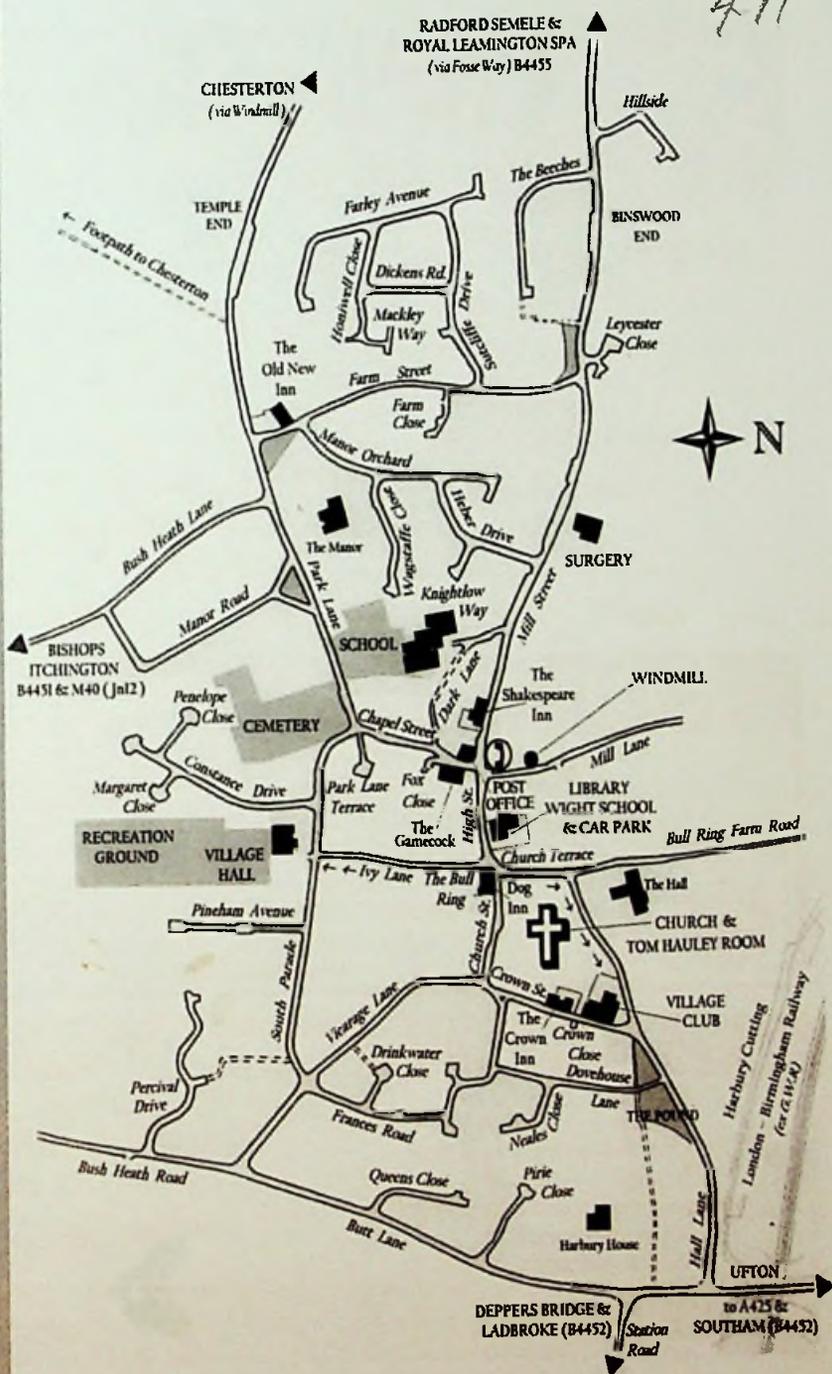
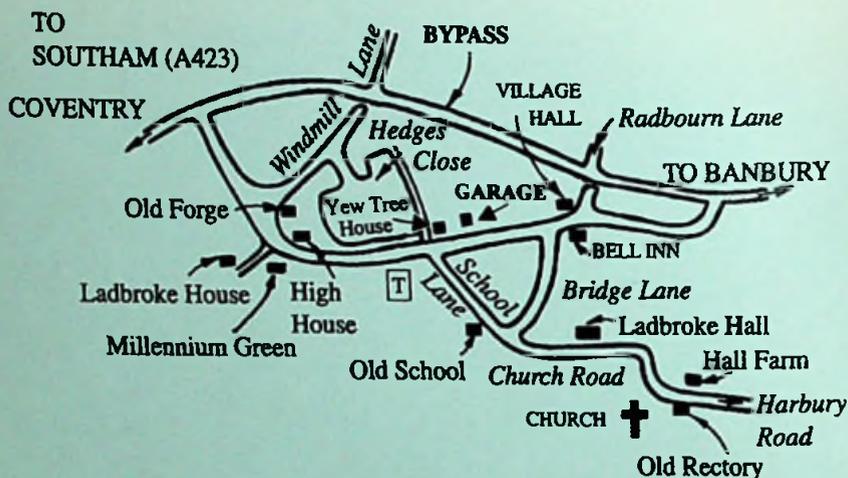


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Editorial

The annual parish meeting was extremely well attended, where villagers were informed about the new refuse and recycling scheme which will be introduced in August. Full details will be given to each household.

The Theatre Group's latest production was very well received by enthusiastic audiences. The two plays' theme and style contrasted well and made an excellent programme.

June is a busy month for village activities – check the diary for details and dates of the carnival, open gardens, Art exhibition, PTA Beer walk and Moving Pictures.

In Ladbroke the village fete will be held on the millennium green on 7th June. The village also has its own website – see article for details.

Harbury Diary

JUNE		
Sun	1	TRINITY II Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Evening Worship 6.00pm
Tues	3	Holy Communion 7.30pm WI Afternoon Tea 2.00 – 4.00pm for ex and prospective members
Weds	4	M.U. Quiet Morning 10.00am - 1.00pm in Tom Hauley Room Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30 – 10.00pm
Thurs	5	Holy Communion 9.45am Men's Group Outing Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10 – 4.00pm Bridge in Village Club Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
Fri	6	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION Concert in Church 7.30pm with 'Badke String Quarter' under the auspices of Leamington Music – Concerts in Warwickshire Churches

- Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room for Riding for the Disabled
Councillors Corner 10am – 11.30am outside the Post Office
Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park
CARNIVAL DANCE AT VILLAGE HALL
Cricket home to Braunston Paddock
- Sun 8 **TRINITY III**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home match Harbury Select v Gattling 2.30pm
- Mon 9 Village Hall Committee 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 10 Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 11 No Ballroom Dancing
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion 9.45am
Bridge in Village Club
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 14 **CARNIVAL DAY**
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room for Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 15 **TRINITY IV**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Cricket home to Marton
Evensong 6.00pm
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Tues 17 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Richard Farnell – Church Urban Fund – Open Meeting, all welcome
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Weds 18 **SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP TO WESTON SUPER MARE**
Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
"Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion 9.45am
Bridge in Village Club
- Fri 20 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 21 **GARDEN WALKABOUT**
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tennis Club
Art Exhibition in Church 10.00am – 5.00pm
Light Lunches 12 noon to 2.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Teas 2.00pm to 5.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Cricket home to Fillongley
Moving Pictures "The Golden Compass" Doors open 4.30pm
Film starts 5.00pm in Village Hall
P.T.A Beer walk

Sun	22	TRINITY V Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am GARDEN WALKABOUT Art Exhibition in Church 12 noon – 5.00pm Teas 2.00pm to 5.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Tues	24	Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
Weds	25	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 - 4.30pm at 19 Farm St Cricket home to Leamington Hastings 6pm
Thurs	26	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Bridge in Village Club Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	28	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of CINDI Bach Choir Concert in Church 7.30pm Windmills Nursery Summer Ball in Village Hall
Sun	29	St Peter & St Paul TRINITY VI Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Philip Bullock to be Ordained in Coventry Cathedral 10.30am
JULY		
Tues	1	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Weds	2	Mothers' Union AGM & Garden Meeting 2.30pm at 'Tarradale', Butt Lane NB No 2.00pm service in Church "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
Thurs	3	Holy Communion 9.45am Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10 – 4.00pm Men's Group AGM 7.45PM in Tom Hauley Room BLOOD DONORS in Village Hall Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
Fri	4	RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
Sat	5	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Theatre Group
Sun	6	TRINITY VII Holy Communion 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Cricket home to Badby Evening Worship 6.00pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**JULY**

Fri	11	Retirement Party for Nigel Chapman 7.30pm in Village Hall, all who know Nigel are welcome to attend. Further details available from School 612656
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From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

This is my first article to Harbury and Ladbroke News and I am delighted to be here as your new parish priest. It was great to see so many from the villages at my Licensing service on 11th May. Thank you for your welcome. Su, Jess, Elliot and I look forward to meeting you all in due time.

New beginnings are exciting aren't they? Whether it's a new job, a new home, a new experience or even a new baby in the home, new beginnings are always guaranteed to fill us with high emotion. New beginnings can be daunting and scary too because beginnings bring with them a sense of the unknown – how will the new job work out? Will the new house live up to expectations? Will the baby keep us awake all night? (probably!).

One of the most fantastic things about the Christian faith is that through Jesus God offers each of us a new beginning. Why should God want to do that with me? You might ask. Well, God offers a new beginning because he loves us and thinks we're worth it. God's love is not a sloppy, sentimental kind of love, but a love that never gives up on us and always looks for the best in us and what is even more incredible is that it doesn't matter what the past has been or what we might have done. When we come to God and ask him to forgive he wipes the slate clean and gives us a new start. And this is why Christians call this good news.

Please do come and join us for worship at one of our services this month. And if it's the first time and you want to make this a new beginning; you'll get a big welcome from us all.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

- April 26 William Keith Jones to Kelly Joanne Coleman
 May 10 Jonathon Swain to Louisa Snowball
 May 17 Jonathon Hill to Cassandra Bennett
 Clive Powles to Lynne Badger

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

- April 27 Rose Tegan McElfrick



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

Pentecost Sunday – May 11th – the day of father Craig's Licensing and Installation as Priest in Charge of the Parishes of All Saints', Harbury and All Saints', Ladbroke by the Rt. Rev. John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick. We thought the day would never come, but it did! We thank Bishop John for a most moving service, and Archdeacon Michael and our Rural Dean, John Armstrong, for their support. As we knew it would be, the church was full, and we, Fr. Craig's new parishioners of Harbury and Ladbroke, were delighted to welcome his family, his former parishioners and all his many friends to such an uplifting and inspiring time of worship.

It's impossible to name everyone who worked so hard to make the church beautiful and the tea delicious, but we do thank you all.

We'd like, too, to thank especially the staff and children of Harbury Church of England Primary School for their contribution to Fr. Craig's Licensing Service. In even greater numbers, they gave a wonderful presentation at his first Family Communion Service just one week later. In welcoming him and his family, Su, Jess and Elliot, they took as their theme 'teamwork', showing us, through readings, prayers and their own brilliant pictures, the importance of working together.

Taking our cue from them, may we as a parish, under Fr. Craig's leadership, work together so that we may truly fulfil our mission to love people into the Kingdom of God.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

First and foremost all our members welcome our new priest in charge, Fr. Craig, and his family to our village and church fellowship. He has kindly agreed to come to our afternoon meeting on Wednesday 4th June at 2.30pm; do take this opportunity to meet him.

This will follow a quiet morning in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am to 1pm, reflecting on our spirituality as M.U Members. All are welcome, and to communion in church at 2pm.

Our afternoon meeting in May heard Mrs Ann Ainscow, from Ufton, describing her work as a lay chaplain at Warwick Hospital. Despite the

difficulties caused by the necessary hygiene policies, and by the short stays of many patients, we could see that she would bring great discomfort and compassion to patients and their families.

The evening speaker, Margo Grant, is part of the M.U Diocesan Social Policy Unit. She told us in detail of the many ways M.U is creating positive change for families in society, speaking for those who are not heard – in this country and worldwide.

A good representation of members went to the Deanery Festival at Southam, where we were delighted to support the enrolment of three new members, Kitty Doran, Liz Roberts and Phyl Sutherland. The speaker, Rev. Jenny Lister, is newly returned and living in Bishops Tachbrook. She spoke most eloquently on the beatitudes, applying them to our present situation, and giving us cause for thought.

Tuesday June 3rd Diocesan Festival Service 7.30pm St Nicholas, Kenilworth. Speaker Fleur Dorrell, Head of Faith and Policy at May Summer House. Lifts are available, please contact Anne A.S.A.P.

Important

Tom Hauley Room lunch will be on Saturday July 19th and coffee morning on July 26th. Help will be needed for both.

Tuesday June 17th - Richard Farnell will talk about the Church Urban Fund, now being re-launched after 20 years. If you did realise it was still working, supporting projects such as Homelessness, Drug addiction, social disruption and poverty in many areas – not just cities – do come and hear him. This meeting is open to visitors; 8pm following 7.30 communion.



Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

Mrs Mary Catt presented our Service in May. She told us of the miracle when Jesus used a little boy's picnic of two fish and five loaves to feed 5,000 people who had been listening to him. There were even baskets of food left over when everyone had eaten!



We sang two songs, 'One, two, three, Jesus loves me', and 'A boy gave to Jesus five loaves and two fish', accompanied by Mr Michael Hare on his accordion. For our activity, we stuck pretty coloured paper scales on a drawing of two fish, and also put five paper loaves onto the picture.

Before going home, we had some refreshments.

Our next Toddlers Service is on 10th June at 2.00pm in the children's corner of the church. All babies and young children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to join us.



First Light

Alison Abbott

Feeling lost?

Sometimes it is hard to see the big picture and where we fit in, but God has a plan for the world and each of us. Make a start on finding your place at First Light on Sunday 6th of July.

Coffee served from 10am for a 10.30am start. See you there!

Ladbroke News & Diary

JUNE

Sun	1	TRINITY II Family Communion 10.30am
Tues	3	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	7	Village Fete on Millennium Green
Sun	8	TRINITY III Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Tues	10	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	15	TRINITY IV Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in Church ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Tues	17	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sat	21	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	22	TRINITY V Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
Tues	24	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	26	WI Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sun	29	St Peter & St Paul TRINITY VI Holy Communion 9.00am Said Service in Church

JULY

Tues	1	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	5	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	6	TRINITY VII Family Communion 10.30am in Church

Ladbroke Flower Rota**Jane Rutherford**

June 1 st	Carol Clarke
June 8 th	Valerie Copley
June 15 th	Valerie Copley
June 22 nd	David and Natalie Hart
June 29 th	David and Natalie Hart
July 6 th	Christine Baker
July 13 th	Christine Baker

**Ladbroke Church News****Betty Winkfield**

Thank you to everyone who came to Father Craig's first service at All Saints' Church in Ladbroke on May 18th. It was a really super congregation (every Sunday!!). The bell ringers and the choir did their "bit". We hope Father Craig does realise how welcome he really is.

The services will continue as normal, watch out for week day services on special occasions.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Derek Batty was re-elected as Chairman and Peter Goldson was elected Vice Chairman, Jim Clews was co-opted onto the council to fill the vacant position at the beginning of the general meeting.

The Chairmen reported the signposts on the A423 had been repositioned. A member of the public mentioned the fact that the signpost out of the village to the south obscured visibility onto the main road, this was duly noted.

The council are awaiting a response from Gez Romano to come and inspect the gullies.

Planning applications – An application for building a stable block and two horse boxes has been received from Attwood Cottage; these are to be built in the paddock behind the house.

Bishop Bowls – There is to be a two day hearing in Stratford regarding the building of Fishing Lodges.

Police Report – This was mainly concerned with traffic speeding and crime prevention. Elderly people are leaving their doors open, keep them locked. The main discussion was hope to calm the traffic on the Ladbroke bypass, but also on the Fosse way. Traffic control measures were mentioned at the crossroads from Harbury onto the Fosse way. The speed camera has been on our bypass, three people have been stopped.

The next PACT meeting is on 16th July.

The chairmen of parish councils have been invited by senior police officers in Southam to witness the working of a police call centre, on a Friday or a Saturday night. The sergeant in charge in Southam has been invited to attend our parish council meeting in either September or October. Date to be arranged, villagers will be invited.

Flooding – Much of the discussion was about prevention and diversion of flood water. Most of any monies available are channelled to more serious areas of flood – Alcester had 100 more properties affected. The best we can hope for are some interlocking barriers and pumps. Anything is better than nothing, we have to help ourselves. Maximum fund available is up to £1000

Parish plan – The draft plan has been given to the council members, parish, county and district. The housing survey questionnaires should have been returned by the end of MAY! Please.

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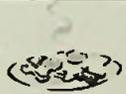
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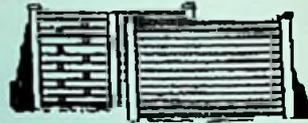
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The Village Hall – The open day to view the plans for the new hall was held on Saturday 17th May, most comments were favourable. Two money raising events are to be arranged – a Hog Roast and a Christmas Party. The Hall will be paying a “peppercorn” rent for the car park area. The council was very pleased about this. It will mean that there will not be any disputed rights about access. It must never be built on.

Millennium Green – The new play equipment is in place. Phase two is now being considered.

Newsletter – has recently been distributed.

Website – The website has now been launched, the address is www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk

Ufton Tip – (County Councillor) – regarding expansion, this is still needing further discussion regarding transportation of waste to the site.

Deppers Bridge – weight restriction seems to be working – HGV down by 50%.

Rugby relief road – if it happens will have an effect on the amount of traffic on the A423 – an increase – don't worry yet it might not happen.

There are limited grants available through the parish council for village organisations; it is on a first come first served basis.

The removal of the phone box on the corner of School Lane/Banbury Road. It is hardly ever used; it is just a focal point.

The new wheelie bins will be arriving soon, the use of which will begin in August. “There are bound to be problems”! We shall be able to use them for plastic and cardboard which is good.



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The results of the draw for April were:

- £80 Pam Collins
- £25 Marie Kennedy
- £25 Richard Walker
- £10 Jonathan Ford
- £10 Wild Indians
- £10 Carol Lane
- £10 Nicky Lewis
- £10 Peter Baker



Ladbroke General Section

Launch of the new Village Website in Ladbroke

Ladbroke Parish Council is pleased to announce the launch of the new Village Website. It contains a whole range of information from interesting details of Ladbroke's past to a complete village diary, showing dates of when and where varied activities are/will be taking place in the village.

All village organisations have a section on the site, so if you are interested in what The Church, Bell Ringers, Village Hall, Millennium Green, W I, whist drive or table tennis club (to name but a few) are getting up to, please do go and have a look. There is also a section for local businesses being run from the village including The Bell.

Included is a section for 'sale or freecycle', this should help you to clear those garages and children's bedrooms of clutter!! So please get your little ones to clear out old toys before birthdays and Christmas are upon you.

There is of course, a complete section for the Parish Council including public documents and links to Stratford District Council planning applications. We do hope you find the site informative and easy to use.

Please go and have a look at www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk and give our Webmaster Kip Warr, your feedback.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ladbroke Parish Council

Ladbroke Village Fete

Saturday 7th June from 1.00pm onwards at the Millennium Green

The children's Pet Show starts at 1.00pm so bring along your pet – all animals welcome.

Attractions include a children's obstacle course, face painting, skittles, golf putting and Beat the Goalie, plus prizes can be won on the raffle and the Tombola.

The children's races start at 2.00pm, the ducks will begin their race down the brook from The Bell Inn at 3.00pm and the Tug of War teams will flex their muscles at 3.30pm.

Capulets will provide the music and you will be able to enjoy refreshments from the beer tent as well as tea and cakes, hot dogs and ice creams.

Do come along and join in the fun!

Janet Goldson



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.

First you get the Annual bit where they all elect one another. So the Chair is still Tim Lockley with Keith Thompson as Vice-Chair. Membership of the Sub-Committees remained the same except that Alison Baldwin was bounded into being Chair of the Environment Committee and only later learned she didn't have to present the report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Then you get the normal Parish Council meeting starting with public participation. Councillors heard that Mrs Julie Walsh is seeking permission for a change from office to shop in one of the units in the new Bull Ring Business Centre. She plans to have tanning booths, shape-master beds and a nail table open from 9am - 9pm and 9am - 1pm on Sundays.

Interestingly at the end of the meeting the Parish Council itself resolved to bag one of the Bull Ring units for a Parish Office.

Next we waited whilst the Councillors, in closed session, decided which of three applicants should be co-opted to take the place of Anne Winchester; Councillors chose Rob Darlison.

Deppers Bridge speed limit review had upset some people according to Cllr Ron Grey.

Planning - Stratford granted permission for a Garage Block at The Old Orchard, Mill Street; and permission, with conditions, for a vehicle store at Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge.

The Parish Council made no representation on the erection of a timber summerhouse at Cranford, Chesterton Road.

Biffa Tip - Cllr Jenny Patrick reported on the public meeting where questions were asked about the hours of operation of the Materials Recycling Facility and the danger of unpleasant smells. They were

reassured on both counts and learned that lorry movements would be lower and the County intends to ensure HGV's use the A roads and do not come through Harbury

Parish Properties

BMX - The BMX track now has planning permission and quotes will be sought for moving the sub-soil needed for its construction but work is not likely to start before next spring.

Moles - The PC is to trial mole-repellent devices but the Clerk said the problem had been dealt with.

Tennis Courts - The Club wants to put up more floodlights (which they will pay for) to illuminate the Netball Courts. There will be baffles to these lights and the neighbouring properties including Pineham Avenue will be consulted along with Constance Drive.

Burial Grounds - The Council is to employ a contractor to ensure the gravestones are safe and attend to those that are dangerous.

Carnival - The Carnival organisers will have to provide a barrier or bollards to control vehicles and prevent ravers accessing the playing fields on Carnival Day Saturday 14th June.

Summer activities - Some time between 18th - 22nd August, Stratford District will bring along its TUFFS "Turn up for Free Sports" activities for children 8yrs and over.

Environment

There were complaints about the lack of lighting in Temple End; Japanese Knotweed in Bull Ring Lane; potholes at Cemetery Corner; and the lack of drain and gully emptying although members reported this was done the previous week.

Councillor Alison Baldwin complains that she is woken by the green bin-lorry which she says squeaks and Alan Knowles wants a cranked pole for the Farm Street junction sign in Mill Street which keeps being turned round when lorries clip it.

Money

There was a long debate on leasing a unit at Bull Ring for the Parish Office but great excitement that potentially over £1,000 per parish is up for grabs for Public Realm projects

Next meeting 28th June.

We have been asked to clarify that in last months report, the reference to farm dogs relates to a farm on the outskirts of the village.

Editors



Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

We shall be outside Harbury Post Office to listen to your concerns from 10.00am to 11.30am on **Saturday 7th June** and afterwards in Deppers Bridge at the Great Western.

There will be some of the old faces, plus one brand-new District Councillor!

And if you want to know more about the new **Recycling Arrangements**, come to **Harbury Carnival!** SDC Recycling team intend to have an information stall there.

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Elected - Liberal Democrat District Councillor

Dear Residents

I am writing to express my thanks to everyone who voted for me at the District Council election. The support I have had has been tremendous.

The response from the doorstep canvassing has been fantastic with most people being really positive. There were a lot of questions in relation to the new recycling scheme being set up plus amongst many other questions a lot of interest in social housing. I really enjoyed meeting all the people and I soon came to realize that there are so many different problems.

Thank you to everyone who delivered all the Lib Dem. literature and displayed window and garden posters.

If I can help with any District issues please do give me a call, I will do my best to help.

Web address will be available shortly.

Kind regards

Bev (01926) 614006

Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley



Do visit our Carnival Stall on 14th June, where we will have displays for you to view, including copies of the Quarries Masterplan. You can try your hand at Bat the Rat too.

Members are reminded that there are only twenty places for the Guided Tour of St Mary's Hall, Coventry; Priory Visitor Centre and its undercroft, on 13th July. The tour takes about 1½ hours. Details from the Secretary on 612792.

We are organising a talk on Canals for September and have once more invited David Howe to entertain us on 13th October when he will be "Remembering not to Forget"! Perhaps it's safest to put the date in your Diary now!



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

The coffee morning was very successful and we thank everyone for supporting and helping us.

The walk was around Draycote Water on a pleasant day except for the last ten minutes when a short sharp shower soaked the ladies derrières. However refreshments soon solved the situation.

Preparations for the Carnival are in place and we look forward to the fun day. Members please bake those cakes and get them to the cake stall around 12 noon.

We hope to see old friends and prospective members for afternoon tea and a chat at the Tom Hauley Room on Tuesday 3rd June 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

Some members went to the Bishop Itchington Skittles evening and to the Come Dancing Day.

Resolution evening was very informative. Resolutions that we have voted for over the years have resulted in very good results with governments of the day. The first resolution called for a ban on sea-bottom trawling which causes catastrophic loss of marine life. This is done by a large bag shaped net which is dragged behind the vessel. The biggest nets are as wide as the length of a rugby field, weighed with heavy metal rollers! It has been described as one of the worlds most destructive fishing practices. In November 2006 scientists

warned that there would be no fish left in 50 years time if current practices continued.

The second resolution, on inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill and urges H.M Government to provide treatment and therapy in a more appropriate and secure residential environment. Prisons are often acting as mental hospitals and that is not what they are designed to be. Readers can think of a number of mental hospitals over the country closed down for housing estates etc without providing either proper community care or sufficient secure mental health care.

So you see voting for these resolutions is very important to help improve these situations.

June speaker: Climate change in your own backyard – David Jullien



Harbury Theatre Group

Ruth Walton

For the latest offering from Harbury Theatre Group, there were no names in lights over Harbury Village Hall, no red carpet premieres, no paparazzi clamouring for that special photo, no endless TV interviews, no autograph hunters, no glossy magazine exclusives. No, there was none of that. What you saw, if you were lucky enough to be there, were two performances that made you appreciate that live theatre has so much more variety to offer than the usual TV fare.

The first play (*Swan Song*) was gentle, poignant and genuinely moving. The other, (*Last Panto in Harbury?*) built to an increasingly hilarious and energetic crescendo, which, as one member of the audience put it, "made your jaws ache with laughing". Although very different in tone, both plays were performed with a passion that certainly affected the full house on the Saturday night.

If you were there, I hope you enjoyed your evening as much as I did. If you weren't, you missed a treat.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

Many of the regulars of Harbury Folk Club were up at 5:00am on the morning of May 1st to take part or watch the dawn dance at Chesterton Windmill. This was to celebrate the start of the traditional Morris dancing season. I was therefore expecting the folk club later that day to be a somewhat subdued and sleepy event. I was wrong.

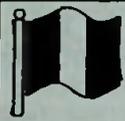
Because of the date I chose "May I have the Pleasure" as a theme, and the Band of Folk opened the evening very aptly with a rendition of the tunes "Sweets of May" and "Pleasures of the Town".

The evening continued with a wonderful selection of music and songs presented by 13 different performers. Subjects included the month of may, "may" as in request, and several on pleasure, some of which were a little dubious in content! For a complete list of who sang what, visit the Folk Cub Web Site, <http://Welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub.->

Throughout the evening everyone seemed to be on form and there were many particularly memorable items. Among these was a beautiful song written specially for the occasion and performed by the Harvesters entitled "May I have the Pleasure", and Rick Middleton's song about May 1st being the start of certain al fresco pursuits of an amorous natures, further details of which cannot be divulged for reasons of censorship!

Many thanks to all who took part and the audience, all of whom kept awake despite sleep deprivation, and provided a good atmosphere

Thanks also to those who contributed to the raffle which raised £36.00 for Christian Aid.



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

10th Anniversary visit to Samoia

If you are an early riser you may have seen our coach leaving Harbury on the 2nd of May at 6am en route to Samoia for our 10th anniversary weekend. The journey was uneventful and we pulled into their village hall car park at 6pm. All our French families were waiting to greet us with a welcome drink and they had a wonderful weekend planned for us. This was the programme:

Saturday

Petanque, flying, a pedestrian rally, evening dinner.

Sunday

Church service, Sculpture for the children, Flying, Tree surfing, art expedition, wine tasting and buffet. As you can see lots for the children to do. The adults were free to join in any of the events or just relax with their families.



The weather on Saturday morning was a warm and sunny just perfect for playing Petanque or taking to the air. Colin Humphrey and Moira Lamont both won cups for Petanque. After lunch most people joined in with the pedestrian rally which involved searching for places in Samois and was a great way to explore the village,

meet fellow twinnors and make the most of the weather.

On Saturday evening a dinner was held in the village hall attended by the mayor. The theme was Europe and most people entered in to the spirit arriving in a variety of European costumes. Nelly Touchard the Samois chairman read out a letter of congratulations on our 10th anniversary from Harbury Parish Council and the Mayor presented our founder member James Turner with a book of the area. The Hall was beautifully decorated and between each course we were entertained by an excellent group of dancers.

The sun continued to shine on Sunday and after a church service there was time to enjoy the art exhibition and for the children there was a sculpture workshop. The art exhibition showed all the illustrated recipes done by the French and English which had been made in to place mats for the buffet. I did not



take the "fly through the trees" option but everyone who did said it was great - but they had sore hands the next day! At 6.30pm before the evening buffet a recycling work shop was held with both French and English speakers and then we gathered outside the village hall to open the Samois-Harbury garden. The garden is stocked with English and French plants and the names of both villages are etched on each side of the garden which can be seen by everyone entering the village. The next part of the evening was a wine tasting with the English cheeses we had brought. We then had a very good buffet and each family was given one of the table mats. The 10th anniversary gift from Harbury to Samois was a decorated rich fruit cake with 10 candles. Our surprise



entertainment for Samoisi was to sing their national anthem with new words written by Andrew Patrick for the 10th anniversary. This was a huge success and we had to do an encore before blowing out the candles, cutting the cake and toasting our 10 years with a glass of champagne.



Monday was not a holiday for the French but they all managed to wave us off at 8am. We had a slight hold up on the M40 but still arrived back in Harbury at 7.30pm thanks to our excellent driver. Ian took his time unloading all the bags and the wine bought en route - and so ended a very special visit to Samoisi.

Report

'When my Nan and Grandad went to the market I went to a place in the village square that was full of cardboard boxes and tubes. There were only a few of us and I made a great big bridge. There were two posh French teachers there to help us but we did not need much help'.

Finn Taylor



Petanque

On the Saturday morning some of us joined the tee French for a game of petanque, their national pastime. Old and young had a great time, on what was a very hot and sunny day.

Jacob Tanner

Twinning

This year we went to Samoisi. It was the 10th anniversary of the Twinning. Despite an early start (we had to be at the Village Hall at 5:30!) it was a good journey, especially for Finn, Jacob and me because we had got the front seats at the very start.

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The best bits for me were the flying and making the sculpture. Early on Saturday morning Philippe took us to the near-by aerodrome where

Lionel, one of the twinnings, took us up in a light air craft. I really liked it because we could see the surrounding area, the huge green forest, Fontainebleau Palace and the River Seine. I got to fly the aeroplane at one point, which was brilliant.

Even though I was very late to bed the night before, because of the Euro party, we met bright and early on Sunday morning to make a sculpture to represent the Twinning between us. Finn, Mathieu and I used parcel tape and cardboard boxes to make a bridge, taller than us, that others decorated with spiky egg boxes and coloured European flags.

Later that day we went with our French family to an ostrich farm where we ate ostrich produce and had a tour of the farm (the ostrich egg crepes were delicious!!). Many of the other families had gone to the Acrobranches, a great rope works, but we had been there with our French family before.

Other things we did were play petanque, climb rocks in the forest, play Frisbee and swim in their (freezing) pool. We didn't spot the red squirrel, green wood pecker or the sanglier (wild boar) this time but... Our family have been Twinning since the beginning. It's really fun and thrilling. Samois is a beautiful town with lots of fun things to do and we get on really well with 'our' family.

Robert Rollason

Wanted New Young Members

Harbury must be one of the few small villages to be twinned with another village in Europe however for these visits to continue we need young families. We will have membership forms on our carnival stall so as you enjoy a baguette and a glass of wine why not fill one in – only £10.00 per family for the year. I am looking forward to seeing all members for a very sociable evening on June 6th at 24 Mill Street—do bring your photographs of our memorable visit to Samois.



Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mark Easton



Harbury Under 7's Winning Squad at Kenilworth's Festival 2008

Match 1 - Harbury v Sutton Coldfield Tigers 6-2 win to Harbury with tries from Alex Green, Tim Baldwin, Peter Gee (2), Chloe Kempton and Murray Gibson

Match 2 - Harbury v Sills Tigers 6-2 win to Harbury with tries from Murray Gibson (2), William Banfield (2), Finn Brown and Alex Green

Match 3 - Harbury v Kenilworth 5-4 win to Harbury with tries from Ceallach Welland (2) Alex Green (2) and Murray Gibson

They were the best performers winning all their games including Silhillians who were unbeaten all season.

Well Done to them all.

Under 8's won one of their 3 games 30-10 against Sutton Coldfield losing heavily in their other matches.

Under 9's won two of their 5 games with all the squad putting in some big tackles against strong opposition.

Under 10's drew 0-0 with Kenilworth and lost their other matches.

Under 11's lost narrowly to Kenilworth 15-5 Aaron's try was a result of sheer grit and determination. The 15-0 win against Sutton Tigers was as good a display of 12-man rugby as we have given all season. Tries from Finn Toner, William Winchester and Bradley King.

We lost the next two games against large squads Sutton Sharks and Old Leamingtonians 25-5.

Under 12's lost all their games but played very well against much larger squads.

To round up Harbury's season was the Presentation day which was a huge success the sun was shining fun and games followed by a match coaches against Under 17's was enjoyed by all.

Player of the Season	Clubman	Most Improved	
Dominic Priest	Peter Gee	Tim Baldwin	Under 7
Jim Owen	Beth Mancell	Sam Clifton	Under 8
Bay Toner	Saul Dyson	Lukje Davies	Under 9
Ben Taylor	Henry Steele	Caoilainn Welland	Under 10
William Winchester	Simon Fisher	Aaron Ward	Under 11
Kieran Evans	Becky Casement	Alex Tawney	Under 12

Harbury Juniors
FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Junior's Football

U12/13's

The U12/13's finished their season with their two strongest performances - winning 8-3 away to Azad Hill which was a massive result and setting up a nail-biting final match away to Napton which, depending on the result, would determine the league winners. If Napton or Harbury won they would take the title and if the teams drew Alveston would be league winners. In a well contested match Harbury emerged as winners by 3-0 and became champions.

Trophies this year were awarded to:

Golden Boot:	Taylor Swidryk (27 goals)
Clubman:	Alex Day
Most Improved Player:	John van Kesteren
Player of the Season:	Angus Murray

The U12's and U13's have combined well to produce a championship winning team who also play good passing football. We look forward to more of the same next season.

Neil Murray and Andy Dickson

U11's

Harbury U11's have had a good season finishing a creditable third in the league only 2 points behind the second placed team. It has been satisfying to see all the players develop in confidence along with their footballing skills and teamwork.

There have been some memorable matches, firstly when Harbury played an outstanding team performance winning 3-1 against Tysoe who at the time were unbeaten in the league. Another game, also against Tysoe, when Harbury recovered from 3 goals down to score 4 goals before a late equaliser was scored in one of the most entertaining games of the season.

The players are working well as a team and hopefully they will continue to play together next season as they will make formidable opposition. At the presentation the awards went to;

Player of the Year: Toby Puigserver
Golden Boot: William Apted
Clubman of The Year: William Rea
Most Improved Player: Ted Easton

Malcolm Tanner

U10's

The team has had another great season. Starting as league champions meant that we had to build on our skills and prove ourselves as the team to beat once again. The season began well and we remained unbeaten over the season, retaining the league trophy deservedly.

Each player has developed further this year, building upon their ball control skills and game awareness as the season has progressed. This year the trophies were awarded as follows:

Player of the Season: Adam Grey
Golden boot: James Chamberlain
Most improved: Alex Marston
Clubman: Josh Hill

The players in this group are all individually skilled, work well as a team and are an asset to the club. I look forward to working with them next season and hope that they will enjoy their well deserved rest.

Tony Chamberlain

U9's

Golden Boot: Robbie Jeeves. 9 out of 16 goals.
Most Improved: Sophie Green.
Clubman: Shay Jacques.
Players of the year: Jake Clifton and Lee Dorning.

Maurice Clifton

Many thanks to all the parents for their support this year, a big thank you to those people who gave generously of their time to help at events, and those who donated prizes for our various raffles/tombolas. A special thankyou to Alison Baldwin for organising the 80's disco in the Rugby Club which raised a fantastic £600+.

Training will start again on Saturday 6th September - have a great summer!

U7's

Over the last 12 months, we have been coaching a team of year 2 children from both Harbury & Bishops that have formed the basis of Harbury Juniors Football Club under 7's. While this age do not play competitively, we have concentrated on the key skills, making them comfortable on the ball and how to play this beautiful game. After only a short period, all of the children can kick, dribble, shoot, tackle, they also understand the concept of moving of the ball and playing in triangles. In addition, all of our players have developed and improved threefold in this period which is a magnificent achievement in such a short time. We now feel sure that they will progress through Harbury Juniors Football Club will be a force to be reckoned with next year as they aptly demonstrated at this year's tournament holding their own against another Harbury team two years their senior. This team is the lifeblood of the club that ensures the continued succession planning and we hope that the interests continues from the young children in the village that will survival of this efficiently run community club.



From Left to Right: Tacko Houtzager, Danny Reid, Steve Burnell, Richard Woodhead,
Rear Row: Alex, Rosie, Peter, Adam, Leonie, Tim
Front Row: Chloe, Harry, Dominic, Finn, Riley

Any children interested in playing in the under 7's team next year (Current year 1's) should contact Steve on 07912 578605.

Steve Burnell



Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

Harbury RFC held a highly successful Awards Evening & Dinner Dance last week at Harbury Village Hall. The event organised by Dave Andrews, Jeff Foster, Mark Finch and Matt Knight was attended by 130 guests. President Ian Holroyd and last season's skipper Rob Shuttleworth reflected on a season that started poorly but gradually picked up during the last three months of the season. They highlighted the benefits of incorporating a number of players from the Colts in the senior sides and the importance of their contribution in helping the 1st XV and also in the Jewsons 40 Floodlit mid week tournament. Against the odds Harbury won the Warwickshire Don Robbins Cup when they beat Stratford 12-10 in the final of the floodlit competition in March. Sean Commerford and Steve Dunne, the Colts Managers, who have coached a talented group of youngsters through from under 7 to Colts, were applauded for their immense efforts.

There was a touching moment when two special awards were made to Dave Andrews and Bob New. Dave, who at the age of 65 has burnt his boots after playing for Harbury in all the sides over a period of 37 years, received a standing ovation. Bob New, was fixture secretary for ten seasons and has marked the pitches each week for the past 16 years. He has always said that when he reached 70 he would retire and although that milestone will not be reached until October this year it was a fitting time to draw a line under such activities. So a very big thanks to him for his contribution.

A range of awards were made:

1st Team Player of the Year	- Ricky Alford
1st team highest points	- Steve Alford
1st team most improved player	- Dave Flegg
2nd team player of the year	- Chris Moss
2nd team highest points	- Gary Bevan
2nd team most improved player	- Ray Chu
Jerry Birkbeck touchline award	- Lloyd Storey
Veteran player of the year	- Sean Commerford
Colts player of the year	
The Ralph Gurden Cup	- Sam Reeves
Young player of the year	- Shane Dunne
John Knowles trophy	- Mark Easton

John Bromley trophy	- Jeff Foster
Courage cup	- Jenny Thomas
Clubman of the year	- Jerry Birkbeck
Special awards	- Bob New, Dave Andrews

The raffle winners at the Club Dinner were:

International Rugby Tickets	- Rachel Moss
Gas Fired BBQ (donated by The Door Store)	-Mel's Mum("Shakespeare")
Case of Wine (Donated by H.M.Bryan & Sons)	- Mike Steele
High Street Vouchers (donated by Jamieson Joiners)	- Chris Stacey
Champagne	- Tom Jamieson

Thanks to table sponsors, Miles of Tiles and The Door Store.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The summer leagues are in full swing and at the time of writing there has only been one defeat in 8 matches. Last year the men's doubles team was promoted to Division 3 of the Prudden Road Surfacing league and they have made an excellent start this year, winning 2 and drawing 3 of the five matches played to date, to put themselves in a promotion position. In the opening match the team travelled to Snitterfield and secured a 2-2 draw and followed it up with a 4-0 win at Chipping Campden and another draw against Claverdon. In the next match Harbury travelled to highly fancied Shipston but Jon Scothern, Geoff Prince, Andrew Rendell and Mark Pavey held their own to get a 2-2 draw. The team returned to winning ways with a very hard fought 4-0 win at home against Studley. John, Geoff and Mark were joined by Bill Hathaway with two of the matches going to 3 sets.

In the Banbury league the team has got off to a flyer in Division 4 with two convincing wins. The opening match was at home against Brackley and the Harbury Ladies, Caroline Morland, Eira Owen and Sue Panton were in dominant form. Caroline and Sue recorded an 11-0 win in one of the rubbers and Sue followed that with a 9-2 win with Eira as her partner. The men, Ed Wilson, Colin Mercer and Keith Thompson also played well and won all the men's doubles. The only

two rubbers lost were in the mixed doubles but the final match score was 7-2. The next match was at Hook Norton on artificial grass where Caroline, Ed and Colin were joined by Bill Hathaway, Tracy Haggan and Sara Peters who was making her debut. It usually takes a while to get used to the surface but that was not the case this time and Harbury won all 3 first round rubbers. Bill and Colin were pushed the hardest and had to win a long tie break. There were two more tiebreaks in the next round of matches with honours being shared. Caroline and Tracy lost theirs but Sara and Colin took theirs comfortably by 7-1. Although already assured of an overall win Harbury kept the pressure on and won the last 3 rubbers to record an excellent 8-1 win.

The only defeat was a 3-5 scoreline in the Club's first match in the Rugby & District League, mixed division against the 2007 runners-up Lutterworth on a scorching Saturday morning. Sue Panton and Keith Thompson started very strongly and romped to a 6-1, 6-4 win. Caroline Morland and Colin Mercer competed well against the Lutterworth No. 1 pair but couldn't match the visitors' dominance at the net and lost 3-6, 2-6. In the reverse rubbers Sue and Keith lost in straight sets and although Caroline and Colin managed to win a very tight tiebreak first set they were unable to win the second that would have given Harbury a draw.

Juniors

A number of our Juniors represented Harbury School at the Area finals of the inter schools tennis tournament at Stratford and did very well. Alex Marston, Kate Barney, Phoebe Dolphin and George McGowan from years 5 and 6 came third but were only one point away from second place. Lee Dorning, Joshua Savage, Alisha Long and Alice Bright went one better in the year 3 and 4 group to claim second place. Many thanks to Linda Casement for organising the teams and to Denis Daly for his support in letting the children take part and obviously well done to all the players!

Sam Casement and Joe Grey were in action in a Warwickshire County "Green" league against 2 of the biggest Clubs in the County, Rugby and Esporta. They lost both but were not outclassed and executed some brilliant shots during hard fought matches.

On 11th June, a group of 15 children will be going to the DFS Classic tournament at the Edgbaston Priory Club in Birmingham. This is one of the leading Ladies tournaments before Wimbledon and is a great opportunity for the children (and the lucky parents accompanying them!) to see the likes of Jelena Jancovic and Maria Sharapova in

action. The children will also be able to use the Play Tennis Zone organised by Warwickshire LTA. Let's hope the weather is kinder to them than last year!



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

The month began with a visit to the school's May Day celebrations, which due to the uncertain weather was held in the school hall. We watched the children sing and dance round the may pole and then joined in at the end with "wind the bobbin". *"The maypole dancing was brilliant. The ribbons were red, yellow, and blue and the pole was white. The colours wrapped around the pole. It was especially good when they went in circles very fast. They did two dances, the best was the spiders web - the people at big school were very good at it"* - Joshua.



Emma Day our Forest Schools advisor visited again this month for another session in our woodland outdoor classroom. The children eagerly took part in a bug hunt exploring and investigating with magnifying glasses, collecting what they found in special bug boxes which they then brought back to base camp to identify. While Paige was looking for her bugs she also spotted some bluebells.



Continuing our water theme other activities have included :

- * creating a huge pirate ship together with a treasure chest which prompted lots of imaginative roleplay. The children also made binoculars, telescopes, pirates hats and treasure maps to add to their play.



- * a visit from our artist Chris who brought her proper water colour paints and paper for the children to create some beautiful water colour sea pictures.



- * taking the children to visit the school pond where they observed tadpoles, pond snails, pond skaters - *"they look like dancing on ice"* - Thomas.

The children the returned to the class room to make their own jelly fish ponds to take home.

- * Trying to catch, chase and burst the bubbles as they came out of our bubble machine.
- * enjoying the first of many lunchtime picnics on the school field in the early summer sunshine.
- * Walking to church to make our usual visit to the toddlers service.

Student Placement

This month we have welcomed two students from Southam College on a two week work experience placement. It has been lovely to have their help at this busy time of year and we hope that it has given them an insight into working with young children.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the parents who kindly gave up some of their time this month to carry out various jobs that needed doing around the nursery including staining the fence, planting and tidying up our garden and outdoor play area and cleaning the carpet and sorting out our books inside the classroom. We have since received lots of lovely comments about how lovely it looks. Thank you to Tim Baldwin for donating some of his dressing up outfits to add to our roleplay area.

Dates

Carnival - Saturday 14th June 2008 - Look out for the Windmills float!

Summer Dance - Saturday 28th June 2008 - 8.00pm till midnight in Harbury Village Hall dancing to the sounds of local covers band "The Frets". Tickets priced at £15.00 per head to include glass of bubbly on arrival, canapés, and a hot buffet - available from Hayley 614494, Emma 612822, Muggleston's and Windmills Nursery 07906519148.

End of Term Fancy Dress Party - Friday 11th July - Windmills will be having a fancy dress party during the morning of Friday 11th July to celebrate the end of another school year.

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

Buildings - During May, our theme at Pre-School was based on buildings. The children were asked to bring in photographs of their homes and, from these, they produced some wonderful paintings and 3-D models. Ishbel: "Look, our house has two chimneys and a door in the middle".

The role play area was turned into a very efficient site office. Telephones, walkie talkies, building plans and books were put to good use, with all kinds of buildings being designed and ordered. A variety of bricks were used to provide some excellent brick rubbings at the creative table, while large blocks, blankets, crates and tables were used to build houses and dens in our outside play area. Stephanie commented "My house is built of metal and is very strong." Katie, who had used soft blankets for her's added, "My house is built of marshmallow!"

Earlier in the year, Pre-School had taken part in a reduce, re-use and recycle campaign, "Bob the Builder Project: Renovate Awards". A certificate was awarded for us to display "to recognise the excellence of your submission" and a selection of Bob the Builder goodies was delivered. Some of the new small models were used for small world play and the larger versions have been added to the outdoor provision.

Woodwork - Woodwork was incorporated into the building theme, with the tool bench and real tools being used for sawing and hammering, after learning the safety rules and under very close supervision.



Traditional Tales - Alongside the building theme, the children continued with the traditional tales that will form the basis for our carnival float. The puppet theatre was a very popular addition, with the children using a variety of props to perform stories such as "The Gingerbread Man", "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood". As always, some lovely paintings and collages of the characters were produced.

Phonics – The children have been enjoying our on-going work with the 'jolly phonics' scheme, also used in the reception class, including listening games and initial sound games. Feedback from parents has been positive and this scheme encourages the children's listening skills and helps with speech and language.

Journeys – The children have been very interested in each other's holiday plans and so due to our child-led approach at Pre-School, the role play area became a railway ticket office, with tickets, phones and timetables used to arrange all sorts of journeys. In the outdoor play area, boxes, crates, chairs and an assortment of other resources were used to build a large train, complete with a well stocked buffet car! Paint in the builder's tray enabled the children to experiment with making tracks using trains and other vehicles and then making prints of the resulting patterns.



Outdoor Area - During the final week before the half term break, we made the most of the fine weather to spend as much time outside as possible. The play area was divided into four zones – sand, music, books and large building blocks and the children could also choose to "paint" the walls of the area, using large brushes and containers of water.

Fundraising – Our last two fundraising fixtures, the quiz and the coffee morning raised a magnificent total of £520, so huge thanks to all who helped and attended these events. Look out for Harbury Pre-School at the carnival: the children on their traditional float and why not come and enjoy our hot dogs and burgers!

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

Comenius Project - Finland

Mrs Kluth, Mrs Rathbone and Mrs Jackson left Harbury School just after lunch on Tuesday and Mrs Kluth drove to Stansted airport.

We caught the plane to Tampere, which is the second largest city in Finland. We arrived at the hotel at 9.00 p.m. English time, 11.00 p.m. Finnish time. We had a quick drink and then went to bed. We had breakfast of cereal, jams, fresh fruit and coffee. Also available was fresh salad, cold meats and cheese.

We had a short walk round Tampere and then caught a train to Seinahoki where we were met by a Finnish taxi driver who had our names on a placard! The train ride was all through the forests of Pine trees and Silver Birch and Finnish lakes, which were all frozen. There was very little snow around. Ulla-Maija, our Finnish hostess, the head of the local school met us at the hotel. We were shown to our rooms – they all had an en suite shower room and a sauna room. I had a sauna before dinner on the first evening but I don't think I stayed in long enough – it felt strange being alone and throwing water onto an electric heater with stones.

The first evening dinner was in the same hotel and we were joined by some of the Pukkila school staff, the people from Studley and from the two German schools.

We were picked up at 8.30 a.m. on the Thursday morning and taken to the school where we were made very welcome. Mrs Rathbone had planned to teach the children the song and dance of "Wind the bobbin", this was a great hit with the little children. Mrs Kluth showed the older children how to play non-stop cricket. They are used to playing baseball so they tended to hold the bat differently and they also dropped the bat to make runs, which they are not supposed to do.

On Thursday evening we were collected at 5.30 and taken to a Sauna. We had a lovely meal of smoked pork, vegetables and cabbage with oats. The wine was organic. We were then taken to the changing rooms where we were all given what looked like old-fashioned stripy bathing suits that came down to our knees! We had old lady slippers with red pom-poms and striped dressing gowns. We were very nervous as to what was going to happen next. We walked outside to a huge sauna building, which was very dark and very hot inside. We were told that we must drink lots of liquid in there. After each 10-15 minutes we came out and could go into a very cold plunge pool and then into a hot tub. We each only went into the plunge pool once although we did manage the hot tub a few times. I think we were in the sauna for approximately 90 minutes. We then went back into the house and had dessert and coffee.

After this the bus took us back to Kauhajoki and we went to the local (only) pub for a well deserved drink of local beer.

The next morning we were taken again to the Primary school where we taught the other two classes the dance and the cricket. The weather was a little warmer so we took the oldest class outside.

There are 4 mixed age classes and a total of only about 90 children in the Primary school. They do not start school until they are 7 and stay until they are 13. We did not see a parent, apart from the man who gave us a lift, in the two days at the school. All the children come to school independently. Some parents dropped them off by car at the end of the road, some walked but the majority came alone by bicycle. There is no secretary at the school the head does all her own paperwork and Mrs Jackson was disappointed not to be able to see some of their systems. The head has a full time teaching commitment. The state provides free school meals for all children. The children eat in their classrooms with their teacher. There are no choices. (They do cater for definite food allergies but not for pernickety eaters).

On the last afternoon was a project meeting with members of Harbury, Studley, Finland and the two German schools all taking part. The emphasis of the project is ecology and all the children in the schools are completing similar projects and then the work is circulated to all the schools. The children also email children in the two schools.

After school we were taken to visit their local church. This was a new, modern building that is shaped like an open bible upended. A local member of the congregation explained to us all about the church; she spoke in both English and German. Although it was modern it had a very majestic feel.

We were picked up in the evening by the some of the staff and we walked to a building rather like a small town hall. It was called Sanssin Kartano. It was a beautiful building made of wood, as are a lot of the buildings in Finland. We had something similar to cheese and asparagus on toast for starter and a white fish for the main course.

On Saturday morning we were collected again in cars by the staff and taken up the only hill in the area to walk in the forest with sticks. We walked about 5 kilometres. It was cold and there was snow lying in the more shaded areas. It was a chance to talk informally to the staff and we discussed all sorts of things from Christmas decorations to the cost of energy and services provided by the town councils.

In the afternoon we had some free time to do a little more sightseeing and shopping.

After that we were able to have a short rest, sauna and shower in our room and then a coach came and took us a journey of about 1 hour

into the National Park, Lauha ("Maria's Nature Travel")' We were given some hot mulled perry outside round an open fire and then went inside for a meal. There is no electricity or running water there – the outside toilets were interesting – just a couple of huts and sawdust.

The meal was lovely, homemade wild mushroom soup, followed by an elk meat casserole with new potatoes and hot beetroot. The dessert was a very light sponge and meringue with raspberries. The chairman of the PTA/Parish council gave a speech and then gave each of us a tee-shirt and a dvd about their area of Finland.

We shared a minibus with Studley back to Tampere on Sunday early in the morning. We had booked a late flight so that we would have time to sightsee. All the shops were closed; restaurants were open. None of the churches was open but we did spend a couple of hours led by Mrs Kluth walking from church to church taking photographs.

We all felt that the visit gave us an insight into another culture and that the children will all benefit greatly from the interaction.

Congratulations – To the school Mini-Tennis teams who recently competed in the South Warwickshire tournament – the Upper Juniors finished 3rd, just missing out on a place in the final on countback, while the Lower Junior team finished as runners-up – two tremendous performances – well done everyone and special thanks to Mrs Casement who coaches the team.

Miss Hannah King – I am delighted to inform parents that Governors have appointed Miss King to the teaching staff of the school from 1st September. Miss King has worked at the school previously, on a supply basis before taking Year 6 for one afternoon a week throughout last year. However, no decision has yet been made about the teaching arrangements for next year – these will be announced, as usual, towards the end of this term.

Holiday Club – I have been asked by a number of parents about holiday clubs being held at the school over the summer holidays – I do know that long holidays can cause childcare problems for some parents. Unfortunately, because of building/renovation work scheduled across the whole of the school for the summer holidays (more details will be circulated later), we are unable to host a holiday club this year. I do know that Nursery are also planning building work during the summer holidays, which, I understand, means that their building will also be unavailable. I do occasionally hear of holiday clubs at other venues – if I do hear of anything, I shall try to let you know as early as possible.

And Finally – Thanks to the scouts who gave up their free time a couple of weeks ago to do some planting and general tidying up work in the school grounds – it has made a great difference – many thanks to all involved.



G.A.S.S.

GASS Committee

Following the highly successful re-opening ceremony of the newly re-roofed and re-furbished Scout Hut in April, the GASS Committee retired, having worked tirelessly on the Scout Hut project for several years (and exhausted themselves in the process!) At this point we would like to apologise to the Girl Guide group who were omitted from the list of scout hut users and helpers at the open day, in last month's GASS article, but are none-the-less a thriving group.

A new GASS Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Mark Clifton, and their aim is to continue the work of the old Committee in the maintenance and support of all the uniformed youth groups in the village – Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts.

Other Committee members are Ruth and Dean Walton, Rachel Brown, Caroline Hill and Rob Cooper, and we welcome your support in helping to keep the Scouting movement alive and thriving in Harbury. We plan to continue with the regular events that GASS has become synonymous with over the years, such as the bonfire and fireworks display (in conjunction with the Church) and the village Christmas card delivery service.

We will be providing teas in the Village Hall on Carnival Day, 14th June, offers of help are always welcome, and we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes and biscuits – please bring them to the hall on the morning of the Carnival. Thank you.

If you would like any more information about the work of GASS, please contact Ruth Walton on 613415.



1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Green

With the lighter and (sometimes) warmer evenings our meetings have involved more outdoor activities and have moved back to a 9pm finish time.

We started the term with a long 'gardening' session as we carried out extensive work in clearing the scout hut car park of the weeds, brambles and general undergrowth that have been encroaching into the car park for the last decade. For those of you who have not seen the car park recently, you may be surprised at just how big it actually is!

Also during the same evening, and in preparation for a later trip, the scouts brought along their bikes in order for them to be serviced. Many thanks to the technical team led by Mark Long, Dave Malin and Steve Morten.

A second week of good weather allowed us a full evening of wide games at Burton Dassett. Whilst initial games relied on stamina and strength, later games involved a greater degree of subterfuge and stealth as darkness fell, ending with one of the troop's favourite games – 'cops and robbers': you can probably have a good guess at how to play this one!

In our third meeting, led by aboreal mastermind John McGowan, each patrol learned tree identification and spent the evening in a walk around Harbury applying this new knowledge. Since most trees at this time in April still had no leaves, it was surprisingly challenging. Thanks to John & George for their expert tuition.

A further 'gardening' theme for a following Thursday saw the troop performing various activities in the school grounds – from cutting rhubarb and clearing out sheds to the more mundane digging and weeding now so beloved by the scouts, who are actually getting rather good at this. Mums and Dads take note!

On a glorious weekend in early May many of the scouts went on a long cross-country bike road along Warwickshire's bridleways and back roads. The photograph shows the bike party prior to a chance encounter with a very large, muddy puddle. This is fortunate, since after the puddle any photograph would have been a somewhat pointless exercise!

During the same busy bank holiday weekend the troop was invited to attend the local point-to-point event, and then helped with litter picking and tidying at the end.



With the 1st Harbury summer camp occurring during the Whit week holiday, our more recent meetings have involved practising camping skills that will be needed, such as putting up the tents, lighting fires and cooking meals. It has been suggested that the last meeting prior to the camp should consist of training all scouts in the preparation of mugs of tea. These are to be served to the leaders at camp at eight o'clock in the morning, preferably accompanied by the morning paper and some marmalade toast!

Full details on our camp to follow in next month's Harbury News.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

The last meeting of the current season took place on 6th May. The topic covered was 'The Rain Forests and Forest Gardens'. John Porter our speaker is very passionate about this whole scenario and gave us a very different aspect of the way things have and are evolving.

He is a trained biologist and a former lecturer. He became concerned about the loss of these forests and has visited many of the countries whose natural habitat is suffering. The organisation with which he is heavily involved is encouraging people of these countries to adapt their own gardens and spaces to replicate rain forest conditions. For example to plant leguminous plants first, then native fruit trees and plants, then taller trees to represent the forest canopy interspersed with climbing plants. He showed us some very interesting slides where this practice has been successfully adopted. Obviously this will take time to mature but it is an excellent way to ensure the continuation of local flora. Some countries have already incorporated trees into agriculture, for example in Sri Lanka some of the wood from these trees is used to make bricks. The leguminous plants put badly needed nitrogen back into the soil and the climbers quickly establish themselves.

The slides of countries like Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Indonesia transported us to very beautiful parts of the World and demonstrated that native trees such as pomegranates are being introduced and planted wisely. By the paddy fields trees are being planted round the edges. Crops are grown near to home made reservoirs which in turn are stocked with local fish. Peppers and other native species are thriving in these conditions. It does give us hope to know that the matter is being addressed albeit on a small scale at present but

hopefully more and more countries will be encouraged to grow fruit and vegetables and native trees in this way.

Nearer to home John showed us slides of the late Robert Hart who was a firm supporter of replicating a rain forest and adapted his own garden in Hampshire on these lines. It did indeed resemble a small forest. He had mingled fruit and vegetables to form the forest floor and then climbers and trees as a canopy. We all enjoyed his talk and slides and many questions were answered. A delightful man who continues to travel abroad encouraging this way of growing a forest garden. We wish him much success.

I'm sure everyone is aware that the annual walkabout is looming ever closer. Let's hope that the weather on 21st and 22nd June will be an improvement on last year. Daphne has worked hard on the programme with able support from all of our committee members. The publicity campaign should bring in many more visitors too. There will be 26 gardens open this year with again some new ones so thanks to everyone for all your hard work. Will everyone who has promised to make cakes bring them to the Tom Hauley room on the Saturday morning suitably labelled. The rota for lunches and teas is full but if you can't remember what time you have agreed to come please give me a ring.

Then it will be the first of our day trips to RHS garden at Wisley on June 25th. Please be at the Village Hall in readiness to leave at 9.00am. There are many places for food and drink but if you want to bring a picnic there are designated areas so something to please everyone! An early reminder that the second day trip on 16th July will also leave the Village Hall at 9.00am. More about that next month.

Janice has produced the programme for the Show on 13th September and these will be available in July. It's not too early to be thinking about your exhibits. Apart from fruit and vegetables there are many more chances for you to shine. Cakes, preserves, flower arranging and much more. Don't forget the photography section either so even if you are not green fingered there is something for everyone so get snapping! The show is a great opportunity for gardeners and other talented people in our village and Ladbroke to demonstrate their skills for all villagers to appreciate and enjoy.

Thanks to all members for your support at the 2007/8 meetings, I hope that you will enjoy the 2008/9 speakers that I have arranged. Happy gardening and garden visiting. Look forward to seeing you on the trips.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

While walking through woods on the Centenary Way west of Leek Wootton, close to County Police Headquarters, we came across a couple paying close attention to the vegetation. On enquiring, they showed us a very unusual flowering plant which I'm sure we would have missed. I say 'we' as this was on the walk organised by Harbury Society and led by Ed Wilson. The flower was Moschatel (*Adoxa moschatellina*), variously called Townhall Clock or Good Friday plant. It loves shade and is one of the first spring flowers to come into bloom, nearly always by the beginning of April (hence Good Friday plant). The small flowers are pale yellowish green and arranged at right angles like the four faces of a town clock. However there is a fifth on top pointing skyward. En masse, the flowers are said to give off a faint musk-like smell but I couldn't vouch for this from the specimens we saw on the 26th April; by then they may have been past their prime.

The following day, which was also a fine one, I led a guided walk round Harbury Spoilbank Nature Reserve (just off the B4452 near the Great Western at GR 385598 OS sheet 151). Leaves of Common Spotted Orchid and Common Twayblade were prominent. We saw Peacock and Orange Tip butterflies but no Grizzled Skipper which flies in May and June. I saw my first of the season at the Spoilbank on May 7th. The group were intrigued when I opened a Teasel head and showed them the grub of a moth which has no common English name. It is a micro moth with the Latin name *Eneothenia gentianaeanana* [quite a mouthful]. It lays its eggs on the purple Teasel flower. The grub goes through several moults inside the hollow stem. Its final act, before pupating, is to bore a hole in the now woody 'prison' which will enable the moth when it emerges to break free and find a mate; an extraordinary life cycle. Two plants found at the Reserve but uncommon elsewhere are Spurge Laurel and Carline Thistle. The leaves of the former look rather like those of a Rhododendron. The latter is an 'everlasting' flower drying out and persisting through the winter. It has a thistle-like appearance, the central head being surrounded by long yellow bracts which open when it's dry and close when cool and wet. I'm indebted for these facts to the excellent 'Flora Britannica' by Richard Mabey published by Sinclair-Stevenson.

Sharon and I have heard the Cuckoo, but we had to travel to France to do so. While on the Twinning trip to Samoio-sur-Seine over the

weekend of 3rd/4th May, we stayed with our friends Elise and Jean-Jacques Coppe in their house on the edge of the forest of Fontainebleau. It's the male Cuckoo which has the distinctive call. The female is said to have a bubbling note. As well as the Cuckoo, we were treated to the sound made by that songster of them all 'le rossignol'. Well that's its French name; we know it as the Nightingale. It must be 25 years since I heard it singing one summer evening near Harbury. Has anyone else heard it here in recent years? It's an elusive bird, more often heard than seen. At 16-17cms, it's only 3cms larger than a Robin. As it frequents deep vegetation, a sighting is a rare event.

Now, the various light green hues of early spring are giving way to a more uniform deeper shade. The high daytime temperatures, reaching 25C on several days in early May, have cooled. Today, (Sunday 18th May), it was a much cooler 14C which is retarding the growth we had a week ago. Butterflies, especially the tiny Holly Blue have been much in evidence. Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Brimstone, Speckled Wood and Orange Tip will soon be joined by other species, especially if it warms up again. Butterfly eggs, which are laid singly by many species, are only about 1mm long. They can be seen by the naked eye but a hand lens is necessary to see the, often exquisite, architecture. With practice, they can be found by examining the host plant at the appropriate time of year. I found the egg of an Orange Tip on a Lady's Smock (*Cardamine pratensis*) while we were staying in Samois. That was May 3rd. Searching the same flower by the War memorial at Bascote Heath on May 11th, I was again rewarded. Caterpillars hatch out after 1-2 weeks so I kept the plant under observation. Today, a tiny caterpillar, 0.5 cms long, lay beautifully camouflaged along the line of a seed pod; quite still till gently touched. In common with many creatures, the frog and its spawn being a good example, butterflies lay a great many eggs but the chances are only a few will reach maturity. Our climate is not conducive to survival. Then there are predators such as birds and parasitic insects. Our predilection for tidiness does not help either but we are learning. The churchyard is a good example. A mowing plan means that a good proportion of plants reach maturity and Lady's Smock is very common. Mind you, I've looked in vain for Orange Tip butterfly eggs there. Perhaps you will be luckier.

The old cement works spoilheap, known as Bishops Hill, like so many similar brown field sites, has become, through neglect, a wonderful haven for wildlife species which have disappeared from large areas of the countryside. On a rather cool Monday 19th May I was there with a

group led by David Brown. We saw, and identified, both Dingy & Grizzled Skipper but the 'piece de resistance' was Britain's smallest butterfly, the Small Blue [Cupido minimus]. It's a rarity and it would be a great pity if over development was to lead to its extinction. Wildlife reserves are becoming a bit like zoos. Perhaps it's about time that we let the wildlife 'escape'.

By the way, Rex Humphreys told me that he had heard a Cuckoo in the village recently. Have a good summer.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The St George's Night at the **Dog Inn** was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended the event. There were some inspired mediaeval costumes and a number of outfits which could prove useful for England football supporters! The Village Hall committee are extremely grateful to Chris Rigby, who masterminded the event with the help of his friends and also to landlord, Chris Smith, whose staff produced some 'tasty fare'.

The Village Hall has been well used recently, including for children's and wedding parties and it will serve as the focus of the day's activities on **Carnival Day**. As usual, there will be tea and cakes on offer during the afternoon and it is intended that the most recent plans for the modernisation of the Hall will be on display. There will be a chance for all residents to record their comments and observations about the proposals and these will be reported in next month's magazine. It is hoped that now there is a consensus of agreement that we are at long last 'getting somewhere' with the plans, that a timetable for making further progress can be published. This will include the application for planning permission, followed by suggestions on how the money needed for the refurbishment can be raised.

The Carnival Dance with the Likely Lads is being held on the Saturday evening **before** the start of the celebratory Carnival Week and details for the purchase of tickets are given elsewhere in the magazine.

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General Section

Ethel Sollis



It is with sadness that the Editors learnt of Ethel's recent death. Many villagers will remember Ethel as one of the post ladies in the village, a job she did for 21 years, retiring at the age of 70. However, she also contributed much to the village, being a founder member of the Village Hall Committee, working hard to raise funds to build the Hall.

For 30 years she was a member of the Senior Citizens Committee; helping with cooking the Christmas Meal. Together with her near neighbour Mrs Jennings, she also cleaned the Church for many years. As Chris Finch summed up in her profile of Ethel in the May 2006 edition of the News - she was truly a 'village character'.

John Holden

Ann's 500 Mile Walk Across Northern Spain

Ann Piggott from Crown Street in Harbury and her friend Jo Blows from Leamington are both approaching their 60th birthdays and decided to celebrate this milestone in their lives with a major new challenge. Whilst many people slow down on retiring, Ann and Jo are setting off on a 500 mile pilgrimage from St Jean Pied-de-Port on the French side of the Pyrenees across Northern Spain to Santiago de Compostella. They started their walk on 8th May and, blisters permitting, hope to complete their journey by mid June.

This route, known as the Camino, is the Way of St James and has been walked by pilgrims since the 10th century as the body of St James the Apostle is supposed to be buried in the church at Santiago de Compostella. Over the years, hostels (known as refugios) providing simple accommodation in mixed dormitories, have been established along the route for the benefit of the accredited pilgrims. Ann and Jo have the official pilgrim accreditation which is needed for them to stay in these hostels.

As well as being a great adventure, the reason for Ann and Jo taking on this challenge is to raise money for Myton Hospice. Myton is the only in-patient unit caring specifically for terminally ill people in Warwickshire. It has charitable status and all treatment is free. A £5 million appeal to build a new 20 bedded hospice in Coventry is also ongoing to provide much needed additional care. Ann spent a year working as a nurse at Myton Hospice so is acutely aware of the outstanding work the hospice does and their need for funding so as to maintain the standard of care for which they have become so well known.

If any of the readers feel able to support Ann and Jo in their venture and wish to sponsor them in aid of Myton Hospice, sponsorship can be given on the internet by accessing www.justgiving.com/800km and following the links.

Richard Piggott

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

It is with great sadness that we heard of the deaths of Harry Taylor and Ethel Sollis. Harry was a founder member of the committee who originally started the Harbury Senior Citizens Association and Ethel joined the committee soon after. Both of them made significant contributions to the association over many years and village life in general and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with their family and friends at this time.

The trip to Weston-Super-Mare on the 18th June will leave the Village Hall at 08:30. We hope that everyone who goes along enjoys the day.

Mike McBride, On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Turn on the tap challenge

Thank you everyone who supported the walk on May 10th, raising money for and awareness of the critical need for safe available water in the world. Recent terrible events in China and Burma have brought this very much to the foreground. Although not many people could manage the walk, which was favoured by the most beautiful weather, we raised £155, thanks to generous sponsorship especially from the Theatre Group. This could provide one family with a protected spring and two with boreholes. Something to ponder on when we water our gardens and wash our cars with best quality drinking water.

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Keep doors locked when you are in another part of the house and make sure accessible windows are not left open.

This advice also applies when you are working in or enjoying your garden. It doesn't take long for a criminal to enter an insecure door or window and take easily accessible items, such as handbags, mobile phones and keys and then possibly take your vehicle from outside your house.

Remember, burglars don't need brains, they just need opportunities. Reducing the opportunity for crime reduces your risk of being a victim of burglary and theft.

Thefts from cars are also rising, the main target being sat nav systems. Remember to remove all valuable items (and anything that looks valuable) from your car when leaving it unattended. When you remove your sat nav don't forget to clean off the tell tale suction cup marks on your windows. Thieves will break into your car even if they think a sat nav may be in it.

Alison Abbott

Success on the Run



Dean (Gilbo) Merrick has gone a long way in pursuit of his success, both in terms of distance and effort. He recently completed his second marathon in 3 hours 44 minutes, which was just one minute slower than the time he recorded when he was last invited to participate in 2003. Like other marathon men, he has probably become a familiar sight on his regular training runs around the village in the fourteen weeks leading up to the event last month. He also improved his fitness by joining 20 mile competition races in Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Gloucester, but realises that it might

not have been a bad idea to do at least one 26 mile run in preparation, as he 'hit the wall' in the marathon between 21-22 miles. At this point,

however, he was in the company of Gordon Ramsay, who finished 2 minutes behind him. Dean does not recall any characteristic words of encouragement from the celebrity chef, because they were both feeling 'mental blocks', as they pounded the final miles in a downpour before reaching the finishing line in the Mall.

Dean has always been interested in sport from the age of 7 years and he played in the minis for Harbury RFC and later joined Harbury Albion F.C. when he was 14 years old. He took up running, as his preferred activity, when the injuries he received at football kept him out of the game for several weeks but he still wanted to maintain his fitness levels.

When he left Southam School in 1996, Dean became a Studio Instructor at Southam Leisure Centre on a part-time basis, whilst he also offered personal fitness programmes and sports massage to people seeking individual assistance. In 1999 he took a machine apprenticeship at MGTS in Coventry, but the challenge of 'keeping fit' was still uppermost in his mind. In order to further his interest in fitness, he applied to be part of the Summer Scheme Challenger Sports Camps in the USA and he provided football coaching to young people for 3-4 months in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2004. On his return home, he completed a Sport and Exercise HND at Warwickshire College followed by a 1 year top-up degree in Leisure Management at Loughborough University. At 28 years old, Dean has recently been accepted as Personal trainer and College Lecturer in Sport and Fitness at the Warwickshire College site in Henley-in-Arden. He feels he has 'gone a long way' to achieve an ambition he might only have dreamt of during his school days and his success must provide encouragement to those who don't instantly find their chosen career on completing their full time education.

This year Dean raised £2,200 for Kidney Research, which he is donating in memory of his mother, Sue Freeman, who will be remembered as a very welcoming person who served behind the bar at the Shakespeare for many years. Dean would like to express his thanks for all those who supported the Race Night held at the Club, which raised funds in support of his effort. He is also very grateful to the members of his family who travelled to London to give him moral encouragement and also to the many people who gave sponsorship money to his chosen charity. Dean recently became engaged to Natalie, so congratulations are due on this latest 'step along the ladder' of his life.

Chris Finch

Blood Donors

The next session in the Village Hall will be on Thursday 3rd July, 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm. Remember, the afternoon session is less busy, and you can book by phoning 0845 7711711 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Last time we just missed the century target, with 97 volunteers from whom 92 units were collected. Thank you to them, especially the three new donors. Can we beat it; remember you can give from age 17 – 60; established donors to 70.

Any queries, ask me on 614809.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Pre-School Open Morning

On a sunny Saturday in April, Harbury Pre-School opened its doors at The Wight School for an Open Morning and play session. Many existing and new children, together with their families, attended the event and enjoyed the calm, friendly and fun environment that the pre-school provides. Children enjoyed



painting, sand play and stories whilst their parents were able to talk to staff members and look at the work that the pre-school children have done, much of which is attractively displayed in the Wight School.

The morning ended with the opening of a new storage unit, funded by a grant of £1,452 from Warwickshire County Council's Community Development Fund. Councillor Bob Stevens kindly performed the opening ceremony and said "Harbury Pre-School is an integral part of the early years education for children in Harbury and the surrounding area. This new storage facility will enhance that experience and also add value to the facilities already provided at the pre-school."

Harbury pre-school provides care and education in a nurturing environment for children aged two years nine months to when they start school.

There are places available from September and nursery education grant funding is available for all three year olds. If you are interested in registering your child please contact Jacqui Quinney on 01926 613386 or visit the website: www.harburypre-school.org.uk

Jacqui Quinney

Harbury Carnival June 14th, 2008

Carnival Dance

Saturday June 7th at the Village Hall, with dancing to The Likely Lads. There are still some tickets available, price £20, to include a light buffet and there will be a bar selling wine and beer. Please contact me on 614258 if you would like to come. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall Development Fund.

Wheelbarrow Race

The Wheelbarrow Race on the 8th June will commence from the Old New Inn. Please assemble at 12-30pm for a 1-00pm start. Again, can I please ask you to make sure you complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms are available from the pubs and Dan Killian on 612265.

Pub Games

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

Monday 9th - Aunt Sally at the Gamecock
 Tuesday 10th – To be decided at the Crown
 Wednesday 11th – Skittles at the Shakespeare
 Thursday 12th - Quiz at the Dog

Carnival Day

The carnival day programme will be as follows:

12.30 Procession assembles in Sutcliffe Drive
 12.45 Judging of procession entries commences
 1.30 Procession led by the Shirley Pipe Band leaves Sutcliffe Drive
 2.15 Fancy Dress Competition
 2.30 Punch & Judy
 3.00 Shirley Pipe Band
 3.30 Dog Show
 4.00 Raffle Draw
 5.00 Fete Closes

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

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

Decorated Float – Trade
 Decorated Float – Private
 Decorated Float – Children
 Decorated bicycle, pram or car
 Horse drawn, mounted or led
 Walking Tableau – Adults
 Walking Tableau – Children (2 to 8 people)
 Walking Tableau – Children (more than 8 people)
 Walking Tableau – Family
 Walking Adult
 Walking Child

Judging will take place at 12.45.

The Guides and Scouts Support Association, which is running the teas, would be grateful for your help in the cake department. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.

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

John Broomfield

Harbury Macmillan Cancer Support Footpath Collection

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Macmillan footpath collection this year. I am delighted to report that I have sent a cheque for £569.59 to our Macmillan Cancer Support Regional Office. Thank you all for your generosity.

A special thanks also to those who willingly gave their time monitoring the line of coins along the footpath in the centre of the village on Friday and Saturday.

Ann Mayer

Harbury's Sound Of The Sixties Festival will be WUNDERBAR!

This year, the SOTS event on July 12th at the Harbury Rugby Club ground will have an international flavour, with the appearance of Friends for Friends from Verden, Germany. The group of friends who have a 'liking for sixties rock music' are well known in Lower Saxony where they have made T.V. and radio appearances. Over recent years they have enjoyed meeting with one of Warwickshire's well known local bands, Out of the Blue, who have supported events in Verden

organised in connection with Warwick's Twin Town. When Friends for Friends learned about the annual SOTS charity event held in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust, they asked if they could attend, as they were so 'impressed to hear about the efforts made by a group of volunteers' in support of teenagers with cancer. As long time readers of the H&L News will know, this event is organised by Joe and Michelle Griffin and a group of friends who have raised £43K for the Trust at the charity events during the past seven years. Each year, the groups who play at the event give their services completely free, so that all the money collected from ticket sales and raffles is given to the TCT (Teenage Cancer Trust) in memory of the daughter of a Harbury woman.

'Out of the Blue' who have been regular supporters of the TCT event got together in 1995 when two former bands separated. Lead singer, Gordon Lawson M.B.E. ('Sooty') and Harry Frazer (bass guitarist) joined Terry Cripps (drummer) and Eddie Unitt (lead guitarist) to form the sixties band, which plays in local clubs and pubs, as well as at international venues in France and Germany. It is through their efforts that the German band will be taking the stage this year. 'Friends for Friends' have expressed their thanks for all the arrangements made on their behalf, including the invitation from the organisers of the Harbury Festival to join the other five bands who will all share centre stage. This year, the other four groups will be the Woody Allen and the original Challengers, JBKP, the Likely Lads, Out of the Blue and Robby Darin and the Kings of Cool.

The SOTS event open to all members of the public over 16 years old starts at 6.00pm prompt. Tickets, priced at £10.00, are available from 01926 613151, 07831 405651 and 07787 532945. The organisers are always grateful for offers of sponsorship (which are permanently advertised on an overhead projector throughout the evening) and for raffle prizes. This year's event promises to be more WUNDERBAR than ever, so make sure that you reserve tickets, as soon as possible, for this year's international event.

Chris Finch

Bach Choir Concert in Harbury

The Royal Leamington Spa Bach Choir will be singing in All Saints Church, Harbury, again on Saturday 28th June 2008 at 7.30pm, following their successful concert in the Church two years ago. The choir will be accompanied by Colin Druce and conducted by Nigel Stark who will be bringing the Trebles from St. Alphege Church,

Solihull with him to join the choir in a performance of Benedicite by Andrew Carter, a work first performed in Edinburgh in November 1989, which is a selection of verses from the Benedicite canticle freely arranged and added to forming a lovely piece of music.

The Bach Choir will also be singing a selection of English Romantic Part Songs by Elgar and the St Alphege Choir will be singing some 'Classical Pops' including Sheep may Safely Graze and Jesu Joy of Mans Desiring to provide a relaxing evening of melodious music.

Tickets are £12 (£11 for Senior Citizens) or £2 for students under 25 and children. The price includes a glass of Pimms and canapes in the interval. Tickets can be obtained from Presto Classical, Leamington Spa 01926 863423, at the door, or from local member Bryan Harrison 01926 612533.

Bryan Harrison

The Challenge Bike Ride



So after 6 months of preparation – training, fundraising and a little anguish – the job is done!

Cycling into Angkor Wat on the Saturday there was a real sense of jubilation among the group. Apart from some minor cuts and bruises, tired limbs and sore bums all 24 of us had survived relatively unscathed.

It was 7 days since we had left Bangkok and in that time we had covered around 500 kilometres on all sorts of terrain. There had been a steep 12k climb through the Khaom Yai Monsoon Forests, a long, long day of over 100 k culminating in the Phnom Rung National Park, a very fast 11k descent on dirt track across the Phnom Ding Rak mountain range, long, long sandy stretches through Khmer Villages and much more besides.



Indeed it had been a week of many contrasts - temperatures of well over 100°F followed by monsoon like rain - little did we know at the time that this was the tail end of the cyclone that had caused so much devastation in nearby Burma.

Cambodia presented a real change to Thailand - much less developed - dirt roads contrasting with the flat, smooth tarmac surfaces we had

experienced in Thailand. Our accommodation presented contrasts too - from a comfortable hotel in Bangkok to the floor of a Buddhist Temple in Srei Snam.

In Cambodia we saw a difference in the generations too - whilst everybody was immensely friendly and welcoming there was a sadness and melancholiness to the older people - clearly a reflection of the atrocities that they would have been exposed to in relatively recent times. By contrast there was an innocent joy and energy among the children - giving hope to a brighter future.

Having had time to reflect and discuss things with friends and family the potency of what the group collectively achieved continues to grow. It was a wonderful week - great sights, great people, great experiences and some very, very amusing moments. One that resides with me is when I was struggling along the track in Cambodia and one of our young guides came cruising past me with his feet on the handlebars and a big smile on his face - priceless!

But let's not forget that the 'The Challenge' was all about raising much needed funds for the continued development and support of **Myton Hospice**. With one big final push I could get to £6,000. So for those of you who have already contributed many, many thanks and for those who would like to sponsor me, you can contribute via the *justgiving* website by accessing the following URL : <http://www.justgiving.com/jjfarrellbikechallenge>

Jim Farrell

Napton-on-the-Hill Open Gardens

Sunday 22nd June 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Come and visit beautiful gardens in Napton, admire the views from the windmill and look around the children's organic garden at St Lawrence Primary School. Parking and sale of maps is at Napton Village Hall, The Crescent. Cost: £3.50 per adult, accompanied children free. Cakes and tea will be on sale. No dogs except assistance dogs, please. You can also buy maps 10 days in advance from Grania 815739, Jane 813358 and from St Lawrence School. Money raised will be split between the Alzheimer's Society, the National Autistic Society and Napton Village Hall.

Dog waste most foul – Clear up or Cough up

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Dog Warden & Animal Welfare Officer would like to remind all dog owners and dog walkers about being responsible and picking up their dogs' foul.

Dog mess can carry various types of bacteria that can be harmful to adults and children. Some bacteria have the potential to cause blindness if it comes into contact with the eyes or mouth.

If dog faeces are picked up immediately, most of the bacteria it contains are harmless. Using a 'poop scoop' or plastic bag ensures that it is safe for all dog owners to pick up their dogs' mess without the fear of becoming contaminated, but remember to wash your hands after disposing of it.

Some bacteria are resistant to freezing and disinfectants and can survive for up to two years if not removed from the ground.

Dog owners and walkers please beware; it is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 not to clear up after your dog if it fouls, if caught you could be fined up to £1,000.

When walking your dog, always carry a 'poop scoop' or suitable bag to pick up your dogs' faeces. It can be placed in a dog bin or, if it is not possible, place in a normal litter bin or take it home and put in your own waste bin.

"The District Council relies on members of the public to help reduce dog fouling in the District; either by being responsible dog owners by picking up their dog's mess or by reporting irresponsible dog owners," says Sophie Peacock, Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Dog Warden & Animal Welfare Officer

"Help us to maintain a cleaner, safer environment for everyone by letting us know when you see someone not picking up their dogs' foul. All calls are confidential, so please contact the District Council and let us know on 01789 260835."

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Dog Warden & Animal Welfare Officer can be contacted on 01789 260835 - all calls are confidential.

Sophie Peacock, Dog Warden & Animal Welfare Officer

Anti-social Behaviour

Southam Police have received various complaints about nuisance youths. Southam Police will not tolerate anti-social behaviour and will deal with nuisance youths appropriately when they deem necessary. This may be by issuing a warning letter, evidence towards Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO). Fixed Penalty Notices or arrest for criminal damage and public order offences.

Sgt Crust from Southam Police said: Southam town and surrounding areas have been suffering from anti-social behaviour caused by large gatherings of youths. They are regularly seen to intimidate general

members of the public by blocking pavements, shouting, swearing, drinking alcohol and generally being anti-social.

Numerous complaints have been received from members of the public. The youths behaviour has also resulted in criminal offences being committed. **This problem has been identified by the residents of the Southam area in the PACT process and has been adopted by Southam Police as one of the three priorities and is currently our main focus.**

My team work very closely with Southam Town Council and all the local Parish Councils and created an Operational Order to combat this problem positively, robustly and collectively. **Operation West Parley** began at the beginning of February 08 and continues.

The Intention of the Police Operation is to:

- i. To target and tackle the issues which matter most to the community in Southam.
- ii. To increase visibility and familiarity to reassure members of the public that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and therefore improve confidence and feelings of safety within the community.
- iii. Identify the youths responsible and take positive action by whatever means to alleviate any problems.

In order to achieve the above objectives the Police operation has been and continues to be as follows:

- i. Southam Police will be adopting a local approach to Policing and all available staff including members of the Special Constabulary will be utilised to patrol any problem areas, either on foot or mobile patrol.
- ii. Youths spoken to will be advised that their behaviour is causing harassment, alarm and distress to members of the public and the recreation areas in the town are the appropriate areas for these youths to socialise.
- iii. The operation will be carried out over several weeks in various stages:-

Assessment of the problems and advice given where necessary.

Problem youths identified, confiscation of alcohol.

PACE search forms completed.

Youths returned to home addresses if necessary and any criminal offences dealt with robustly.

Arrests when necessary.

Assessing any improvement but with firmer action being taken with any transgressors.

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Re-assess impact of the operation and implement short/long term strategies - multi agency approaches, support mechanisms etc for individuals and families - Intervention from Social Services and Youth Offending Team etc.

To date the Operation has given us many positive results. This in turn has sent out very loud and clear messages across our communities confirming that such behaviour will not be tolerated. We have completed numerous stop searches, carried out arrests, confiscated alcohol, taken youths home and administered street cautions for various offences.

I must point out that the majority of local youths are law abiding, well behaved and respectful individuals. However, the minority who are coming to our attention are being dealt with positively and all parents must be mindful and aware of where their children are, who they associate with and what they actually do with their spare time.

Southam Police work in conjunction with their business partners to protect against distress, thus giving individuals and our communities confidence to go about their lives without fear.

We must remember that crime and anti social behaviour cannot flourish in a community that cares.

Katrina Taylor

Take Time Out – Ufton

Karin Kirk

A Leisure Time Project for the Community of Ufton and Surrounding area

Roses and Castles - Monday 30th June 10.15am Braunston, near Daventry

Our summer outing takes us to Braunston to look at several aspects of the world of canals. We will visit Terence Edgar's studio to see his 'Roses and Castles' canal art where we will also have a dabble. After which we will visit the Marina to meet owner Tim Coughlan for a guided tour followed by an informal light lunch at the Mill House. Please park at the Mill House restaurant on the A45 at 10.15am. The cost is £3 for a ticket to go into a draw to win a piece of canal art. Lunch is extra.

To book this event please ring Karin Kirk on 01926 812883. There are no events during July and August, the next one will be Thursday 11th September 'Bowls and Beyond'.



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Christian Aid

A big thank you to all who contributed this year. Our total was £1451.50.

Michael Hare

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone for their concern, good wishes and offers of help on my latest little blip. Harbury is great for that gesture and I do appreciate it so much.

I am fine and hope to see you all at the Carnival.

Sincerely

Jeanne Beaumont

Dear Editors

A company which I provide training consultancy for is Nelsons, the homeopathic manufacturers; and they have given me a few packs of their Rescue Remedy Tranquillity at Home gift set. They would like to donate these toward any local raffle/fund-raising initiative. Rather than me ringing around the village groups, I thought I would ask through the letters page. So, if anyone would like one of these for free (retail price is about ten pounds); then please call or email me with details of your organisation and we can arrange a time for you to pick one up.

Many thanks

Lynn Macwhinnie *lynn.macwhinnie@btinternet.com (01926) 614707*

Dear Editors

Thank you for everyone who supported The Grange Players coffee morning - £169 was raised. We are putting the money towards the purchase of a microphone and amp for the Juniors.

Thank you again.

Karena Ellis-Greenway

The Grange Players

Dear Editors**Lifeboats**

Thank you to all those who gave generously to the RNLI collection last month, the total amount raised in Harbury was £556.06.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Ann Ainscow

Dear Editors

PLEASE could dog owners become responsible? Why is it so difficult to clean up after the animal you have chosen to live with you?

It is only a few that make this village a hazard to walk around and an embarrassment to those who visit.

Dog fouling outside office/shop/peoples doors; Bush Heath Lane is a disgrace with my youngest daughter slipping and falling into dog mess, and Bull Ring Lane is no better.

Could a person who allows their dog to foul wherever writes into the Harbury News and explain why they do it?

Claudia, Clarice, Carmen & Karena Ellis-Greenway

Dear Editors

Harbury RFC held their Annual Awards Evening on Friday 2nd May at Harbury Village Hall and a great success it turned out to be.

After a delicious dinner cooked wonderfully by Hilltop Farm the awards were presented.

These were a range of different awards ranging from Player of the Year through Most Improved Player to best veteran. Two special awards were presented, one to Bob New who has retired after spending the last sixteen years marking the pitches. The other to Dave Andrews who at 85 has at last hung up his boots, albeit unwillingly!

Leah Wallington was presented with a beautiful bouquet for all her hard work in arranging the Awards Evening and Jenny for her work in the Bar during the season.

After all the excitement of raffles the dancing started – the group called Five Jacks had travelled all the way from Lincolnshire on a Bank Holiday Friday. They were excellent and we all had a great time dancing the rest of the night away.

Pam Bryan

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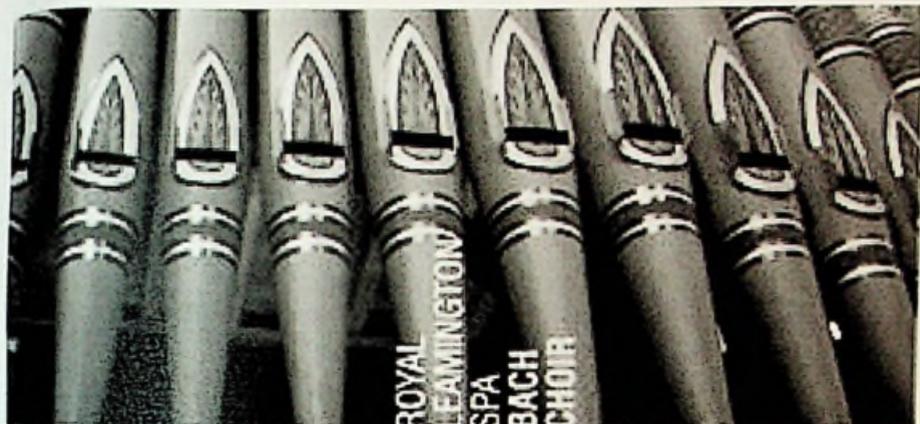
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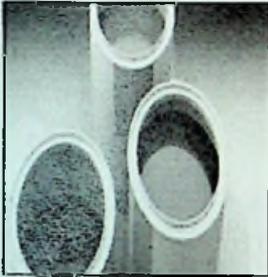
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