrilled and proud of him.

One of the things he felt strongly about was that ringers should also be part of Church life – not a view that was always popular – and he was also a stickler for correct behaviour, and appropriate dress in the tower – again not always a popular concept. However, he had very high standards and never let them slip.

And apart from the bells, his contribution to church life here has been immeasurable.

He was churchwarden for many years, and always gave freely of his time to any and all the church activities – I guess few people know just how many of the jobs were done by Harry. When Tom Hauley gave up (winding the church clock) Harry took over, winding the clock every day at 9 pm (I bet it was rarely late). This continued until it was restored and electrified – after the R.O.C. (Roof, Organ & Clock) appeal – again something which Harry gave his heart to.

To mention Tom Hauley means, of course, to mention the Tom Hauley Room – can we think of that without thinking of Harry and all he has done to maintain it. I can see him now, on one of the 'Spring Cleaning' days we had – up the ladder in his very short black satin shorts!!! – and



the hours he has spent sorting out heating and lighting problems, mending the coffee percolator, seeing that the vacuum worked etc and giving us all a hard time if we weren't doing it his way.

There really are far too many things to list, but I'm sure we can all think of something that Harry did quietly and reliably. He was always there - and I can't believe that he won't be slipping into his seat at the back of the Church as he comes down from the Tower.

Harry was always quick to offer help, and extremely supportive. We always knew that we only had to ask Harry if he could do something and if in his power it would be done - from mending my lighter, to making trellis, or producing the service sheets for David's wedding! And I know we weren't the only people to benefit from his expertise.

His interest and service to the Church didn't end in Harbury but reached out to the wider church, into the Diocese with his many years of membership on the Diocesan Advisory Committee and of course surveying and advising on bell Towers all over the country.

One of the things, not always obvious to the casual observer was Harry's sense of humour - because he was often deep in thought - walking through the village with his hands behind his back and seemingly oblivious to people's greetings. But he actually had a very dry wit, and I know that Joyce and he shared many happy moments. Remember the mirror and the clock in the pantomimes!!

When we die we all leave a legacy - and I don't mean in monetary terms - Harry has left us a great legacy - love to his beloved wife and family - skills and knowledge to more than we know - an example of love of God, service to his Church, friendship and help in so many ways. So I can only say THANK YOU HARRY and I'm sure he will be greeted in heaven with "well done, thou good and faithful servant".

Tribute by Richard Taulbut at the District Guild Meeting

"Just eight weeks ago at the July Quarterly I was talking to Harry about a few details of the work we had done to the bells at Lillington, and handing over some measurements he had asked for about the periodic time of the bells and clappers; so it was a shock to hear that Harry had died on August 16th.

Although Harry's passing was thankfully peaceful at the last, we have suddenly lost a man who was a great servant of ringing and of the Coventry Guild.

Many of you were present last Wednesday at the service of Thanksgiving for Harry at Harbury Church, which was full almost to

capacity, and heard tributes and memories from Harry's family and from Chris Mew, recalling Harry's childhood in Long Itchington, his career as a professional electrical engineer beginning in Rugby at BTH and concluding at AP in Leamington; his service to Harbury church; his devotion to his family, and throughout his life his enjoyment of and service to ringing.

So it is appropriate this afternoon that we remember Harry's unmatched contribution to our Guild.

Harry joined the Coventry Guild, as a member from Harbury, on February 25th, 1950. By 1954 he was joint secretary of the Southern District and the following year he had somehow managed to get the job to himself (He was 23). The AGM minutes in 1955 thank him for pioneering work in organising meetings in un-charted parts of the District. From that time until his death, he held an office in the Guild: 1960 – 1969 Guild Ringing Master, 1969 – 1979 General Secretary, 1981 – 1991 President. He was one of our Central Council representatives, and Chairman of the Belfry Inspection Committee.

More important than committee work, though, was his commitment to putting bells into good order, and training ringers to ring them on Sundays. Many of us over the years have been helped by him or have joined him in training a new band.

Harry was instrumental in many schemes throughout the Diocese to augment or restore rings of bells, but undoubtedly his crowning achievement, won after three decades of patient but remorseless effort, was the re-hanging of the Cathedral bells. Using his engineering skills he was able to convince the authorities that the tower, which had been declared unsafe for ringing in 1883, would support a ringing peal. The Provost's support was obtained, but then the costs went up, and the Guild had to promise to find an extra £20, 000 to keep the project afloat; but it all came together under Harry's leadership, the extra money was raised in twelve months and the bells were re-dedicated in May 1987.

So we give thanks for Harry and his work for the Guild. We offer our deep sympathy to Joyce who has been his constant support and to the family.

It seems that from an early age Harry's enquiring mind showed an aptitude for mending things. If there are bells in heaven, I suppose they must be perfect, but let's hope for Harry's sake that just a few of them still need a bit of attention".

All Saints Harbury

Coventry Diocesan Guild ringers; on Thursday 13th September 2007 in 2hrs.41mins, rang a Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Composer A.P.Heywood (5024 changes). Rung as a celebration of the life and work of Harry Windsor M.B.E.

Ringers: Ruth Border - St. Mary's Warwick, Ray Sheasby- St. Michael's Stoke, Coventry, Peter Quinn - St.Peter's Wellesbourne, William Jones -Tower Captain Harbury, Mark Sayers- All Saints Leek Wootton, Christopher Mew (conductor) - St Mary's Warwick, Michael Chester - Guild President and Dr Ian Thompson All Saints Allesley.

Harbury Tower is enjoying a resurgence of interest in bell ringing, with several young ringers now learning this ancient art. There is always room for more bodies and it would be a fitting tribute to Harry's memory if this interest could be sustained.

Ralph Swadling on behalf of Harbury Tower Ringers

Harbury Show – 2007

Another good show despite the 'summer weather'. The entries were a little down on 2006 but still competition was good. A big thank you to all who helped on the day, as stewards, catering/stalls, judges etc and before, setting up the hall on Friday evening. The judges all said how much they enjoy coming to Harbury as everyone is so friendly and the standard of entries is very high.

The winners for 2007 are:

Farley Cup for vegetables	Pat Clarke
Grey Cup for Novice	Jane Giddins
Courier Cup for flowers	Pat Clarke
Rosemary Schofield Salver (best in section)	Isobel Grimes
Brunton Cup for flower arranging	Gillian Hare
All Saints Cup for fruit	Luke Kempton
Reg Harris Cup – best in section	David Thistlethwaite
Daniel Trophy for cooking & preserves	Janice Siddle
Rigden Cup for photographs	Tony Mancell
Horticultural Society Trophy for handicrafts	Janice Siddle
Allotment Holders Challenge Trophy	
Best Allotment judged by Parish Council	Kevin McMahon
Allotment Holders Tray	
Finch Cup	1 st Pat Clarke
	2 nd Kevin McMahon
	3 rd Janice Siddle

Buck Trophy
 Jean Dunn Cup – children 7 & under
 Fred Lines Cup – children 8 – 12
 Willans Cup most points overall
 Barnes Cup most points by Horticultural
 Member winning no other cup
 W.I Trophy most points by W.I member
 Society Tray

Megan Cooper
 Alice Lockley
 Thomas Conway
 Pat Clarke

John Clifford
 Janice Siddle
 1st Pat Clarke
 2nd Kevin McMahon
 3rd Janice Siddle
 1st Pat Clarke
 2nd Margaret McDonald
 3rd Gillian Hare

Society Vase

The raffle was won by M Commons and M Jones, and there were 207 sweets in the jar, nearest guess was D Groves.
 Thank you again. See you in 2008.

Janice Siddle

Hot Bangers and Fireworks!

Harbury Church and GASS will once again be presenting the annual Village Bonfire Night on Saturday November 3rd. There promises to be as spectacular a firework display as ever, with the usual high quality hot dogs, snacks and drinks provided. Mulled wine will also be on sale - to help keep out the cold!

Tickets are available from Mugglestons from Thursday 4th October (adults £3.50, children £2.50 including food) – excellent value for families. Please remember to buy your tickets by **Wednesday 31 October**. Otherwise, food is not included in the ticket price, and there may not be a spare hot dog for you to purchase on the night!

You will find enclosed in this paper a slip for ordering collection of your burnable garden waste (please note no plastics, upholstered furniture or melamine covered boards). Please return to Mugglestons' Country Fayre. Finally, anyone with a 4X4 and/or trailer available for collecting wood on Saturday 3rd, please contact Steve Brough on 612979. Thank you.

Alan Guy, GASS (Guide and Scout Support)

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Harbury Surgery Mill Street, Harbury 01926 612232	Bishops Itchington Surgery Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington 01926 612977
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Drs Snowdon and Wilkinson

Harbury Youth Drop In

The 'Youth Drop In' meets on a Tuesday evening from 7:00pm until 8:30pm in the Village hall. It is open for young people in school year 6 and all secondary school years. The young people meet to chat, play table tennis, indoor football, chess and other games as well as craft work, cookery to name but a few of the activities. We also serve drinks and snacks. We are totally reliant upon volunteers to run the sessions and we are in need of more adults willing to give up an hour and a half on a Tuesday evening. We operate a rota system so you would not be expected to be there every week.

Do you have a skill that you could come and show the young people? For example could you help with bike maintenance, juggling, hair braiding, nail art, or any other skill? We would love to hear from you. Please help if you can. Thank you.

Contact Lesley Jones 613207 or Sue Lawrence 614937

xplore>>

A reminder that a new event for young people starts on Sunday 7th October, with an opening theme 'Is it Real?'

Free to anyone of secondary school age, xplore>> will meet every week on Sunday evenings from 7 – 8.00pm, in the Tom Hauley Room. It is put on by a team from All Saints Church and we hope it will be enjoyable and engaging, with things to do, things to discuss, things to make. We'd like to hear ideas from young people themselves, so come with your friends on 7th and find out what's happening.

Lesley Jones (613207), Chris Rutherford, Sue Peacock & Co

Harbury has a Bridge Club!

Following the enquiry in the August edition of Harbury News, there has been a fantastic response and we have now formed a Bridge Club in the village.

We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm at the Village Club and we have players of varying abilities, from beginners onwards.

If you are interested in joining, please come along to the Village Club in Hall Lane, where you will be very welcome.

Pat Hearn, 612714

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre – Saturday 13th October

In Aid of the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance

Following many requests to hold the Victorian Street Fayre again after a lapse of several years (partly due to lack of volunteers), I agreed to help organise the Fayre this year. As you know, these events take a great deal of organising and, yet again, we are working with a very small team of dedicated volunteers. Therefore, we are appealing for your help as follows:

Raffle Tickets: Following a less than enthusiastic response to my appeal for help selling raffle tickets, I am making the appeal again. The raffle is the main source of income for this event and sales of tickets determine the amount given to the chosen charity. We have a small band of volunteers who give up one evening each week to sell tickets outside the village but we do not have enough people to sell tickets round the village as well. Therefore, once again I am asking for help — if you could spare a little of your time to sell tickets in your road or street please call me on 01926 612265 - it would be very much appreciated.

Stalls: There are still a few stalls left, if you would like a stall but have not yet made a booking please ring me as soon as possible on the number above as we are shortly going to have to finalise the number of stalls required with the supplier.

On The Day: We would very much appreciate help in setting up the street on the day - if you can help in any way please call me beforehand in order to allocate responsibilities in advance.

Dan Killian

Cancer Research Fund-Raising 10k Race Stratford-upon-Avon, Sunday 23rd September



Caroline Hill, Lana Long, Alison Baldwin & Mike Jones would like to send a big thank you to everyone who sponsored them on their recent fund-raising 10k run at Stratford-upon-Avon. Together we managed to raise over £450 (plus an extra £125 in gift aid) for Cancer Research.

Over 900 participants took part in the Stratford race, and there are approximately thirty 10k

races taking place throughout Autumn in the UK which aim to raise over £3.8 million!

Lana Long



Ballroom Dancing

A reminder that ballroom classes start October 3rd in the Village Hall 8.30pm -10.00pm. Cost is £25 for 6 weeks. See you there.

Jenny Patrick

Quarries Masterplan Consultation

To see the proposals for Harbury Quarry and the old Blue Circle Cement Works site, you can download from www.stratford.gov.uk or telephone for a hard copy on 01789 260337. The deadline for your response is October 11th so there is not much time. Harbury Society supports the idea of more public access to the site with a bridleway from Bush Heath Road through to join the existing Bishops Itchington-Deppers Bridge path. Access would provide both educational and recreational opportunities. What do you think? Contact Colin Stoves, Planning Services, Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church St, Stratford-on-Avon. CV7 9HX.

John Hancock, Chairman, Harbury Society

GASS – The Next Generation?

The current GASS committee has served with commitment for the last six years, with most members serving for the whole period. All the members have 'day jobs' as well as families; they deserve a break. For that reason, we will be stepping down after this year's Bonfire Night, having raised many thousands of pounds towards not only the Scout Hut but also the running of the uniformed groups.

A new group of parents is needed to take on this important role; to bring in fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Although the Hut has been re-roofed and refurbished, it costs almost £2,000 each year to keep it insured and supplied with energy and water. So, regular fund-raising events will need to be organised to make this happen. Can you help? If so, please contact me on 614242 or any of the committee if you know them personally.

The first event to be organised is the GASS Christmas Post. This will require people to sort and deliver post, although some of the existing deliverers will probably continue. This is such a valuable service to the village (and fund raiser) that it would be a great shame to lose it.

The refurbished Scout Hut is finally back in use, after various delays and initial disappointments with leaks in the new roof! The final decoration and other points will be completed in the next few weeks as tradesmen become available

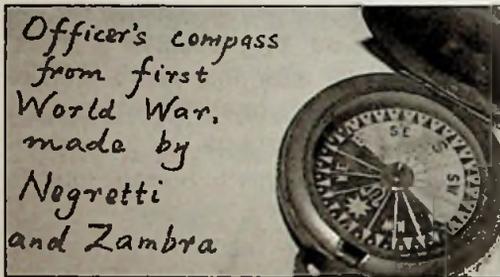
Looking back, September was a busy month for GASS. Early on, we provided the food at the Harbury Beer Festival which was a great success; our thanks to all parents, friends, scouts and committee members who helped with cooking and serving, as well as to Ruth, who organised it. We raised a large sum for the Scout Hut funds.

Alan Guy, Chairman of GASS (Guide and Scout Support)

Friends of the Cardall Collection

Now that the not so wonderful summer is drawing to a close and duller days and longer nights are more of a certainty rather than something you hope will not be repeated tomorrow, maybe it's appropriate to start thinking about how you could donate some of your skills and time to help set up a local museum focussing on the social history of Southam and the surrounding villages.

Roughly 30 years ago Jack Cardall, a Southam musician, journalist and local businessman, with a passionate interest in local history, started to collect objects relating to the history of the town and surrounding villages. The work of the collection was carried forward by his wife, Irene Cardall, who unfortunately died in June of this year. The collection currently contains an estimated 2,500 objects ranging from massive Inn signs to tiny Charles II gold coins, all of which have been donated by local people.



The Friends of the Cardall Collection was established in November 2006 after several public meetings held at the Library in Southam. A constitution was adopted by those present at the meeting and a Management Committee elected. Annual

membership costs £5. The first AGM will have been held (Sept 26th) at the Stoneythorpe Hotel by the time this article is published. See the Southam On-Line web site <http://warkcom.net/live/welcome.asp?id=2487> for some further details and a copy of our latest newsletter.

The primary aim of the Friends is to secure a permanent home for the collection to enable it to become a focal point in Southam, acting as a focus for local interest, a tourist attraction and a facility for the use of local schools. Eventually we would like to comprehensively catalogue the whole collection and make the information available over the Internet through our own web site. In addition we would like to add new items to the collection in the area of Oral History and to construct programmes for use by local schools and other similar organisations to encourage the study and knowledge of local affairs. There are many fascinating things to discover through studying items in the collection. For example, local Boy Scouts were assigned the task of guarding nearby railway bridges and viaducts following the outbreak of World War 1.

All work is undertaken following guidance from the Warwickshire Museums Service to ensure proper Museum standards are adhered to wherever possible and although a lot of work has already commenced, much more remains to be done. If you are interested in local history and feel you could provide some practical help or ideas we would be very happy to welcome you on board. We require more help in documenting, cataloguing, photographing and conserving the collection. We need additional assistance devising programmes to work with local schools and educational institutions. We need help with publicity, fundraising, legal issues and awareness creation. We need artistic and graphic skills to help devise exhibitions. In fact we need any skills you may have or want to develop. This is a great opportunity to do something practical for your local community and at the same time work in a fascinating area where you can constantly learn new things about life in South Warwickshire in days gone by.

Several Harbury people are already involved with the Friends and if you feel you too might be interested please contact Bernard Cadogan on 01926 613503 or email us at cardallcollection@hotmail.co.uk to either join or just chat about how you might be able to help. We would welcome any offers of assistance, no matter how small.

Bernard Cadogan, Chairman

Take Two Cooks - A Recipe for Success

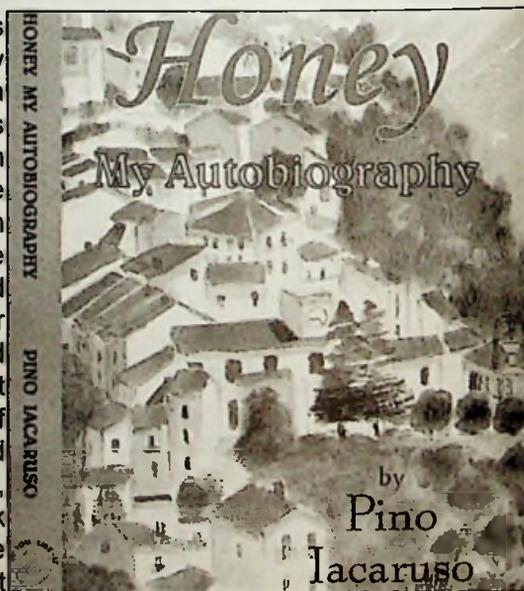
Pino and Caroline and their son, Edilio came to live in Penelope Close, Harbury in May 1987 after spending many years living in London. Pino, an Italian by birth and a superb master chef, had previously created 'culinary works of art' whilst working in Rome and Switzerland and when he first reached the capital, he was employed by the Italian Embassy. Subsequently he was employed by other Embassies and eventually he became a Senior Chef in the kitchens at Kensington Palace where he worked alongside Renato Percario for Princess Margaret.

When he moved to Warwickshire, he was invited by the Owens at Elizabeth the Chef to lead 'Gourmet Catering', which created a range of special desserts. After a year, Pino and Caroline launched their own company 'Take Two Cooks' at a wonderful party in Warwick Castle hosted by Warwickshire Fine Foods. This umbrella organisation included a group of local producers who had all been recognised for their gourmet food products.

Pino's culinary skills have been a regular feature of 'The Food Lovers Guide to Britain', written by Henrietta Green, in which she referred to his 'impressive pedigree with his forte for making Continental patisseries with bavaois in lemon, chocolate and raspberry, black cherry roulades laced with Kirsch, and Gateaux St Honaire'. At Christmas, Pino also made rich chocolate Yule logs and created his own recipe for panforte di Sienna, which he called panforte di Rosello after the Italian village where he was born. This particular item was sold for many years at Fortnum and Mason until orders for 100 or more were made and it became too demanding to complete as well as the other products, as they could only be made in batches of 16.

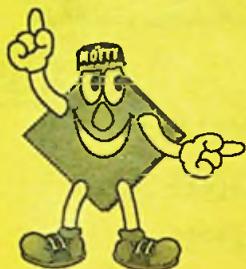
In addition to his culinary expertise, Pino has also displayed his artistic skills in drawing, and painting and also in writing a book, 'Rosello'. In his first book, he included images from his childhood in Italy and recipes which were typical of his region – freshly baked bread, home-made pasta and home cured prosciutto. The book had a run of 1,500 copies and was sold locally. Pino donated the proceeds to the 'Get Ahead' charity in recognition of his appreciation of the medical care he received at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Birmingham where he has undergone several operations following his diagnosis with facial cancer.

Pino has now written his second book, 'Honey, my autobiography', which is a collection of memories of his life from the age of fourteen up till the time he started the treatment in Birmingham in 1996. In this book there are many easy to follow, tried and tested recipes for starters, main courses and desserts, which represent favourite dishes of some of the people he has worked for. On this occasion, Caroline has edited the book and as Pino mentioned, the second book is very different



to the first – a love story acknowledging the great partnership which created 'Two Cooks' and their shared passion for creating truly exquisite dishes.

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Pino and Caroline will be selling 'Honey' on their stall at the Victorian Street Fayre on the 13th October and again proceeds will be directed to the 'Get Ahead' charity. There will also be a cocktail party in the Tom Hauley room on 23rd November. This will be a splendid social occasion with a chance to purchase a copy of Pino's book (as a Xmas present for friends or relatives who may appreciate a gift with a Harbury connection?), as well as enjoy wine with canapés, created by 'Take Two Cooks'. Details of how to obtain tickets will be published in next month's Harbury & Ladbroke News, but in the intervening period, all enquiries about the event can be directed to 01926 612305.

Chris Finch

Operation Christmas Child

Plans for the shoebox appeal, which sends presents to children in the direst need, are now underway. If you would like to help, please ask for boxes (not the huge ones) in shoe shops, and look out for small items to go in them.

Suggestions are toiletries, toys, notebooks, coloured pens and pencils, wrapped sweets with a good sell-by date (not chocolate). Hats, gloves, scarves, but no other clothing. Craft materials including round ended scissors may be packed in a video box. No liquids or war toys.

These can be brought to a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday November 9th 10.00am – noon, to be packed according to age and sex. It helps if the boxes are already covered with Christmas paper – lids separate.

For more details and leaflets, give me a ring, Gillian Hare on 614809.

Thank you, last year your generosity resulted in more than 60 children feeling cared about, besides those produced by the school and the W.I.

Gillian Hare

Live & Local

Live & Local is a publicly sponsored organization dedicated to bringing quality professional entertainment to smaller community venues. in conjunction with a network of promoters. You can find out more at their web-site www.liveandlocal.org.uk

We have had quite a variety of shows under this umbrella in Bishops Itchington, including one about Fanny Cradock, a multi-cultural barn dance (you had to be there!), a night of short Chekhov plays and a musical evening with Shoo Shoo Baby.

This autumn we have secured the services of **Pentabus Theatre Company** www.pentabus.co.uk presenting their show **White Open Spaces** on Friday 19th October at 7.45pm in Bishops Itchington Memorial Hall.

This show is made up several scenes brought together to explore real life in the countryside today. It was acclaimed at last year's Edinburgh Festival and has been broadcast as a radio play and nominated for a South Bank Award. The various stories are by turns funny, moving and provocative. This is an evening of gritty entertaining drama. It includes strong language and adult themes and is not suitable for under 16's.

Tickets are **now available** from the Post Office and Newsagents in Bishops Itchington, Barbara Pink (612402) or Sue Roderick (614982) and cost £6 with concessions for senior citizens.

Sue Roderick

Rotary Tree of Light

The Rotary Club of Southam would like to thank this publication and all its readers for the excellent assistance received on our last year with the Tree of Light. Through the Tree and other means we have now raised over Five Thousand Pounds for Acorns since we began it. They and we are delighted by this but the work goes on because it is so vital to provide care, comfort and help to these children and their families.

The tree will again shine out this Christmas and New Year in Southam and through it the Love and Memories of those who sponsor a light. The Book of Remembrance will again be on display at Southam Library. The Library staff have been most helpful to our cause. The use of the Tree on land owned by Goodwin and Sons, (with power supplied by Southam Carpets Ltd.) is also much appreciated.

For people who wish to record the memory of a person they still love and miss at this time of year there will be leaflets with donation slips available in Southam and most of the surrounding villages from November onwards. If anyone has a difficulty in this respect or would like more information please ring 864234 (Peter Jackson)

A final word of thanks to all who helped to distribute our leaflet last year.

Peter Jackson and Mike Gaffney, The Rotary Club of Southam

Take Time Out - Ufton

Quilling - A Paper Art - Friday 12 October 10am - 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

A demonstration and workshop on how to Quill will be led by Alma Brunt, a member of The Quilling Guild. Described as 'creative twirling of bits of paper' the centuries old art of quilling will be used to make special occasion cards under her guidance. Costs £3.50 includes all materials. Alma is donating her fee to an epilepsy research charity.

A Sparkly Christmas - Friday 30 November 10am - 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Su MacAulay, from Pink Dragonfly Crafts, is coming to show us how to add a sparkle to a range of handmade items. We will make gift tags, decorations, waterfall and shaker cards using a variety of techniques. Cost £2.50 plus materials.

To book any event please ring Karin Kirk (01926) 613003.



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

My family join me in saying a heartfelt thank you for all the letters, cards and flowers we received following Harry's death. You will never know what a great comfort it is to be surrounded by such love and thoughtfulness. The memorial service was amazing and not least because of all of you being there and having Father Roy to take it.

Harbury truly is a very caring village and we give thanks for it.

Joyce Windsor

Dear Editors

Through the Harbury and Ladbroke News I would like to thank all those wonderful people who supported me when I had my right hip replaced in August. Mr Young has now done two fabulous operations on both of my hips and I am able to enjoy my life completely with all my operations successfully completed.

A very special thank you must go to my friends, family and my Mum and Dad who have helped me through the anxiety and worry of facing two major operations. This has been a very tough and at times tearful period of my life that I can now put behind me.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Ellis

Dear Editors

Hi Paula Moss here offering heartfelt thanks to all those who so kindly organised and participated in recent fundraising events to help me create a pleasant, wheel chair friendly garden. Work is well underway and I'm hoping for a bit of an Indian summer (let's face it we haven't had any other kind of summer this year) in order to enjoy it. Failing that unlikely event, a second hand patio heater might be on my shopping list.

As many of you will be aware, I have had Motor Neurone Disease for sometime now. Having spent a couple months in hospital with pneumonia, and survived the superbug C-diff that I managed to contract, I am feeling much better and glad to be back in my home environment.

Once again, a big thank you to everyone. I was touched by your generosity, it meant a lot to me.

Warm regards,

Paula Moss

Dear Editors

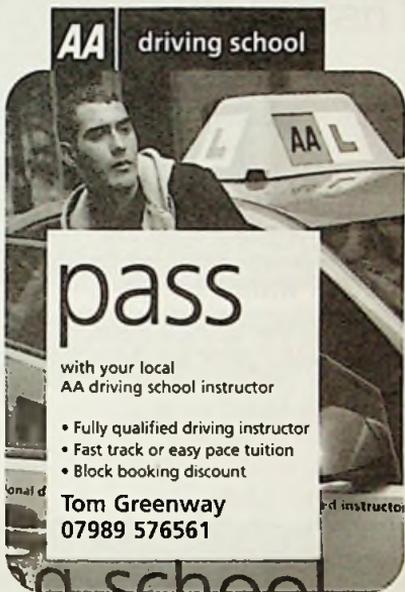
Along with other poppy sellers from the area I was recently privileged to be invited to afternoon tea at the British Legion's Galanos House, during the afternoon we were taken on a conducted tour of the premises, giving us an opportunity to see what the money collected helps to provide for our ex-servicemen. This home and the staff who work there offer a standard of care, of the very highest quality, to those who during their lives have given so much in the service of their country. The splendid work of homes such as Galanos House is made possible largely through the generosity of members of the public who give so freely in support of the Annual Poppy Appeal; at a time when so much is being asked of our Armed Forces, the work of the British Legion is more important than ever.

This year I shall be doing the door to door collection in Ladbroke after 27th October, please, please give generously.

Yours faithfully

Mike Radburn

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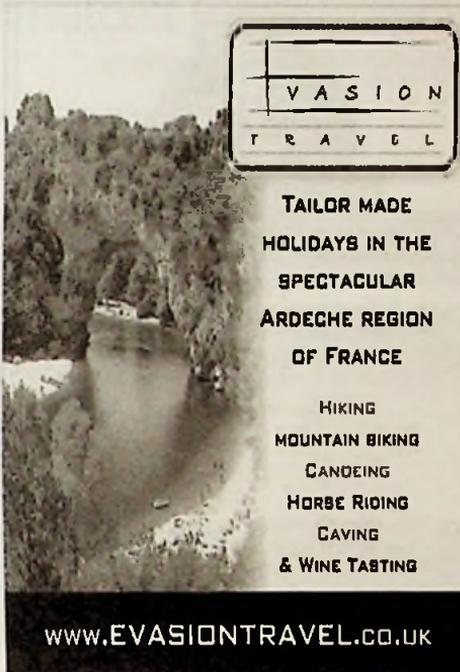
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