

The theme of our editorial this month, is Celebrations, as the villages have so many successes this month to record.

Harbury celebrated the Millennium with a Flower Festival, whilst Ladbroke its Village Festival.

July was a very busy month, involving all ages of the community, in various activities, including the Garden Walkabout, School Sports and Summer Concert and the Ladbroke W.I. Strawberry Fair.



Youngsters admire Harbury schoolchildren's contribution to the Flower Festival

We offer our congratulations to all the staff at the Co-op, for their achievement in being recognised as ‘Small Store of the Year,’ at the Heart of England Co-operative Annual Awards Evening.

We hope that those who have taken examinations in the past few weeks, gain the success they deserve. As always, we invite families to inform the H & L News of any results they would like to share.

By the time this magazine is distributed, the Queen Mother will have celebrated her 100th Birthday. Unfortunately, it has not proved possible to have a celebratory ring on August 4th, but the bell ringers will be in action in the middle of the month, to celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of ex-editor Lesley Jones and her husband Brian.



Tower Captain Harry Windsor, watches as William Jones peals the bells at the Open Gardens event

Finally, we send our sympathies to the families of Nesta Bloxham and Bert Wilkins.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

Sat	5	Cricket Home to Bedworth IV Ladbroke Church Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Dogs for the Disabled
Sun	6	Seventh after Trinity ; Sung Eucharist 9.00am, Sunday School 10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm Cricket First XI home to Aynho
Tues	8	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	9	Martial Arts Village Hall 6.00pm
Thurs	10	Holy Communion 9.45am Line Dancing at Club 7.30pm WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Fri	11	NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
Sat	12	Cricket Home to Leamington IV Southam Ladies Circle Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room Ploughman's Lunch and sidestalls at Village Hall for Senior Citizens 12.00 noon - 2.30pm
Sun	13	Eight after Trinity ; Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm Cricket Second XI home to Wolston

Mon	14	Registration for Children wishing to attend Holiday Club 'Going for Gold' in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Tue	15	Holiday Club in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12 noon Holy Communion 7.30pm ADVERTS TO: 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm
Wed	16	Holiday Club in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12 noon Martial Arts Village Hall 6.00pm Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
Thurs	17	Holy Communion 9.45am; Holiday Club in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12.00 noon Line Dancing at Club 7.30pm
Fri	18	Holiday Club in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Sat	19	Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Sun	20	Ninth after Trinity; Holy Communion 8.00am; Family Communion 10.30am First XI home to Darlingscote
Tues	22	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	23	Martial Arts Village Hall 6.00pm
Thurs	24	Holy Communion 9.45am Line Dancing in Club 7.30pm
Fri	25	ARTICLES TO: Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
Sat	26	P.C.C. Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Sun	27	Tenth after Trinity; Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm First XI Cricket home to St. Benedicts
Tues	29	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	30	Martial Arts in Village Hall 6.00pm Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
Thurs	31	Holy Communion 9.45am Line Dancing in Club 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Fri	1	CAMRA Beer Festival at Village Hall
Sat	2	R.N.L.I. Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room CAMRA Beer Festival at Village Hall
Sun	3	Eleventh after Trinity; Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evensong 6.30pm CAMRA Beer Festival at Village Hall
Tues	5	Beat Buddies 2.00-3.00pm in Village Hall Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	6	Holy Communion 2.00pm; Mothers Union in Tom Hauley Room 2.30pm Martial Arts 6.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	7	Holy Communion 9.45am Youth Club 7.00-9.00pm in Village Hall Storytelling in Library 10.00am Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm Line Dancing in Club 7.30pm

Please note:

Adverts to: 31, Binswood End, Harbury by Tuesday 15th August

Articles to: Harbury Chemist, High Street by Friday 25th August

Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Mr. R. Flanagan	613612
Tom Hauley Room	Mrs. W. Stubbs	612782
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Mrs. J. Windsor	612504
Village Hall Bookings	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
Wight School Bookings	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm
- BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10.00am-12.00noon;
Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7.00-9.00pm
Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00-10:00pm;
Friday (613340) 2:00-3:00pm;
Sunday (613340) 7:00-10:00pm
- BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm
- BEAT BUDDIES:** Village Hall, Tuesdays 2:00pm
- BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm
- BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm
- CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm
- COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon
- CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm
- DANCING CLASSES:** (01789-842242) Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults
Wednesdays 4:00-9:00pm.
- GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm
- HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Dog Inn 1st Thursday of Month 8:30pm
- HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 2nd Tuesday of Month 8:00pm
- HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**
- Under 7/8s:** Training: Harbury School Pitch 9:00am
Coaches: Mike Grayson 613027
- Under 9s:** Training: Harbury School Pitch 10:30am
Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401
- Under 10s:** Training: Playing Fields 9:00am
Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Keith Guy
- Under 12s:** Training: Playing Fields 10.30am
Coaches John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574
- Under 14s:** Training: Playing Fields 10.30am
Coaches: Trevor Montague 612340 & Steve Fitzgerald 612164
- HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL:** School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-12:00noon;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12:45pm-3:15pm
- HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School, High St. Monday 12:30 -2:30pm; Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 12:00noon
- HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498
- HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays
8:00-10:00pm
- HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Village Hall, 1st Tues (Oct. to May) 8.00pm
- KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00 noon
- LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00-5:00pm and 5:30-7:00pm;
Thursdays 10:00am-1.00pm; 2:00-5:00pm & 5:30-7:00pm;
Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10:00am 1st Thursday of Month;
Term Time only
- LINE DANCING:** BEGINNERS, Harbury Village Club, Thursdays 7:30pm
- NETBALL CLUB:** (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;
Matches Saturday Afternoon
- SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm
- TAI CHI:** (614730) Village Hall, Wednesday 7:30pm
- TENNIS CLUB:** (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm for
April); Saturday 2:00-5:00pm, Monday & Wednesday 1:45-3:00pm
- THEATRE GROUP:** (612610) Dog Inn, last Tuesday of Month 8:00pm
- THURSDAY CLUB:** Farley Room of V.Hall 2nd & 4th Thurs. of Month 2:30pm
- TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-
3:00pm
- W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of Month 7:45pm
- YOGA:** Wight School, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Diane Surgey Tel.817904
- YOUTH CLUB:** Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9.00pm

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Harbury Helpline is for you!

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT: Call Tim Millington 612808 or Charles Catt 612864.

HELP WITH FORM FILLING:

- **Job Applications, CV's, Council Tax Forms, etc.:** Call Joanne Cooper 613859 or Jeff Bedford 612753.
- **For University/Job Applications, interviews, CVs:** Call Philip Bushill-Matthews 612476.
- **For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares:** Call Jim Chapple 612044.

HOME VISITING: Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you. Call Sue Dormer 613254.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

VISITING: Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8:00am

Sung Eucharist 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:
Sung Eucharist 9.00am)

Family Service 10:30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong 6:30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
Tel.: 612377

Laugh Line

A South London Clergyman appointed to another living received a letter from a firm of furniture removers. It stated, "In the last year we have removed forty South London Clergymen to the entire satisfaction of all concerned".

FROM THE RECTOR

Once upon a time there were two frogs who fell into a bucket of cream. They struggled to get out, back to a place of safety. But the cream was too tick for them to swim in, yet too thin to allow them to jump out and it was all much too slippery for them to crawl up the sides of the bucket.

They were trapped. There seemed no way out, no escape from the predicament they found themselves in. The first frog despaired. "We're bound to die sometime soon, I may as well give in, there's no point in struggling and prolonging the fight to survive." He sank to the bottom of the bucket and died.

The second frog agreed that everything looked hopeless but he kept paddling and paddling trying to keep going as long as possible. By the morning, he had churned the cream into a mass of butter and he was able to sit on the top of it and eat the flies that came buzzing round! The moral of the story is clear - we shouldn't give up trying in this life!

We all know what it is to find ourselves struggling in what seems an impossible situation. Whether it is a struggle with illness, relationships, our limitations as a Christian, or the state of the world today - we know what it is to feel hopelessness and despair.

By keeping going as best we can in our dark moments we invite Christ to transform our situation from hopelessness into joy.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury

2nd July - Mitchell Lloyd Crowley-Palmer

Funerals - All Saints Harbury

14th July - Bert Wilkins

1st August - Nesta Bloxham

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Flower Festival was magnificent, each display was special in its own right and the whole impression was one of overwhelming beauty. Congratulations and thanks to all who gave of their skill and worked so hard to make this a special occasion for the Millennium. A large number of visitors came to view the flowers and to enjoy the refreshments which were always available. It was noticeable how many would come back a second and third time - as though they couldn't quite believe it! Our photograph shows a small arrangement in the chancel.



Visitors to the Flower Festival admire the Baptismal role

Those of us who were able to take the Parish Holiday to Oberammergau to witness this year's version of the Passion Play were privileged to have an unforgettable experience.

On a more mundane note; some repair work has been done on the path and the churchyard wall by Stratford District Council. Meanwhile, preparations for work on the tower roof are in hand and a minor crisis with the heating boiler is being addressed.

Our sympathy goes to Eileen Wilkins and her family on the death of Bert.

Felicity and John

MOTHERS' UNION

Four members attended the Diocesan Council meeting at Stoneleigh at the end of June. The meeting started with a demonstration and talk by a teacher and girls from a school in Kenilworth, where they have been taking part in a scheme which makes teenagers aware of the responsibility of looking after a baby. Life-sized baby dolls which cry at random and demand attention day and night, are taken home for a weekend. This certainly highlights the fact that with a baby in the house, life is not always a bed of roses, and hopefully teenage pregnancies will be reduced as a result. Mothers' Union gives this scheme its wholehearted support.

Evening Meeting: Eighteen members and friends (plus three dogs!) took part in the annual walk, starting from Avon Dassett, across the fields to Burton Dassett, then back to join more members for a well-earned supper at 'The Avon' pub in Avon Dassett. The weather was perfect - a lovely summer's evening - and the meal was excellent. A thoroughly enjoyable way to round off the year's activities.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday September 6th - 2.00pm Service with Address by Father Roy followed by cup of tea in Tom Hauley Room

Anne Moore

TODDLER'S SERVICE

We were very pleased to welcome the Nursery School children to our June and July services.

Before the July service the children took turns to ring the bell. Then we started by singing "Stand up, clap hands, shout Thank You Lord" (with actions).

We listened to a true story about losing a key and, after singing "Jesus' love is very wonderful" (with actions), we heard another story, which Jesus told, about a woman who lost a coin. In our prayer, we thanked God for loving us and asked him to help us to remember to tell him when we are sorry.

Then we all made party hats and had a picnic (indoors because of the weather). The children who will be going to school all received a storybook.

There is no Toddlers' Service in August. We meet again on **Tuesday, September 12th** at 2.15pm. All babies and toddlers are very welcome.

C.M. Catt

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jamie and Emily (nee Macgowan) Williams, both former residents of Harbury and now living in Rugby, are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Olivia May, born on May 17th.

Ladbroke News

AUGUST

Mon	7	Ladbroke Village Hall Prize Draw at Bell Inn
Wed	9	Holy Communion 2.00pm; Women's Fellowship Tea Party/Bring & Buy at 5, Ladbroke Hall 3.00pm
Thurs	10	Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. outing to Hoar Park Craft Centre - meet at Ladbroke Hall 1.30pm Ladbroke Children's Church Picnic on Millennium Green - 2.30pm
Sun	13	8th after Trinity ; Sung Communion 9.00am
Sun	20	9th after Trinity ; Sung Communion 9.00am
Sun	27	10th after Trinity ; Sung Communion 9.00am

SEPTEMBER

Sun	3	11th after Trinity ; Family Communion 10.30am
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LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA

August 6 th	-	Carol Northorpe
August 13 th	-	Carol Northorpe
August 20 th	-	Jane Steenstra
August 27 th	-	Sue Moore
September 3 rd	-	Mrs Haynes
September 10 th	-	Mrs White

Jane Rutherford

LADBROKE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

There was some confusion about our meeting in July. Maybe it was something to do with there being five Sundays in the month. We meet at 10.30am on the 3rd Sunday in the month. In August we have our picnic and just to add to the confusion it will on **Thursday 10th August** at 2.30pm on the **Millennium Green**. (In the barn at Hall Farm if it's wet). I hope I have sent everyone an invitation, but all children in the village are very welcome to come and join in the fun and games.

Betty & Jackie

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We are having quite a busy time at the moment. Following our July meeting, when we had two speakers from Dogs for the Disabled, we have decided to give the proceeds from our Coffee Morning (in the Tom Hauley Room) on **August 5th** to them. We are also hoping to have some of their items to sell at our Tea/Bring and Buy afternoon on the **9th August** 3.00pm at 5, Ladbroke Hall.

Like Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Deaf, the Dogs for Disabled not only give practical help to the person they are with, they are also a companion and in some cases their best friend. They give generously of

their love and in many cases offer a mental support in times of depression.

Dogs for the Disabled started in Warwickshire in 1986. Guide Dogs for the Blind helped them get established, but now they are on their own. Branches are starting up in other areas of the country so they need all the financial help they can get.

Our Tea/Bring and Buy afternoon is basically for our Church. We have got to remember that we have a commitment to the Church as well, so please come and support us on **Wednesday 9th**.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The July meeting was held on the 27th in Ladbroke Village Hall. The President welcomed members and visitors.

Unfortunately, there had been some confusion over the speakers visit. Instead, we had a very interesting and amusing evening of "Self Entertainment".

An outing, instead of the August meeting, was arranged for **Thursday August 10th**. We will be meeting at Ladbroke Hall at 1.30pm to go to visit Hoar Park Craft Centre. Afterwards a Mystery Tour will take us for a High Tea returning to Ladbroke early evening.



**Ladbroke's Strawberry Fair
(L-R) Hazel Sharples, Tina Gilbert & Marie Kennedy**

The Strawberry Fair was not as well attended as on previous years but a handsome profit was made for the funds. The raffle prizes were won by Irene and Hazel.

The next meeting will be on **September 29th**. Visitors are welcome. More about that in August.

Happy Holidays and safe journeys.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The sixth draw of the Club for 2000 was held on July 10th at the Bell Inn. The winners were Mike Todman £90.00; Ron Abbott £50.00; Kim Ryan £25.00; Richard Walker £25.00; Chris Payne, Pamela Brown, Alan Stubbs,. P. Fisher and Beryl Ross each won £10.00.

The next prize draw will be held on **Monday 7th August** at the Bell Inn.

There are still some subscriptions which are outstanding for the next six months. Please try and pay before the draw so that you qualify for entry into that draw on the 7th.

Catherine Spence

LADBROKE VILLAGE FESTIVAL

For an event that was intended to provide enjoyment with no pressure on raising money (but not making a loss!), the festival week seemed to excel itself with a profit of over £300.00 to be split between All Saints' Church and the Village Hall.

The interest in the 'Open Gardens' was astonishing, with many visitors to the village admiring the rich variety of gardens and enjoying teas at Ladbroke Hall. The children's Fun Sports was a great success - even if they all finished up a little wet! With the intellectual challenges of the Quiz Night and a Treasure Hunt countered by the calm beauty of the decorated Church and the fun of the Hereburgh Morris Dancers and Pet and Goat Show etc., there was something for everyone. But where were they for the Dance!



PHOTO: Steven Morten setting the Children's fun Sports into action!

Many thanks to all the organisers and hosts who put in so much effort, and to the weather which co-operated, particularly in dazzling style for the teas at the Old Rectory. As the last festival was in 1990, it may be sometime before it is repeated; we all need a rest!

SOUTHAM AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY:

Ladbroke Section:

As spring has moved into summer and (at last) the days become warmer (and dare I say) drier, the beautiful show of cowslips at the entrance to the village has slowly faded away in favour of other less showy flowers.

The speed at which the cowslips have naturalised since the bypass was built, has not only been surprising, but is an indicator of how prolific this wild flower once was in Ladbroke. Looking at our plain green fields today, it is difficult to imagine the blankets of yellow patchwork that must have once been common. Yet a peep into the 19th Century school logbook for Ladbroke, not only indicates their prolific nature, but their value.

If sufficient cowslips could be gathered by the family and sold fresh at the town markets, such as Warwick, then there was enough money to clothe the children for the year. Mainly used to make cowslip wine, it was also used in jams, salads, and cosmetics. May was always a bad month for the attendance of the girls, who did the picking, and in May 1897 the girls were also absent picking coltsfoot. Coltsfoot is especially good for flu, coughs and bronchitis, especially with cowslip syrup, so perhaps this tells us something about the health of the children that springtime?

The dandelion was another flower to be gathered in quantity and in May 1884 the girls were absent gathering both cowslip and dandelion. Even I remember gathering dandelions for my grandmother in the late 50s for wine making and a good one it was she always made!

Even earlier in the spring, the school log tells of the girls being absent due to picking violets. One of the most popular scents during Victorian England, it was not just used for a cosmetic purpose, but also used in salads and the sweet crystallised flowers to decorate their plain cakes and puddings.

These yearly pickings went on well into the 20th Century.

Linda Doyle

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL - JULY 2000

The July meeting was held on the 19th in the village hall. All councillors were again present with one member of the public, Michael Boden Pritchett to speak about the footpaths and District Councillor Alan Akeister. The members of the council were very pleased to also welcome Geraint Morgan.

Restorative work in the village.

The prioritisation process is continuing. Elsa had been diverted to receive an E-mail from Canada regarding the missing kerbstones outside Tollgate Cottage, which allows water to overflow onto the path and remain in puddles. The writer had requested maintenance on this before and felt that a wait of 10 years showed 'a reasonable degree of tolerance!' This will be included in the priorities.

The height of the grass on the verge at the north end of the village was noted. Elsa will do the necessary to get this cut.

Control of flooding in the village .

A very useful and constructive meeting had been held during the month with Richard Hancox of the Highways Agency. He investigated different locations and spoke to various floodees who advised him with regard to changes in the village. Mr Hancox is to speak with the flood officer and promised to be back in touch. We were advised by Alan Akeister that the

district council has agreed to the appointment of a second flood defence officer to support Mr Tiley.

Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Berry and Mike Radburn had a meeting with Barry Armitage and agreed to reinaugurate the system in Ladbroke for which the council was extremely grateful. Information will be distributed to each household in due course.

Footpath Report.

The written report tabled by Michael was discussed.

District Councillors Report

This prompted much discussion regarding the future of the old cement works at Long Itchington. There are various suggestions for use, including water sports and conservation, but it remains part of the local planning review.

Both district councillors urged us to consider the formation of another village appraisal book. They felt that a document which would give the district and county councils an idea of what the residents want to see in terms of style, design of buildings etc. would give the village a greater say in village planning control. A design statement added to this gives even greater weight to any argument. Information technology and an appraisal officer are available to support such a venture and certain monies if needed ought to be applied for sooner rather than later.

Chairman's Items.

Chairman Geoff Todd and Carol Northorpe had represented Ladbroke at the civic service held in St James, Southam on 7th July.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - JULY

The Council was depleted with many members elsewhere and as a result they fairly skipped through the Agenda. They approved the purchase of an additional two-seat swing to go in the playground at Deppers Bridge, subject to the final location being agreed on site. The summer months has seen the Council paying several site visits - to Harbury Hall where they liked the proposed plans and all agreed that the existing wall should be retained, as it is such a key feature. At Brethrens Farm members had been pleased with the building progress on the new residence.

Most the Council members present had also viewed the site of the current planning application for a bungalow, to be built in the grounds of Field House in Hall Lane and agreed to support the application. Concern was raised as to whether the extension underway at Harbury Croft was in line with the planning consent and the Old New Inn was to be indirectly approached to see whether the back gate can be better repaired. A site visit was also arranged to agree a location for the proposed skate board ramp on the playing fields.

It was reported that the youths who had been making a nuisance of themselves in the Village Hall Car Park have now moved round to the front of the Hall and presumably begun annoying residents in South Parade. A new sign will be placed in front of the cemetery asking for the parking bay to be kept clear. It was re-iterated that nearby residents can park there at evenings and week-ends; however it was reported that at a recent burial, a car had been parked across the cemetery entrance.

Following the recent accidents at the Fosse Way/Middle Road junction, the Council is going to request from the County Council the accident figures for the stretch of the Fosse from the railway bridge to the Harbury Lane cross roads. A resident in Dovehouse lane has discovered that the street lamp outside his house has been connected to his electric supply and he has been footing the bill for the light! The Council agreed to reimburse him for the last five years running costs and will arrange to provide a new independent supply to the street light. Perhaps other residents with a streetlight outside their house should switch off their mains one evening and see if the lamp goes out!

The Parish Council is not meeting in August and before their next routine meeting **on 28 September**, there is to be a special meeting open to all to discuss the Village Appraisal on **Thursday 21 September** in the Village Hall.

John Holden

HARBURY W.I.

We recently spent a super few hours on the Countess of Evesham at Stratford enjoying lunch whilst slowly cruising along the Avon watching the world go by. With good weather and favourable company we were sorry when we reached journeys end.

Reminding readers that the Produce Show is on **September 9th**. One item entered is better than none. I keep telling you that it is a fun day!

The speaker at our July meeting was Mrs Ruth Rendall (the other one) speaking on her 24 years as a Magistrate and J.P. Anyone can have their name put forward to become a Magistrate and there are 146 Magistrates at Solihull from all walks of life e.g. Rover worker, nurses, farmers and teachers to name but a few. Their ages range from 35 -70. There are no legal people but Magistrates are given training and there is always a barrister or solicitor present to advise. Three Magistrates work together, one being Chairman for the day. They decide after hearing both sides of the case and the Chairman then explains to the court the reasons for their decision. They arrive at Court not knowing what one is doing and also have to look to see if they know anyone to prove they are not influenced or biased.

We were told of the many different services that is expected of the job. The cases cover an extensive range, diverse and interesting, sad and light-hearted. Mrs Rendall quoted some silly excuses for speeding - *It was the light flashing, chewing gum stuck on foot, taking sick pigeon to the vet.* A shoplifter who said her H.R.T. patches got mixed up with her husbands anti-smoking patches.

Mrs Rendall regularly attends conferences and has recently attended training on human rights. Why does she do this job, all for the price of a

meal and her petrol? Because she cares about life and people. As she says the system is not perfect but has stood the test of time.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Before you go off on your holidays, book **Friday 22nd September** in your diary for our next event, which will be a pantomime reading. More details in next months edition of The News.

There will be no meeting in August with the next one being held on **Tuesday 19th September** at 8.00pm in the Dog Inn. All welcome.

Ruth Thurogood

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

July was EuroFolk 2000 for Harbury Folk Club and as such a euro-theme could have been anticipated after several months notice of the event. No one volunteered to represent a particular country so Terry (JB) and the lovely Judith (Doug) joined by Antoine (Nick) set the scene for the evening.

The rules were simple, a brief musical clue had to be guessed by the audience and then a performer was selected to represent that country with a brief introduction given by Terry. This seemed straight forward to some but confusing to others. Des pleaded that he did not know any Norwegian sea shanties; Rick said he was not Russian; Sue thought she'd arrived on the wrong night and Peter suddenly aspired to be French! The electronic Eurofolkometer helped to select the evening's winners. Third place went to Mike Putnam for dancing in a foreign language, Second place went to Ron representing Bulgaria singing in French, Welsh and other disguised tongues, but the undisputed winner was Yanny. She sang a Delightful Dutch Ditty that had us doubled up, but did not bear translation and she won the wonderful prize of assorted Foreign currency soon to become collectors items with the advent of the euro !!

I may or may not get to run an evening again but I enjoyed myself, thank you to all those that sang and played and to the audience for guessing the clues.

John Black

HARBURY BROWNIES

On Saturday June 24th the Harbury Brownies joined another 4,000 members of the Guide Organisation at "The Crofts" for a Millennium Celebration. The day was eventful to say the least!!! Here is a report written by the girls themselves:

"We went to STOMP day on a coach and after our lunch we went to a big field and made a Chinese Dragon out of Kiri's mum's bed sheet. We decorated it with lots of sequins, buttons, crepe paper and sticky shapes. We drew patterns on its back and made a tail for it. All of the Brownies there made a great big dragon by joining themselves together. After that we went to the art and craft marquee where we tried to make some Millennium bug badges, bookmarks and magnets. The glue

wouldn't stick so Brown Owl said we could finish our badges at Brownies. Some of us went to see Punch and Judy. We went to Andy's disco and danced to lots of songs including 'That don't impress me much' and some of the Spice Girls songs. On our way back to base for tea, we saw some owls. There was a really big Eagle owl called Millie and you had to guess how much it weighed!

After tea there was a big camp fire and a lady played her guitar and sang some songs. We didn't know many but we all joined in and Brown owl and Little Owl got in a muddle with one of the action songs. When it was time to go home we went on an adventure because the buses were running very late. We had to walk through an over-grown field to get to Kiri and Daisy's cars. It was a really good day and we were all very tired when we got home."

So as you can see, the girls had a really good day! We managed to finish our craft activities at Brownies on the Monday as well as play some games, have a chat, a drink and biscuit and complete our Booklover's badge. If you would like to help at Brownie meetings, or know someone who would be willing to "lend a hand" on **Mondays, 6:15pm - 7.30pm**, please let me know.

Clare-Louise Clements
Brownie Leader (Tel: 613699)

HARBURY CUB SCOUTS

Leadership, September 2000

As you are aware, for the last 3 months we have been looking for someone to co-lead the Pack from September 2000 and I am delighted to say that Mrs Sheila Malin, whose own son is currently a Cub, has agreed to take this on. Malc Bloxham and Alan Guy, who also currently have sons at Cubs, have agreed to help us out on a regular basis and, to comply with Scout Association regulations, will be warranted. Consequently, Cubs will begin again next term at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Rob Davies

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play

(Harbury Pre-School is held in the Wight School, behind the Library in Harbury High Street).

Summer time ... and although the living isn't exactly easy, it's very quiet! We ended the school year in traditional fashion with four events. One of the most memorable was our annual outing. Firstly we went to the Shire Horse Centre on a beautiful June day. We loved the cart ride with the horses Jacob and Valiant. Some of the children thought their hooves made a noise like thunder when they broke into a trot and it was very exciting. Several of the children went on to drive a Shire Horse on long reins round an enclosure. They looked so tiny in comparison to these huge creatures but managed them very confidently. We had a fantastic picnic and the children cuddled rabbits and guinea pigs and looked at the hens, ducks, goats and sheep including many rare breeds. We even saw two sheep being sheared. There was a wonderful playground at the

Centre and it was not surprising that on the way home, the coach was filled with the gentle sound of snoring children (and adults - although they deny it!)

Secondly we held our annual sponsored wheelie. This event is very important to us since it allows the children to be fundraisers for their pre-school. They all worked hard, both as individuals and as members of a little community, to raise funds for their mutual benefit and for the children that will come after them. They are very proud of themselves and of course, you don't have to be four years old to see the fun in riding your bike with all your friends and being given Smarties! The children raised at least £160 which is terrific. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Thirdly another annual fund raising event is providing the food for the Blues Festival. We are grateful for the opportunity to do this; the music was great, the crowd was really cool and we raised over £250. Finally, we had our end of term party. Again, the weather was kind, the food was fantastic and it was lovely to see everybody. We hope you enjoy your holiday and we look forward to seeing over 20 of you from **Tuesday 4 September**. The Pre-School is thriving so if you are thinking of sending your child to join us and haven't booked a place for next term yet, please call Marie on 612959.

Letter from Marie

Goodbye to our "big" children who are moving up to school. We will miss you all, but we know you are going to have a wonderful time in Rainsbrook class with Mrs Harris. You can tell me all about it when I see you again. And a warm welcome to our new children, some of whom we know already and the rest who will be joining us in September. We have lots of things to show you and to share with you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

The children ended the term with the annual sports day attended by 35 of our children, who all had great fun. Parents were very impressed when even the youngest and newest members of the nursery were happy to take part. Children not only took part in individual races but also showed their skills in team races. They were all delighted to receive medals afterwards and proudly showed them off! On the last day of term the children enjoyed an end of term picnic on the school field, when the older children that were leaving to go to school received gifts from the Nursery.

Parents responded very favourably to the first Nursery parents evening, which was held on Tuesday July 18th to coincide with the school parents evening. Parents were able to discuss the progress their child had made during their time at Nursery and to look forward, with the Nursery staff, to their child joining reception.

We finished an exceptionally successful fund-raising year with our Family Fun Day held at the home of Liz and Michael Henry. This event made a profit of just over £1,100 - the most the Nursery has ever raised from a single event! About 60 adults and 60 children attended the party and

enjoyed a BBQ, tombola, games and a superb raffle - the first prize of which was a colour television. This together with the other fund-raising events held during the year, including the high acclaimed Murder Mystery Night, means we are now able to consider purchasing a computer exclusively for the use of the children in the Nursery. Hopefully further fund-raising will enable us to buy exciting and innovative pre-school software. Thanks to the efforts of all Nursery parents, we have also been able to spend £150.00 on much needed new books.

We are looking forward to the start of the new academic year which, for the Nursery children, will start on **Monday 4th September**. Demand for places is high and we are pleased to be able to offer 5 morning sessions and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; which are particularly suitable for the youngest children. Next term we are also pleased to introduce our 'Assisted Places Scheme' for those parents whose financial circumstances mean they find it extremely difficult to pay the fees. This scheme will entitle a child who is booked into the Nursery to an extra free session. If you wish to book your child into the Nursery in the next academic year, or if you would like more information on the Assisted Places Scheme, please contact Kate Smart on 612609 or Anne-Marie Campion on 614496.

Happy holidays!

Marie Kennedy

HARBURY GARDEN WALKABOUT



Vivien Neil selling programmes



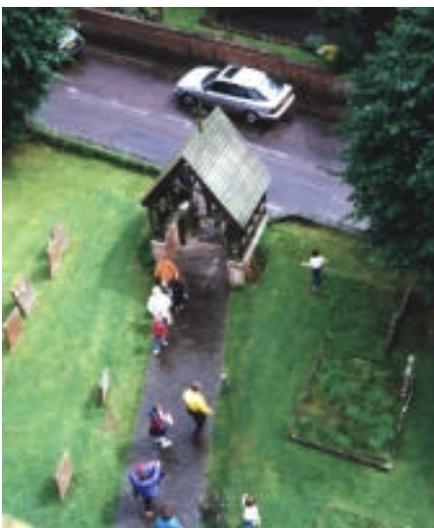
Visitors admiring a Harbury Garden



Over 100 people accepted the invitation



Window Display



View from the Church Tower



Window Display



Hereburgh Morris display in the Church

HARBURY SCHOOL EVENTS



The School Orchestra performs for visiting parents



Activity on Sports Day

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

This season has seen the reintroduction of a Sunday 2nd. XI which joins the League side (in co-operation with Southam) and the Sunday 1st. XI. A major aim of the new team was to give some opportunities for youngsters to play for the Club. So far the team have played three matches. The first - which resumed an ancient rivalry - was against Bishops Itchington and was a low scoring affair. Harbury included five under 16's including three father/son combinations. Harbury reached 65 all out with Ian Holroyd (14) and Jim Ward (13) as top scorers. However there were five ducks as well. Bishops struggled to 54 all out, with outstanding bowling from Ian Brierley (5 wickets) and Greg Neale (3 wickets), to give victory to Harbury. Against Yelvertoft, Harbury faced problems with their experienced batsmen compiling 212 for 4. Phil Holtom took 2 for 39, which was excellent under the circumstances. Harbury started well but in spite of good knocks by Malcolm Tanner (a hard hitting 40 - runs not years) and Colin Bradley (32 - on loan from Bishops) only achieved 120 all out. In the return match against Bishops, Harbury achieved a respectable 155 for 8 on a very lively grass wicket. Paul Bennett (18), Greg Neale (33 with seven fours) and Neil Humphreys (14) proved aggressive batsmen. Skipper Ian Jackson (23 and two bruises, in an hour and a half) and his brother Roger (35) played more circumspect innings. However, Bishops proved a match for Harbury this time and in a rain affected second half scored 157 for 5 on the artificial surface and won with two overs to go. Harbury's bowlers stuck to their task with Paul Bennett, Greg Neale and Stuart Mugleston containing the batting. There were wickets for Neil Humphries, David Coleman and Malcolm Tanner.

Harbury's attempts to develop more youth cricket continued with a 20 over match between Harbury's 9-13 year olds and a touring side from Staffordshire. This was the first match since Harbury developed their youth coaching programme under Mike Daniels and John Clifford. Onneley were put into bat first by Harbury skipper Stuart Mugleston and compiled a creditable 72 for 8. Peter Smart was the pick of the Harbury bowlers with an excellent 5 for 12 off 4 overs. Stuart Mugleston, Ben Linnett and James Armitage shared the remaining wickets. Harbury's fielding was excellent with a good catch by William Randall, and Tom Hughes completed a good session behind the stumps with a catch and a

stumping. Harbury's batting proved a little fragile, but a very steady performance by Richard Montague (12), and contributions from Stuart Mugleston, James Smart and James Armitage saw Harbury reach 54 all out with an over left. The game was notable for the enthusiasm and sportsmanship of the Harbury players, who were an example to adult players in their attitude. This year the Harbury C.C youth coaching scheme for under 16's runs on the mornings of August 14th. to 18th.

Ian Jackson
612615

HARBURY MINI/JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

WANTED! Keen, enthusiastic Boys/Girls, aged 7-15 for the forthcoming rugby season. 'Must wanna have fun

Whether or not you have played before, experienced coaches are on hand to help develop your skills in an enjoyable but safe environment.

Coaches and matches for all age groups take place on Sunday mornings between 10.30am - 12 noon. (Parents please note, the bar opens at 12.00pm! Even better why not work up a thirst first and offer your support as a 'parent helper' to your child's age group.)

Registration for old and new players takes place on **Sunday August 13th** from 10.30am. if on holiday please just come along on one of the following Sundays. This will be followed by short coaching sessions mainly highlighting the rule changes for each age group.

Throughout the season our teams take part in several Mini/Junior rugby festivals beginning with our own in September and following the success of last years tour, we will be enjoying another weekend tour to the Preston Grasshoppers Festival in April, (including Blackpool Pleasure Beach!) Parents are both welcome and encouraged to join us.

For further information and coaches names / telephone numbers please contact:

Mike Connon (Chairman) 01926 - 811169

Andrew Ruyssevelt (Secretary) 01926 - 422876

Nigel Wright

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

The miserable weather has badly affected the "A" team with successive matches being rained off leaving captain Geoff Prince with a fixture back log. The "B" Team managed to play 3 matches winning two and losing one. There were two notable features about the most recent match against Charlbury as youngsters Jemma and Keith Phipps were joined by Anna Timpson to give an average age of 17 for half the team. I won't embarrass the rest of us by revealing the average age of the other half! The other notable feature was that 6 of the 9 rubbers went to a tie-break and Harbury won 5, which contributed to a fine 8-1, win.

Arrangements are in hand for the Ceilidh on **Saturday 30th September**, the Club's big fund raising event. The format is similar to last year with "Ten Minutes to Midnight" presenting the music. Tickets are £10.00 each, which includes supper and can be ordered from any Committee member.

Under 16 News

Early on 3rd July an intrepid party of eight 8-year old children and 4 parents set off for Wimbledon, as part of the Play Tennis prize and were fortunate enough to be there on one of the very few sunny days! One of the major attractions was the “Kids Zone” and the children lined up for this photograph.



Back Row: Jonathan Guy, Billy Bench, Sophie Kirk, Zoe Williams, Pippa Roe
Front Row: Felix Van Spall, Adam Crossling, Timothy Purser

Jonathan and Timothy wrote about the day:-

My Visit to Wimbledon

On Monday 3rd July, Billy, Timothy, Felix, Pippa, Zoe, Sarah, Adam and I went to Wimbledon.

We set off at 7 o'clock and arrived at about 10 o'clock. The gates opened at half past 10, so we were early but we didn't mind. I was with Adam and his Dad.

When we got inside we went to Kids Zone. It was very exciting. We had to give details before we played on the games. I went to a mini court first. We had to drop the ball, the partner had to hit it and we caught it. Adam and I did 14! I also went on the other things, including the play station. Then, we watched a match. M. Serna won, and I got her autograph. Later, we went back to the Kids Zone. We stayed for a bit, then we went to the shop. We went to the bigger one next. I bought souvenirs of Wimbledon, I also bought a Magnum double caramel ice cream. Shortly afterwards we watched Alexander Popp play Roger. Popp won and I got his autograph as well. We saw some younger people playing. I got their autographs too. Then it was time to go home. The visit was excellent. Wimbledon was bigger than I thought it would be! I had a brilliant day.

Jonathan Guy (Aged 8)

When we went into the Kids Zone, there was a centre court, which I played on. On the centre court in the Kids Zone I played on a game, which had three nets at different heights. The lowest was easy and a bit boring, the 2nd one was better and the 3rd one was the highest. This

was the one I liked the best. First you have to have a rally with your partner. My partner was Felix and after you had a rally you had to play a game that involved someone taking a ball to the net and dropping it. The other person has to return the ball and they have to catch it without it bouncing.

There was another place where you had to hit the ball through holes and beat a score of thirteen in two minutes. I really enjoyed this game.

There was another game where you had to hit the ball against a net and do a rally with your partner, which was great fun as well. We also played a game where you could see how fast you could serve, and I managed to hit a ball at 64mph.

Timothy Purser

Turning to playing matters, the very popular Mini sessions have now finished and we hope to run them again next year. The Junior sessions are continuing through the holidays except for the Bank Holiday weekend on 27th August. The last session will be on **24th September**. The intermediate sessions on Wednesdays are also continuing throughout the summer.

There is some excellent Tennis being played in the Round Robin section of the Intermediates Singles Tournaments and we are looking forward to the semi-finals and the finals, which will be held on **Saturday 9th September**.

Colin & Sue Mercer (613284)

MACULAR DISEASE SOCIETY

Thank you very much to all who supported my Garage Sale, enabling me to send a donation of £120.00 to the above society.

Rosemary Harley

HARBURY CARNIVAL JUNE 10TH, 2000

Well, at last the weather sub-committee got it right. What a wonderful day.

The event was well supported all round. The procession was a little light in the float department but more than made up for by walking groups and nearly £400 was collected during its progress— well done everybody. The afternoon on the field was a great success. Yes, the weather was good but more important was the level of support from all of you. Thank you for making it a super day. Charlie Gladden and Megan Yeoman were fabulous as our King and Queen and our special thanks to them.

The prize winners on the day were:

Procession

Decorated Float 1st Harbury Theatre Group

Decorated Float (Trade) 1st The Dog

Children's Float 1st Harbury Nursery School 2nd The Cubs

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car 1st John and Linda Ridgley 2nd The Hunt Family 3rd Dan Killian and Friends

Hosedrawn/Mounted/Led 1st Catriona Rollason 2nd Simon Debuisset

Walking Tableau Children 1st Alice Clarke, Sarah Roe, Pippa Roe and Hayley Ashurst 2nd Bethany Conway, Thomas Conway and Lauren Wilson 3rd Albany and Alex Vincent

Walking Tableau Adults 1st Bernard Hawkins, Bronda Hawkins and Paul Hiscoe 2nd Dave, Doug and Simon Megeney 3rd WI

Walking Adult 1st Ian Winchester 2nd Joe Van Hoorebeek

Walking Child 1st Rhys Overton 2nd Richard Bloxham 3rd Ryan Overton

Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup) Ralf Henry

Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup) John Ridgley

Fancy Dress

Under 5yrs 1st Lillian Woods, Phoebe Brown, Emily Wilkinson 2nd Max Cheeseman 3rd Olivia Bath

5-7yrs 1st Leanne White 2nd Albany & Alex Vincent 3rd Victoria Carpenter

8-10yrs 1st Ryan Overton 2nd Katy Holroyd 3rd Lewis Martin

11-17yrs 1st Richard Bloxham

Adult Group 1st Megeney Family 2nd Hunt Family 3rd Clarke Family

Adult 1st Ian Winchester 2nd Joe Van Hoorebeek 3rd Kary Hunt

All the entries were so good we owe our thanks to the judges for a difficult job well done, so thank you to Father Roy, Sharon Hancock and Nigel Chapman (Procession) and Colin Oliver and Gill Thorpe (Fancy Dress).

Some other thank yous are in order – to Tony Ceney, who as usual did a great job as MC, to Bob Jenkins and his team of programme sellers, to Carole Bastin for her help organising the procession (and the judges!) and to all those who helped set up the field the night before and clean up afterwards. Thank you all very much.

There were two items of lost property: a pair of adult glasses and a watch with initials on the black strap. Please contact Gill Thorpe on 613801 if they are yours.

Finally, we hope everybody enjoyed the day as much as we did and we are now looking forward to next year.

**Submitted by John Broomfield
On behalf of the Carnival Committee**

HARBURY SCHOOL KIDS CLUB SUMMER PLAYScheme

The Playscheme will again be running this summer for the first four weeks of the school holidays. There will be hundreds of activities going on, such as a visit from Bugs Galore, sports coaching, bouncy castles, helium balloon races, face painting, mask making, clay modelling, quizzes, Play Station challenge and glider making are just a few of the activities we will be enjoying.

The club is registered with Social Services for children aged 4 years plus and can take a maximum of 24 children per session.

For further details ring 01926 613740 or 0402898171.

Lynn Hill

HARBURY LIBRARY

Harbury Library is holding a special birthday party to celebrate 150 years of Public Libraries. It will be held on **Monday 14th August** from 2.30pm onwards. Do come along and join us for tea and cakes.

We are holding two extra storytime sessions for the under 5's during the holidays on **Thursday August 3rd** and **17th**, starting at 10.00am.

The "Reading Relay" for older children involves reading and reviewing 6 books during the summer holidays.

Sue Bell

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS

As many of you will be aware, the summer outing to York this year was once again a great success. Such a success in fact, that we were able to fill two coaches. As you may have read in the Harbury & Ladbroke News last month, the weather was kind and the majority of the people taking the trip were Harbury's own senior citizens.

If you are a Harbury resident and you feel that you may be eligible for our summer outing and Christmas party, then do contact our Treasurer, Mrs Margaret Taylor on 612509 or any committee member, or even let Mary at the Post Office know and she will pass the information on to Margaret.

As we are a charity, we are continually raising funds for the two event held each year. With each passing year, rising costs and increasing numbers do present us with something of a problem. With this in mind we are holding a Ploughman's Lunch on **August 12th** between 12.00 and 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room at a cost of £3 per person to include ploughmans lunch and a dessert; tea and coffee will be available separately. Tickets can be obtained from Margaret Taylor on 612903, Marie Wallington on 613205 or Jenny Evans on 612700.

Jenny Evans
Secretary

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE / HERITAGE MOTOR CENTRE ROADWISE SCHEME

Stewart Bosworth of Warwickshire Police and a local police officer at Southam Police Station has told me that there are places available for last school years 6 and 7 on the Roadwise Scheme which will run at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon on **15th-16th August** and **22nd-23rd August**. The scheme promotes cycle safety and awareness, includes a tour of the museum, quad bike riding, battery-powered car driving and costs £12.50 for the two days. Boys and girls should take their bicycles and a packed lunch.

To book a place on this course contact Stewart Bosworth at Southam Police Station on 01926 415880 or Louise Wyatt at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon on 01926 645070 or 645078.

There is also a Carwise Scheme for 15-16 year olds which provides an introduction to elementary driving skills, car ownership, the theory section of the driving test and basic mechanics.

This course is running from 10.00am-4.00pm on **17th-18th August**. Contact the above-named persons for more details.

Numbers for both of these courses are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

Rob Davis.

THE 10TH HARBURY HASH

This unique family event is coming home for its millennium run. For the first time ever it will start and finish at the Village Hall.

It all happens on **Sunday 10th September** at 3.00pm and the hares have promised to set a fiendish trail with lots of 'falsies', back checks, beer stops and 'shiggy' (mud), plus an alternative walking route in a different colour flour. The run will be followed by a B.B.Q. As in previous years, there will be commemorative Tee shirts, refreshments and salads but bring your own B.B.Q. speciality. Entry will be £2.00 adults, £1.00 children. Look out for posters round the village. ON - ON!

M. Putnam (613853)

PENSIONERS' PATIO

To what extent are you at one with nature? More specifically, where would you draw the line between what you'd eat and what you wouldn't? The hen blackbird would have been surprised the other day had she known the long train of thought she'd set in motion. I'd left a sandwich on the table on the terrace while I fetched the paper, then came out again to find her examining it with great interest. Investigation suggested that she hadn't had time to sample it, and in any case (as I told myself) better a blackbird than a bluebottle, so the sandwich got eaten.

But my train of thought had set off into the past as I remembered the time when my sister and I were complaining loudly about the grubs in the raspberries we'd just picked. 'They won't hurt you,' said our mother; 'after all, they've never eaten anything but raspberry, so they're really just raspberry themselves'. I'm afraid we were less than convinced - for one thing grubs wriggle: raspberries don't.

Nowadays, of course, you can pay good money to be starved, soaked and shattered on a survival course, trailed by a camera crew recording the gruesome details. We've become rather weary of watching people frying worms in the Scottish Highlands or crunching juicy maggots in the South American rainforest. No doubt John the Baptist needed his locusts for protein, but I'll bet he was glad there was wild honey for afters!

Hardly a good year for butterflies, but a Speckled Wood visited us on Carnival Day - no connection, presumably, but that was its only (observed) appearance.

But nature's bursting out all over in the driveway, where tiny clumps of lobelia, the offspring of last year's hanging baskets, spring up in the most impossible spots. You can't keep the natural world down: in the end it

will go its own way and have the last word, whatever humans may try to do with it.

Edyth Algar

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We didn't have to complain that the heat put people off for the Open Gardens Walkabout! The weather could have been worse, the rain could have been continuous both days. The gardens looked lovely, all neat and manicured for the occasion, our thanks to all who opened and the hard work that goes with it. When Ron delivered the garden number boards he didn't get much response when knocking at the front door, they were all busy working in their gardens, and it was a nice evening! Many thanks to the shops and outlets which sold programmes, also our thanks to everybody who helped to make the event run smoothly, those who supplied cakes, the "skivvies" and many others, we couldn't have managed without you! There were the usual good natured chunters from the people going round the gardens - hadn't done many etc. kept chattering to various folks! We did not make financial history this year, but our treasurer seemed quite satisfied.

Now to the next big event in our calendar - the Village Show on **Saturday 9th September**. The schedules are available from Mugglestons, Co-op, Kath Ellis, Mrs Julie Clarke, 32 South Parade, Mrs Gill Moore, Ladbroke and 23 Deppers Bridge. To help cover the running costs of the show, we intend having a tombola, all contributions will be very acceptable and should be left at Mrs Zoniks, Chyldike Cottage, Mill Lane, Mrs Gill Moore at Ladbroke and 23 Deppers Bridge, if possible before **Wednesday 6th September**, you don't have to be a member to donate. We also propose running a produce stall, jars of jam, baking (suitably wrapped please), plants etc., will be welcomed on the morning of the Show before 11.00am. May I draw your attention to the Top Tray and Top Vase classes in the schedule, first prize for each is £10.00, well worth entering. The growing season is again proving difficult, so if you cannot find an entry of fruit, veg or flowers, please enter a class which isn't so reliant on the weather - plenty to choose from.

Please remember the helpful book "On with the Show" is available for reference, both Mrs Pat Smith 612650 and Ron Grey 612515 have copies and a phone call could help.

N.B. There has been a hiccup regarding the children's entries for which we apologise. All entries to be submitted by **Wednesday 6th September** please to one of the addresses stated on the form.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

The sunshine may have been scarce but it has been very dry so watering is an ever present job. If plants are flagging in the borders give them a really good soak once a week rather than a little every day. Pots and baskets need more frequent attention of course, for if the compost dries it is difficult to re-wet. Plants have put on masses of growth this summer so cut back plants which have outgrown their allotted space.

There is still time for them to make new growth which will be mature before the onset of colder weather, but do not feed them after mid month or they will still go on producing soft young shoots for too long. Prune *Philadelphus* now that flowering has finished, and cut back long side shoots of wisteria to about 6". Trim hedges but wait until the end of the month to cut yew. Take cuttings from geraniums, fuchsias and other tender plants now to produce well rooted cuttings to over winter.

Pick bunches of lavender and other herbs to dry, hanging them upside down in an airy place. Seed heads can also be dried in this way but to collect their seed place a paper bag around them to catch the seed if it falls. Cut down, to almost ground level the perennials which have flowered and they may give a second flush. Plant autumn flowering bulbs. If you are thinking of buying new roses go now to the nurseries to see them in full bloom, rather than rely on catalogue pictures. Top up the mulch around heather. Thin out congested growth in pools.

Sow winter lettuce, spring cabbage, turnips and swedes. Continue to sow parsley, beetroot, radish, calabrese and kohlrabi. Transplant winter brassicas into their final positions. Tidy up strawberry plants and sever runners which are well rooted. Summer prune trained apple and pear trees. Cut out fruited canes of raspberries. Scientists have claimed that tomato plants given slightly salty water produce sweeter fruit but we have never dared to test the theory.

House plants can still be re-potted and look out for vine weevil grubs in the compost as you do this. Tell-tale signs are neat circles eaten out of the sides of leaves by the adult beetles. Plants with large leaves could be hosed down, dried and then leaf-shine applied. Re-pot cyclamen corms which have been dormant and begin to water them. Put plant pins in all pots of house plants to ward off pests but these will not deal with the dreaded weevil.

Plant of the month: - *Begonia*

This group of plants includes the very well known bedding begonias, the showy large flowered tuberous type and the ones grown as house plants with decorative foliage. There are however over 900 species ranging in size from a few inches to shrubs over 10ft. tall and even a few climbers. All share the feature of producing separate male and female flowers on the same plant, and all are tender in Britain. They were named to honour Michael Begon, the 17th Century Governor of French Canada and a patron of botany.

The fibrous rooted *Begonia semperflorens*, meaning ever flowering, are native to Brazil, coming to Europe around 1770. Although not easy to germinate they can be raised from seed in the year and used outside or as a house plant. They are easy to grow and true to their name flower for months combining well with many other flowers in borders or containers. *Begonia tuberhybrida* also from S. America was brought to England about 1850 to be raised by the nurseryman James Veitch. Today there are thousands of varieties in a huge range of colours and flower sizes. The Rex group grown as house plants for their foliage come from Mexico and S.E. Asia so need a temperature of at least 13°C (55F). Whichever type you choose to grow they are well worth caring for.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who donated money to Cancer Research in memory of Olive. The amount raised was £432.62.

Your kindness has been very much appreciated by us all.

Yours sincerely

John Hanson & Family

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all the people of Harbury who gave us so much support following Bert's death.

The many cards and personal wishes have been greatly appreciated.

Donations to Galanos House have exceeded £655.00 helping to support the caring work they do in Long Itchington.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Wilkins & Family

Dear Editors



On 28th June our very own Co-op was awarded the title 'Small Store of the Year' at the Heart of England Co-operative Annual Awards Evening. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to say a very big thank you to all our customers for their continued support, as without their custom this award could never have been achieved.

Thank you once again,

Hayley and the Staff at the Co-op

Dear Editors

Please through this magazine could I say thank you so much to my family for giving me a surprise Birthday Party and to all my friends and neighbours for all my cards and presents, and making it such a night to remember.

Thank you all.

Hilda Freeman

Dear Editors

On July 1st we held a Coffee Morning for the A.&E. Appeal, Warwick Hospital. With the wonderful support we received, we were able to send £181.00 to this very worthwhile appeal.

Many, many thanks to you all, with special thanks to Helen, Joyce and Barbara whose help was greatly appreciated.

Pat & Sylvia

Dear Editors

African Vision by the way of St. James to Santiago de Compestela

Anyone interested in the cycle pilgrimage/fund raising by Bill Davies please note that sponsorship forms are available at Harbury Church, The Post Office, Library and the Supermarket.

All donations/sponsorship pledges please to Rotary's African Vision.

Thank you.

Bill Davies (Fax/Tel: 614104)

Dear Editors

While searching on the web for pages/sites related to the area I was born and brought up in (I was born in Bishop's Itchington), I came across your site. What a delight! Simple to navigate, informative, and all in all well designed. And on top of which, it made this Warwickshire lad nostalgic for his birth-county. I had many friends from my school days from both Ladbroke and Harbury and have fond memories of both places. I will be back again to browse more. As an aside - it's a shame my old village doesn't have a site like this!

S. Haywood (via E-Mail)

Dear Editors

NSPCC House to House Collection

Our House to House collection this year raised £868.81. Many thanks to all our stalwart collectors for a tremendous effort.

NSPCC Committee

Dear Editors

"Jennifer" and "Clarissa" were delighted with the reception they and their Motorcycle & Sidecar received at this year's Carnival.

They wish to thank everyone who so kindly sent them photographs .

Linda & John Ridgley